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IN THE NEWS

Pro-Syria PM Set to Return, Seek Lebanon Unity Govt

Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister who was forced to resign last week was set to return to his job on Thursday, faced with the daunting task of forming a government with pro-Damascus allies and anti-Syrian opponents.

Israeli Officials Could Face Charges Over Outposts

An inquiry commissioned by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Wednesday recommended possible prosecution of public officials for helping to spread unauthorized settler outposts in the occupied West Bank.

War Mistake Tests Italy

In an effort to solder their strained relations, the United States and Italy have agreed that they will join forces to investigate how an Italian intelligence agent was shot dead by American troops as he accompanied a rescued hostage, journalist Giulia Sgrena, to the Baghdad Airport last week.

Bush Says Allies Weigh Further Action on Syria

President Bush demanded an end on Wednesday to the "heavy-handed" influence of Syrian intelligence throughout the Lebanese government and said Washington and its allies were considering what steps to take if Damascus refused to fully withdraw from the country.

Chechen Rebels Say War Goes On After Chief Killed

Chechen rebels Wednesday vowed to press ahead with their fight for independence after the death of guerrilla chief Aslan Maskhadov amid speculation the separatist leadership might now fall into more violent hands.

Rice to Make First Asia Trip as Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice will make her first trip to Asia as U.S. secretary of state next week to discuss with the Chinese and others how to resume talks on North Korea's nuclear program and to encourage India-Pakistan peace moves. The State Department said Wednesday.

Bill Would Ban Gun Sales to Terror Watch List

A House Democrat introduced legislation on Wednesday to ban terror suspects on the "No Fly List" from buying weapons, a day after a government report showed that at least 47 had been able to legally purchase firearms.

Missile Defense Chief Disappointed by Failures

The U.S. general in charge of the Pentagon's missile defense program said on Wednesday he was very disappointed with two recent test failures, but promised another attempt to shoot down a target missile over the Pacific Ocean in coming weeks.

LexisNexis Says 32,000 Consumer Profiles Stolen

Data broker LexisNexis on Wednesday said that identity thieves have gained access to profiles of 32,000 U.S. citizens, prompting calls for better consumer protections after a rash of similar break-ins.

Taxes May Barely Cover Future Interest - Agency

U.S. tax revenues may barely cover interest payments on the federal debt if current deficit-producing tax and spending policies are maintained, the top government policy watchdog warned on Wednesday.

Bankruptcy Terms Toughen

The first overhaul of US bankruptcy law in a quarter century will mark a clear shift in the balance of power in a nation where credit is king.

Oklahoma Execution Hinges on 'Brain Fingerprinting'

An Oklahoma man facing execution next Tuesday for the 1991 murder of a woman and child is using a little-known procedure called "brain fingerprinting" to try to prove his innocence.

Reputed Gambino Mobsters Named in NY Indictment

Authorities arrested reputed key members of the Gambino crime family on Wednesday in a sweep they credit to an FBI agent who so deeply infiltrated the mob he was about to be initiated in the family.



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Spearman ISD Board calls for bond election

On February 14, 2005 the Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District called for a bond election to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005. This action follows a two-year study of the district's facility needs by the Board of Trustees.

As a result of the board's study and with input from the Citizens' Facility Committee, the Board of Trustees unanimously called for a bond election in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. The proceeds from the bond will be used to construct a new junior high school to replace the existing junior high building (which was built in 1930), to renovate and enlarge the existing elementary school, to build a new elementary/junior high cafeteria, and to provide better parking and safer traffic flow around the elementary/junior high campuses.

This proposed plan was determined by the Board of Trustees to be the most cost effective plan that best meets the needs of the junior high and the elementary school. In the course of the study, the board utilized the services of an educational facility consultant, architectural firm, school finance experts, and input from the staff to determine how to best meet the needs of the district's students. In trying to identify the scope of any facility improvements the Board of Trustees considered several options and plans. The first option that the board considered was possible consolidation with Gruver.

Contact was made with Gruver to determine whether or not they were interested in a discussion on the consolidation of the two school districts. According to Superintendent Rodney Sumner, "This was a good first step for the board to consider since any building project might depend on whether or not Gruver was interested in consolidation." He added, "With Gruver expressing that they were not interested, it

allowed the board to put this community concern to rest and to spend their time considering other options."

The Board of Trustees considered several alternative plans before they chose the proposed plan. Other plans the board considered were: (1) renovating the Junior High Building; (2) building a junior high at a new site; (3) building an elementary school at a new site and converting the elementary school into a junior high school; and (4) adding to the high school in order to move the 7th and 8th grades to the high school, and making the elementary school a PK-6th grade campus.

One major issue the board has had to consider was how to bring the Junior High restroom facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The current restrooms at the junior high do not meet ADA standards, and the District has been mandated by the Office of Civil Rights, (OCR) to bring these facilities into immediate compliance. A previous engineering study stated that because the exterior of the junior high school is non-reinforced load-bearing walls no significant modifications are allowed to the interior of the building without structural overhaul. The only feasible alternative besides building a new junior high facility is to construct new restroom facilities adjacent to the existing junior high building.

Mr. Sumner noted, "Both buildings lack instructional classroom space to meet the needs for the current curriculum and programs."

In addition, he said, "There are other maintenance issues (boiler, plumbing, asbestos and termites) as well as safety concerns due to the parking and traffic flow around the elementary and junior high campuses."

Following this study the board appointed a Citizens' Facility

Committee of twenty-three community members to review the plan and to give additional input to the Board of Trustees. In a series of meetings from November 2004 to February 2005, the Citizens' Facility Committee met and identified the following facility needs:

- New Junior High School
- Additional room/space at the elementary school
- Better parking and traffic flow at the elementary/junior high campus

A joint meeting was held on February 7, 2005 between the Citizens' Facility Committee and the Board of Trustees to discuss their findings and to provide the board with additional input on the district's facility needs.

After reviewing the work that had been done over the past two years, the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees, at their regular school board meeting on February 14, 2005 decided to call for a bond election to give the community an opportunity to vote on proposed improvements to the district facilities.

If approved by the voters, the bond issue is projected to increase taxes an estimated 35¢ per year per \$100 of taxable property. The proposed length of the bond is for 30 years. For taxpayers 65 years of age or older who have applied for and received the Age 65 Freeze, the school taxes on their homestead will not increase from this bond.

According to Mr. Sumner, "Plans of the building project will be made available for the public to view at all three campuses and at various locations in the community."

Questions can be addressed by contacting any school board member or the Superintendent, Rodney Sumner, at 659-3233. For those who have Internet access, additional information can be obtained at www.spearmanisd.com under the Board of Trustees section.

Cantrell receives top Farm Bureau agent award



Jason Cantrell (left) receives the top agent award from Bo Wilborn, Vice President, Sales and Marketing for Texas Farm Bureau Insurance during the statewide banquet on February 26.

Jason Cantrell, Texas Farm Bureau Agent of Spearman, Texas, was presented the master agent award at a statewide banquet held in Marble Falls, Texas, on February 26, 2005.

The Annual Awards Banquet held at the Marriott Horseshoe Bay, recognized Farm Bureau agents and agency managers for outstanding sales production. Cantrell is one of twelve agents, of more than 700 agents in Texas, receiving this award.

The master agent level of production is the highest achievement within the company. A master agent must meet a set of very stringent requirements of member service and sales. In addition, Cantrell was recognized as the top agent in Sales District 1 out of more than 50 agents in the district.

Sloan Brown, Texas Farm Bureau District 1 Manager, commented on Cantrell's achievement.

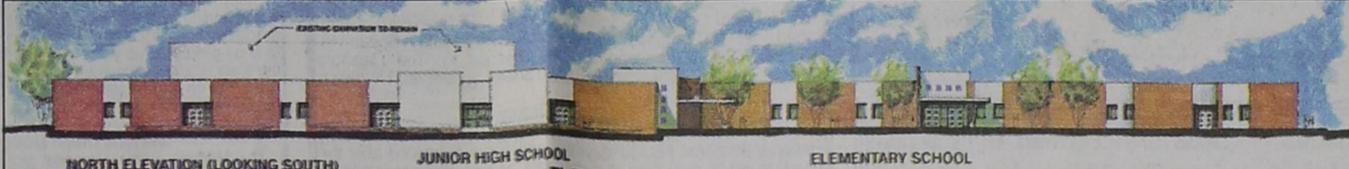
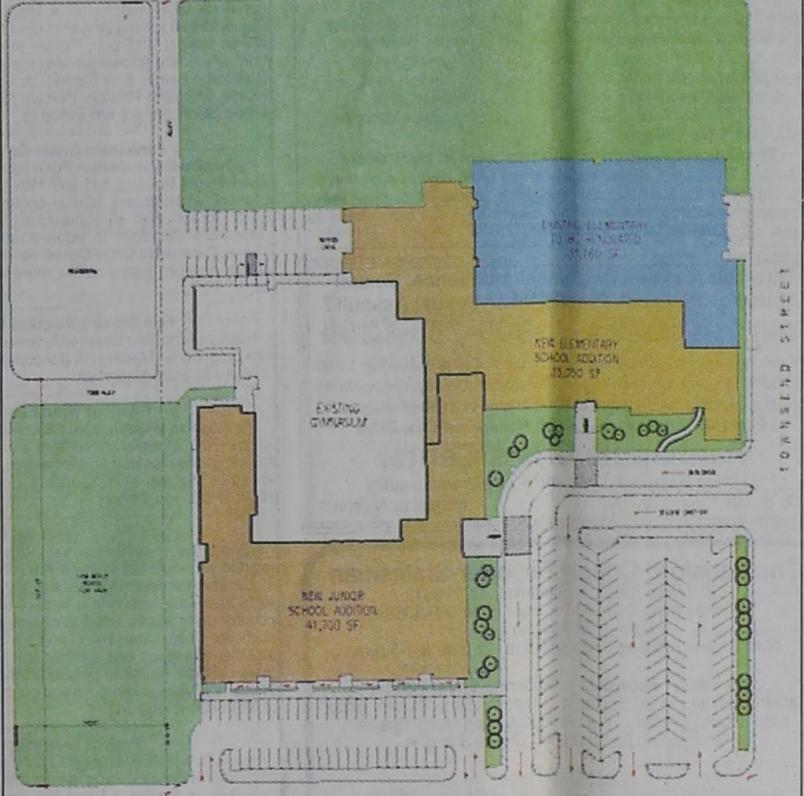
"We are all so proud of the job that Jason continues to do in Hansford County," said Brown. "He has established himself as a leader through his work in our business and the community. His character and work ethic are an example for others to follow. He's one of those rare individuals with a burning desire to not just be good at what they do, but to be the best."

Cantrell grew up in Clayton, New Mexico, and graduated from Clayton High School. He received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics and a Master of Science in Agriculture from Texas Tech University. After graduate school, he worked for Houston Community College System, and then Premium Standard Farms (PSF), based in Texline, Texas. At PSF, he recruited managerial level employees and designed internship and manager trainee programs.

He has worked for Texas Farm Bureau since 2001, and serves residents within Hansford County and throughout the Texas Panhandle. As a Farm Bureau agent, Cantrell's responsibilities include protecting clients and their families with insurance products, which include home, auto, crop, farm & ranch and life insurance.

"This award is truly a tribute to the citizens of Hansford County," notes Cantrell. "Over the last three years, people have opened their homes to me and treated me as one of their own. It is an honor to serve my clients' insurance needs, and it is a responsibility that is not taken lightly."

Proposed site plan for Spearman ISD Elementary & Junior High



Hansford County reports second rabies case

Another positive rabies report has been issued for Hansford County. Dr. James Alexander, veterinarian with the Health Service Region 1, said three more people will be treated with preventative shots for exposure to a horse. Another person in Hansford County will be treated for exposure to a calf that was brought to Hansford County Veterinary Clinic from Ochiltree County.

There have been eight cases of rabies confirmed in Region 1, as of

Wednesday, March 10th. The cases include a horse in Lipscomb County, a cat in Castro County, a calf in swisher County, two skunks in Hemphill County, a calf in Ochiltree County and a horse and dog in Hansford County.

As a result of these cases, 17 people who were in close contact with the diseased animals are receiving a series of preventative inoculations.

"Last year the first case of rabies was reported in this region on

March 15th," Dr. Alexander said, and we only had 16 total cases for year (2004). We already have half of that number."

Dr. Alexander also stated that it was unusual to have such a wide species variation.

"With the exception of the El Paso Region, our Region generally reports among the lowest number of cases for the state," Dr. Alexander said. "We have been on a decline since 2001, when we peaked at 40 cases. Since then the

numbers have gone down (28 in 2002, 21 in 2003 and 16 in 2004).

"Our number (for Region 1) doubled in one week, going from four to eight cases," continued Dr. Alexander. "This confirms our suspicion that the skunk population has grown, and more skunks means more rabies."

Roughly 95 cases have been reported throughout the state so far this year.

People with horses and livestock that have frequent human contact

should be vaccinated against rabies. This is especially important for FFA or 4-H livestock, since their owners have a lot of close contact with them.

Further information may be obtained at the Texas Department of Health Website, <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/Rabies/statistics/query/default.asp>.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. North winds 15 to 20 mph.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.
SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Live,
Laugh
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith
cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Nita Bynum sent me the following article entitled "I've learned..." I've run similar columns in the past, and I hope you enjoy this one, too.

I've learned...

- That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- That money doesn't buy class.
- That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- That the Lord didn't do it all in one day.
- What makes me think I can?
- That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- That there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.
- That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- That I wish I could have told those I cared about that I love them one more time before they passed away.
- That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.
- That when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- That it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.
- That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

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.

Teachers
Eugene & Joy Barkowsky
Frank Cockrell
Hazel Simmons Lorts
Jerry Brace
Craig Zinck

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

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.

Are You A Victim of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse or Physical, Emotional or Sexual Assault?
Toll Free Hotline - 1-800-753-5308

We can see individuals anytime upon request. Call 435-5008 or 1-800-753-5308 to set up an appointment in Hansford County. We operate a safe place for victims and their children to stay in times of crisis.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

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.

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.

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

Reel in a Cure
The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host a Reel in a Cure Heart Banquet 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 steak dinner prepared by the Williams Family will be served by a host of local celebrities at 7 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, Charlotte Bergin, Amy Babbs, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Penny Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood. Sponsorships are 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. Please 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.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community
The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, March 12, at the First Christian Church in Perryton. Come at 6 p.m. with your favorite dishes for food and fellowship. Sponsor's hour will be at 6:30, followed by worship at 7. Sponsors, bring your new pilgrims and friends! Hope to see you there!

Join the Circle!
A SojoCircle, in connection with Sojourners magazine, is currently forming and we would like to invite you into the circle. SojoCircles are prayer, study, and discussion groups that invite its members to share issues of faith, hope, and peace in a time of uncertainty and war. All across the country (from Maine to California) and throughout the world (in places such as Chile, Jerusalem, and El Salvador), Christians are coming together to support one another and find a safe place to speak the language of faith. For more general information about SojoCircles, go to the Web site at www.sojonet.net. To find out more or to join, contact Cathy Smith at 659-3434 or 659-3477.

Project Graduation Fund Raiser
Project Graduation, an event sponsored by the parents of the Class of 2005 to provide a safe and memorable activity following commencement exercises, is hosting a Pizza Hut fund-raiser on Tuesday, March 15th, Monday, April 11th, Tuesday, May 3rd, and Monday, June 7th. When accompanied by a Project Graduation form, the Spearman Pizza Hut is graciously donating 20% of receipt proceeds to this worthy project. Forms may be picked up as you enter the Pizza Hut. Parents and students of the class of 2005 encourage you to mark your calendar to patronize the Pizza Hut on these dates. Thank you for your help in making this fund-raiser a success!

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.

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.

Grain Sorghum Meeting
There will be a Grain Sorghum meeting at the Ochiltree County Exp. Center on Tuesday, March 22nd. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. The free noon meal will be sponsored by the Ochiltree Ag Committee. This meeting will offer 2 CEUs. For more information, contact Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501.

CONGRATULATIONS to Spearman High School and Art Instructor Gerald Scovel who had work accepted for the Paul Laune Memorial High School Art Competition March 2005.

Students: Jordanna Lozano & Katie Baehler

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Show closes March 23, 2005 at 5 p.m.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

West Texas Economic Development Summit HUB
Texas Tech University will host their Third Annual West Texas Economic Development Summit HUB forum, which will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The Summit is a daylong conference designed to help West Texas businesses learn the appropriate procedures for doing business with state and federal agencies, as well as allow them to meet one-on-one with public sector contracting officials from the major state/federal agencies to learn about statewide procurement opportunities. Over 42 booth registrants and over 200 West Texas businesses from Amarillo, Abilene, El Paso, Plainview, Lubbock, San Angelo and beyond will be in attendance. This year's speaker will be MR. Don Powell, Chairman of the FDIC in Washington, DC.

"Let Freedom Sing"
The Barbershop Harmony Society "The Wizards of Harmony," Liberal's Barbershop Chorus, presents "Let Freedom Sing" featuring the 12th Street Rag and Zing, on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Liberal High School Auditorium in Liberal, Kansas. This presentation will be held in memory of Dr. Earl Novak of Spearman. Advance tickets are \$7 and tickets at the door will be \$8; student tickets (18 and under) are \$3. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call or write: Wizards of Harmony, 1504 N. Carlton Ave., Liberal, KS 67901-2123; (620) 624-4006. An afterglow will be held immediately following the show in the high school cafeteria. Afterglow tickets are sold at the door and include food and drink.

Getting Away with Murder
Amarillo Little Theatre proudly presents the exciting, new comedy/thriller *Getting Away with Murder* as its fourth Mainstage production of the season. This "devilishly delicious" whodunit is certain to keep ALT audience members on the edge of their seats. Performance dates are March 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and March 20 at 2:30 p.m. The Amarillo Little Theatre is located at 2019 Civic Circle. Order tickets by phone at (806) 355-9991 or online by Email at jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org. It is rated PG.

Correctional Officer Hiring Seminar
A Correctional Officer Hiring Seminar will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 7 p.m. the TDCJ Dalhart Unit (11958 FM 998) in Dalhart. Topics relating Correctional Officer Employment Opportunities will include: Basic Eligibility Criteria; Correctional Officer Job Duties; Application Process; Salary & Benefits; and Questions and Answers. For more information, please call (806) 291-0553.

2005 Severe Weather Workshop Slated
The Amarillo National Weather Service, Amarillo Department of Emergency Management and Pantex will host a Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2005. It will be held at the Civic Center Heritage Room in downtown Amarillo and is open to the public, free of charge. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., presentations begin at 10 a.m., and the workshop ends at 5 p.m. For additional info, please call the Amarillo NWS at 806-335-1121 or visit our website at www.srh.noaa.gov/ama.

Small Business Development Center
The Small Business Development Center is moving to new quarters downtown at 701 S Taylor, Suite L118. This suite of professional offices will allow us to provide better and expanded services, as well as collaborate with other business service providers. Our goal is to create a "One-Stop Shop" where entrepreneurs can get anything they need to start, build, or maintain a business. We will also be able to provide Temporary Office Space to clients who need a professional setting to meet customers or need to work on a temporary basis with the use of quality business machines. Look for more information soon about the service agencies who will be participating and about opportunities for sponsorships from the private sector. **Small Business Development Center Upcoming Seminars for Spring 2005:** March 11, 12 - Inventor's Conference for New Product Development; March 29 - ABCs of Computer Safety; April 2 - eBay!; April 18 - New Taxpayers' Seminar; April 21 - Proper Care & Feeding of Corporations & LLCs; April 23 - Girl Power!; and April 30 - QuickBooks. For immediate information, please call our office at 806-372-5151. Additional postings will be on our website at www.SmallBusinessDevelopmentCenter.com.

ACT Registration
College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 9, 2005, the next nationwide test date. The late registration post-mark 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.

Editors Note...
Freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of the First Amendment of our Constitution, so we encourage readers to express themselves, even if we don't agree with what is said. However, freedom involves responsibility. Therefore, the only letters we will consider publishing are from individuals who are willing for their names to appear with the letter. Letters must contain the telephone number, address and a personal signature of the writer. We will not knowingly publish any letter containing libelous statements.
In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.
"Letters To The Editor," like all materials submitted to this newspaper, are subject to editing for space and clarity. The publication of any letter or article is the decision of the Editor and Publisher. Deadline for all news, as well as "Letters To The Editor," is 5 p.m. on Monday.
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
- Gruver Fire Department meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- American Legion and Auxiliary Post 254 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton.
- Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
- Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- Hansford Hospice meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Palo Duro River Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
- Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Spearman City Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.
- Hansford County Historical Commission Board of Directors meets the first Monday of January, April, July and October at 2 p.m. in the Zulu Museum building.

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 10**
Birthdays - Shanna Jarvis, Sandy Kirby, Debby Odom, 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
Anniversary - M/M Bobby Mosier
- March 11**
Birthdays - Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones, Felipe Dominguez
Anniversary - Buddy & Amber Newman, M/M Orville Brummett
- March 12**
Birthdays - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson, Makenzie Crane, Katie Hintergardt
Anniversary - M/M Andy Hoel, M/M Tommy Henson
- March 13**
Birthdays - 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
Anniversary - M/M Forrest Acker, M/M Jim Dick Goodall
- March 14**
Birthdays - 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
Anniversary - M/M Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, M/M Jimmy Bishard
- March 15**
Birthdays - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Trenton Finley
Anniversary - M/M Bill Roberston, M/M Joe Bynum, M/M Joe T. Venneman
- March 16**
Birthdays - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Hadley Spivey
Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, M/M Robert Womble
- March 17**
Birthdays - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elvna Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock, Rachel Cook
Anniversary - M/M Richard Ooley, M/M Chris Christy
- March 18**
Birthdays - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton, Matthew Bain
Anniversary - M/M Edwin Pearcy, M/M Ken Bullard
- March 19**
Birthdays - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight
Anniversary - M/M Michael Wilson
- March 20**
Birthdays - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Garcia
Anniversary - M/M R. M. Crawford, M/M Benny McCullough, M/M Rod Barkley
- March 21**
Birthdays - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarrango, Jose Tarango
Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver
- March 22**
Birthdays - Veta Allaway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gumfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement, Andy Lindsey, Reid Wilson, J.J. Gallegos
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson
- March 23**
Birthdays - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans, Carter Strawn, Wilbur Hull
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

Our Sympathy

ROY GENE BOYD
SPEARMAN - Roy Gene Boyd, 66, died Saturday, March 5, 2005, in Amarillo.
Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev Gary Smith officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd., in Amarillo.
Mr. Boyd was born in Fullerton, Calif. He grew up and lived most of his life in Spearman. He had been an automotive mechanic.
He was preceded in death by a sister, Winnie Carol Allen.
Survivors include a son, Scott Boyd, of Amarillo; a daughter, Brenda Pierson of Spearman; his mother, Viola Boyd of Spearman; and six grandchildren, Andrew, Alix, Paige, Kyle, Hunter and Parker.
The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081.
The family will be at 1504 S. Austin St. in Amarillo until service time Tuesday.

Card of Thanks

Thank You
Thank you to all the kind ladies who delivered my Meals on Wheels while I was ill with blood clots and knee problems. Thank you for everything you did for me while I was bedfast. Thank you for the special, good meals the ladies in the Manor kitchen fixed, and especially for all of the prayers.
I love you all, bless you,
Josephine Schneider

Thank You
We want to thank all of our friends for their loving support during the going home of our loved one, Billy Ed Morrison. We really appreciate all of the prayers, memorials, cards, food adn flowers and moral support that we received during that time. All of it meant so much to us.
Thanks again,
Sammy Don & Edrie Jones; Billy, Dianne & Travis Jones; Wanda, Michael & Daniel Adams

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I am a candidate for re-election to the Spearman ISD Board of Education. Election is May 7th.
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Dwayne Mitchell
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Bob Boxwell

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Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Haney
 - First Assembly of God**
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Bob Elder
 - First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister - Gary Smith
 - First Baptist Church**
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.
Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Jim Medley
 - Church of Christ**
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper
 - Sacred Heart Catholic Church**
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo Redentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Guillermo Morales
 - First United Methodist**
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Derrel Ewins
 - Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)**
1101 Bernice • 659-2033
Pastor - Beverly Cook
 - Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)
Pastor - Beverly Cook
 - Union Church**
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks
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1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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Pastor - Gene Foster
 - Primera Mision Bautista**
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.
Pastor: Joe Garcia Jr.
 - El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.**
1105 S. Roland
Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
Pastor - A.G. Martell (806) 659-2153
 - Gruver United Methodist**
Broadway & Garrett
733-2851
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - George Price
 - Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
Summer - 8:00 p.m.
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.
- Oslo**
Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - Paul Fiske
- Gruver**
- First Baptist Church**
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
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: 8 p.m.
Jueves: 7:00 p.m.
Minister - Gaylord Cook
 - First Christian Church**
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumfory
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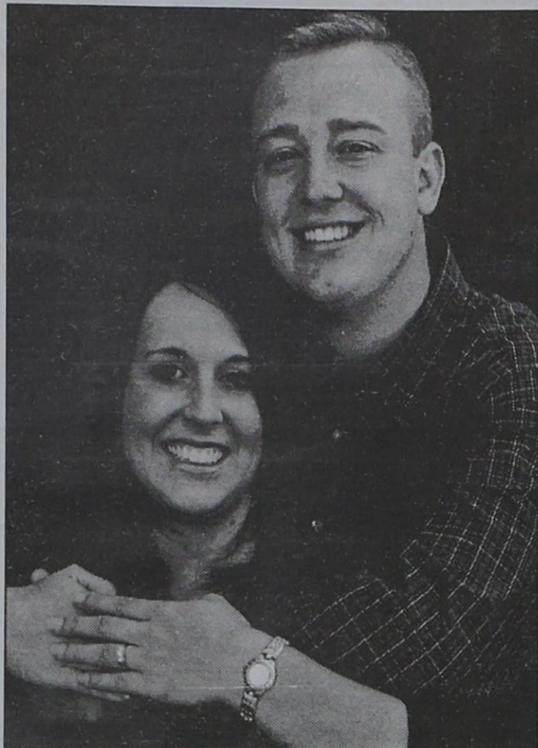
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Engagement Announcement

Jeff and Shirley Dalluge of Tulia wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey, to Clay Neff of Lubbock. Clay is the son of Wendell and Jenny Neff of Spearman. The couple plan a June 11, 2005 wedding at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Lindsey is a graduate of Tulia High School. She is a student at Texas Tech University, where she is completing a degree in Composite Science for Secondary Education. Clay is a graduate of Spearman High School and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics. He is employed by Robcco in Idalou, Texas.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Parish Lay Minister Candidate
On the fifth Sunday of Lent our studies are in Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:1-11, and John 11:1-45. The themes of Lent run on. Our introduction to the season was the story of Jesus' temptations- where we learned that man lives by every word from the mouth of God. Ezekiel the Prophet learns the power of the word of God, he delivers the word of God to dried bones and they become living men. The Psalmist notes that if the Lord counted each of our sins, we could not stand before him, but we stand through His forgiveness. Paul observes that the Christian is of the Spirit and should focus on the things of the Spirit to gain life and forego focusing on the pleasures of the flesh which is death (separation from God). John, in the tale of Lazarus' resurrection, gives us an opportunity to learn several lessons, one of which is that Jesus is the Word that delivers from death. Absorb these scriptures and ponder the duality of the Christian in this world. We are flesh and we live in a world that concerns itself with those things that destroy the soul; we as Christians are citizens of the Kingdom of God and are entitled to live in that kingdom in this world and in that world to come. The Kingdom of God is among us! May the Holy Spirit keep your hearts and minds focused on our Kingdom and our King.

ET CETERA

Spearman
World Day of Prayer
A World Day of Prayer service was held on Friday, March 4th in the First Christian Church in Spearman. The service was attended by 47, including many residents from Hansford Manor. A total of \$210 was collected, which will be divided equally between Church Women United and the Spearman Ministerial Alliance.

Birth Announcements
Brian and Leslie McLaughlin are the proud parents of a little girl, Rilee Shea, born on Monday, February 28, 2005 in Borger. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is welcomed by big brother, Brice.

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Matt and Hayley Rheams are the proud parents of a new little baby boy, Tristan Matthew, born Friday, February 25, 2005 in Amarillo. He weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces. He is welcomed by his big sister, Halle.

Hansford Manor Schedule
March 13-20, 2005
Sunday, March 13: 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Spearman Methodist Church
Monday, March 14: 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Sewing Club, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Spearman Rotary Club
Tuesday, March 15: 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 2:30 - Happy Hour, "Imagination Vacation," activity room
Wednesday, March 16: 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room
Thursday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day; 10 a.m. - Cooking Club, activity room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo

Friday, March 18: 10 a.m. - Sing-A-Long, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Birthday Party, dining room
Saturday, March 19: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes
Sunday, March 20: 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Gruver Methodist Church

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Hansford County Calendar
March 13-20, 2005
March 14-18: Texas Public Schools Week
Monday, March 14: Canadian Golf Tourney (Girls); 10 a.m. - HC Commissioners Court meets; 2 p.m. - Stationmaster's House Museum Board meets; 7 p.m. - Spearman ISD Board meets; 7 p.m. - Hansford Hospice meets at Gruver State Bank
Tuesday, March 15: Canadian Golf Tourney (Boys); Clarendon Tennis Tourney (Boys); 7 a.m. - Spearman City Council meets; 6-7 p.m. - Spearman HS Open House
Wednesday, March 16: Gruver FCCLA Blood Drive; 12 noon - Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber meets
Thursday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day; Clarendon Tennis Tourney (Girls); 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Spearman 1st Grade Play; 6-7 p.m. - Spearman Elementary Open House; 7-8 p.m. - Spearman JH Open House; 7 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department meets
Friday, March 18: 8:30 a.m. - Spearman 1st Grade Play; Perryton JH Track Meet
Saturday, March 19: Perryton HS Track Meet; Plainview Tennis Tourney; Floydada Tennis Tourney; Spearman Band Walk-A-Thon
Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday

Mareno, Kirk Wed



Mrs. Tom Kirk

Anna Leigh Mareno of Plano and Tom Benjamin Kirk of Spearman were married Saturday, March 5, at Four Seasons Resort and Club in Las Colinas. The Rev. Clay Parrett officiated. The bride is the daughter of Patricia and Noel Crow Mareno of Plano. Grandmother of the bride is Mrs. William Haney Holland, who attended the wedding. Groom's parents are Teresa and Randy Kirk of Spearman. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dortch of Morse, who attended the wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Kirk of Borger. Matron of honor was Robin Reimer of Yukon, Okla. Bridal attendants were Mary Catherine Mareno and Amy Elizabeth Mareno of Plano, both sisters of the bride, and Melanie Stilwell of Wagner, Okla. Best man was Dib Kirk of Spearman, brother of the groom. Groom's attendants were Tony Clement of Spearman, Kyle Reimer of Broken Arrow, Okla. and Travis Loomis of Spearman. Ushers were Eric Cudd of Spearman and Aaron Witt of Hooker, Okla. Candle lighters were Alanda Short, Amanda Barefoot and Kathy Shaw, all of Oklahoma City, Okla. The bride wore a Maggie Sottero strapless gown with a train and a chapel-length veil. She chose Calla Lilies, and mute and silver butterflies for her flowers and decorations. The wedding reception was at Four Seasons Resort and Club. The bride is a graduate of Plano Senior High School and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. The groom graduated from Spearman High School and OSU. He is an agent at Kirk Insurance Agency. The couple plan a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas. They will reside in Perryton.

You're invited to attend a Wedding Shower
honoring
Brady and Loryn Woolley
on Saturday, March 12th
from 10 to 11:30 a. m.
in the home of Sheri Benton
26 Golden Circle, Spearman

You're invited to attend a Bridal Shower
honoring
Kortney Henton
bride-elect of Eric Klein
on Saturday, March 19th
from 10:30 to 12 noon
in the home of Karen Thompson
1104 Linn • Spearman

*I was looking out my window,
feeling no inspiration in my bed.
When I wondered if this could
be a warning, 'cause I'd rather waste
the day than work instead.
No, I really haven't lost my sense of humor,
though I would tend to give credence to the
rumor that this bird may be in flight.
In loving memory of Floyd Davis
April 22, 1965-February 27, 2005*

You're invited to attend a Baby Shower
honoring
Tristan Matthew Rheams
son of Matt & Hayley Rheams
on Saturday, March 19th
from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
in the home of Francis Biles
104 Wanda • Spearman

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hicks
and Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their children
Brandea Dawn
and
Mark Garrett
This celebration of love will be on
Saturday, the Twelfth of March
Two thousand and five
at Six o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church
402 E. Broadway • Gruver, Texas
Reception will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Keltz
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Kandi Renee Keltz
to
Jared Craig Johnson
son of Mr. Kenton Johnson
and Mrs. Jancie McCloy
Saturday, the twelfth of March
Two thousand and five
at six o'clock in the evening
Christian Life Assembly of God
5917 66th Street • Lubbock, Texas
Please join us for a reception following the ceremony
at the Lubbock Women's Club, 2020 Broadway.

*You're invited to attend a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Laurel Smith
bride-elect of Don Lane
on Friday, March 11th
from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
at the Hungry Cowboy
Hwy. 207 S. • Spearman*

Bridal Registry
Loryn & Brady Woolley - 3/12
Kortney Henton & Eric Klein - 3/19
Jill Clement & Steve Crum - 3/19
Amanda Anderson & John Gunning - 3/26
Lindsey Dalluge & Clay Neff - 4/2
Heather Murrell & David Houston - 4/19 (Gruver)
Laura Conrad & Josh Harris - 4/23 (Gruver)
Leah Mackie & Marc Strickland - 5/28
Holly Hart & Marcus McLean - 5/28 (Gruver)
Anna Leigh Mareno & Tom Kirk
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by Merry Sparks

Monday morning was special in a way that I will relate to you at the end of this article but for now the day began with usual chores, greetings, and the Newscurrents Program.

After lunch we had a group in the activity room working on the sewing project of valances for the Resident rooms. It went much smoother this time so maybe we will finish in about 2-1/2 months instead of 5. Ha! Thank you go out to Virginina Taylor and Claudine Laxton for helping with this project.

Thank you also go out to Laureate Gamma Gamma for hosting bingo on Monday night! You were great!

Tuesday morning we are getting a little more serious about olympic practice as the date nears for our competition.

The afternoon was especially pleasant because Steve Mathews brought his keyboard to the Manor and played for the Residents!! Thank you Steve - the Residents love it! (I did get to dance a time or two and then ole Willie took off with Ernestina. I was so disgusted I just went back to my office and pouted. The nerve of him! I just parked his old mop head in the corner and ignored him.) We did have a lot of fun. A few of the Residents danced with us. Oh that music brings back so many memories of good times past.

Wednesday morning I had the honor of leading Bible study. We started off with a song of praise and then had a study on why services are begun with singing. The lesson was over Psalms 101, 102, and 103. What a great time we had! That afternoon we had a Life Enrichment program in the living room instead of crafts because the activity room was in use all day Wednesday with a seminar presented by Jennifer Gray, RN, PhD, from UT at Arlington on understanding AIDS.

The Life Enrichment program was very interesting since we have begun a study on different religions. This days lesson was on Islam. Very timely I thought considering the things that are going on in the world.

Thursday morning was back to olympic practice. Basketball was the sport of the day. We have a tall goal and a short goal. Almost every one of the Residents play basketball. I watched one Resident at the Guymon olympics that made goal after goal until they finally made her stop. She had so many more goals than anyone else at 18 straight!

The afternoon was filled with fun and laughter (and desserts). The ever faithful auxiliary hosted bingo. Thank you to the auxiliary!

Friday morning we started off early. Several Residents went with us to the First Christian Church to participate in the services there for the World Day of Prayer. What a

wonderful program they had! Thank you to Claudine Laxton and Doyle & June Jackson for helping. That afternoon we watched Return to Mooseport.

I have so many THANK YOUs to give that I could never get through but especially to Margaret Novak, Louise Heddins, and Melinda Lajquez and Deatta Sparks for all of the stuffed animals and other articles for Crazy Bunko.

I also want to thank everyone that has donated to the Empty Stocking Fund. That fund is so important to the Residents for special things for them that enrich their lives.

We will be expanding our courtyard this summer and plan to also decorate the courtyard outside of the living room so that the surroundings will be pleasant experiences for them to enjoy when they go outside. This fund has also provided many articles that would not have been provided any other way for the Residents. Things from a television set for their room to personal provisions such as perfumes, lotion, and special clothing.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, some days are just special. Some things just catch my attention. Last week while I was sitting at my computer in my office typing this article for last week's paper I heard the most pleasant happenings going on outside in the activity room.

We have a lovely lady that spends a lot of her time in the activity room painting pictures. As she sat there I heard one person after another come up to her to say hello, give her a hug, I heard one of the employees here say to her, "I thought about you at breakfast this morning" and then she gave her a roll from her home - another employee made a special trip in to talk to her. There was a total of 5 employees from here to stop and talk to her.

Another special thing that caught my attention was an incident that probably took 30 minutes from beginning to end. Our own Steve Hartgraves, CEO of Hansford County Hospital District, went to the dining room of the Manor to get a drink. One of the Residents saw him and started trying to communicate to Steve that he wanted something. The Resident has great difficulty communicating due to disabilities but kept stretching out his arm to him. Steve tried and tried to understand but could not so he went around the corner to get Jeanne Swan to help. They both then tried and tried but could not understand. They caught me down the hall and brought me in on it. I tried and tried. None of us could guess what was wanted. (It did not end here.) The Resident followed Steve to his office, still trying to communicate.

Once again I showed up on the scene-then it dawned on me. I had seen this before when a hug was wanted. I asked if the Resident was

wanting a hug. They nodded. Well, Steve opened up both arms wide with a huge grin of relief on his face and promptly crossed the room and gave the Resident a great big, loving hug. The Resident was delighted but alas, also wanted something else. Jeanne finally guessed from the way that the arm was outstretched and the sounds that were being made, "airplane"? Finally, that was it!! Steve flies model airplanes and last year put on a program up at the airport for the Residents. This Resident was wanting him to do it again so we visited for a few minutes and plan to do that as soon as it warms up enough.

These two incidences that happened last week reminded me of why I love being at the Manor. Everyone from the bottom of the latter up to the very top CEO position are caring, loving, kind, and considerate of the Residents that live here.

There was so much respect exhibited toward the Residents that it just reminded me that this really is the heart and soul of Hansford Manor and I wanted to thank everyone in this community for the thoughtfulness and respect that they portray for the elder population that we house here. Kudos to you all!

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Last week was a very busy one. On Monday our landscape changed drastically. The windmill arrived and was erected in front of the museum. It is wonderful and makes our museum eye catching and

We must thank the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association. The following members restored and erected the mill on our grounds: Orville Latham, J.D. Wilbanks, Don Reed, Dwayne Mitchell, Kati Reed, Terry Schneider and Burl Buchanan. Recognition must also go to the Paine Foundation in Pampa who gave us a generous grant and also numerous donations from various patrons.

On Tuesday, our board met with this year's TexasHELP consultant, Scott Cooksey. Mr. Cooksey led a discussion on fundraising and long range planning for the museum. Plans for grant applications, pamphlet development, and board work sessions were a few of the topics discussed.

The board also received the annual report which included the reports of the two site visits that were conducted during the year. Board members present were:

Perry Landers, Willis Smith, Georgia Couch, Kellie Kjos, Jean Schoenhals, and Virginia Scott.

Lastly, on Wednesday, the museum volunteers transformed the museum into multiple art displays to exhibit the art work for the students of Lipscomb County. As usual the students have out done themselves in their creativity, color, imagination, and sense of humor while displaying their artistic skills. Plan to visit and see the multiple works of the students from Pre-K thru High School.

At this point, we are planning a student reception for Sunday, April 10 at 2pm. Supporting and recognizing the school artistic endeavors is important in these days where art and music are so easily eliminated from our schools. Join us in encouraging these efforts.

With children our emphasis at this time: it is appropriate that we revisit a poem by Marion Ohman published in one of our local newspapers in the 1950's. The poem was originally printed in the Minneapolis Journal.

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Worn shoes from little feet that pattered
Down the steps of yesterday;
Little clothes all torn and tattered

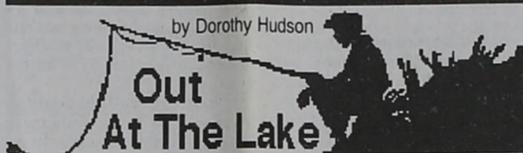
From many happy hours of play;
A china doll, a little table,
Some picture books, a horse and cart,
A broken dish, a top and marble,
Things from which we'll never part.

Memories of childish laughter
As the children romp and play,

With ne'er a thought of the here-after,
And ne'er a care from day to day
Linger on—they live forever
In the hearts of those who care,
Making old age ever brighter
While we wait, in silent prayer.

Our week ended with sadness as we lost another of our senior citizens. Kate Webb died at the end of the week. Kate was a citizen of Lipscomb county all of her ninety plus years. One of her many jobs was the running of the telephone company from her home for many years. She was also known for her fabulous cooking especially her coconut pies. She was a great piano player and faithful christian. The museum called on Kate's memory for many of our projects especially when we needed someone name or a date of an event. We will miss her dearly.

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.
Museum Information: Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolferk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com



Lake Level--March 7, 2005--report not available

Jim has gone to a Canadian River Compact meeting at Albuquerque, so we don't have his usual Monday morning report of the water level, the fishing report, and other news of the happenings out at the Lake.

This seemed to be a good time to catch you up on two recently located articles on The Winter Campaign of 1868-1869 sent to us by Cleon Roberts, author, historian, and researcher from Hereford.

The first article was a compilation of General Carr's Winter Campaign of 1868-1869 as reported in Colorado newspapers. One section was written 3 days after the troops returned to Fort Lyon on February 19, 1869. As you recall, Captain Penrose led an expedition that left Fort Lyon ahead of General Carr's troops, and both groups ended up at what became the Rifle Pits on the Palo Duro. According to the reporter, Captain Penrose, who made the trip with mostly black infantry men, had a pack train of two hundred twenty mules carrying rations for thirty days as well as extra ammunition. There were also two ambulances and a cart loaded with axes, picks, shovels, etc.

The command was accompanied by 18 scouts. Heretofore, I had mainly been interested in Wild Bill Hickok, a scout with Captain Penrose, and Buffalo Bill Cody, the chief scout with General Carr. This time scouts Charles Autobee and

his sons Mariano and Jose caught my attention because they were singled out for praise.

The second article Cleon sent was on Charles Autobee (a.k.a. Autobias) from the Denver Daily Tribune: February 9, 1879. This reporter felt that Charles Autobias, although left out of the history books, ranked with Kit Carson and Jim Bridger in serving his country and being a colorful character.

Autobias was of French parentage, though he was born in St. Louis. He came to the Rocky Mountain area in 1827 with the American Fur Company and became a hunter and trapper. He had a gift with languages and learned how to converse with 6 or more tribes.

In 1856 Autobias was on the Arkansas River, 12 miles east of where Pueblo now stands, when a band of 27 Indians attacked a number of defenseless Mexican women and children. The only man there, Autobias fought them all day, killing 8 of them. He succeeded in saving the women and children, although he was severely wounded. Autobias continued protecting the country from Indians for many years and eventually became a scout for Captain Penrose.

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The money will be used to recruit, screen, and train volunteers and then supervise the matches that are made. These donations are also used to provide materials for school based matches, underwrite agency match activities and award a scholarship to a high school mentor. BBBS receives no funds from the national organization and all of the money is used to support the local program.

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to place children in special friendships with caring adult mentors. These relationships, or matches, help children develop positive life skills and social values. "This year over 50 children have benefited from a one-to-one relationship with a Big Brother or Sister in Perryton, Spearman and Booker," Lopez explained. "The program has experienced a growth spurt and we are reaching more children than ever before."

"The success of this fundraiser means that our ability to help kids in our area who need positive role models and extra attention is only limited by the number of caring people who step forward to serve as Big Brothers and Big Sisters," Lopez explained. "There are always children ready to be matched."

"It's so great to see such a warm community so supportive of this great program," said Steve Reese BBBS Executive Director. "With this kind of involvement we will go far toward making a difference in many children's lives."

The top three individual money raisers won grand prizes. Theresa Brillhart was the top money raiser bringing in \$615. She won tickets to the Coors Ranch Rodeo donated by Jason Cantrell, Texas Farm Bureau, a night at the Ambassador Inn and dinner at the Olive Garden. Carolyn McLeod raised \$505 and won a Cajun Dinner Party donated by Perryton Office Supply/Radio Shack and Windows, etc. Vickie Barby raised \$420 and won four tickets to a Texas Rangers baseball game.

Walkers who raised at least \$100 won Crabtree & Evelyn hand cream from Taylor's Gift Shoppe. They were: Brillhart, McLeod, Barby, Cindy Blackman, Carolyn Savage, Genoveva Maltbie, Maxine Cook, Sandra Mackey, Roxanne Mackey, Roxie Stewart, Tammy Douglas, Pat Morris, Joy Bobbitt, Kristi Todd, Erika Lopez, Betty Harp, Pam Neas, Nona Cowan, Farrah Kesler, Margie Ramsey, Linda Goss, Shally Githens, Roxanne Schaefer, Teressa Creswell, Yvette Hermsillo, Lola Douglas, Trish Carroll, Re-

Kenebrew, Temi Akwinde, Keith Randall, Rosa Valdez, Pam Chisum, Brandi Mitchell, Peggy Lehman, Shauna Cowan, Julie Bryan, Duane McGarraugh, Debbie Townsend, Debbie Blodgett, Dianne Felix, Candy Butler, Kay Stamps, Phyllis Laird, Renee Dorman, Shelly Merkel, Carol Hayden, Mona Carrasco, Stacy Tickner, Nikki Green, Gary Pokladnik, Scott Williamson, Jeff Leicht, Rick West and Bruce Haschke.

Walkers who raised at least \$200 also won their choice of a photo frame or cross key chain donated by Gordon's Drug. They were: Brillhart, McLeod, Barby, Roxanne Mackey, Roxie Stewart, Joy Bobbitt, Nona Cowan, Betty Harp, Keith Randall, Pam Chisum, Peggy Lehman, Candy Butler, Renee Dorman, Gary Pokladnik and Scott Williamson.

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An electric scooter donated by Dusty's Gifts and Tanning was raffled. Jamie Becerril was the winner. The raffle raised \$338 for the event.

Walkers received T-shirts printed by sponsor, dsDesign, featuring a design by Scott Cummins.

The walkers also enjoyed food and beverages during their shifts. The food court was supplied by Pizza Hut (Perryton), Subway, Frito-Lay-Chris Cornett, Perryton Printing, Booker Grocery, Lowe's (Perryton), and Dollar General (Spearman). Music and entertainment were provided by Terry Peak and Jim Hall.

In-kind contributions were made by Perryton Printing, Integrity Testing, A Tech 4 U, Perryton Chamber of Commerce, and Allegiance Communications.

Anyone interested in learning more about the BBBS program is encouraged to call 434-0016.



Gus Birdwell Elementary Librarian Jodie Hight, left, recently participated in a contest to make a receipt collection box, sponsored by Lowe's Marketplace. Ron Gibson, right, manager of the Lowe's Marketplace store in Spearman, congratulates Jody for winning the contest, and receiving \$5,000 in Lowe's receipts for Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

Gus Birdwell Elementary, Spearman Jr. High and Pringle-Morse CISD are collecting receipts from Lowe's Marketplace. These receipts are used to purchase educational and sports equipment for the schools. 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.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

March 6, 1836: General Antonio Lopez Santa Ana leads 3,000 Mexican troops across the Rio Grande in a raid on the Alamo, a fortified mission in San Antonio held by 200 soldiers of the rebellious Texas republic. All the defenders were killed.

March 7, 1945: An advance party of the US Army crosses Rhine into Germany at Remagen, making its passage over the only bridge not blown up by the retreating Germans.

March 8, 1855: first train crosses the majestic new suspension bridge at Niagara Falls

March 9, 1862: first battle between the Union's ironclad ship, USS Monitor, and the Confederate ship, Merrimack, begins at 9 am in morning and lasts for two hours with little damage to either ship but many injuries to the crews. There is no true winner.

March 10, 1876: Alexander Graham Bell, speaks the first words over the telephone, calling to his assistant, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you."

March 11, 1861: Confederate States adopt a constitution that resembles the United States constitution and even prohibits the African slave trade.

March 12, 1912: The Girl Scouts of America are founded in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliet Low.

March 12, 1933: President Roosevelt gives the first of his "fireside chats", making innovative use of the radio as a means of mass communication.

provided by Virginia Scott

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Gruver Independent School District

As required by law, the Gruver Independent School District will conduct a public hearing, open to the public, to discuss the district's educational performance for the 2003-2004 school year.

The purpose of the educational performance hearing is to review and discuss the district's performance on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS); campus performance objectives; a report of violent or criminal incidents' and information received under Texas Educational Code §51.403(e) from the Texas Higher Educational Coordinating Board (THECB).

Parents and taxpayers are invited to attend this hearing, ask questions and provide comments regarding student performance issues. The meeting will be held on March 15, 2005 starting at 6:45 p.m. in the High School Library.

In addition, the following items are made available free to the public upon request: (1) the performance and profile sections of the AEIS Report for every school as well as the district; (2) The Comparable Improvement Report (campus-level only); (3) the AEIS Glossary in either English or Spanish versions; and (4) the district's financial management performance report.

Feel free to call the Superintendent's Office at (806) 733-2001 to request a copy of this material. Additional copies of this report will also be made available at the Spearman City Hall and Public Library.

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2005
TIME: 6:45 p.m.
RE: Education Performance Report
PLACE: Gruver High School Library

'Blow them all away in the name of the Lord.'

—Jerry Falwell

"But you've got to kill the terrorists before the killing stops. And I'm for the president to chase them all over the world. If it takes 10 years, blow them all away in the name of the Lord."—Jerry Falwell, CNN Late Edition, October 24, 2004

200 Christian Leaders Condemn a 'Theology of War'

In their statement "Confessing Christ in a World of Violence," more than 200 theologians and ethicists—many from leading evangelical institutions—wrote:

"A 'theology of war,' emanating from the highest circles of American government, is seeping into our churches as well.... The roles of God, church, and nation are confused by talk of an American 'mission' and 'divine appointment' to 'rid the world of evil.'"

They continued: "In this time of crisis, we need a new confession of Christ."

- Jesus Christ knows no national boundaries.
- Christ commits Christians to a strong presumption against war. Christians have a responsibility to count the cost, speak out for the victims, and explore every alternative before a nation goes to war.
- Christ commands us to see not only the splinter in our adversary's eye, but also the beam in our own.
- Christ shows us that love of enemy is the heart of the gospel.
- Christ teaches us that humility is the virtue befitting forgiven sinners.
- We reject the false teaching that a war on terrorism takes precedence over ethical and legal norms.
- We reject the false teaching that America is a "Christian nation," representing only virtue, while its adversaries are nothing but vicious.
- We reject the false teaching that any human being can be defined as outside the law's protection, and the demonization of perceived enemies, which only paves the way to abuse.
- We reject the false teaching that those who are not for the United States politically are against it or that those who fundamentally question American policies must be with the "evil-doers."

Peacemaking is central to our vocation in a troubled world. We urge Christians and others to remember Jesus' teachings in making their decisions as citizens.

SIGNERS OF THE "CONFESSING CHRIST IN A WORLD OF VIOLENCE" STATEMENT INCLUDE (organizations for identification only): Philip Amerson, Claremont School of Theology; Myron S. Augburger, Eastern Missouri University; Steven Booms-Prodger, Hope College; James Buckley, Loyola College in Maryland; Tony Campolo, Eastern University; Susan Carey, Wesley Theological Seminary; Mark A. Chaney, Southern Methodist University; Juan D. Chastner, OSU; Richard Crane, Morehead College; Derek H. Davis, Baylor University; James M. Dunn, Waize Forest University Divinity School; Gabriel Fackler, Andover Newton Theological School; Bruce N. Fink, Westminster College; Ivy George, Gordon College; A. Katherine Grish, Virginia Theological Seminary; Stanley Hauerwas, Duke Divinity School; Richard B. Hays, Duke Divinity School; Matthew Hoan, Calvin College; Joseph C. Hoag, Jr., Union Theological Seminary; Richard T. Hughes, Pepperdine University; George Huntington, Princeton Theological Seminary; J. Nelson Kraybill, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary; John Langan, St. George's University; William J. Moxelder, Trinity College; Nancy Murphy, Fuller Theological Seminary; John E. Phillips, Jr., North Park Theological Seminary; Richard V. Pineda, Gordon College; Cary Risewald, Illinois College; Cheryl J. Sanders, Howard University; Helene Slesarev-James, Wheaton College; Glen Szauman, Fuller Theological Seminary; Ronald F. Thiantam, Harvard Divinity School; Meredith Voll, Yale University; Jen Wallis, Seabury; Cornel West, Princeton University; Will Willimon, Duke Divinity School; Ben Witherington, Ashbury Theological Seminary.

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TFN(2-3-05)B

FOR SALE: 727 Wilbanks, Spearman - 3-4BR, 1 1/2B, office, living room, dining room, laundry room, central H/A, garage, lg. covered porch, lg. backyard, lg. carport, on 112 lots. Call 432-268-4746 or 432-264-7781.
TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 702 S. Haney, Spearman - 2-3BR, 2 1/2B, 2CG, new roof, new furnace. Call 659-2000.
TFN(01-06-05)B

FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCED! 808 Front Street, Gruver - Nice 1999 Fleetwood 4BR, 2B doublewide home on six city lots with carport, horse barn and pens. Call Ben or Kerry Poer at (806) 733-5532 or (806) 736-5554.
4(3-10-05)B

FOR SALE: 205 N. Snider, Spearman - 2BR, 2B, living room, den, formal dining area, garage/game room, hot tub, 2 storage buildings w/6 acres of land. Call 659-3665.
TFN(11-13-05)B

FOR SALE: 221 S. Bernice, Spearman - 3BR, 1 1/2B, 2CG brick home on corner lot, large living area, 1944 sq. ft. - \$74,500. Call 270-0444 or 659-5176.
2(3-10-05)P

FOR RENT/LEASE

FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 2BR, 1B apartment - \$350/month, water paid. Call Larry O'Neal 659-9971.
TFN(10-21-04)B

FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 1BR, 1B & Efficiency furnished apartments - utilities paid. Call 659-2247.
TFN(03-03-05)B

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: Pittman-Shieldknight building - all sizes available. Call 659-3751 for more information.
TFN(01-27-05)B

FOR RENT, 701 Wilmeth, SPEARMAN: 5 BR, 2B, large kitchen. Contact: Frances Pipkin 806-202-1354 or 805-356-6476.
4(03-03-05)B

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

WANTED

LAND WANTED: 1/2 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(11-13-05)B

HELP WANTED

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

HELP WANTED: All-around elevator hand needed (elevator, fertilizer and warehouse). Drivers license required. Contact Darren Patton at Spearman Equity, 806-659-2420.
4(03-03-05)B

HELP WANTED: Now seeking a temporary full/part time dependable salesperson to operate Spearman store. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants and operating cash register. Starting pay: \$6/hour - 40 hour work week. No experience necessary. Hiring begins April 1st. Send resume to D&C Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman TX 79081.
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

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2(03-10-05)P

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

LOST/FOUND

LOST: 2 dogs: Max - Black Lab, 9-months-old; Toby - white Great Pyrenees. If found, call 659-2799.
2(03-10-05)B

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2(03-03-05)P

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2(03-10-05)B

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE, Spearman: 206 Cluck, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Sat., March 12th; Misc. household.
1(03-10-05)B

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

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.
Spearman ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
2(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.: 02569
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 Issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) Application No. 4589 to authorize operation of the Sherman 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.
1(03-10-05)B

NOTICE

Spearman Independent School District is accepting proposals for Commercial-Property, Automobile-School Bus, General Liability, Umbrella, School Administration

E&O Insurance for the 2005-2006 school year. Proposals will be received by Spearman ISD until 12 noon, April 1, 2005. Please mail or deliver all proposals to Spearman ISD, Larry Murphy, 403 E. 11th Avenue, Spearman, Texas 79081. The Spearman ISD reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals, to make awards as they may appear to be advantageous to the District and to waive all formalities in bidding.
2(03-10-05)B

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JACK CRANE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Jack Crane were issued to William Ray Crane on March 7, 2005, in Cause No. 2452, 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 William Ray Crane, Box 186, Gruver, Texas 79040.
Dated this 7th day of March, 2005.
John L. Hutchison,
Attorney for the Estate
1(03-10-05)B

NOTICE

The City of Spearman will accept applications through March 28, 2005 for the following jobs:
Swimming Pool Manager for \$9/hr.; Asst. Swimming Pool Manager for \$7.50/hr.; 4 Full-time Lifeguards and 1 Part-time Lifeguard for \$5.75/hr.; 2 Maintenance Workers at \$6.50/hr. Persons who qualify for the Assistant Manager and lifeguard positions must be able to obtain certified lifeguard training. For further information contact Public Works Director Danny Parker at 659-2524. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 30 SW Court. The city is an E.O.E.
3(03-10-05)B

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From the Chief's Corner, Spearman Police Department

Attention: Drivers of Four Wheeler, Go-Cart, Motorcycle, etc. It has come to our attention numerous times in the past few days that four wheelers, motorcycles, go-carts, etc., are driving in the streets and highways without regard to others and the laws of the state of Texas.

The Spearman Police Department will start a very proactive stance on the abuse of these vehicles in the streets. The law in the state of Texas states:

Sec. 663.037. Operation on Public Roadway Prohibited.

(a) A person may not operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public street, road, or highway except as provided by this section.

(b) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle may drive the vehicle across a public street, road, or highway that is not an interstate or limited-access highway, if the operator:

(1) brings the vehicle to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the roadway;

(2) yields the right-of-way to oncoming traffic that is an immediate hazard; and

(3) makes the crossing: (A) at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the roadway;

(B) at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; and

(C) with the vehicle's headlights and taillights lighted.

(c) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle may drive the vehicle across a divided highway other than an interstate or limited access highway only at an intersection of the highway with another public street, road, or highway.

(d) This section does not apply to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle that is owned by the state, a county, or a municipality by a person who is an authorized operator of the vehicle.

Thank you for your help in this matter!

Chief Lance A. Swan
Spearman Police Department



Jamie Becerril, back right, was the winner of the electric scooter given away during the Big Brothers Big Sisters Walk for Kids' Sake held last Saturday. Jamie is pictured with Martin and Daniel Garza, front, and BBBS advisory committee members Cyndi Bollinger, Becky Cunningham, Debby McGarraugh and Marilyn Reising. The scooter was donated by Dusty's. This year's Walk for Kids' Sake raised over \$38,500, setting a new record for the organization.

Holt, Cooper Selected to Wrangler All-Stars



Rachele Holt and Cass Cooper were named to the Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team.

by Harletta Carthel

Two outstanding Gruver High School rodeo competitors have been named to the Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team. Rachele Holt and Cass Cooper's selection to the team was based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility, and athletic achievements.

The Wrangler All-Stars are the first-ever corporate-sponsored youth rodeo team, and members serve as good will ambassadors for the sport of rodeo.

Currently in Tri-State Rodeo competition, Holt, a junior at Gruver High, is ninth in Barrel Racing, first in Pole Bending, first in Breakaway Roping, third in Goat Tying and first in the All Around standing. She is the daughter of Rhonda and Kevin Holt.

Cooper, a senior at GHS, is currently second in Calf Roping, fifth in Bull Dogging, fourth in Ribbon Roping, third as a Heeler in Team Roping, and first in the All-Around standings. He is the son of Christy and Craig Cooper.

The second semester of high school rodeo competition will be March 19-20 in Canyon, followed by Vernon April 2-3, Childress April 19, Canyon April 16-17, Gruver April 23, and April 30 in Dalhart.

The Tri-State Finals will be in Vernon June 2-4 with the Texas High School State Rodeo Finals in Abilene June 12-18.

New conservation program to be detailed during local meetings

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) is the new voluntary conservation program authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to support ongoing stewardship on pri-

vately owned agricultural lands. CSP identifies and rewards farmers who currently maintain high standards of soil and water conservation on their lands.

In the northern Texas Panhandle, the Upper Wolf Watershed has been selected as one of 18 watersheds in Texas eligible for the CSP in 2005. This area covers portions

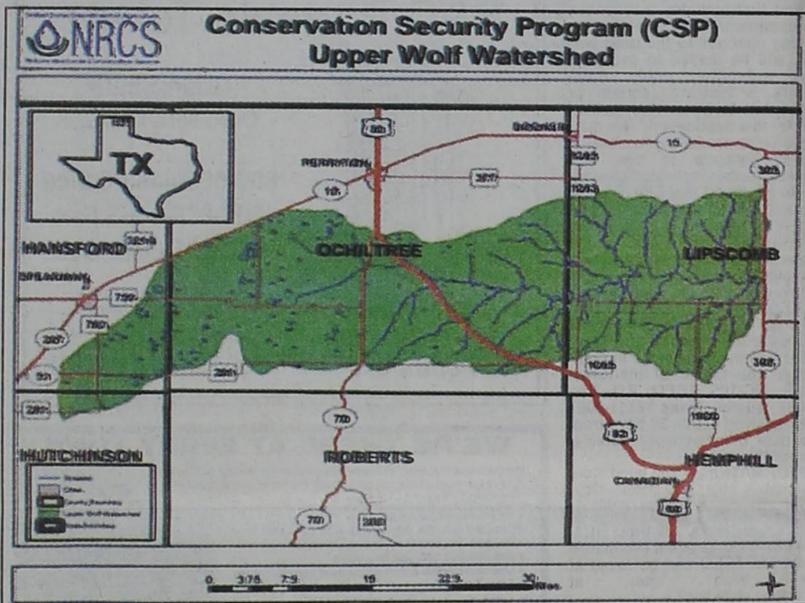
of Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, and Ochiltree counties. Landowners and/or operators in the watershed may be eligible for the CSP during a sign-up period scheduled for the spring of 2005.

CSP participating farms are expected to be using good soil quality practices (crop rotations, reduced tillage, prescribed grazing) and good water quality practices (conservation tillage, terraces, grassed waterways, managed livestock access to streams, nutrient and pest management, and irrigation water management) on cropland and pastureland. Qualifying farms and ranches may be eligible for financial and technical assistance to maintain and enhance their conservation efforts. The participant will be required to provide documentation that demonstrates accomplishment of these practice(s).

Two opportunities to learn about the new program will be held:

- Wednesday March 16 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center, 402 Expo Dr., Perryton 9:00 am
- Thursday March 17 at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, Spearman 1:00 pm

For more information visit the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/csp or visit the NRCS office in Spearman at 909 West 9th, or Stinnett located at 101 North Main.



Texas Plains Trail Region to hold meeting in Boys Ranch

The Texas Plains Trail Region will hold their bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, March 17 at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room located in the main Headquarters. Any person interested in tourism, economic development, historic preservation or community affairs is welcome to attend.

Bob O'Connor, CEO of the American Travel Center, will speak to the group about the three primary growth areas in the tourism industry today and how to capitalize on those growth areas to realize economic development potential. O'Connor is well-known for his attention to detail and knowledge of the promotional challenges in today's heritage and cultural tourism market. As a former Board Member of the Travel Industry Association of America, he is respected as a leader who applies new ideas, fresh informa-

tion and creative thinking in marketing travel products.

The Texas Plains Trail Region is part of the Texas Heritage Trails program, a regional tourism initiative of the Texas Historical Commission. The regional initiatives are designed to positively impact the local economy by stimulating visitor activity to cultural and historical attractions, and by promoting historic preservation and education.

The Texas Plains Trail Region aims to develop the unique cultural, heritage, and natural resources of the Region through promotion, preservation, and education.

"The charm of the old west, unending horizons, and the rugged texture of canyons are only a few of the attractions visitors to this area can enjoy. Successful economic development can be realized in communities throughout this area by developing and promoting the Texas Plains Trail Region as a

premiere heritage tourism destination," Linda Drake, Director of Oldham County Chamber of Commerce said.

The Texas Plains Trail Region encompasses 52 counties in the region including Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum counties.

For more information about the Texas Plains Trail Region, please contact Melissa Shackelford at (806) 273-0920.

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Sojourners magazine is helping to organize these groups that meet on a regular basis to study issues of faith, hope, and peace in this time of uncertainty and war.

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