

IN THE NEWS

Democrat Gets Wash. Governor Post; Challenge Looms

Democrat Christine Gregoire was sworn in as Washington state's first female governor on Wednesday after winning one of the closest gubernatorial races in U.S. history, but Republicans contesting the election result challenged the legitimacy of her office.

Protesters Plan to Mark Bush Inauguration

Protesters will march through Washington, stage a "die in" across from the White House and turn their backs on President Bush's limousine during his inaugural celebration next week, organizers said on Wednesday.

Bush Talks of Crisis to Sell U.S. Retirement Plan

President Bush launched his plan to revamp Social Security with a push to convince the public and Congress that it faces a crisis, even though supporters of the government-run retirement program say he is exaggerating its financial problems.

Calif. Town Warned as Mudslide Death Toll Hits 10

Officials warned residents of a California hamlet on Wednesday that the steep hills overlooking their community could collapse again as the death toll from a mudslide rose to 10 with six still missing.

Republican to Lead Revolt Against Bush

A Republican member of the House of Representatives vowed on Wednesday to lead a revolt against President Bush's immigration reform proposals and predicted that up to 180 party members would support him.

Iraq Abuse Soldier Often Flouted Orders, Court Told

A U.S. soldier at the center of the scandal over abused Iraqi prisoners was said in court on Wednesday to have often flouted instructions, undercutting his defense that he was a man dutifully following orders when he humiliated and beat up prisoners.

U.S. Posts \$3.44 Bln Budget Deficit in December

The U.S. government posted a slightly narrower-than-expected \$3.44 billion shortfall between receipts and outlays in the month of December, the Treasury Department said on Wednesday.

Bush's Democratic Vision at Stake in Iraq Election

President Bush's ambitious, and some say risky, vision for democracy in the Middle East is very much at stake in the Jan. 30 Iraq election.

Secrecy Surrounds Iraq Vote

Secret ballots are the cornerstone of any democratic process. But little more than two weeks before Iraq's first free elections on Jan. 30, the country is finding that secrecy is being taken to new heights.

Rich Nations Throw Asia a Tsunami Debt Lifeline

Rich creditor nations threw a lifeline to the millions of survivors of the Asian tsunami by agreeing on Wednesday to freeze debt repayments across the affected region.

Militants Kill Gaza Settler

Palestinian militants killed a Jewish settler and wounded three soldiers in a Gaza ambush on Wednesday, challenging new Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas's quest for a cease-fire to help him talk peace with Israel.

Israel Opposes 'Russia-Syria Missile Deal'

Israel is trying to stop Russia selling missiles to arch-foe Syria, which the Jewish state accuses of backing Hizbollah guerrillas and Palestinian militants, Israeli and Russian media said on Wednesday.

U.S. Ends Search for Banned Weapons in Iraq

The U.S. force that scoured Iraq for weapons of mass destruction has abandoned its long and fruitless hunt and is assisting in the more immediate task of counter-insurgency efforts, U.S. officials said on Wednesday.

Election Loser Again Stalls Ukraine Inauguration

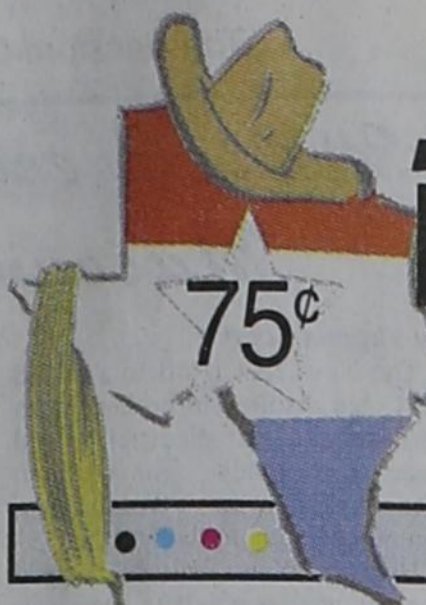
The loser of Ukraine's presidential election stalled his opponent's inauguration for yet another day on Wednesday by delaying a court appeal, prompting a furious response from the president-elect's increasingly impatient team.

Indonesia Awaits Debt Relief, to Punish Graft

Indonesia looked forward to debt relief from rich nations and promised on Wednesday to crack down on anyone caught pocketing tsunami aid money.

Corruption, Fear Overshadows Aid in Aceh

Worries about corruption, militant attacks and the missionary work of religious groups blighted the effort to aid tsunami victims in Indonesia's Aceh, but workers in the devastated province were undaunted.



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Hansford County sweeps Big Brother Big Sister awards

Tisha Ralston, formerly of Gruver, was named Big of the Year at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held December 9th. Ralston and her Little Sister, Loren, have been matched since January 15th, 2003.

Ralston, a fourth grade teacher at Williams Intermediate School, wanted to become a Big Sister because "I always had a positive role model and want to do that for someone else. As a teacher I know that adults can really impact children's lives, especially one-on-one."

Her Little Sister is now a second grader. "We always have a blast," Ralston said. "I always feel better after we've gone on an outing, she gives me a lift. She's sweet and she cracks me up."

Loren's mother said, "Tisha is just wonderful. Loren loves her and relies on her. She is a very important part of her life."

The match enjoys a wide variety of activities together. They have spent most Tuesday evenings together for almost two years playing games, visiting the lake, riding four wheelers, working in the yard, baking, and doing community service work together. Loren wrote a letter nominating her Big Sister for the award, "You are a great Big Sister and a great friend. You are the best sister in the world. Thank you for being a good sister. You have a good sense of humor and I like to play with you. I like it when we fish together."

The agency's other volunteers were also honored. The other traditional or community-based mentors are Glynell McCoy, Lynna Renner, Tommy Butler, Cyndi Bollinger, Phyllis Bailey, Rob McGarraugh, Stacey Brown, Don Hooten and Gina Hooten. BBBS also has a school-based option, Bigs In Schools. The mentors

matched with children at Gus Birdwell Elementary are Brienne Burkhammer, Cindy Blackman, Jason Cantrell, Tracy Brown, Cayla Smith, Macy Harbour, Cleve Vanderburg, James Cunningham, Jordan Short, Caleb Gillaspie, Jascha Fishburn, Jeff Brock, Carolyn McLeod, Bryn Garnett, and Stephanie Brock. Volunteers meeting with students at the junior high are Don Schroeder and Janna Brock. There are 16 other volunteers matched with children through the Bigs in Schools program in Perryton's school district and two at Kirksey Elementary School in Booker.

This year an award for the Bigs In Schools Big of the Year was introduced. Jeff Brock, a Spearman high school senior, received the honor. Brock has been matched for three years with his Little Brother, Clayton, now a third grader. "Jeff is an excellent student and athlete," Lopez said. "This example plus his high moral character make him a wonderful role model for any little boy. But I'm glad he and Clayton were matched. They have enjoyed a special relationship from day one. He has truly made a difference in his life."

Clayton said, "Me and Jeff have been good friends for a long, long time. He is my best friend. We play games and talk. We have played lots of games and had some good times. Yeah, we have been friends for a long time."

Twenty volunteers from Perryton, Spearman and Booker serve as the organization's Advisory Committee. They are Vickie Barby, Brian Torres, Becky Cunningham, Sue Phillips, Kayleen Adkison, Matt Bartosiewicz, Bollinger, Brillhart, Tony Brown, Butler, Jason Cantrell, Shelly Cowan, Terry Danley, Donahue, Alfredo



AT LEFT: Big Sister Tisha Ralston, right, receives a hug from her Little Sister, Loren. Ralston, who is a fourth grade teacher at Williams Intermediate School in Perryton, was named the Big of the Year at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in December.

Gonzalez, Marva LaMaster, Tara Leicht, Debbie McGarraugh, Marsha Neely, and Marilyn Rieswig. "They work countless hours to make the annual fundraiser, Walk For Kids Sake, a success," Lopez said. "They provide the leadership and muscle for all of our projects from parade floats to our meal sale for United Way. They are a dedicated and generous group!"

The dinner was held in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church in Perryton and entertainment was provided by Mariachi Vargas.

"It was a special evening that provided an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of so many people to the children of our area," said Steven Reese, Executive Director of BBBS of the Texas Panhandle. "Our way of saying thanks for the caring and commitment these volunteers show year round."

Big Brothers are needed in Spearman. Big Brothers Big Sisters can be reached at 434-0016.



Banquet speaker to motivate others to 'Enjoy the Ride'

by Harletta Carthel

His audiences include the United States Marine Corps, General Motors, M&M Mars, and now, Spearman residents.

Steve Gilliland will be the featured speaker at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet, Saturday, January 22.

Gilliland, the CEO of Performance Plus Professional Development, will present "Enjoy the Ride," a motivational presentation, from his book of the same name.

The author of five books, numerous articles and workbooks, Gilliland seeks not only to challenge people to change but to motivate them in their effort.

"It will really be a treat to have Gilliland as our speaker," Keith Hight, Executive Director of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce said. "He is a professional speaker who has spoken all over the United States."

The points Gilliland will present in his address will be checking your passion, curing your destination disease, following the directions, remembering the rainbow, daring to be different, and refocusing your attention.

A member of the National Speakers Association and the International Speakers Network, Gilliland hopes to impress upon his listeners that the true joy of life is the trip.

Tickets for the annual event can be purchased or reserved at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office.

One injured in elevator accident

by Harletta Carthel

The manager of Equity Elevator, Holt location, was injured in an accident Monday morning in what officials believe was an attempt to dislodge a piece of metal in a grain auger.

Manager Lonnie Shields was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital after being extricated from the boot pit of the Holt Elevator by members of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.

According to Bea Comp, Director of Spearman EMS and John Kunselman SVFD Fire Chief, a call was received for aid at 8:53 a.m. Monday.

Upon arrival five members of the SVFD found Shields at the bottom of a pit below the concrete floor of the elevator, Kunselman said.

"Both the fire department and the EMS entered in the pit,"

Kunselman said. "The EMS was administering to his medical needs him as we sought to extricate him."

A hoist system with a basket-type stretcher was used to bring Shields to the surface.

"We have only had the rescue unit for about a year," Kunselman said. "We have used it once before in extricating a victim from a car accident."

Kunselman estimated that the rescue took approximately 40 minutes.

Officials at Perryton Equity were still putting pieces of the accident story together Tuesday.

"We don't know the full story, but it seems a piece of metal from an unknown source, perhaps from a load of corn, had jammed an auger in the boot pit," a spokesman from Equity Elevator in Perryton said. "He (Shields) may have been

trying to remove the metal when a motor broke loose and fell on him in the boot pit."

It is surmised that the 25-hp motor which struck Shields may have broken loose due to the jammed auger being in a bind, the Perryton source said.

Shields remains hospitalized, and the extent of his injuries were not available at press time, but Kunselman reported that Shields was conscious when they found him in the boot pit.

Members of the SVFD assisting in the rescue in addition to Kunselman were Ron Antalek, Brit Bergin, Jim Younger, Roger Close, and Bruce Stinson.

NPWD to conduct public hearing

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will conduct a public hearing concerning the District's intent to repeal its existing rules and its intent to adopt proposed rules.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide oral or written comments to the District related to the repeal of the Current Rules and the adoption of the District's Proposed Rules.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Moore County Community Center, 16th & Maddox Streets in Dumas, Texas.

Copies of the Proposed Rules may be obtained from the District by visiting the District's website at www.npwwd.org, by e-mailing a request to the District at arho@npwwd.org, by telephoning the District office at 806-935-6401, or by visiting the offices of the District at 603 East First Street in Dumas, Texas.

City of Gruver turns 75

The City of Gruver will be celebrating its 75th birthday in 2005.

To commemorate the occasion, the Reporter-Statesman is asking for your help. We are seeking interesting pictures of Gruver from 1930 forward, as well as ideas for stories from Gruver's past and names of people who may be able to provide historical accounts to share with readers.

Please direct any information by mail or in person to The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or by phone to (806) 659-3434 or toll-free (806) 338-0222.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the southwest in the afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 30.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 15.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 18.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s.

Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My friend Deborah Jacobs sent me the following story about "the most important part of the body." I hope you enjoy it.

The most important part of the body
My mother used to ask me what is the most important part of the body. Through the years I would take a guess at what I thought was the correct answer. When I was younger, I thought sound was very important to us as humans, so I said, "My ears, Mommy."

She said, "No. Many people are deaf. But you keep thinking about it and I will ask you again soon." Several years passed before she asked me again.

Since making my first attempt, I had contemplated the correct answer. So this time I told her, "Mommy, sight is very important to everybody, so it must be our eyes."

She looked at me and told me, "You are learning fast, but the answer is not correct because there are many people who are blind." Stumped again, I continued my quest for knowledge and over the years, Mother asked me a couple more times and always her answer was, "No."

But you are getting smarter every year, my child." Then one year, my grandfather died. Everybody was hurt. Everybody was crying. Even my father cried. I remember that especially because it was only the second time I saw him cry.

My Mom looked at me when it was our turn to say our final good-bye to my Grandfather. She asked me, "Do you know the most important body part yet, my dear?" I was shocked when she asked me this now. I always thought this was a game between her and me. She saw the confusion on my face and told me, "This question is very important. It shows that you have really lived in your life."

For every body part you gave me in the past, I have told you were wrong and I have given you an example why. But today is the day you need to learn this important lesson."

She looked down at me as only a mother can. I saw her eyes well up with tears. She said, "My dear, the most important body part is your shoulder." I asked, "Is it because it holds up my head?"

She replied, "No, it is because it can hold the head of a friend or a loved one when they cry. Everybody needs a shoulder to cry on sometime in life, my dear. I only hope that you have enough love and friends that you will always have a shoulder to cry on when you need it."

Then and there I knew the most important body part is not a selfish one. It is sympathetic to the pain of others.

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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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

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.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on January 24, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on February 28, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Lynx & Lynxette Booster Club Meets

The Spearman Lynx & Lynxette Booster Club meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in room 112 at Spearman High School. All members as well as those interested in joining are invited to attend.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association membership will be at noon, February 2, 2005 at IV's Hungry Cowboy. Dues for 2005 are \$10.00 and can be mailed to Orville Latham, 903 S. Bernice, Spearman or Nellie Buchanan at 1112 Linn Dr., Spearman. The meal is Dutch treat but is optional. Membership and the meeting is open to anyone interested.

2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee

The 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 3:30 pm in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Private, public, parochial and home-schooled students are eligible to enter this annual competition. The bee is open to any student in grade 8 and below. The county senior champion will compete in the March 5th Regional event at the Canyon High School campus in Canyon. For more information about the spelling bee, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, Spearman ISD at 659-3233.

Anger management classes offered in Perryton

The Church of Christ in Perryton, 1301 S. Jefferson, is sponsoring a series of lessons on anger management each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. The series will deal with the topics of leadership, marriage, being bitter and Jesus, and will include discussions on anger management with a Biblical viewpoint. For more information, call 435-5901.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Hansford County Commissioners Court** meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- **Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors** meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- **Spearman ISD Board of Trustees** meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- **Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
- **Gruver City Council** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- **Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
- **Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees** meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- **Spearman City Council** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- **Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce** meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
- **Gruver ISD Board of Directors** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- **Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

The New Year is off to a mixed start. Ice resulted in broken limbs and breaks in electricity and treacherous roads. The museum was closed on Wednesday, January 5th due to the weather.

Hope you ate your black-eyed peas on new year's day! The history of traditions of the New Year reveal that there are numerous foods that are considered to bring good luck if eaten on new year's day. These include donuts (Dutch), Ham, cabbage (symbolizes money), and rice (Japan).

New Years is our oldest holiday, initially celebrated on the first new moon after the Vernal Equinox (the first day of Spring). It was changed to January 1st by the Romans with introduction of the Julian Calendar, and continued by Great Britain and its colonies in America with the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

One of the major traditions of New Years is the writing of resolutions. This tradition has been dated back to Babylonians with the most popular resolutions being one to return borrowed farm equipment. Today the most common involve our promise to begin healthy through exercise, dieting, or smoking cessation.

The Holidays were summarized in the Panhandle Interstate with this description: "The holidays were duly celebrated in Lipscomb county by Christmas trees in four different localities. This makes quite a showing, and tells us that we are rapidly leaving the frontier days behind. Another year will have witnessed a change from the natural, the savage and the rude, to the artistic, the civilized and the refined."

Visit our website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com or email us at wolfcrk@amaon-line.com

COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER

Hard work in school really does pay off

by Rose Rennekamp

When we were kids, very few of us probably realized how hard our parents worked to put a roof over our heads and food on the table. I know that I gained a lot of respect for my parents' and grandparents' hard work once I spent some time in the "real world."

It's a fact of life: to make money, you have to work hard. In our modern pop culture, some teens who are raised watching MTV and their favorite NBA stars might get the impression that easy riches lie ahead of them. In truth, most musicians and athletes aren't professionally successful, and end up pursuing other careers. In either case, a high level of skill is needed to succeed as a celebrity or in the business world.

The challenge for parents is to convince our teenagers that, if they want to become successful and earn big paychecks, they'll need to study hard in school and graduate with high academic skills.

A recent study by ACT researchers confirms that higher-paying jobs require workers to have a higher level of skills. Researchers compared starting pay for various jobs with the skill levels required to perform them, as demonstrated through WorkKeys skills tests. They discovered that starting pay for entry-level jobs could differ by as much as \$14,000 a year for workers from the lowest to the highest skill levels. That's a big difference when you're trying to meet your monthly bills.

How can we get teenagers to understand this? To find out what kind of skills they'll need to make it in a specific job, have your teen talk to someone in the field. Have them ask what it took to get the job, and what kinds of skills they would need every day. Students can also check out the skill levels they'll need for specific jobs by going to the WorkKeys website (<http://www.act.org/workkeys/profiles/occupprof/wmwprof/>).

Many teenagers also don't understand how much money it takes to live the way they want. After all, cell phones and iPods cost money. Few teenagers have ever had to pay the electricity bill, phone bill and rent. It isn't realistic to turn the family budget over to a teenager for a month, but you could sit down with them and talk about the taxes and expenses they'd have if they earned 25,000 or 30,000 dollars a year. What they would have left over each month for entertainment might be surprising to them.

Another way to drive this reality home is a cost of life calculator, available at the non-profit Employment Policy Foundation's website (<http://teen.educationpays.org>). There, teens can enter the kind of home they want, the kind of car they expect to drive, even whether or not they plan to have a cell phone. The website will then give them an estimate of how much money they'd need to earn in order to enjoy all of the luxuries they choose.

High school students don't always realize that making it in life requires a lot more hard work than their idols make it appear on TV. That's where we, as parents, come in. We can help them to see that the hard work they're putting in now, in high school, and the work they will put in when they're in college will really pay when it comes to the job they get in the future.

Rose Rennekamp is the vice president of communications for ACT. She is a mom and has a master's of education in guidance and counseling. For more college and career-planning information, visit www.act.org. Have a question you want answered in a future column? Send a letter to this newspaper or e-mail Rose at AskRose@act.org

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Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy 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

January 13

Birthday - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgerald, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell

January 14

Birthday - Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey

January 15

Birthday - Tucker Henson, Christopher Clawson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith, Gary Faries

January 16

Birthday - Jason Babitzke, Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Shirley Burton, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta

January 17

Birthday - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

January 18

Birthday - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis

Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blain, Robert Gilmore

January 19

Birthday - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown

January 20

Birthday - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brienne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar

January 21

Birthday - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez

January 22

Birthday - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Vargas, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila, Callie Hopkins, Joe Avila

January 23

Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez, Adrianna Parza

January 24

Birthday - M/M Jeff Beedy, M/M Kenneth Baker, M/M Kent Rimmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,
On behalf of Hansford Manor staff and residents, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the community of Hansford County. If I mention specific individuals or groups, I know I will leave someone out, so let me just say that the devotion and love we felt this Christmas season was extraordinary.

At a time when our world is so small and so sad by the unimaginable scale of human suffering in South Asia, Darfur and the middle east, it is heartening to experience the generosity of spirit and pocketbook of our neighbors.

I would like to thank the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, as well, for helping volunteers to find reasons to give their time to the residents of Hansford County, through your printing of *Manor Matters*, and your generosity in publishing every bit of news we send your way. We are blessed to have a newspaper so devoted to highlighting the best in its community.

Sincerely,
Anne Snow, Administrator
Hansford Manor

Card of Thanks

Thank you

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Hansford Hospital, Dr. Garnett and staff for the extraordinary care they provided when our daughter Rebecca and her friend Samantha were involved in an automobile accident last week.

We are truly blessed to have them.

Thank you also to Butch and Irene Baker, Rita and Pat Underwood, and Pete and Shirley Stafford for their help.

Sincerely,
Mr and Mrs. Albert Graves and Rebecca

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Our Sympathy

ROSA MAE MCGOWAN MEARS

CLARENDON - Rosa Mae McGowan Mears, 79, died Thursday, January 6, 2005, in Spearman.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, 2005 in Clarendon Church of Christ with Don Stone of Clarendon and Eddie Stegall, church minister, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors. Casket bearers were Tex Selvidge, Jimmy Riley, Mutt Graham, Earl Shields, James Burleson and Jeff Walker.

Mrs. Mears was born Feb. 27, 1925, in Clarendon and had been a lifetime resident of Clarendon. She married Bonnie Ray "Bill" Mears on Dec. 1, 1943, at Amarillo. She was a homemaker and a member of the Donley County Senior Citizens Association and Clarendon Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 5, 1984. Survivors include two daughters, Kathy Beck of Spearman and Bonnie Ann Mears of Claude; a son, Robert Irvin Mears of Denison; two sisters, Vera McAlpine of Dumas and JoEllen Leffew of Stinnett; four grandchildren, Melissa Donahue and husband, Ross, and Brian Beck and wife, Alexis, all of Spearman, Kyle Mears and wife, Jennifer, of Denison and Lori Mears of Dallas; a great-granddaughter, Aubrey Grace Beck of Spearman.

The family suggests memorials be to the Donley County Senior Citizens Association or to Clarendon Church of Christ.

EVA L. WILLIAMS McMILLAN

GAINESVILLE, TX - Eva L. Williams McMillan, 89, of Gainesville, died on January 10, 2005 at her residence.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 10 a.m. at Clement-Keel Chapel, conducted by Dennis Perry of Walnut Bend Community Church. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Marietta, OK.

Ms. McMillan was born on December 30, 1915 in Cooke County to Grover Cleveland and Grace Emma (Ayers) Williams. She married Ruben Arnold McMillan on March 11, 1936 in Marietta, OK.

Ms. McMillan was a member of the Church of Christ. She had worked at a lumber yard in Gainesville for a number of years, worked at Linda Jo's Shoe Factory and was a clerk at the County Tax Assessors office for many years. She and her husband moved to Gruver in 1949, where they owned and operated McMillans Variety Store.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Gail McMillan of Abilene; two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki Silva of Gainesville and Mary Gail and Poke Byers of Tellico Plains, Tenn.; a brother and sister-in-law, G.C. Williams Jr. and wife Polly of Gainesville; and a sister, Irene Bates of Gainesville; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ruben Arnold McMillan in 1983; and a sister, Annie Cule Williams.

The family requests memorials be to Cooke County Home Hospice, PO Box 936, Gainesville, Texas 76240.



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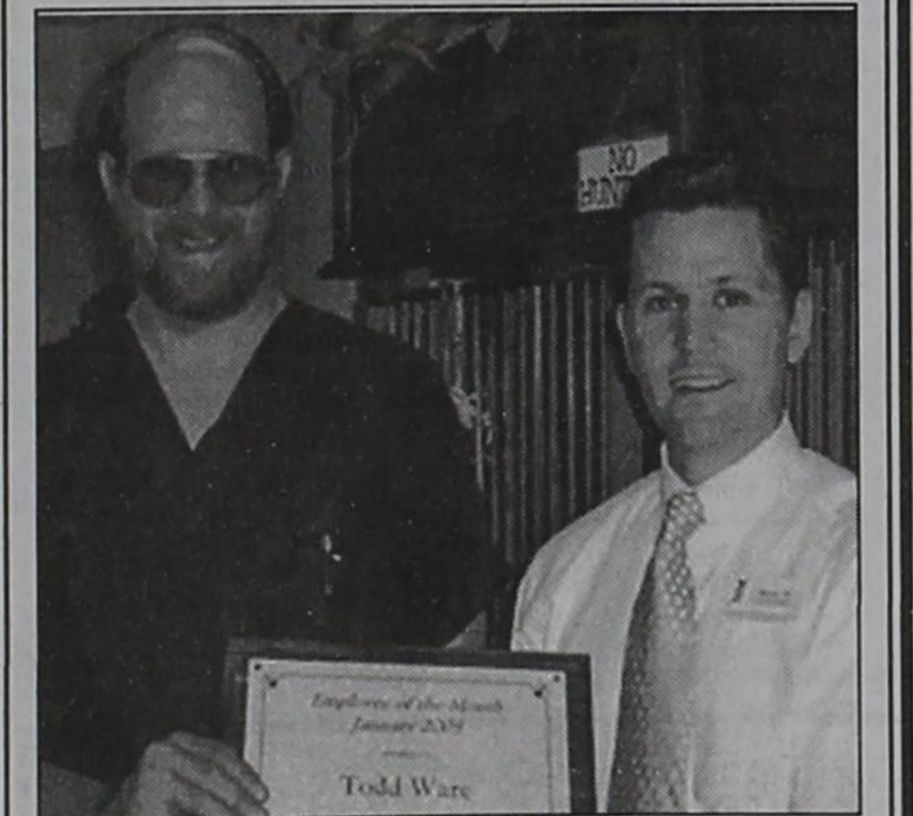
Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Sorghum harvest was postponed due to rain, freezing rain, sleet and light snow; harvest is 97 percent complete. Cotton harvest is nearing completion and should be finished quickly once fields dry out. Wheat is rated poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair to good. No insect pest activity has been reported. Muddy conditions are causing some problems for stocker cattle. Range conditions vary from poor to good with most areas reporting fair. Cattle are in fair to good condition. Muddy fields are stressing wheat stocker cattle. Supplemental feeding continues.

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Todd Ware, who has been employed by HCHD since November 1, 1999, is HCHD's January Employee of the Month. Todd is a CNA in the Manor.

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- Devotion to Duty: (see "Loyalty")
- Courtesy to Patients/Residents/Employees: The Residents love Todd because he is so gentle and kind to them. He respects them and keeps their best interests in mind. He is very nice to all employees as well.
- Promotion and Participation in District Functions: Todd doesn't get to attend many functions because he works so that others can participate, but he participates when he can.

Congratulations to Todd who was also named CNA of the Year by the Residents of Hansford Manor!

Other employees nominated for this honor were: Cindy Beck, Maria Cigarroa, Christa Covell, Tanja Coutts, Liza Hartsell, Suzie Lawrence, Elsa Martinez, Mona Sandoval, & Lanja Whitefield.

The Employee of the Month receives one day off with pay, a reserved parking space for the month, and becomes a candidate for Employee of the Year.

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Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hicks of Gruver announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandea Dawn Hicks, to Mark Garrett Allen of Spearman. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen of Spearman. Brandea is a graduate of Gruver High School and is currently attending Oklahoma Panhandle State University, majoring in Elementary Education. Mark is a graduate of Spearman high school and attended Texas A&M University, where he graduated with honors with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He farms in Spearman and is owner of Mark's Seed Cleaning Inc. The couple plan to wed March 12, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Gruver, Texas.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

January 9, 1788: Connecticut ratifies the Constitution and becomes the fifth state of the Union.
January 10, 1910: Oil is discovered at the Spindletop field in Beaumont, Tx.
January 10, 1920: the League of Nations is established in Geneva.
January 11, 1803: James Monroe and Robert R. Livingston sail for Paris to purchase New Orleans. Instead they strike a deal for the entire Louisiana Territory.
January 12, 1964: U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry describes cigarette smoking as a health hazard.
January 13, 1794: Congress adds two stars and two stripes to the American flag to represent the newly added states of Vermont and Kentucky.
January 14, 1784: The Continental Congress ratifies the Treaty of Paris ending the American Revolution.
January 15, 1831: The first American-built locomotive to pull a passenger train, Best Friend, runs from Charleston to Hamburg, South Carolina

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ET CETERA

Hansford County

County teams to compete
 Both Spearman and Gruver teams will compete in Spearman's annual junior high tourney slated for Thursday, January 13 and Saturday, January 15.

Gruver

Former medical clinic currently being remodeled
 Gruver City Hall will soon be moving across Broadway Street to the former Gruver Medical Clinic, which is currently being remodeled.

Mark Washburn, Gruver City Secretary, is doing the remodeling work in preparation for a possible mid-February relocation.

Washburn reports that several walls have been taken down in the former x-ray room to accommodate meeting space for the city council.

In addition to new carpet and tile, and a fresh coat of paint, remodeling efforts will provide a bathroom for the handicapped.

The present city hall building will be used for both volunteer fireman and EMS training.

Accident sends one to hospital

An accident four miles south of Gruver at the intersection of Highway 136 and 2018 resulted in injury to Irma Escalante of Borger, driver of a 1994 Black Chevrolet pickup.

Also involved in the accident was a 2000 Red GMC Yukon driven by Samuel Sanchez of Gruver.

Sanchez and the four minor occupants of the Escalante vehicle were not injured.

The accident was investigated by DPS Officer Ed Longoria.

Raking in the honors

Accolades for the Greyhounds continue.

The latest Houndball honor is the naming of the Gruver team to the top ten basketball teams in the Panhandle by the Amarillo Daily News.

Gruver was one of only two

Class A teams dubbed for the honor. Other teams were 1 Palo Duro, 2 Amarillo High, 3 Plainview, 4 River Road, 5 Caprock, 6 Dimmitt, 7 Nazareth, 8 Randall, and 10 Canyon.

Also gaining laurels was junior Matt Messer who was named to the recent Amarillo Globe New's Athlete of the Month Honor Roll for his pivotal role in the Hounds championship at the Canadian Tourney.

Lions Club hosts guests

Ryan Rennick and the to-be-named January Student of the Month will be the January 19th guests of the Gruver Lions Club.

Financial workshop slated

For all seniors and their parents who are interested in finding money for college, a financial aid workshop is planned for Thursday, January 20, in the high school library.

For more information on the workshop, call GHS Counselor Wendy Branstine, 733-5111.

Spearman

Citizen's Facility Committee to meet

The Spearman ISD Citizen's Facility Committee will meet on January 17th at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

9th grade Lynx basketball

The 9th grade Lynx will participate in the Fritch Basketball Tournament January 20th-22nd.

Choir participates in contest

The junior high choir solo and ensemble contest will be held January 22nd at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

The high school choir solo and ensemble contest will be held January 29th at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Chamber banquet nears

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held on January 22nd at 6 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the Lutheran and Presbyterian Church for taking services to the Manor on the 2nd. You are appreciated!

Newscurrents started the programming day off on Monday (after chores of course). This week we had an informative tape that Glen Ward had loaned to us on the wild life in Alaska. It was amazing! Thank you, Glen. (I have more that he was willing to share that we will watch in the future.)

After lunch Steve Mathews played his keyboard for us. He is very good and we love to listen to his music. As time went by, of course, there were those who danced and some who sang along. It was a great afternoon. Thank you, Steve!

The evening was filled with fun also as the Xi Zeta Sorority hosted bingo for the Residents. Thank you, Xi Zeta!

Tuesday morning we stretched, held, breathed, pushed and pulled to the Tai Chi exercise program. It is very interesting to do and will be interesting to see if it does all that it says it will!

After lunch we retired to the activity room for happy hour. We decided since we had done all of that exercise in the morning to just crock back for the afternoon. We had drinks and snacks as we watched the new Garfield movie. The Residents seemed to really enjoy it. I do think that Ernestina laughed the loudest though.

Wednesday morning was so cold and icy that Anne Whitaker wisely declined to drive on the ice. We had fresh donuts, a short Bible study and watched a Gaither video. (They are great.) We sang with them and just enjoyed it.

After lunch we came to the activity room to work on the Valentine hearts for the soldiers. The Residents did a great job of

decorating them. We also watched the snow fall off and on through the patio window.

The garden looks a little forlorn now. There are just a few plants that are thriving this winter. We brought many of them in that would live indoors and planted others in flower beds around the Manor that would live outdoors.

As for the Residents were decorating the large hearts I heard one say "I think I will put a tractor on it" - another piped up and said "You're in the Manor now -- you're not behind the plow". Of course that brought the house down. ----- And to think that some wonder how I could enjoy it so much here! Sharp and witty they are!

Thursday morning we had a "Duke's Mixture" of activity going on. We played horseshoes for a while-then moved in to the regular exercise class.

The afternoon was spent playing bingo. Thank you to the auxiliary! Thank you to the Panhandle Deli & Diner who delivered enough bit pies and cakes to go around Residents and staff too! We really appreciate you!

Friday morning was spent with a different type of Musercise. We watched a video, exercised our minds, clapped, kicked and laughed.

The afternoon was spent in Chatter Club. The topic was about Christmases past. One Resident relayed that one of her best Christmases was when her brother was in the service. They had not heard from him in a very long time. The night before Christmas he called and was able to tell them that all was well. It made the whole family's Christmas special. I imagine that at this particular time there are many stories like this told.

Afterward, we watched a Buddy Holly movie!

We will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day

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Blowin' in the Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

At least five hundred people have registered at the J. B. Buchanan Windmill Park during 2004. As of January 21, 2004, 92 persons had registered since the registration box was installed in October of 2002 for a total of 592 registrations. J. D. Wilbanks designed and built the registration box at the suggestion of Orville Latham. J. D. monitors and tabulates the registration periodically.

The registrations, since the box was installed, include twenty-six states, not including Texas, and five foreign countries, Germany, Japan, Norway, S. Africa and England. States represented include those as far away as Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Alaska, California, and Wisconsin.

Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association members are proud of the numbers because visitors to the park are one of the goals of the Association because of the economic benefit to Spearman. Publicity for the park is by word of mouth, internet sites, brochures and publicity at the International Trade Fairs.

There are now fifty-three windmills in the Spearman area of which twenty-three are in the park. The fifty-three mills represent the SPWA's mills including the Buchanan mills and mills owned privately. All of the J. B. Buchanan collection is in the park. The last mill of this collection, the 18-foot Railroad Eclipse, was raised in August of 2004.

SPWA members are presently restoring a 10-foot Eclipse for the Lipscomb County Museum as a fund raiser for SPWA and as a service to that museum. A Parish mill is presently being restored and a Woodmanse wooden mill is scheduled to be restored. Mike Cudd has adopted a mill that will be raised later in 2005 in honor of Gene Cudd of Hansford Implement, a long-time dealer for Aermotor windmills in Spearman.

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association membership will be at noon, February 2, 2005 at IV's Hungry Cowboy, 207 Highway South, Spearman. All SPWA members are urged to attend. Membership is open to anyone interested. Dues are \$10.00 and may be paid to Orville Latham, 903 S. Bernice, Spearman or Nellie Buchanan, 1112 Linn Dr., Spearman.

The Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association is funded by donations which are tax deductible and by sale of bricks and files for the Memorial Fence.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level-January 10, 2005-- 33.42 feet (+1.07 ft.)

Jim reported having two good surprises this week. The first was when the recent rain, snow, and ice brought the lake level up over a foot. The office gauge showed only .80 inch, but some locations around Spearman had 2 inches of rain, and one place south of Spearman was said to have 3.5 inches. Jim thought the 2 inch rain went into Horse Creek but the big one went into the Canadian River.

His second surprise came when he went to make the annual eagle count Saturday evening at the Gibner roost. He found not two but six mature bald eagles.

The new Lake permits are on sale now, and several of the regular fishermen have picked theirs up. The individual permit costs \$15 and the family one costs \$30 for the year. This does not include boating or camping. The annual permit for a boat is \$30.

OSLO RABBIT DRIVE

Since last week's column I have talked to Dwayne TeBeest, Elmo Dahl, and Lynn Stedje about the Oslo Rabbit Drive of January, 1957. First, these men knew of only one rabbit drive held in the Oslo Community, and all agreed it was not held on the Bob Alexander ranch. All three explained how the super abundance of jack rabbits was the reason for the drive, and all noted how much fun they had. I did not ask Elmo or Lynn, but Dwayne said now that he was older and wiser, he did not think it was a good activity.

The rabbits would come up out of the breaks at night to eat the green wheat in the nearby fields. Elmo said they would destroy as much as half a section. The land would then blow and often ruin the rest of the section.

During this period many of the men and boys at Oslo would go out in their pickups at night to shoot rabbits. It was not unusual to kill 50 rabbits in an hour.

Stanley Tyler, in connection with his feed store in Guymon, would buy the rabbit carcasses, paying, in Dwayne's memory, 25 cents a rabbit. Lynn was not sure but felt the price was 8 to 15 cents. More than likely, both are right because the market probably rose and fell with the quantity on hand.

Lynn said the pile of rabbits near the feed store was cone shaped. He didn't remember if it smelled, but said that it being winter that must have helped keep the smell down.

Elmo felt that since there had been a Government trapper in their area to finish off the coyotes, the result was the rabbit explosion. He didn't think they were as thick in the rest of the county.

Jim Eddleman headed the drive with the county agent. Elmo thought perhaps the Lions Club was involved. The pen was set up in a grass section off the caprock. Lynn said the land now belongs to Mike McCoy. The drive netted half a truck load of rabbit carcasses, which may have been sold directly to a mink raiser. I wonder if at 25 cent each, this was a good fund raiser for the Club.

Lower-income families aided by Ad Council campaign

With the cold weather now upon us, Americans are spending more and more to keep their homes warm. Given that the average family spends \$1,446 on energy bills, this seasonal surge in heating costs is particularly hard on lower-income families. This financial crunch becomes even more acute as the credit card bills start arriving from our holiday over-spending and families look for ways to save on household expenses.

Enter the Ad Council, with a national campaign to help families save money on their energy costs. The campaign (www.energyhog.org) is providing tips and cost-cutting information to help people of all ages develop energy efficiency habits that allow them to save money without scrimping on comfort. The Ad Council and its campaign partners take the unique approach of educating adults by first targeting children with easy-to-understand information and playful visuals on the "Energy Hog" Website. However, the site also contains information geared toward parents, teachers and other adults.

Campaign officials are available for comment and insight. Contact Laura Fredrickson at 214.259.3434, laura.fredrickson@ketchum.com.



We will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



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PRPC hosts business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Contract Procurement Center will have a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, 921 W. Interstate 40.

Al Sammann, regional director for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center in Lubbock, will be the guest speaker.

The purpose of the luncheon are as follows:

- To provide a forum for government officials to meet with small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses;
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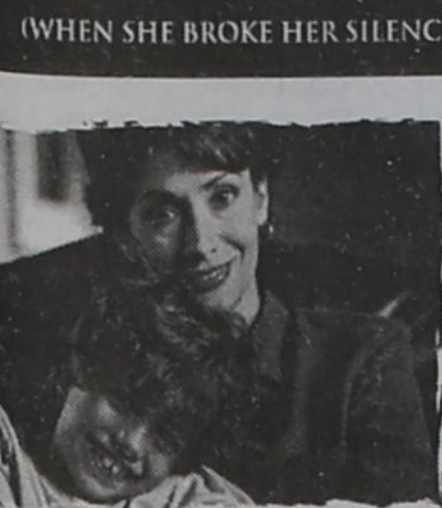
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At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs.

High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

American Legion Boys State is currently conducted in 49 Departments of The American Legion. Hawaii does not conduct a program. As separate corporations, Boys States vary in content and method of procedure, but each and every Boys State adheres to the basic concept of the program - that of teaching government from the township to the state level.

The American Legion has established certain qualifications for prospective Boys State citizens. Following are the recommended guidelines that are employed by most American Legion Boys State programs.

Only males who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and have at least one more semester of high school remaining are considered eligible to participate. Any boy who has previously attended an American Legion Boys State is not eligible to attend a second session. Only boys with outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their schools and community should be considered.

In the actual selection of boys as citizens of Boys State, merit and ability alone are the basis for selection. American Legion Boys States are in compliance with federal handicap laws.

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**American Legion Auxiliary
Girls State**

Texas Bluebonnet Girls State is a mythical 51st State where, for a week, participants organize their own city, county, and state governments. They elect their own officials. They learn the duties of the various city, county and state offices. They introduce and debate their own bills in a mock legislature. The program concludes with a visit to the State Capitol building in Austin where the girls are given an opportunity to sight-see and meet state officials.

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\$20.00 / PLATE PLEASE RSVP OR PURCHASE ADVANCE TICKETS AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE
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Living Life to the Fullest

Spring 2005 Hospice Volunteer Training

Hospice Volunteer Classes will begin Monday, March 7, 2005, at 6 p.m. These classes are for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care, and/or desiring personal growth.

The class schedule will be decided by those who attend on March 7th. Classes are free.

For more information, or to enroll, please call 659-5811, or contact a hospice volunteer.

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Daily Lunch Specials
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Fri., 1/14 - 8 oz. Hamburger with Fries or Salad - \$6⁹⁵
Sat., 1/15 - Grilled Chicken Salad - \$7⁹⁵
Sun., 1/16 - Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Roll - \$8⁹⁵
Mon., 1/17 - Closed
Tues., 1/18 - Grilled Chicken Burger with French Fries or Salad - \$6⁹⁵
Wed., 1/19 - Potato Soup and Salad - \$5²⁵
Thurs., 1/20 - Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich with Fries or Salad - \$7⁹⁵

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