

IN THE NEWS

Annan Says Rights Body Harming UN, Urges Reform
Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the conduct of the United Nations' human rights body was undermining the credibility of the entire U.N. organization and urged governments Thursday to support his plan to reform it.

Presidents, Pilgrims Flood Rome for Pope's Funeral
Presidents, royalty and millions of pilgrims massed in Rome on Thursday for the funeral of Pope John Paul II in the biggest gathering of the powerful and the humble in modern times.

Rebels Fail to Stop Kashmir's 'Caravan of Peace'
To the sound of cheers and rolling thunder, garlanded buses set off to take passengers across Kashmir's cease-fire line on Thursday in a emotive but risky boost for South Asian peace.

Death Toll in U.S. Afghan Helicopter Crash Likely 18
The death toll from Wednesday's U.S. military helicopter crash in Afghanistan is likely to rise to 18 as hopes of finding two missing passengers alive fade, a U.S. military spokeswoman said.

Mexico's Political Future at Stake in Vote on Mayor
Mexico's political future hangs in the balance when Congress votes on Thursday on whether to try to force the popular leftist mayor of Mexico City out of the race for president in 2006.

Senate Votes to Cut U.S. Dues to U.N.
The U.S. Senate voted on Wednesday to reduce the U.S. share of U.N. peacekeeping costs, a plan backers said would boost the Bush administration's negotiating power in lowering its dues and pressing for U.N. reforms.

Lawmakers Want Daylight-Saving Time Change
A House committee voted on Wednesday to expand U.S. daylight-saving time by two months to help reduce energy consumption, but rejected a plan to shave total U.S. oil demand by 1 million barrels a day.

Alaska Starts Kill of Grizzly Bears to Boost Moose
For the first time since Alaska became a U.S. state, hunters will be allowed to use bait to lure and kill grizzly bears under a program intended to boost moose populations in parts of interior Alaska.

Shuttle Discovery Moves Toward Florida Launch Pad
The space shuttle Discovery began its crawl to a launch pad on Wednesday, after a crack in insulating foam briefly delayed the significant step in NASA's two-year quest to return the shuttle fleet to flight.

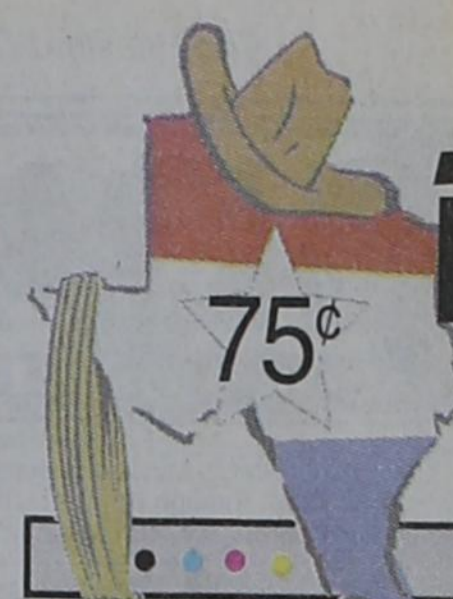
U.S. Warns Corrupt Mexican Police Targeting Tourists
The United States said on Wednesday corrupt Mexican police are targeting tourists in the Cancun beach resort.

Oil Prices Pinch Other Spending
The price of gasoline has begun a springtime surge that experts believe will push it to a national average of \$2.50 a gallon by Memorial Day.

Lawmakers Urge Living Wills After Schiavo Case
Spurred by the Terri Schiavo case, a bipartisan group of lawmakers on Wednesday began a drive to pass legislation to encourage more people to draw up living wills or other advanced health care directives.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast after midnight.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Breezy. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening - then mostly clear after midnight. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds around 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.
SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Breezy. Lows in the lower 40s.
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows around 40



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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005



Spearman ISD school nurse Linda Winegarner accepts an Automated External Defibrillator from Pat Holt, president of the Hansford County Heart Association and Krista Markham, the new director of the Amarillo Heart Association. An AED was donated by the Heart Association to the Gruver school system as well as the Spearman school system.

'Reel in a Cure'
Heart Association Banquet nears



T.J. "Doc" Bergin

The Hansford Division of the American Heart Association will honor longtime Hansford County resident, T.J. "Doc" Bergin at its annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 16th. Mr. Bergin was raised in Hansford county and graduated from Gruver High School in 1946 and from Texas A&M in 1950. Until his death in 2002, he and his family farmed and ranched south of Gruver in Hansford county on land that had been in his family for over 100 years. He was, also, employed by DeKab AgResearch from 1968 to 1986. Mr. Bergin was a longtime supporter of the local American Heart Association, as well as other local causes. He was a member of the Palo Duro River Authority, the Gruver Lions Club and the High Plains A&M Club. He also served on the Hansford County Farm Bureau board and the Ag Development Council of Texas A&M.

Each year the Hansford Division of the American Heart Association hosts this annual event as a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. This year's event, "Reel in a Cure," will be held at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday, April 16th beginning at 6:15. The tickets are \$25 each. The Williams Family of Gruver will cater the dinner of steak with all the trimmings. During the evening there will be a silent auction followed by a live auction for various wonderful gifts provided by local and area merchants. The monies raised through this event goes toward research, educational materials and other needed items in the Panhandle area.

Recently local President, Pat Bratton spoke to Stacy Benson of the Lubbock Heart Association and to Allison Compton with Zoll Company of Fort Worth about donating some Automated External Defibrillators to Hansford County schools. Zoll Company makes the AEDs. A prescription was written by Dr. Mark Garnett, who will be the Spearman contact person and trainer for the units. Kathy Lindsey will be the trainer for Gruver. The units are at the Spearman School nurses office as well as at the Gruver School nurses office. The local association hopes to be able to provide one for the Pringle-Morse School at a later date.

Food Manager course

Texas Cooperative Extension will be offering a food manager certification course for managers and employees on April 25-26, 2005 in Perryton. The 16-hour course will help prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification exam required by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The course will be held at the Expo Center in Perryton. Class instruction will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Cost for the two day course is \$79, which includes the training, study manual, and exam fee. Instructors for the class will be Sandra Mills (Lipscomb County Extension Agent, 806-862-4601), Peggy Winegarner (Hansford County Extension Agent, 806-659-4130) and Cynthia Shattles (retired Ochiltree County Extension Agent, 806-435-2754).

The state now requires that at least one person in each food establishment to pass the examination and train other employees on food safety. The class will help participants learn to identify potentially hazardous foods and common errors in handling food, prevent contamination and cross-contamination of food, teach personal hygiene for employees, comply with state regulations, maintain clean utensils, equipment and surroundings, and control pests. They will learn the latest food safety practices for purchasing, preparing, serving and storing foods.

Pre-registration for the class is required. To receive a registration brochure, contact Sandra Mills at 806-862-4601, Peggy Winegarner at 806-659-4130 or Cynthia Shattles at 806-435-2754. Deadline for pre-registration is April 11, 2005. Food managers may purchase the study book for \$13 and take the test only at a cost of \$35 but it is recommended that they take the class.

Spring bridge tournament

It's time for the O'Loughlin Center's Annual Bridge Tournament. On Saturday, April 23, 2005, bridge players from all around the area are invited to join the fun at 502 S. Brandt, Spearman. Registration and coffee will begin at 9 a.m. You'll get your name-tag and table number and be set for beginning play at 9:30. At noon, we'll stop for a delicious lunch and then resume play from about 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. During the day, we will draw for door prizes and we will have several items for silent auction. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three scores at the end of the day and fun prizes will be awarded during play. For ten years now, people have told us that we have the most fun tournament around. Come see for yourself.

This is a fund raiser for the O'Loughlin Center and an enjoyable way to support this beautiful facility. The cost for the entire day is only \$15.00. Visitors to the Center are always so complementary. Please join us for this fun day. For more information, please call Kathy Bryant at the O'Loughlin Center (659-3030) or Judy Nelson (659-3608). Please RSVP by April 21st. We hope to have at least 10 tables of bridge players; we'd love to have more. See you there!

Severe weather seminar

Allan Gwyn, a member of the NewsChannel 10's StormTrack 10 weather team, will be in Perryton on Tuesday, April 12 to present a severe weather seminar, as part of the television station's Tornado Tour.

The seminar will be held at the Museum of the Plains, 1200 N. Main, from 7-8 p.m. The seminar is free and open to the public.

The seminar will begin with a short video tape, showing the types of severe weather that are encountered in the Texas Panhandle and surrounding area and includes slide show delineating the safety rules for tornadoes, flash floods and lightning.

National Library Week

Hansford County Library wants you to know that today's library is not what you remember. It's even better.

Want to research your thesis? Find the latest child care information? Write a resume? Surf the Web? Get homework help? Or, maybe you just want to curl up with your favorite book and enjoy some peace and quiet. It's all here at Hansford County Library.

Libraries have always been places for education, self-help and lifelong learning. Today, they are at the forefront of the information age, providing computers, Internet access, databases and more.

What could be better? National Library Week is April 10-16, and a great time to come see what's new at Hansford County Library. It might just surprise you!

Horticulture seminar

As warmer weather prevails it must be human nature to get out and dig in the soil and plant trees. Plan now to attend the horticulture seminar that will be presented by David Hillock, Assistant Extension Specialist, Consumer Horticulture Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Oklahoma State University.

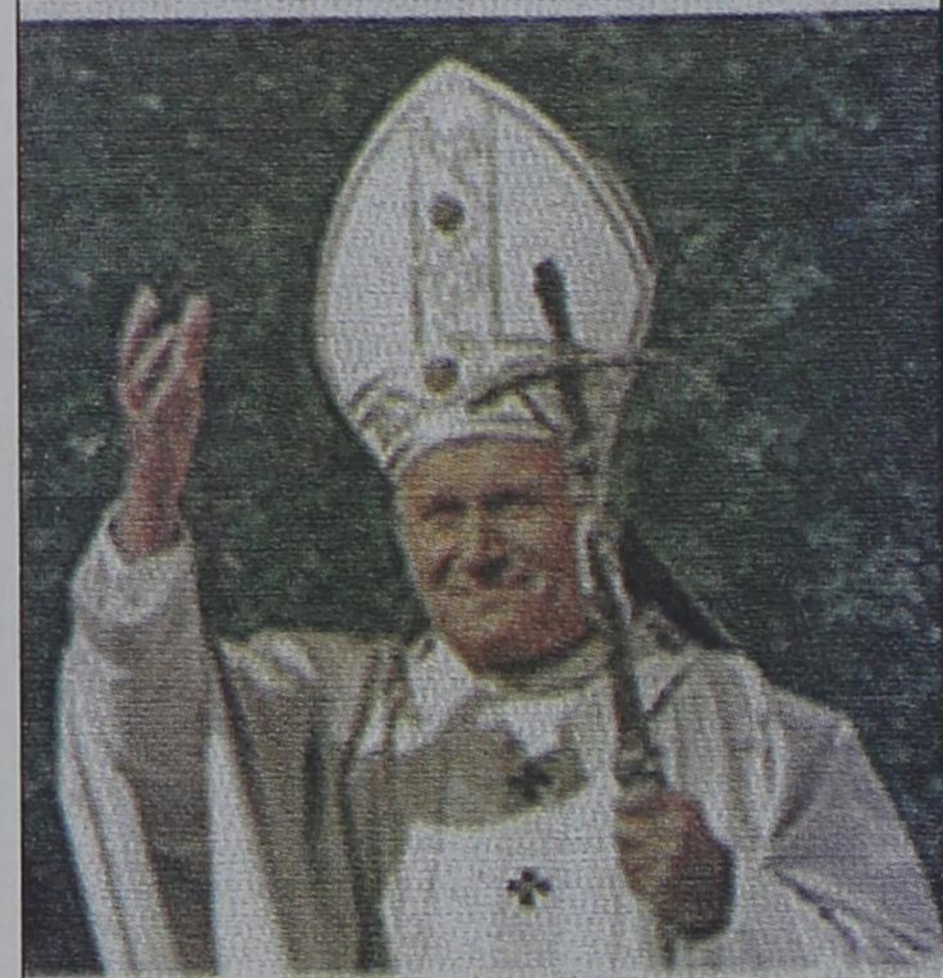
Topics to be presented will be Xeriscape Landscaping and Low-Water Use Plants. The program will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at the Texas County OSU Extension Center in Guymon, OK.

Seating will be limited, so RSVP (580-338-7300) by April 14th by noon.

NOTICE

The deadline for the April 28th issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Monday, April 18th. The deadline for the April 21st issue will be Thursday, April 14th.

REMEMBERING POPE JOHN PAUL II



(1920-2005)

Pope John Paul II: A Lifetime of Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope John Paul II, who died April 2 at age 84, was a voice of conscience for the world and a modern-day apostle for his church. To both roles he brought a philosopher's intellect, a pilgrim's spiritual intensity and an actor's flair for the dramatic. That combination made him one of the most forceful moral leaders of the modern age.

As head of the church for more than 26 years, he held a hard line on doctrinal issues and drew sharp limits on dissent -- in particular regarding abortion, birth control and other contested church teachings on human life. But when it came to the Vatican and the church hierarchy, he was never a micromanager. He spent relatively little time on administrative issues.

Especially in later years, his pontificate reflected personal trial and suffering. An athletic and energetic 58-year-old when elected, he gradually lost his ability to walk, to stand and to express himself clearly -- the result of a nervous system disorder believed to be Parkinson's disease. By the time he celebrated his silver jubilee as pope in October 2003, aides were routinely wheeling him on a chair and reading his speeches for him. Yet he rejected suggestions of retirement and pushed himself to the limits of his declining physical capabilities.

The first non-Italian pope in 455 years, Pope John Paul became a spiritual protagonist in two global transitions: the fall of European communism, which began in his native Poland in 1989, and the passage to the third millennium of Christianity.

The start of the new millennium brought a surge in global terrorism, which the pope saw as a threat to interfaith harmony. He invited world religions to renounce violence and the logic of "religious warfare." He condemned the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as "inhuman" but urged the United States to react with restraint, and he sharply criticized the U.S.-led war against Iraq in 2003.

As pastor of the universal church, he jetted around the world, taking his message to 129 countries in 104 trips outside Italy, including seven to the United States. A linguist by training, he surprised and pleased millions by communicating with them in their own languages.

While Pope John Paul conducted a highly personal papacy, his own personality was not a simple one to understand. Those closest to him said the key was a deep spiritual life, from which he drew his energy. He prayed everywhere he went -- morning, noon and night -- and recommended prayer as the first and basic Christian response to problems.

In his continuing effort to revitalize the roots of the faith, he declared a "year of the Eucharist" from October 2004 to October 2005. The pope accepted suffering as an opportunity for spiritual growth and wrote a deeply philosophical letter on the subject in 1984.

His own hospital stays -- including operations for an intestinal tumor in 1992, a separated shoulder in 1993, a broken thigh bone in 1994, an appendectomy in 1996, and flu and a tracheotomy in February -- reinforced his sympathy for the suffering of others. Wherever he went, he made sure the front row was reserved for the sick and disabled in his audience.

Beyond the mark he leaves on the institutional church, Pope John Paul will no doubt be remembered by many as a very human pontiff: one who hiked in the mountains in his early years and who had to be wheeled to the altar in later years, who traveled the globe to meet the people and tend his flock, and who lived each chapter of his papacy before the eyes of the world.

Prayer for Pope John Paul II

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
May John Paul II be truly blessed for all his hard work and effort on earth to assist justice, the poor, the weak, and the oppressed. May the gratitude of the world continue to flourish.
Amen

OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to come by and tour the junior high and elementary school on Sunday, April 10, 2005 from 2-4 p.m. Spearman ISD school officials will be available to answer any questions you may regarding to the BOND ELECTION set for April 23rd.

Guest Editorial

The pope, Terri Schiavo, and moral consistency



by Jim Wallis
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It's sadly rare for a church leader, or for the leaders of most of our dominant institutions, to demonstrate a spirituality that attracts millions of people around the world - particularly so many young people. But the scene of millions lining up to simply pass by the body of John Paul II in Rome this week is remarkable indeed. The enormous attraction to this pope goes far beyond agreement with all the positions of the Catholic Church or even all of the decisions of his papacy. Indeed the "ecumenical" and even "interfaith" attraction to John Paul II reflects his own practice of reaching out to more people in more faith traditions than any other pope ever has.

One of the great attractions of Pope John Paul II's spirituality was his consistency. At the core of Catholic social teaching is the idea of a "consistent ethic of life," an ethic that seeks to protect and defend human life and dignity wherever and whenever they are threatened, and which challenges the selective moralities of both the political left and right.

As I've been watching the non-stop coverage of the pope's death, I have been struck by how many people - especially political leaders - would like to claim the pontiff as their own, as someone who affirmed their causes and commitments. At the same time, they tend to ignore the other things this pope said and did that directly challenge their own political decisions.

Many conservatives are pointing to the pope's clear teachings on abortion, euthanasia, and sexual morality, which are often contrary to the positions of many liberals. But they seem to forget the strong and passionate opposition of this pope to the war in Iraq, capital punishment, and the operations of a global economy that neglect the poor and deny human rights for millions. This pope helped bring down communism, but also was no capitalist and constantly lifted up a vision of economic justice. Promoting a "culture of life" was the language of John Paul's papacy before it became the rhetoric of President Bush, and its meaning goes far beyond the narrow interpretations of the Republican Party. Yes, Pope John Paul II certainly opposed John Kerry's views on abortion, but the White House did not get the photo of him they wanted when the president visited the Vatican and the pope shook his finger disapprovingly at George W. Bush over the American war in Iraq.

Consistency is deeply attractive to people who long for public integrity - particularly to a new generation. The same lack of consistency in the politically selective eulogies of the pope also characterized the highly politicized responses to the sad story and death of Terri Schiavo.

Personally, I cannot understand why parents willing to take care of their disabled daughter were not allowed to by a husband who had moved on to another life and family. Terri Schiavo was severely mentally disabled but was not dying, and we don't decide to end the lives of many similarly disabled people, even children, whose mental capacities greatly diminish their quality of life. As my wife, Joy Carroll, put it, "the issue is not their quality of life, but the ethical quality of our society." And in situations of medical, scientific, or legal complexity, the morally safer course is always to err on the side of life. However, it became painfully clear that for many political partisans the issue wasn't so much the life of this young woman but other related political issues and agendas. And a leaked Republican memo about firing up the conservative base of the party and even defeating Democratic opponents in Florida were way out of line.

Again, the issue is consistency. Will Schiavo's defenders now also care more about the loss of civilian lives in Iraq or prisoners (even innocent ones) put to death on death row? Will they refuse to accept the silent tsunami that takes the lives of 30,000 children every day due to hunger and disease, or even support the Medicaid funding for vulnerable people that helped sustain Schiavo's life for many years? Somehow I doubt it. Consistency is spiritually and morally attractive. We didn't see much of it in the tragic drama of Schiavo. But the life of John Paul II is a lesson of its truth and power for all of us.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
Years ago Linda and I came to Spearman looking at this town as a place to establish our practice and raise our family, we have never regretted coming here. Two of the main selling points then were the people and the school. Today, as we recruit a new veterinarian, these are still two of the main selling points of our community. We are supporting the school bond issue. I hope that all eligible voters will study the facts, not the rumors, and vote in this election.
Sincerely,
Tom Latta

The cost-to-build has doubled in the past seven years; can we afford to wait seven more years when the cost might double again? I can't speak for the Facilities Committee members, but I can tell you that there were 21 people on this committee who attended the meetings and did their "homework", and they all agreed, the district has no choice—we must have a vision to provide our community with school buildings that will meet the needs of our students long term.

We have 742 great reasons to vote "YES", the students of SISD. Please choose to consider a "YES" vote on April 23rd, for our kids, our teachers and our community.
Jackie Pearson

Dear editor:
I was the chairman of the Facilities Committee that made the recommendation to the school board to proceed with the bond election. Our committee spent many hours studying the options before the board and our community. We toured the buildings. We recommended that the district encourage taxpayers to come to the schools because we knew that if taxpayers could actually see the problems firsthand, they would understand that the situation truly is critical. The district did this through the paper and word-of-mouth. Not one person called and asked to come see the facilities. The Open House, scheduled for Sunday, April 10th, 2-4 p.m., will give taxpayers the chance to tour these facilities themselves.

The residents of SISD have always made education a priority. We have great teachers and administrators, and our students meet the challenge to perform academically and athletically year after year.

But, take a close look at the facilities of SISD. We find that the Jr. High building is 75 years old, the majority of the Elementary building is nearly 50 years old and the "new" High School building is 43 years old. The building project to be funded by the passing of this bond election will give our district a long-term solution to its most critical needs.

We have a choice to vote "YES" or "NO". But, my question is: can we afford to vote "NO" and choose to do nothing about the condition of these 2 buildings? Can we afford to spend as much as \$200,000 to bring a 75-year old building into compliance with ADA standards and still have a 75-year old building to maintain? Can we afford to ignore the safety issues that face our school district: asbestos, unmonitored access to hallways, crowded hallways, and students walking through parking lots to music classes while other students arrive for gym? Can we afford to have young families choose to live in Perryton, Stinnett or somewhere else because we have elementary programs that meet in closets and because we refuse to build facilities that reflect the pride we have in our community and our school?

To the Registered Voters in Spearman ISD,

Almost all of us in Spearman have said at one time or another how great it is to live in such a caring community where we all look out for each other. That is truly one of the great advantages of living in a small town - your neighbors know you and care about your welfare. That said, how can we continue to take pride in Spearman and its spirit of community and not be willing to spend the extra money needed to provide better school facilities for our children?

Most of us realize that there is a desperate need to "do something" about the junior high, and we have known it for several years now. Those of us who served on the recent facilities assessment committee looked at a lot of information about our school facilities that had been gathered over the past two years. The school board and administration have "done their homework."

To bring all of our facilities up to date and completely ADA compliant would have cost over \$25 million dollars. The board knew our community could not afford that so they have come up with the most cost effective alternative. By building a new junior high and correcting existing problems at the elementary with the money from the bond, the district will then free-up money in the budget that is usually allocated for repairs to those two facilities. That money will then be used to address problems that exist at the high school. All campuses and, therefore, all students will benefit if the bond passes.

In today's society, it has become common place to ignore or deny personal responsibility and "assign" it to someone else. Is this going to happen here? I hope not - there is no one else to take on this responsibility! I urge each of you to look inward and do the right thing for our children and our community. Step up and take responsibility for improving Spearman's future - vote "yes" in the upcoming bond election on April 23.
Sheri Benton



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. 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 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.

Rushing Wind Emmaus
The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Sat., April 9, in the Waka Christian Center at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish for a potluck dinner, family and friends are welcome. Sponsor's training will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a praise and worship service. Nursery will be provided.

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 April 25, 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.

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 memory of 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 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.

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. All across the country and throughout the world, Christians are coming together to support one another and speak the language of faith. ANYONE interested is invited. For more information or to join, contact Cathy Smith at 659-3434 or 659-3477 or cathy.smith@antden.com, or visit www.sojo.net for information about SojoCircles. An organizational meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 10th in the home of Cathy Smith (1002 S. Barkley in Spearman).

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 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!

Digital Camera Class
A digital camera class is being offered. Anyone interested in learning how to import, scan and edit digital photos is encouraged to attend. If interested, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. The class time and dates will be set if there is enough interest.

Spearman Swim Team Meeting
Spearman Swim Team 2005 will begin soon. A meeting has been set for Sunday, April 10th at 3 p.m. in the First State Bank Hospitality Room to try on suits for sizing before ordering. All previous members need to attend as well as any interested new swimmers. If you cannot attend, please call Gwen Gibson at 659-3371 or Katrina Hughes at 659-3903. Only one order for suits will be placed. Anyone wishing to order after the order is placed will have to do so individually. A deposit will be required prior to ordering. The Spearman Swim Meet will be held on July 16th. Each swim team member is required to swim in at least two meets. For more information about costs and meets, contact Gwen or Katrina.

"Deal a Winning Hand for Women's Health"
Even a small amount of physical activity can result in better health. Come to the Spearman Walking Track on Saturday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m. where we will "Deal a Winning Hand for Health." Participants will walk around the track, drawing a card at stops along the track. The person recording the best hand at the final stop will win a prize. Prizes will be awarded to top hands. Give your exercise program a boost and test your luck in the 5-card draw! Call Peggy Winegamer, Hansford County Extension Agent (659-4131 or 733-2901), for more information.

Walk Across Texas!
Call Peggy Winegamer, Hansford County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, to find out how you can Walk Across Texas. The eight-week health and fitness program encourages participants to record miles walked toward a group goal equal to the distance across Texas. You may participate as an individual or as a team made up of 8 people who keep track of the amount they walk. Tracking miles may be done the usual hard-copy way, or on an internet website, and continued past the 8-week time frame, if desired. Immediate benefits include increased energy levels and feeling less stressed.

Memorial Day Wreaths
Memorial Day wreaths are available now from the Golden Spread Senior Citizens. Some special orders will be taken, but should be placed as soon as possible as supplies are limited. For more information, contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030, or stop by the Sr. Citizens Center at 502 South Brandt in Spearman.

9th Annual Panhandle Crisis Center Golf Tourney
The 9th Annual Panhandle Crisis Center Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005. This is a 2-person Scramble at the Perryton Golf Course. Activities will begin with a hamburger feed at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$30 per person. Pro shop certificates will be given to the top three finishes in each flight, along with lots of other prizes. The box sponsorships are available for \$50 each. Proceeds benefit the Panhandle Crisis Center.

3rd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration
The 3rd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005. Activities will be held on main street from noon to 5 p.m., with a dance ending festivities for the day. Ritmo Loco will be featured at the dance, which will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the O'Loughlin Center. Admission is \$10 per person, with children under 10 admitted free. Booth space is available for \$10, and may be reserved by contacting the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Salsa Contest
The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Salsa Contest on May 7, 2005 in conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Entries are \$5 each, and must be at Spearman City Hall by 11 a.m. on the 7th. There will be three categories (Mild, Medium and Hot) and three prizes awarded in each category (1st - \$25 Hansford Bucks, 2nd - \$15 Hansford Bucks, 3rd - \$10 Hansford Bucks). For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon
The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary will hold their Spring Luncheon on Monday, April 11th at 11:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to bring a covered dish or salad. Anyone interested in joining the Hospital Auxiliary is encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Judy Nelson at 659-3608.

Texas Panhandle MHMR Public Forum
The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHMR) is presenting a forum giving community members the opportunity to learn of the many services TPMHMR offers, provide feedback regarding service delivery and discuss areas for expansion or improvement. TPMHMR provides crucial services to residents of Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill Counties through a satellite mental health clinic and workshop in Perryton. The meeting will be held on Wed., April 12th from noon to 1 p.m. at the Perryton Chamber of Commerce, 200 S. Main. Contact Tim Bowles, Director of Planning and Public Information, (806) 351-3326, for more information.

Editors Note...

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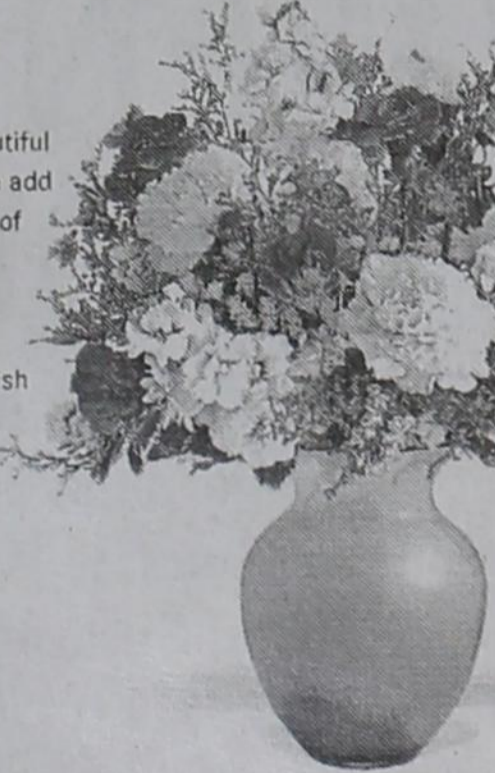
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Thank you, Catherine

April 7
Birthday - Margaret Bell, Kallie Cluck, Will Evans, Jeannie (Potts) Dawkins, Sharlet Slough, Sammie Stavlo, Shawn Thompson, Kyle Winter, Kenneth Brown, Jo McLaughlin, Wallace Berner, Jo Nell Grayson, Michael Brogdon, Beth Lesly, Denise Torrea, Tashaia Duncan, Linda Winegarner, Laurie Beth Stedje, Seth Clemmons, Joshua Scott Bullard, Lorene Fulce, Denise Apodaca, Mason Fletcher, Greg Evans

Anniversary - M/M Donald Jackson, M/M Monty Cassidy

April 8
Birthday - Cami Shapley Jenschke, Damon Goodheart, Julie Ortega, Shenell Taylor, Brandon Vanderburg, Barbara Ellsworth, Ramona Garcia, Isaac Herndon, C.A. Davis, Jennifer Laxson, Jim Deakin, Dalton Ortega

April 9
Birthday - Julie Martin, Phyllis Atwood, T.J. Bayless, Diane Brown, Jeremy Harris, Colby Hunt, Dan Odum, June Kelp, Annette Pope, Patti Schnell, Pepper Collingsworth, Cease Riley, Lori Young, Sims Reddin, Kara Womble, Clyde Hodge, April Butts, Robin Castillo

Anniversary - M/M Keith Burgess

April 10
Birthday - Bill Been, Mack Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolleson, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Sheppard, Penny Cummings, Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr., Aaron Maestas

Anniversary - M/M Donnie Osbourne

April 11
Birthday - Harlan Gerardy, Darrell Harvey, Billy Logsdon, Tammie Jo Simpson, Mike Stewart, David Pope, Wardell Volden, Robert Brisen, Slavin Sparks, Bill Baker, Dana McLaughlin, Mickie Fanning, Courtney Sheets, Austin Munoz, Jamie Renteria

April 12
Birthday - Jennifer Lopez, Alice Slough, Mary TeBeest, Earl Taylor, Chance Jackson, Lelia Reyes, Paul Lopez Jr., Tara Butt, Sonya Messer, Tammy Red, Keith Hight, Helen Soto, Lilla Villa, Lauren Ferguson

Anniversary - M/M Sonny Nollner

April 13
Birthday - Lindsay Barkley, Ashley (Wagner) Bezner, Chad Clawson, Norma Jean Mackie, Elaine Morris, Robbie Randall, Maria Cole, Greg Black, Rebecca Cruse, Sarah Miser, Paula Labrier, Clete Vanderberg, Billy Logsdon, Dedee Ellis, Sara Paschel, Shelby Reising, Gaylord Cook

Anniversary - M/M Rey Burgess

April 14
Birthday - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla Kunsleman, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez

Anniversary - M/M Ronnie Lusby, M/M Daniel Harvey

April 15
Birthday - Cathy Boone, Jim Roberts, Danny Knox, Dorothy Faye Baggerly, Michelle Beedy, Eva Mae Reger, Kenneth Pierce, Emma Garcia, Margie Crockett, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Ramon, Jeff Coates, Austin Gross, Wesley Thompson, Skyler Sumner

Anniversary - M/M Victor Soto, M/M Wally Berner

April 16
Birthday - Rod Barkley, Amber Knight, Anise Renner, Clayton Thompson, Cathy Patterson, David Knox, Edward Beck, Walter Jones, Alice Rodriguez, Tylan Pearce, Vernon Morris, G.W. Robinson, Jim Tucker, Joann Baca, Dorsey Perez, Matt Anderson

Anniversary - M/M Mitch Hoover

April 17
Birthday - Tim Garland, Gary Smith, Bill Porter, Linda Mosier, Anissa Ryan, Edgar Nava, Cheryl Hill, Kendra Jones, Jimmy Tope, Alfred Avila, Albert Avila, Tavo Hermissillo, Jennifer DeLaCruz, Norma Reis, Maurine Stenson, Ann Pape, Callie Stedje, John Smith, Katie Reed, Wendy Frick

Anniversary - M/M Julian Rodriguez, M/M Bruce Bailey, M/M Tim Garland, M/M Henry Garcia, M/M Bill Hunter

April 18
Birthday - Billy Kelly Jr., J.D. McCoy, Gregg Farr, Victor Rios Jr., Cacy Vaughn, Jena Cherry, Cha'tae Avila, Jennifer Gonzales, Elmo Dahl, Jeb Lee, Israel Arzate

Anniversary - M/M Steve TeBeest

April 19
Birthday - Hunter Bevil, Opal Barnes, Bobby Snider, Landon Swan, Sterling True, Norman Gilmore, Lori Diffie Johnson, Blare Dudley, Jessica Blake, Victoria Temple, Crystal Gross, Socoyyo Tarango, Hortencia Trejo, Elizabeth Castillo, Jocelyn Whitefield, Jamie Haruch

Anniversary - John & Tammy Woodward

Our Sympathy

ROBERT M. "SON" MARTIN
 LAS ANIMAS, CO - Robert M. "Son" Martin, 84, died March 19, 2005, at his home in Las Animas.

He was born June 17, 1920, near Spearman in Hansford County to Clarence and Meda (Gore) Martin. He married Margery Engle of Rocky Ford on Aug. 15, 1942 at Syracuse, Kansas.

For many years he was owner and operator of Bob's Backhoe Service. At one time he worked at the Rocky Ford Police Department. He will be most remembered as being an old time "fiddler," having played for many dances over the years and winning many fiddling contests in Colorado and New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Margery; one daughter, Margaret Sue (Jack) Ward of Fountain; two grandchildren, Dayle and Brandon Ward; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, LeRoy Martin of Las Animas; one sister, Yvetta McCammond of Spearman; and a sister-in-law, Leah Martin of Las Animas.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Eugene Martin on May 2, 1967.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at the Las Animas Friends Church with the Rev. Bob Branson officiating. At his request, fiddle music was played at the service by Duncan Chamblin. Burial was in the Las Animas Cemetery with Griffy Family Funeral Chapel of Fowler in charge of arrangements.

RAMIRO ARJONA, JR.
 SPEARMAN, TX - Ramiro Arjona, Jr., 50, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2005.

Funeral mass was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ramiro was born on January 31, 1955 in San Antonio, Texas. He was a laborer in oil and gas production.

He is survived by his mother, Estella Arjona of Spearman; his father, Ramiro Arjona of Mission, TX; two sons, Anthony Arjona of Spearman and Ramiro Arjona III of Hereford; two daughters, Raquel Arjona of Dallas and Elizabeth Lopez of Hereford; five sisters, Mary Estella Martinez of Perryton, Mary Ellen Vitela of Castroville, Irma Luna of Groom, Gloria Contreras of Borger and Diana Christy of Amarillo; one brother, Joe Manuel Arjona of Perryton; and four grandchildren.

SHERRI LEJEAN HIBBS
 SPEARMAN, TX - Sherri LeJean Hibbs, 36, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2005.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 8, 2005 at 12 a.m. in the Fellowship Baptist Church in Spearman with the Rev. James Washburn officiating. Cremation will be by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Sherri was born on April 6, 1968 in Dallas. She had lived in the area for two years. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Spearman.

Survivors include her mother, Jeanne Couch of Spearman; three sons, Jimmy Keller III of Newton Falls, Ohio, Rodney Hadley and Drace Hibbs, both of Gruver; a brother, Brent Hill of Enid, Okla.; and three sisters, Cindy Lewis of Pleasantview, Utah, April Zaku of Roy, Utah and Heather Couch of Ogden, Utah.

The family requests memorials be made to The Children of Sherri Hibbs, % Fellowship Baptist Church, 1102 S. Archer, Spearman TX 79081.

JACK GILLISPIE



MORSE, TX - Walter Jack Gillispie, 82, passed away Tuesday morning, April 5, 2005, at the Hansford Manor in Spearman, Texas.

The son of Mary Ann (Denman) and Walter Allen Gillispie, he was born January 27, 1923, in Hooker, Oklahoma. The Gillispie family moved to the family farm, and because Walter and Mary were educators, they lived in Morse during the school year. Jack graduated from Morse High School and was united in marriage to Lela Faye Womble on November 7, 1942.

Jack continued to farm near Morse and he and Fay moved the family to Gruver in 1964. Fay passed away in 1994, and Jack moved back to Morse soon after. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Gruver, and the Morse Lion's Club. Jack was a quiet and gentle man who loved farming and his family.


Survivors include two daughters, Linda and husband, Wirt Davis of Mansburg, Germany; and Judy and husband, Mike Stedje of Gruver; two sons, Bob Gillispie and wife, Kathy of Gruver; and Dwight Gillispie and wife, Suzanne of Morse; eleven grandchildren and their spouses, Quent Davis, Darby Davis and wife, Dania; Brian Gillispie and wife, Gina; Clay Gillispie; Amy Gillispie, Tamra and husband, Roy Gammon; Tim Stedje and wife, Julie; Brent Stedje and wife, Julie; Alan Howell and wife, Martha; Robert Howell and wife, Christina; and Gena Gillispie; and fifteen great grandchildren, Austin Davis, Heath and Ashley Gammon, Megan, Travis and Kaitlyn Stedje; Callie, Bailey & Tyler Stedje; Kaitlyn, Ryanne and Abby Howell; Grace and husband, Justin Calvert, Charles and Mattie Davis. He is also survived by three sisters and their families, Nan McCloy, Nell Henderson and Sue McCloy, all of Morse, and sister-in-law, May Gillispie Wayland of Woodward, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two brothers, John Gillispie and Ben Gillispie.

Funeral services will be Friday afternoon, April 8, at 2:00 pm at the Morse Baptist Church with Rev. Wirt Davis officiating and Rev. Mike Martin and Rev. Scott Curry assisting. Interment will follow in Lieb Cemetery by Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be given to the Morse Community Building, P.O. Box 114, Morse, TX 79062 and Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

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Engagement Announcement

Veleta (Lackey) Bowen of Red River, New Mexico (formerly of Spearman) and Dean Most of Osmond, Neb. announce their engagement and approaching marriage on May 5, 2005 in Springer, NM at Springer Boys School Chapel.

The couple plan to make their home in Red River, NM.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

We need information on Dr. Redwine who practiced in Darrouzett during the 1950's. If you can help, please let us know.

Student Art Reception: Sunday, April 10, 2005, 2 p.m. at the museum. Parents and friends are encouraged to come celebrate our children's talents.

My last comment this week is to advise you that beware if flying on April 1. Our pilot announced once we were at cruise level that we are on the flight headed to Lubbock and would arrive in approximately 1 hour. "Uh-oh" and "what" resounded in the cabin, then turned to laughter when he said, "April Fools - we are really on our way to Amarillo. Relax."

Hope your day contained enjoyable tricks.

Museum Happenings

Well, I ventured to the big city of Dallas last week to represent our museum at the state meeting of the Texas Museum Association known as TAM. It was held in Dallas. I have not flown in a long time and the security precautions were quite an experience and should be documented as a historic event for future generations. I will not wear jewelry, shoes, belts, or "carry" a purse the next time I travel. I will go barefoot and unencumbered so I will move smoothly through the security line.

I attended classes from 8 am till 5pm then boarded a bus for evening tours of all the major museums of Dallas. The wonderful

works of art and sculpture is breathtaking. Interestingly enough, we only visited one historical museum, the JFK museum on the sixth floor of the Book Depository. I learned a lot and will be sharing some of the ideas with you in further columns or projects here at the museum. It was a pleasure representing our county and museum at this meeting and answering the question: "Where is Lipscomb?"

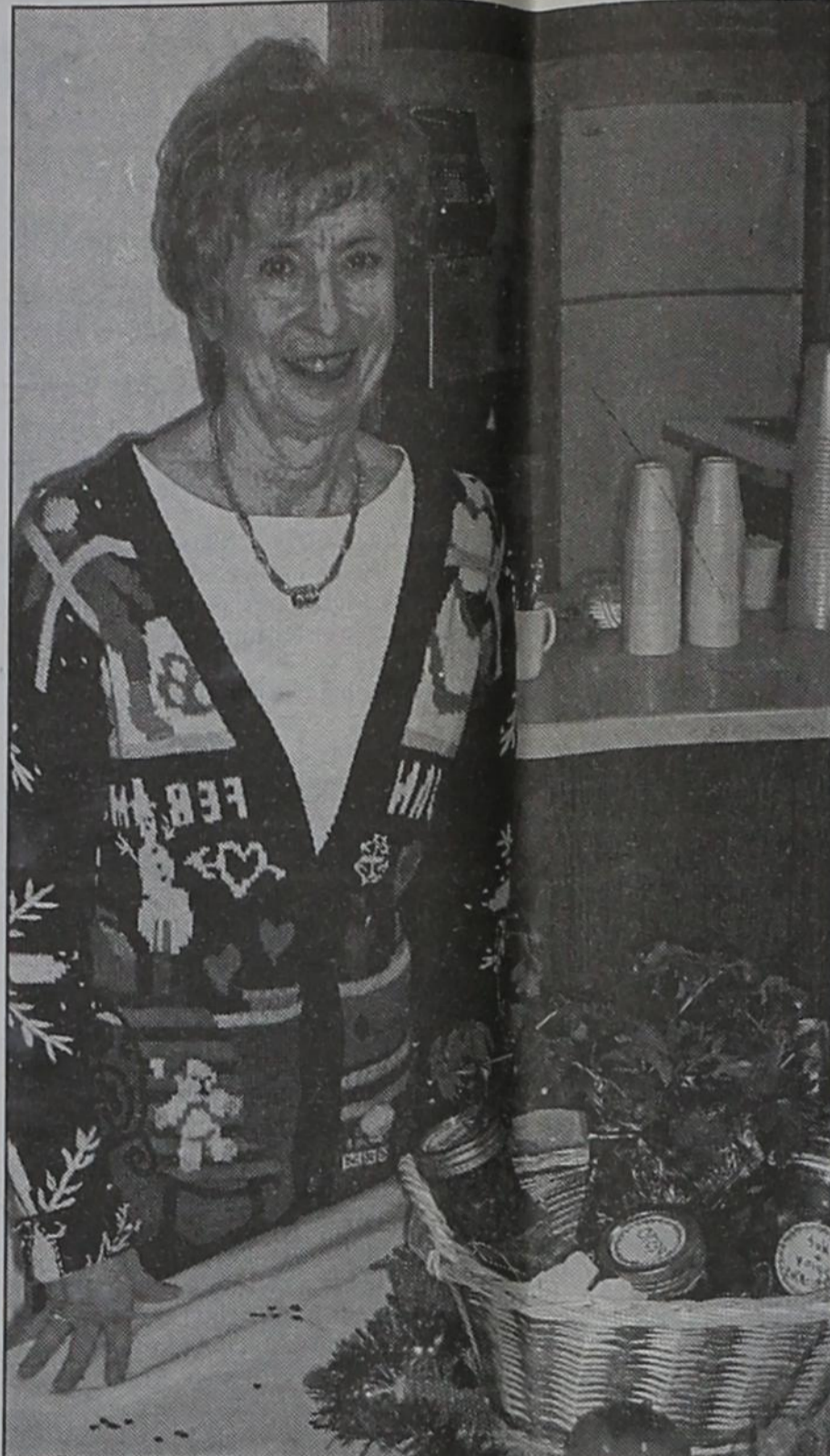
Lipscomb County History

A note of thanks to Ms. Ellinor (Dixon) Fowler who wrote me a letter with more information concerning her family. I will incorporate this information in my files and share it in further columns.

Prairie Dog continued

Mr. Dixon continued his description of 1908 Higgins by describing the businesses: there were three lumber yards, the White House, the York, and the Sharp. There were two drug stores, one owned by Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Mugg and the other by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Word. The Words also owned the "Picture Show". Mr. Dixon describes the movie "It cost a dime to go to the show, and the pictures were silent with reading on the screen."

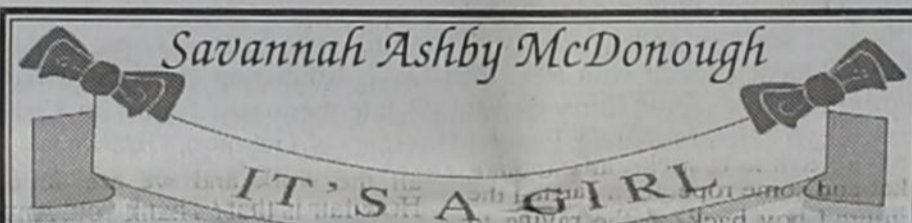
Lastly, Higgins had two large hotels "which were built out of lumber. Meals were served family style and cost about 25 cents a meal." The hotels were owned by a family named Gunn and Lucy Jones.



Diane Bim, home economist, shared some of her favorites and most requested recipes from her new book, "Remember When We Cooked?" with 80 women at a recent Lunch & Learn program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension. Recipe books are still available for purchase by contacting Peggy Winegarner at the County Extension office located in the courthouse.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Temperatures were variable. Rain and snow were reported. Wheat is rated fair to excellent. Light Russian wheat aphid and greenbug infestations continue to be reported. Economic infestations of alfalfa weevil were reported in the southeast Panhandle. Many fields have been treated with insecticide. Corn planting is expected to increase in the next few weeks. Rangeland grasses continued green up. Cattle were rated fair to good. Supplemental feeding continued at a reduced rate.



Savannah Ashby McDonough was born at 11:03 p.m. on March 17, 2005 to Franklin and Kelly McDonough. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Welcoming her home was her "big" sister (18-month-old) Karennah Grace McDonough.

Grandparents are Keith and Karen Goodman of Follett and Mike and Cornelia McDonough of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Avo Gray and Alice Goodman both of Spearman and John and Barbara McDonough of Plainview.



Engagement Announcement

Brent and Beverly Harrison of Hereford wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra, to Landon Swan, also of Hereford. Landon is the son of David and Sharron Swan of Spearman and the grandson of Bill and Bessie Swan and Curley Davis, all of Spearman. Cassandra is the granddaughter of Loyd Hulsey and Chester and Tommie Harrison.

The couple plan a July 2, 2005 wedding at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene. A reception will follow in the Ruth McBride Room of the Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

Cassandra is a 2002 graduate of Hereford High School. She will graduate in May 2005 from West Texas A&M University with a degree in Mass Communication.

Landon is a 1993 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2002 graduate of Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy. He is a police officer for the Hereford Police Department.

Riley Janet Weller

IT'S A GIRL

Jill and Ryan Weller of Kingwood wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Janet Weller. Riley was born on March 22, 2005 at 5:44 a.m. in Houston. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Debby Odom of Gruver, George and Caroline Odom of Dalhart and Fenner and Darcel Weller of Kingwood. Great-grandparents are Kenneth and Janet Irwin of Gruver, George and Margaret Odom of Gruver and Betty Atwill of Houston.

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Cecilia Randall was the singles and all-events winner of the Borger Women's City Bowling Tournament held in March. She was also a member of the first-place bowling team and the winning doubles team.

Locals attend The Price is Right

Dana Sharp, Christina Salgado and Kaitlyn Ballew recently traveled to California during their spring break. While there, they attended a taping of The Price is Right. They were seated on the third row behind contestant's row. The show they attended will be aired on Tuesday, April 12th at 10 a.m. on Channel 10.

Dana is the daughter of Barb and Joey Sharp of Spearman and attends Amarillo College. Christina is the daughter of Gilbert and Ernestina Salgado and lives in Dallas. Kaitlyn attends Amarillo College.

Hansford Manor Schedule April - 2005

Friday, April 8: 9 a.m. - meet in activity room to go to Bit Texas in Amarillo for lunch and program.

Saturday, April 9: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

Sunday, April 10: 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Lutheran & Presbyterian Church

Monday, April 11: 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 Shop in Spearman, meet in activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Preceptor Sorority

Tuesday, April 12: 10 a.m. - Watch "The Price is Right" (Ernie's daughter is there), living room; 6:30 p.m. - Happy Hour, activity room

Wednesday, April 13: 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room

Thursday, April 14: 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room

Friday, April 15: 9:30 a.m. - Kindergarten Singers, living room;

2:30 p.m. - Birthday Party, dining room, featuring Barbershop Quartet of Amarillo

Saturday, April 16: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

Sunday, April 17: 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Apostolic Faith Church

Monday, April 18: 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 Sewing, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Hospice Volunteers

Tuesday, April 19: 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 2:30 - Manicures, activity room

Wednesday, April 20: 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room

Thursday, April 21: 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room

Friday, April 22: Play dominoes or Skip-Bo or watch a movie. (Activities Personnel will be gone to Amarillo to attend seminar.)

Saturday, April 23: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

Sunday, April 24: 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, First Christian Church of Spearman; Passover begins

Monday, April 25: 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 Resident Council, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Hospice Volunteers

Tuesday, April 26: 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 2:30 - Happy Hour, activity room; 5:30 p.m. - Christian Buffet, dining room, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Wednesday, April 27: 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room

Thursday, April 28: 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room

Friday, April 29: 10 a.m. - Cooking Club, activities room; 2:30 p.m. - Life Enrichment, living room

Saturday, April 30: open for visitation from friends, family and

community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

Hansford County Calendar March 13-20, 2005

April 7-10 - FCCLA State Conference at Corpus Christi

April 7-8 - District 7-AA Tennis Tournament, Amarillo

April 8 - HS Track Meet, Spearman

April 8 - Group and Individual Spring Pictures

April 9 - JH District Track Meet, Fritch

April 10 - Open House at Spearman Jr. High, 2-4 p.m.

April 11 - 2nd Round District Boys Golf, Borger

April 11-15 - Spring Book Sale

April 12-13 - Choir Contest, WTAMU

April 12 - Family Night at the Spring Book Sale

April 13 - Girls District Golf, Borger

April 14-17 - SHS Band Trip to Corpus Christi

April 14-15 - HS District Track Meet, Panhandle

April 15 - Donuts with Dads, Gruver Elementary, 7-8 a.m.; Show & Tell, Gruver Elementary, 7:50-8:30 a.m.

April 18 - 10th & 11th Grade Science TAKS Test; Exit Level Science Retest

April 19 - 10th Grade Math TAKS Test; Exit Level ELA Retest; SDAA Math TAKS Test

April 20 - 11th Grade Math TAKS Test; Exit Level Math Retest; SDAA TAKS Test

April 21 - 9th Grade Math TAKS Test; 10th & 11th Grade Social Studies TAKS Test; Exit Level Social Studies Retest

April 22-23 - HS Regional Qualifiers Track Meet

April 25-26 - Regional Golf Tourney Tournament, Boys & Girls, Baird

April 26 - Job Shadowing, Amarillo, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 27-28 - AA-Region One Tennis Tournament, Abilene

April 27 - Physics/Anatomy trip to Lubbock

April 28 - IPC Trip to Palo Duro Canyon

April 29-30 - HS Regional Track Meet, Abilene

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Wow! Thank you to JoAnn Tang and Adriana Pinon for playing Crazy Bunko with the residents on the 19th. There were stacks of prizes down a row of tables. The competition was great. When residents left, they had their laps full.

We appreciate the Gruver Methodist Church for bringing services to the Manor on the 20th. and the Primera Iglesia Church for bringing services on the 27th.

Sometimes we have a room full with overflow out into the hallways and sometimes we have a hand full. I only know that there are always blessings that come from giving of yourself and there is always a fruitful harvest when we come together to talk about the Lord. Thank you to one and all-you are greatly appreciated.

The residents enjoyed the Newscurrents Program Monday morning. Especially the part about the first nonstop flight of an airplane around the world. He did not even stop for fuel. The most interesting part to us was that it was from Salina, Ks. He had 13 gas tanks on his airplane and it took a total of 67 hours. Salina, Ks. is just not that far from us. How exciting!

After lunch we had a host of volunteers to help with manicures. We wanted everyone to have a fresh manicure before Easter. I think that we got at least 90% of them done thanks to Kathy Boyd, June Jackson, Verna Brown, Claudine Laxton and Scooter Russell.

Then, the crowning of the day was that evening when the Rotary Club hosted bingo. Thank you to everyone! Your efforts make this a great place to be!

Tuesday morning we had a large circle in the living room and played kickball. What fun! Just watching the ball, the anticipation of where it is going to go, the intensity of concentration and then a kick! What a blast the residents have.

After lunch we taxed our brains. We had an in-house spelling bee. I noticed that Janie did not cut them much slack. I also noticed that they did not need it. The residents are great at spelling. Many have very good educations.

We are so very thankful that Anne Whitaker is able to come again. She led a very good Bible study Wednesday morning. She did all the work and we ate donuts. How fair is that? Thank you, Anne!

The afternoon was filled with Easter grass, eggs, paints and planning. We had a regular assembly line going. Some were painting containers for the ceramic eggs that they had made for Kindergartners while others cut up grass, stuffed the cups and placed the eggs. They turned out really cute.

Thursday morning started off early with Claudine Laxton, Janie & Merry scurrying around hiding Easter eggs for the kindergarten classes. It was fun. The children hit here with their baskets in hand and

were setting on go. It looked like a bunch of worker ants as they were scrambling to get the eggs. The residents watched from inside, but had a clear view of the scramble.

When done, they came in for a movie and refreshments. As they were leaving each child was handed a hand painted ceramic egg in a basket. Just watching children laugh and play is a pleasure all of itself.

After lunch the auxiliary hosted bingo. Thank you to all of the auxiliary members. They are such a help in every way.

Friday morning the residents gathered in the activity room to decorate boiled eggs to go on their trays Easter Sunday. We had dye and paint all over of course but it was fun.

That afternoon we gathered together in the living room for Life Enrichment. What could be better than watching the movie "Jesus" at this time of year!

Saturday night the night shift took plastic eggs that we had filled with candy and quarters and hid them all over this facility. They also placed the ceramic baskets that the residents had painted in ceramic class and we had filled with jellybean eggs and Easter grass in each Resident's room so that when they awoke on Easter Sunday morning, they would have surprises. It was so much fun for the night shift and the residents.

Ron Gibson of Lowe's Grocery just completed our Easter for us. He brought Easter lilies to place on each dining table, balloons, candy, pies, and cakes. We also had Easter lilies throughout the facility that had been sent in memory of loved ones.

The Primera Iglesia Bautista Church held Easter services on Sunday afternoon. Thank you to one and all! You made our week special.

The week of the 28th of March started off with the usual informative Newscurrents Program.

After lunch we held Resident Council in the activity room. Among other business, the residents voted on the CNA of the month for April and Resident of the Month for April. Charlie Thomas of the night shift won the CNA of the Month and Ruth Benefield was elected as Resident of the Month.

Many thanks go out to the Rotary Club for hosting bingo on Monday night. We appreciate you!

Tuesday morning Janie led a very busy exercise session. I could tell because she was huffing and puffing.

The afternoon was spent on a program titled "Fifty Nifty States". Janie did a great job of leading the program. They toured all fifty states with trivia and facts to go with each one.

That evening the First Baptist Church of Gruver brought a wonderful Christian Buffet for the residents and served. Thank you to

everyone involved.

Thanks also go out to Anne Whitaker for bringing an interesting Bible study Wednesday morning. We appreciate you Anne!

The afternoon was spent painting in craft class on articles donated to the Manor by the Union Church. Thank you to the Union Church and for thinking of us.

We also had a doctor's day cook-out and appreciation lunch for all of the doctors, p.a.'s, and associated staff at the activities room. The event was planned by the nursing department of the Manor. Lelia Bynum came with many lovely decorations such as bedpans and urinals. She really did a unique job of decorating and the large crowd seemed to have a good time.

Thursday was filled with a fun exercise program in the morning and bingo after lunch. Thank you to the auxiliary for hosting bingo on Thursday afternoon. The residents love to play bingo more than any other thing.

Crazy Bunko is coming in a close second. Music is also one of the number one activities enjoyed.

Friday morning was filled with music and singing. We had a great Sing-Along program.

The afternoon was so pretty that we loaded up and took a long drive. We drove by the circus location hoping to see the animals, but saw only Shetland ponies at that time and then drove up to Palo Duro Lake. It was a restful, refreshing afternoon.

Thank you to the Gruver Church of Christ for bringing services to the Manor on the 3rd of April. We really appreciate this special service that our communities provide for us.

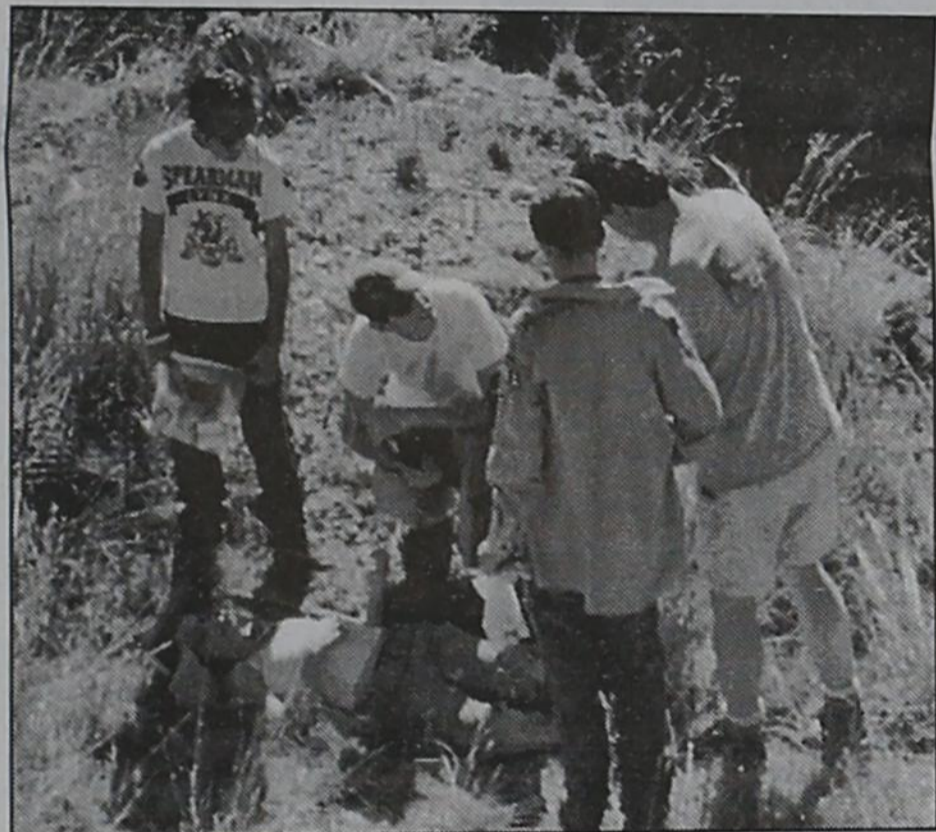
On the 15th we are having the monthly birthday party at the Manor. We would like to invite all of the public to come and hear "Dynamite," a barbershop quartet from Amarillo that will be doing the entertaining at 3:00 p.m. Come up and celebrate with us!

I also would like to say to the public a great big THANK YOU for your generosity. We appreciate the donations that you have made to the Empty Stocking Fund. We receive donations to that fund throughout the year to benefit the residents. Because of you we have been able to build a beautiful courtyard that all residents can enjoy as well as installing an automatic door opener out to the patio area for the weak or frail residents that wish to just sit and enjoy being outdoors with the flowers. We plan to expand the surroundings this summer to include another area.

Donations may be made out to Hansford Manor in memory of loved ones or just to the Empty Stocking Fund.

Thank you once again for enriching the lives of the residents.

Boy Scouts to the rescue



Boy Scout Harley Davidson portrays a snake bite victim as Scouts Michael Avila, Justin Bowman, Roy Moreno and Chaz Couch simulate a search and rescue operation.

Five members of the Spearman Boy Scout Troop took part in a simulated search and rescue operation Saturday, March 12th. The scouts arrived at their campsite about 10:00 that morning. They made camp, then ate a lunch of chicken soup and sandwiches prepared by scout, Michael Avila and Assistant Scoutmaster, Britt Jarvis. After lunch the troop was taken to the intake valve located at the

mouth of Horse Creek. From there they began a three-mile search and rescue operation which took them back down Horse Creek to a ravine where the simulation search and rescue took place. A young boy (Harley Davidson) had been bitten by a non-poisonous snake, fell into the ravine, breaking his arm and lacerating his forehead. The search team treated the snakebite, bandaged the boy's wounded forehead

and put a make-shift splint on his broken arm. They fashioned a litter from two hiking sticks, an old blanket and some rope, then carried the injured boy back up the ravine to safety.

The exercise was part of a merit badge course conducted by former Scoutmaster, Doug Cummings. Scout Justin Bowman supervised and took part in the rescue earning him his final merit badge requirement for his Eagle Scout rank. Britt Jarvis accompanied the troop on the operation. The exercise demonstrated teamwork, leadership, knowledge of first aid and coordination. During the exercise the scouts, also, observed several species of wildlife including a young mule deer buck.

After returning to camp they were served a dinner of country style goulash prepared by scout Justin Bowman and Scoutmaster, George Young.

The troop spent the night and then the next morning had a breakfast of sausage and eggs prepared by scout Chaz Couch.

Those attending the search and rescue exercise were Scouts Justin Bowman, Michael Avila, Chaz Couch, Harley Davidson and Roy Moreno. Scouts' Matthew Jarvis and Manuel Mendoza were unable to attend because of prior commitments. The adults attending were Scoutmaster George Young, Assistant Scoutmaster Britt Jarvis and Councilor Doug Cummings.



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From the Chief's Corner

by Chief of Police, Lance Swan
 The Spearman Police Department is about to begin a program called "Operation Safe Child." This program will target drivers with children not in safety seats or belts. The purpose of this program is awareness and safety for the children. Citation issue will be left to the discretion of the officer. Repeated violations after a warning will result in the issuance of a citation.
 *545.412: Child passenger safety seat systems:
 (a) a person commits an offense if the person operates a passenger car or light truck and:
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 (2) transports a child who is at least two (2) years of age, but younger than four years of age and does not keep the child secured during the operation of the vehicle.
 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$50. (or other monetary value set by the municipal court)
 Another area of concern is UNDER AGE DRIVERS. This Department will target under age drivers as follows:
 1st: written warning given to the under age driver. The parent or

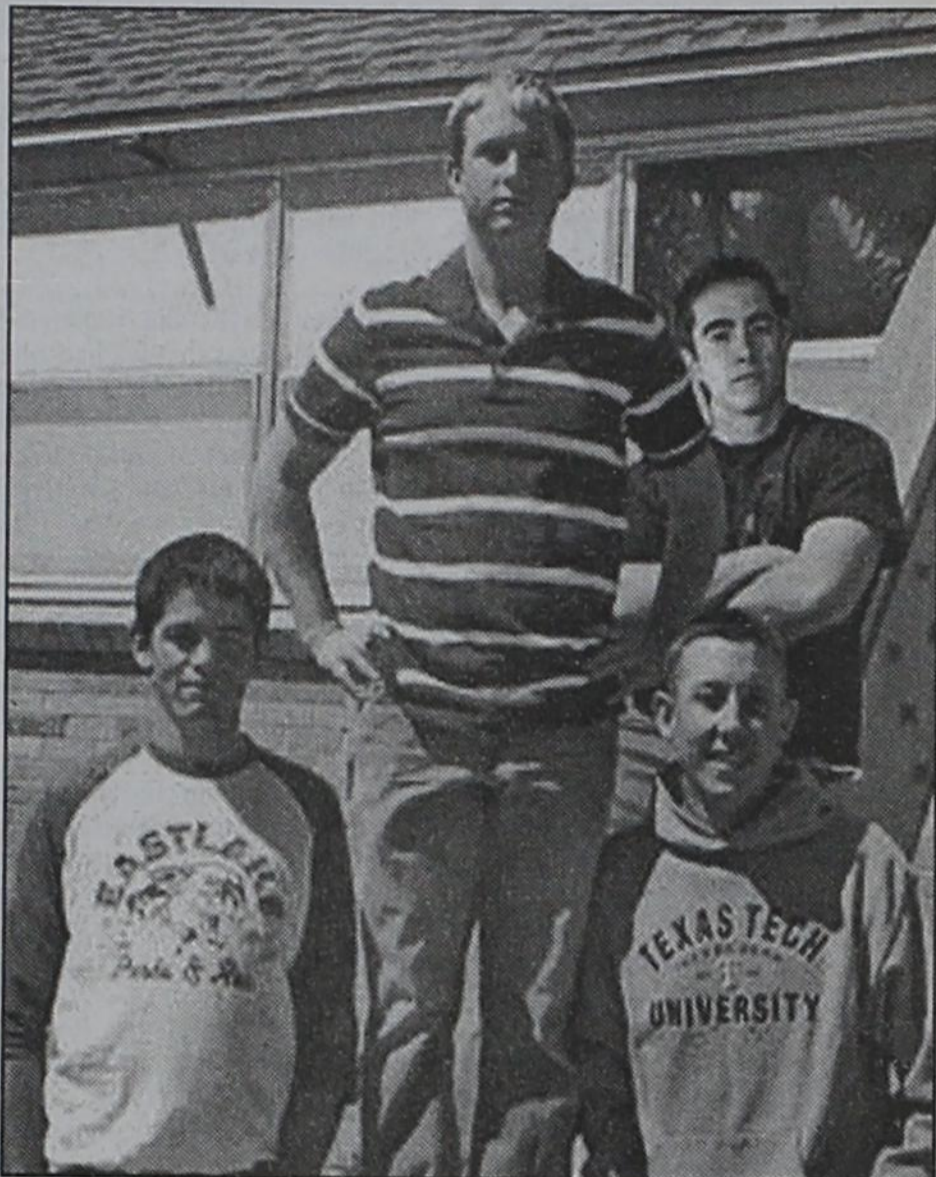
guardian will be called to come and get the vehicle and the driver.
 2nd: written citation to the driver. The parent or guardian will be called to come and get the driver and vehicle. The parent or guardian will be given a written warning of the violation.
 3rd: written citation to the driver and parent/guardian and/or impoundment of the vehicle by this department or both. (this decision will be left up to the Department)
 The Spearman Police Department would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in these matters. This is not only going to make Spearman a safer place to drive, but also make us a more responsible town.



The entire Spearman Lynx Varsity Boys Basketball team was named to the Academic All-District team. (Front, L-R) Brian Johnson, Justin Parker, Brodie Savage, Daniel Kern, Jarick Howard, manager Brandon Nava-Sauz; (Back, L-R) Gerardo Ruiz, Caleb Gillaspie, Jeff Brock, Kylie McGaha, Lance Huddleston, Brynn Garnett, and Caleb Gillaspie. In addition, Jeff Brock and Lance Huddleston were named to the All-District Team and Caleb Gillaspie and Kylie McGaha were named Honorable Mention All-District.



The entire Spearman Lynx Varsity Girls Basketball team was named to the Academic All-District team. (Front, L-R) Kylee Howard, Jordanna Lozano, Kelcee Rex, Saylee Flowers and Kendall Schneider; (Back, L-R) Jordan Short, Britta Vanderburg, Tonya Hart, manager Lisha Whitefield, Tabatha Shields and Lindsey Short. In addition, Lindsey Short and Kelcee Rex were named to the All-District Team and Tonya Hart and Saylee Flowers were named Honorable Mention All-District.

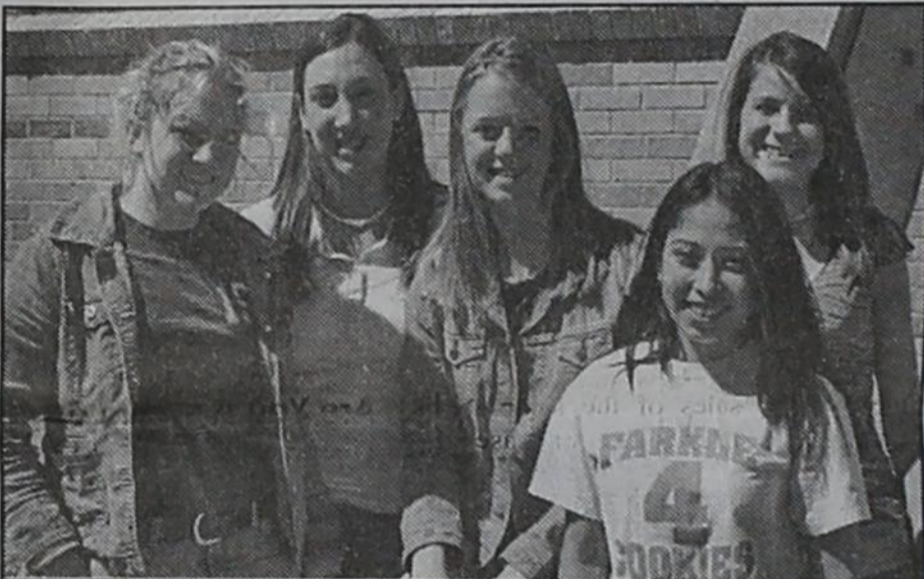


Four members of the Gruver Hounds Basketball team were named to the All-District team. (L-R) Lance Williams - defensive MVP, Cass Cooper - honorable mention, Matt Messer and Cody Mac Been.

Named to the Academic All-District team were: Cody Mac Been, Cass Cooper, Brock Irwin, Lance Williams, Ryan Winger, Crispin Borunda, Tyler Lane, Matt Messer, Stephen Salazar and Reid Winger.



The Spearman Lynx Boys Golf team (Front, L-R) Stuart Martin, Brodie Savage, Mark Thomas, Collin Gillaspie, and (back) Tracy Brown, is in first place after the first round of District. They took first place in the Canadian, Guymon and Dumas tournaments and third place in the Perryton.



Five members of the Gruver Lady Hounds Basketball team were named to the All-District team. (L-R) Laina Grotegut, Lauren Urban - honorable mention, Rachelle Holt - honorable mention, Liz Lopez and Lindsey Clift.

Named to the Academic All-District team were: Laina Grotegut, Jessicca Montgomery, Blythe Finley, Lindsey Clift, Laci Fitzgerald, Rachelle Holt, Kelly Jones, Sarah Mireles, Jessicca Vela, Lauren Urban and Victoria Vela.

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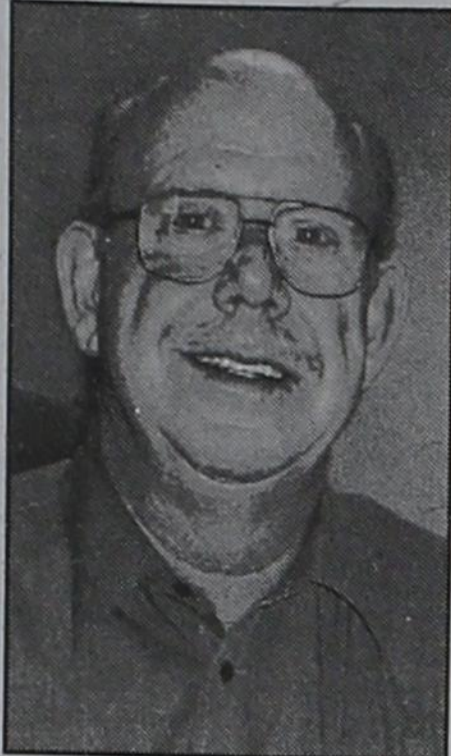
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Students in Free Enterprise



Don Townsen

Don Townsen, president of First National Bank, has been selected to serve as a league coordinator for the Regional Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) competition in Dallas on April 11th. Townsen has been involved with SIFE for seven years, serving as a judge in regional and national competitions.

"I have been involved with the business school at West Texas A&M University for many years and on many levels," Townsen said. "Seven years ago a professor asked if I would be interested in serving as a judge at the regional competition and I have been involved ever since."

Through his involvement with SIFE, Townsen has witnessed the benefits this organization has for those students involved.

"I saw the benefit of involvement in SIFE first-hand with my son-in-law, Jason Bentley, who participated in SIFE for 2 years (Junior and Senior) at West Texas A&M University," Townsen said. "Jason went to the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri both years. He is now an IT analyst for Centex Construction in Dallas."

"It was one of the most rewarding time investments that I made while in school," commented Jason Bentley. "I originally became a member of SIFE as a way to branch-out and meet other students, and my membership quickly turned into a vehicle that I used to improve my social, technical, and business skills."

"As a member of SIFE I had the opportunity to participate in numerous community-involvement activities such as working with an elementary school in Canyon to educate students on the free enterprise system in America. We spent a couple of months visiting the students and teaching them how to 'invent' a product, advertise that product, produce that product, and then sell that product. The end result of our project with the elementary was to help them conduct a 'fair' where each 'team' of students got to setup a booth to sell the product they had been working on to other students at the school. The project really illustrated to the young kids the basic processes involved in taking a product from initial conception (thought) to final delivery (sales) -- it was tremendous to watch the kids sell something that they had come up with all on their own. This was an example of how we tried to extend the message of free enterprise to youngsters."

"Another example of a project that we did while I was a member was to work with elderly folks from a retirement home in Canyon to explain to them the benefits of the Internet," said Bentley. "We spent a half-day session demonstrating email and the Internet to the folks, and working with them in navigating around the web. While it wasn't a project directly demonstrating the free enterprise system it helped to bridge a gap with the older generation in helping them to understand the effect of the web on today's world."

West Texas A&M University SIFE is completing its 11th year. In the past ten years, SIFE has won a Regional Championship in Memphis, Tennessee, and advanced to competition at SIFE's National Exposition in Kansas City, Missouri. They will attend the Memphis Regional Competition on April 15th.

"Last year after winning a Regional Competition," Jean Walker, student advisor for SIFE WTAMU said, "We advanced to Kansas City and won second runner-up in our competition league there, although we did not advance to the top 20. There are now over 1700 SIFE teams worldwide."

SIFE has recently added special competitions for projects in four areas: (1) teaching free market economics, (2) teaching entrepreneurship or doing business consulting, (3) teaching business ethics, and (4) teaching personal financial management skills.

SIFE projects are presented to corporate judges in a written annual report and in a multimedia presentation at Regional, National and International Competitions. Students who attend the competitions also have an opportunity to interview with SIFE's corporate sponsors including Frito-Lay, General Electric, Hallmark Cards, Office Depot, Rubbermaid, Armour Swift Eckrich, Office Depot, Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, Eckers, Newell, Sherwin-Williams, and American Greetings.

"Along with the projects that I participated in I also had the opportunity to hone my technical and communication skills by being involved in various competitions," said Bentley. "One competition that we were involved in was to compete against other universities in a business-case competition. We were required to evaluate a sample Sherwin-Williams store, and to propose exactly how we would improve the sales of the sample store. After preparing our case study we then presented our resulting advice to university faculty and business members from the community in Tallequah, Oklahoma."

"The other main competition that the SIFE organization takes part in on an annual basis is the regional and national SIFE project competition. Towards the end of the school year our group would travel to the regional competition in Memphis, Tennessee, to present our year's project work to a group of business leaders from companies around the world. We would compete against other universities, and the panel of business leaders would determine the winners based on the quality of the organizations project work combined with the quality of the presentation. Each university's SIFE organization would have 5-6 members presenting an overview of the projects to the group while a

multimedia presentation (including project summaries, TV clips if available, etc) would be shown on a screen behind the presenters. My role for the two years that I was a member was to develop the multimedia presentation for the competition, and this helped me to further develop my technical skills beyond what I was learning in the classroom. WTAMU's SIFE group has an outstanding reputation amongst the different SIFE universities, and we won our regional group both times I was part of the competition. After winning at the regional competition the universities go on to compete at the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. It truly is an amazing experience getting to see how other SIFE groups are contributing to their local communities -- not only in the United States but around the world."

"If someone were to ask me how my SIFE membership benefitted me and my professional development," said Bentley, "I would have to highlight my communication

skills and technical skills as the areas that benefitted the most.

"Being a part of SIFE helped me to work on communicating with other team members as well as communicating with and in front of large groups. Getting to work on numerous presentations during my membership helped me to develop my technical skills further but also to help me learn how best to communicate technically with folks that may not have a 'technical' understanding. I would have to say that teamwork is a major underlying benefit of SIFE because as an organization the members have to learn to work together to deliver projects to the community and also to compete against other organizations."

"I would definitely say that my membership in SIFE was invaluable to my personal development," concluded Bentley, "and I would highly recommend exploring membership to anyone attending a university with a SIFE program."

Program Overview

What is SIFE? SIFE is an international non-government organization comprised of a network of university students, university faculty and administrators and business leaders.

What does SIFE do? SIFE mobilizes university students to create economic opportunity for others while discovering their own potential.

How does it work? SIFE works in partnership with business and higher education to establish programs on university campuses. SIFE students are led by faculty advisors and challenged to develop community outreach projects that teach market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills and/or business ethics. Choices regarding which of the four topics to teach, how to teach it, and to whom it will be taught, are left to the discretion of SIFE program participants. Each SIFE program has the flexibility to customize its educational outreach projects to meet the specific needs of its community. SIFE students use their personal experiences, the expertise of their faculty advisors, the support of their local business advisory boards and the resources of their institutions to implement programs that create real economic opportunities for members of their communities.

How are the programs evaluated? The effectiveness of each SIFE program is judged at competition. Once a year, each national SIFE organization conducts a national competition. At competition, SIFE students present the results of their educational outreach projects and compete to determine which SIFE program was most effective at creating economic opportunity for others. Business executives select the winners, and these SIFE National Champions advance to the highest level of competition, the SIFE World Cup. Hundreds of students, faculty advisors and business leaders attend this premiere event, which is held in a different city each year. Past SIFE World Cup competitions have been held in London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, and Barcelona. SIFE competitions are challenging team-oriented events that create a healthy spirit of competition and best practice sharing.

How do SIFE students "discover their own potential?" SIFE offers university students the opportunity to apply what they are learning in the classroom to solve real-world problems. Through the process of teaching and serving others, they catch a glimpse of the true scope of their personal potential, and are forever changed. As they go through the process of organizing their team, developing educational projects, and competing in a global competition; SIFE students develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills far beyond those of the average university student. This transformation is recognized by some of the world's leading companies as they turn to SIFE to recruit top talent.

How is SIFE funded? SIFE is funded by financial contributions from corporations, entrepreneurs, foundations, government agencies and individual donations. Supporters value the commitment of SIFE students to improve the communities and countries they serve.

Mission: To provide college and university students the best opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

Vision: Helping people achieve their dreams through free enterprise education.

Philosophies: *Community Service Philosophy* - Give me a fish, I eat for a day, teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime; *Teaching Philosophy* - Tell me and I will forget, show me and I might remember, involve me and I will learn; *Leadership Philosophy* - People support what they help create.

Guiding Values: We encourage SIFE students to learn that the best way to help people long-term is through free enterprise, practiced ethically and correctly. We believe that in a market economy, a business cannot succeed long-term without practicing good business ethics, honesty and integrity toward its customers, associates, shareholders and community. We believe that a market economy cannot achieve its full potential and succeed long-term unless it is based on the rule of law, protection of property rights, and the enforceability of contracts.

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SIFE World Cup 2005 Competition: 5-7 October, Toronto, Canada

Number of SIFE National Competitions in 2004: 38
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To the Registered Voters of Spearman, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados de Spearman, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2005, for voting in a school trustee election, to elect two (2) trustees.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7de mayo de 2005 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos (2) sindicatos.)

Spearman High School

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Spearman I.S.D. Superintendent's Office, 403 East 11th, Spearman, TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 20 and ending on May 3.

(La Votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en Spearman I.S.D. en la oficina del Superintendente, 403 East 11th, Spearman, TX entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril y terminando el 3 de mayo.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Lynell Williams, 403 East 11th, Spearman, TX 79081.

(Las solicitudes para balotas por correo deberán ser enviadas a: Lynell Williams, 403 East 11th, Spearman, TX 79081)

Keeping the Promise: What it truly takes to 'Leave No Child Behind'



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America's greatest legacy to future generations is the right to a free, quality public education. It is the foundation of our democracy. It is the great equalizer. It is the unspoken promise that we have made to every child—every student—no matter their background, race, creed, ethnicity, or family income.

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I am as passionate about a goal of leaving no child behind as anyone could be. As an African-American student in the 1950s, I can readily identify with a system that could leave children behind.

I was blessed with wonderful teachers who were committed and dedicated—teachers who realized that for a student to succeed you must teach so much more than reading and mathematics. They realized that much of what we needed to learn, and much of what they taught, could not be measured on a test. They refused to leave me behind.

Inspired by them, I have dedicated my life to the business of reaching out to all children with a single focus in mind—to ensure that they are not left behind. Now we must do that as a nation. We must do far more than say no child should be left behind—we must do what it takes to ensure their success. We must have great public schools for every child. We must continue to have high expectations for our students while treating each of them as unique human beings who learn and show their knowledge in different ways. We must treat teachers and education support professionals with dignity, and respect and we must compensate them commensurate with their value and importance to our children and to society. We must be willing to invest the resources nec-

essary to make success for all a reality. And we must be willing to apply high standards and have shared accountability for our children's education.

Indeed, to leave no child behind, we must leave no teacher unqualified, no classroom overcrowded, no student without access to the tools necessary for success, no school in disrepair—we must ensure that there will be no one-size-fits-all high stakes assessments, no student with disabilities inadequately served, no preschooler without access to an early childhood education, and no young adult denied the opportunity of higher education.

Unfortunately, today, as in the 1950s, children can and do get left behind in America. If we are sincere about educating America—about leaving no child behind—we must begin to do today what will ensure a secure tomorrow for all children.

A free, quality, public education for every child is not only a moral imperative—it is an economic necessity in the 21st century. Public schools are the primary mechanism in our society to ensure that every child has an opportunity to achieve as far as their talent can take them, and beyond! Adequate and equitable funding of our public education system is the foundation from which all else will flow. As John Adams said more than 200 years ago, "The whole people must take upon themselves the education of the whole people and be willing to bear the expense of it."

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Question & Answer

Editor's Note: Spearman ISD Superintendent Rodney Sumner has agreed to answer questions regarding the Spearman ISD bond election. If you have a question you would like answered, please submit it to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We will print the question and answer in the following edition of the newspaper.

Q. Why do we need the extra classroom space at the elementary school since we had more students in the 1980's than we have today?

A. In some ways it is not easy to compare 1984 to 2005. For example, in 1984 the district did not have a pre-kindergarten program which is required today. Also, in 1984 kindergarten was half-day, today it is full-day. Just these two programs alone require four more additional classrooms than were necessary in the 1984 school year.

Just looking at numbers in K-5th grade, there were 383 total students in 1984. Today in K-5th grade we have 315 students which is 68 fewer students. However, if you add in pre-kindergarten to our present count, we currently have 359

students being served at Gus Birdwell Elementary School. This means in reality that we only have 24 less students than in 1984! [Note that in 1984 5th grade was located in the junior high school. The number of 5th grade students was included in the 383 count in order to make an accurate as possible comparison.]

In 1984 there were 30 total staff members at the elementary school level, whereas today we have 42 staff members. Most of these additional staff members are necessary due to state mandates. For example, in 1984 we were not required to provide: (1) dyslexia (one additional teacher) and (2) bilingual/ESL (three additional teachers). Each one of these teachers requires classroom space. In 1984 we did not have a computer lab, GT, and required P.E. which we have today. Also, in 1984 class sizes were not limited by the state mandated "22 to 1" ratio.

Today in order to provide assistance to struggling readers the district provides a remediation program called Reading Recovery. Although Reading Recovery is not a mandatory program, the district

feels that it is needed to help our struggling readers. The district has two Reading Recovery teachers.

In comparing 1984 to 2005, today we use 8 more additional

classroom spaces than we did in 1984 mainly due to special programs. That is one reason the district moved in a portable building to address some of our space issues, and our dyslexia students are being served in an old janitor's closet.

To the voters of SISD:
For thirty-one years, I was closely involved with senior classes in our school system. Those graduates and those that preceded them, and those that followed are now doctors, farmers, lawyers, truck drivers, ministers, soldiers, accountants, nurses, store managers, teachers, etc. Those students are following their professions in many locales around the country and the world, including Spearman, and they got their start here in Spearman's educational system.

Spearman ISD patrons have long supported a quality school system. We are now facing a decision about replacing one building and renovating and adding to another in order to continue offering a quality education.

Why replace school buildings that have been used by the district to produce a quality education for its students? Because they are outdated and do not meet present and future needs. We will never go back exclusively to the typewriter in place of the computer, the ten-key adding machine, the black and white TV, the D John Deere tractor, the 27 Massey combine, the Model A Ford even though each did the job that it was built to do. Each is now obsolete. The same is true for outmoded educational facilities.

Space does not allow for me to go into all the details of the buildings' obsolescence and the Board's reasons for its decision. There is a brochure available that has that information in it. It was in last week's Reporter-Statesman on page 6 and is also readily available from the Superintendent's office.

As a Board member, I have studied our facilities' needs for more than two years. The Board has input from an educational consultant, a financial adviser, an architect, and a citizens' advisory committee. The decision was made to place before the voters of the district a \$12 million bond issue to replace and renovate facilities.

I can speak only for myself, but I believe this of other Board members also, that that decision was made out of a sincere belief that this is an immediate need for our students, our district, our town and our community. The call for a bond issue vote was not made to be divisive, punitive or quarrelsome. That decision, as it should, has created much discussion. For the most part that discussion has been objective and fair. If you have a question, please call. Call the Superintendent's office and arrange for a tour of the buildings, or call me, and I will arrange it for you.

Obviously there is room for disagreement. I do not expect an unanimous "for" or "against" the bond issue. As a Board member, I could not do other than present for public discussion and resolution what I believe is a crossroads-decision for our school. It would have been an easy decision and non-controversial to have decided to do nothing.

There is a question asked, "What if the legislature passes a law about consolidation, for example, or school facilities, or whatever?" The answer is that there is a sixty-day waiting period after the bond is passed. The legislature will be long adjourned. If voters approve issuance of bonds, there are many decisions yet to be made before they can be sold, and there will be adequate time to make any changes needed.

There are more pressing questions than that to me. What if we do nothing? In 5 or 10 years, what will be in our school system? Will we be using a series of temporary classrooms or other makeshift facilities? I don't know. I do know this: Every time building is delayed, costs have risen dramatically.

Spearman is home. I taught 31 years in this school system, teaching the greatest students anywhere. I have been a member of the board for 3 years. I have a great regard for this community that ministers to the soul, cares for the ill and financially strapped, and has a long and storied history of providing for needs of its students, every student.

I urge you to vote for the bond issue on April 23rd. I am a candidate for re-election to the Board. I ask for your vote on May 7th.

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DATA COMPARISON
1984 TO 2005**

	1984	Teachers	Aides	2005	Teachers	Aides
PK	0	0	-	44	2	1
K	49	2	1	58	4	-
1	75	4	1	58	3	-
2	75	4	-	54	3	-
3	63	3	-	46	3	-
4	68	3	-	42	3	-
5	53	3	-	57	3	-
Total Students	383			359		
Title I		1	-		-	-
Sp. Ed.		2	1		2	3
Music		1	-		1	-
Speech Therapy		1	-		1	-
Migrant		1	1		-	2
Computer Lab		-	-		-	1
Reading Recovery		-	-		2	-
Dyslexia		-	-		1	-
Bilingual		-	-		3	2
Nurse		1	-		1	-
P.E.		-	-		1	-
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To the Registered Voters of Gruver, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados de Gruver, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2005, at Gruver Jr. High library, for voting in a school trustee election, to elect three (3) trustees.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de mayo de 2005 en la librería de Jr. High, Gruver, para votar en la Elección para elegir tres (3) sindicos.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Gruver Business Office, 601 Garrett, Gruver, TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 20 and ending on May 3.

(La Votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en Gruver Business Office, 601 Garrett, Gruver, TX entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril y terminando el 3 de mayo.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Leticia Salazar, PO Box 650, Gruver TX 79040.

(Las solicitudes para balotas por correo deberán ser enviadas a: (Leticia Salazar, PO Box 650, Gruver TX 79040)

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2(4-07-05)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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Rule 37 Cause No. 0242092
Date of Issuance - 3/10/2005
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MEREX RESOURCES INC., PO BOX 50955, AMARILLO TX 79159-0955 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to lease line requirement for the permit to drill Well No. 6, Pearson Lease, 642.2 Acres, Sec. 6, Blk. 3, S.A. & M.G. RR Co/A. Hourigan Survey, A-788, Hansford (Missouri, Lower) Field(s), Hansford County, being 8.5 miles in the southwest direction of Spearman, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:
660' from the west line and 2300' from the south line of the lease.
660' from the west line and 2300' from the south line of the survey.
Field rules for the Hansford (Missouri, Lower) field are 1250/2500, 640 acres.
As part of this application, Applicant also seeks permit authority for the Hansford (Douglas) & Wildcat fields. No rule 37/38 is necessary for these fields pursuant to their field rules.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Bid proposals will be received by the Spearman Independent School District for Bank Depository for the period beginning September 1, 2005 and ending August 31, 2007. Bid proposals will be received until 3 p.m. on April 20, 2005. Mail proposals to Spearman ISD, Larry Murphy, 403 E. 11th Avenue, Spearman TX 79081. Spearman Independent School District reserves the right to refuse any and all proposals received and to waive any information and technicalities.
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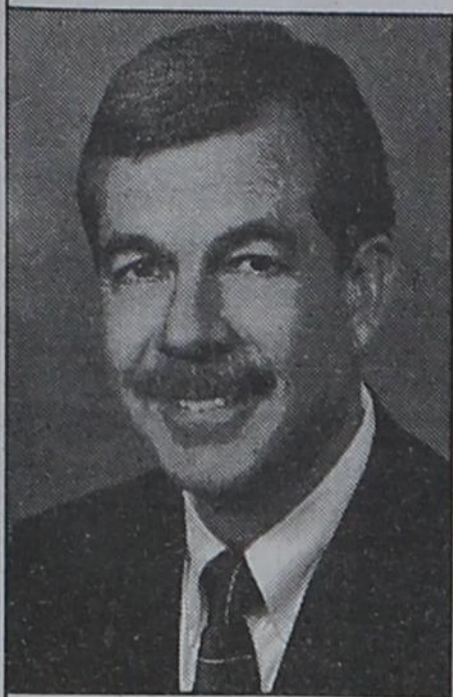
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Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the

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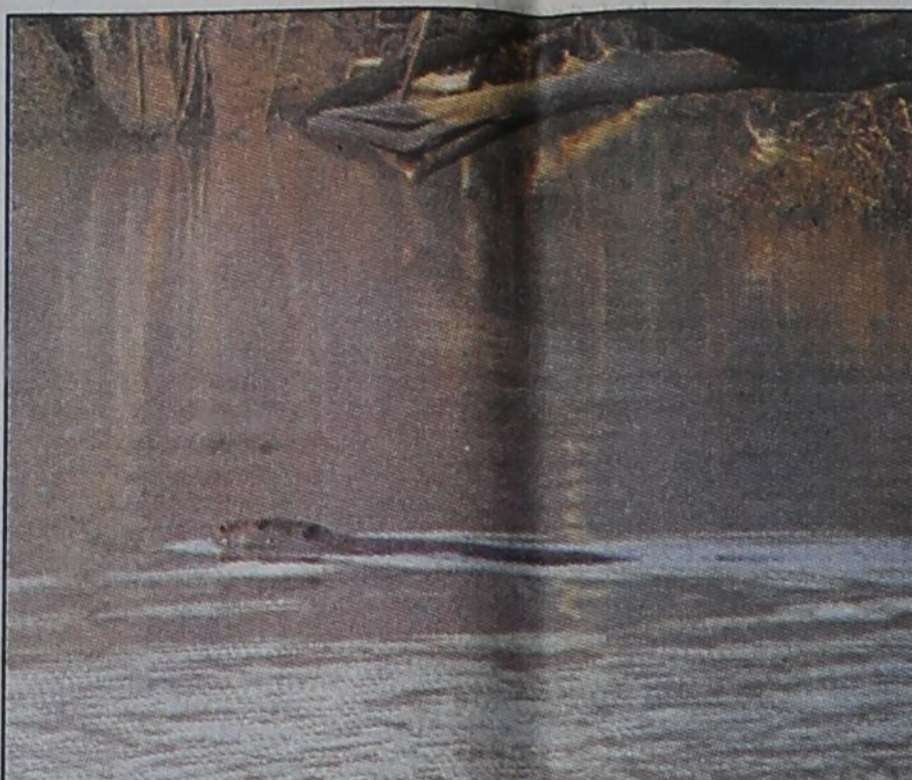
The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession. Qualified lawyers are called to Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are carefully selected from among those who customarily represent plaintiffs in civil cases and those who customarily represent defendants, those who prosecute accused of crime and those who defend them. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

Marvin W. Jones is a Shareholder in the firm of Sprouse Shrader Smith P.C. and has been practicing in the Texas Panhandle for almost 30 years. The newly inducted Fellow is an alumnus of the Baylor School of Law.

Marty, the son of Marvin and Ruth Ann Jones of Spearman, is a 1969 graduate of Spearman High School.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



Frank Edwards took this picture of a beaver swimming in Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--April 4, 2005--31.50 feet (-0.19)

Frank Edwards received a digital camera for Christmas and has added photography to his time spent at the Lake. Much of his exploration is done in a canoe, which is a really great way to slip up on the birds and animals that live in and near the Lake. His mother-in-law, Bobbie Hart of Amarillo, is the one who told me he had many excellent pictures. I think he is going to share some with us.

Jim reported an active weekend with 5 RVs camping on the office side. He said there were several boats out, but he didn't hear of anyone having much luck fishing.

He has noticed the turkeys in the parks now and commented on seeing the roadrunner near the office. I asked him if it was a Greater Roadrunner, and he replied he didn't know. A little research shows me it wasn't a very bright question. John Tveten's Birds of Texas says our roadrunners are all called the Greater Roadrunners to distinguish them from a similar species, the lesser roadrunner, found in Mexico and Central America.

Jim was told Sunday by a stranger about a pair peregrine falcons nesting in the Park north of the dam last summer. Did anyone else spot these rare birds? Once called "the duck hawk", this falcon subsists mainly on a diet of birds and is one of the fastest of all the birds. It was on the endangered list with the eagles before DDT was outlawed, and I am not sure of its status now. There are newspaper stories of them moving into the big cities and nesting on the ledges of skyscrapers.

The adult peregrine falcon is slaty bluish-gray over pale underparts that are barred with gray streaks. A black cap that extends in wedges below the eyes gives an effect of an aviator's cap, which is certainly appropriate for this bird.

I hope someone is able to confirm the peregrine falcon sighting.

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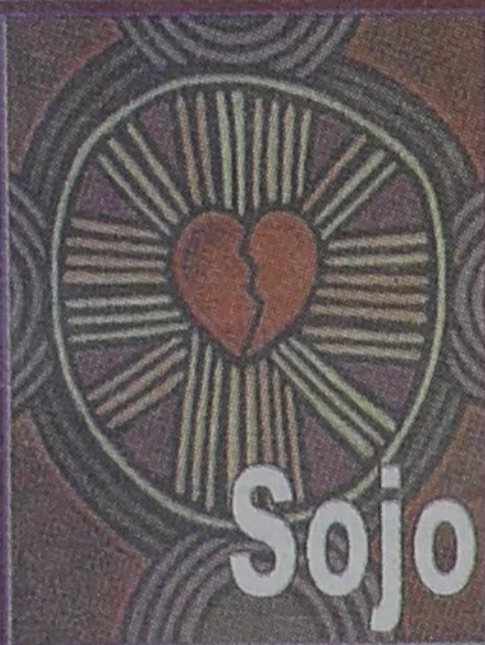
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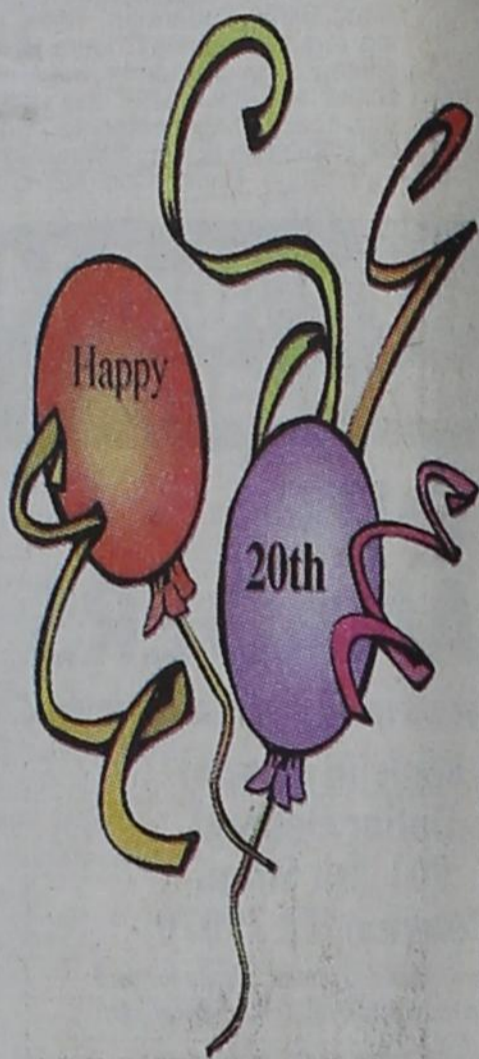
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For more information, contact
Cathy Smith at 659-3434, 659-3477
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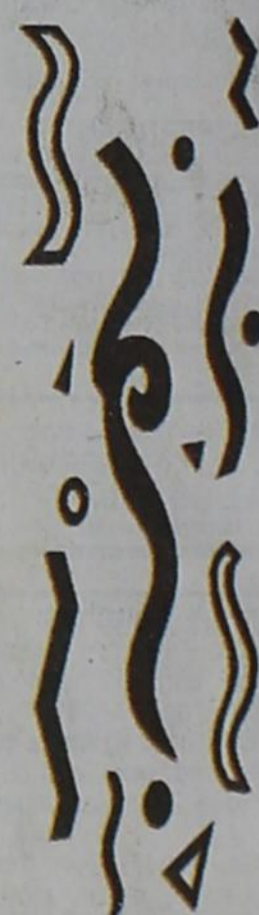
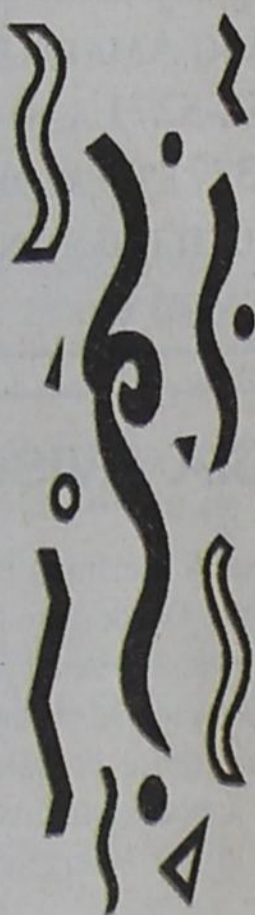
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