

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Betty Holland sent me the following entitled "Choices." I hope you enjoy it.

Choices

A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?", they asked. "No", she replied. "He's out." "Then we cannot come in", they replied. In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in!" The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a house together," they replied. "Why is that?" she asked.

One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!", he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!"

His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife.

"Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other 2 also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love, why are you coming in?"

The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!!!!"

MY WISH FOR YOU...

Where there is pain, I wish you peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubting, I wish you a renewed confidence in your ability to work through it. Where there is tiredness, or exhaustion, I wish you understanding, patience, and renewed strength. Where there is fear, I wish you love, and courage.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In this fifth week of Lent, we study Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13, Hebrews 5:5-10 and John 12:20-33. We contemplate Jesus as our "high priest."

Jeremiah tells that God is to establish a "new" covenant with Israel after Israel broke the old one. God says that He will write his laws in their hearts, and all will know the Lord from the least to the greatest. He will be their God and forgive their sins.

The Psalmist utters a prayer which has become part of our liturgy, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit." Oh that we can feel this in our hearts this Lenten season.

The writer of Hebrews notes that earthly priests must offer sacrifice for their own sins as well as their people's. The sacrificial system was only effective in atoning for unintentional sins, not for those committed intentionally. Jesus as the Son of God, a priest forever, is superior to all earthly priests. Jesus is man and understands our weakness, Jesus is God who forgives our weakness, intentional or unintentional. Jesus is called a "high priest according to the order of Melchizedek."

This reference is to the priest of God with whom Abraham made sacrifice. Melchizedek was not necessarily a Hebrew; yet he was a priest by calling of God. Jesus is the Son of God whose status is that of priest forever. Jesus Christ the Son allows us to be the "adopted" Children of God through grace and faith. John shows Jesus turning the theology of His day upside down.

The Jewish tradition of the "Son of Man" set forth in the book of Daniel and in the book of Enoch was one of a glorious conqueror from God who would establish the kingdom. Jesus shows them that the "Son of Man" will be glorified, but that glory is the image of sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus shows that only through death can we truly live. We must die to self and to sin if we are to live in Christ. We must spend our life in service in order to truly live it. Only in giving are we living, when we try to hoard life, we wither and die. Jesus shows us that only by selfless service do we achieve true greatness. By pouring out his precious blood on the cross, He saved us forever and ever.

May the Holy Spirit remind you and keep you in your baptism through which you died to self and rose to new life in Jesus Christ.

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Project Graduation The parents of the Spearman High School graduating class of 2006 are asking for your help to make this year's Project Graduation event a success. This event is a long standing tradition our community is proud to be a part of and has always been a success due in part by your generosity. Project Graduation is an event that is hosted by the parents of the graduation class. The celebration begins shortly after commencement exercises and continues through till the next morning. The night consists of games, food, gifts and prizes and ensures that the participants will celebrate this momentous occasion in a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free environment. To be able to continue with the Project Graduation tradition, we are asking for contributions. Contributions may be in the form of door prizes, monetary donations, book scholarships, gifts that will benefit them upon entering college, or anything of this sort. If you are interested and willing to donate to this worthy cause, we ask that you send your contributions no later than April 1, 2006 to: Project Graduation, %Audra Thomas, 207 S. James, Spearman TX 79081. If you would like to donate items that need to be picked up, please contact Audra at (806) 659-3354 or (806) 270-0266, or Diane Close at (806) 659-3615. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2006. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 11th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Spearman Little League Sign-Up Spearman Little League sign up for baseball and softball is March 20th thru April 7th. Forms can be picked up at Cates Men and Boys Wear or Gordon's Drug. T-ball 6-7 year olds by July 31, 2006; Minor/Major Baseball 8-12 year olds; Girls softball 8-15 year olds and Junior baseball 13-15 year olds (need coach). Tryouts Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. & April 10th at 6:00p.m. at Little League Park. Questions: Call Sharron Swan @ 659-1734.

Gruver High School performs One-Act for public Gruver High School will put on a public performance of the One-Act play they performed in District competition. The performance will be Sunday, April 2nd at 2 p.m. in the Gruver High School Auditorium.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry The Spearman Council #5552 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 2nd Fish Fry during Lent. The Fish Fry will be held Friday, April 7th from 5:30-7:45, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. cost will be \$6 for adults, and children under 10 eat free.

Fire Department Donations Persons wishing to make donations to the various Fire Departments in Hansford county may do so at the following addresses: Spearman Fire Department, Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081; Gruver Fire Department, Box 947, Gruver, Texas 79040 or Morse Fire Department, Attn: Gary Urban, Box 28, Morse, Texas 79062

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.

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by Dorothy Hudson
Out At The Lake



These are a few of the Scouts that participated in the lake cleanup on Saturday, March 25. We appreciate their efforts!

Lake Level--March 27, 2006--22.56 feet (-0.01)

In his report this morning Jim told of Boy Scouts and their leaders from Spearman, Perryton, Booker, Fritch, Panhandle, and White Deer meeting at the lake this past weekend. Some camped Friday night, but others came for the day on Saturday.

One of their activities, as you can see from Jim's picture, was cleaning up around the Lake and up on the road over the dam. They found a great deal of trash as they worked for 2 hours on the project. We are very grateful to them.

The first of the turkey buzzards has been seen soaring over the Park. The turkey buzzards retreat south in the winter and return the last of March. Last week I saw two black vultures between Stinnett and Fritch. They have black heads while the turkey vultures have red, bald ones.

One of my bird books said the black ones don't migrate, which made me wonder if they are working north into the turkey buzzard territory. A black vulture can be

identified before its head is seen by its shorter wings tipped with white and its very short, wide tail. They are also more aggressive than the turkey buzzards. Where their territories overlap, the black ones often wait for the red-headed ones to spot carrion, then they will fly in and drive the finders back until they, the black ones, have had their fill.

The collared doves have made it out to Jim's bird feeder for the first time. He saw 3 this week. He keeps a pan of water out near the feeder, and this week he was rewarded by seeing a covey of bobwhites surround it for drinks instead of baths.

The white pelicans are back. At first there were 5, but the last count was 15. An island has surfaced in the Lake, and the pelicans find it a good place to loaf. The morning sun makes a fine shine on them.

Jim saw a bald eagle perched on high transmission lines 15 miles south of Spearman on Friday.

Fishing has slowed a little, but since this is prime fishing time, it is expected to pick up again.

Hansford Manor Winter Olympics

by Merry Sparks

The wearing of the green on the 17th was not the only cause for celebration. We held our 3rd annual winter olympics at Hansford Manor.

The day began by setting up the games all over the dining room and living room. As the Residents gathered at the living room they donned their official olympic t-shirts donated by the Hospital Auxiliary. They then divided between the first set of 6 different games to form lines to let the games begin.

We started off with bowling, bean bag toss 1 and 2, horseshoes 1 and 2, and basketball 1. The winners were Yvetta McCammond-1st, Viola Thompson-2nd, Helen Gibson-3rd in bowling, Yvetta McCammond-1st, Joan Ramby-2nd, Willie Clement-3rd in Bean Bag 1, Irene Edwards-1st, Lee Perkins-2nd, Cheva Elizondo-3rd in Bean Bag 2, Clarence Willmon-1st, Cora Nichols-2nd, Robert Yanke-3rd in Horseshoes 1, Ruth Benefield-1st, Viola Boyd-2nd, Mary Johnson-3rd in Horseshoes-2, Joan Ramby-1st, Robert Yanke-2nd, Willie Clement-3rd in Basketball 1. Wow! It was fast and furious! It was a good thing that we had such excellent helpers because we had the games all running at the same time!

When those games were finished we sat up for the next set of games. Ruth Benefield came in 1st, Johnny Bennett-2nd, Willie Clement-3rd in Dartboard. Irene Edwards- 1st, Johnny Bennett-2nd, Lee Perkins-3rd in Tar Grip 2, Viola Thompson-1st, Robert Yanke-2nd, Cora Nichols-3rd in Chicken Toss 1, Ruth Benefield-1st, Marie Sparks-2nd, Johnny

Bennett-3rd in Chicken Toss 2, Joan Ramby-1st, Aida Lozano-2nd, Cora Nichols 3rd in Tar Grip 1, and Viola Thompson-1st, Freda Holmes-2nd, and Marie Sparks-3rd in Basketball 2.

Needless to say the competition was so stiff that we had to have several playoff games in addition to the first time around. Even after all of the playoff games we still had a tie between Viola Thompson and Ruth Benefield for Ms. Olympian. After lunch they played a tie breaker game of Tar Grip where Ruth Benefield barely nudged out in front.

That afternoon we gathered in the dining room for the awards ceremonies. We had refreshments and drinks as the winners were announced and the medals that the auxiliary furnished for the Residents were delivered. After taking pictures of the Resident winners in each event the trophies provided by the hospital auxiliary for Mr. and Ms. Olympian were awarded. Johnny Bennet won Mr. Olympian and Ruth Benefield won Ms. Olympian by a narrow margin barely inching by Viola Thompson.

Many thanks go out to those that made these olympics successful. Thank you to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary for furnishing the trophies and medals. Thank you to Mary Kay Harbour, Claudine Laxton, Abbi Yanke, Anna Harris, Erin Harris, Charla Hargis's granddaughter, Hailey, and Leah Henderson. You were great helpers!! Many thanks to all of you that helped in other ways also even though your name is not listed here. You were so valuable to us and we appreciate you all.



You are invited to attend a
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BioEconomics Offer Promise for Rural Development

by Kay Ledbetter

Enormous advances and opportunities are occurring in agricultural and industrial biotechnology, offering a chance to revitalize rural economies in Texas, a West Texas A&M University official said.

West Texas A&M, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development and the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation are hosting a special seminar to spotlight the possibilities.

"The New BioEconomy: What We Have to Be Excited About" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West.

Currently, agribusiness in the High Plains trade area contributes \$3.7 billion to the Texas economy, said Steve Gens, who is developing the West Texas A&M University Biotechnology Initiative.

With the introduction of bio-refining alone, that economic value could rise to more than \$18 billion in three to five years, Gens said. This economic activity will be spurred by the utilization of agricultural residues - crop and livestock - that are now tentatively useless waste products.

"This meeting is the first step in an organized effort to bring positive economic development to rural Texas through the development of agricultural and industrial technology," Gens said.

Headlining the day of speakers is Ward Huffman of Denver, bioenergy consultant-U.S. Department of Energy, retired. He will discuss

supporting the bio-refinery industry.

Other experts speaking throughout the day will cover topics such as: biomass crops, rangeland biomass, biomass liquid fuels, bio-conversion of animal residues, fueling a bio-refinery with agricultural residues, wind energy and the growing dairy industry.

Afternoon sessions will focus on how to access economic development funding from Rural

Development, Department of Agriculture and West Texas A&M.

At the end of the program, Gens said, attendees will be asked if they would like to join a work group that will review and recommend projects for the rural economic development program. A Phase II seminar will be held in three months and each committee will report its findings.

Admission is \$12. Advance registration is preferred. Checks should be made payable to WTAMU Seminar and sent to Steve Gens, West Texas A&M University, WTAMU Box 60997, Canyon, Texas 79016. Gens can be contacted at (806) 651-2099.

Fence Building Cost-share Funding Made Available to Producers in the 13th District

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) action will provide the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) with more than \$8 million for a cost-share program which will help producers rebuild or repair fences destroyed in the recent wildfires in the Texas Panhandle. Funding will be funneled through the emergency Conservation Program (ECP), which is administered by each county's FSA office.

Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) said the ECP assistance responds to an urgent need.

"Estimates of total losses are still coming in, but getting help in building burned fences has been a consistent request from the folks affected by the wildfires," said Thornberry.

ECP provides assistance to producers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and implement other emergency conservation measures as authorized by the local FSA county committee. Producers should check with their local county FSA offices regarding ECP sign-up, eligibility, conservation practices covered, and amount of cost-share available.

"While the ECP funding coupled with the recent announcements on CRT haying and grazing are good steps in the right direction, I will continue to work with USDA and Congress to get more ECP funding as well as compensation for livestock killed by fires," Thornberry said.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. Sets Assessment Dates

The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2006 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Panhandle zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2006 in the PH is \$4 per land acre, the rate established by growers and landowners in the original referendum.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres destroyed before the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 18, and payment is due September 29. Growers who pay by September 14 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Thank You!

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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

We have had a great group of churches bringing sermons on Sunday. I realize that this takes so much extra effort but I know that you will reap just rewards and am grateful for that. We could never repay the kindnesses that you provide for the Residents. Through March we had four different churches participate- one on each Sunday. The Church of Christ, Fellowship Baptist, Assembly of God, and First Baptist Church- all of Spearman. Gruver is great to participate also but the March schedule was all from Spearman. Many thanks go out to each and every one of you!!

We also have had many special visitors in March. The New Life Gospel Singers from Sunray were here on the 11th of March. The Residents and staff alike were very impressed with them. Melba Rook led bible study for a couple of weeks while Anne Whitaker was occupied with other obligations and then Anne led bible study the other 2 weeks. Many thanks to each of you--you were great!!

Bob Elder of the Assembly of

God Church has been coming after bingo on Thursday afternoons to sing and minister to the Residents. Thank you Bob!!

On top of all of that we have had a very busy month. We have had our Newscurrents Program on Monday mornings. After lunch on the 13th we took several Residents on a drive up through the countryside and around the lake. It was a beautiful afternoon and everyone enjoyed the ride.

We had olympic practice several days a week leading up to the Winter Olympics on the 17th. What a great time we had the day of the olympics. I took attendance and figured the percentage of participation and it was 80% participation!! What a great turn out. There is an article elsewhere in the paper with the results. We had a great time and I especially want to thank the auxiliary for furnishing t-shirts for the Residents and the trophies and medals. The Residents prepared huge pots of stew on the 16th so that we could all eat lunch together on the day of the olympics. It was delicious!!

We have had many, many domino games and skip-bo games just crop up anywhere you see 3 or 4 gathered around a table. The Rotary Club has hosted Monday night bingo every Monday in March. Thank you to the Rotary Club for your fellowship, help, and of course the desserts. The wonderful auxiliary has hosted bingo every Thursday afternoon since time began I suppose. All that I know is that come Thursday you can depend on them to be here. Thank you!!

We held Resident Council on the 21st where Lee Perkins was elected Resident of the Month and Roberta Bridwell was elected CNA of the month for April. In more business for the council they selected a menu to be prepared for Easter Sunday lunch, voted on the activity calendar for April, and went over the state regulations of Resident Rights. New Residents were introduced to the other Residents.

We had a Sing Along on the

morning of the 23rd. Then, on the 24th a group gathered in the activity room for a ride north of town and over to north of Gruver to see all of the new wind chargers. Afterward they mosied right on up to Guymon to eat Chinese food at Mah's. When they were filled to the brim they gathered together again for a leisurely ride home. It was a beautiful day and all that went seemed to enjoy it.

The weeks have simply flown by and we are working on Easter decorations and goodies in crafts. We were also blessed with Ruth Benefield's granddaughter playing her guitar and singing for the Residents one week end and Melba Rook bringing her guitar to entertain on several other week ends. Many thanks go out to all of you for all of your help. We have a great group that helps with manicures and many other fun things. Thank you go out to all of you that helped with the trips that we made too. We have many wonderful volunteers that make the lives of the Residents much more meaningful.

Gus Birdwell Elementary Lynx Star Award

Gus Birdwell Elementary has a program called the Lynx Star Award. This award is given each Friday. Each month has a different theme, and each week there is a different character trait that is discussed.

Teachers pick a student from their room each week who has worked hard on the trait for that week.

The Character Trait for March 17th was *Doing A Good Deed*. The winners were Yadi Villa, Miranda Hargus, Arturo Lopez, Tyler Limbocker, Belen Robledo, Alex Rosales, Jacob Corralejo, Manuel Briseno, Natalie Garza, Parker Shapely Tyson Ortiz, Suzanna Vargas, Pancho Mendez, Klarissa Vela, Maria Pena, Kelsea Porter, Lucia Lopez, Vanessa Vela, Maria Tarango, Kim Gibson, Trevor Bennett, and Jake Willimon.

The Character Trait for March 24th was *Not Tattling; Knowing When To Tell*. The winners were Ruben Ponce, Lalo Juarado, Giselle Anguiano, Jennifer Vaquera, Peyton Garnett, Michael Borunda, Reyna Rey, Jazmin Estrada, Slade Knowlton, David Aguilera, Makena Burrell, Suzanna Vargas, Alvaro Chavez, Richard Jarvis, Juan Estrada, Isreal Hernandez, Lucia Lopez, Chris Bravo, Moises Rosendo, Carson Pearson, Sebastian Briseno, and Audy Reed.

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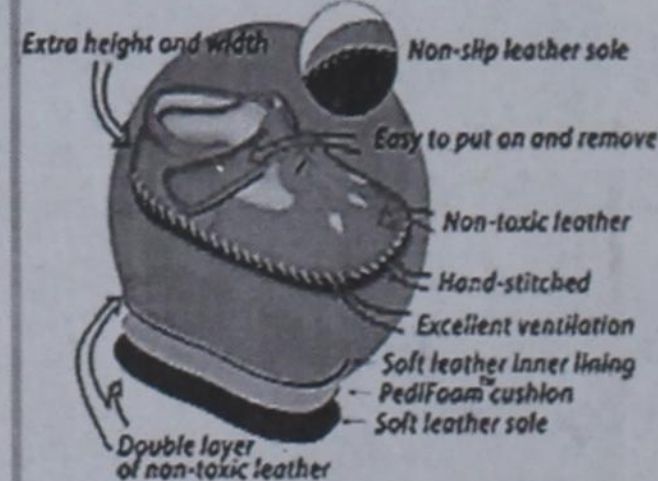
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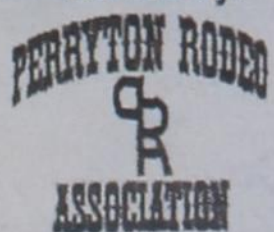


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Local Doctors Recognized for National Doctor's Day

Hansford County Hospital District will be hosting a Doctors Day luncheon on Friday March 31st to recognize Mark Garnett, D.O., John Hierholzer, M.D., and Linda Dodson RN, MSN, WHNP, FNP and all on call emergency room physicians. The luncheon will begin at noon.

National Doctors' Day provides a time for people to show appreciation to the doctors who care for them and their loved ones. The first Doctors' Day observance was March 30, 1933, in Winder, GA. The idea came from Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Cha Almond, and the date was the anniversary of the first use of general anesthetic in surgery. (On March 30, 1842, Dr. Crawford Long, of Barrow County, Georgia, used ether to remove a tumor from a patient's neck.)

The United States House of Representatives adopted a resolution commemorating Doctors' Day on March 30, 1958. In 1990, legislation was introduced into the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to establish a National Doctors Day. Following overwhelming approval by the House and Senate, then-President George Bush signed a resolution designating March 30 as National Doctors' Day. The first National Doctors' Day was celebrated in 1991.

Each year Doctor's Day rolls around and Hansford County Hospital District's medical staff is appreciated with a luncheon, or breakfast party that recognizes their profession and the role they play in our District and Community.

For those who work in the Manor, doctors' offices, hospital,

lab, x-ray, home health, hospice or other local medical facilities this is an opportunity to express thanks and appreciation for the District's medical staff.

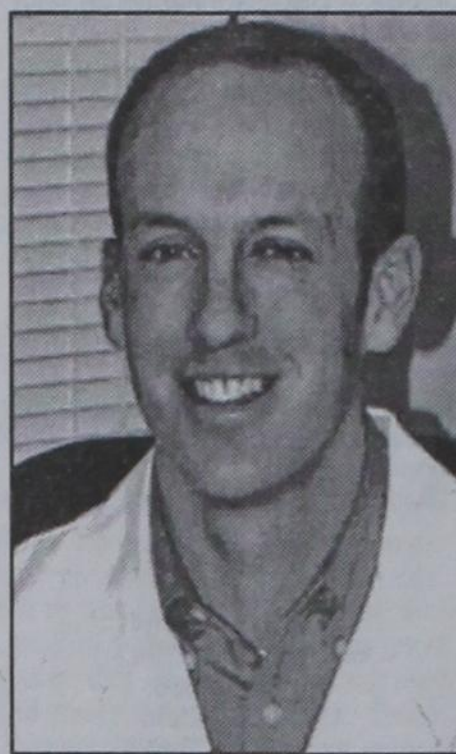
"One cannot say enough about our medical staff team," says Lelia Bynum Manor DON. "They have dedicated their professional lives to make our personal lives the best they can be. They spend never-ending hours researching our needs as well as the needs of our residents and patients of Hansford County Hospital District," Bynum continues.

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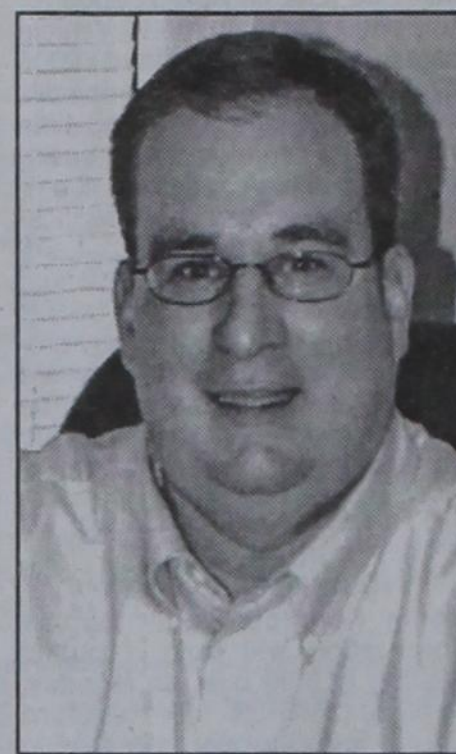
medical staff is a competent, compassionate, caring, and cooperative team of professionals who make the staff feel they are an active part of the health care decisions that provides care for our residents and patients.

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Your ability to comfort and heal means so much. Your dedication really makes a difference in the lives of others. Happy Doctors' Day.



Mark Garnett, D.O.



John Hierholzer, M.D.



Linda Dodson NP

Amarillo College sponsors region-wide scholarship fund

Amarillo College is sponsoring a region-wide scholarship fund drive that benefits students in the 26-county Panhandle area.

A coalition of state and local agency representatives is organizing the Living Independently Through Education (LITE) Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza from 11:30 to 1:00. Faith Miller-Barger of KAMR-TV/NBC-Four is serving as Master of Ceremonies.

College-bound students with disabilities in this area are the beneficiaries of scholarship funds raised during the next month. Along with corporate and individual donations, additional dollars are expected through a silent auction and vendor booths the day of the luncheon. The goal is to award at least 40 scholarships this fourth year, according to Brenda Rossnagel of Amarillo College.

Scholarships will provide funds for tuition, books, fees, supplies or living expenses, as deemed appropriate. People with disabilities residing in the 26-county Panhandle region are eligible to apply. Applications may be picked up and returned to Amarillo College Student Services Room #125, Washington Street Campus.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at the LITE Luncheon on April 19. Rossnagel says the success of this project relies on support from throughout the region. Monetary contributions or donations of prizes are especially needed this year. Information about scholarship applications or luncheon is available by calling Brenda Rossnagel at Amarillo College (371-5436) or Susan Stokes at 655-7151.

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