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## Vaulter Seeks to Go Up and Over In Land Down Under



Blythe Finley

by Harletta Carthel

Blythe Finley may be teaching kangaroos how to get more spring in their jumps if her fund raising efforts are successful.

The Gruver High School pole vaulter has been selected to be a representative of the Texas Track and Field Team at the seventh annual Down Under International Games in Australia.

The Down Under International Games is an annual event hosted in Australia or New Zealand each June and July. Track and field athletes from Texas and other states will come together for some spirited competition and an unforgettable cultural experience.

Finley, a GHS junior, was a state qualifier in the pole vault last spring and is currently tied for top honors in the area with a vault of 9' she is also active in volunteer work at Hansford Manor.

The International Sports Specialists, Inc. stated in their selection that Finley's nomination was based on both her achievements and her contributions to the community.

Finley is currently seeking to raise funds for her trip and has scheduled a volleyball tournament for April 9 and 10 in Gruver. She is the daughter of Rick and Sharolyn Finley of Gruver.

## USDA Rural Development Tackles Rural Issues

Bryan Daniel, State Director for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development recently returned to Texas from Washington, D.C., where he participated in a series of high level rural economic and community development meetings with key White House, Congressional, and USDA officials. The meetings focused on ways to support rural job creation, homeownership, business development, and public utility and community infrastructure needs in rural Texas.

Daniel said "USDA Rural Development will concentrate on providing staff resources and financial assistance in key areas to continue economic growth, job creation and provide support for rural families in Texas." To accomplish this, USDA Rural Development will: 1) utilize USDA Rural Development funds and partnership financing to increase the level of rural homeownership; #2) promote, through business and industry loan guarantees, value-added agricultural grants, and other programs, expansion of local business ventures and job creation; and 3) expand community access to information technology for business development and advanced health and educational services by building technology infrastructure.

USDA Rural Development seeks to support local efforts by providing financing to create housing, business development, and essential community facilities. In FY 2003, more than \$280 million were invested into rural Texas.

"USDA Rural Development programs deliver the tools needed to help develop vibrant, sustainable communities for you and your children. We have helped to provide improved water service for more than 61,000 rural households, better healthcare facilities and public safety equipment provided to more than 46 different communities; more than 1,400 jobs were created and saved; alternate energy sources were created, and affordable housing brought to more than 1,800 rural

families in Texas in 2003," said Daniel.

Daniel urges communities to take advantage of USDA Rural Development programs. "If you feel one of our programs can help you or your community, I urge you to contact one of our offices. Our staff is ready to help you," said Daniel.

Contact the USDA Rural Development State Office at (254) 742-9710 or your local USDA Rural Development Office generally listed in the blue pages of phone directories. Visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx>.

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Dwarfed by her artist's canvas of stitchery, Gerri Davis exhibits her quilt which will be displayed in the 2004 American Quilter's Society Quilt Show and Contest.

## Davis' Quilt Selected For International Show

Gruver quilter Gerry Davis has stitched up another honor as a semifinalist in the 2004 American Quilter's Society Show and Contest in Paducah, KY, April 21-24.

Davis' Piecemakers Times and Seasons 2002, was one of 425 quilts chosen for display at the international show where \$100,000 in prize money will be awarded.

The 90" x 90" quilt entered by Davis features a scene from each of the twelve months joined by Victorian crazy quilting. Velvet, satin, cotton, and silk fabrics are used in the creation which has a border of black and gold velvet.

Lavish embellishments are featured on the quilt including extensive silk-ribbon embroidery, antique buttons, antique tatting, seed beads, metallic spider webs (a mainstay for all crazy quilt designs), fabric with imprints of Davis family members, hand-dyed lace, and reproduction silk cigarette package liners.

The quilt, on which Davis has worked for 18 months, also depicts ground zero from the 9-11 disaster.

Grand prize in the show will receive a \$20,000 cash award and a permanent space in the Museum of the American Quilter's Society.

More than 40,000 visitors attend the show each year in the town known as "Quilt City, USA."

The individual quilt that is named the best of show will garner a grand prize of \$20,000 and earn a permanent space in the Museum of the American Quilter's Society.

The expert quilter designates each quilt for a family member to one day possess.

"The quilt I have just completed will one day go to my daughter Barbara Stavlo, and that's why I used pictures of her family on the quilt," Davis said. "It will eventually be passed on to my granddaughter Sammy, whose picture is on the quilt twice."

Davis who began to quilt when her children left home, plans to the annual event in Paducah.

## Combs Announces New Public School Nutrition Policy

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has just announced the new Texas Public School Nutrition Policy for all Texas public schools participating in the federal child nutrition programs. The policy becomes effective Aug. 1, 2004 for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and the After School Snack Program.

"This policy is the result of months of collaboration with experts and interested individuals around the state who consider children's health and education a top priority," Combs said. "We want to ensure that foods served in our schools are nutritious and balanced, and we are dedicated to promoting an environment that nurtures both mental and physical development."

The policy limits the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas schoolchildren may have each week, and allows a phase-in period to eliminate deep-fat frying in food preparation for meals, a la carte and snack items.

In addition, portion sizes for food items such as chips, cookies, bakery items and frozen desserts at elementary, middle and high schools are limited.

The policy also limits the sale of foods that compete with a school's operation of the breakfast, lunch or after school snack programs. A school can lose up to \$1.20 at breakfast and \$2.19 at lunch in federal reimbursements for each meal lost to a competitive food sale.

"A majority of the state's schools will be soliciting contract bids for food and other supplies for the next school year within the next few weeks, and we wanted to release the new policy now to give them plenty of time to plan and prepare for any modifications," Combs said.

"We realize it will take time for schools and the food industry to make the necessary changes to products and recipes, so we want to use this policy to phase in better nutritional guidelines," Combs said.

"I appreciate all of Commissioner Combs' hard work in developing a policy that will help our children learn how to make wiser food choices during the school day," said Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. "She was the first state official to actively support my legislative efforts of curbing obesity among our public school children through proper nutrition, and I look forward to the expertise and assistance she will provide the Joint Interim Study Committee on Nutrition and Health in Public Schools."

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, commissioner Texas Department of Health, said, "Childhood obesity and obesity-related problems are reaching epidemic levels in Texas. If we don't act now to tackle these problems, both individual Texans and the state will be faced with a healthcare crisis of enormous proportions."

"The nutrition policy from the Texas Department of Agriculture is an important first step, and I applaud the efforts and contributions of all those who are working to ensure a healthy food environment in our schools," Sanchez said.

José Montemayor, commissioner Texas Department of Insurance, said, "Future healthcare costs for obesity and related diseases are expected to increase dramatically, having a direct impact on insurance premiums paid by individuals and Texas businesses. By addressing the problem of obesity now in our schools, we are not only promoting and encouraging a healthier lifestyle in our students, but also we are trying to keep future healthcare costs under control. I fully support the Texas Department of Agriculture and all who worked on this policy."

A copy of the revised policy is available on TDA's Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us).



Bailey Reid (third from right) of the Hansford County 4-H won Grand Champion Steer honors at the San Angelo Stock Show. Bailey sold his grand champion steer for \$17,500. Helping with banners is his sister, Brenna Reid (second from right). Also pictured are (L-R) Bailey's grandparents Wanda and Don Reid, his parents, Clay and Margaret Reid and Jr. Steer Show Judge Steve Kennedy of Muleshoe.

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
**"Pot O' Gold"**

Dinner, Dance & Calcutta  
Saturday March 27th • 7 p.m.  
The O'Loughlin Center  
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Tickets - \$50 per person  
Grand Prize - \$2,000  
Consolation Prizes & Calcutta  
Call 659-3030 for more information.

Tenderloin meal served from 7-8,  
Calcutta starts at 7:45 with the last  
drawing at 11:30

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# Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith  
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My dear friend Jimmy Lackey (CEO of Kid's, Inc. in Amarillo) sent me the following "Daily Survival Kit."

## Daily Survival Kit

### Items Needed

- Mint
- Candy Kiss
- Tea Bag
- Eraser
- Rubber Band
- Toothpick
- Chewing Gum
- Band Aid
- Pencil

### Why?????

- TOOTHPICK** - to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. - \*Matthew 7:1
  - RUBBER BAND** - to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out. - \*Romans 8:28
  - BAND AID** - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. - \*Colossians 3:12-14
  - PENCIL** - to remind you to list your blessings everyday. - \*Ephesians 1:3
  - ERASER** - to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay. - \*Genesis 50:15-21
  - CHEWING GUM** - to remind you to stick with it, and you can accomplish anything. - \*Philippians 4:13
  - MINT** - to remind you that you are worth a mint. - \*John 3:16-17
  - CANDY KISS** - to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday. - \*John 4:7
  - TEA BAG** - to remind you to relax daily and go over your list of blessings. - \*1 Thessalonians 5:18
- \*Relevant Scriptures

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.

Catherine :)

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor and Hansford County Residents,  
I would like to address a couple of articles in the March 18, 2004 edition of The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.  
The first one is Mr. Cody Cazares' statement on the front page entitled, "Charge Filed in E-Mail Incident." I don't vote in Hansford County, I vote in Dallam County, so I cannot comment on the "whisper campaign tactics," but I do know County Judge Benny Wilson.  
Benny would never do or say anything that might encourage a high school student to be involved in any kind of threat to anyone. He and Jackie, although they have no children, have opened their home and heart, for over a year at a time, to at least two high school students. Those kids were treated with respect and were expected to respect the rights of others. Benny and Jackie supported all of their activities, with time, money, encouragement and love. Benny and Jackie have also had nieces and nephews and children of friends in their home for hours, even days, when their Mom's and Dad's needed help.  
So, to insinuate that Benny would have any part in a young man sending a threat by e-mail or any other way, is simply not believable. (Nor would he allow it to be done in his name.)  
I do agree with Mr. Cazares in one regard. I'm sure sending this kind of e-mail is something the young high school man would not normally do. I'm sure he is truly sorry. In most cases, judgment comes with maturity.  
The second article is the one, "Paid for by friends and supporters of Cody Cazares." The last seven words in the last paragraph are my biggest concern: "...allowing evil to overtake hearts and tongues."  
Evil is a strong word. I don't believe Benny would consider anyone a friend or supporter that had evil in his or her heart. I know Benny does not have evil in his heart or on his tongue.  
When his Mother was gravely ill, Benny was at her bedside for hours. He was the executor of her estate. He and Jackie worked endless hours tending her affairs and seeing that her wishes were carried out exactly as she had instructed. When his brother passed away, Benny and Jackie were the first to arrive at the hospital. They have been there for several friends and the family of friends when compassion and understanding were desperately needed.  
Benny is not perfect. Just like all of us he has faults. Just like all of us he makes mistakes, but to imply that evil is in any part of him is simply wrong.

Very Sincerely,  
Jolinda Wilson  
Dalhart, TX

## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

**Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office**  
Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

**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.

**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.

**Register Tapes for Education - Gus Birdwell Elementary**  
The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

**Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD**  
Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

**Hospice Bereavement Support Group**  
A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group began March 22nd and will continue through April 19th. This support group is being held on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m., and is sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers. It 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.

**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 March 29, 2004. 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.

**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 (Robinson) Vasquez**  
A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been fighting cancer for several years and is continuing treatment. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

**Hearts of Gold Gala**  
The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local merchants. Savor a feast prepared by the Williams Family and served by a wealth of local celebrities at 7 p.m. The generous, life-saving contributions of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard will be shared at 8 p.m. A live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Kay Hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Sharon Swan, Amy Babbs, Missie Bates, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Penny Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood. Sponsorships are also available.

**Project Graduation**  
The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises on Friday, May 28th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2004" memory, making this project "special," please call Nikki Lozano at 659-2568 or 659-3964, or Charlotte Sheets at 659-2971. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

**Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship**  
The Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2004-2005 school year. The committee anticipates this to be a \$1000 scholarship, funded at \$500 per semester. The scholarship is limited to students majoring in music or religion, but not limited to 2004 graduates. Applications may be picked up and returned to Perryton National Bank, or your high school counselor. The deadline is April 1st. For more information, call (806) 435-9641.

**Volleyball Tournament Slated**  
A volleyball tournament has been scheduled to raise funds for Gruver athlete Blythe Finely to attend the Down Under Games in Australia this summer. The tournament will be held April 9 and 10 at the sand volleyball court in Gruver City Park. Bragging rights and prizes will be given to winning teams. To register your team call 733-2702 or 806-683-4551. Cost is \$10 per person.

**Spearman Little League Sign-Up**  
Spearman Little League will hold baseball/softball sign-up from now through April 3rd. Applications will be handed out at Gus Birdwell Elementary and are available at Spearman Jr. High or at Cates Men & Boys Wear. Minor/Major baseball and softball tryouts will be held on Sunday, April 4th at 2 p.m. and Monday, April 5th at 6 p.m. at the Little League Park. If you were on a major league boys team last year, you do not need to tryout, but you must fill out a sign-up sheet. T-ball does not have to tryout, a coach will contact all interested players. Spearman Little League is hoping to have a Junior League team (13-15-year-old boys and girls) this year, but is in need of coaches. For more information, call 659-3071.

**Spearman Boy Scouts Meet**  
The Spearman Boy Scout Troop meets every Tuesday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Hall, located at 5th and Hazelwood. Doug Cummings is the Scout Master. All boys age 11-18 are invited to attend and find out more about scouting. All Scouts are reminded to attend every meeting. For more information, call 659-3942 or 659-2378.

## PANHANDLE PLANNER

**First Annual Senior Day Announced for OPSU**  
Oklahoma Panhandle State University invites all area high school seniors to campus on Friday, March 26th. The event, hosted by the OPSU High School and Community Relations department, will celebrate the students' completion of their high school careers. Sign-in will take place in the Student Union Ballroom from 9-9:30 a.m. A variety of entertaining and informal sessions will be offered by each academic department during the morning. Any student attending Senior Day who enrolls for the Fall 2004 semester will receive a one-semester \$300 Aggie Scholarship, and one lucky winner will receive a one-year tuition scholarship for up to 30 hours of coursework. For more information, contact High School and Community Relations at 580-349-1312 or your school counselor.

**Tri-City Community Concert Association**  
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger. The Tri-City Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 5 - Alpine Hong (pianist); October 26 - Rhythm & Shoes; February 8 - Frank DeAmbrose (singer); March 12 - Artie Shaw Big Band Orchestra; March 19 - Richard Glizier (singer); April 7 - Southern Fried Jazz. Season memberships are: Adults - \$25, Students - \$10, and Family - \$50. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

**Liberal Community Concert Association**  
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 4 - Acoustic Cafe; October 16 - One Enchanted Evening (2-hours w/orchestra); November 13 - Benny Kim (violinist); February 13 - Alpin Hong (pianist); March 13 - Artie Shaw Big Band Orchestra; May 17 - Side Street Strutters. Season memberships are: Adults - \$45 (\$40 if purchased before March 25th), Students - \$20, and Family Pass - \$95. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

**Wizards of Harmony Spring Concert**  
The Wizards of Harmony, Liberal's Barbershop Chorus, presents the "Wonderful World of Harmony" featuring the Dallas Knights and Tone Appetit on Saturday, March 27, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the liberal High School Auditorium in Liberal, KS. An afterglow will follow in the cafeteria. Concert tickets are \$7 if purchased in advance, \$8 at the door and \$3 for students (18 and under). Afterglow tickets will be sold at the door for \$3, and include food and drink. For tickets, call (316) 624-4006. The Barber Shop Society aka Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) is a non-profit 501C organization whose function is to provide quality vocal entertainment and whose proceeds are given charitably to needy organizations, including the Ministerial Alliance, Christmas Angels, Loaves & Fishes and the Elks Christmas Baskets. The Liberal, KS Chapter of SPEBSQSA has for their primary fund raising effort an annual show each spring.

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## Our Deepest Sympathy

### MELVIN RAY ROSS

GRUVER - Melvin Ray Ross, 79, died Friday, March 19, 2004, in Spearman.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2004 in First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Scott Curry and the Rev. Don Ross, son, officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Ross was born on May 14, 1924 in Wise County, TX. He married Alma Graves on May 26, 1944 in Amarillo.

He was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Gruver.

Survivors include his wife, Alma; a daughter, Sandra Blankenship of Gruver; three sons, Ron Ross and wife, Janace, of Amarillo, Don Ross and wife, Brenda, of Mangum, OK, and Larry Ross of Evansville, IN; two sisters, Maxine Ragsdale and Norma Robinson of Amarillo; four granddaughters, Angela Holsclaw of San Diego, Dawn Rasha Ross of Oklahoma City, Suzanne Pingel and husband, Brad, of Pampa and Memory Ann Ross of Arlington; four grandsons, Daniel Ross of Mangum, Dustin Ross of Bowling Green, KY, Matt Watlington and wife, Christi, of Canyon and Beau Blankenship of Gruver; and three great-granddaughters, Jessica Holsclaw of San Diego, and Lauren Pingel and Jodi Pingel, both of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 608, Gruver, TX 79040; or a favorite charity.

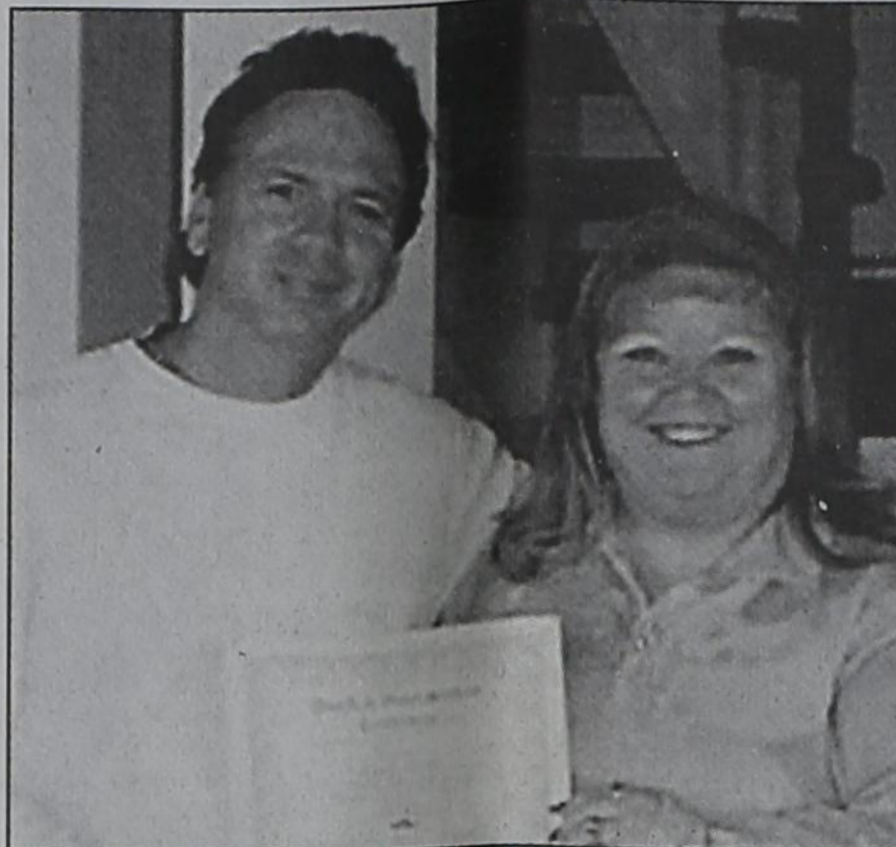
### DOROTHY V. ERWIN

SPEARMAN - Dorothy V. Erwin, 86, died Friday, March 19, 2004.

Cremation was by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Mrs. Erwin was born in Okmulgee, OK. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, James L. "Butch" Noble of Spearman; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## Hargis Earns "Death and Grief Studies" Certificate



Charla Hargis (right), Hansford Hospice Director, receives her Death and Grief Studies certificate from Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt.

Charla Hargis, Hospice Director for Hansford Hospice, recently completed 150 hours of training at the internationally recognized Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, CO. Course study included five separate training seminars titled Basic Comprehensive Bereavement Skills, Advanced Comprehensive Bereavement Skills, Helping Children and Adolescents Cope with Grief, Understanding and Responding to Complicated Mourning, and Living with Meaning and Purpose in Your Life.

The Death and Grief Studies certificate is accredited through Colorado State University.

The courses were taught by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D., a noted author, educator and grief counselor.

Founded in 1983 by Dr. Wolfelt, the Center for Loss and Life Transition is a private organization dedicated to furthering an understanding of grief.

Charla has been an employee of Hansford County Hospital District for 24 years. She has worked for Hospice for 11 years, serving as Director of Hospice for the past eight years.

## 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*

**March 25**  
**Birthday** - Rosalie Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrecht, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogde, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Chad Howe, Mario Soto  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Josh Reed

**March 26**  
**Birthday** - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tanda Taylor, James Brown, J.D. Faulkner, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Joanna Myers  
**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Morley

**March 27**  
**Birthday** - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCarney, J.D. Schick  
**Anniversary** - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd

**March 28**  
**Birthday** - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlinson, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrnie Callaway, Rick Riggins, Carlos Castillo, Janet Scarborough, Mickey Schoenhals, Mark Hodges, Verna Strawn, Colten King, Tyrell King  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clawson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hefley, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tipps, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carter

**March 29**  
**Birthday** - Lacy Barkley, Dixie Karlin, Joshua Kirby, Jessica Stork, Josephine Salgado, Scott Beedy, Melissa Taylor, Wanda Burke, Tiki Farrar, Chad Guthrie, David West, Marg Cook, Janis Maupin, Josh Harris, Jeann Thompson, Scot Martin, Ruth Shields, Ramon Garcia Jr., Greyson Karlin

**March 30**  
**Birthday** - Jesus Favela, Loni Lamb, Vi Hornsby, Mrs. Elmer Longley, Nikki Strawn,

Grady Cline, Denae Baker, Jimmy Blain, Heather Cline, Krystal Burkhammer, Shane Atwood, Mike Schick, Marvin Sparks, Dorothy Longley  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Ruben De Santiago  
**March 31**

**Birthday** - Reaetta Gammon, Crystal Gruver, Ken Jones, Comfort Winders, Kay Patterson, Nellie Buchanan, Dionne Pencille, Santiago Tercero Jr., Johnny Vernon, Cheryl Linde, Jolinda Wilson, David Flowers, Cortney Valdez, Teresa Carter, Weston Castillo, Kenton Johnson  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Sparkman, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miser, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Carthel, Mr. & Mrs. Allan Beasley

**April 1**  
**Birthday** - Cynthia Henson, Matt Messer, Chris Stork, Wayne Ware, Bob Hohertz, Lorie Acevedo, Jack Duncan, Tanner Brown, Elizabeth Duncan, Ashlynn Miner

**April 2**  
**Birthday** - Margaret Odom, Dorothy O'Connell, Norma Hermosillo, Kyle Keim, Steve Templeton, Pam Barber, Phillip Turner, Amy Schoenhals, Paulene Galvon, Eugene Sadler  
**Anniversary** - Bob & Debra Dennis

**April 3**  
**Birthday** - Bob Gillispie, Don Rempel, Brenda Rudolph, Pam Buzzard, Teri Taylor, Bill Gaither, Doris Beck, Jeff Williamson, Eric Varon, Ryan Noble, Jared Bass, Tracy Graham, Katie Baehler, Betty Davis

**April 4**  
**Birthday** - Frank Pittman, Sandy TeBeest, Glenn Mackie, Byran Jones, Billy Snider, Lola Salgado, Monte Morris, Randall Schnell, Mark Landon Brown, Carlos Lopez, Midge Mahaffy, Don Ladd, Ruby Hull, Ramona Reynolds, Violet Lee, Brandon Traylor, Ayana Rosales  
**Anniversary** - Rick & Elanie Morris

**April 5**  
**Birthday** - Becky Cassidy, Jimmy Finley, Carrie Pressley, Vana Stapleton, Steve TeBeest, Carla Brown, W.E. Sparks, Dickie Allen, Juanita Rodriguez, Deann Green, Deanne Ochoa, Paul Welch, Jimmie Davis, Irene Auld, Darla Jenkins, Leon Bagwell, Wendell Ralston, Kelcee Rex, Sara Jenkins, Vanna Reid  
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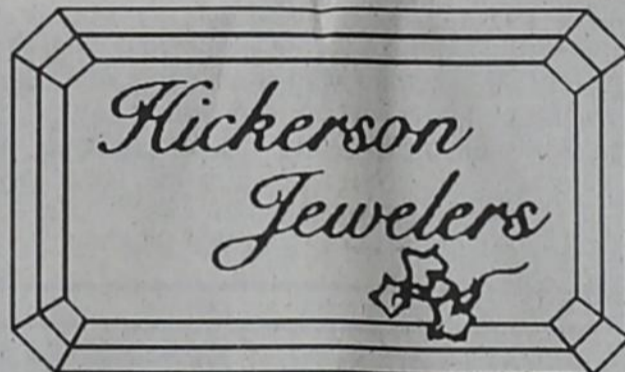
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Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
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Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.  
Pastor - Patrick Six

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Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
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Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor - Scott Curry

#### Church of Christ

209 King • 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
Minister - Gaylord Cook

#### First Christian Church

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30, Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gumrlory

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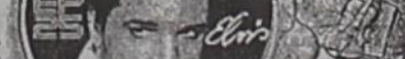
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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Reid Accepts Denison Position

Gruver School's Business Manager Randy Reid has accepted the position of Director of Business of Denison Schools in Denison, TX.

Reid's last day on the job in Gruver will be Friday, March 27. He has served Gruver Schools since April 2000.

Both Reid and his wife LaVon, a teacher at Gruver Elementary, have been lifelong residents of Hansford County.

LaVon and daughters Allison, a sophomore, and Mallory, a seventh grader, will join Reid upon conclusion of the school year.

The community extends its appreciation to both Randy and LaVon and wishes them much happiness in their new home.

## Wynn In NCAA Tournament

Tracy Wynn, a senior and captain of the Texas Christian University basketball team, played in the NCAA Tournament in North Carolina.

Kyle and Kimberly Irwin (Wynn's sister) were also in North Carolina to follow the Lady Frogs who, unfortunately, were defeated Monday night in their quest for the national title.

## Community Care Concerns

Fred Davidson had eye surgery recently and is progressing well.

Slim Osbourne was in Amarillo last Thursday for medical tests.

Remember Don Evans in your prayers as he continues his battle with health problems.

## Temperature Climbs

The highest temperature of 2004 was recorded Friday,

March 19 when 87 degrees was reported at Gruver City Hall.

## Sympathy Extended

The Gruver community is mourning the death of Melvin Ross. Services for Mr. Ross were held in the First Baptist Church of Gruver Monday with interment in the Gruver Cemetery.

## Satrum Defends Title

J.P., Amy, Chad and Mark TeBeest were in St. Peter, Missouri to witness their niece and cousin, Krystle Satrum win her third straight national swimming championship in the 200 Meter Backstroke.

In winning, Satrum broke her own NCAA Division III record time of 2:01:35 with a 2:00:85. Satrum bested all competitors in the race by nearly three seconds.

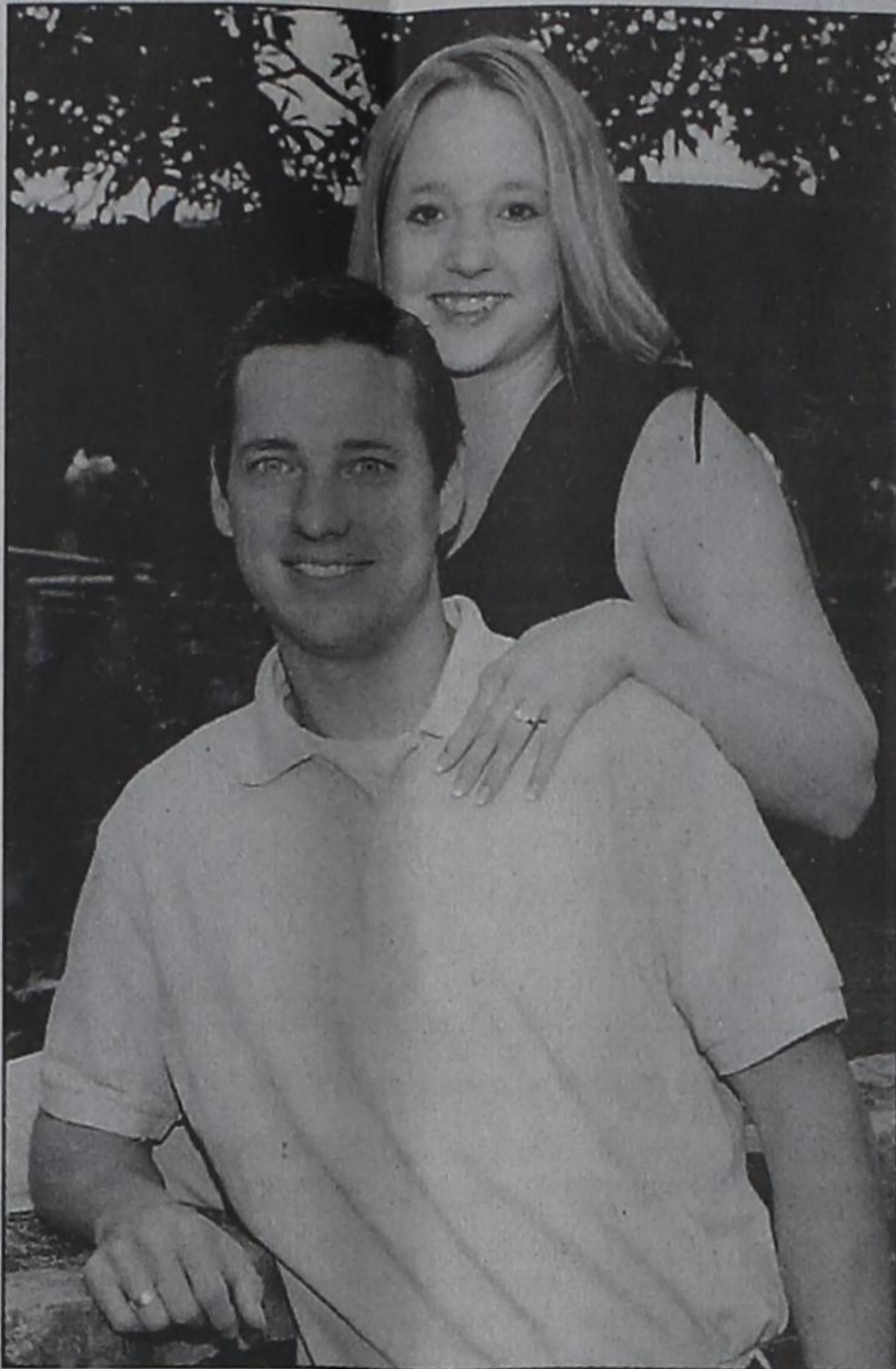
Satrum is a six-time first team All American selection, and the sixth national champion in the history of her school, Franklin and Marshall College, where she will graduate in May 2004.

She is the daughter of Randy and Alice (Stavlo) Satrum and the granddaughter of Leona Stavlo.

## Fund Raiser To Benefit Gruver Athlete

Blythe Finley, who has been asked to compete in the Down Under International Games in Australia this summer is seeking to raise funds for her trip.

She is hosting a volleyball tourney April 9 and 10, in Gruver City Park's sand volleyball court. Cost for the tourney is \$10 per person. To register a team, call 733-2702, or 806-683-4551. Donations may also be made toward the young athlete's trip.



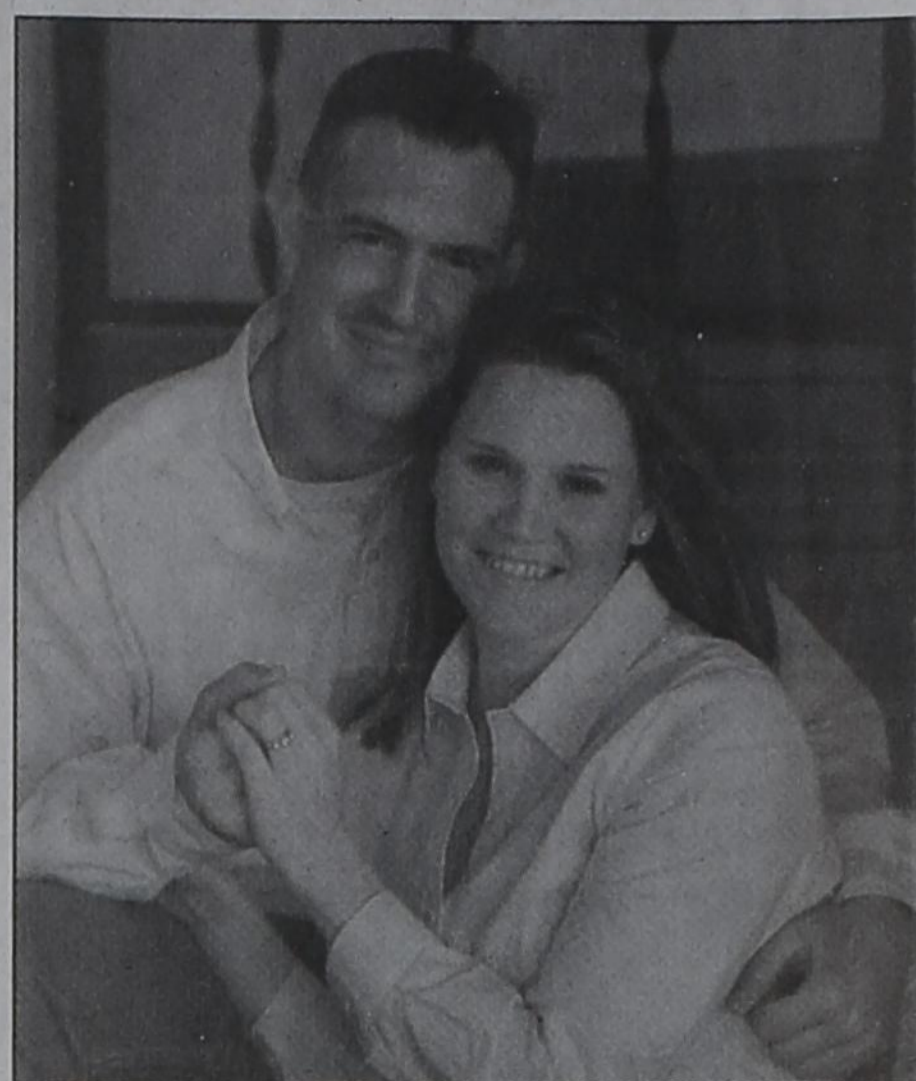
## Engagement Announcement

Ms. Joyce Wood Simon of Buda and Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Russell Simon of San Marcos are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cayla Dawn to Joseph William Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Bennett of Dallas.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Gruver High School. She is currently attending Texas State University in San Marcos pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas and a 2001 graduate of Southwest Texas State University where he received a Bachelor of Art degree in Political Science and History.

The couple is planning a July wedding in Austin.



## Engagement Announcement

Kengle and Susan Pearson are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Kristi to Ross Renner, son of B.J. and Glenda Renner of Gruver.

The couple will be married June 12, 2004, at the Church of Christ in Spearman.

## HCHD Welcomes Lim



Clyde C. Lim, M.T.

Clyde C. Lim joined HCHD's Laboratory Department January

19, 2004. She moved to Spearman directly from the Philippines.

Clyde received her Bachelors Degree in Medical Technology from Velez College in 2001. She has worked for about three years in different laboratories in the Philippines before coming to Hansford County Hospital District.

Clyde is doing her best to adjust to Texas Panhandle weather, and she hopes to make many friends here. She finds Hansford County people understanding, helpful and friendly.

## Woodward, Steadman Wed

Landree Woodward and Russell Steadman were married Sunday afternoon, March 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon, Texas.

Landree is the daughter of John Earl and Tammy Woodward, formerly of Spearman.

Dineke Travis, also formerly of Spearman, was Maid of Honor. Following the wedding, a reception dinner and dance with a live jazz band was held at the Tascosa Country Club.

Several Spearman residents were in attendance at the wedding and reception, including Ruby Riley and Alvin and Becky Byers.

## It's A Boy!

Dean and Brooke (Homesley) Greene wish to announce the birth of their son, Jace Daniel Greene. Jace was born on March 13, 2004 in Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Jace was welcomed home by big brother, Brennan, 6, and big sister, Averie, 2.

Proud grandparents are Scott and Jan Homesley of Santa Rosa Beach, FL and Jimmy and Donetta Greene of Spearman. Great-grandparents are Edna Owens of Coweta, OK, Eloise Homesley of Destin, FL, Jack Homesley of Dallas, TX and Lloyd and Tina Brooks of Dallas, TX.

## Thank You!

I would like to pay a big compliment and express my gratitude to Toby Shields of the Hungry Cowboy. On Friday, March 19th, he fed approximately 30 Hansford Manor residents, staff and volunteers at his restaurant, and would not accept any pay.

Thank you, Toby, on behalf of the Manor residents, staff and volunteers.

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## Bridal Registry

Jess Anne Fernandes & Michael Lusby - March 27  
Tamara Meyer & William Branstrove - Mar. 27 (Borger)  
Jennifer Laxson & Aaron Langston - March 27  
Sara Bass & Trevor Chisum - April 17 (Gruver)  
Kristi Pearson & Ross Renner - May 1 (Gruver)  
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by Dorothy Hudson

## Out At The Lake



Roy Flaherty, of Hardesty, caught this 5.3-pound Walleye on Friday March 19.

Lake Level--March 22, 2004--26.46 feet

The nice weather and spring break brought out a few campers and more fishermen. The campers all chose behind the dam instead of the office side. There were two campers during the week and four or five during the weekend.

The fishing was good for some but not all. Roy Flaherty of Hardesty has become one of the regular fishermen since his retirement from construction work. Most of the fishing is for catfish, but sometimes a walleye gets caught instead. Roy's 5.3-pound one is a good start to open the season.

Sunday Jim saw his first buz-

zard and his first turkey. This winter he had puzzled over where the eagles were roosting. A visit with Ryan Buschman brought out that most of them had roosted this year on the Buschman ranch just north of the Park. He also counted 21 mule deer in one bunch, and for the day counted over 40 deer--all mule deer.

Jim's dog Scooter has had another standoff with a bobcat. When Jim hears the dog yelp as if he was being torn apart by some animal, it means another bobcat encounter. This time as usual he couldn't call Scooter away when he shone the flashlight on the cat and dog glaring at each other, but he doesn't think either animal wants to start the fight. The only way Jim can get Scooter to leave the scene is to turn and walk back to the house. It seems then the dog thinks he doesn't need protecting and will leave and come to him. After the dog was tied, he found the bobcat in the flashlight beam in another location. The bobcat seemed thin, so he wondered if she is a nursing mother.

Saturday I received the Outdoors section from Jean Ann Behney's Bloomington, Indiana newspaper. The featured article was Baiting Bobcats.

In Indiana they are on the endangered species list, so their wildlife people are trapping them to put radio collars around the cats' necks. In the winter they use wire traps and in warmer weather they use padded foot traps that will hold them without injuries. They have learned to tie a bird feather above or near the trap to attract the animals. The article said the females range over a 15-square-mile range and the males over a 30-square-mile area.

It was thoughtful of Jean Ann to think of us and our bobcats out at the lake.

## Risk Management Conferences To Help Beef Producers

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with Texas Cooperative Extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association to offer conferences in April and May to help producers manage challenges and risks in the beef industry.

The first two conferences will take place at Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, in Amarillo on April 5 and at Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 Fifth St. in Wichita Falls on April 7. Registration is \$20, and participants may register at the door. The events are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The conferences, called "Got Risk?" will also be held in six other major beef production areas of the state including Hallettsville on April 20, Abilene on April 28, Sulphur Springs on May 11, Waco on May 18, Palestine on May 19 and Alpine on May 26.

"These workshops are a great way to inform cattle producers -- the ultimate leaders in our agricultural business community," Combs said. "Our cattle industry is widely known for its quality and high levels of production, and there are a number of programs and strategies available to help cattle producers keep their operations moving forward."

The workshops will highlight various tools available to producers. Sessions will include information on prices, strategic planning, state and federal programs, country-of-origin labeling, drought management and value-added marketing, to name a few.

"Providing tools for our cattle producers is more important than ever," Combs said. "Risk management involves being proactive and prepared for shifts in the industry, severe weather, price volatility and many other situations that can be challenging."

For more information, please call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Division at 1-800-TELL-TDA or visit [mastermarketer.tamu.edu/tbrm](http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu/tbrm).

## Local Dairy Queen Manager Attends Annual Convention



Rosie Barajas

Propelled to success by her crew members, local Dairy Queen Manager Rosie Barajas achieved intercompany recognition and was rewarded with an all-expense paid trip to Austin the last week of February to participate in the TDQOC Annual Convention. While there, Rosie attended specialized training seminars and evaluated new products.

According to company president and franchise owner, Parrish Chapman, "Rosie's success at Dairy Queen isn't all that surprising. She's always put extraordinary effort into the management of 'her' Dairy Queen and attributes her success to her crew and customers. Customers frequently write into our corporate office about their positive experiences in Rosie's DQ."

Following the convention, Rosie and her crew have already begun to prepare for the release of numerous new products over the course of the next three months. "We're fixin' to blow the socks off of our DQ customers with all the tasty new Hung'r Busters and yummy ice cream treats on the way," said Rosie.

## Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the Methodist Church of Spearman. They gave of themselves and of their time to bring church to the residents on the 14th.

We had a very busy week starting with Monday and Newscurrents. I was so glad to hear that chocolate is full of flavonoids and actually good for your health. It makes me so happy that I think I will have another snicker. Also interesting was an article about Alexander Graham Bell getting his patent on the telephone just 2 hours before Elisha Gray applied for one.

That afternoon we had a trivia session---A stitch in time saves \_\_\_? I also learned that how long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you are on.

The Rotary Club hosted bingo Monday night. Thank you to them and also to our maintenance man who volunteered to stay to help -- thanks Gilbert.

Tuesday was filled with laughter and fun. It was our Winter olympics!! We had so much fun. (There is another article in this issue with the details of the olympics.)

Wednesday morning was filled with Bible study led by Ann Whitaker. Thank you Ann!

After lunch we were in the activity room working on some crafts when a leprechaun came in to visit for St. Patrick's Day. We had punch and a short lesson on where St. Patrick's Day came from. Afterward, we migrated down to the living room to listen to Will Ezzell play the piano. Will is the son of Steve Ezzell that is the director of the lab at the hospital.

Thursday was back to exercise class and then bingo in the afternoon hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary. Thank you!

Friday morning we started our day off with a Sing Along in the living room.

Afterward, 18 residents and 9 helpers went to Ivey's Hungry Cowboy for a dutch treat lunch. We all enjoyed our food tremendously. We had turned our orders in early because we had to make 3 trips to transport everyone that wanted to go. The Hungry Cowboy had our orders ready exactly as we arrived. When we had eaten our lunch (along with pie for dessert for several of us), Toby Shields, the owner came out and announced that they were picking up our tab! We were so surprised and appreciative. Everyone there was prepared to pay for their own meal. (Flavil Ayers had already told me that he wanted to pay for Carlos and Joel Lopez's lunches because they were such nice young men and so helpful) What a treat !!! Thank you Toby -- may you be repaid a hundred fold!

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Four Spearman High School band and choir members will attend the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in May. The clarinet quartet of (L-R) Jessica Blan, Aleisha Sweat, Melissa Lesly and Bertha Ortiz (far right) and soloist Maribel Moreno (second from right).

**SHS Band Attends Contest**

On Saturday, February 7, 2004, members of the Spearman Lynx Band went to West Texas A&M University to participate in the Region I UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition. Music selections are chosen from a required list.

In order to advance to the state contest, students must prepare a piece from the Class I list (the most difficult music on the required list) and receive a Superior rating. For the first time, several SHS students played Class I music. They are to be congratulated for their time and effort, because much extra time is needed to learn this difficult music.

The following students received an Excellent rating on their solos: Bertha Ortiz, Jessica Blan, Si Li Tang, Javier Frayre and Carlos Hernandez. The baritone/trombone quartet ensemble consisting of Adriana Mendoza, Javier Frayre, Cesar Macias and Gerardo Ruiz also received an excellent rating.

The clarinet quartet of Jessica Blan, Bertha Ortiz, Aleisha Sweat and Melissa Lesly received a Superior rating on their Class I ensemble. These students are now eligible to attend the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin in May.

Congratulations to all of these students on their accomplishments, and in particular, to the state-bound clarinet quartet.

**SHS Choir Attends Contest**

Maribel Moreno received a Superior rating on a Class I solo in the UIL Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest. The contest was held on Saturday, January 31st at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Maribel will attend the State Solo and Ensemble Competition in San Marcos on May 30 and 31.

Other Spearman High School students receiving Excellent ratings on their Class I solos were: Mark Navarette, Felicia Martinez and Lorena Lopez. Receiving a Good rating on a Class I was Ashley Swan. Receiving a Good rating on a Class II solo was Branda Nava.

Sharon received an Excellent rating on a Class III solo, while Emily Hood and Cara Gwin received a Good rating on their Class III solos.

The ensemble of Lorena Lopez, Felicia Martinez, Ashley Swan, Maribel Moreno, Brandon Nava and Mark Navarette received an Excellent rating on their Class I madrigal.

**SJH Band Attends Contest**

On Saturday, February 7, 2004, twenty-four Spearman Junior High Band students participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in Canyon.

The following students received an Excellent rating on their solos and ensembles: Pedro Anaya, Jessica Diaz, L.J. Fishburn, Josue Hernandez, Jake Leicht, Andy Mendez, Jesus Morales, Domingo Salazar, Haley Smith, Tyler Schnell, Dylan Sumner, and the trumpet quartet of Jessica Diaz, Caitlan Garcia, Courtney Chambers and Bond Pittman.

The following students received a Superior rating on their solos and ensembles: Lizet Camacho, clarinet solo; Fabian Frayre, saxophone solo; Wendy Gaytan, snare drum solo; Brittany Hall, flute solo; Brett Winegarner, saxophone solo;

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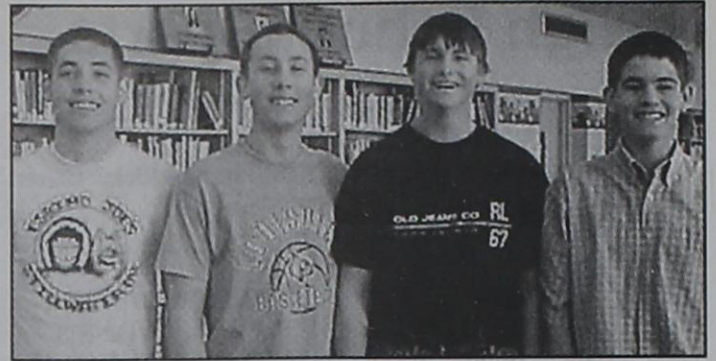


**6-AA Girls All-District Basketball**  
The Spearman Lynxettes, District 6-AA's No. 2 playoff seed, reached the regional quarterfinals. Lynxettes named to the All-District list were (Back, L-R) senior guards Ashlee Flowers and Keilee Goodheart, Lynxettes named to the Honorable Mention list were: (Back, L-R) senior Sami Cazares, and (Front, L-R) freshman Kelcee Rex and sophomore Lindsey Short.



**6-A Girls All-District Basketball**  
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.

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**6-AA Boys All-District Basketball**  
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# High School Sports

**PERRYTON TRACK MEET**  
March 19 & 20, 2004  
**Varsity Girls**  
Team Totals: 1st - Canyon, 184; 2nd - Perryton, 118; 3rd - Stratford, 102; 4th - Sunray, 67; 5th - Spearman, 45; 6th - Canadian, 39; 7th - Booker, 21; 8th - McLean, 6; 9th - Miami, 5.  
**Long Jump:** 3rd - Sonny Parker; **High Jump:** 2nd - Sonny Parker; **3200 Meters:** 3rd - Tabatha Shields; **400 M. Run:** 3rd - Melissa Lesly

**1600 Relay:** Gruber 3:36.4  
**Discus:** Clete Vanderburg, Spearman 145-6  
**Long Jump:** Ricky Garcia, Spearman 20-212

**Spearman Tennis**  
**PALO DURO TENNIS TOURNAMENT** - March 23, 2004  
**Girls Singles**  
**Lindsey Short** -  
**Tournament Champion:** defeated Barnes (Tulia) 8-0; defeated Cettie (Amarillo) 8-4; defeated Fordham (Canyon) 8-1; defeated Batenhorst (Canyon) 6-1, 6-1

Saylee Flowers defeated Gutierrez (Hereford) 8-4; lost to Green (Dalhart) 3-8  
Tonya Hart defeated Contreras (Hereford) 8-2; lost to Johnson (Caprock) 3-8  
**Girls Doubles**  
**Keilee Goodheart and Jordan Short - Tournament Champions:** defeated Leaton/Walker (Dalhart) 8-1; defeated Mendoz/Hernandez (Caprock) 8-0; defeated Armejo/Myers (Randall) 8-2; defeated Trafton/Snyder (Trinity Fellowship) 7-6 (5), 7-0  
Miranda Paul and Trudy Hart defeated DeLaCruz/Cult (Hereford) 8-5; lost to Fuentes/Reynolds (Dalhart) 2-8  
Ashley Hernandez and Abby Winegarner defeated Palacio/Nuno (Caprock) 8-3; lost to Armejo/Meyers (Randall) 8-9 (4)

## Spearman Lynx

**PERRYTON TRACK MEET**  
March 19 & 20, 2004  
**Varsity Boys**  
Team Totals: 1st - Perryton, 180; 2nd - Canadian, 115; 3rd - (tie) Spearman and Sunray, 86; 5th Canyon, 75; 6th - Stratford, 20; 7th - Booker, 10; 8th - McLean, 10.  
**Long Jump:** 2nd Ricky Garcia; **Triple Jump:** 2nd - Ricky Garcia; **High Jump:** 2nd - Garrett Martin, 3rd - Caleb Gillaspie; **Discus:** 1st - Clete Vanderburg; **Shot Put:** 3rd - Brock Town; **800 M. Run:** 2nd - Daniel Kern

## Area Track Honor Roll

The following Gruber and Spearman High School students were listed on the Area Track Honor in the Amarillo Globe-News for last week.

**GIRLS HONOR ROLL**  
**400 Meters:** Melissa Lesly, Spearman 60.9  
**1600 Relay:** Spearman 4:19.5  
**Triple Jump:** Lindsey Clift, Gruber 34-11 1/2  
**Pole Vault:** Blythe Finley, Gruber 9-0  
**BOYS HONOR ROLL**  
**200 Meters:** Daniel Kern, Spearman 23.3  
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**Gruber High School**  
March 25 - Zone One-Act-Play Contest in Stinnett  
March 25 - Spring Migrant Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
March 26-27 - Spearman Tennis Tourney  
March 26 - Stratford Track Meet  
March 26 - FFA Judging Contest at West Texas A&M in Canyon  
March 27 - FFA Judging Contest at Clarendon  
March 29 - Sunray Girls/Boys Golf Tourney  
March 30 - District One-Act-Play Contest in Canyon  
March 31-April 1 - Academic UIL Contest at Amarillo High School  
April 2 - End of fifth six weeks.  
April 5-6 - HS District Track Meet - Stratford  
**Gruber Jr. High**  
April 3 - JH District Track Meet - Stratford  
**Gruber Elementary**  
March 25 - Pre K and kindergarten assembly  
**Spearman High School**  
Pre-registration has begun for all high school stu-

dents except seniors.  
March 25 - Zone B One Act Play Contest; Clarendon  
March 26 - FFA CDE Judging Contest; WTAMU  
March 26-27 - Spearman Tennis Tourney  
March 26-27 - Dumas Boys Golf Tourney  
March 26-27 - Stratford Track Meet  
March 27 - High School UIL Academic Contest; WTAMU  
March 27 - FFA CDE Judging Contest; Clarendon  
March 28 - Small Schools State Academic Contest; Belton  
March 29 - District Golf Tourney, Round One; Boys at Phillips, Girls at Borger Country Club  
March 29 - Eighth grade registration  
March 30 - Eighth grade pre-enrollment meeting for parents at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
March 30 - District One Act Play Contest; WTAMU  
March 31 - UIL HS Choir Concert/Sight Reading Contest; WTAMU  
April 2 - High school preregistration forms due.  
April 5 - Freshman orientation at high school, 7:00 p.m.  
**Spearman Jr. High**  
April 6 - Junior high band contest  
**Pringle-Morse CISD**  
March 26 & 27 - Track meet at Miami  
April 6 - District track meet at Lefors

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# 3rd Six Weeks Honor Rolls

<p><b>Spearman ISD</b> <b>All A's</b> <b>1st Grade</b> Alan Biggers, McKinzie Draper, Cheyenne Evans, Slade Garnett, Leo Holquin, Klara Keim, Hannah Patterson, Randy Rojas, Brock Schroeder, Brooke Walker, J.D. Reed, Callie Yarbrough, Brigitte Vargas, Daniel Avila, Ruben Frayre, Tanner Baird, Emily Vela, Beau Brown, Susy Flores, Jayme Pack, Nikki Rindlesbacher, Loren Temple, Peyton Garnett, Israel Hernandez, Tyann Hight, Blake Hileski, Zane Hughes, Cayton Limbocker, Emily Miser, Marshall Thornton, Houston Vela, Mariela Sanchez, Vanessa Vela, Omar Mendoza</p> <p><b>2nd Grade</b> Vanessa Brisenno, Rion Broome, Alec Cenicerros, Bradley Duvall, Kyler Franklin, Stephania Hernandez, Ashley Keim, Sydney McDonald, Christian Ortiz, Jackson Davis, Gladys Flores, Juan Garcia, Kimberly Gibson, Lalo Jurado, Paloma Mendez, Kane Pittman, Alex Salazar, Alison Smith, James Sowder, Ryan Schnell, Carson Pearson, Geoffrey Patrick, Kelsea Miller, Katie Miesner, Tristian Hughes, Miranda Hargus, Seth Carson, Merryly Ramos, Eulises Mendoza</p> <p><b>3rd Grade</b> Itzel Meza, Crystal Cantu, Danielle Garcia, Paige Pierson, Maria Pena, Rene Pena, Allison Brown, Andrew Landers, Katy Miser, Audrey Reed, Eryn Saenz, Mabry Sutterfield, Kyla Walker, Adrianna Corralejo, Halli Mans</p> <p><b>4th Grade</b> Lexi Batton, Stefan Cook, Tylo Farrar, Anna Sowder, Blanca Rosendo, Lauren Ferguson, Jozlynn Hagerman, Malory Martin, Iris Villa, Gately Garnett</p> <p><b>5th Grade</b> Sol Pittman, Nikki Boyd, Seth Salgado, Jessica Pinon, Tori Sheets, Sawyer Sutterfield, Rolando Munoz, Jessica Bueno, Blaynen Schroeder, Meghan Snider</p> <p><b>6th Grade</b> Preslee Baker, Tate Batton, Katryna Ceniza, Suttan Garnett, Zach Hughes, Whitney JMaestas, Rosa Ortiz, Chance Pack, Andi Scarborough</p> <p><b>7th Grade</b> Cha'tae Avila, Sabrina Cantu, Ashley Close, Kegan Garnett, Bond Pittman, Tyler Schnell, Haley Smith, Dylan Sumner</p> <p><b>8th Grade</b> Blayne Baker, Kimberly Bergan, Brittney Bradley, Lizet Camacho, Mattie Davis, Clara Kern, Colby Odegaard, Natalia Quintero, Kyla Reed, Kendall Schneider, Amanda Snider</p> <p><b>9th Grade</b> Saylee Flowers, Cara Gwin, Trudy Hart, Jordanna Lozano, Britney Montgomery, Daniel Pena</p> <p><b>10th Grade</b> Jenna Cherry, Tonya Hart, Maribel Moreno, Adriana Pinon, Alejandro Rios, Tabatha Shields, Jordan Short, Lindsey Short, Aleisha Sweat, Sili Tang, Timberly Thoomas, Brock Town, Britta Vanderburg, Abby Winegarner</p> <p><b>11th Grade</b> Jeff Brock, Eric Flores, Homer Flores, Wayne Gibson, Macy Harbour, Ashley Hernandez, Dana McLaughlin, Justin Parker, Brodie Savage,</p>	<p>Cayla Smith, Mark Thomas, Clete Vanderburg</p> <p><b>12th Grade</b> Jentry Edwards, Ashlee Flowers, Michel Huffaker, Michael Lozano, Garrett Martin, Homero Martinez, Russell Sheets, Claudia Vaquera, Jocelyn Whitefield</p> <p><b>"A" Average</b> <b>1st Grade</b> Cooper DeArmond, Jose Corralejo, Heather Torres, Anne Marie Comp</p> <p><b>2nd Grade</b> Christal Coffee, Alyzar Mata, Jerry Tang, Devin Wells, Klarissa Vela, Javier Rosendo</p> <p><b>3rd Grade</b> Alexis Mendoza, Lonnie Born, Luis Vela, Cynthia Mendoza, Alfredo Rosendo, Christin Coffey</p> <p><b>4th Grade</b> Susana Hernandez, Margarita Ibarra, Lauren Patterson, Rubi Garcia, Chandler Short, Vikki Temple, Derrick Zimmerman, Samantha Hargus</p> <p><b>5th Grade</b> Trent Goodheart, Mackenzie Powell, Yesenia Romero, Cody Benton, Edgar Castillo, Kali Oltman, Anthony Quintero, Jose Mendoza, Michael Avila, Matthew Jarvis, Amber Martinez, Natalie Saldivar</p> <p><b>6th Grade</b> Aide Aguilera, Carlos Erives, Leanna Espinosa, Jose Ibarra, Caleb Odegaard, David Salazar</p> <p><b>7th Grade</b> DeeDeeDeLaRosa, Tyler Harper, Brett Winegarner, T.J. Worley</p> <p><b>8th Grade</b> Austin Benton, Amy Boyd, Crystal Bridwell, Callie Cazares, Janica Ceniza, Jessica Diaz, Wendy Gaytan, Dane Harbour, Claribel Hernandez, Christy Lang, Miriam Mendoza, Malissa Montgomery, Jesus Moreno, Elliott Sheets</p> <p><b>All A-1B</b> <b>9th Grade</b> Sara Barnes, Francisco Brisenno, Collin Gillaspie, Emily Hood, Lance Huddleston, Stuart Martin, Zack Nollner, Mira Ortiz, Ryan Ramon, Anthony Renteria, Kelcee Rex, Bryan Thomas</p> <p><b>10th Grade</b> Katie Baehler, Jessica Bates, Jessica Brown, Jarick Howard, Sonny Parker, Steven Vaquera</p> <p><b>11th Grade</b> Tracy Brown, Rossilyn Bulls, Jessica Freeman, Caleb Gillaspie, Gerardo Ruiz, Clete Vanderburg</p> <p><b>12th Grade</b> Chris Cudd, Diana Flores, Mandy Hunter, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Holly Terzero</p>	<p>J.J. Anaya, Rayel Anderson, Michaela Davis, Patty Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Mason McLain, Alex Melendez, Victoria Moreno, Bailey Rae Poer, Megan Sparks, Valentin Trejo, Israel Flores, Dax Haight, Reagan Haynes, Oziel Rey, Jenny Smith, Bailey Stedje, Kelcie Swink, Savanna White, Carson Williams</p> <p><b>2nd Grade</b> Maggie Gaspar, Cesar Mendoza, Lupita Mendoza, Dillon Payne, Travis Stedje, Madison Teal, Madison Williams, Beau Blankenship, Rachel Teal</p> <p><b>3rd Grade</b> Rachelle Hamilton, Maggie Key, Diego Ortiz, Damian Pierce, Dallas Reynolds, Meghan Teal, Paula Terrazas, Ashley Williams, Cale Curry, Adilene Duran, Korbin Irwin, Greyson Karlin, Alex Logsdon, Michael Renteria, Flor Soto, Callie Stedje</p> <p><b>4th Grade</b> Shelley Gibson, Betty Hernandez, Kramer King, Madison McLain, Ali Tyler</p> <p><b>All A's</b> <b>5th Grade</b> Cambry Cooper, Mary Hart*, Jack Karlin, Zach Logsdon, Brianna Mitchell, Colton Moffett, Shelby Williams</p> <p><b>6th Grade</b> Katie Gibson, Lull Hernandez, Gabriel Mendoza, Caleb Miller, Drew Mireles, Megan Stedje, Leigh Anne Winger*, Mattie Yanke</p> <p><b>7th Grade</b> Sydney Clawson, Miles Messer, Lynn Vela*</p> <p><b>8th Grade</b> Maydeli Ortiz*, Seth Thompson, Emily Williams, Abbi Yanke</p> <p><b>9th Grade</b> Bonnie Frick, Brian Johnson, Justin Thompson</p> <p><b>10th Grade</b> Crispin Borunda, Matt Messer, Samantha Myatt, Jessica Schmidt</p> <p><b>11th Grade</b> Cody Mac Been, Brock Irwin, Brittanie Osbourne, Mark TeBeest</p> <p><b>12th Grade</b> Kalee Crawford, Jenny Hart, Meagan Knight, Cassie Myatt, Cecilia Rosales</p>	<p><b>All A's, 1B</b> <b>5th Grade</b> Gabriela Barrera, Mariela Barrera, Justin Bass, Noemi Bernal, Luis Munoz, Brenna Reid, Daniel Swink</p> <p><b>6th Grade</b> Mary Barron, Fatima Borunda, Cory Graves, Parker Grotegut, Luis Lora</p> <p><b>7th Grade</b> Devlin Reynolds, Matt Salazar</p> <p><b>8th Grade</b> Yadira Garcia, Chandler Miner, Morgan Ross, Diana Solis, Adriana Soto, Kayla Swink</p> <p><b>9th Grade</b> Sydney Been, Conrad Curry, Mayra Hernandez, Jimmilee McCloy, Charles Slough, Lauren Urban, Victoria Vela</p> <p><b>10th Grade</b> Lindsey Clift, Laci Fitzgearld</p> <p><b>11th Grade</b> Blythe Finley, Laina Grotegut, Gabriela Rosales</p> <p><b>12th Grade</b> Diana Lopez, David Puebla, Jose Rodriguez</p> <p><b>Pringle-Morse CISD</b> <b>Principal's Honor Roll</b> <b>1st Grade</b> Griselda Lopez, Kalob Lawrence, Misael Mendoza, Roman Ortiz, Juan Trejo</p> <p><b>2nd Grade</b> Jennifer Crowl, Gena Gillispie, Jace Lane, Molly Lieb</p> <p><b>3rd Grade</b> Reese Clark, Nathan Forrest</p> <p><b>4th Grade</b> Jace Hunter, Sury Rodriguez, Katelyn Wilson</p> <p><b>5th Grade</b> Elizabeth Hart, Haden Hart, Jesus Lopez, Wil McCloy, Tony Pena</p> <p><b>6th Grade</b> J.T. Miller, Tania Tarango</p> <p><b>7th Grade</b> Jenna Wilson</p> <p><b>8th Grade</b> Tara Shields</p> <p>*Denotes Principal's Honor Roll - These students had 90 or better in all core subjects.</p>
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**FOR SALE BY OWNER: 721 Wilbanks, Spearman** - 3BR, 2B, 1940 sq. ft., fireplace, new carpet and tile, completely remodeled inside. Large backyard with new wood fence. Call 659-3426 daytime, or 659-3830 after 6.  
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**FOR SALE: 222 S. Hazelwood, Spearman** - 3300 sq. ft. 4BR, 2 1/2 brick home with metal roof, fenced back yard, detached 1200 sq. ft. shop and carport. Call 659-3550.  
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**FOR SALE OR RENT: 1 1/2 miles West of Gruver on Hwy. 15** - 4BR, 2B home on 1+ acre. Contact Mike Dillard at (405) 729-4343.  
**2(3-18-04)P**  
**FOR SALE: 504 4th St, Gruver** - 2400 sq. ft. brick home - 3BR, 1 1/2B, 2CG, office and sun room. New central H/A, new insulation and ceiling fans. Lots of storage, plus storage building. Call 733-8042.  
**TFN(3-25-04)B**  
**FOR SALE: 1114 S. Barkley Spearman** - 3BR, 1 1/2B, 1CG, newly remodeled - new tile in kitchen and dining room, new steel siding, new interior & front doors, hardwood floors, central H/A. Call 659-2961 or 330-0215.  
**2(3-25-04)P**

FOR RENT/LEASE

**FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 1BR** apartment. Call 659-5519.  
**TFN(8-8-02)B**  
**FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 3BR,** 1B apartment - \$425/month, water paid - excellent condition. Call 659-9971.  
**TFN(11-27-02)B**

HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** D&C Greenhouse is seeking a temporary full/part time dependable salesperson to operate the store in Spearman. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants and operating cash register. Starting pay is \$5.50/hour with a 40-hour work week and a 2-day on, one-day off schedule. We will start hiring April 1st. Send resume to D&C Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman, TX 79081. Call (806) 659-5171 for more information.  
**TFN(3-4-04)B**  
**HELP WANTED:** Frontier Feedyard is accepting applications for an experienced Feed Truck Driver. Call (806) 882-4251 or apply in person. EOE  
**2(3-18-04)B**  
**HELP WANTED:** First State Bank, Spearman, has a full-time position open for someone interested in working as a Teller and in the Bookkeeping/Data Processing Department. Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent, typing skills and some ten-key skills. Good customer relation and telephone skills are very important. Accounting skills and computer skills in word processing and spreadsheets would be helpful. We have an excellent benefits program that includes group hospitalization insurance, retirement, vacation pay, sick leave pay and holiday pay. Apply with Ginger Turner at First State Bank, PO Box 247,  
**TFN(3-4-04)B**

Spearman, TX 79081, telephone (806) 659-5565. An Equal Opportunity Employer.  
**2(3-18-04)B**  
**HELP WANTED:** First State Bank, Spearman, has a part-time job opening in the Maintenance Department. Job involves cleaning the bank, washing windows, mowing and many other maintenance responsibilities. Working hours would be from early afternoon (no later than 3:45 p.m.) to approximately 6 p.m. or when the work is done, Monday through Friday. May need to work some Saturdays. Summer would involve more hours. Physical labor and some lifting required. Must be 16 years old or older. Contact Ginger Turner at First State Bank, telephone (806) 659-5565. An Equal Opportunity Employer.  
**2(3-25-04)B**  
**HELP WANTED:** Permanent Truck Driver with CDL or Heavy Equipment Operator needed at Junior Lusby Cats, Inc. Call 659-3766.  
**4(3-18-04)B**  
**HELP WANTED:** All-around elevator help needed. CDL w/hazmat preferred. Competitive wages. Contact Darren at Morse Equity (806) 733-2318 or 733-5322. Can pick applications at Spearman Equity.  
**TFN(3-18-04)B**

JANITORIAL SERVICES

**WANTED:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's Hansford County USDA Service Center in Spearman TX will be accepting bids for janitorial services of approximately 4,750 square feet of office space located at 909 West 9th Ave in Spearman. Services will include restrooms and halls, all to be cleaned 5 days a week. Contract period is June 1, 2004 through May 31, 2006. Bid specification packages are available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 909 West 9th Ave Suite B, Spearman TX. All applicants must furnish own equipment and supplies. References are required. Final date for submitting bids is April 16, 2004. Contact Rick Hargrove at (806) 659-3036 for further information. The Hansford County Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.  
**2(3-25-04)B**

INTERIOR PAINTING & DECORATING

**ORATING:** One room or all - baby nursery, children's cartoon characters or under the sea - you pick the theme - plain to exotic. Call 330-0567.  
**4(3-25-04)P**

FOR SALE

**OATS FOR SALE:** Troy oats cleaned dual-purpose. Call Watley Seed Co. in Spearman, 659-3838 or 1-800-336-2885.  
**TFN(2-19-04)B**

WANTED

**56 PEOPLE NEED TO LOSE WEIGHT.** Natural. Dr. recommended. Call 1-888-200-4601.  
**4(3-11-04)P**

GARAGE SALE

**LARGE GARAGE SALE:** Saturday, March 27th; 10 a.m.; 607 S. Roland, Spearman; Thousands of craft items - beads, ribbons, fabric, crochet items, patterns, hundreds of books & lots more! Hundreds of Christmas decorations - new & used. Refrigerated air conditioner; lots of tools, misc. items.  
**1(3-25-04)B**

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Real Estate & Rental

**Spearman Property**  
 611 S. Evans - 3BR, 1 1/2B, 1CG  
**Gruver Property**  
 NEW LISTING - 811 Richardson - 3BR, 1B, 1C Carport  
 REDUCED - 801 Richardson - 3BR, 1B, 1CG, 2 carports  
 618 Front Street - 1BR, 1B, cellar, lg. shed  
 800 Front Street - 3BR, 2B, 5 lots  
 802 Womble - 2-3BR, carport, corner lot  
 813 Richardson - 2BR, 1B  
 800 Front Street - 3BR, 2B, 5 lots  
 802 Womble - 2-3BR, carport, corner lot  
 903 Richardson - 2BR, 1B  
**Rural Property**  
 9520 Hwy. 15 - 30+ acres, 2 houses, close to Gruver  
 11426 Co. Rd. H, Ochiltree Co. - 4/5BR, 3B, 10 acres + guest house, bam, extra bldgs., etc.  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges." ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees. In the Second Amended Application, Valor proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on Valor's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5. Valor is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, Valor may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges. If Valor's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on Valor's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse Valor for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Valor seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$1,333,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5. If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call Valor at 1-877-520-5220. The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004 on 1000 tons of A-4, B-3 and B-4 gravel, F.O.B. the plant and F.O.B. the site. Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, TX 79081-2052. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 12, 2004 during the Commissioners' Court meeting in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
**3(3-25-04)B**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is applying for grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Research and Planning Fund to be used for the purpose of Supplemental Funding to address Changed Conditions during the development of second Regional Water Plan. The application is being filed with the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board. The PWPG consists of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission serves as the designated political subdivision for the Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) and is represented by Gary Pitner, Executive Director, and can be reached by mail at: PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The Texas Water Development Board may be reached at PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, Attn: Temple McKinnon. Individuals wishing to make comments regarding this notice of intent or the application for funds must file such comments with the Texas Water Development Board, Attn: Executive Administrator, and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Gary Pitner, within 30 days of publication or mailing of this notice.  
**3(3-25-04)B**

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

**PERMIT NO. 4562**  
**APPLICATION** Perryton Equity Exchange has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 4562 which would authorize continued operation of the Grain Elevator located at 104 Collard, Spearman, Hansford County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, organic compounds and particulate matter (including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter). This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 4, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Hansford County Courthouse, #15 NW Court, Spearman, Hansford County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.** **PUBLIC COMMENT:** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process. After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing. **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING:** You may request a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act §382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing.** If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding. **MAILING LIST:** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application. **INFORMATION:** Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Further information may also be obtained from Perryton Equity Exchange, PO Box 889, Perryton, Texas 79070 or by calling Mr. Shawn Hughes, General Manager, at (806) 435-4016. Issuance Date: March 12, 2004.  
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LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004 on 1000 tons of A-4, B-3 and B-4 gravel, F.O.B. the plant and F.O.B. the site. Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, TX 79081-2052. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 12, 2004 during the Commissioners' Court meeting in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is applying for grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Research and Planning Fund to be used for the purpose of Supplemental Funding to address Changed Conditions during the development of second Regional Water Plan. The application is being filed with the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board. The PWPG consists of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission serves as the designated political subdivision for the Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) and is represented by Gary Pitner, Executive Director, and can be reached by mail at: PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The Texas Water Development Board may be reached at PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, Attn: Temple McKinnon. Individuals wishing to make comments regarding this notice of intent or the application for funds must file such comments with the Texas Water Development Board, Attn: Executive Administrator, and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Gary Pitner, within 30 days of publication or mailing of this notice.  
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# Hansford Manor Hosts Winter Olympics



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A total of 11 residents competed in the 3' Horseshoe event. E.J. Wade, Pauline Pshigoda, Eva Lee Sheets, Paul Allison, Effie Branch, Joyce Crum, Clarence Willmon, Bessie Swan, George Steakley, Marie Coates, and Irene Reed. Effie Branch placed 1st, Eva Lee Sheets 2nd, and E.J. Wade 3rd.

There were 10 residents competing in bowling. Louis Flowers, Robert Yanke, Ruth Bryan, Alice Kirby, Ruth Benefield, Pauline Winger, Bessie Swan, Edith Hoff, Dorris Cluck, and Viola Thompson. Viola Thompson came in 1st, Louis Flowers 2nd, and Bessie Swan 3rd.

Eleven residents competed in the floor basketball event. Opal Bradford, Pauline Pshigoda, Viola Boyd, Eva Lee Sheets, Effie Branch, Ruth Bryan, Clarence Willmon, Bessie Swan, Marie Coates, Irene Edwards, Joyce Crum, and Irene Reed. Irene Reed won 1st place, Clarence Willmon 2nd, and Eva Lee Sheets 3rd.

In 6' Horseshoes, 6 residents competed. Opal Bradford, Louis Flowers, Viola Boyd, Tubby Hays, Pauline Winger, and Dorris Cluck. Tubby Hays won 1st place, Viola Boyd 2nd, and Louis Flowers 3rd.

Nine residents participated in Bean Bag Throw. E.J. Wade, Paul Allison, Beth Phelps, Ruth Benefield, Clarence Willmon, George Steakley, Edith Hoff, Irene Edwards, and Tubby Hays. Tubby won 1st, Ruth Benefield 2nd, and George Steakley 3rd.

Six residents competed in the tall basketball throw. Louis Flowers, Robert Yanke, Beth Phelps, Tubby Hays, Alice Kirby, and Dorris Cluck. Louis Flowers won 1st, Tubby Hays 2nd, and Alice Kirby 3rd.

Fourteen residents competed in the Tar Grip Throw. Opal Bradford, Viola Thompson, E.J. Wade, Pauline Pshigoda, Viola Boyd, Eva Lee Sheets, Paul Allison, Effie Branch, Joyce Crum, Pauline Winger, George Steakley, Edith Hoff, Marie Coates, Irene Edwards, and Irene Reed. Viola Boyd was 1st, Viola Thompson 2nd, and Joyce Crum 3rd.

There were a total of 25 residents in competition! Each resident was allowed to score in three events. We had 11 high school student volunteers (Thank you Coach Baird & Krista Baird), Timberly Thomas, Adriana Mendoza, Luis Almanza, Jessica Villareal, Christine Hunter, Carlos Lopez, Joel Lopez, Jaqueline Elwood, Melissa Lesly, Birdy Ortiz, and Jessica Riley and two other volunteers, Maddie Daharsh and Shelby Ezzell.

Our volunteers were excellent. They were on hand to set up games, assist residents to the game, cheering the residents on and helping put the games back up. Several residents that were not able to compete including Geneva Eddleman were cheering the residents on from the sidelines!

This event was truly a community effort. The Auxiliary had provided t-shirts for the residents as well as providing the medals for the winners. Thank you, Auxiliary! The dietary staff prepared a special lunch for the residents and volunteers alike. We had a great day and it was not to end quietly.

When all events were completed and scores tallied, we had a tie between Tubby Hays and Viola Thompson for the Ms. Olympian trophy. Each one had exactly the same score--so we went into play-off overtime! As residents, volunteers, and visitors cheered them on each one threw the bean bags at the board. You guessed it--at the end of the game they were still tied. So we went into double overtime. We brought back out the bowling lane. Each one bowled and the tie was finally broken. What an olympic effort was put forth by each one!!

Tubby Hays was the Queen of the Olympics by one point with Viola Thompson as first runner up. Louis Flowers was King of the Olympics with Clarence Willmon in the first runner up position. What a great ending to a great day!

Medals and trophies were awarded at a special ceremony that afternoon. I hope that as you see any of these competitors you will remember to congratulate them!

Thank you to Toby Shields & Co. at Ivey's Hungry Cowboy for donating the lunches to the residents and helpers of Hansford Manor on the 19th. That was such a wonderful thing for you to do and we all appreciate it!!



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