



IN THE NEWS

Flurry of Bankruptcy Amendments Hits Senate
 U.S. Senate Democrats offered a flurry of amendments to a controversial bankruptcy bill on Wednesday, delaying a vote on the legislation with proposals that ranged from easing the bill's impact on select groups to forcing new requirements on credit card companies.

Greenspan: Economy OK But Watch Deficits
 The U.S. economy is growing at a "reasonably good pace," Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said on Wednesday, but he warned dangerous budget deficits must be fixed, preferably through spending cuts.

House OKs Job Training Bill with Faith Provision
 The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday approved legislation on job training, despite Democratic objections to a provision that would allow faith-based programs to use religion as a hiring criterion.

Congress Resurrects Highway, Transit Bill
 Lawmakers on Wednesday sent a \$284 billion long-term highway and transit construction bill to the full House of Representatives, resurrecting a measure that foundered last year over election-year politics.

U.S. Marines, Amid Iraq War, Miss Recruiting Goals
 The Marine Corps for the second straight month in February missed its goal for signing up new recruits, the Marines said on Wednesday, in another sign of the Iraq war's effect on military recruiting.

Russia, Germany Demand Syria Quit Lebanon
 Russia and Germany joined an international chorus of demands for Syria to leave Lebanon, and President Bashar al-Assad was expected to travel to Saudi Arabia on Thursday for talks diplomats said would focus on a pullout.

UN Nuke Board Backs EU Offer of Incentives to Iran
 The 35 nations on the U.N. nuclear watchdog's board urged Iran on Thursday to step up cooperation with U.N. inspectors and backed a European Union offer of incentives if Tehran ends sensitive nuclear work.

French Government Under Fire Over Iraq Hostage Crisis
 France's opposition Socialist increased pressure on the government on Thursday in a growing crisis over a French hostage held in Iraq, criticizing it for turning to a controversial rebel parliamentarian for help.

Car Bombing Near Israeli Troops at West Bank Shrine
 Palestinian militants blew up a car bomb near Israeli soldiers guarding Jewish worshippers at a flashpoint shrine in the West Bank on Thursday, dealing another blow to a frayed ceasefire.

Indonesia's Bashir Found Guilty in Bali Bomb Plot
 An Indonesian court sentenced fiery Muslim preacher Abu Bakar Bashir to two and a half years in jail after finding him guilty on Thursday of an "evil conspiracy" to commit the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings.

N. Korea Threatens to Hold Missile Tests, Slams U.S.
 North Korea threatened to resume long-range missile testing and demanded the United States apologize for calling the country "an outpost of tyranny," official media reported late on Wednesday.

U.S. Skeptical of Syria Pledge on Lebanon Withdrawal
 The United States said on Wednesday it was skeptical of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's pledge to withdraw his country's troops from Lebanon because Damascus has sent mixed signals about its intentions.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the west after midnight.
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph after midnight.
SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.



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Rabies case confirmed in Hansford County

by Harletta Carthel
 The first rabies case since 1982, has been confirmed in Hansford County.

A positive rabies report was issued February 16, by the Texas Department of State Health Services for an incident that occurred at a rural resident northwest of Morse on February 13.

According to Dr. James Alexander, veterinarian with the Health Service for Region 1, there were three human exposures and four domestic animals (dogs) exposed to the disease.

"As I understand it," Dr. Alexander said, "A family's dog suddenly became aggressive toward the other dogs at the property. The aggressive dog was penned by itself, but it only became more aggressive. The owner was planning to take it to the veterinary clinic, but had to shoot it because it was too aggressive to approach."

Dr. Alexander noted that the dog had twice been observed in a fight with a skunk in the past month. A spokesman for the family said the dog testing positive for rabies had been adopted by the family about six months ago, after he wandered up to their rural residence.

The family noticed on or near February 13, that the dog did not appear to be feeling well. One member of the family was bitten, prior to the penning of the dog.

Three individuals, who were in close contact with the diseased animal are currently receiving a series of five preventative inoculations. The four other dogs at the rural residence, who had previously been vaccinated for rabies, have been re-vaccinated.

Dr. Lee Bob Harper of the Hansford County Veterinary Hospital said that Hansford County residents should make sure their pets' rabies vaccinations are current.

"We also had two other confirmed rabies cases in the Panhandle last week," Dr. Harper said. "There was a confirmed case in a cat in Castro County and a horse in Lipscomb County."

A letter sent by Hansford County Veterinary Clinic this week informed the public of the outbreak, saying, "three cases of rabies in nine days in our region necessitates a legitimate concern on the part of area veterinarians."

Pets should be started on their first rabies vaccination at three months of age with another vaccination one year later. One- and three-year vaccines are now available for pets. If owners are unsure of the status of their pet's vaccinations, they should call the clinic to check health records on file.

Dr. Harper also warned that any mammal, such as horses, cows, sheep and pigs, is capable of contracting rabies.

"We can administer rabies vaccine to horses or other valuable livestock," Dr. Harper said.

For any person bitten or scratched by a domestic animal, Dr. Harper advises a check on the animal's vaccination records, if available. For persons bitten or scratched by an animal in the wild, a physician should be consulted immediately and, in the case of a stray dog or cat, animal control should be called to find and capture the animal.

The Hansford County Veterinary Hospital's letter also warned that rabies may also be transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal entering the eyes or the mouth.

Dr. Alexander stated that the Hansford County rabies case is the first case confirmed this year and is one week earlier than the first confirmed rabies case in the state last year.

"Research is currently being done on the possibility of rabies outbreaks running in cycles of five and seven years, with twenty-year cycles also being studied," Dr. Alexander said. "The cycles may be caused by the skunk populations falling victim to rabies, and the five-seven year period could be the time, it takes the skunk population to rebuild."

Rabies vaccination clinics will be offered in Spearman this spring and in Morse during Morse Days.

Human Rabies Postexposure Prophylaxis (PEP) in Texas - Guide
 The following guidelines can be used in determining whether PEP is appropriate in response to a potential exposure to rabies. An exposure is defined as 1) an animal bite which breaks the skin or 2) exposure of broken skin (bleed or had serous drainage within the past 24 hours) or mucous membranes to saliva or cerebrospinal fluid. Stool, blood, urine, and skunk spray do not contain rabies virus.

Risk Category of Biting Animal	Laboratory Testing Result	Quarantine/Observation	Human Postexposure Prophylaxis
Low (mice, rats, squirrels, nutria, rabbits, opossums, armadillos, shrews, prairie dogs, beavers, gophers, and other rodents)	Testing is not required unless the Local Rabies Control Authority or physician has cause to believe the animal is rabid.	Not applicable	Testing or PEP is not required unless the Local Rabies Control Authority or physician has cause to believe the biting animal is rabid.
High (Bats, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, skunks) or type of biting animal is unknown	Positive or non-negative ²	Animal tested	Administer PEP (usually acceptable to wait up to 72 hours for test results or efforts to locate the animal before beginning PEP unless animal displayed signs compatible with rabies).
	Negative	Animal tested	PEP not administered.
	Animal not available	Not possible	Administer PEP.
Dog, Cat, Ferret¹	Positive	Animal tested	Administer PEP (usually acceptable to wait up to 72 hours for test results or efforts to locate the animal before beginning PEP unless animal displayed signs compatible with rabies).
	Negative	Animal tested	PEP not administered.
	Not tested pending outcome of quarantine (animal placed in quarantine until end of a 10-day observation period)	PEP not administered if animal is available for quarantine/10-day observation.	If animal shows signs compatible with rabies during 10-day observation, animal should be immediately euthanized and tested. PEP should begin immediately without waiting for test results; discontinue if test is negative.
	Animal not available or non-negative ²	Animal not available or tested	Consult public health professional.
All Other Warm-Blooded Animals	Positive	Animal tested	Administer PEP.
	Negative	Animal tested	PEP not administered.
	Non-negative ²	Animal tested	Consult public health professional.
	Not tested	30-day observation ⁴	Consult public health professional.
Animal not available	Animal not available	Consult public health professional.	

Rabies prevention in Texas

For assistance on problems or questions regarding rabies prevention, call your local health department, a regional office of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) (formerly the Texas Department of Health), the DSHS Zoonosis Control Group (512-4587255) or the DSHS Infectious Disease Control Unit (512-458-7455) during working hours. For emergency consultations on nights, weekends, and holidays, contact the DSHS on-call physician at (512) 458-7111.

Garcia files for Spearman ISD Board; Gruver posts no candidates

Joe Garcia has added his name to the list of candidates filing for the two expiring seats on the Spearman ISD School Board.

He joins incumbents Carol Dunning and Dwayne Mitchell who filed earlier.

The ballot remains blank for the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees for the seats of Jody Irwin and Terry Sherrill.

Pringle Morse CISD reports only the incumbents Jon Tolleson and Clyde McCloy have filed for the three seats that are expiring.

Monday, March 7, is the last day to file for a position on the ballot. Although all three Hansford County schools will be on Spring Break next week, the Spearman Business Office will be open and will accept filings until 5 p.m. The Gruver Business Office will also be open Monday, March 7, and will accept applications until 5 p.m.

For anyone wishing to file as a write-in candidate in Gruver, they must do so by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, or by 5 p.m. Monday, March 14.

Should there be no candidates for the two seats being vacated in Gruver, the school board will appoint two people to fill those positions.

For those wishing to file in the Pringle-Morse school board elec-

tion, applications may be left at the Morse Post Office. Applications must be postmarked by March 7.

In the Spearman City Commission race, only the incumbent aldermen Brian Gillispie, Alfred Avila and Ron Antalek have filed.

In the Gruver City Commission race, incumbent Mark Irwin has filed for mayor, and incumbent Johnnie Williams has filed for city commissioner.

The deadline for filing for the city commission in both Gruver and Spearman is Monday, March 7, by 5 p.m.

Sign-up period for 2005 EQIP funding to end March 18, 2005

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county.

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

Texas Farm Bureau recognizes representative



Mac Thornberry, U.S. representative receives "Friend of Farm Bureau" awards for support of agriculture in Congress.

Tequila's Mexican Kitchen in Amarillo.

The group presented Thornberry with two "Friend of Farm Bureau" awards - one for 2003 and one for 2004 - for his support of agriculture in Congress. The ceremony came at the end of District 1's meeting. (District 1 covers 22 Panhandle counties.)

"It's comforting to me when I see my positions and Farm Bureau's positions are nearly the same," Thornberry, R-Clarendon, said.

Ralph Detten, District 1 director from Hereford, said Thornberry worked with former congressman Charles Stenholm and Larry Combest to pass the 2002 Farm Bill.

"We're interested in keeping that funding in place until 2007," Detten said.

"We don't have the leadership heads from this state that we had before. We look to Congressman Thornberry to be instrumental in carrying on," he said.

President George Bush has proposed an agriculture budget for 2006 that reduces agriculture spending. Two of the proposals are capping individual farmer payments at \$250,000 and cutting commodity payments by 5 percent.

"My bottom line is the Farm Bill is working well," Thornberry said.

He pointed out that urban and suburban dwellers see money devoted to agriculture and want to use it for other things.

The Japanese meat market may reopen in the spring, Thornberry said.

"We want a sound scientific policy and free and open trade that is going to stay that way," he said.

Farm Bureau member Durk Green of Wellington said he has grave concerns about the proposed cuts in the fiscal year 2006 budget.

He noted farmers grew some of the best crops in 2004, but with low commodity prices and high costs for fuel, natural gas and steel, margins were slim.

Gruver City Hall moves



Open House will be held Friday, March 4, from 8-5 at Gruver City Hall which has moved to 201 E. Broadway in the renovated former Gruver Clinic.

(Left to right) City Manager Linda Weller, City Secretary Mark Washburn, and Chief of Police Dee Mayfield invite residents to tour the facility during open house.

The new city offices, which were renovated by Washburn, is handicapped accessible and has a covered drive-through with drop box for payments.

In addition to a large reception area, the building houses the offices of the city manager, the chief of police, the department of public works, as well as a council chamber, a file and workroom and kitchen and break room.

EDITORIAL

Where do I begin?
 She began working for the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman in October of 1996, ten months after Gary and I purchased the business. Nearly nine-and-a-half years later, Harletta Carthel is moving on to bigger things. In March, she will begin a full-time position at the Guymon Daily Herald.

Over the years Harletta has written many, many articles and features about Hansford County and its citizens. She has helped us in promoting our wonderful county, its citizens and our way of life. Not only has she been an asset to the newspaper, but a dear friend as well. I have shared in her children's graduation from Gruver High School and college, and the

marriage of her daughter, KiKi. She has been here to watch my son, Clayton, grow from a second grader to high school sophomore, and shared in the marriage of our daughters and the birth of our granddaughter.

Harletta began working part-time at the Daily Herald in January, and was quickly asked if she join the staff full-time.

Although Harletta will be working in Guymon, I know her heart will remain in Hansford County. I also know that the citizens of Hansford County will continue to hold her in their heart.

Harletta has been a very loyal and dedicated employ and she will be greatly missed.

Catherine Smith

Live,
Laugh
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My friend Andrea Navarrete sent me the following article entitled "Why men are happier people." (I have to admit that several of these "reasons" do remind me of my husband.)

Why me are happier people

- Your last name stays put.
- The garage is all yours.
- Wedding plans take care of themselves.
- Chocolate is just another snack.
- You can be president.
- You can never be pregnant.
- You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.
- You can wear NO T-shirt to a water park.
- Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- The world is your urinal.
- You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.
- You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
- Same work, more pay.
- Wrinkles add character.
- Wedding dress -- \$5000. Tux rental -- \$100.
- The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.
- New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.
- One mood-all the time.
- Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
- You know stuff about tanks.
- A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.
- You can open all your own jars.
- You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- Your underwear is \$8.95 for three-pack.
- Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
- You almost never have strap problems in public.
- You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
- Everything on your face stays its original color.
- The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- You only have to shave your face and neck.
- You can play with toys all your life.
- Your belly usually hides your big hips.
- One wallet and one pair of shoes one color for all seasons.
- You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
- You can "do" your nails with a pocketknife.
- You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.
- You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.
- No wonder men are happier !!

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 :)

Greetings
To The Grad
**Spearman
Ex-Student Association
seeks SHS graduates**

The Spearman Ex-Students Association cannot locate the following people for the All-School Reunion being held July 1 & 2, 2005. If you have an address or phone number for any of the following people, please call Marsha Shaver 659-2780, Paige Burgin 659-3399, or Cindy Blackman 659-3584, after 5. Or mail to PO Box 132, Spearman.

Thanks for your help!
We would really like to contact every graduate as soon as possible.

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| Teachers | |
| Eugene & Joy Barkowsky | Hazel Simmons Lorts |
| Jerry Brace | Easton Wall |
| Frank Cockrell | Craig Zinck |
| Graduates | |
| 1930 Warika Haney Brock | 1971 Larry Owens |
| 1930 Chloe Gill Cone | 1971 Susan Barnes Jones |
| 1931 Colleen Tower Dutton | 1971 Karl Kingham |
| 1931 Annie Deering Glover | 1971 Deanna Kloss |
| 1931 Donna Murphy Broadhurst | 1971 Debbie Kloss |
| 1932 Lorane Evans | 1971 Carlos Lopez |
| 1932 Milton Nielson | 1971 Shana Tobey McCoy |
| 1933 Lucille Robinson Bentley | 1973 Becky Faries Etheredge |
| 1933 Edna Buchanan Bassell | 1973 Pam Herring |
| 1932 Beatrice Becker Cline | 1973 Billy Pettitt |
| 1934 Katherin Esealey | 1973 Danny Morris |
| 1934 Alene Parker Skinner | 1973 Peggy Ray |
| 1935 John Cox | 1973 Steve Snow |
| 1935 Robert Douglas | 1973 Danny Chisum |
| 1936 Ruby Flint May | 1974 Bill Calaway |
| 1938 Charles Allman | 1974 Tim Wisdom |
| 1938 Dakota Becker Robertson | 1974 Larry and Eddie Graham |
| 1939 Polly Smith Taylor | 1974 Roy Luna |
| 1939 Bruce Douglas | 1974 Mike Self |
| 1940 John H. Horn | 1974 Randy Sims |
| 1940 Rev. Dale Field | 1975 Renee Asbill Clifford |
| 1940 Charles Edward Bradford | 1975 Debbie Simmons |
| 1940 Juanita Hendricks | 1975 Scott Snow |
| 1940 Scott Raymond | 1975 Debbie Stump |
| 1941 Eva Hilton Fischer | 1975 Daryl Thornton |
| 1941 Vance Prutsman | 1975 Don Wirsdorfer |
| 1944 Iris Hall | 1975 Cathy Cook Hagerman |
| 1944 Calvin Cox | 1975 Clay Ellison |
| 1945 Dorothy Noel Hammons | 1975 Paul Garza |
| 1948 Johnnie Ruth Wilson | 1975 Lynette Henry |
| 1950 Scott Coffman | 1975 Gloria Olivarez |
| 1958 Mary Frances Richardson | 1975 Mike Bomer |
| 1959 Carol Sue Hindergardt | 1975 Nawana Carter Brown |
| 1960 Galen Winters | 1975 James Cantrell |
| 1961 Wayne Douglas Scott | 1975 Julie Callaway |
| 1961 Carol Ann Fowler | 1975 James Neal |
| 1961 Darlene Stephens Harding | 1975 Jana Ralls |
| 1962 Bertie Mae Bogges | 1975 Gloria Lopez O'Brien |
| 1962 Carl Nickles | 1977 Becky Brown Myers |
| 1962 Margaret Nelson | 1978 Gary McCalman |
| 1962 Ken Camp | 1978 Randy Pool |
| 1962 Blair Burkhardt | 1978 Connie Moore |
| 1962 John Chain | 1978 Tammy Wallace |
| 1962 Jack Conner | 1979 Paul Welch |
| 1963 Melvin Covington | 1982 Donna Ball |
| 1963 Tom Nelson | 1982 Lois Cook Cruz |
| 1963 John Riley | 1982 Mitzie Hazlewood |
| 1963 Catherine Weaver Williams | 1983 Fran Quimby Lothman |
| 1964 David Hester | 1983 Angela McCain |
| 1964 Rick Collins | 1983 Rosa Roberts Pearce |
| 1965 Carol Simmons Clark | 1983 Toby Phillips |
| 1965 Tom Hoobler | 1987 Kim Branstetter McKee |
| 1965 Mike Morris | 1988 Mary Jane Schaffer Brown |
| 1966 Cynthia Henderson McGhee | 1988 Karen Cook Duff |
| 1966 Marnell Simmons Pribble | 1990 Chris Porter |
| 1967 Amy Presser Roberts | 1990 Arto Kunnola |
| 1968 Vicki Mickler Tunnell | 1992 Billy JoMorre Pierson |
| 1968 Ricky Butler | 1992 Khristi Williams Yoiley |
| 1968 Kenneth Banks | 1992 Jeremy Willingham |
| 1968 Donna Byrd | 1993 Santiago Tercero Jr. |
| 1970 Kay Reed | 1993 James Burk |
| 1971 Gary Stages | 1993 Michael Burk |
| 1971 Roberta Carol Anders | 1996 Al Ortega |
| 1971 Tina Boese | 1995 Valentin Macias |

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their dues!
Spearman Ex-Student Association is a non-profit organization that not only organizes the reunions, but also gives scholarships away yearly. So, please remember to send in your dues even if you can't attend the reunion. Thank you.

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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.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2005 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 27th. 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 2005" memory, making this project "special", please call Delinda McLaughlin at 659-2800, Stephanie Brock at 659-1774, or Shannon Barnes at 659-5544.

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 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.

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

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Thursday nights 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. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

ACT Registration

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 9, 2005, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 4th, and the late registration postmark deadline is March 18th (an additional fee is required for late registration). The ACT Assessment now contains an optional Writing Test. Some colleges will require writing scores from students entering college in the fall of 2006. The cost is \$28 without the Writing Test, and \$42 with the Writing Test. Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselor or they can register on ACT's website at www.actstudent.org. ACT encourages eleventh graders to examine their ACT scores for academic weaknesses and take more challenging courses or receive extra help to grow stronger in important academic areas. The ACT Assessment includes four tests: English, reading, math and science, with an optional for writing. Students who opt to take the writing test will add 30 minutes to the 3-hour normal testing time.

World Day of Prayer

"In Faith, Women Shape the Future" is this year's theme for the World Day of Prayer. This year's service will be held on Friday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 29 South Bernice in Spearman. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the service beginning at 10 a.m. The offering taken during the service will be divided between the Ministerial Alliance of Spearman and Church Women United (the national committee of World Day of Prayer in the United States). For more information, contact Betty Jean Davis at 659-3188.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, or if you would like to know more about this ministry, you are invited to attend the program to be given at the Hansford Hospice Volunteers meeting on March 14th, 7 p.m. at the Gruver State Bank meeting room in Gruver. If you knit or crochet, or want to buy thread or yarn for those who do, come and learn more about this wonderful ministry. For more information, contact Linda Lieb at 878-2656, or June Jackson at 659-2384.

Colt Cluck Memorial Tri-State Rodeo Scholarship

The Tri-State Rodeo is now accepting donations for the Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship. Donations may be mailed to: Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship, Tri-State Rodeo, PO Box 1414, Canyon, Texas 79015. For more information, contact Craig Cooper at (806) 733-5200.

Hearts of Gold Gala

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Charlotte and T.J. Bergin. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local merchants. 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, Sharron 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.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) 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. Call for more information regarding PCC's services.

Red Cross schedules Lifeguard Challenge

The American Red Cross will conduct a Lifeguard challenge recertification program on March 12th (for current lifeguards). Enrollment is limited, so call 435-8024 to sign up.

Boy Scout Fundraiser

Harry Stumpf, financial chairman for the Spearman Boy Scouts, will begin the annual Boy Scout Fundraising Project on Monday, March 7, 2005. Donations may be mailed to: Boy Scouts, 301 W 12th Street, Spearman TX 79081.

Rushing Wind Emmaus

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Sat., March 12, in the Waka Christian Center in Waka. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with a potluck meal followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service. Family and friends are welcome; a nursery will be provided.

Pot O' Gold Dinner, Dance & Calcutta

The O'Loughlin Center will host their annual Pot O' Gold Dinner, Dance and Calcutta on Saturday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. For more information, call 659-3030.

Thriftshop Policy

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Thank you, Catherine

March 3

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

March 4

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

March 5

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

March 6

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

March 7

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

March 8

Birthday - Patty Cator, Drew Grotogut, Mike McLain, Bill Hamish, Melvin Swene, Kirby McAdams, Deana Shields, Dee Allen, Steve Cruse, Candi Delozier, Ben Cook, Colby Red, Eric Olsen, Rae Lynn Cook, Cindee Thomas, Christi Clift, Michelle Schick

March 9

Wagner

Birthday - Roy Byrd, Craig Cooper, Tommy Henson, Elizabeth Holt, John Brown, Mary Lou Vela, Amy Tucker, Jerry Younger, Cole Ivey, Aletha Lesley, Deann Turner, Karla Acton, Brandon Hathaway, Vickie Urban, Nita Byrd

Anniversary - M/M John Knowles, M/M Shawn Thompson, M/M Kermit Boone, M/M Dwayne Thompson, M/M Dan Wheelock

March 10

Birthday - Shanna Jarvis, Sandy Kirby, Debby Odum, Perry Lamb, Tucker Williams, Roy Uptergrove, Ricky Reger, Reba Ooley, Pam Hart, Shane Pearce, Eugene Barnes, Jr. Barnes, Felipe Lozano, Michael Lozano, Melinda Taylor, Sandy Spivey, Curtis Pearson, Jennifer Keim, Summer Fernandez, Kellyn King

March 11

Birthday - Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones, Felipe Dominguez

March 12

Birthday - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson, Makenzie Crane, Katie Hintergardt

March 13

Birthday - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon (Holton) Steinberger, Chuck Fletcher, Lynell Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield

March 14

Birthday - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams

March 15

Anniversary - M/M Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, M/M Jimmy Bishard

Our Sympathy

HENRY CORNELIUS

SPEARMAN - Henry Cornelius, 88, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Beverly Cook officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Cornelius was born Nov. 26, 1916, in Oil City, Pa. He graduated from high school there in June 1934. He went to work for Pa. Power and Light and was moved to Erie, Pa., after three years and from there to Altoona, Pa. While there, he applied to Penn State for admission to go for a degree in petroleum engineering and was accepted in August 1941. He married Mary Jackson of Oil City on April 9, 1939, while in Erie.

Because of the war, in 1941, Penn State went to year-round classes, and he graduated in October 1943.

The family moved to Pampa in November, where he went to work for Stanolind Oil & Gas for the next three years. From there, now with two children in tow, they went to Colombia, South America, with Tropical Oil of Toronto, Canada. This lasted for a little over two years, at which time, a minor revolution in the country caused all of the employees to be air-lifted back to the States safely. The family returned to Pampa, where he went to work for the Railroad Commission.

After more than three years, he got on with Shamrock Oil and Gas at Dumas. In 1956, after three years at Dumas, he was moved to the location at Spearman as production supervisor of a new district there. He retired from the company in 1976 and remained in Spearman. He and Mary enjoyed their travels in about 41 of the states and also western Canada.

Henry was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a lifelong Presbyterian.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Aug. 17, 1999, and a son, Major Samuel B., USAF, pilot of a Phantom jet, who was lost somewhere in Cambodia in 1973. No body was recovered.

Survivors include a daughter, Adele Rumley of Abilene; a son, Edwin Cornelius of Galveston; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

DEWEY E. TAYLOR



Dewey E. Taylor of Gruver, passed away Wednesday February 23, 2005.

Dewey was born January 21, 1928, to (W.F.) Frank and Ida Taylor in Reed, OK.

He married Virginia Wilmon July 9, 1955, in Stratford, TX.

Dewey was a Corporal in the Army and a Korean War Veteran who served in Germany.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Maybelle Mitchell, Elephair Brumfield, and Leola Ray, and four brothers W.F. Taylor, John R. Taylor, Roy Lee Taylor, and James Taylor.

He is survived by his wife of the home, one son, Kenneth and wife Vickie Taylor of San Antonio, two daughters Darla Sue and husband Ronnie Scroggins of Fritch and Gail and husband Steve Schmidt-Witcher of Dumas, ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Grover Taylor of Gruver, two sisters Jewel Hays of Waco, Sue and husband Lloyd Brownsworth of Enid, OK, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following his service in the Army, Dewey moved to Gruver and went to work for Universal Oil Company where he worked until its closing in 1987. He then worked for Dearl Shelton at the Texaco station until his retirement.

He donated his body to the Texas Tech Medical School. In doing so, he joked that it was time for him to go to college.

A familiar sight in his old pickup truck, he also quipped that his friends and family could remember him sometimes when they drove past a junk yard.

The family requests that all memorials and contributions be sent to the Hansford County Hospice in Spearman.

ELLZEY VANDERBURG

Services for Ellzey Vanderburg, 86, of Lubbock were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at the Wilsons' Funeral Directors Chapel in Wolfthor with Elder Don Sikes officiating.

Entombment will be in Wilsons' Funeral Directors Cemetery under the direction of Wilsons' Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vanderburg died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005.

He was born May 14, 1918 in Pampa to the late Ernest F. and Ethel Vanderburg. He married Charlotte Mobley Dec. 31, 1940 in Weatherford. She passed away Dec. 10, 1995. Prior to moving to Lubbock in 1975, he lived in Spearman where he farmed and served on the board of directors at Spearman ISD for 12 years. He was also a founding member of Camp Blue Haven Youth Camp in Las Vegas, N.M., serving 30 years on the Board of Directors.

He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1940 with a B.S. in Agronomy. He was County Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was an elder for 25 years at the Spearman Church of Christ, and was a member of Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock.

He is survived by three sons, Ernest of Corpus Christi, Joe of Spearman and Dee of Moberly, Mo.; a daughter, Davida Bednarz of Slaton; 10 grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to Camp Blue Haven Youth Camp, P.O. Box 1300, Canyon, TX 79015.

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FLOYD DAVIS

MORSE - Floyd Davis, 48, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, in Amarillo.

The family will hold a gathering at a later date. His remains have been donated to Texas Tech Medical Center. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mr. Davis was born April 22, 1956, in Pocatello, Idaho. He worked in construction as a carpenter.

Survivors include three sisters, Phyllis Jean Wilson of Hobbs, N.M., Bonnie Lee Rudsill of Tallahassee, Fla., and Carey Menard of Gruver.

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--February 28, 2005--32.42 feet (-0.14)

In Jim's Monday Report, he spoke of another big fish. This 24 pound catfish was caught by Roy Flaherty of Guymon, but Jim was gone that day and did not get a picture.

Jim's son Hart Derington, who works at a feedlot in Hale County, called to tell Jim that the eagles of Palo Duro Park had been featured in the Plainview Daily Herald. Then Ramon Cantu brought in the newspaper and left it for Jim to see. He said there were 3 good pictures of the eagles and a nice writeup. Michael Cole, son of Kent Cole, former Methodist minister in Spearman, had brought Robert Porter, a reporter for the Daily Herald, to the Lake.

Danny Swenson of the Texas Parks and Wildlife is quoted as saying there were usually 55 to 75 eagles that wintered in the Panhandle. This year, however, the number was down and the eagles

were well scattered at the many playa lakes filled by the rains.

The blue herons have started repairing their nests in the dead trees still standing in the Lake. A few of both the cormorants and herons have started nesting. It is interesting that both species will nest in the same trees.

Sunday morning Jim talked to Justin Ooley who had left his pickup and was hiking about a mile south of the office as if he had lost something. He and Bruce Towne had earlier seen a bobcat come out of a small draw near there. They both saw the cat and thought it unusually large, but they could see it did not have the tail of a lion. Justin found the tracks and noted they were big for a bobcat.

I was dismayed to learn of the confirmed case of rabies in the county. Several have remarked about how many dead skunks they were seeing on the highway, while others have remarked at how many live skunks they were seeing.

ET CETERA

Hansford County

Schools to enjoy Spring break
Spearman, Gruver, and Morse students will enjoy a spring break next week as classes will be dismissed March 7- March 13. Classes will resume Monday, March 14.

AARP Tax-Aide
AARP is offering free tax help for taxpayers with middle- and low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. A representative will be at Hansford County Library every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. beginning February 1st and continuing through April 12th. For more information, call 659-2853.

Hospice volunteer training
Hansford Hospice is sponsoring a volunteer training session beginning March 7th. at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about Hospice care, and/or desiring personal growth is invited to attend. There will be ten class sessions, and the schedule will be decided by those attending on March 7th. The course is free of charge. To enroll, please call 659-5811.

Gruver

Gruver to host all-star games
The all-stars of ten schools will converge on Gruver this weekend for a tournament which begins Friday, March 4, at 4:30 p.m.

Games will be played at the elementary and varsity gyms with teams from Spearman, Gruver, Dalhart, Perryton, Sunray, Guymon, Borger, Stinnett, Pampa and Ulysses, KS competing.

There will be both boys and girls in the third and fourth grade division and the fifth and sixth grade division competing.

Former Gruver coach's grandson plays against Gruver
The grandson of Ric and Shelia Nix was a member of the New Deal team which the Hounds played Friday night. He is the son of the former April Nix.

Basketball blast to the past

Bob Bort, an expert on Gruver sports facts, wrote to tell that in 1966, the Gruver team that eventually won the state title, also played Clarendon for bi-district, just as Gruver did last week. In 1966, the Hounds beat Clarendon 47-46. Last Tuesday night the Hounds topped Clarendon 51-49.

Community care concerns

Ross Walker is expected to return home from the hospital this week.

Phyllis Rasor has returned home from the hospital

Community condolences

Former Pastor of the Gruver United Methodist Church from 1977-78, Floyd Dunn, passed away December 1. His wife Ruby resides in Sears Methodist Center. Her address for cards of sympathy is Sears Methodist Center, 3202 South Willis Street, Abilene, TX 79605. Her phone number is 325-692-6145.

Dewey Taylor passed away last Wednesday. Dewey's last act of kindness was to donate his body to the Texas Tech Medical School so that young doctors and medical professionals may learn and be able to help others. Please remember his wife Virginia at this time.



Engagement Announcement

Marilyn Anderson of Spearman announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Amanda to John Gunning of Arlington.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gunning of Arlington and Dorothy Browning of Belton.

A March 12, 2005, wedding is planned at the Green Mansion in New Braunfels.

The groom and his brother are owners of Clear Perfection in Arlington where the bride-elect will also be employed.

Card of Thanks

Thank You

The family of Floyd Dry would like to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, food, cards, calls, visits and hugs during Daddy's illness and passing. We especially want to thank everyone at Hansford Manor and Hospice for the wonderful care given to our Dad. We are very fortunate to have such great facilities in our area. We are also blessed to live in such a caring and generous community.

May God bless you all,

Danny Dry, Pam Barber and Sandy Cummings & Families

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Parish Lay Minister Candidate

During Lent the liturgical church does not count Sundays as part of the forty days of lent; Sundays are viewed as a celebration of the risen Christ. The lessons for this week are 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5: 8-14, and John 9: 1-41.

In our Lenten examination of ourselves we may come to a discovery. "Hello, my name is Cecil and I am a sinner." These lessons show us a different way of viewing ourselves and others. The prophet Samuel is asked to anoint a new King over Israel to replace Saul who has fallen away from the Lord. Samuel learns that he does not judge kingliness the way God does. In Psalm 23, we see a beautiful poem which expresses the love of God for those who dwell in his ways; Ephesians reminds us of our nature--"For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of the light..." In the gospel of John, we see that the disciples viewed man differently than Jesus. They asked, "Who sinned this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him."

Although I am a sinner by nature, I know that God has made me His own, a member of His Kingdom through my baptism. So as we gather in our churches let us remember that our churches are not the gathering places of those who are better than other sinners, but a gathering of sinners, who repentant, have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ and who gather to worship and thank Him for his beneficence. We who have been forgiven so much should not strive to be "better" than our neighbors, the challenge of Lent is to be "better" than ourselves. May the Holy Spirit keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

College Corner

Honor Roll Tarleton State University

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2004 semester has been released at Tarleton State University. Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Clara Shieldknight of Spearman was listed as a Distinguished Student. Those designated as Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

Garden City Community College

Garden City Community College has released honor rolls for Fall 2004 semester. Listed on the Dean's Honor Roll was Keilee Goodheart of Spearman.

Full-time students enrolled in eight or more credit hours, who attained grade point averages of 3.2 to 3.999 on a four-point scale, qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll.

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Heather Murrell & David Houston - 4/19 (Gruver)
Laura Conrad & Josh Harris - 4/23 (Gruver)
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Amanda Anderson & John Gunning - 3/26
Heather Murrell & David Houston - 4/9 (Gruver)
Leah Mackie & Marc Strickland - 5/28
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Mr. & Ms. Hansford Manor - 2005



Hansford Heroes gather around the newly crowned Mr. and Ms. Hansford Manor, Robert Yanke and Viola Thompson. (Clockwise, from top right) Holly Baker, JoAnn Tang, Jessica Villarreal, Haley Smith, Maegan Smith, Timberly Thomas, Adriana Pina, and Melissa Lesly.

Ballot boxes were scattered through the Manor for over two weeks to allow Residents, Staff and the Public to vote for the new Mr. and Ms. Hansford Manor. When all tallying was done, Robert Yanke and Viola Thompson won clear victories.

At the annual Valentine's Party on the 14th, the new King and Queen were crowned. The top ten were Clarence Willmon, Bill Swan, George Steakley, Jack Gillespie, Clinton Crouse, Paul Allison, Glen Mackie, Albert Graves, Robert Yanke, and Louis Flowers. Louis Flowers was honored with the 3rd runner up position with Albert Graves coming in at second runner up and Glen Mackie first runner up.

In the women's division, the top ten were Betty Scribner, Bonnie Smith, Jane Hillman, Mary Newman, Lola Salgado, Viola Thompson, JoAnne Graves, Ruth Bryan, Effie Branch, and Anna Lee Pittman. Ruth Bryan won the 3rd runner up position with JoAnne Graves coming in second and Lola Salgado in first runner up position.

The program for the day was opened by Merry Sparks honoring several Hansford Heroes that come to the Manor on a regular basis to help with crafts, crazy bunko, trips, bingo, parties, answering phones, and serving at the Family Night Supper. Timberly Thomas was honored for her service as director of the Heroes and JoAnn Tang as assistant director. These two have done outstanding jobs of gathering the help needed at any activity that I have called them for. Also honored for their faithfulness and several terms of service were Chasity Thomas, Ashley Close, Holly Baker, Adriana Pinon, Brandon Cogdill, Trevor Tindell, Aleisha Sweet, Hailey Smith, Maegan Smith, Melissa Lesly, and Jessica Villarreal. This group has helped on several different occasions. We have many Hansford Heroes much too numerous to name here but never the less valuable to us.

Next on the agenda was the announcement of the top ten finalist and then the top three runners up. The new King and Queen were announced last. As they were receiving their crowns, flowers, and candy, Lisa Salmans sang

some beautiful love songs to the new King and Queen. Of course, the crowd began to chant in unison kiss-kiss-kiss. You saw the surprised look on their faces in the last issue of this paper.

Refreshments were served and enjoyed as the newly crowned King and Queen were congratulated by their friends and families.

Robert Yanke was born in 1912 in Enid, Oklahoma. He was adopted along with two other children by Daniel and Dora Dea Yanke. They lived NE of Enid during most of his childhood. When he was a teenager the family moved to Shattuck, Okla. and then on to Booker, Texas. Robert tells about when his Dad bought their first car a Model T.

While living in Booker, Robert met and married Hannah Kirschman in 1931. They had three sons, Albert, Clarence, and Vernon and one daughter, Bonita. Some of Robert's hobbies have included playing the violin and tinkering in

his shop. He loved to fix things that were broken. He is very proud of his family and enjoyed playing basketball, football and baseball with his grandchildren.

Viola Thompson was born in Blanchard, Oklahoma in 1931 to Stella and John Wilkerson. She met and married Elmer Thompson in 1933. They were blessed with four sons and three daughters. Viola is an accomplished seamstress and does beautiful hand work. She was very busy throughout the years as a housewife raising her family. The Thompsons lived many years in Gruver. Viola is a great helper at the Manor. She is eager to help at the many different projects that we work on. She is also a fierce competitor in the olympic events. One of her most enjoyable qualities for us is the ability to jingle off so many rhymes. She brought valentines to the activity room with this rhyme hand written on it "Cling to my heart - you clinging vine - I want you for my Valentine".

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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Monday was off in a whirl of activity with the catch up from over the weekend.

The Newscurrents program in the morning was enlightening to me when it declared that Russia own 1/8 of the land in the entire world! Did you know that?

This also is black history month and there was much information about distinguished persons in the past.

The animal section of the program was on the wild horses. They are trying to adopt a bill to manage the wild mustang population and to stop selling them to foreign countries for slaughter.

After lunch we launched a big project. We have dedicated Monday afternoons for a sewing project. Residents and staff will be working on new valances for all Resident rooms. We have decided to continue each Monday until finished. So far it is going really well. You know how the first day of sewing is though. I told them that I had calculated it and at the rate we were going we should be finished in about five months. Ha--we will have to get set up to do a little better than that - I hope the next time to get an assembly line going.

Thank you to Laureate Gamma Gamma for hosting bingo that night. What a great time we had !!

Tuesday morning we had the activity room filled with cooks. They peeled potatoes, carrots, sliced onions, cabbage, squash, celery, tomatoes, cooked the meat and made two huge pots of stew. You could smell it cooking all over the facility. (The Residents had it for lunch on Thursday. They reported to me that it was delicious. We just threw everything in there except the dish rag and cooked it a long, long time.) The kitchen made a beautiful pan of cornbread to go with it. We like cooking even if the onions make our eyes water.

After lunch we had Resident Council. The meeting was not very long but we took care of much business. Congratulations go out to Bucky Duniho who was elected to be the Resident of the Month and to Sam Cogdill who was elected CNA of the month.

Wednesday morning Janie read Bible stories from the Bible along with an article about the origin of the song "Precious Lord". To our amazement it was written by Tommy Dorsey after the death of his wife and infant son. It was a beautiful story of comfort and grace as he went through that period of his life.

After lunch we gathered in the activity room to complete the shamrocks that the Residents are working on and they also worked painting ceramic Easter eggs to give to the kindergarten children when they come to visit.

Thursday we spent the whole morning bowling. The Residents are getting practiced up on different olympic games for the upcoming olympics.

After lunch the faithful auxiliary hosted bingo for the Residents. Thank you to the auxiliary members !!

Friday morning the Residents worked on the bean bag toss game. They are really working hard!

That afternoon was our monthly birthday party to celebrate all of the birthdays in February. The auxiliary brought in pie after pie after pie. We sang happy birthday to the Residents and then served desserts to the Residents. Thank you to the auxiliary.

After the party, Janie Kunselman, Joel Lee Lackey, Jr. Sparks, and Richard Kirk kept the audience clapping, tapping and

dancing to their beautiful music. They do a beautiful job of playing together. Thank you to one and all! We had a great time.

Thank you also to the First Assembly of God for bringing services to the Manor on Sunday. The Residents receive such a blessing from the church services and I trust that each and every one of you that gave selflessly of yourselves and your time will receive blessings back.

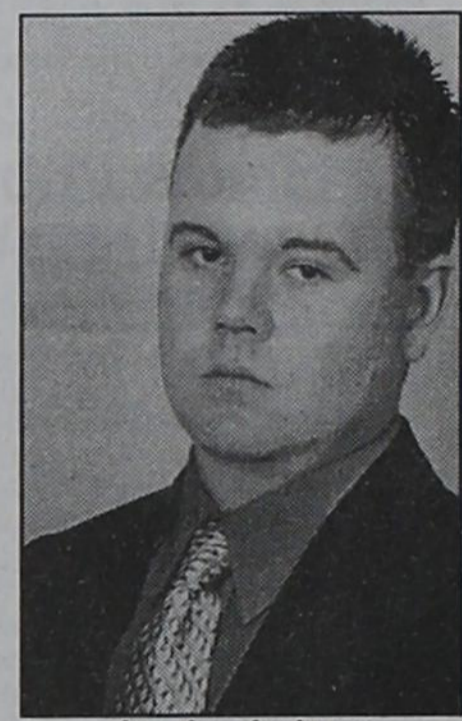
Thank you also go out to Marion Uchurch for the beautiful lap quilts that you donated to the Manor. We really appreciate you bringing them to us.

Jackson begins internship

Landon Jackson, Senior Agricultural Services and Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student internship with the Palo Duro Feedyard in Gruver. He is under the supervision of Rick Sneath, the local feedyard manager.

Landon will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in Feedyard management activities. This arrangement has been made by mutual agreement between Palo Duro Feedyard and Tarleton State University. Landon will assist with all activities of the feedyard.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I have grave concerns about House Bill 2, which is being touted as a solution to funding school finance, despite the negative opinions of numerous school organizations. HB 2 (House Band-Aid 2) does not provide a solution to the funding crisis facing all Texas Public Schools and jeopardizes the long-term funding of Texas Panhandle schools.

HB 2 does not provide the necessary resources to meet the basic needs facing today's public education system. Specifically, there is no funding for existing debt allotment, locally funding pay raises and incentives are mandated, more financial reporting is mandated, and textbook costs shift from the state to the local districts under HB 2.

Under HB 2, one dollar of every \$100 of property valuation will go directly to the State for redistribution to all school districts. The Texas Panhandle is sparsely populated and will never have the votes to compete with the interests within the "Interstate 35 Corridor." The Texas Panhandle schools will slowly be drained of their financial resources while supporting schools in other parts of Texas. Texas Panhandle schools will close and consolidation will be the only means of survival. Consider the cost of implementing the collection, accounting, redistribution and auditing of the tax money from every school district in Texas according to HB 2.

Why run Texas Panhandle school tax money through a washing machine in Austin? Once tax money leaves the Texas Panhandle, the flow will gain momentum and run into the drain cycle.

Paige Holt Speck
Gruver, Texas

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Students and educators across the state are opening their doors and inviting their communities to take a first-hand look into their educational programs during Texas Public Schools Week.

The Spearman Independent School District will celebrate Texas Public Schools Week March 14-18, 2005 with several special events.

"Parents and community members are always welcome in our schools, but this week is exciting because of the special activities our children have planned to demonstrate and successes that are taking place," said Rodney Sumner, Superintendent of Schools.

Texas Public Schools Week was established in 1954 by the Masonic Lodges of Texas to recognize contributions made by the state's free system of education. Each year the event has grown, and it continues to be a meaningful way to showcase the many educational opportunities given to the more than four million students attending public schools across Texas.

To help kick off Texas Public Schools Week the public is invited to a flag raising ceremony on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 8:15 a.m. in front of the Junior High School, located at 505 South Townsend.

Other special activities are planned on our campuses on the following dates and times: Spearman High School on Tuesday, March 15th from 6-7 p.m.; Gus Birdwell Elementary School on Wednesday, March 17th from 6-7 p.m.; and Spearman Junior High School from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17th.

For additional information about Texas Public Schools Week or to learn more about getting involved in our local schools, please contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Director at 659-3233.

Hounds in the Lions den

by Harletta Cartheil

The Gruver Greyhounds didn't fare as well as Daniel in the Lions den. A slow fourth quarter put a rapid end to the Hounds' season Friday night as the New Deal Lions took a 57-54 win.

Leading by seven, 48-41, at the end of the third period, the Hounds put in only five points to New Deal's 16 in the final quarter.

With the Hounds' fourth period struggle to get their shots to fall from the field and free-throw line, New Deal powered to take the lead and the game to advance to regional semifinals.

The Hounds were led by seniors Cody Mac Been with 17 points and Cass Cooper with 9 points. Other seniors playing their final game for the Hounds were Ryan Winger, Lance Williams and Brock Irwin.

The Hounds ended their season with a 25-6 record and the Bi-District championship.

Score by Quarter

Gruver	14	17	17	5	53
New Deal	14	14	13	16	57

House Public Education Committee will consider a Committee Substitute to House Bill 2

Editor's Note: The following is legislative alert issued by the Texas Association of School Administrators on February 24, 2005.

The House Public Education Committee will consider a Committee Substitute to House Bill 2 (HB 2) within the next few days. As filed, HB 2 proposes significant changes to Texas public education that are of great concern and that TASA strongly opposes. We are asking that all superintendents contact their state representatives as soon as possible on HB 2.

Below is list of talking points on HB 2 that show how the bill fails to provide an adequate and equitable education system. TASA does not expect these issues to be addressed or changed in the committee substitute to HB 2, which is expected to be distributed within the next few days. We urge you to discuss with your state representative how the issues below impact your district.

Inadequate operations funding. HB 2 is said to provide \$3 billion new state dollars for public schools, or \$1.5 billion per year, but the revenue bill that would fund this increase has not been introduced. While new funds are not in HB 2, significant property tax relief is provided. HB 2 proposes \$5.5 billion per year in property tax relief. This is out of balance: reducing reliance on property taxes is an important reform, but public schools need more than \$1.5 billion per year in additional funding.

In fact, HB 2 repeals the \$1000 health insurance pass through provision and replaces it with a \$1000 pay raise for all schoolteachers, nurses, counselors, and librarians. As we understand it, school districts must pay this cost because HB 2 has no funding mechanism to deliver these dollars to school districts.

Additionally, it is not clear what happens to those districts that made up the \$500 health insurance decrease last session. It appears districts that replaced that cut with local funds would now face that cost, plus funding the \$1000 raise. This change would leave employees that aren't classified as teachers, nurses, counselors, or librarians who currently receive pass through dollars with a \$500 pay cut or require districts to pick up the cost.

Note: Ask your representative how lowering all school district tax rates to \$1.00 with 10 cents local enrichment, phased in over six years and contingent upon voter approval, resolves the West Orange-Cove ruling that the current finance system is based on an unconstitutional statewide property tax. We also urge you to ask your representative for a print out of the financial impact of the bill on your school district.

New mandates effectively reduce or eliminate the benefits of new funds:

* HB 2 requires that one percent of all state and local revenue be set aside for teacher incentives tied to test scores and stipends for mentoring new teachers;

* HB 2 increases the teacher salary schedule providing a \$1000 pay increase for teachers, nurses, librarians, and counselors, but there is no financing for this increase; Districts must budget for all of the increase, plus increases for other personnel groups;

* HB 2 requires districts to ask voter permission to raise 2 cents of enrichment tax. This enrichment money, if approved, will provide only about \$64 per student of additional funds;

* HB 2 requires a new electronic student transcript system that will require districts to pay for employee training; technology equipment, including its update and repair; and legal fees for advice on compliance with federal and state privacy, parent access and security laws;

* HB 2 requires end of course exams to replace the high school level TAKS. TASA supports this concept as a legitimate diagnostic tool, but remains concerned about the costs and training inherent in moving to a new assessment system.

Inequity. HB 2 compromises the equity of the finance system by permitting selected districts to raise and spend far more than the typical or average district. HB 2 widens the expenditure gap among Texas school districts, and fails to equalize the enrichment tier to the 98% level of equity over time.

Inadequate facilities funding. HB 2 does not address funding for the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) or a provision for roll forward of the Equalized Debt Allotment (EDA). The greatest impact will be felt by fast-growth districts and by low-wealth districts that rely on IFA funding. Lack of support for facilities funding is both inadequate and inequitable.

More state control and centralization. HB 2 includes several provisions that replace local control with state mandates:

* Districts must implement incentive programs that are linked to student test performance. Districts would be required to use one percent of their total state and local M&O revenue for these incentives;

* The state would mandate that all school districts commence

instruction on the first Tuesday after Labor Day. The bill also eliminates start date waiver provisions;

* The state eliminates local flexibility to have elections in May or November by permitting only November elections;

* Districts would face additional reporting requirements, including detailed reporting by campus.

Again, we are urging you to contact your state representative immediately and express your concerns on HB 2.

Schools concerned about HB 2 allocations

by Marie Delahoussaye; reprinted from The Daily Texan, 2/25/05

School groups are concerned that the Texas Legislature's plan for public school finance is not as promising as it first appears.

Richard Kouri, spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association, said the state's claims about House Bill 2, which aims to improve the Texas public school finance system, are misleading.

"If you look at what's available and what the bill commits schools to spend, when you get done there isn't a lot of new money," Kouri said.

Kouri said one example of this is the bill's requirement for schools to pay for teachers' health benefits that were cut last legislative session.

"If you take away a dollar from someone and give them back a dollar, it's not a dollar in new money," Kouri said. "It's just a dollar they already had."

State Rep. Dianne Delisi, R-Temple, said HB 2 provides \$3 billion in new funds after consideration of enrollment growth.

"It's the largest state appropriation to schools in the history of Texas," Delisi said.

Delisi said health insurance was cut because many teachers were not using it, as they were covered through their spouses. She said making school districts responsible for paying for health insurance would eliminate this overlap.

"What we designed in this bill is to send the money to the school districts and let the school districts negotiate with the teachers whether they want salary or health insurance," Delisi said.

Russell Wallace, interim superintendent of Manor Independent School District, said the overlap problem did not apply to his district.

"A majority of all employees took part in our health insurance plan," Wallace said.

Wallace said he was not sure what the effect of the new budget on MISD would be. He said initial estimates showed substantial increases going to the district under the new budget proposal, but the bill's mandates detract from this figure. Wallace said he wished the state would take responsibility for funding public education as it had in the past.

"We don't feel like any school district gets enough," Wallace said.

Delisi said the bill provides for more than 60 percent of district funding, up from less than 50 percent in recent years.

Rob D'Amico, spokesman for the Texas Federation of Teachers, said the state's plan is still not enough. He cited the TFT school finance plan, called the 100 Percent Solution. The plan calls for almost \$8 billion in new funds, which would be generated by sales taxes. D'Amico said he is also concerned about inequities resulting from the new plan.

He said the spending gap between rich and poor districts would increase because the bill reduces schools' dependencies on the Robin Hood program, which uses property taxes from wealthy schools districts to fund poorer schools. The bill would replace property tax funding with business taxes. The taxes would then be distributed according to advanced formulas designed to maintain equity. D'Amico said that despite the state's increased spending, the Robin Hood reform would give rich districts the upper hand.

"If you're taking in an enormous amount of money and the part that you have to [give to other schools] reduces drastically, then you're going to be left with a tremendous amount of money," D'Amico said.

Bill Mikulencak, business manager of Taylor Independent School District, said he is glad the state is taking more responsibility for school finance, but is concerned about inequity, as TISD doesn't have a lot of money.

"I don't know if House Bill 2 is the answer," Mikulencak said.

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4(2-11-05)B

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TFN(1-13-05)B

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FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 2BR, 1B apartment - \$350/month, water paid. Call Larry O'Neal 659-9971.
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4(03-03-05)B

FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 1BR, 1B apartment. Call 659-3889
TFN(03-03-05)B

WANTED

LAND WANTED: ¼ section or more for a dairy, house included is preferred. 300-500 g/m well needed. Dry land farm OK. Contact Spearman EDC at 659-5555.
TFN(1-13-05)B

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Seeking experienced automotive technician. Have references. Call 659-2541 for interview, ask for Dick or Jeff.
TFN(2-3-05)B

HELP WANTED: Wolf Creek Feedyard, a division of Cactus Feeders, Inc. and located in Perryton, TX, is accepting applications for a Mill Operator/Mill Maintenance employee. Some experience is preferred, but training will also be provided for this opportunity. We offer a competitive wage with benefits that include company Employee Stock Ownership Plan, year-end bonus, wage increases, health insurance, paid vacation and holidays. Please call 435-5697 for more details and come by the office to fill out an application.
2(2-24-05)B

HELP WANTED: Part-time field inspector needed - will train. Internet access required and digital camera needed. Fax name, phone number, city & state to: 770-345-9287.
2(2-24-05)B

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4(03-03-05)B

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4(03-03-05)B

HELP WANTED: Frontier Feedyard north of Spearman, Texas is now hiring a Processor & Pen-Rider. Must have horses and tack. Call 806-882-4251, or apply in person, ask for John. EOE.
2(03-03-05)B

current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (PO Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than April 10, 2005.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.
2(03-03-05 & 03-24-05)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the sale of a 1991 Cadillac Coupe de Ville will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until March 10, 2005, at 11 a.m. and then publicly opened and read.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

Further information and bidding documents may be secured from City Hall, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.
2(2-24-05)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

Spearman ISD has an immediate opening for a Groundskeeper/Maintenance Worker.

The primary purpose of this position is to maintain the grounds and landscaping for the district campuses and facilities, in addition to assisting with general custodial and maintenance activities.

Applicants MUST be able to independently operate a tractor and landscaping equipment and meet physical requirements of frequent walking and heavy lifting and carrying.

For more information, contact Ronnie Cogdill at 659-5141, or you can get an application and job description at the Superintendent's Office, 403 E. 11th Street. Position is subject to being filled immediately.

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2(03-03-05)B

issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) Application No. 4589 to authorize operation of the Sherhan Gas Plant. The site addressed by the application is located 15 miles north and three miles west of Gruver on Highway 136, in Hansford County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on October 4, 2002.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code §122.10 (30 TAC §122.10). The permit will not authorize new construction or authorize the area to increase emissions. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the area must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEQ Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, and the Gruver City Library, 504 King Street, Gruver, Texas. At the central and regional office, you may also review and copy all relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512) 239-1540.

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 Chief Clerk for this application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING. You may submit written public comments or request a notice and comment hearing on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit actions may cause a change to be made to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the area may request a notice and comment hearing. The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with its applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Written public comments and requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ, 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.

Further information may also be obtained from Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., at the address in the first paragraph or by calling Mr. Dirk Wold at (303) 605-2034.
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802 Womble - 2-3BR, carport, corner lot

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2(2-24-05)B

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4(03-03-05)B

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2x/m(1-20-05)B

LOST/FOUND

FOUND: Shih-Tzu-like female dog, white & brown, 2-3 years old, no tail, very cute and sweet. Found about 5 1/2 miles east of Spearman. Call Susan Kelly at 435-0917 or Audra Thomas at 270-0266 (days) or 659-3354 (nights).
3(02-11-05)B

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Brown leather couch (makes queen-size bed). Call 659-3320.
2(03-03-05)P

GARAGE SALE

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Fri., March 4th, 2-6 p.m.; Sat., March 5th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; 821 S. Hwy 207; storage building behind office.
1(03-03-05)B

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting on March 31, 2005 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

The meeting will be Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. It will be located at the Perryton Chamber of Commerce, 2000 S. Main (US 83), Perryton, Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JACKIE GRAHAM

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jackie Graham were issued to Robert E. Graham on March 1, 2005, in Cause No. 2451, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. All claims should be sent to Robert E. Graham, 1115 S. Bernice, Spearman Texas 79081. Dated this 1st day of March, 2005.
John L. Hutchison
Attorney for the Estate
1(03-03-05)B

LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 4 on Thursday, March 24, 2005 on 1000 tons of A-3, 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, March 28, 2005 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.

Benny Wilson
Hansford County Judge
3(03-03-05)B

NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT

DRAFT PERMIT NO.: 025569 APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., 370 17th Street, Suite 2500, Denver, Colorado 80202, a Natural Gas Liquids facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Initial

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Topics and speakers will include: Utilizing Mesonet in Crop Production, Al Sutherland, OSU; N Rich Strips, Roger Gribble and Rick Kochenower, OSU; Use of Animal Waste in Crop Production, Jeff Hattey, PhD, OSU; Sunflower Pest Control, Tom Royer, PhD, OSU; Field Bindweed Control, Curtis Bensch, PhD, OSU; Effect of Animal Waste on Soil Chemical Processes, Clem Turner, OSU.

There are 6 total C.E.U.'s for certified crop advisors approved for the clinic, including 1.0 Nutrient Mgt., 3.0 Soil & Water Mgt., and 2.0 Pest Mgt.

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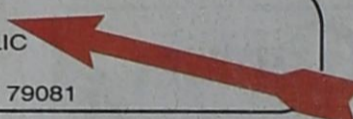
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Hospice Volunteer Classes will begin Monday, March 7, 2005, at 6 p.m. at the Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. These classes are for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care, and/or desiring personal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

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

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