**UN Council powers** agree on Iran deal

The five U.N. Security Council agreed on Wednesday on a statement that would call on Iran to suspend parts of its nuclear program that could be used to build weapons, Britain announced.

Afghan Christian convert granted asylum in Italy

An Afghan Christian convert who had faced the death penalty for abandoning Islam arrived in Italy and was granted asylum, Italy said on Wednesday.

> Liberia's Taylor taken to war crimes trial

Ex-Liberian President Charles Taylor was taken to Sierra Leone on Wednesday to face 17 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity over a 1991-2002 civil

Bush says will prod China's Hu on fair trade

President George W. Bush said on Wednesday he would emphasize when he meets Chinese President Hu Jintao next month that he wants an even playing field for U.S. products.

Bush foreign aid plan facing critical year: lawmaker

President George W. Bush's pet foreign aid program, which encourages countries to make economic and democratic reforms, must prove its worth this year or Congress may kill it, a key lawmaker said on Wednesday.

Court considers foreign

suspects' consul rights In two cases that could affect thousands of foreign citizens in U.S. prisons, the Supreme Court weighed on Wednesday what to do when foreigners have not been advised of their right to contact their consulate after being arrest-

Director Rob Reiner resigns from Calif, commission

Actor-director Rob Reiner, accused of abusing his role as head of a California commission by spending state funds to promote a campaign to fund preschool, resigned from the job on Wednesday.

US justices skeptical

of curtailing patent rights Supreme Court justices showed little inclination to scale back the rights of patent holders, sharply questioning arguments made by lawyers representing online auctioneer eBay Inc.

Mortgage rates rise

Mortgage applications rose last week for the first time in three weeks, reflecting a modest increase in home loan requests ahead of Tuesday's widely expected Federal Reserve interest rate hike, an industry trade group said Wednesday.

Abramoff sentenced

Disgraced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff was sentenced Wednesday to five years and 10 months in prison for fraud related to the 2000 purchase of the SunCruz Casinos gambling fleet.

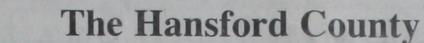
Moussaoui case nears end Zacarias Moussaoui killed Americans on Sept. 11, 2001, by lying to investigators just as surely as he would have killed them by flying a plane into the White House, prosecutors argued Wednesday in his death-penalty case. Moussaoui's lawyers said that claim was mere speculation and not enough to put a man to

Convert leaves Afghanistan Italy granted asylum Wednesday

to an Afghan who faced the death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity, and Premier Silvio Berlusconi said the man was in the care of the Interior Ministry after arriving in Italy earlier in the day

Taylor to face tribunal

Former Liberian President Charles Taylor, captured on the run in Nigeria with sacks full of cash, was flown to Sierra Leone on Wednesday to be tried on war crimes charges.





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## **Hansford County Hospital District Business Office** changes locations

On Monday, March 27th, the Business Office for Hansford County Hospital District moved to the former physicians' clinic located just south of Hansford Manor. Patients needing to make payments or to inquire about billing information should now use this new Business Office location for business transactions. Admissions will continue to occur in the front office of Hansford Hospital.

The move was prompted by the need to vacate the current Business Office in order to make room for future renovation/expansion projects presented by the District's planning committee. "Space planning is a big issue for Hansford County Hospital District," says Steve Hartgraves. District CEO/Administrator. "This move is a perfect opportunity for us to take advantage of space that was not being used [old physicians clinics] and to free up some of the areas of the hospital that can be used for future expansion projects that will better serve our patients," continues Hartgraves.

Modifications had to be made to the original physicians' clinic building before this move could occur. According to Hartgraves, members of the District's Maintenance staff provided most of the labor to renovate the space now occupied by Business Office personnel. "Our Maintenance staff took on the renovation project as a way to save on construction costs And what we ended up with is an office building that is one of the best facilities we could have ever hoped for," says Hartgraves. "I knew our staff was talented, but I'm simply blown away by the amazing job [they've] done," he continues.

Mailing addresses and phone numbers for Business Office personnel will remain the same even though the physical location has changed. Anyone with questions about this move should contact Lisa Unruh at 659-5824.

## **WTAMU Student on Title Team** at Agribusiness Quiz Bowl

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**Dustin Mackie of Spearman** displays his championship award.

Eight members of the West Texas A&M University

Agribusiness Club enjoyed varying Agricultural

Making the biggest splash for Spearman. Mackie was on the team their hometowns. that captured the overall championship at the event.

teams of three students-each from business and economics major; different schools-to compete Dalhart - Whitney White, senior against each other, round after round, until the top scoring teams McLean - Nikki Hefley, senior meet in the championship round.

Also finishing in the upper tier for WTAMU was Whitney White, a senior agriculture education major from Dalhart, whose team placed third at the Quiz Bowl.

represented at the Quiz Bowl, agribusiness major; and Texline including Florida State University, University of Florida and Virginia business and economics major.

The WTAMU contingent was degrees of success Feb. 4-8 in accompanied by Dr. Don Williams, Orlando, Fla., at the 2006 Southern associate professor of agricultural Economics business and economics, who Association Agribusiness Quiz serves as adviser for the Agribusiness Club.

Members of the WTAMU WTAMU was Dustin Mackie, a Agribusiness Club who participatjunior agribusiness major from ed at the Quiz Bowl are listed by

Borger - Raegan Lumpkin, senior general business major; Crowell The Quiz Bowl format calls for - Todd Harris, senior agricultural agriculture education major; agricultural business and economics major; Nazareth - Adam Acker, junior agricultural business and economics major; Seminole -Brandee Keener, senior agricultural business and economics major; Several southern schools were Spearman - Dustin Mackie, junior Tanner Wyatt, senior agricultural

## **Texas Department of Agriculture** Set to Spotlight Rural Texas Stars

Twenty-five rural Texas communities will be celebrated at a special ceremony in Austin on April 4 for the Texas Department of Agriculture's annual Hardworking Community Awards Program. The program is part of TDA's Texas Yes! program to promote rural Texas and is designed to showcase rural communities setting a shining example for others to

"These communities have applied leadership, inspiration and collaboration to make real and tangible differences in creating new jobs and opportunities," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "They prove that a small community's success does not rely on the size of its population, but rather on the size of its vision for the future."

Of the 25 communities, nine are receiving an honorable mention award of merit for their efforts, and 16 have been selected as finalists to compete for the top "Shining Star"

in July 2005 Pizza Hut Manager

Mary Ochoa was notified that she

was one of the top five managers of

47 stores in this area and with that

came a trip to Oklahoma City. That

has proven to just the tip of the ice-

notified that she had been chosen

"Manager of the Year." As the top

manager and a part of the "Star

Tracks' program Mary and her hus-

band, Pete, won a trip to Cancun.

They were there for five days and

joined other top managers of Pizza

Besides swimming and getting

great tans Mary and her husband

attended a celebration where the

awards were handed out. They also

went on a cruise ship to La Isla Las

Mujeres, another island in the

Cancun area. Mary told us that this

was also her first time to fly on a

The "Star Tracks" program is

based on several areas of accom-

plishment. It is based on growth in

sales (an increase over last year's

sales); control of labor costs; food

costs/ inventory control; employee

retention and state inspection ratings. The state inspections are

every 6 months and since she has

tomers who have always supported

Hut employees for all their hard

plane and she enjoyed it.

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work and dedication."

Hut's from all over the world.

In February 2006 Mary was

berg for this local manager.

honor given to only five communities to be announced at the ceremony. An advisory board representing leaders in business, tourism and education reviews and scores the applications received. Applications are completed by the communities and cover a range of topics including the communities' efforts, planning and success in economic development, tourism, regional partnering, volunteerism, collaboration, leveraging resources and measuring impacts

The nine honorable mention awards of merit will go to the following rural Texas communities: El Campo, Hebbronville, Henrietta, Ladonia, Pittsburg, Quitman, Rockdale, Spearman Whiteright.

The 16 finalists selected to compete for the five Shining Star awards include the following: Aspermont, Athens, Beeville, Bellville, Center, Clifton, Commerce, Fort Stockton, Gladewater, Groesback, Munday,

Pizza Hut's Mary Ochoa Named Manager of the Year

Perryton, Quitaque, Round Top, Terlingua/StudyButte/Lajitas and Tye. This is the third year for Fort Stockton to be among the finalists.

"We are delighted to give these communities the attention they deserve," Combs said. "Rural Texas is fortunate to have so many bright minds, dedicated citizens

and visionary leaders at the helm." The Texas Yes! Advisory Board includes Pulitzer-prize winning author Larry McMurtry; Evan Smith, editor, Texas Monthly; Emmett McCoy, founder, McCoy's Building Supply Centers; Tom Dobson, chairman and CEO of Whataburger; Dr. Robert Sweazy, vice president, Texas Tech University; George Cogswell, president and publisher, Abilene Reporter-News; Tim Crenwelge, mayor of Fredericksburg; Rob Brown, with the R.A. Brown Ranch; and Tom Perini, with Perini Ranch Steakhouse.

## **North Plains Electric Cooperative Completes** Repairs From Wildfire damage

Recent fires caused damage to 44 poles in the North Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) Service area. Thirty poles burned in Hutchinson and Roberts Counties and 14 in Southern Ochiltree County.

A fire in Hutchinson and Roberts County on Sunday, March 12 burned 28 poles and affected 38 meters north of Skellytown. This remote and rural area included ranches, residences, water wells, and oil and gas meters. Repairs were completed by NPEC on Tuesday. Xcel Energy later restored power to NPEC's Alahambra delivery point on Wednesday March 15.

High wind on Wednesday March 15 caused fire to move north across the Canadian River approximately 9 miles east of US highway 70. Sixteen additional poles were damaged. Power was restored to affected meters by 3:00 on Thursday.

Damage costs are estimated at \$50,000 to \$100,000, according to Lewis Crain, NPEC Engineer and Operations Manager.

NPEC offers these tips on preventative and emergency measures to ake during this unusually hazardous season: Prevention:

 Take care with cigarettes, matches and other flammables. · Mow grass short. Trim grass from fence lines. Rake leaves. Clear

· Keep hay bales and firewood away from buildings, electric lines and rights-of-way.

· Allow your co-op to keep power lines free of tree branches.

Keep shrubs and trees out of power line rights-of-way. Trim dead or dormant shrubbery close to houses or barns. In highly vulnerable areas, firefighters recommend removing shrubs within 15 feet

 Make a family evacuation plan. Have an inventory of home valuables (along with pictures or videos) in a fireproof box.

If fire is reported near your community: · Place photos, vital records and small items of value in your car. Park

your car facing the direction of escape. Clear a firebreak around buildings.

· Shut the gas off at the meter. (Only a qualified professional can safe-

turn the gas back on.) · Turn off propane tanks.

· Leave the electricity on, especially if it powers a well. · Turn on sprinklers.

Take combustible outdoor furniture inside.

Wet down shrubs within 15 feet of houses or barns. · Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks.

Close windows, vents, doors, blinds and nonflammable window cov-

erings. Remove flammable drapes and curtains. · Close interior doors and windows to prevent drafts.

· If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Choose a route away from the fire hazard, and be alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire

NPEC is a cooperative distributing electricity in Hansford, Hemphill

Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Formed in 1944, it serves 5298 meters and maintains 3484 miles of electrical line. It is owned and controlled by the members it serves.



(Middle, L-R) Maribel Moreno, Jesse Moreno, Lim Claassen; (Bottom, L-R) Debbie Herrington, Gabby Hernandez, Brittany Vera, Mary Ochoa; Not pictured are Patricia Garza and Diego Soto

Of special interest: Mary has been asked about Cancun and how repairs are progressing after the hurricane some 18 months ago. She been there they have been 92 or noted that the hotel where they stayed had been destroyed but they Mary had this to say, "I would had 3,000 people working on it to like to thank all of our loval cus- get it up and running. She believes that approximately 80% of the us and continue to do so. And a island is up and going again. One special "thank-you" to the Pizza resort area isn't ready yet but will be back in operation by December

## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. in the lower 70s. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the in the lower 70s. south in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 70s.

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SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. MONDAY - Partly cloudy.

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For more information. please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or email

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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:)

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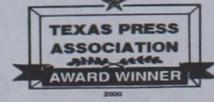
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## Words from Faith & Grace

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

Jeremiah tells that God is to establish a "new' covenant with Israel ifter 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

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

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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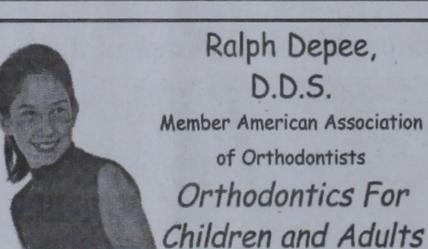
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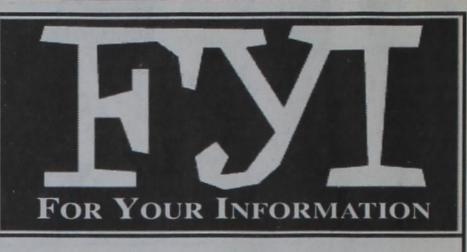
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**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic** 

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 24, 2006. 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 selfexam 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.

**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-fee 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 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 OneAct 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.

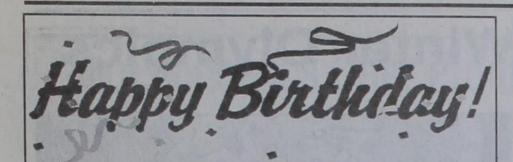
**Fire Department Donations** 

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 70062 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-





Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

March 30 Birthday - Jesus Favela, Loni

Lamb, Vi Hornsby, Mrs. Elmer Longley, Nikki Strawn, Grady Cline, Denae Baker, Jimmy Blan, Heather Cline, Krystal Burkhammer, Shane Atwood, Mike Schick, Marvin Sparks, **Dorothy Longley** 

Anniversary - M/M Ruben De Santiago

March 31 Birthday - Reaetta Gammon, Crystal Gruver, Ken Jones, Comfort Winders, Patterson, Nellie Buchanan, Dionne Pencille, Santiago Tercero Jr., Johnny Vernon, Cheryl Linde, Jolinda Wilson, David Flowers, Cortney Valdez, Teresa Carter, Weston Castillo,

Kenton Johnson Anniversary - M/M Chuck Sparkman, M/M Daniel Miser, M/M Jim Bass, M/M Dan Carthel, M/M Allan Beasley

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

April 2 Birthday - Margaret Odom, Dorothy O'Connell, Norma Hermosillo, Kyle Keim, Steve Templeton, Pam Barber, Phillip Turner, Amy Schoenhals, Paulene Galvon, Eugene

Anniversary - Bob & Debra

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

April 4 Birthday - Frank Pittman,

Sandy TeBeest, Glenn Mackie, Byran Jones, Billy Snider, Lola Salgado, Monte Morris, Randall Schnell, Mark Landon Brown, Carlos Lopez, Midge Mahaffy, Don Ladd, Ramona Reynolds, Violet Lee, Brandon Traylor, Ayana Rosales

Anniversary - Rick & Elanie

April 5 Birthday - Becky Cassady, Jimmy Finley, Carrie Pressley, Vana Stapleton, Carla Brown, W.E. Sparks, Dickie Allen.

Juanita Rodriguez, Deann Green, Deanne Ochoa, Paul Welch, Jimmie Davis, Irene Auld, Darla Jenkins, Leon Bagwell, Wendell Ralston, Kelcee Rex, Sara Jenkins, Vanna Reid

Anniversary - M/M Jack Weldon

April 6

Birthday - Margaret Ralston, Trey Roberts, Jerry Sparks, Eddie Rogers, Cindy Patterson, Bailey Lee Patterson, Redonna Moore, Cameron Kunsleman, Douglas Barnes, Tim Wooley, Ann Sheets, Oberto Balderama

Anniversary - Dale & Onie Moyer, Kenny & Brenda Red, M/M Skipper Beal, M/M Emit Schmidt

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 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 Cassady 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

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April 16th

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DANNY CHARLES THOMPSON

Danny Charles Thompson was accepted into the Lord's arms on 25 February 2006 at the age of 49. As the Lord took Danny by the hand to join his awaiting family, Danny put a beautiful smile on his face and was finally at peace. Many family members and friends present witnessed this peaceful look and smile. The funeral service was held on 1 March 2006 at the Heritage Church of Christ in Keller, TX. Pallbears were Roger Lyons; Gary Knowles; Rusty, Roger, and Don Barkman; and Matt Wells. Danny is now resting in peace with other fallen comrades at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, TX. He was honored with a full 21-gun salute military ceremony.

Danny was born on 30 June 1956 in Lamesa, TX to Dick and Mary Thompson. The family lived in Borger, Perryton, Booker, Bovina, Stratford and Spearman during Danny's childhood. Danny worked with his father in the crop-dusting business until he entered the United States Air Force at the age of 17 in 1973 under the delayed enlistment program, leaving for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX in January 1974. After completing basic training, Danny returned to Spearman to marry Kayleen Cooper on 16 March 1974. They left for Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, then onto Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX at which time Danny was blessed with his first child, Charles "Scott" Thompson on 24 September 1979. Danny's military career also lead him to Turkey for a remote tour and back to the United States at Altus Air Force Base in Altus, OK to finish 11 years of active duty service. While on active duty in the United States Air Force, Danny obtained an AA degree from the Community College of the Air Force, a BSOE degree from Wayland Baptist University and his Master's degree in Political Science, Public Relations and Management.

After leaving his active duty life in the military, Danny settled in the Dallas Fort Worth area and married Lisa Kellmer. Danny re-entered the military life by joining the Texas Air National Guard. After serving 22 years of dedicated service to his country, Danny decided it was time to retire from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant with the First Sergeant diamond. Danny was very proud to have served his

country and proud to be an American! Danny worked for EDS, Mission Balloons and D.R. Horton Homes before deciding to create a company of his own called "Commercial Promotions and Balloons," which became a million-dollar business. Unfortunately in 2001, Danny had to sell his well-established business due to health problems. Within the past three years, Danny has had three liver transplants and two kidney transplants due to contracting Hepatitis C, while in the Air Force, which laid dormant for more than 20 years. After establishing his successful business, he married Diane Barkman and acquired two stepdaughters. Danny was once again blessed with his second child "Logan" Jennings Thompson in July 1994. Two more blessings came into Danny's life - his first grandchild - Christopher Charles Thompson born on Danny's birthday, 30 June 1999. Danny's son, Scott, carried on the Thompson family name of "Charles" by naming his first son with Charles in his name. At the time of Christopher's birth, there were five living generations of "Charles" Thompson, which Danny was very proud of. Then on 30 September 2003, Danny's second grandchild, Phillip Thomas Thompson was born and named after Danny's previous brother-in-law and his daughter-in-law's father. While serving the Lord, Danny became an ordained minister in 2005.

Danny left behind many wonderful friends and family members to join his awaiting family: Grandparents - Daddy Hub and Moma Ola Thompson, Annie Gilbert Thorn Dennis Brown, Elbert Dennis and John Brown; Uncles - Carroll Thompson and Tommy Mannuzza; Aunts - Alva Thompson and Wanda McGee: Sister-in-Law Jana Lynn Thompson; Cousins - Johnny Oden and Roger Mize Jr.; previous Brother-in-Law Phillip Lynn Stumpf; previous Father- and Mother-in-Law - Mr. And Mrs. Kellmer; and friends - Everett Hawkins and Clay Ellison.

Until Danny meets his loved ones left behind, he will be watching over each of us: Wife - Diane; Sons - Scott and Logan Thompson; Parents -Dick and Mary Thompson; Sister Deryenda; Brothers - Don, Doug and Sammy; Stepdaughters - Barbara Wells and Margaret Goodnight; Daughter-in-Law - Kristy Thompson; Grandsons - Christopher Charles Thompson and Phillip Thomas Thompson; Son-in-Law - Matt Wells; numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins; previous wives -Kayleen Lyons and Lisa Moore; as well as many wonderful friends.

In lieu of flowers, Danny would be honored with your gifts to any of the following: Ark House, PO Box 833656; Richardson, TX 75083-36561 Baylor Regional Transplant Institute; 3500 Gaston Ave; Dallas, TX 75246l Heritage Church of Christ; 4201 Heritage Trace Parkway; Keller,

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JANELLE HINSON

DUMAS - Janelle Hinson, 83, died Sunday, March 19, 2006, in

Services will be at 11 a.m. today in First Presbyterian Church in Dumas with the Rev. Ben Seller, pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in

Northlawn Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Dumas. Janelle Hinson was born Feb. 7, 1923, in Reed, Okla., to Claude and Bessie Jackson. She graduated from Spearman High School. Mrs. Hinson was a homemaker and a member of Frist Presbyterian Church of Dumas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Hinson; and a sister, Rose Kunselman.

Survivor include a son, Johnny Hinson and wife Billie of Dumas; a daughter, Janet Lewis and husband Jerry of Dumas; four brothers, W.C. Jackson, Pat Jackson and George Jackson, all of Spearman, and Dan Jackson of Huntsville, Ark.; three sisters, Joe McLaughlin and Claudine Clark, both of Spearman, and June Barkley of Gruver; and five grandchildren, Corey Lewis, Michael Lewis, Jill Lewis, Denver Hinson and Cheyenne Hinson.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

LEROY A. REEVES

LeRoy A. Reeves, 84, of Waka, Texas left this world for his eternal home on Monday, March 27, 2006. Mr. Reeves' services were Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the Perryton Mennonite Church with Rev. Don Stoll officiating. Service handled by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Reeves was born in Wauneta, Nebraska to Elmer and Ada (Nuding) Reeves. He had lived in this area for 60 years having moved from Colorado Springs, CO. He married Bonnie Elledge on June 4,1944 in Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Reeves was farmer and was a member of the Perryton Mennonite Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Ada (Nuding) Reeves and a sister, Naomi Hughes.

Mr. Reeves is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of Waka, 3 sons! Harley and Deb Reeves of Reno, NV, Keith and Mary Jo Reeves of Blairsburg, IA, Douglas and Becky Reeves of Perryton, Texas; one daughter, Carolina and Wayne Cogdill of Amarillo and one sister, Fayetta Karr of Colorado, Co. plus 5 grandchildren and 1 great- grandchild.

The family requests memorials to Ochiltree Hospice Volunteers, 3101 Garrett Dr., Perryton, Texas 79070.



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First Christian Church 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Sunday Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun. Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.

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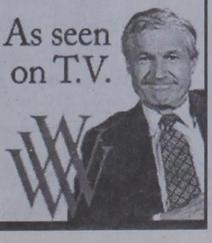
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told of Boy Scouts and their lead-ers from Spearman, Perryton, Booker, Fritch, Panhandle, and White Deer meeting at the lake this past weekend. Some camped Friday night, but others came for

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,

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

Lake Level--March 27, 2006-- identified before its head is seen by its shorter wings tipped with white In his report this morning Jim 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

> 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.

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## **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

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!

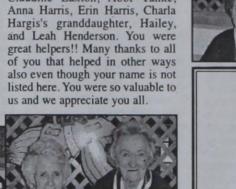
When those games were finished we sat up for the next set of games. Ruth Benefield came in 1st, Johnny Bennett-2nd, Willie Clement-3rd in Dartboard. Irene Edwards-1st, Johnny Bennett-2nd, Lee Perkins-3rd in Tar Grip 2, Viola Thompson-1st, Robert Yanke-2nd, Cora Nichols-3rd in Chicken Toss 1, Ruth Benefield-1st,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





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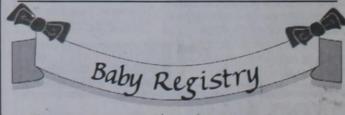
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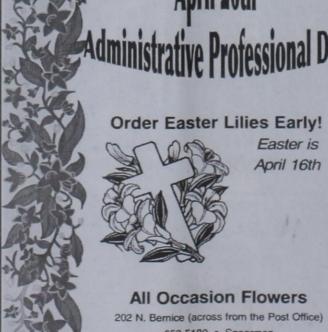
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Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation, Inc. Sets Assessment Dates

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The assessment for 2006 in the PH is \$4 per land acre, the rate estab-

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The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-

initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll

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ment rate, due date and discount date for the Pandhandle zone of the boll

by Kay Ledbetter

Enormous advances and oppor- useless waste products. tunities are occurring in agricultural and industrial biotechnology, offering a chance to revitalize rural economies in Texas, a West Texas rural Texas through the develop-A&M University official said.

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

"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 biorefining 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 agristock - that are now tentatively try,

an organized effort to bring positive economic development to ment of agricultural and industrial technology," Gens said.

Headlining the day of speakers Texas Department of Agriculture, is Ward Huffman of Denver, bioenergy consultant-U.S. Department how to access economic develop-

weevil eradication program.

Other experts speaking through-"This meeting is the first step in out the day will cover topics such as: biomass crops, rangeland biomass, biomass liquid fuels, bioconversion of animal residues, fueling a bio-refinery with agricultural residues, wind energy and the growing dairy industry.

Afternoon sessions will focus on of Energy, retired. He will discuss ment funding from Rural

cultural residues - crop and live- supporting the bio-refinery indus- 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.

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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 y 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.

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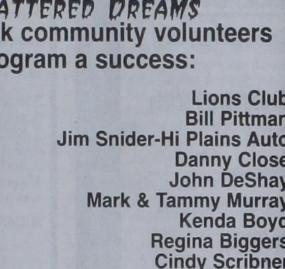
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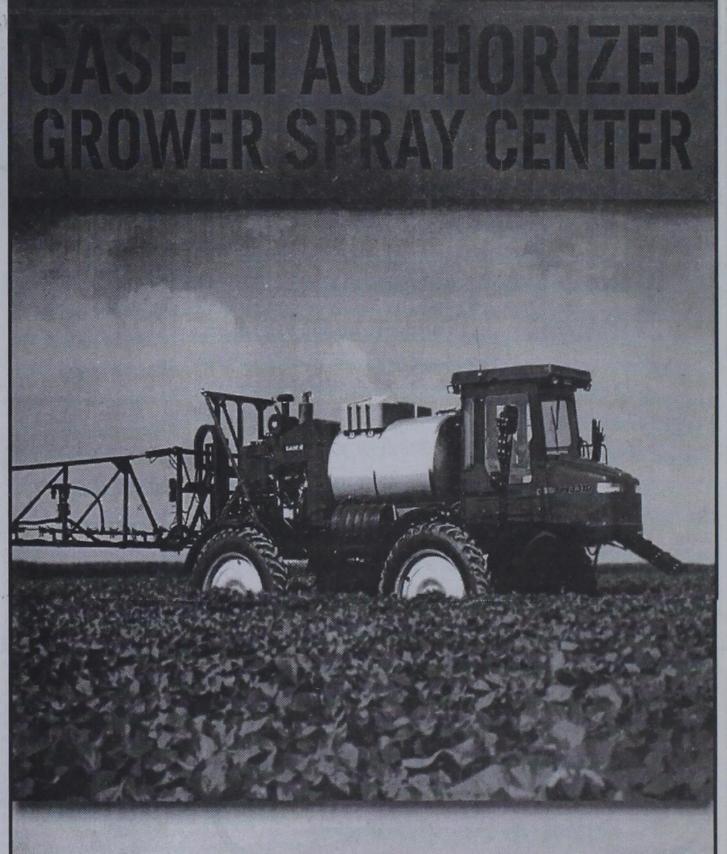


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## Matters

by Merry Sparks

churches bringing sermons on bingo on Thursday afternoons to 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 days a week leading up to the each and every one of you!!

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 delicious!!

We have had a great group of God Church has been coming after 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 Winter Olympics on the 17th. What a great time we had the day of the We also have had many special olympics. I took attendance and figured the percentage of participation and it was 80% participation !! What a great turn out. The 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

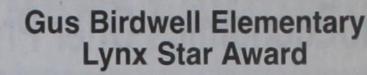
We have had many, many domino games and skip-bo games just crop up anywhere you see 3 or 4 gathered around a table. The Rotary Club has hosted Monday night bingo every Monday in March. Thank you to the Rotary Club for your fellowship, help, and of course the desserts. The wonderful auxiliary has hosted 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 tain on several other week ends. 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 much more meaningful.

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 enter-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 yous 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



Gus Birdwell Elementary has a program called the Lynx Star Award. This award is given each Friday. Each month has a different theme, and ach week there is a different character trait that is discussed. Teachers pick a student from their room each week who has worked

ard 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, Kyler 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 Aguilara, 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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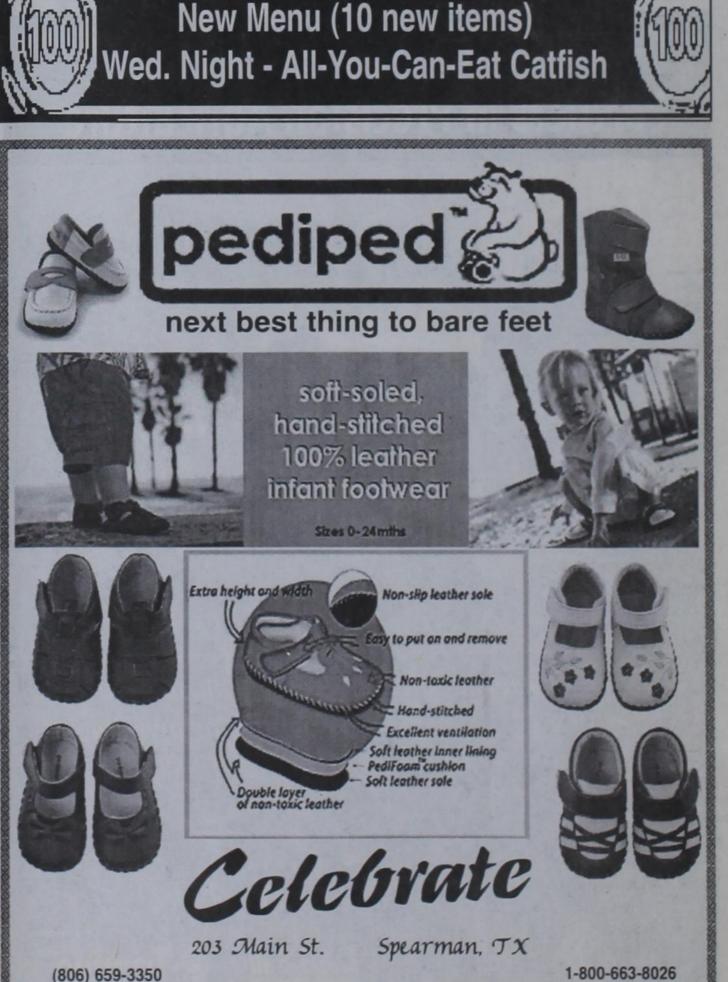
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2(3-23-06)B

PUBLIC NOTICE HANSFORD COUNTY Morse Nonprofit Water Supply Corporation will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2006 at the Hansford County courthouse, in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The Corporation encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views and proposals to Mr. Emit Schmidt, President Morse Water Supply Corporation. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the County Judge to arrange assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. 1(3-30-06)B

> **PUBLIC NOTICE** CITY OF GRUVER **TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The City of GRUVER will hold a Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at City Hall, in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Texas community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views and proposals to Linda Weller, City Manager at the city Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so' that appropriate arrangements can be

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Notice of Public Hearing

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will conduct a public hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting to consider the application by ADOBE WALLS GIN, LP for designation of certain property located in Hansford county as a Reinvestment Zone eligible for property tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The property is intended for use as a wind power facility by Adobe Walls Gin, LP, and it consists of:

The gin site will be located on the SW corner of a 100 acre tract in Section 34, Blk. R. Certificate number 209, B & B survey, Hansford County, Tx. This site is located approximately 10 miles SW of Spearman.

In determining whether to designate the Reinvestment Zone, the commissioners Court will consider whether such designation would contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or would attract major investment in the Zone, and would contribute to the economic development of the County. The court will also consider and act on whether to approve and execute an abatement agreement between the county and ADOBE WALLS GIN, LP allowing for property tax abatement. The public hearing will take place at 11:00 a.m. on April 10, 2006 in the LAw Library of the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman, Texas. All interested persons may appear and present testimony regarding designation of the Reinvestment Zone.

If further information is needed, please contact the office of Judge Benny Wilson, County Judge, Hansford county, 16 Northwest court, Spearman, Texas 79081. 806-659-4100.

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Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., met at the Cooperative's headquarters located in Perryton, Texas, on March 1, 2006. Three Directors shall be elected by and from the members at the 62nd annual meeting of the Cooperative to be held on April 17, 2006, for a term of three years. The committee has prepared and posted at the Cooperative headquarters a list of nominations for Directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district. Those nominated include: District 2 - James F. Greene

District 3 - Jim Hagg District 5 - Jerel Norris The actions of this Committee in no way shall prevent additional nominations by petition as provided for in Section 4.06 of the Cooperative Bylaws. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall post public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

1(3-30-06)B

The Gruver Volunteer Ambulance Service is currently operating under a staffing variance which allows for the unit to respond with only one certified EMS technician. We were forced to apply for this variance due to the limited numbers of volunteers we have that can respond during daytime working hours. There is an upcoming certification class that will be held in Spearman. Anyone who is interested in taking this class and providing our community with this much needed service is urged to call City Hall at 806-733-2424 for more information. 1(3-30-06)B

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SPEARMAN TEXAS COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** 

The City of SPEARMAN will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p. m. on April 3, 2006 at City Hall, in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP

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The City of Spearman is accepting applications for a Maintenance Worker II position which in the Utilities Department. A high school diploma or equivalence and two to four years related experience and/or training in gas, water and/or wastewater is preferred, but not required, bilingual beneficial. A Texas drivers license will be

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## Local Doctors Recognized for National Doctor's Day

District will be hosting a Doctors other local medical facilities this is passionate, caring, and cooperative 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 Bynum Manor DON. "They have will begin at noon.

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,

Hansford County Hospital lab, x-ray, home health, hospice or medical staff is a competent, coman opportunity to express thanks team of professionals who make and appreciation for the District's the staff feel they are an active part medical staff.

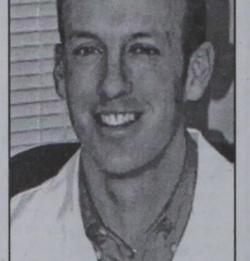
> our medical staff team," says Lelia patients. they can be. They spend never-endand patients of Hansford County ty at these high standards. Hospital District," Bynum contin-

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of the health care decisions that "One cannot say enough about provides care for our residents and

Hansford Manor has become a dedicated their professional lives to high ranking facility, in part, due to National Doctors' Day provides make our personal lives the best the dedicated medical staff we have. They take as much pride as ing hours researching our needs as any employee, resident, or commuwell as the needs of our residents nity member in keeping our facili-

Your ability to comfort and heal means so much. Your dedication At Hansford County Hospital really makes a difference in the District our doctors are available lives of others. Happy Doctors'



Mark Garnett, D.O.



John Hierholzer, M.D.

Coffee shop talk.



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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