

For the son of a Gruver couple, the view from the back yard holds sights most people have to pay a small fortune to see - the

in the phase dock where I conduct 300, 900, and 1,600 flying Aviano," McNett said. "The Air hour inspections on all of the Force is spending a lot of money unit's F-16 Fighting Falcon air- to upgrade the base, and when

non-commissioned officers of

Italian Alps, lush vineyards and the gorgeous countryside of northeastern Italy. On top of that, it's just a day's drive or less away from dozens of beautiful and historic European locations.

But Air Force Airman First. Class Kyle F. McNett, son of Dean and Saundra McNett, Gruver pays rent for these choice digs in more than just dollars.

McNett and other members of the 31st Fighter Wing soon realize that life in Italy is far from a European vacation as they found themselves as major players in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, as well as helping keep the peace in places like Bosnia and Kosovo. At any given time, Aviano airmen can find themselves drilling with troops in Israel, hunkered in the field for a Nato inspection or involved in operations that span most of southern Europe, the Middle East and northern Africa, said the tactical aircraft craft, the 1998 Gruver High School graduate said. "Each inspection determines the combat readiness of both the jets and the airmen who maintain them. The jet doesn't just sit when it comes here - it'r much like performing surg y on a \$40 million piece of equipment. I completely tear each jet apart and fix all discrepancies or problems that I find."

should have eased tensions at NATO bases such as Aviano, but the breakup of Yugoslavia different from the American and other Soviet satellite states, ethnic hatreds soon flared and blood shed throughout the region brought new and even more critical missions. Construction cranes and buildings rising from once vacant pastures show that a U.S. presence in the region is far from comes due on this European over.

"I believe the new dormitories and gymnasiums will help improve the morale and physiit's done this will be a great place to live and work."

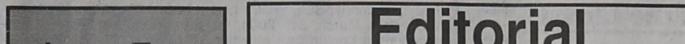
Between plotting trips to ancient Rome, Switzerland or any other of the many culturally-rich locations easily within his reach, McNett said he loves experiencing the different language, culture, sights and sounds of living in a foreign locale.

"I love my job and doing it in Italy is great," he said. "I learn The end of the Cold War all aspects of my job, but the same time I learn the Italian way of life and how their culture is way of life. The Italian people are very friendly and nice to be around."

> When he has the time, McNett enjoys taking it easy enjoying the many sights, sounds, and tastes that Italy has to offer, but when the rent dream, He's off to make the U.S. and the world a safer place.



Dirty driving was the rule of the day Thursday, February 19 when a dust storm reminiscent of the dust bowl days hit Hansford County.





Chaps and chips are a favorite of TJ Nef who was shopping with his mom Monday. The little cowpoke is the son of janice and Trent Nef who have recently moved here from Oregon.

March 9th Republican Primary

With February 26th and March 4th both scheduled for late night balloting in the Republican primary, Hansford County residents will have fewer excuses for not voting.

Polls will be open from 5-7 p.m. both Thursday, February 26, and Thursday, March 4 at the County Clerk's Office in the Hansford County Court House, according to Kim Vera, county clerk.

Any registered voter of Hansford County, regardless of precinct, may vote at the court house with identification.

Early balloting for the March 9th Republican primary will run through March 5.

Voters of any precinct may vote at Gruver City Hall or Hansford County Courthouse during regular business hours.March 1st is the last day applications may be submitted for an early ballot by mail for the primary, runoff and the general elections. Ballots will be mailed beginning January 24th.

The primary election day is Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations: Precinct 1: City Hall, 30 SW Court, Spearman; Precinct 2: Renner Ranch, 10175 Co. Rd. H, Spearman Precinct 3: Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church, 202 Hwy. 15, Gruver; Precinct 4: Gruver High School Library, 405 Garrett, Gruver; Precinct 5: Assembly of God Church, 214 SW 6th, Spearman; Precinct 6: Spearman High School, 403 11th, Spearman; Precinct 7: Oslo Lutheran Church, 8605 Co. Rd. F, Oslo; and Precinct 9: Morse Community Building, 301 Main, Morse. Two candidates are running for the Hansford County Judge position. Benny Wilson, who was appointed by the Hansford County Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term of Judge Jim Brown, and Cody Cazares. Four candidates are running for the Hansford County Sheriff position, including Deputy Pete Ochoa, Deputy Gary Evans, Deputy Lance Swan and Spearman Police Officer Edward Mayfield. Two candidates are running for the Tax Assessor/Collector position. They are Linda Cummings, currently serving as assistant tax assessor/collector, and Jackie Reed Nelson, an employee at First State Bank. Three candidates are running for the Precinct 3 County Commissioner seat. They include Tim Stedje, who was appointed to fill the unexpired

term of Kent Guthrie, as well as Charlie Bell and Ty Williams.

Butch Reed, County Commissioner for Precinct 1, County Chairman Tammy Kay Batton, County Attorney John L. Hutchison, 84th Judicial District Judge William D "Bill" Smith and 84th Judicial District Attorney Clay Ballman are all running unopposed in the primary election.

No democrats filed for Hansford County.

Other candidates on the ballot include: Presidential Nominee: George W. Bush; U.S. Representative, District 13: Mac Thornberry; Railroad Commissioner: Robert Butler, Victor G. Camillo, Douglas G. Deffenbaugh and K. Dale Henry; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3: Harriet O'Neill; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5: Paul Green and Steven Wayne Smith; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9: Scott Brister; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Guy James Gray and Lawrence "Larry" Meyers; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5: Cheryl Johnson and Patricia Noble; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6: Michael E. Keasler and Steven M. Porter; State Senator, District 31: Kel Seliger, Bob Barnes, Lee Gibson, Kirk Edwards, Don Sparks and Jesse Quackenbush; State Representative, District 85: Warren Chisum; Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4: Jim Campbell

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by Harletta Carthel

It isn't often that an employee asks that his wages not be raised. But that was just the case at the January meeting of the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees when Superintendent Rodney Sumner requested that he be given no raise or additional compensation. Sumner, whose contract with Spearman Schools expires June 30, 2008, cited the poor budget year as reason for the request.

The superintendent has shown his dedication to Spearman schools in numerous other ways. Last year he completed his 100th visit to the homes of Spearman students. With each visit being made on the superintendent's own time.

Attending virtually every event in which Spearman students participate, Sumner is often seen with camera in hand. The pictures he takes or clippings of the student's accomplishments from the newspaper are sent to students and their families along with a note of congratulations.

Sumner keeps an open line of communication with the public. His office is a place where community members and parents are welcome. He furthers the open dialogue by writing informing articles from time to time for publication in the Reporter/Statesman. For his dedication to Spearman schools, Sumner is most deserve ing of the community's esteem and gratitude.

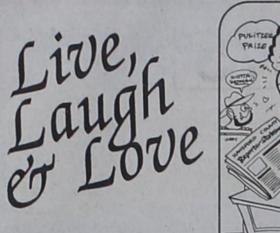
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If You Want To Vote, **Don't Forget Your Voter Registration Card**

Voters are advised that they must bring their voter registration certificate or other form of identification when voting. Ballots will not be given to individuals without proper identification.

Other forms of acceptable identification include a driver's license, a birth certificate, US citizenship papers, a US passport, official mail addressed to the voter by name from a governmental entity or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

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by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Deborah Jacops sent me the following story about pennies. I'm not sure who wrote it, but I think it is a great story to read and think about as we begin this season of Lent.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home.

My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband.

He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up? Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She causally mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value. A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before!

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As the retiring Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector, I have been asked what candidate I am supporting to fill this position.

I have nothing against Linda Cummings' opponent, but I do feel Linda's experience as a Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector in the office (23 years) better qualifies her for this position. Sincerely,

Helen Dry, RTA Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

This year's theme, "In Faith, Women Shape the World," reminds us that the actions of women have shaped our future. The World Day of Prayer Committee of Panama welcomes us to a day of prayer with other women and families around the world. Faith-filled prayer opens our eyes, extends our horizons and affirms our hopes and joys. It sheds light into the darkness of our fears, our sorrows, our shame and our pride. The faith-filled perspec-tive of women is shaping the future of the world. The future is bright despite the immensity of the challenges.

The service will be held on March 5th at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 11th and Bernice in Spearman. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the service beginning at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested is invited to join the women of Panama in prayer and song to support women's ecumenical ministries toward peace and justice. An offering will be taken for the Christian faith as it grows deepongoing work of Church Women United (the US national committee of World of Prayer). This year, half of the offering will go to CWU, and the other half will go to the Panhandle Crisis Center. World Day of Prayer brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Through World Day of Prayer, women around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ, and share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs.

Through World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation; to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them; and to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

The World Day of Prayer worship service has a special annual theme. The selection of themes and writers is made at quadrennial WDP the International Committee Meeting. Once the themes and writers are chosen, women of the selected WDP Committee develop a common worship on the theme determined at the international meeting.

Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them. In this way it is possible to experience the richness of the er and broader in an international, ecumenical expression. Church Women United (CWU) was founded in 1941. It is an ecumenical movement reaching 25 million Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women. Organized into more than 1,200 local and state units working for peace and justice in the United States and Puerto Rico. CWU is a recognized United Nations Non-Governmental Organization. For more information about this year's World Day of Prayer event, contact Johanne Blodgett at 659-5513.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Hospice Bereavement Support Group

A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be held March 22nd through April 19th on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This support group is being sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers and is open to all persons dealing with grief. It will meet in the First Methodist Church parlor in Spearman. For further information, or to enroll, please call the Hospice office at (806) 659-5811, or call Ken Cole at 659-5503.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 9th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for Reyna Ruiz through the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Donations may be mailed to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ruiz Scholarship Fund, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081. Reyna is the daughter of Elva Ruiz and the late Gerardo Ruiz of Spearman.

Medical Fund Established for Melissa Vasquez

A Medical Assistance Fund has been established Melissa Vasquez. If you could be of financial help to this family at this critical time, please contact Janice Mayfield at 659-3580.

World Day of Prayer

"In Faith, Women Shape the Future" is this year's theme for the World Day of Prayer. This year's service will be held on Friday, March 5th at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 11th and Bernice in Spearman. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the service beginning at 10 a.m. An offer-ing to the ongoing work of Church Women United (the national committee of World Day of Prayer in the United States) will be taken during the service. This year half of the offering will go to CWU and half will go to the Panhandle Crisis Center. For more information, contact Johanne Blodgett at 659-5513.

Community Wide Singspiration Service Anyone interested is invited to attend a Community Wide Singspiration Service on Sunday, February 29th at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 401 N. Bernice, in Spearman. Attendants will enjoy testimonies of God's grace, worshipful songs, poems and readings offered by area Christians. A prayer service will be held at 5:20 pm, and follower bin will be held at for the service will be held at 5:30 p.m., and fellowship will be held after the service with finger foods and drinks.

Renewal Services

Anyone interested is invited to renew their commitment, renew their faith, renew their passion for God and renew their mind at Renewal Services offered at the First Assembly of God, 401 N. Bernice in Spearman. Services will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday, March 8th, Tuesday, M arch 9th and Wednesday, March 10th at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Walter Brashear, Senior Pastor of Glad Tiding Assembly of God in Springfield MO. Attendants will be blessed by anointed preaching Springfield, MO. Attendants will be blessed by anointed preaching, powerful praying and strong love for the Lord.

What was the point of this? "Look at it." He said. "Read what it says." She read the words "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?" "No, keep reading."

"In God we Trust?" "Yes!" "And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

OPSU Bachelor of Science Nursing Program Reaccredidation Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) program is in the process of reaccredidation with the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC). This process includes a provision for constituents or other interested parties to have input regarding OPSU's BSN pro-gram and its processes. The reaccredidation visit will take place March 1, 2004. A public meeting will be held on March 2, 2004 in Room 303 of Hesper Hall on the campus of POSU at 1:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to meet with the reaccredidation team with com-ments regarding the OPSU BSN program is welcome to attend this meeting. OPSU provides a quality BSN program for area students, as well as students nationwide via our internet BSN courses. Reaccredidation assures that the program continues to meet the highest nursing education standards. highest nursing education standards.

SBA Offers Counseling & Training

SBA Offers Counseling & Training The Lubbock SBA District Office is inviting you to take part in a new phase of counseling and training. On March 4, 2004, the SBA Lubbock District Office will be conducting a program for the first time through a Teleconferencing/Web conference media covering the entire District of 71 counties. The program will be "Program and Services" offered by the SBA. Anyone with a computer and/or tele-phone can take part in this one hour seminar. It is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. CST on March 4th. We are requesting you to pre-regis-ter so we may provide you with the necessary information. Contact either Sally Parvin at 1-800-676-1005, ext. 236 or Scotty Arnold at ext. 243 by March 1st. ext. 243 by March 1st.

Strategy of Internet Marketing On Saturday, February 28, 2004, the West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center will present a seminar entitled "Strategy of Internet Marketing." Topics included in the seminar are: top ten internet marketing strategies, how to write an effective e-mail, using web metrics to measure your success, and can-spam laws and how they affect your business. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Small Business Development Center located at 2300 N. Western in Amarillo. The cost is \$35 per person. You may register online at www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcen-You may register online at www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcen-ter.com, or call 806-372-5151.

Personal Growth Seminar

The West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center will present a Personal Growth Seminar on March 2nd and 6th. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Small Business Development Center located at 2300 N. Western in Amarillo. The cost is \$35 per person. You may register online at www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com, or call 806-372-5151.

Ochiltree County Grain Sorghum Meeting An Ochiltree County Grain Sorghum meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd at the Expo Center in Perryton. Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m., followed by the following seminars: 9-10 a.m. - Dryland Sorghum Management by Dr. Brent Bean TCA, 10-11 a.m. - Sorghum Insect Management by Dr. Carl patrick TCE, 11 a.m.-12 noon - Sorghum Irrigation by Dr. Leon New TCE, 12-1230 p.m. - Ochiltree County Hybrid Trials by Mr. Scott Strawn TCE. 2 CEUs will be offered for this seminar. For more information, contact Scott Strawn at 806-435-4501 Scott Strawn at 806-435-4501.

School Board Candidate Workshop

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop on Thursday, March 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 5800 Bell St., Amarillo. The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more infor-mation, call Brenda Canul at TASB; 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6104, or to to www.tasb.org.

St. Patrick's Day Lad 'n Lassie Pageant The 12th annual St. Patrick's Lad 'n Lassie Pageant will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the Shamrock High School Auditorium in conjunction with the 57th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Any child between the ages of birth to 8th grade are eligible to participate. For more information, contact Dana Hosack at (806) 256-3503 or Betty Lee at 256-5337 after 6 p.m. Entries need to be received no later than March 1, 2004.

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Miss Irish Rose Pageant The Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant will be held on March 19-20 during the Annual St. Patrick's Celebration in Shamrock. It is open to all young ladies who are between the ages of 14 and 19, and who are currently enrolled in high school. For further informa-tion, please send a SASE on or before February 18, 2004 to St. Patrick's Association, Att: Betty Lee, PO Box 588, Shamrock, TX 79079, or call Betty Lee after 6 pm. at (806) 256-2897, or the Chamber of Commerce Office at (806) 256-2501.

Angels Have Wheels All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For information on Medicare eligibility, contact.Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

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ERLIS ELIAS PITTMAN

SPEARMAN - Erlis Elias Pittman, 95, died February 25, 2004. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman with Rev. Ken Cole and Frank Pittman officiating. Services will be conducted by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Erlis Pittman was born June 18, 1908 at the family farm south of Gray, OK, to Amcey Emmett and Grace Coward Pittman. He was the oldest of seven children and learned early in life the habit of rising early and working long hours. One of his first jobs was as a cowboy for Tab Puth of Perryton. When he was fifteen, his mother, Grace, died in the flu epidemic of 1923.

Erlis left home at the age of eighteen to discover what was around the next bend. Erlis and a friend, George Garner, rode freight trains north and survived by working on harvest crews and playing cards and shooting pool. Erlis spent one winter with a logging crew in Wisconsin where his job was to haul the logs out of the forests using teams of horses.

In 1926, Erlis was living in Hansford County with his brother, Wendell, where they were partners in the farming and cattle business. Wendell would work for the neighbors to earn enough money for Erlis to do the farming. After a seven year courtship, Erlis and Ethel were married on May 21, 1933 and moved to the farm in Hansford County.

When Wendell returned from the war in 1944, Erlis and Ethel paid him his half of what the partnership was worth. Ethel worked side-by-side as a partner with Erlis in their farming and ranching business. They lived in the same house nine miles northwest of Morse for fifty-four years, until they moved to Spearman in 1994. Electricity came in the early 1950's and a telephone in 1960.

In 1957, Erlis became a partner with Jimmy Shieldknight in the Excel Chevrolet Company located in Spearman. They remained friends and partners in various businesses until Jimmy's death in September, 2003. Erlis said that he and Jimmy did not always agree, but they never had a cross word. O.C. Holt of Spearman and Carl Franks of Guymon were also treasured partners for many years.

Erlis served as director of First State Bank in Spearman, was on the original board of directors of the Hansford Soil and Water Conservation District, was the director of the Perryton Equity for fifteen years, served three terms on the Morse school board, served several years on the Hansford County school board and was a member of the Hansford Appraisal District Board of Equalization. he was also active with the Boy Scouts and received the Silver Beaver Award.

Erlis was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel; his parents, A.E. Pittman and Grace Coward Pittman; two brothers, Wendell and Emmett; two sisters, Ethel and Helen; and a grandson, Kip.

He is survived by two brothers, Waymon of Warden, WA and Leonard of Fritch; two sons and their wives, Frank and Lucy of Morse and Bill and Ginger of Spearman; six grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren; and his friend and caregiver, Marilyn Anderson.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford County Library,

ORA LEE BLACKBURN

HEREFORD - Ora Lee Blackburn, 91, passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 in Hereford, TX.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Spearman with Rev. Patrick Six, Rev. Brad Holmes and Dr. Jim Owenbey officiating. Interment followed at Hansford Cemetery, under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral home of Hereford.

Mrs. Blackburn was born November 5, 1912 in Izora, TX to Lee and Phoebe Smith. She married Chester Blackburn in 1928 at Hamilton. Mrs. Blackburn owned and operated Blackburn Flowers of Spearman for over 35 years and drove the ambulance service for Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home for many years. She was a volunteer at Hansford Manor for several years, many times caring for residents older than herself. Mrs. Blackburn was an honorary member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and a member of the First Baptist Church of Spearman.

Survivors include a son, Bill Blackburn of Llano; two daughters, Elaine Cessnum of Soldotna, Alaska and Bodil Bradley of Hereford; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester; two sons, Eddie Blackburn and the Honorable Judge J.E. Blackburn; and two brothers.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, formerly Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79081.

JULIA IRLAS VASQUEZ

SPEARMAN - Julia Irlas Vasquez, 79, died on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

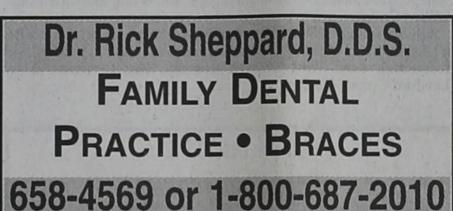
Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 27, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the Mission Primera Bautista of Spearman with Rev. Joe Garcia officiating. Interment followed at Hansford Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

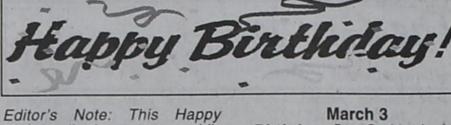
Julia was born on June 15, 1924 in Rosenberg, TX and had lived in the area for 11 years. She married Guillermo Vasquez on March 13, 1943 in Donna, TX.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mission Primera Bautista Church.

Survivors include her husband, Guillermo, of the home; five sons, Julio, Israel and Willie, all of Spearman, Benny of Kansas City, MO and Roy of Gruver; two daughters, Minnie Ureste of Friona and Linda Diaz of Gruver; two brothers, Bonifacio Irlas of Carlton, MI and Eustacio Irlas of Elkhart, IN; a niece, Paulina Vasquez of Santa Rosa, CA; 22 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.





Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine

February 25

Birthday - Marian Tomlison, Lynna Renner, Don Schmer, Mike Brown, Leslie Paul, Crystal Carson, Loree Viola, Tabetha Thoms

Anniversary - Bob & Jackie Pearson

February 26

Birthday - Debbie Davis, Bruce Knight, Suzie Womble, Buchanan, Pam Burl Edwards, Margie Schubert, Lynn Pierce, Marinell Webster, Deziree Hughes, Carol Poole, LaQuita Evans, Bob Meier, Kip Francis, Denise Paschel, Tony Holguin, Nicholas Avila, Kay Ann Miller

Anniversary - Britt & Linda Jarvis

February 27 Birthday - Roy Diaz, Francis Houghton, Colby Weldon, Sharon Sutton, Cindy Jenkins, Adrian Barrera, Rebecca Westerfield, Rosie Jackson, Melinda Hall, Winnie Vernon, Clint Goodman, Lance Wood

February 28 Birthday - Robert Blount, Max Davis, Karen Sparks, Freeman Barkley, Shannon Bowling, Debbie Carter, James Lair, Sammy Don Jones, Edna Anderson, Willie Shields, Hal Bennett, Davis Nash, Charles Little, Parker Grotegut

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Preston Graham, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Salgado

February 29 Birthday - Clifton Harden, Michael Holt, Aleisha Sweat March 1

Birthday - Sue Smith, Jackie Womble, Vicky Papay, Doris Brogdon, Kim Scroggs, Kelley Hart, Cass Lasater, Andy Scarborough, Brian Black, Darla Black, Amber Fox, Allan Taylor, Denise Schuman, Crystal Harris, Richard Melton, Paxton Pittman, Matti Wheelock, Pam Schnell

March 4

Birthday - Evelyn Dahl, Don Tanner Sherrell, Evans, Tommy Hahn, Jon Garnett, Virgil Jones, Chuck Taylor, Jose Renteria, David Harbour, Ron Fox, Judy Park, Brenda Red, Ronald Kirby, Heather Hamilton, Lucio Vela, Carrie Guthrie, David Rosser

March 5

Birthday - Ron Dunning, Beth Swink, Barry Beck, Brooks Beck, Mark Garnett, Mary Garza, Mike Cowan, Trixie Pearson, Mike Garrard, Alexis Johnson, Benny Brandvick, Steve TeBeest, Shelby Williams

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Ramiro Morales

March 6

Birthday - Brenda Hart, Slough, Marcie Charlie Womble, Bobby Archer, Barkley, Travis Tommy Patterson, Janet Reger, Doran Dulana, Kenneth Slough, Lindsey Clift, Nancy Evans, Mick Sharp

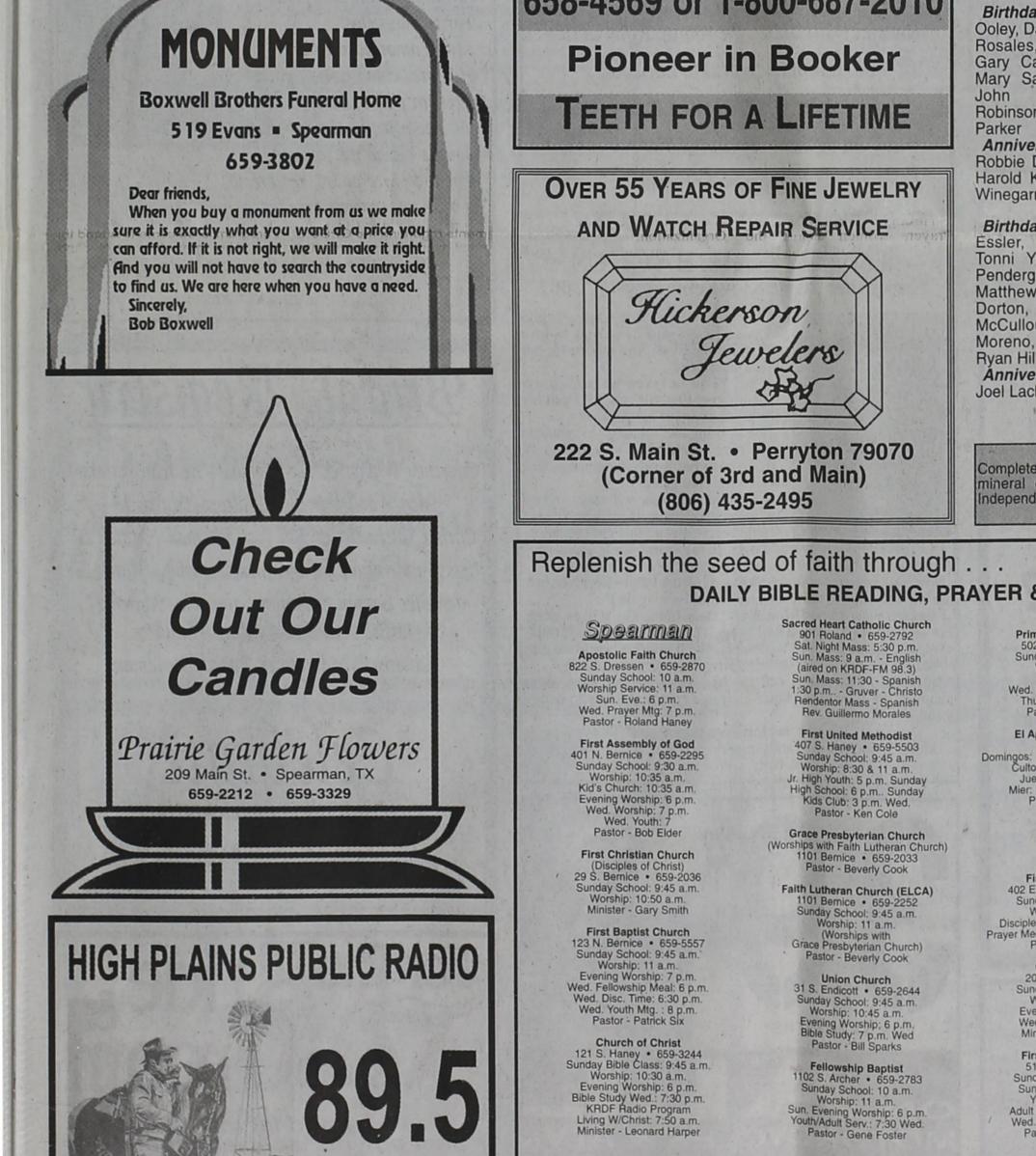
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. A.R. Cazares

March 7

Birthday - David Imke, Dee Dee Shelton, Mike Garnett, Bernice Molly Turner, McBride, Viola Body, Donald Lane, Dalwayne Whitefield, Beulah Harris, Howard Thompson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Danny Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Anres Ortiz, Pete & Juanita Vera March 8

Birthday - Patty Cator, Drew Grotegut, Mike McLain, Bill Harnish, Melvin Swene, Kirby McAdams, Deana Shields, Dee Allen, Steve Cruse, Candi Delozier, Ben Cook, Colby Red, Eric Olsen, Rae Lynn Cook, Cindee Thomas, Christi Clift, Michelle Schick Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. **Richard Wagner**



Birthday - Lori Swink, Justin Ooley, David Stafford, Michael Rosales, Eddie Goodrich, Gary Cates, Ruby Mitchell, Mary Saldavar, Nora Baca, Peggy Duncan, Robinson, Caleb Miller, Danny

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Robbie Dewberry, Mr. & Mrs. Harold King, Norlan & Linda Winegarner March 2

March 2 Birthday - Wynn (Maupin) Essler, Justin Thompson, Tonni Yanke, Olive "Babe" Pendergraft, Wayne Barber, Matthew Baker, Carma Dorton, Bob Farr, Robin McCullough, Rachelle Moreno, Josh Winegarner, Ryan Hill, Sammy Renteria Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Joel Lackey

March 9

Birthday - Roy Byrd, Craig Cooper, Tommy Henson, Elizabeth Holt, John Brown, Mary Lou Vela, Amy Tucker, Jerry Younger, Cole Ivey, Aletha Lesley, Deann Turner, Karla Acton, Brandon Hathaway, Vickie Urban, Nita Byrd, Richard Barnhart Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. John Knowles, Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Thompson, Mr. & Mrs.

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The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

The Gruver Grapevine by Harletta Carthel

Lady Hounds Named to All District Team

Cassie Myatt was named the Most Valuable Player of District 1-A with two other Lady Hounds making the all district list and one named to the honorable mention list.

Laina Grotegut, junior, and Liz Lopez, sophomore, were named to the all district roster with sophomore Lindsey Clift selected to the honorable mention list.

Stratford, Vega, and Gruver all had three all district picks with White Deer and Sunray having two on the list and Booker, one.

Community Care Concerns Buck Tidwell had surgery last Thursday in Amarillo. He has returned home and is doing well.

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I have only now learned of the recent hospitalization of Elizabeth Holt. Elizabeth is home and hopefully feeling much better.

Former Residents Attend Playoff Games

Former Gruver Superintendent and now superintendent of Pampa Schools, Barry Haenisch, was in attendance at the Gruver girls playoff game in Pampa on Monday night, February 16.

Former residents Roger, Linda Pat, and Blake Ferguson were also among the Gruver fans at the Gruver/Claude girls playoff game.

Blake, who is in the Air Force, will be stationed at Abilene. He is a 1997 graduate of GHS.



Among The Neighbors

We would like to extend our sympathy to Shirley Stafford and her family in the loss of her sister, Oleta Strughan, after a brief illness. Strughan's memorial service was Friday, February 20, in Woodward, OK.

Spearman graduate Jason Villines, a member of the 25th Division, currently stationed in Wahiawa, HI, has received word that his division will be deployed to Afghanistan to conduct patrols, provide continued force protection, and give humanitarian assistance. The deployment will be two sixmonth rotations, and Villines will be part of the second sixmonth rotation, set to deploy in September, 2004.

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We would like to extend our mpathy to Shirley Stafford the rank of Specialist effective d her family in the loss of her December 1, 2003.

He is the son of Tony Villines of Spearman and Teresa Eakins of Borger. He and his wife, the former Rebecca Howard, have three children, Triston, 5, Dawson, 3, and Payton, 11 months.

Rebecca is the daughter of Rick and Jan Howard of Spearman, and Andy and Darrie Francis of Perryton.

Jason address is SPC Jason Villines, 237 Bennett St. #103 Wahiawa, HI 96786.

Your neighbor will be back soon----thank you for your patience!

If you have information you

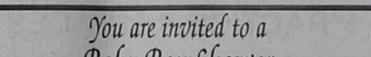
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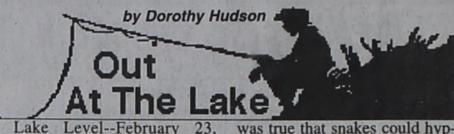
Dene and Carolyn Meyer of Borger wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Meyer to William Bransgrove of Spearman. William is the son of Eleanor Bransgrove and the late Weldon Bransgrove of Perryton.

The couple plan a May 8, 2004 wedding at the Church of Christ in Borger.

Tamara graduated from Phillips High School, Frank Phillips College and Panhandle State University. She is employed by Frank Phillips College.

William is a graduate of Perryton High School. He received a BS in Agricultural Business and Economics and an MBA in Accounting from West Texas University. He is employed by Hansford County Feeders.





Lake Level--February 23, 2004--26.64 feet (-0.11) Fishing picked up last week. Vic White had two nice blue

catfish with the larger weighing 10-pounds; Kent Ruble had five with the largest weighing 13pounds, and Max Taylor had two with the larger weighing 19.5-pounds and the smaller 12pound.

Jim did a little research and going by when the pictures of big fish began to be printed, the dates were usually in the first week of March. The warmer days have brought out more fishermen.

Part of the eagles seemed to have moved on, but Jim counted 8 one day last week. He said a couple had driven up from Amarillo three or four times hoping to see the eagles with out any luck.

The cardinals are one of the species that he has noticed increasing. He and Mandy have 5 or 6 pairs of these lovely birds using their feeder now.

As we come into late winterearly spring, we sometimes get stretches of warm weather that can bring out a few rattlesnakes. I have wondered since we printed the picture from the Gary Evans family of the rattlesnake swallowing the starling, if it

was true that snakes could hypnotize small animals and birds. Daughter Nancy saved a letter from a December 1999 Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine for me that proves that at least Charlie Totten thinks so.

As a boy from 3 to 10 years he lived in southeastern Colorado on a farm 20 miles south of Lamar where his father had homesteaded in 1917.

Rattlesnakes were plentiful, and when his dad switched to a disc plow it made sausage links out of thousands of them.

Trees were planted later, but most of their birds were ground nesting ones.

Three different times they saw a bird flying in a circle about 10 feet in the air, and each time they ran to look. Each time there was a rattler with his head up in the air about 6 inches following the bird as it made the circle. They would wait until the bird was fluttering on the ground unable to fly away. Before the snake could strike or grab the bird, they would drop a small piece of cowchip on the snake, and instantly the bird would be off like a shot. He suspected that the snake had eaten the baby birds or eggs in the nest and had gotten the birds

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scale mission for the 25th Division since the Vietnam War and will utilize 3,500 troops.

The division will be part of the ongoing war against the Taliban and al Quida terrorist.

Villines is a member of the 125th Signal Battalion, a unit of the 25th Infantry Division (Light), He joined the Army in would like to include in this column, you may call Helen fisher at 659-3468, Merry Sparks at 659-5849, or submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e--mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Cortney Walker bride-elect of Tye Womble on Saturday, March 6, 2004 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Morse Baptist Church



Baby Boy Shower honoring Matthew, the son of Kyla Ortiz on Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Cheryl Harper 723 Gibner • Spearman

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I'll lend you for a little while, A child of mine," God said. "For you to love the while she lives, And mourn for her when she's dead.

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you, And (should her stay be brief), You'll have her lovely memories, As a solace for your grief. I cannot promise she will stay, And try

to understand. But there are lessons taught below, I want this chid to learn.

I've looked the whole world over, In my search for teachers true; And from the things that crowd life's lane, I have chosen you. Now will you give your love? Nor think the labor vain? Nor hate me when I come to take, This lent child back again?" I fancied what I heard Him say - "Dear Lord, Thy will be done. For all the love Thy child will bring, The risk of grief we'll run. We will shelter her with tenderness, We'll love her while we may - And for the happiness we've known, Forever grateful stay. But should Thy angels call for her, Much sooner than we've planned, We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, And try to understand.

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Manor Matters

Monday mornings were made to shake off cobwebs from the weekend, so we started by shaking the cobwebs out of our minds with the current news program. It was very interesting. There was one article about a 420 million-year-old millipede discovered in Peru. Made us all feel really young.

Monday afternoon was spent in a very interesting manner. It was the afternoon allotted for Chatter Club. Since it also was President's Day, I called Cody Cazares to come lead the Chatter Club. Cody was very informative and interesting. Since he has worked with our current President, George W., he knew lots of inside information.

One of my favorite questions was about the President's twins. Cody just kinda rolled his eyes and said yes, he was familiar with them. He said that past Lady Barbara Bush told President George W. in regard to the twins that he certainly deserved to have one child like her- it is just paybacks for his raisin.

Cody was very gracious to the residents and answered all of the questions asked of him. It was very apparent that he was comfortable in a speaker's position and the residents thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

Tuesday morning we limbered up to the music of Musercise. It gets pretty loud around here on musercise day. When you get castinets, tambourines, bells, sticks and spoons going to the beat of the music - sometimes it raises the roof.

Afterwards, residents were in the living room to view a video of the Sheriff's Forum taken the night before. Many of the residents are integrally involved in community affairs.

That afternoon we did manicures in the activity room. Thank you to Ann Whitaker for

donating her time to help. The more hands that you have working, the more that you can do.

On Wednesday morning, Ann Whitaker came to deliver a Bible study with the residents. Thank you, Ann!

That afternoon residents worked on decorations for the bulletin board in the dining room for March. Cotton balls and tissue paper were everywhere! Thank you to Cassidy Taylor and Timberly Thomas for coming to help with crafts.

On Thursday morning, residents lined up to practice the bean bag toss, horseshoes, and basketball in preparation for the upcoming Winter Olympics. We have many competitors here that thoroughly enjoy sports.

That afternoon the auxillary hosted bingo. Thank you to the auxillary for your valuable help. If you have just a little time to share, please get in touch with the auxillary president, Judy Nelson. They do many worthwhile activities.

Friday morning was spent practicing stand up basketball and dartboard.

That afternoon, we had Bible Trivia. What a great way to refresh our minds on the Word of God! The residents are good at it and much was learned about Peter and Paul.

I visited Ms. Blankenship's high school class in preparation for the upcoming Bridging the Gap Interviews. We are looking forward to the students coming to the Manor to develop life stories on the residents that signed up. It was great fun to visit the classroom. The young are so fresh and invigorating!

It will make a very good match between the young and the elders. Both generations will benefit greatly from the upcoming experience.

Meetings & Minutes

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

On Thursday, February 12, 2004, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at noon at Tongs. Members present were Jason Cantrell, Steve Hartgraves, Robert Patrick, Martina Miller, Diana Bynum, Mark Murray, Anna Fishburn, Cindy Scribner,

Lenny Pecha, Judy Yarbrough, Jeanette Hodges, and Gina Gillispie.

President Jason Cantrell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were approved, as were the financials.

It was approved that Kevin McDonald's position on the board will remain vacant as the

Sever Weather Awarness Week Set

Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed February 29 - March 6 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas.

Gov. Perry joined with the National Weather Service and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management to urge all Texans to be prepared for severe storms.

"Severe Weather Awareness Week underlines the importance of planning ahead to ensure that Texans are prepared for threatening weather situations," Perry said. "Together we can take steps to reduce harm, ensure safety and ultimately save lives."

The spring season often brings the potential for violent weather events. Severe Weather Awareness Week helps build public awareness about preparedness. Texans are advised to put together a "readiness kit" of important supplies, to keep a battery-operated radio or television set to receive important information during storms, to designate a place to go in case of evacuation and to develop an emergency plan for communicating with relatives and friends in other areas.

For more information about Severe Weather Awareness Week, see the Division of Emergency Management Web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem and the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters, Fort Worth, Web site: www.srh.noaa.gov.



board has enough members. His position has one more year, and will be replaced next year when the new board is elected.

After much discussion about the upcominging Chamber Banquet, it was decided that the banquet committee would meet again at noon on Tuesday, February the 17th at Grammy's.

Jason passed out a duty sheet for the banquet and urged the board to be in attendance. Hungry Cowboy will cater the meal, and tickets will sell for \$20 per person. He also stated that the invitation letters were mailed last week.

Women's' Division: Judy Yarbrough reported that the WD had met and discussed decorating for the chamber banquet. The theme will be "Casino" and they will meet Friday at 5 p.m. to decorate.

Retail Merchants: Gina reported that the Retail Merchants had met February 4th and discussed the upcoming events for the year.

Gina welcomed all the new members to the board of directors. Jason reported that Keith Hight, new executive vice-president, was unable to attend today's meeting, but would begin working at the Chamber on March 1st. He also stated that Keith will be at the banquet.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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City of Gruver

The Gruver City Commission met in regular session February 11, 2004 with commissioners Chad Logsdon and Johnnie Williams, city manager Linda Weller, director of public works Robert Blount, and city secretary Mark Washburn.

Ordinance #299 Adopting a New Personnel policy was passed. The order for a General Election for may 15, 2004 was also passed.

Other motions approved were an inter local Agreement for Central Dispatch with Hansford County and a jail contract with Hansford County.

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First Wish Comes True at Hansford Manor

by Merry Sparks

The winner of our very first Make a Wish drawing was Irene Edwards. Her wish consisted of a desire for her sister, Florene, and her niece, Kay to spend a day with her in Perryton where they would visit the Museum of the Plains among other things. She also requested that Merry Sparks be their driver and spend the day with them.

The trip was arranged for Feb. 9th. We left the Manor at Spearman at 10:00 in the morning. We went straight to the Museum since that was Irene's main focus. She wanted her sister and niece to visit the museum since they had never been there. Irene had visited there in June of 2003 when we took a tour north of Perryton to the sod house. The Museum of the Plains in Perryton is an excellent museum for our area. Many exhibits are on loan from outside people as well as many things that have been donated. They had many new exhibits this visit too. There is an outstanding sculpture out of a solid

piece of walnut of a herd of horses stampeding. We took our time at the museum and enjoyed all of the exhibits.

While we were there, Florene's granddaughter, great granddaughter and a great-great granddaughter came to visit with Irene and family. When we left the museum we had a very relaxed and delicious lunch at the Smokehouse. Afterwards, Merry took them to the Taylor's Old Tyme Shop. They had never been there and thoroughly enjoyed the uniqueness of the store. They were just in awe at the number of different items on display there, some new, some old. Before leaving we were visited by the owner, Gary Taylor and enjoyed visiting with him.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the day together and were satisfied and tired on the way home. Thus, our very first wish has come true. We will soon draw out our next wish. It will be exciting to find out what the next wish will be.

National Honor Roll Announced

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

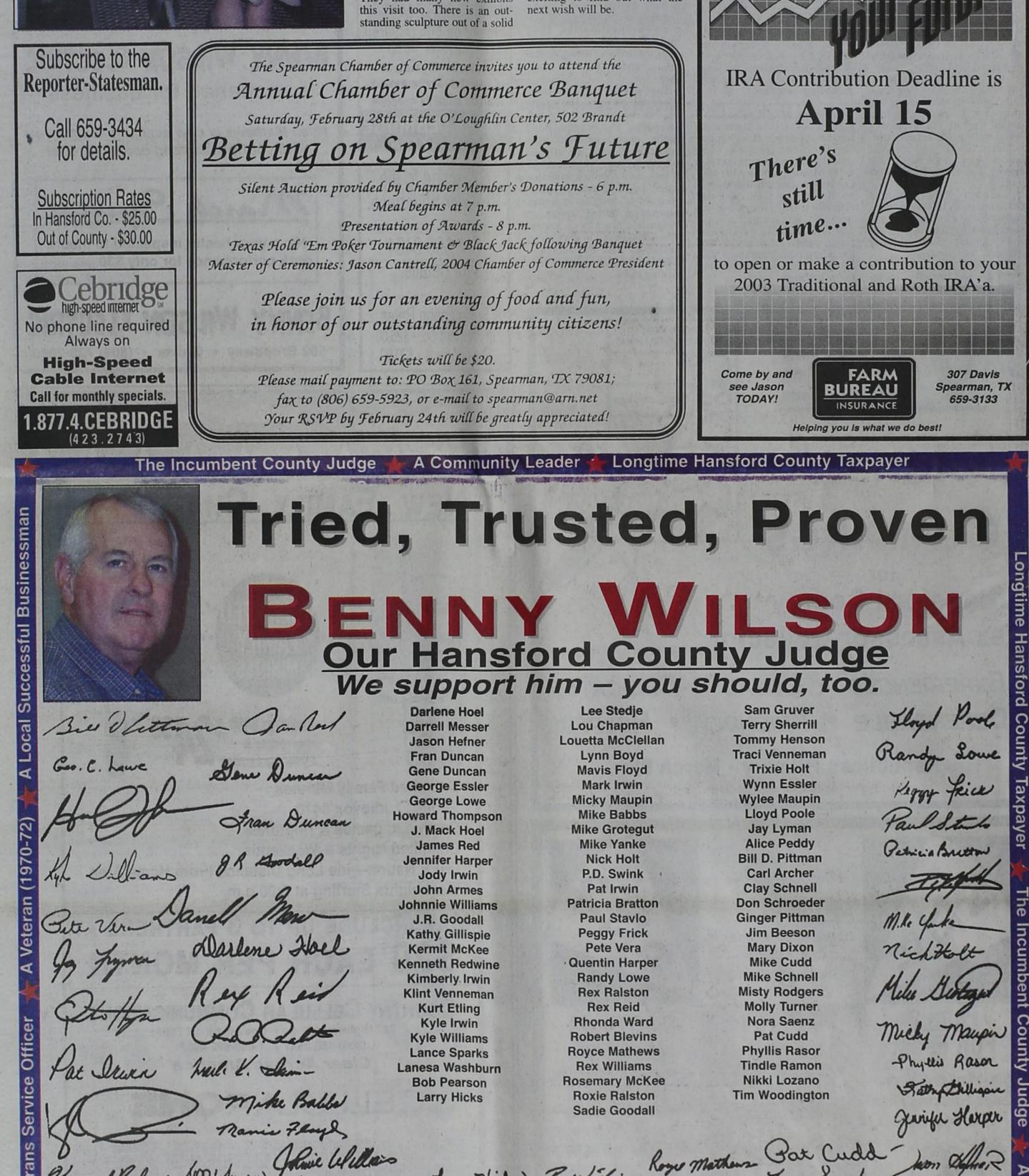
Six students from Hansford County qualified for induction into the Spring 2003 National Honor Roll.

Those students qualifying were: Gruver - Kristie Balderrama; and Spearman - Rossilyn Bulls, Jentry Edwards, Jessica Freeman, Deremy Randall and K'lee Ratzlaff

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people like these inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. 61% of the inductees in the Spring 2003 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better; 39% averaged B through B+. 27% were seniors, 38.5% were juniors, 22% were sophomores, 12% were sophomores, and .5% were in middle school.

For more information, visit www.nationalhonorroll.org.



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HANSFORD COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR



Linda Cummings Family Members: Douglas

Cummings married 26 years, two sons and their wives Christopher married to Laura Ontiveros, Andrew married to **Denise** Paschel

Occupation: Chief Deputy of the Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector Office

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? Rushing Wind Emmaus, Boy Scouts of America

Church Affiliation: First United Methodist Church, where I teach the Jr Hi Sunday school.

Background/Education: My Great Granddad came to Hansford County in 1930 and the family is still here. I was born in Spearman on May 19, 1960 to Frank and Shirley Buzzard. We moved to the farm when I was 4. I graduated from Perryton High School in 1978.

Hobbies/Interests: I enjoy sewing, playing piano, working with the church youth.

What do you think the biggest problems are facing Hansford County? As a candidate for Tax Assessor-Collector, the tax base is a concern. The valuations cause hardships for all taxpayers. As a citizens of Hansford County I am concerned about our youth and the challenges they face everyday.

What changes or improvements would you seek as Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector? During my campaigning I have been asked about accepting credit cards, Internet vehicle renewals and the possibility of a substation in Gruver. I will seek information about these items. I also would like to see all taxing entity's taxes collected in the Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector office.

What do you view as the role of a Tax Assessor-Collector? I view the tax assessor-collector as stated in the Texas Constitution Article 8 Section 14. "The county tax must make sure any implemenand collect taxes for the county." The Tax assessor-collector is also and agent for the Texas Department of Transportation and the Secretary of State. Because of the wide range of responsibilities performed by the tax assessor-collector, most citizens deal with this county official more often than any other office. The tax assessorcollector serves the citizens of Hansford County.

What do you like best about Hansford County? The people. I enjoy meeting people, visiting with them and having friendships that last forever. Hansford County is a good place to raise a family.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you and efficient Tax Assessor-Collector? I began working in the Hansford County tax office

fluctuations of the oil and gas October 1980. I believe 23 years experience has qualified me to be a knowledgeable and effective tax assessor-collector. I also am friendly and helpful. A large part of being a tax assessor is serving the residents. The tax assessor-collector office has many "hats" outlined and many "hats" that are unwritten.

Comments: If elected, I will be honored to serve as Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector. I pledge to each of you to run an efficient office to the best of my ability. I will check into consolidation of all property taxes into the courthouse, credit card pay options, Internet renewals, and a license renewal substation. After gathering the information, I will work with the commissioners' court on implementation of the feasible upgrades as budget constraints allow. We assessor-collector shall assess tations are beneficial to all concerned. I want to Thank You in advance for your support in the March 9 Primary Election for Tax Assessor-Collector.



Jackie Nelson

Family Members: I'm married to Tim Nelson. We have one daughter, Brittney. My parents are Thomas and Rita Reed, one brother John Reed of Spearman, three sisters Judy Reed of Fritch, Joann Schneider of Spearman, and Janet

Williams of Gruver. Occupation: Data Processing Department at First State Bank Church Affiliation: United Methodist Church

Background/Education: I grew up in Spearman, graduated from Spearman High School in 1981

Hobbies/Interests: Camping, spending time with my family, and watching Brittney play sports.

What do think are the biggest problems facing Hansford County? Slow economic growth, shrinking population. Peer pressure on our young children.

What changes or improvements would you seek as Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector? New ideas, new questions, the determination to see the best way to save tax dollars. Also be a team leader, you can accomplish more as a team than as one. What do you view as the role of a Tax Assessor-Collector? To work for the taxpayer of Hansford County. Setting a budget, motor vehicle registration, collecting taxes, reporting tax collecting, voter registration, and boat and motor registration.

What do you like best about Hansford County? The caring people. hardworking people that make Hansford County look great. Great school system, great place to raise your children. Great hospital and Manor district. no traffic jams or road

rage, and you can usually get to work in five minutes or less.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient Tax Assessor-Collector? Years of bookkeeping, budgeting and data processing in business and banking. Supervising and working with employees as a team. Generally serving the great people of Hansford County for over 27 years.

I'm honest, reliable, and hardworking.

My philosophy is do it right or don't do it at all.

Comments: An elected official is hired by the people of the county, my goal is to be elected as your new tax assessor/collector. I will be honored and grateful for your vote in the March 9th primary.

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The major tax duty of the assessor-collector is the assessment calculation) of taxes on each property in the county and collection of that tax as established by the State Property Tax Code. In addition, as an agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, the assessor-collector is responsible for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles owned by residents of the county.

Another duty of the county tax assessor-collector is that of voter registrar. In most Texas counties, a person would register to vote through the office of county tax assessor-collector. In a few counties, the commissioners court has designated the county clerk or an elections administrator to provide this function. The county tax office voter registration responsibilities include accepting applications for voter registration, issuing voter certificates, maintaining voter registration lists, verifying petitions for local option elections and submitting required reports to the Secretary of State's Office.

The county tax assessor-collector is also responsible for the collections of special fees imposed by the county and state on coinoperated vending machines and the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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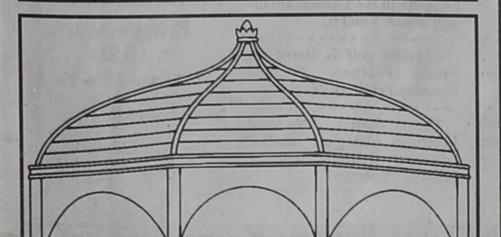
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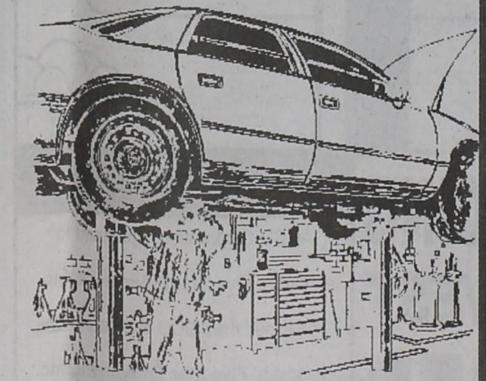
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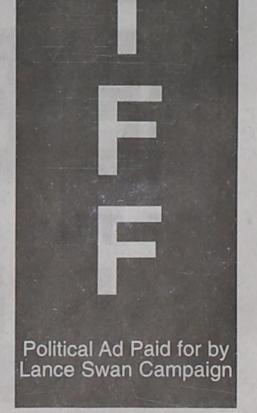
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Lady Hounds Take **Bi-District Crown**

by Harletta Carthel

The Lady Hounds ambushed the Claude lady Mustangs to take a 45 to 28 win in a bi-district shootout, Monday, February 16, at Pampa High.

With stifling defense, the Lady Hounds only allowed the Lady Mustangs, two points until late in the first quarter. The accuracy of the Gruver shooters amassed a nine-point lead before Claude narrowed the margin to its closest of the night, 11-7, at the quarter's end.

Laina Grotegut, who hit a three pointer early in the opening period, had 10 points for the night while Lindsey Clift, who hit a jumper and an under-the-basket shot in the first quarter, totaled nine points in the game.

The second quarter was a three point lesson by Cassie Myatt who hit a trio of threes back-to-back in the second quarter to bolster the Lady Hounds' lead to 10, (22 - 12) at 2:04 in the second quarter. By half-time, the quick-shooting Lady Hounds held a 2-1 (26 13) advantage over Claude.

Regrouping at half-time, the Lady Mustangs returned in the third quarter to pull within nine points. Clift answered the challenge by nailing a driving lay-up and encoring with a foul shot. With another basket by Clift and then Grotegut, the Lady Hounds were nine up (33-24) at the end of the third period.

With domination established, the Lady Hounds shot freely and easily in the final period with Cassie Myatt swishing her fourth three-pointer of the night, and Grotegut bombing her second and third three-pointers.

With point guard Liz Lopez accounting for several steals and post Lauren Urban snagging rebounds, the Lady Mustangs were stifled in the last ditch efforts to salvage the game. Lindsey Clift's driving lay-up and following free point shot provided the lady hounds last hurrah.

Score by Quarters: Gruver 11 26 33 45; Claude 7 13 24 28 Individual scoring: Cassie Myatt 14 (4 three-pointers), Lindsey Clift 12, Laina Grotegut 11, Lauren Urban 2, Samantha Myatt 2, Rachelle Holt 2.

Lady Hounds End Season **As Bi-District Champs**

by Harletta Carthel

The Sudan Lady 'Nets won the area basketball title, 32-29, but not without a battle royal by the Lady Hounds.

"It was a great game," Coach Steve Myatt of the Lady Hounds said. "They were number two in the state, but we stayed with them the whole game."

The Lady Hounds biggest lead was three points while the Lady 'Nets' largest lead was five points in the defense battle.

"We had a chance to win," Coach Myatt said. "We made them turn the ball over, but we didn't connect in points." The speed of the Lady Hounds made them formidable foes for

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lynxettes 2 Much for Lady Indians

by Harletta Carthel

It was anyone's game for four quarters, but the Spearman Lynxettes made it their game in overtime with a 47-45 win over the Quanah Lady Indians for the area title.

With never more than a three-point difference at the end of any period, the Lady Indians led by three at the end of the first and second quarters while the Lynxettes led by three at half-time.

With the score knotted at 38 at the end of the fourth quarter, the see-saw battle came to an end in overtime with the Lynxettes up by two points.

"Anytime you win this time of the year, you have to make some big play, which we did, " Coach Short said. "We feel fortunate to win, the game could have gone either way.

Jocelyn Whitefield had 16 points, and Sami Cazares, 14, to lead Spearman.

Coach Short expressed his appreciation for the Spearman fans and their support.

"We are team Spearman - When you play one of us - you play all of us.'

Score by quarters: Spearman 5 17 32 38 47, Quanah 8 20 29 38

Individual Scoring: Lindsey Short 3, Keilee Goodheart 4, Cayla Smith 2, Ashlee Flowers 3, Kelcie Rex 3, Sami Cazares 14, Tonya Hart 2, Jocelyn Whitefield 16

Lynxettes Advance To **Area Playoff Game**

by Harletta Carthel

Battling a feisty Floydada team, the Spearman Lynxettes claimed the bi-district title by downing the Lady Winds 49-39.

The Lynxettes, jumping to an early lead in the game with a sizzling three point shot by Ashlee Flowers, and went on to mount a 19-12 first quarter lead.

Flowers swished two additional three-pointers before half-time, and at one point, the Lynxettes led by ten, 24-14.

While the Lady Winds were able to tighten the game 27-23, Lynxettes, by the end of the first half, Flowers added nine points in 3's in the third quarter to score all but two of Spearman's points for the period.

"We came out strong in the second half, and solid defense in the second half were keys," Coach Short said.

With the Lady Winds and the Lynxettes posting near even points n the final stanza, Spearman's scoring blitz in the third quarter proved to be the winning edge.

Score by quarters: Spearman 19 27 38 49, Floydada 12 23 29

Individual Scoring: Lindsey Short 5, Keilee Goodheart 10, Ashlee Flowers 23, Samantha Cazares 8, Jocelyn Whitefield 3.

Three point-goals: Ashlee Flowers 6, Lindsey Short 1, Jocelyn Whitefield 1

Rebounds: Spearman 29, Floydada 25 (Keilee Goodheart 8)



The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

Brandon Wells accepts a donut from Spearman Lions Club members James Cunningham and Harry Stumpf.

Spearman Lions Club Shares Donuts with Elementary Students The Spearman Lions Club provided donuts and milk to the stu-

dents at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman during the third week of February. Lions Club members delivered 396 donuts and 380 half-pints of milk to pre-school through fifth grade students.

In addition to providing snacks, Lions Club members provided information on the service organization and the programs they support. Some of the programs include the Crippled Children's Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, providing eye glasses for local children and adults, the Recycle for Sight and the local Lions Club Scholarship. Another service the local club provides is the distribution of Lynx/Lynxette flags. This service is provided for \$45 per year, and Lions Club members put the flags out in support of high school sports, academic and other school related activities.

Lions Club members distributing donuts included Harry Stumpf, Alton Ellsworth and James Cunningham.

SHS Academic Teams Compete

The Spearman High School Academic Teams traveled to South Plains College in Levelland, TX on Wednesday, February 18th to compete in the Area 4 Small School Academic Contest.

The Purple Team consisting of Jeff Brock, K'Lee Ratzliff and Lisha Whitefield placed third after a tie-breaking round with Muleshoe High School.

Placing First and winning by a margin of almost fifteen question was the White team whose members include Russell Sheets, Michel Huffaker and Tanner Hand. All team members received medals and brought back between \$1,500 and \$1,800 in scholarship money. These students will be attending the State Meet at Mary Hardin

the "Nets." Gruver's relentless defensive pressure slowed down the Sudan scoring machine and resulted in several turnovers.

The versatility of the Lady Hounds made it possible for them to score when the 'Nets shut down the inside. game.

"We were able to hit outside shots, including several three-pointers," Coach Myatt said.

The Lady Hounds, who have one freshman, two sophomores, one junior, and one senior in the starting lineup will be formidable foes not only in district but also state competition. The lone senior on the team is Myatt's daughter Cassie.

Score by quarters: Gruver 6 17 24 29, Sudan 9 18 28 32 Individual scoring: Lindsey Clift 10 (two three-pointers) Lauren Urban 2, Laina Grotegut 3, Laci Fitzgearld 5, Liz Lopez 3, Rachelle Holt 2, Cassie Myatt 5



Assists: Spearman 10 (Goodheart 5) Fouls: Spearman 14, Floydada 17; Fouled Out: none; Technicals: none

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Hansford County

The Spearman, Gruver, and Pringle Morse School districts' Spring Break will be March 5-19.

The Houston Livestock Show and Sale will begin March 10th and continues through March 21.

The TAAS Writing Retest will be given Tuesday, February 24th; the TAAS Math Retest will be given Wednesday, February 25th; the TAAS REading Retest will be given Thursday, February 26th.

The TAKS 9th grade Reading test and the TAKS 10th & 11th grade English test will be given Tuesday, February 24th.

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Gruver High School

GHS weight lifter Sammy Pena competed in the regional practice meet recently. It is not known at present if the Gruver lifter will be advancing to regional competition, according to Coach Bruce Bryant.

GHS will compete in the Sunray Track Meet February 27 and 28.

Hutch Reed and Cecilia Rosales will be the March 3 guests of the Gruver Lions Club.

Members of the FCCLA will be traveling to Midland for the Region I annual meeting on Friday, March 5.

The GHS thinclads will compete in the Canadian Track Meet on March 5 and 6.

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Gruver Jr. High

The first track meet of the year will be February 27 and 28 at Sunray.

The second meet of the season will be March 5 and 6 at Canadian.

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Gruver Elementary

The third grade will be taking the TAKS reading test Wednesday, March 3.

A districtwide English as a Second Language conference will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Jump Rope for Heart is slated for Friday, March 12.

Spearman High School

The first track meet of the year will be February 27 and 28 at Sunray.

The Spearman thinclads will compete in the Canadian tourney March 5 and 6.

Lynxette golf is slated for Friday February 27 and Saturday February 28.

The district National Forensics League Student Congress Tourney will be Friday, February 27, in Lubbock.

Lynx golf will be in Booker March 3.

Cheerleader tryouts will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3.

The Spearman thinclads will compete in the Canadian tourney March 5 and 6.

Spearman Jr. High

Junior high thinclads will compete in the Sunray Track Meet, February 27 and 28.

The second track meet of the

new season will be March 5 and 6 in Canadian.

February 12th will be the end of the fourth six weeks.

Gus Birdwell Elementary

Third graders will be taking the Reading TAKS test March

Valentine parties will be February 12

Pringle-Morse CISD

The Pringle-Morse Pee Wee Basketball Tourney will be held February 26, 27, and 28.

The 7th grade will be taking the TAKS Writing test March

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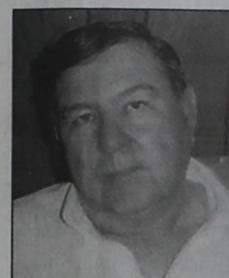


CLASSIFIED ADS

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HANSFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

Charles V. Bell



Family Members: Children, 4 Grandchildren **Occupation:** Farmer

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? Great Plains Ag Credit Sunray Coop and the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Church affiliation: Baptist **Background/Education:** High School, U.S. Navy 1962-1966 (Honorable discharge)

Hobbies/Interest: Family, Farming, Grandchildren, Fishing

What do you think the biggest problems are facing Hansford County? Drought, High natural gas prices, county budget

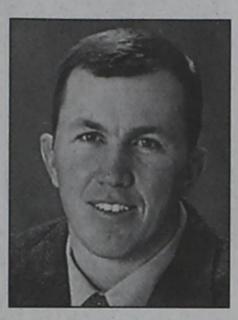
What changes or improvements would you seek as a **Commissioner?** County Support the current administration.

What do you view as the County role of a **Commissioner?** Administrate the county budget as fairly as possible, far all the people of Hansford County, and road maintenance.

What do you like best about Hansford County? The people of Hansford County are very caring and supportive of each other. In time of need the people come to the aid of one another. This is one of the most desirable communities in the country to raise children. I can illegal drugs is unacceptable and also say that we have the finest schools and teachers in America. What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient County Commissioner? Good conservative farming decisions, money management. I have been paying land taxes for the past 30 years. I have brought and paid for land, that most of which I farm. I am open to suggestions and comments, the commissioners court cut commissioner. and would approach each prob- over \$225,000 dollars out of the

lem with an open mind.

Comments: For the past 36 years I have tried to support the local businesses, and keep our money in the county, to keep the community strong. I sincerely wish the very best for the other candidates.



Tim Stedje

Family Members: I married Julie Latta in 1988 and we have three children, Megan, Travis and Kaitlyn.

Occupation: Hansford Commissioner, County Farmer/Rancher

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? Great Plains Ag Credit Sunray Coop and the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Church affiliation: Oslo Lutheran Church

Background/Education: Gruver High School, BS Texas **Tech University**

Hobbies/Interest: I enjoy spending time with my family and participating in the kids activities.

What do you think the biggest problems are facing Hansford County? I believe the most important issue effecting Hansford County residents right now is the drug problem. We must send the message that the manufacture, sale, or use of will not be tolerated. We must be prepared to do what it takes to fix this problem. As your commissioner I will support the new sheriff and his department and see that they have the funding and moral support that they need to fight this battle. What changes or improve-ments would you seek as a County Commissioner? I have really been impressed by how well the county is run. This year along with my duties as county commissioner

rate down. I'm sure we will continue to improve how the county is run and strive to run it more efficiently but I don't see any big changes that need to be made right now.

of a County role Commissioner? The commissioners court which is made up of the county judge and four commissioners is the general governing body of the county. In addition to overseeing the building and maintaining of the counties roads and bridges the commissioners are also responsible for but not limited to the following: Set the tax rate and approve the budget, set employment and benefit policy, appoint non-elected department heads and committee members, fill vacancies in elective and appointive positions, and authorize contracts in the name of the county. The commissioners also supervise and control the county courthouse, county buildings and facilities.

What do you like best about Hansford County? Hansford County is the best place in the world to raise a family. I can't imagine raising my kids anywhere else. This is a family oriented county with excellent schools and hard working people. The way that we support each other is very evident at UIL meets, sporting events, stock shows, etc. We strive as a community to raise good kids of sound character.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient County Commissioner? James 1:19 instructs us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. I believe that it is very important as a commissioner to listen as we go about the county's business. I represent the people of this county and realize that I work for you. I will always be willing

budget in order to hold the tax live and work in the center of precinct 3. I am on these roads all the time and I can spot problems and fix them faster than someone that doesn't actually live out here.

Comments: I was inter-What do you view as the viewed by the commissioners court along with other applicants, including my two opponents, for the position of county commissioner. The court found that I was the most qualified for the job. I was then sworn in by Judge Brown to fill the remainder of Commissioner Guthrie's position. The transition went very smoothly. I have worked hard and will continue to work hard as your county commissioner



Ty Williams Family Members: Family

Members: Paula, Tucker, Taylor Occupation: Farmer and Rancher

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? Past Pres. Gruver Little Dribblers, Past Pres. Gruver Little League Baseball, Gruver Booster Club

Church affiliation: First Baptist Church (Gruver)

Background/Education: Gruver High School Graduate, Texas Tech, West Texas A&M

Hobbies/Interests: Watching my kids sports activities, showing livestock and attending livestock shows, doing all things with my family.

What do you think the biggest problems are facing Hansford County? Drugs and the slowing economy of the county causing young people not to come back to our county.

What changes or improvements would you see as County Commissioner? As a commissioner I would try to cut spending, and in some way try to encourage new business in our county while keeping all county roads in good working condition.

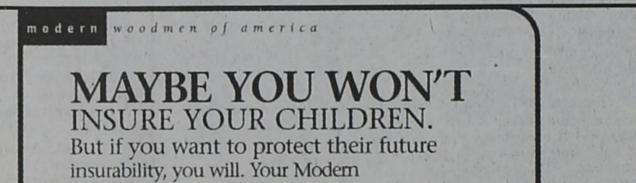
What do you view as the County of a role Commissioner? As a county commissioner you must work with the other commissioners and county judge to balance the budget. A commissioner works for the taxpayer and spends the taxpayers money to run the county. Money spent is your money so your dollars must be spent wisely and watched closely. He must cut wasteful spending while balancing the budget and maintaining county roads. A commissioner should listen to the voice of his people and the decisions that would best benefit the people of the county.

What do you like best about Hansford County? Hansford County is a great

place to live and raise your children. The people in our county are hardworking and honest people. They always have an extended hand to help those who need help and everybody knows and helps each other.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient County Commissioner? As a commissioner I realize that I am an employee of yours. I will do my best to make the taxpayers money go as far as possible. I realize we must cut spending while enhancing the things we have so that we can make your county a place our children want to come back to. For the past 20 years I have been in private business and realize you have to go the extra mile to make ends meet, and I am very willing to do that.

Comments: I have lived here in Hansford County all my life. I chose to raise my family here because of the morals and honesty of the county. As a taxpayer myself I will listen to any comment or suggestion from you because I am working for you. Agriculture is the main source of industry in our county and times are tough. We must encourage new business while supporting over existing ones in our county. I will listen to each of you and watch your tax dollars wisely. Together we can make our county a place our children want to come back to to raise their families and that will make Hansford County continue to be a great place to live!!



to listen to your thoughts or ideas.

My college education in agribusiness management as well as my 18 years of experience farming and ranching have prepared me for this position. I am an excellent problem solver and don't mind thinking outside of the box. I am very familiar with working with budgets, employees, heavy machinery and all the other aspects that go

I also feel that I am an efficient commissioner because I



GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

Data	Data		10 General				Total
Control					Other		Governmental
Codes			Fund		Funds	Funds	
	REVENUES:						·
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	1,428,337	\$	17,555	\$	1,445,892
5800	State Program Revenues		146,014		41,931		187,945
5900	Federal Program Revenues		1,652	-	120,162		121,814
5020	Total Revenues		1,576,003		179,648		1,755,651
	EXPENDITURES:	-				1	
C	urrent:						
0011	Instruction		684,711		90,086		774,797
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services		33,535		1,017		34,552
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		11,727				11,727
0023	School Leadership		59,295		1,018		60,313
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services		450				450
0033	Health Services		12,385				12,385
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation		126,317		2,026		128,343
0035	Food Services				73,142		73,142
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activitics		14,906				14,906
0041	General Administration		151,634		1.015		152,649
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations		159,411		2,054		161,465
0053	Data Processing Services		71,958		2,036		73,994
0081	apital Outlay: Facilities Acquisition and Construction		32,997				32,997
	nergovernmental:		52,571				52,331
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA		51,958		12,648		64,606
6030	Total Expenditures	-	1,411,284	-	185,042		1,596,326
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances		164,719		(5,394)		159,325
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)		1,228,999		63,181		1,292,180
3000	Fund Ralance Avour 21 (Tedies)		1 302 719		57 797		1451 505
5000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	S	1,393,718	2	57,787	2	1,451,505

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Data Control Codes			10 General Fund		Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
5700 5800 5900	REVENUES: Total Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues	\$	3,634,923 406,337 3,904	2	24,509 101,841 305,048	\$	3,659,432 508,178 308,952
5020	Total Revenues		4,045,164		431,398		4,476,562
	EXPENDITURES:						·
0011 0012 0013 0023 0031 0033 0034 0035 0036 0041 0051 0053 D 0071 0072	Instruction Instructional Resources & Media Services Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development School Leadership Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services Health Services Student (Pupil) Transportation Food Services Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities General Administration Plant Maintenance and Operations Data Processing Services Debt Service: Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt		1,969,844 31,571 15,082 262,340 45,253 46,290 107,167 166,592 335,830 419,221 24,018		293,545 2,975 5,900 737 737 1,465 137,120 - 4,425 5,162 - 29,937 35,431	二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、二、	2,263,389 34,546 15,082 268,240 45,990 47,027 108,632 137,120 166,592 340,255 424,383 24,018 29,937 35,431
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	_	25,204	_		-	25,204
6030	Total Expenditures	-	3,448,412		517,434		3,965,846
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	1	596,752	1	(86,036)	-	510,716
7915 8911	Transfers In Transfers Out (Use)		(90,368)	-	90,368	-	90,368 (90,368)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(90,368)	-	90,368	-	1.1.1.1
1200	Net Change in Fund Balancos		506,384		4,332		510,716
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	-	1,157,419	-	14,350	-	1,171,769
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	5 -	1,663,803	\$	18,682	\$	1,682,485

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

Byrd 'Catches' Dream



It. Cmdr. Robert "Gene" Byrd is pictured above with a 47-pound catfish caught on **Brown Lake**

Lt. Cmdr. Robert "Gene" Byrd loves to fish. Stationed at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) in McAlester, OK as the Navy Liaison for the Defense Ammunition Center, Byrd considers himself fortunate. Though Oklahoma is 'a land-locked state, it is abundant in lakes and a prime resource for fishermen.

Since being assigned to DAC in October 2002, Byrd has focused his fishing efforts on 600-acre Brown Lake that is stocked with catfish, black bass and crappie. He rarely fishes the

80 or so ponds at the plant that are similarly stocked because he's "going for the big ones which are in Brown Lake.'

Often arising at 4 a.m. on workdays to lay out up to 20 jug lines, Byrd is almost always accompanied by his wife, Joy, who loves to fish as much as he does. "I guess that contributes to 26 years of marriage," Byrd said.

She helped him pull in a 47pound flathead catfish he caught on a jug in Brown Lake in July.

He recently received a certificate from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation recognizing him as an "Oklahoma master angler and state fish record holder" for landing a 5.60-pound short-nose gar at Brown Lake.

The largest fish he's caught to date are pretty impressive: two 42-pound flatheads; one 32pound blue catfish and a 25pound flathead. All were caught on Brown Lake and returned. The 47- and 42-pounders were caught on the same day using live shad.

Besides Oklahoma, he's also fished in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Illinois and Wisconsin, Domestically, Byrd has caught salmon in the Pacific Northwest, salmon and trout in the Great Lakes, and sturgeon in the Sacramento River.

A 25-year U.S. Navy career has taken him to exotic places worldwide to match his skills against the world's finest fish. Some of the more exotic fishing sites he's been to are the Indian Ocean, Tasmania (off the southern coast of Australia), and the Persian Gulf.

Gene is a 1975 graduate of Spearman High School, and the son of Red and Jean Byrd of Spearman. He has a twin brother, Dean, who lives in Amarillo, and a sister, Tuwana Trout, who lives in Elkhart, KS.

Cazares, Wilson **Address local Clubs**

submitted by Cody Cazares

Cody J. Cazares, candidate for Hansford County Judge, recently spoke to a joint meeting of the Spearman Rotary and Lions Clubs where he addressed areas of concern as well as plans to solve these pertinent issues.

"it is absolutely imperative that the next judge of Hansford County make economic development and strengthening our schools a priority. Education resources and economic growth have long been overlooked in our community, and we need to change that attitude" Cazares told the audience of local community business and civic leaders.

Cazares addressed the problem of a constant downturn in population each year and an increase in drug activity and underage drinking.

"I am running against the idea that everything is okay in this county. The special interest of good ol' boy go-along-to-get-along politics has got to stop. We need a leader with a positive vision, and not someone who is going to put their finger up in the air to see which way the wind is blowing," Cazares said. "Sometimes you have to do the right thing for the good of the community and run the risk of offending your group of friends"

While Cazares spoke of how he will address the problems facing the county, Wilson his only opponent, who was also in attendance left much to be desired in the area of vision, motivation and leadership.

"Even now that he has been in office for a while all he had to say was he is learning the job. There was no vision and no plan for what he will do in office to help the people of Hansford County. Frankly; this county deserves a leader," Cazares said.

Primary Functions of Elected County Officers

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employment level for the county;

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* Calls, conducts and certifies elections, including bond elections;

Sets employment and benefit policy;

* Establishes long-range thoroughfare, open space, land use, financial and law enforcement/jail needs plans;

* Acquires property for rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest;

Reviews and approve subdivision platting and wastewater treatment for rural areas:

* Provides rural ambulance services and subsidizes rural fire protection;

GHS Hosts Chess Tournament



Gruver High School junior Lance Williams was the winner of the 1st Annual Gruver High School Chess Tournament. He is a Junior at GHS, son of Todd and Janet Williams.

When librarian Kathy Gillispie brought a chess set for display and decoration at the high school library, she never dreamed she was starting a school-wide event.

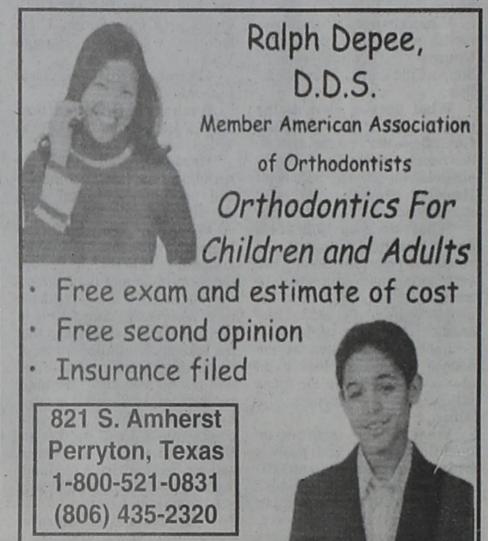
"Two students saw the chess board and asked me if they could play," Gillispie said. "Soon the idea began for a school-wide chess tourney."

Thirty-five students signed up for the tourney and were divided between two brackets with the bracket winners playing each other for the overall winner's title.

Junior student Lance Williams won the contest when he played bracket winner Cass Cooper in the finals. While Williams said he had learned to play on his own, some of the students had learned to play in Gifted and Talented classes in junior high.

Always up to a challenge, high school principal Mike King, made it to the quarterfinals of play before being eliminated.

While no plans have been made to make the event an annual tourney, Gillispie says it has been a learning and fun experience.



School Board Candidate Workshop Scheduled

Area school board candidates 580-8272, extension 6104, or and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop on Thursday, March 11, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education, Service Center (5800 Bell St., Amarillo).

The workshop, cosponsored by the Region 16 Education Service Center and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a TASB video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222, or 800-



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Scheduled date. This hearing will be held to consider the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas L.P. for an Exception to Statewide Rule 38 for its Well No. 2, Wilmeth "A" Lease, 653.0 acres, H&GN RR Co./F.C. Wilmeth Survey, A-902, Hansford (Council Grove), Morse (Cleveland), Gruver N Morse (Cleveland), Gruver, N. (Marmaton), Hansford, N. (Morrow) and Wildcat Fields, Hansford County, Texas, being 3 miles in a northwest direction from Gruver, Texas.

The location of the well is as follows

1250' from south line and 1250' from east line of lease 1250' from south line and 1250' from east line of sur-

vey If you have questions regard-ing this application, please con-tact the Applicant's representa-tive, Mickey Olmstead, at (512) 327-8111. If you have any ques-tions regarding the hearing pro-cedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512)463-6848. IF A CONTINUATION IS NEC-ESSARY, this hearing will pro-ceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possi-ble, on subsequent working

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PURSUANT TO SAID HEAR-

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4(2-5-04)B

Railroad Commission of Texas Office of General Counsel Oil and Gas Docket No. 10-0237781 Austin, Texas February 9, 2004 IN RE: Conservation and prevention of waste of crude petro-

leum and natural gas in the state of Texas NOTICE OF HEARING On the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas, LP to consider an exception to statewide rule 38 for the Riley Lease, well No. 3, Hansford, North No. 3, Hansford, North (Douglas), Hansford (Kansas (Diglas), Hansford (Morrow City), Hansford (Morrow (Morrow Lower) Hansford (Mississippian) and wildcat fields, Hansford County, Texas.

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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION TPDES Registration No. WQ0004667-000 APPLICATION. MOOINK LIM-ITED, PO Box 1308, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942-1308 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a New TPDES Registration No. WQ0004667-000 to authorize the applicant to operate a new swine facility at 89,500 head in Hansford County, Texas. The application was received by TCEQ on July 25, 2003. No dis-charge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and waste-water will be beneficially used on agricultural land. The proposed facility is located on the west side of State Highway 207, approximately 13 miles north of the intersection of State Highway 207 and Farm-to-Market Road 278, this inter-section is approximately 2.5

section is approximately 2.5 miles east of Gruver in Hansford County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area in Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin River Basin. Basin River Basin. The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main St., Spearman, Texas. The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft reg-istration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments may be sub-mitted to the Office of Chief mitted to the Office of Office Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant inforwill consider all relevant infor-mation pertaining to whether the applicant meets the require-ments for the registration and will issue a written determina-tion as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments. INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For

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additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the regis-tration process, individual mem-bers of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at <u>www.tceq.state.tx.us</u> **Issued.** February 17, 2004 1(2-26-04)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from City Hall, PO Box 37, Spearman, TX 79081. 2(2-26-04)B

NOTICE

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Railroad Commission of Texas Office of General Counsel Oil and Gas Docket No. 10-0237673 Austin, Texas February 2, 2004 IN RE: Conservation and prevention of waste of crude petro-leum and natural gas in the state of Texas

NOTICE OF HEARING on the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas L.P. to consider an exception to statewide rule 38 for the Wilmeth "A" lease, well No. 2 Hansford (Council Grove), Morse (Cleveland), Gruver, N (Marmaton), Hansford, N (Morrow) and Wildcat Fields Hansford County, Texas.



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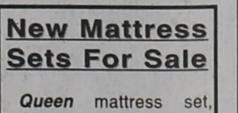
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Question Asked To Benny Wilson and Cody Cazares: "What do you think is the biggest problem facing Hansford County?"

Wilson's Answer:

Of course our slow agricultural economy is **probably** our biggest concern, but the growing drug problem in the county is something we can do the most about. Cazares' Answer:

I am very concerned about the county's declining economic status. Crime and underage drinking is on the rise. Most importantly, there is a status quo that says that these things are okay and nothing needs to be done. There needs to be an attitude change concerning these issues. The first question that needs to be asked when faced with a decision should be: "Is this the best thing for Hansford County?"

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