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## Two Spearman Men Charged In Separate **Drug Arrests**

by Harletta Carthel

day resulted in two Spearman men being charged with drugrelated offenses and the possibility of an additional arrest, juana charge. pending lab results.

Danny Close, 37, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance following the execution of a search warrant at a rural residence.

Aaron Elias Hernandez, 22, was charged following a traffic stop with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to sell and possession of marijuana.

County Chief Deputy Pete years. Ochoa, the rural residence rented by Close had been under tinue to work against the observation for a unspecified period of time. The April 7th search warrant issued by District Attorney Ballman's office, cited plastic tubing, ether cans with holes punched in the bottom, and a butane bottle which emitted an anhydrous ammonia and showed bluish discoloration of brass fittings had been seen.

When enacting the search warrant at approximately 10:30 p.m., officers of the task force noted a strong odor of ammonia and ether at the time at the rural residence near Texas Highway 15 and County Road 28, four

miles east of Spearman "None of the task force members wore masks during the arrest, but the Lubbock-based clean-up contractor crew who arrived later did wear masks." Ochoa said.

Much of the evidence at the residence was found in an outbuilding and a detached garage. Powdered meth, several syringes thought to contain liquid meth, and the chemical to manufacture more of the meth drug were confiscated.

Close, who pled guilty over ten years ago in a murder-forhire case in 1989, remains in Hansford county jail with his bail set a \$110,000 on the two charges.

The charges are both second degree felonies which would carry 2-20 year punishment upon conviction., according to Ballman..

In the earlier case, Close had received ten years of deferred adjudication in his guilty plea to criminal solicitation in connection with the Susan McPherson murder. Close would had been forced to serve 10 years in prison following his new arrest had his deferred adjudication not run out last year.

Hernandez, who was stopped by Spearman Police Officer Allan Beeson at 9:23 p.m., April 7, was charged with possession

of approximately 3.4 grams of Unrelated arrests on the same methamphetamine and 15.5 grams of marijuana. His bail was set at \$45,000 for the meth charge and %5,000 on the mari-

He posted bond and was released April 8.

Hansford County Sheriff hopes the recent drug arrests will be a warning to others.

"Our drug enforcement is ongoing." McFarland said. " If you deal in drugs, you will get caught."

The Hansford County Drug Task Force, composed of the Gruver Police Department, the Spearman Police Department, and the Hansford County Sheriff's Department has been According to Hansford in operation for about two

> 'The drug task force will conuse, manufacture, and sale of illegal drugs. It's a job that requires long hours, and a lot of Clay hard work," Ochoa said.

# Hearts of Gold Gala

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The annual Hansford County Heart Association Banquet will be held on Friday, April 23, 2004, at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. The "Hearts of Gold Gala" will begin at 6:15 p.m. with hors d'ouevres and a silent auction. A tenderloin meal catered by the Williams family of Gruver will follow with the the dedication to Dorothy and Lloyd Buzzard set for 8 p.m. and a live auction at 8:15.

Tickets for the event may be purchased for \$25 at the door or by contacting Kay Hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Sharron Swan, Amy Babbs, Missie Bates, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Pennye Ralston, Anita Sumner, or Anna Beth Wood.

for farm and foreign agricultur-

al services, will discuss BSE

Also from the Washington

headquarters of the National

Cattleman's Board and Association, Bryan Dierlam,

director of legislative affairs,

will review the industry per-

A steak luncheon at noon will

be held in the Borger Dome at

118 Bulldog Ave. The national-

ly recognized J3 Chuck Wagon

caterers will be cooking from an

historic 1890s-built wagon.

The wagon was the first ever to

be inducted into the National

Cowboy Hall of Fame,

The event will adjourn by 3

p.m. For more details, contact

the Extension agent in these

counties: Hutchinson, (806)

878-4026; Hansford, (806) 659-

9114; Lipscomb, (806) 862-

4601; and Ochiltree, (806) 435-

spective on BSE.

Oklahoma City.



Hansford County Heart Association Secretary/Treasurer Sharron Swan, left, and Vice President Patricia Bratton, review plans for the 2004 "Hearts of Gold Gala" slated for Friday, April 23, with board members (Back, L-R) Anita Sumner, Missie Bates, Darlene Pierce, and Pennye Raiston.

### **Great Plains Future of Agriculture Symposium Set**

BORGER - Whether you eat Butler, deputy under secretary steak or raise cattle, you are sure to find discussions slated during the "Great Plains Future and animal identification topics. of Agriculture Symposium" on April 22 to be of interest.

Sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Hutchinson, Hansford, Hemphill, Lipscomb and Ochiltree counties, as well as Frank Phillips College, Borger Chamber of Commerce and Borger Economic Development Corporation.

The symposium will be held in the Service Drilling Center for Innovation and Technology on the college campus at 1301 West Roosevelt. Registration will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. with time for refreshments and viewing the exhibits.

Tickets at the door cost \$10. Seating will be limited to the first 200 participants.

Dr. Herbert Swender, FPC 4132; Hemphill, (806) 323president, will open the program. Lewis T. Britt, district office representative for U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry of Amarillo will give opening remarks on behalf of the congressman.

Tom Benton, Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Hutchinson County, will provide an overview of

bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, issues. Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist for the Panhandle and South Plains, will address animal identification and country-of-origin labeling concerns. He is headquartered at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

After lunch, keynote addresses will be presented by speakers from Washington, D.C. Each presentation will be delivered using videoconferencing technology.

From the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. James G.

# Dorothy and Lloyd Buzzard To Be Honored At Heart Association Gala



Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard

submitted

The American Heart Association Board of Directors and Staff have dedicated this year's "Hearts of Gold Gala" to Dorothy Buzzard and to the memory of Lloyd Buzzard for their efforts in supporting the work of the American Heart

Association. Dorothy and Lloyd worked side by side 14 years, until his death, in supporting the work of the Heart Association.

They were instrumental in the organization of the Hansford Division in 1978, they both served on the local offices and committees of the Hansford heart Association Board throughout the

many years of service. Dorothy and Lloyd served as President of the Hansford Division from 1983-1985 and as Dear Neighbor Chairman from 1978-12992. Both Lloyd and Dorothy received many local and regional awards for their active service and dedication throughout the years. Lloyd received the Distinguished Service Award which honored Lloyd with a research grant named in his honor.

At the State convention in 1988, Dorothy received the #1 Award for Excellence in Programming for her work in educating the public to the symptoms and prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

After a short leave of absence, Dorothy returned to the board and receive the Newcomer Award for the 1998-99 year for her enthusiastic work that year. The Hansford Heart Association salutes Dorothy and Lloyd Buzzard for their loyalty and dedication to the American Heart Association.

## Flea Market Plans Announced

by Harletta Carthel

A giant flea market is slated for Saturday, May 22, in Gruver City Park, according to Lisa Salmans, Gruver Chamber of Commerce Director.

"We would like to encourage everyone in the county to take part in Gruver's first annual flea market," Salmans said. "We are hoping to have a variety of offerings with something for everyone." Food booths, garage sale items, antiques, crafts, and fun booths such as face painting are some of the ideas Gruver Chamber mem-

bers hope to incorporate in the event. "We have many excellent craftsmen in the area we hope will be a part of the project. In addition to individuals, the flea market will also be a great fund-raiser for church and school groups," Salmans

Booths at the flea market will be \$10 for an 8' by 10' space. Interested individuals or groups may reserve a space by contacting Salmans, 733-2861, after 5 p.m. or director Holly McLain, 733-5040 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on weekdays or 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays.



And the walls came tumbling down on a deserted building on Highway 15 in Spearman as Daniel Boyd and his front-end loader take a bite of brick.

#### **Volunteer Information Needed**

Volunteers' Names Needed Hansford County Reporter Statesman is seeking to honor volunteers in Hansford County during National Volunteer Week April 19-24.

The Reporter Statesman requests all county entities to submit a list to the newspaper office by 5 p.m., Monday, April 19, of their volunteers and a short paragraph describing the work they per-

Should more information be needed, please contact the Reporter Statesman, 659-3434.

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by Catherine R. Smith

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My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following article and I thought you might enjoy it.

Happy Birthday 50th- WD-40!

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de-greaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest, as they say, is history. There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year.

Here are some of the uses: Protects silver from tarnishing Cleans and lubricates guitar strings

Gets oil spots off concrete driveways
Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it

slippery Keeps flies off cows

Restores and cleans chalkboards Removes lipstick stains

Loosens stubborn zippers Untangles jewelry chains

Removes stains from stainless steel sinks Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill

Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing Removes tomato stains from clothing Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors

Keeps scissors working smoothly Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in

Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast

Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers

Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open

Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and

Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl

bumpers Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles

Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling

Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly

Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools

Removes splattered grease on stove Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging Lubricates prosthetic limbs

Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell) Removes all traces of duct tape

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:)

# **Spring Hours**

MurMur's has gone back to their spring hours.

We will be open Monday-Friday, from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

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## **Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor,

There's been much made of the fact that KRDF has changed their format and much of that has been negative. it, has always seemed that "change is hard in these here parts." It also seems like I remember something similar when the "elevator Music" replaced oldies station when we read one of the Letters in the paper. We couldn't be more satisfied!! It's great!! In a word, ... COOL!

Hopefully, our hometown merchants and some of the surrounding areas will jump on the Band Wagon and realize how many of us OLDIES are listening and use this medium.

Thanks for the memories! And keep 'em comin'! Sam and Debbie Abston

### Thank You

The Ross family would like to express its deep gratitude for all of the wonderful acts of kindness by so many people of Gruver, Morse, and Spearman. The cards, food, flowers, and visits were all so nice. We would especially thank the Hansford County Manor Doctors and Nurses and the entire staff for all they did while

A special thank you to the ladies and gentlemen at the First Baptist Church for the lovely meal and to Brother Scott for the

Alma Ross; Ron and Janace Ross; Angela Holsclaw and Jessica; Brad and Suzanne Pingel; Lauren and Jodi; Don and Brenda Ross, Daniel and Rashae; Larry Ross, Dustin and Memory, and Sandra Blankenship, Beau and Matt and Christi Watlington

### EMT-BASIC CLASS BY H&S EMS

H&S EMS will be putting on an **EMT-Basic Class starting in** mid-May 2004. Classes will be Mon. & Wed. from 6-10 p.m. Spearman Fire & EMS Station, 513 S. Hazelwood, Spearman.

If you have ever considered being an "EMS Volunteer" for your community, call for information about our EMT-Basic Class, 659-5511. Jay Lamb or any service member will be available to answer your questions.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!





May 8, 2004 1:00 PM ~ 4:00 PM

Safety Starts Before You Get on The Scooter~

Program for Parents and Kids

By Spearman Police Dept., H&S EMS & Guest Speaker; Dr. Mark Garnett

Helmets provided by Panhandle

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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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 9th. 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.

**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 29, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for Reyna Ruiz through the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Donations may be mailed to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ruiz Scholarship Fund, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081. Reyna is the daughter of Elva Ruiz and the late Gerardo Ruiz of Spearman.

Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez
A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for

Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been fighting cancer for several years an dis continuing treatment. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

**Hearts of Gold Gala** 

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local morehants. Savor a feast prepared felt items from generous local merchants. Savor a feast prepared by the Williams Family and served by a wealth of local celebrities at 7 p.m. The generous, life-saving contributions of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard will be shared at 8 p.m. A live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Kay hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Sharron Swan, Amy Babbs, Missie Bates, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Pennye Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood.

**Project Graduation** 

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises on Friday, May 28th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class" past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2004" memory, making this project "special," please call Nikki Lozano at 659-2568 or 659-3964; or Charlotte Sheets at 659-2971. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

Volleyball Tournament Slated

A volleyball tournament has been scheduled to raise funds for Gruver athlete Blythe Finely to attend the Down Under Games in Australia this summer. The tournament will be held April 9 and 10 at the sand volleyball court in Gruver City Park. Bragging rights and prizes will be given to winning teams. To register your team call 733-2702 or 806-683-4551. Cost is \$10 per person.

2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration
The 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2004. Activities will be held on main street from 10 a.m. to midnight, with the street dance ending festivities for the day. A presentation dance will be held on April 17th at Palo Duro Lake. Booth space is available for free, and may be reserved by contacting the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Cinco de Mayo Queen/King Contest

The 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo Queen and King Contest will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 1, 2004. Contestants must be 15-20 years of age by May 1, 2004, and be unmarried with no children. They will sell votes for \$1 each and are encouraged to be creative in their efforts for fundraising. Votes will be turned to the Chamber of Commerce each Monday by 4 p.m. The Chamber will calculate the votes and keep a detailed computer log of reach candidate. Sponsoring businesses will agree to pay the \$50 entry fee and have the option of furnishing the contestant's clothing. The entry deadline is Thursday, April 15th at 5 p.m. Applications are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office, 211 Main Street. For more information, call 659-5555. For more information, call 659-5555.

Spearman Swim Team Meeting

Spearman Swim Team 2004 will begin soon. A meeting has been set for Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the First State Bank Hospitality Room to try on suits for sizing before ordering. All previous members need to attend as well as any interested new swimmers. If you cannot attend, please call Kitty Edwards at 659-3773 or Bonnie Bergan at 659-5529. Only one order for suits will be placed. Anyone wishing to order after the order is placed will have to do so individually. A deposit will be required prior to ordering. The Spearman Swim Meet will be held on June 26th. Each swim team member is required to swim in at least two meets. For more information about costs and meets contact Kitty or Bonnie.

Benefit Volleyball Tournament

A volleyball tournament to raise funds for Gruver athlete Blythe Finely to attend the Down Under Games in Australia this summer is slated for April 9 and 10 at the sand volleyball court in Gruver City Park. Prizes will be given to winning teams. To register your team, call 733-2702 or 806-683-4551. Cost is \$10 per person.

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant
The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce will host "An Enchanted Evening" Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant on June 8, 2004 at 7 p.m. Age divisions are: Little Miss (4-6), Jr. Miss (7-9), Preteen (10-12), Teen (13-16) and Miss Hansford (17-21). Entry forms are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office, Lady Fair, Kid's Stuff, Dreamer's and at Main Street in Gruver. The deadline for entries is May 7, 2004. For more information, contact Jodie Hight at 659-3720.

Gruver Flea Market

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Orders are now being taken for Memorial Day Wreaths to be made by the Golden Spread Senior Citizens. Please place your orders as soon as possible as supplies are limited and time is of the essence. For more information, contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030, or stop by the Sr. Citizens Center at 502 South Brandt in Spearman.

2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Presentation Dance
The 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Presentation
Dance will be held on Saturday, April 17th at 8 p.m. The cost will
be \$10 per person, ages 12 and under are free. For more information, contact the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office at 659-5555.

"Ambassadors of Excellence"

The public is invited to a reception honoring all administrative professionals on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 from 5:30-7 p.m. at The Gathering Place, 7717 Canyon Drive, in Amarillo. The program, "Top Five Ways to Enhance Your Career," will be presented by Anne McHenry CPS/CAP IAAP Texas/Louisiana Division Secretary. No admission will be charged. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded. The event is being sponsored by the Amarillo Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Please RSVP by Friday, April 16, 2004 to Karen Corea at 359-2548, or a mail Karen K Corea Que 2004 to Karen Corea at 359-2548, or e-mail Karen.K.Corea@ue-

# Our Deepest Sympathy

MATTHEW ROBERT MERICLE

TUCUMCARI, NM - Matthew Robert Mericle, 10-month-old infant son of Christian and Krista Mericle, passed away on Friday, April 9, 2004 following an extended illness.

Funeral services were in the Dunn Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 2 p.m. with Pastor David England, Associate Minister of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Mericle Family Cemetery.

Matthew was born May 16, 2003 in lubbock, Texas.

Survivors include his parents, Christian and Krista Mericle of Tucumcari, NM; grandparents Curtis and Dena Mericle of Tucumcari and Willis and Sherry Boyd of Spearman; great-grandparents Luella Mericle of Albia, Iowa, Donna Stuchal of Chariton, Iowa, Jerry and Glynda Yerby of Dumas, Bobby and Sue McBeth of Plainview, and Irvin and Helen Boyd of Gruver; great-greatgrandmother Willie Lee McBeth of Plainview; uncles Luke and Levi Mericle of Tucumcari; and aunts Hannah and Rebekah Mericle of Tucumcari and Amy and Nikki Boyd of Spearman.

CLARENCE JOSEPH "C.J." RENNER

SPEARMAN - Clarence Joseph "C.J." Renner, 84, passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2004.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 11, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman with Jim Brown and the Rev. Gary Smith of First Christian Church officiating. Prayer services were held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment was at Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of

Clarence was born on February 21, 1920 in Garden Plain, KS. He had lived in the area since 1952, moving from Oklahoma. He married Eloise Gist on December 24, 1942 in Oklahoma City, OK.

His family moved to a farm southeast of Texhoma, OK in 1931. He attended grade school in Texhoma and graduated from Texhoma Oklahoma high School in 1938. He attended Panhandle State University until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1945. He returned to the farm after World War II where he farmed with his two brothers.

After marrying Eloise, they moved to a farm near Spearman in 1956 where he engaged in farming and cattle raising. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He served in many offices of the Knights of Columbus. He was president of the Consumers Cooperative Assoc. for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Eloise of Spearman; one son, Phillip and wife, Lynna, of Spearman; two daughters, Diane Maxwell of Spearman and Amy and husband Jay Holland of Austin; a brother, Ralph and sister-in-law, Patty, Renner of Texhoma; a sister, Bernetta Owens of Amarillo; nine grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Mary A. Renner; two brothers, N.F. (Gus) Renner and Elmer Renner; and three sisters, Leona Orth, Eleanor Mans and Irene Craig.

The family requests memorials be to the Empty Stocking Fund. % Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

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### JOAN REISWIG GOOD

EDMOND, OK - Joan Reiswig Good, 59, of Edmond, OK, formerly of Perryton, died on Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 17, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Monsignor Joe Bixenman officiating. Rosary will be held on Friday, April 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at Boxwell Brothers Chapel. Interment will be at Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Joan was born November 14, 1944 in Perryton. She had lived in the area since 2000, moving from Edmond, OK.

Joan owned and operated a hearing business for over 25 years. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Perryton.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Good of Graford, TX; one son, Tim Good of Edmond, OK; one daughter, Lisa Gannon of Plano, TX; two brothers, Jim Reiswig of Perryton and Stan Reiswig of Spearman; four sisters, Eleanor Wright, Sandra Kerl, Vicky Lilly and Nita Carter, all of Perryton; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Alzheimers Association, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

#### DONALD G. LATTA

FT. SUPPLY, OK - Donald G. Latta, 89-year-old rural Ft. Supply resident, died Sunday, April 11, 2004 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 in the Ft. Supply United Methodist Church with the REv. Larry Masoner officiating. Interment was in the Fargo Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Billings Funeral Home.

Donald Gardner Latta was born February 26, 1915 in the Greenwood Community in Ellis County to James Gardner and Gertude Ellen (Benger) Latta. Donald grew up in the Greenwood Community and was baptized in the Greenwood Presbyterian Church, which was founded by his grandmother, Harriett Latta. He graduated from Fargo High School and then farmed north of Fargo. Donald was married to Betty Jean Merchart of Fargo on July 4, 1942. Donald retired from Western State Hospital in 1980.

He was a member of the Ft. Supply Methodist Church, was a 50year Mason, has served on the Ft. Supply School Board for many years and was a former member of the Lions Club. He loved to sing and was song leader at the Greenwood Presbyterian Church and later at the Ft. Supply Methodist Church.

Two of Donald's greatest pleasures in life was spending time with his family and fishing, something he passed on to his children,

grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home; his children, Tom and Linda Latta of Spearman, Donna and Larry McKay of Oklahoma City, Susan and David Washmon of Ft. Supply, and Cindy and Peter Fanning of Ventura, CA; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Gertrude Pratt of Woodward; one sister-in-law, Katherine Gilbert of

Mooreland; and several other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and four

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either the Ft. Supply Methodist Church Building Fund or the Woodward Hospital Hospice with the funeral home as custodian of the fund.

Please join us in honoring David by visiting his memorial at www.billingsfuneralhomewoodward.com. Through this site we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories of him.

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 Catherine

April 15

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

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Soto, Mr. & Mrs. Wally Berner

April 16

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

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Hoover

April 17

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

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rodriquez, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Garland, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hunter

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

Lee, Israel Arzate Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.

Steve TeBeest April 19

Birthday - Hunter Bevill, Opal Barnes, Bobby Snider, Landon Swan, Sterling True, Norman Gilmore, Lori Diffie Johnson, Blare Dudley. Victoria Blake, Jessica Temple, Crystal Gross, Socoyyo Tarango, Hortencia Trejo, Elizabeth Castillo, Jocelyn Whitefield Anniversary - John &

Tammy Woodward April 20

Birthday - Mickey Maupin, Reid Winger, Dorothy Lusby,

Ed Pearson, Nita Baker, Leann Carson, Denise Rojas, Gary Easley, Matt Zachary, Gary Koons, Jared Harrison, Valarie Perez, Inez

Anniversary - Oliver & Mary Barnes

April 21 Birthday - Martin Trejo, Janet Henson, Tracy Holladay, Heather Reimer, Danny Lopez, Holy Renee Baker, Lauran Urban, David Link, Patsy Sparks, Randa Myers

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Terry Sherrill

April 22

Birthday - Chelcie Davis, David Link, Shelly Stedje, Sharon Wilson, James Martin, Bonnie Garnett, Loyd Cator, Clifford Hornsby, Rosalinda Vela, Mary Parker, Mary Ojeda, Margie Galvan, David Roy Martin, Womble, Cindy Tarango, Troy TeBeest, Cook, Velma Donna Deweese, Debbie Hornsby, Hannah Fulce, Janice Babitzke, Speck, Karen **Brendon Carter** 

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Pablo Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Renick, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lopez, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Lopez

April 23 Birthday - Sam Garnett, Juan Renteria, Rosa Linda Vela, Brea Archer, Dustin Barber, Stacy Poole, Patricia Dunaway, Sharon Coble, Frank Prouty, Seth Blane, John David Brown, Curtis Covington, Shonda Odegaard, George Aquero, Macy Jones, Stephen Cook,

Ramsey Jenschke April 24 Birthday - Kerri Barkley, Jenna Beth Kiser, Bart Shapley, Greg Slough, Mike Scroggs, Murl Pearson, Josephine Salgado, Wendy

Woolley, Odell Fanning Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bayless

April 25 Birthday - Jerry Orr, Robert Hagerman, Keith Lewis, Pat Underwood, Donna Hill, Meagan Burrell, Mia Burrell, Greg Breland, Mary Bayless, Jodi Martin, Roy Garcia, Joe

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Hill Jr.

April 26

DeeDee Birthday Johnson, Juanita Logsdon, Benny McClenagan, Angie Remmel, Kenny Slough, Lyndee Ferguson, Linda Garcia, Ricky Ellsworth, Bob Marsh, Juan Rojas, Summer Riggins, Donna Duggan, Larry Ross

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Lilac Bush at the north boat ramp.

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Jim reported 1.5 inches of rain during the past week. It fell in 4 different showers with the largest being .70 inch.

there was not the usual Easter activity. There were 6 campers behind the dam and three on the office side. A few tents were up.

The other white pelicans have moved on, but they were replaced this weekend by a flock of fifty or so.

Century Club met at the office for one of Jim's programs with slides. This one contained a mixture of slides show casing the flora and fauna at the Park. As part of the refreshments a Lake Cake had been baked. It seems a Lake Cake has a water ous holdings Steele blocked up scene with edible sand.

wildflowers. Jim said numer- Horse Creek, and the flats.

Lake level--April 12, 2004-- ous varieties are beginning to

Jim's picture is of a lilac bush found near the north side boat ramp at a covered shelter. It had puzzled him as to how it origi-Due to the damp weather nated in that spot. Luckily, Don and Wanda Reed solved the question. It had been transplanted from the Steele house yard by Johnnie Lee, former manager of the Palo Duro Water Authority. The rock signs at the entrance and at the office plus the pedestal for the plaque on This week the Twentieth the dam are all made from the rock that formed the base of the Steele barn.

Irv Steele bought the land where the Lake is from Bert Cator, executor of George Aitken's estate, in 1911. With the Aitken estate and his previ-13 sections or around 8,320 This may be a good spring for acres along the Palo Duro,

Jerry and Merry Sparks enjoyed kid and grandkid visits from their rodeo crew in Wyoming. Brice and Amy Lewis along with Timber and Tori Lewis spent their spring vacation visiting with the Sparks. They enjoyed many different things during the visit such as visits to the Manor, visits with their friends from Gruver and Texhoma, the food, fun and fellowship of a happy birthday/Easter celebration with their "Pop," Jerry.

Your neighbor will be back on line next week. After having a stent placed in an artery in her leg, she seems to be back up and

If you have information you would like to include in this column, you may call Helen fisher at 659-3468, Merry Sparks at 659-5849, or submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

# Aggies Unite for Solemn Tradition of Muster

"Former Students and friends of Texas A&M University will assemble in Morse, Texas on April 21st for the annual Texas Aggie Muster in honor of all Texas Aggies who have passed away within the past year," announced Mike Pack, Muster Chairman for the High Plains A&M Club. Muster activities including a fish fry and silent auction, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Morse Community Building in Morse. All former students and current students, their families, and friends of Texas A&M University are welcome.

The Texas Aggie Muster Tradition spans over a century and will be observed in more than 300 locations around the world this April 21st. These Muster gatherings are held in many unique places ranging from battleships and foxholes during World War II to ballrooms, steakhouses and two locations in Iraq this April.

Over the years, Aggie Muster has grown to be one of Texas A&M's greatest traditions. The Muster Program honors the memory of A&M men and women whose death prevents them from answering Roll Call at this year's Muster.

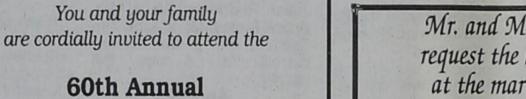
The Roll Call is a roster compiled of all former and current students who have died over the past year. As each name is called, a friend or family member will answer "Here!" symbolizing that their memory lives on in the hearts of Aggies everywhere. Muster is more than just a ceremony; it is also a way for Aggies to renew the loyalty and unity which constitute the foundation of their friendship for each other and love and devotion for their school.

For more information regarding the Texas Aggie Muster sponsored by the High Plains A&M Club, please contact Mike Pack at (806) 659-5190, or The Association of Former Students at (979)

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The purpose of the workshop is to allow businesses to meet with federal, state and local government agencies. They will learn how to do business with the government and learn what types of opportunities are available.

There will be informational presentations throughout designed to assist businesses that want to learn "how to sell to the government." A variety of topics covering information relating to business firms engaged in construction, the service industry and wholesale/retail sector will be discussed.

In addition to the program sponsors listed above, other participating agencies include: General Services Administration, Ft. Worth; Boeing - Supplier Diversity, Dallas/Ft. Worth area; Sandia National Laboratory, Albuquerque; Small Business Administration, Lubbock District Office; Sheppard AFB; Texas Department of Transportation; Texas Department of Criminal Justice; City of Amarillo. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. and workshop programs will

begin at 8:30 a.m. The workshop ends at 4 p.m. The registration fee is \$25 per person or \$75 for a booth space that includes admission for two. Both admissions include lunch. Booth space is limited so reservations will be on a first-come basis. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 19th.

Interested businesses and individuals may call Edmond Esparza at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, (806) 372-3381 or Otilo Castellano, Procurement Director of the Northwest Texas Procurement Assistance Center in Lubbock, (806) 745-3973 for a registration form.

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Thank you to the Church of Christ of Gruver. We appreciate your time and resources in the service of the Lord by bringing church services to the Manor.

Monday morning was met with the usual hustle and bustle of catching up after a week end and with Newscurrents. Sounds like the baseball commissioner is wanting stricter rules about players using steroids. Also talked about was Sedna, the farthest planetoid in space that has been seen. It takes Sedna 10,000 years to orbit the sun. Wow- I don't think I will live long enough to see it complete an

Monday afternoon was spent in Chatter Club. The topic of the day was Easters past. Many memories were talked about, especially the Easter bonnets, gloves, dresses and shoes. Most of us remember at least one specific Easter from our past whether it was outstanding because of an outfit, family gathering, or a special touch from the Lord. Also, thanks are in order to the Preceptor Sorority for hosting bingo on Monday night. The residents enjoy it so much!

Tuesday was ushered in with Musercise. Exercise to the music of the Oak Ridge Boys, Ray Stevens, and Sixteen Tons by Tennessee Ernie Ford.

That afternoon the activity room was filled with volunteers, Claudine Laxton, Judy Yarbrough, Ann Whitaker, Scooter Russell, and Teresa Kirk and with residents. We did manicures on men and women alike in preparation for Easter week end.

As we were finishing up I looked up to see Skeeter Huffaker of Panhandle Deli and Diner carting in Biti Pies for the residents! She has begun to bring pies to the residents periodically. Thank you Skeeter!!

Wednesday morning Ann Whitaker was on hand to bring an interesting Bible study.

Thank you, Ann! That afternoon was a very busy one. The residents decorated over a hundred cupcakes to look like little bird nests with jelly beans for eggs. Two of my grandchildren were here from Wyoming so they pitched in to help. We had quite a lot of fun

since we were using squirt on whipped topping, green coconut, and jelly beans. One problem arose though-should we squirt each other? Should we eat the jelly beans? Oh deci-

sions, decisions, decisions. When we finished the cupcakes, we dyed Easter eggs and decorated them. After all of our messing was done, I had my granddaughter, Tori Lewis to sing the National Anthem for the residents. (She has sang the National Anthem at several rodeos. The intriguing thing is that she is only 7 years old.)

Her sister, Timber showed the residents one of her belt buckles that she won at the last rodeo. She actually won 2 of them and they were for a series of rodeos in the barrels and pole bending. She gave them a short story of how she won them. The residents seemed to enjoy them. Timber and Tori belong to Brice and Amy Lewis, Jerry's youngest daughter. They live in Meteetse, WY just south of

Thursday morning was filled with fun! The teachers from Spearman's elementary brought all of the kindergarten children to the Manor for Easter egg hunts, cupcakes, and punch. We put our resident rabbit in the fenced portion off the side of the cafeteria and hid eggs all around the north end of that section of the building. When the children went into the fenced yard to gather eggs, of course the rabbit started running around. I will say that he did furnish quite a bit of entertain-

Thursday afternoon the Auxiliary hosted bingo for the residents. Thank you to the members of the Auxiliary. They are so very faithful. The auxiliary does many worthwhile duties to bless the people of this community. If you see any of them on the street, please tell them thanks for all that they do.

Friday morning was filled with music. Many Easter songs were sung, led by Janie Kunselman on the piano. She is very talented and a blessing to

That afternoon, we gathered in the great room to watch the movie "Jesus" which we thought was very appropriate for a Good Friday afternoon.

Ralph Depee,

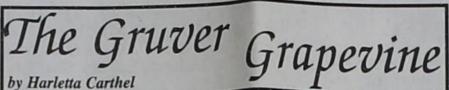
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Spring Cleaning Set For April 24th

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Residents of Gruver are urged to make our city beautiful by picking up trash, cleaning yards, and disposing of junk vehicles, fallen tree limbs, and other items that are eye sores. The Spearman Landfill will be open April 24 to receive loads from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The clean -up is not limited to personal property but residents are urged to help pick up trash and liter lining the fences or

roadways into Gruver. The elderly who may need assistance in their outdoor cleanup project may contact Leon Bagwell, 733-2177, or Lisa Salmans, 733-2861 to be matched with a volunteer or volunteer group.

Class Travels To Wind Turbine

The fifth grade science class of Roy Mayhew tour the grounds of the giant wind turbine north of Gruver last week and shared a picnic lunch on the grounds.

**FCCLA Attends Convention** Seven members of the FCCLA and their sponsor Sherri Sherrill left Wednesday for the state FCCLA convention

in Houston. Members attending were Bonnie Frick, Jessica Vela, Mattie Wheelock, Maria Ruiz, Lucy Trejo, Diana Lopez, and Cynthia Briones.

District Golf Delayed The GHS district golf tourney was postponed after the playing of four holes Monday,

April 12, due to the inclement weather.

Remember (To See) The Alamo I may have been one of the first Texans to see the movie "The Alamo" when it opened Friday by catching a 1:40 mati-

While the movie has received mixed reviews, I found it very good. Going into the movie with the preconceived idea that no one could replace John Wayne as Davy Crockett, Billy Bob Thornton more closely resembled pictures of Crockett and the wit and speech of Thornton was most "Crockett."

Portrayals of Jim Bowie nd William Barrett Travis were also excellent, but I was somewhat disappointed in the characterization of Sam Houston.

Although the famous line in the dust crossing was left out (which I believe is a historical fact,), I would give the movie a high mark.

After seeing the movie, any Texas has to ask "Why in the worked does Texas have a town named after Santa Anna?

**Loneliest Place In Gruver** The poling place in the GHS library might have been one of the loneliest places in town Tuesday as very few were aware or took advantage of the run-off vote on Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Rains Make Soggy Easter Pre-easter rains in the Gruver area made for a sooty, but no complaints Easter, for local res-

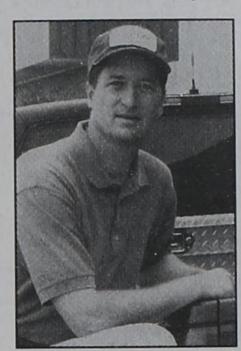
Much needed moisture totally 1.70 inches in rains last

A very chilly 23 degrees was recorded in the overnight Monday, April 12.

# Thank You

Chuck Eaton, and the rest of his family, would like to thank everyone for the cards, food and prayers received throughout the past year. He continues to battle colon cancer, but knowing about the prayers he is receiving has kept him going.

Chuck is the son of Charles and Joann Eaton and the grand-



Chuck Eaton

son of Marguerite and the late Roscoe Nelson, all of Spearman. He is a 1979 graduate of Spearman High School, He received a degree in Agronomy with a minor in Chemistry from Texas Tech University.

He is married to Laura, and they have four daughters, Karissa, Kassie, Abbe and Mikah, and three grandchildren, Kyla, Kara and Cyson. He has two sisters, Cayla and her husband Don of Spearman, and Johnnie and her husband Kelly Fuller of Dumas.

Chuck enjoys spending time with his family, especially his eight-year-old daughter, Mikah.

He and his family live in Dallas where he owns a landscaping business and interest in Ranger Arbitrage. He has been very successful in business ventures, and has enjoyed using his assets to benefit others. (He and his wife flew to the Dumas Stock Show to buy his nephew's pig, even after he was diag-



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(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 15 de mayo de 2004, en la libreria de Jr. High, Gruver, para votar en la Elección para elegir tres (3) sindi-

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Gruver Business Office, 601 Garrett, Gruver, TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 28 and ending on May 11.

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

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

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 7, 2004.

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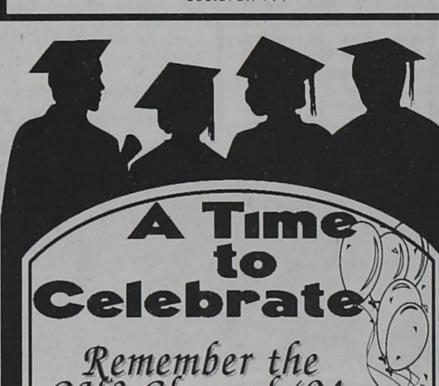
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Spearman High School

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Spearman I.S.D. Superintendent's Office, 403 East 11th, Spearman, TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 28 and ending on May 11.

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

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## **High School Sports**

**Gruver Track** DISTRICT TRACK MEET **Varsity Girls** 

Two Lady Hounds and two relays placed in the top four in the 2-A district track meet April 5th and 6th to advance to area competition in Panhandle.

Lady Hounds Blythe Finley and Lindsey Clift will each compete in two individual events and a relay at the area at Panhandle April 16th.

The Lady Hounds placed eighth in a field of 13 teams.

District results are as follows: Discus: 6th - Bonnie Frick; High Jump: \*2nd - Lindsey Clift (4'10½"); Pole Vault: \*1st - Blythe Finley (9'6"); Triple Jump: \*4th - Lindsey Clift (32' 5¼ "); 400 M Relay: \*4th - team of Liz Lopez, Blythe Finley, Laci Fitzgearld, and Lindsey Clift (54..34); 800 M Relay: 5th - team of Liz Lopez, Lauren Urban, Laci Fitzgearld, and Blythe Finley; 200 M Dash: \*4th - Blythe Finley (26.52)

**Varsity Boys** In the boys division, the Hounds placed third in a field of 12 at the district 2-A track meet held April 5th and 6th in

Stratford. The Hounds took first and second place in the pole vault with T Jay Sherrill and Matt Messer both vaulting 11'6", and Tyler Lane and Hutch Reid crossing the line first and second in the 400 m dash.

Individuals and teams placing in the top four will advance to area competition.

Results are as follows: High Jump: \*3rd - Hutch Reid (5'8"); Pole Vault: \*1st - T Jay Sherrill (11' 6"), \*2nd - Matt Messer (11'6"); Shot Put: \*3rd - Oscar Medina (41' 3½"); 3200 M Run: \*4th - Brad Clawson (11:28.09); 800 M Run: \*3rd -Manny Lopez (2:06.79),\* 4th - Sammy Pena (2:07.96); **800** M Relay: \*4th - Gruver (1:37.91); 400 M Run: \*1st - Tyler Lane (53.25), \*2nd - Hutch Reed (53.45); 1600 M Run: \*2nd -Manny Lopez (5:02.60); 1600 M Relay: \*3rd - Gruver (3:35.04)

Jr. Varsity Boys

The JV Hounds took second out of 13 at the district 2-A track meet held April 5th and 6th in Stratford.

Results are as follows: 3200 M Run: 1st - Hugo Chivira (11:55.36), 2nd - Estaban Villegas, 6th - Drew Grotegut; 400 M Relay: 2nd - Gruver,\* 4th - Sammy Pena (2:07.96); 800 M Run: 1st - Bryant Halley (2:16.18), 5th - Drew Grotegut, 6th - Diego Luciano; 400 M Dash: 1st - Sheldon Atwood, 5th - Bryant Halley; 300 M Hurdles: 3rd - Gruver; 200 M Dash: 2nd - Stephen Salazar; 1600 M Run: 1st - Hugo Chivira, 2nd - Estaban Villegas; 1600 M Relay: 1st - Gruver 7th Grade Boys

Pole Vault: 2nd - Miles messer, 3rd - Taylor Williams, 4th -Rey Gaspar; Shot Put: 5th -Matt Salazar; Discus: 6th -Roberto Mendoza; High Jump: 3rd - Rey Gaspar; Long Jump: 6th - Taylor Williams; 400 M Relay: 3rd - team of Taylor Williams, Saul Hernandez, Jorge Soto, Miles Messer; 1600 M Relay: 4th - team of Roberto Mendoza, Taylor Williams, Jorge Soto, Saul Hernandez; 800 M Run: 3rd - Rey Gaspar; 100 M Dash: 3rd - Saul

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Jorge Soto; 200 M Hurdles: 4th - Rey Gaspar; 1200 M Run: 3rd - Rey Gaspar

8th Grade Girls

Pole Vault: 5th - Tanner Sherrill; High Jump: 4th -Lorenzo Torres; Triple Jump: 3rd - Caleb Shults; 400 M Relay: 3rd - Chandler Miner, Caleb Shults, Seth Thompson, Tony Lora; 800 M Run: 3rd -Lorenzo Torres; 400 M Dash: 2nd - Tony Lora, 4th - Chandler Miner; 200 M Hurdles: 6th -Caleb Shults; 800 M Relay: Thompson, Tanner Sherrill, Cason Finley, Chase King; 1200 M Run: 2nd -Lorenzo Torres, 6th Seth Thompson; 1600 M Relay: 4th Chandler Miner, Lorenzo Torres, Caleb Shults, Tony Lora

7th Grade Girls The seventh grade girls team took fourth place in the district track meet with 101 points.

Events and placings were: 400 M Relay: 3rd - team of Lindsey Mireles, Devlin Reynolds, Sydney Clawson, and Mallory Reid; 100 M Hurdles: 3rd - Lindsey Mireles; 100 M Dash: 4th - Esbeydi Ramirez; 400 M Dash: 1st - Devlin Reynolds; 200 M Dash: 2nd -Mallory Reid; 800 M Relay: 4th - team of Lindsey Mireles, Lynn Vela, Miranda Baird, Sydney Clawson; 1600 M Relay: 1st - team of Mallory Reid, Sydney Clawson, Miranda Baird, and Devlin Reynolds; Shot Put: 3rd - Lynn Vela; Discus: 2nd - Lynn Vela; Triple Jump: 1st - Devlin Reynolds; Long Jump: 6th - Mallory Reid; High Jump: 2nd - Devlin Reynolds

8th Grade Girls The eighth grade girls team scored 60 points and tied for fifth place with Sunray.

Events and placings were: 400 M Relay: 3rd - team of Kailee Reed, Sorrele Blevins, Diana Solis, Emily Williams; 100 M Hurdles: 4th - Sorrele Blevins; 800 M Run: 2nd -Abbi Yanke, 6th - Dahila Santillan; 100 M Dash: 3rd -Kailee Reed; 200 M Hurdles: 3rd - Sorrele Blevins; 200 M

Hernandez; 400 M Dash: 6th - Dash: 5th - Kailee Reed; 1200 M Run: 3rd - Abbi Yanke: 800 M Relay: 3rd - team of Whitney Moffett, Dahaila Santillian, Diana Solis, Emily Williams; Triple Jump: 6th - Abbi Yanke; High Jump: 5th - Sorrele Blevins

#### **Spearman Tennis** DISTRICT TENNIS TOURNEY

Lindsey Short and the duo of Jordan Short and Keilee Goodheart will advance to the regional tennis meet by virtue of their placings at the district tennis match.

Jordan Short and Keilee Goodheart paced the Spearman tennis team with the doubles championship at the District 6AA Tennis Meet April 6 and April 8 in Pampa.

The duo of Short/Goodheart defeated Jennings/Lindquist of Boys Ranch 6-0, 6-1, then defeated Nall/Schaffer of Canadian 6-1, 6-1st - In the championship game, they downed teammates Tonya Hart and Saylee Flowers 6-0, 6-0 to claim the district title.

Third-place winners Tonya Hart and Saylee Flowers defeat-Looten/Meaker Panhandle, 6-1, 6-2, went on to trounce Brewer/Crane of Boys Ranch 6-0, 6-2 before losing to Short Goodheart 0-6, 0-6, and then falling to Nall/Schaffer of Canadian for the runner-up spot 6-7, 5-7.

**Girls Singles** 

Lindsey Short took second place honors in girls singles and the right to advance to regional competition at the district tennis match by defeating teammate Ashley Hernandez who claimed third place

Lindsey Short defeated Glover of WT High 6-0, 6-0, then defeated Lopez of Canadian 6-0, 6-0 before falling to Ashley of Canadian 6-1,1-6, 1-6. She rebounded to beat teammate Ashley Hernandez 6-0, 6-0.

Ashley Hernandez defeated Rascon of Highland Park 7-5, 6-1 before losing to Ashley of

Canadian 4-6,3-6. She came back to defeat Lopez of Canadian 6-0, 6-1 before losing to teammate Lindsey Short 0-6.

**Boys Singles** Brynr Garnett lost to

Sherwood of Panhandle in split sets of 2-6, 6-2, 6-7.

Keith Sumner defeated Butler of Panhandle 6-1, 6-4 and then lost to Wilson of WT High 6-0, 6-0.

**Junior Varsity Girls** 

In singles action, Abby Winegarner defeated Hawes of Highland park 8-1 and then downed Wiggington of Boys Ranch 8-1 to claim the junior varsity girls district title.

Jessica Jarvis fell to Hawes of Highland Park 5-8.

In girls doubles, Miranda Paul and Trudy Hart defeated Wagner/McGraw of Boys Ranch 8-1 before besting Kidd/Schrader of Canadian 8-2 to take the junior varsity girls doubles title.

#### Spearman Track SPEARMAN RELAYS **Varsity Girls**

The Lynxettes claimed second-place honors at home at the Spearman Relays April 8th and

Events and placings were: 3200 M Run: 4th - Tabatha Shields; 400 M Relay: 2nd team of Claudia Vaquero, Carla Smith, Sami Cazares, and Macy Harbour; 100 M Hurdles: 4th -Mallory Paul, 6th - Carla Smith; 100 M Dash: 4th - Kelcee Rex, 5th - Claudia Vaquera; 800 M Relay: 6th - team of Kelcee Rex, Sonny Parker, Claudia Vaquera, Mallory Paul; 400 M Dash: 1st - Melissa Lesly



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(58.29), 3rd - Macy Harbour; 3200 M Hurdles: 6th - Mallory Paul; 200 M Dash: 1st - Melissa Lesly, (26.03), 5th - Kelcee Rex; 1600 M Run: 5th - Tabatha Shields; 1600 M Relay: 1st team of Macy Harbour, Carla Smith, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly (4:13.40); High Jump: 1st - Sonny Parker (5'2"); Long Jump: 2nd - Sonny Parker, 4th -Claudia Vaquera; Triple Jump: 4th - Claudia Vaquera, 5th -Sami Cazares; Pole Vault: 4th -Jentry Edwards, 6th - Macy Harbour; Discus: 6th - Jordanna

#### WEST TEXAS TRACK MEET **Varsity Girls**

The Spearman girls scored 149 point to outdistance nearest competitor Panhandle at 114 point to take the title at the West Texas High Track Meet April

Events and placings were:

400 M Relay: 3rd - Claudia Vaquera, Carla Smith, Kelcee Rex, Macy Harbour; 800 M Run: 3rd - Maria Davila; 100 M Hurdles: 1st - Mallory Paul (17.25), 2nd - Carla Smith; 100 M Dash: 5th - Kelcee Rex, 7th Claudia Vaquera; 800 M Relay: 4th - team of Kelcee Rex, Sonny Parker, Claudia Vaquera, Mallory Paul; 400 M Dash: 1st - Melissa Lesly (62.53), 3rd -Macy Harbour; 300 M Hurdles: 6th - Mallory Paul; 200 M Dash: 1st - Melissa Lesly (26.44), 4th - Sonny Parker; 1600 M Run: 4th -Tabatha Shields; 1600 M Relay: 1st - team of Macy Harbour, Carla Smith, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly (4:20.66); High Jump: 1st - Sonny Parker (5') 2nd - Carla Smith; Long Jump: 4th - Sonny Parker; Triple Jump: 3rd - Sami Cazares, 4th -Claudia Vaquera; Pole Vault: 2nd - Macy Harbour, 3rd -Jentry Edwards

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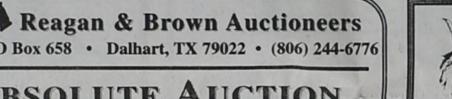
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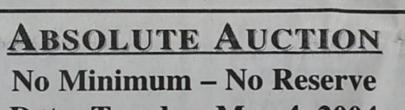
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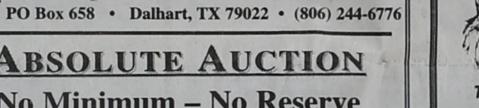
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April 14-15 - District Tennis Tourney in Amarillo

April 16 - Area Track Meet in Panhandle

April 19-20 - Boys/Girls Regional Golf

Tournament in Levelland

April 21-22 - Regional Tennis Tourney in

April 23 or 24 - Regional Qualifier's Track Meet -

April 30-May 1 - Regional Track Meet in

Levelland

May 7-8 - State Qualifier's Track Meet - TBA

May 10-11 - State Tennis Tourney in Austin

May 10-11 - Boys/Girls State Golf Tournament in

May 14-15 - State Track Meet in Austin 

#### Spearman High School

April 15 - Lynxette Regional Golf Qualifier

Tourney at Guymon

April 16 - Lynx Golf Regional Qualifier Tourney at

April 15 & 16 - Physics Trip at Dallas

April 15 & 16 - District Track Meet at Spearman

April 15-18 - FCCLA Trip to Houston

April 17 - FFA Area One CDE in Lubbock

April 17 - Lynx Band Walk-A-Thon

April 19 - District-Wide Pep Rally honoring all students qualifying for Regional Competition at Abilene in One-Act Play, Academic UIL, Golf,

Tennis and Track, 2:30 p.m., Varsity Gym

April 21 & 22 - Regional Golf Tourney, Shady Oaks Country Club in Baird

April 22-25 - Choir Trip at San Antonio

April 22- 23 - Regional One-Act Play Contest at

April 23 & 24 - Regional Tennis Qualifier Meet

April 23 & 24 - Regional Track Qualifier Meet

April 24 - Regional Academic UIL Competition at Abilene

April 26 - FFA Top of Texas District Meeting, 5:30

p.m., Pampa

April 27 - First State Bank Senior Cookout, 6 p.m.

April 27 - TAKS (10th Grade Social Studies, 11th Grade Math)

April 28 - TAKS (10th Grade Math, 11th Grade

Science)

April 29 - TAKS (9th Grade Math, 10th Grade Science, 11th Grade Social Studies)

April 30-May 1 - Regional Tennis Tourney at

April 30-May 1 - Regional Track Meet at Abilene

#### Spearman Jr. High

April 15 - Junior High Choir Contest at Amarillo

April 20 - 6th Grade Musical, 7 p.m., H.S. Auditorium

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Reserve Champion Swine
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# 2004 Hansford County Stock Show

Lambs

Grand Champion - Blayne Baker - Berry Grain
Reserve Grand Champion - Tara Shields - Five Star Equipment
Junior Showmanship - Tara Shields
Senior Showmanship - Tabatha Shields

Class I

Jessica Montgomery, Gruver FFA - Stedje Livestock
Malissa Montgomery, Spearman 4-H - Charlie Bell
Nick Slough, Gruver 4-H - Tim & Teresa Barkley
Charlie Slough, Gruver 4-H - Madden Oil/Texaco/Gruver Agri
Matthew Jarvis, Spearman 4-H - Britt & Linda Jarvis
Cristina Vargas, Spearman 4-H - E.D. Baker Corp.
Ail Tyler, Gruver 4-H - Gruver Agri/Helena

Class II

Addam Ferguson, Spearman 4-H - Perrytin Equity/Monstanto
Britney Montgomery, Spearman FFA - Charlie Bell
Callie Stedje, Gruver 4-H - Lee Bob & Jennifer Harper
Anthony Ochoa, Spearman 4-H - Berry Grain
Cody Rutledge, Morse 4-H - Dean Cluck Feedyard

Jesse Bucknell, Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders

Class III

Rachelle Holt, Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders

Lauren Ferguson, Spearman 4-H - Batman Grain

Lexi Batton, Spearman 4-H - Clay Mongtomery/Rod Karlin

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Seth Thompson, Gruver 4-H - Gruver Ford

Elena Vargas, Spearman 4-H - First State Bank

Class IV

Seth Clemmons, Morse 4-H - Texhoma Livestock Auction

McKenzie Crane, Gruver 4-H - Del Cluck

Preslee Baker, Spearman 4-H - Perryton Equity-Equity/Monstanto

Dani Wheelock, Gruver 4-H - Lee Wilhelm

Sonny Parker, Spearman FFA - Martin Realty/Mark Sheets Trucking

Reese Clark, Morse 4-H - Perryton Equity/Monstanto

Christian Patrick, Spearman 4-H - Travis Patterson
Will McCloy, Morse 4-H - Stedje Brothers

Class V

Tabatha Shields, Spearman 4-H - Tom Dortch

Jessica Schmidt, Morse 4-H - Farmers Ag/Northrup King Seeds

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Class VI
Tara Shields, Morse 4-H - Five Star Equipment
Noemi Rodriquez, Spearman 4-H - First State Bank
Allison Brown, Spearman 4-H - Berry Grain
Cory Graves, Gruver Jr. FFA - Kenneth & Alice Slough

and Brad & Jeannie Spivey
Justin Parker, Spearman FFA - Bill Pittman
Matti Wheelock, Gruver 4-H - USA Feeders
Tyler Lane, Morse 4-H - Gary & Nell Evans/Weston Born
Christen Ferguson, Spearman 4-H - AGCO

Class VII

Blayne Baker, Spearman 4-H - Berry Grain
Eric Flores, Spearman 4-H - Perryton Feeders
Kali Shields, Spearman 4-H - AGCO
Brian Johnson, Gruver 4-H - Gigot Irrigation
Orie Cooksey, Spearman 4-H - Dean Cluck Feedyard
Jessica Jarvis, Hansford 4-H - Britt & Linda Jarvis

Steers
Grand Champion - Tucker Williams - E.A. Williams, USA Feeders, and Jerry Williams
Reserve Grand - Rhett Renner - Hansford Vet Clinic

Junior Showmanship - Taylor Williams

Senior Showmanship - Bailey Reid

Class I - Light

Rhett Renner, Spearman 4-H - Hansford Vet Clinic
Jacob Lieb, Morse 4-H - North Plains Insurance

Tracy Brown, Spearman 4-H - First Bank Southwest
and Billy & Joan Brown

Class II - Light Medium

Taylor Williams, Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders
Charles Slough, Gruver 4-H - Gruver Redi-Mix
Lexi Batton, Spearman 4-H - Texhoma Livestock Auction
Class IV - Medium Heavy

Tucker Williams, Gruver 4-H - E.A. Williams/USA Feeders and Jerry Williams

Brenna Reid, Morse 4-H - Panhandle Implement
Lance Williams, Gruver 4-H - North Plains Insurance
Tate Batton, Spearman 4-H - Fort Dodge Animal Health

and Stedje Livestock

<u>Class V - Heavy</u>

Bailey Reid, Morse 4-H - First National Bank

Rachelle Holt, Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders

Audrey Lieb, Morse 4-H - First State Bank Nick Slough, Gruver FFA - Pat & Georgia Holt

Swine

Grand Champion - Tyler Lane - Panther City Cattle Co.
Reserve Grand - Blayne Baker - Hansford Implement
Junior Showmanship - Seth Thompson
Senior Showmanship - Garrett Martin

DUROC

Breed Champion - Forrest Lopez - DGC Feeders Reserve Breed - Allison Brown - Donetta Greene

Forrest Lopez, Gruver 4-H - DGC Feeders
Payton Thoreson, Gruver 4-H - First National Bank, Texhoma
Jordan Hicks, Gruver FFA - Bobby & Carolyn Hicks
Jessica Montgomery, Gruver FFA - Five Star Equipment
Kyler Cator, Spearman 4-H - Panther City Cattle Co.

Class II

Allison Brown, Spearman 4-H - Donetta Greene
Casey Cator, Spearman FFA - Gruver Redi-Mix
Sheldon Field, Morse 4-H - Thane McCloy
Greyson Karlin, Gruver 4-H - DGC Feeders
Austin Benton, Spearman 4-H - Kevin & Ronda Holt

HAMPSHIRES
Breed Champion - Blayne Baker - Hansford Implement
Reserve Breed - Cason Finley - Bort Insurance Agency
Class III

Malory Martin, Spearman 4-H - Pittman & Sons
Preslee Baker, Spearman 4-H - Panther City Cattle Co.
Laurcen Williams, Gruver 4-H - Larry's Welding
Lindsey Clift, Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders
Matthew Jarvis, Spearman 4-H - Britt & Linda Jarvis
Class IV

Amanda Pearson, Spearman 4-H - Donetta Greene
Lauren Patterson, Spearman 4-H - Hansford County Feeders
Britney Montgomery, Spearman FFA - Interstate Savings & Loan
Joey Pearson, Spearman 4-H - Hi Plains Auto
Tracy Brown, Spearman FFA - Five Star Equipment
Wade Evans, Spearman FFA - Margaret Evans

Class V

Blayne Baker, Spearman 4-H - Hansford Implement
Cason Finley, Gruver 4-H - Bort Insurance Agency
Halli Mans, Spearman 4-H - Archie Smith/Kyle Nollner
Tanner Irwin, Gruver 4-H - Bob Cluck Family
Lynn Vela, Gruver FFA - Frontier Feeders
Taylor Williams, Gruver 4-H - Aero Flight/Mike & Sharon Hargrove

Class VI

Hudson Williams, Gruver 4-H - Bort Insurance Agency
Cody Benton, Spearman 4-H - Hansford Implement
Cory Graves, Gruver Jr. FFA - Gruver State Bank
Cody Rutledge, Morse 4-H - Dean Cluck Feedyard
Stuart Martin, Spearman FFA - Quentin & Kelly Harper
Jessica Schmidt, Morse 4-H - Arkoma Transportation/Bozeman
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YORKS

Breed Champion - Garrett Martin - Pittman & Sons
Reserve Breed - Keilee Goodheart - First National Bank

Class VII

Keilee Goodheart, Spearman 4-H - First National Bank
Nick Slough, Gruver FFA - Panhandle Implement
Seth Salgado, Spearman 4-H - Perryton Feeders
Britta Vanderburg, Spearman FFA - Lady Fair
Lance Huddleston, Spearman FFA - Buzzard Farms

Garrett Martin, Spearman 4-H - Pittman & Sons
Zack Nollner, Spearman FFA - Beken Cattle/Crop Chasers
and Farmers Ag

Jack Karlin, Gruver 4-H - Alexa Thoreson Clete Vanderburg, Spearman FFA - Britt & Linda Jarvis Cara Gwin, Spearman FFA - Texas Farms/Billy & Joan Brown

Breed Champion - Tyler Lane - Panther City Cattle Co.
Reserve Breed - Megan Stedje - Hansford Air
Class IX

Brenna Reid, Morse 4-H - Don & Wanda Reed
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Timber Barkley, Spearman 4-H - Sparks Brothers Spraying
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Zack Murray, Spearman FFA - Cecil Ralston Trust
Class X

Seth Thompson, Gruver 4-H - Clint & Jody Irwin
Emily Hood, Spearman FFA - Del Cluck
Sawyer Sutterfield, Spearman 4-H - H&H Water Well
Lanie Graves, Gruver 4-H - Margaret Ralston
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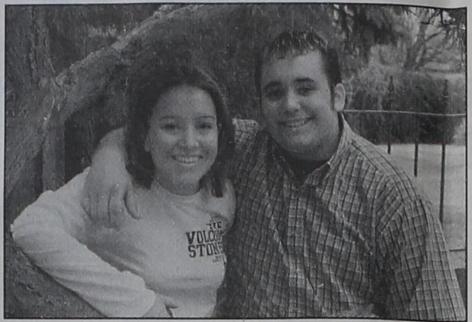
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### SHS Student of the Month



Emily Longoria and Zack Murray

Spearman High School January Student of the Month.

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Emily enjoys photography, computers and art.

She plans to attend Dallas Baptist University in the fall and major either in Elementary Education or Occupational Therapy and work in Dallas.

Emily is the daughter of Ed and DeDe Longoria, and has one brother, Daniel.

ing. She named Mrs. Lisa Short influential.

Emily Longoria is the high School January Student of the Month. A senior, he is the son of Mark Murray and Tamara Mauldor.

Zack is a member of FFA. 4-H, FCCLA, AWANA and UIL. He has received the FFA Lone Star Degree, as well as many other FFA awards.

He enjoys working on cars in any way, shape or form, as well hanging out with friends.

Following graduation he plans to attend Texas State University where he plans to major in Business Management. He then plans to attend a technical college, and eventually open his own shop. He also plans to work with youth groups.

Zack enjoys the closeness you have to everyone in Spearman, stating it is not all cynical like big cities. He enjoys the college classes because it will be great when he

He named Scott Stedie as his

#### **GHS Student of the Month**



Cecilia Rosales

Cecilia Rosales, a senior at Gruver High School, has been named January Student of the Month.

She has been a member of the GHS band since eighth grade, is a four-year member of FCCLA, and has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years.

Her honors included being named the outstanding photojournalism student and the outstanding chemistry student last

She enjoys cooking, watching and Mrs. Curry.

movies, listening to music, and

playing laser tag. The daughter of Misael and Rosa Rosales, Cecilia plans to

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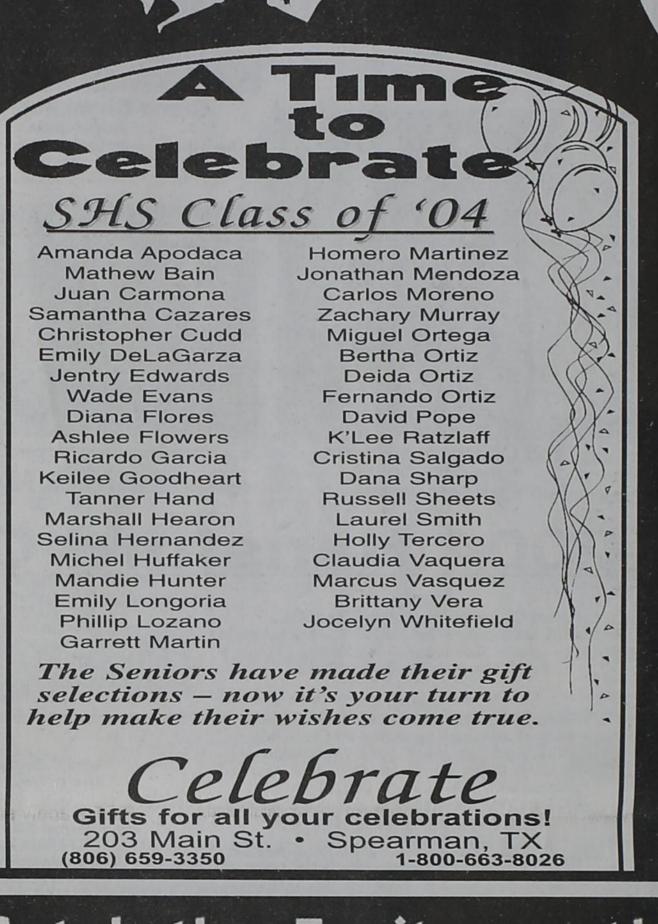
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## **Xcel Drops Surcharge**

It's not an April Fool's joke. Rates actually have gone down for electricity in several northeast Texas Panhandle counties.

A surcharge appearing on Xcel Energy bills since 1995 expired in March, so ongoing electric rates have decreased by between 8 percent and 20 percent in Perryton, Spearman, Booker, Follett, Darrouzett, Higgins and surrounding areas, said Bill Crenshaw, Xcel Energy spokesman.

Customers in these towns have been paying the surcharge but now will be billed at the same rates as Xcel Energy's other retail customers in Texas, Crenshaw said.

The communities' residential customers using 500 kilowatt hours of service monthly will see a price reduction of \$3.11, or 8.1 percent, compared with the surcharged prices.

Customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours monthly will save \$11.10, slightly more than 14 percent.

Business and industrial customers will see rate reductions ranging from about 14 percent to 20 percent.

surcharge began September 15, 1995, when Xcel Energy acquired the electric utility properties in the six communities from Texas-New Mexico Power Co. for \$29.2 million, a market price over book value.

Mike Lee, Independent School District superintendent, said the school's ties. February bill was \$3,428.28, and it included a \$608 acquisition surcharge.

If that amount is reduced, he



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said, the school will save 18 percent on its electric bill, worth about \$6,000 in savings to the \$54,000 electricity budget, Lee

Spearman City Manager Robert Patrick said the city as well as residents will see a direct impact - one that has really good timing going into the summertime.

"After we've seen a year's worth of high gas bills, the relief on the electric bills will be welcome this summer," Patrick

Customers in the communities had requested the purchase, and agreed to the \$15.3 million "acquisition adjustment surcharge," because TNP rates were significantly higher than Xcel Energy rates. Even with the acquisition surcharge in place, the communities saw an immediate rate reduction averaging 10 percent, and other rate decreases were implemented since.

The acquisition surcharge was expected to last through 2005, but electric load growth and increased kilowatt-hour sales in the communities accelerated recovery of the adjust-

The PUCT typically posts bill comparisons each month at www.puc.stat.tx.us at Electric, reports, recurring reports for non-competitive utilities. Xcel Energy rates typically have been among the lowest shown Booker on the reports, compared to similar price-regulated Texas utili-

### At-a-Glance

Examples of rate reductions: Customers whose electrical demand is 35 kilowatts and consumption is 7,500 kWh will see a monthly price reduction of \$112.45, or 17.7 percent.

 Customers whose demand is 35 kilowatts and consumption is 15,000 kWh, will see a price reduction of \$224.90, or 20.66 percent.

· Large customers or industrial customers whose demand is 300 kilowatts and who use 87,000 kilowatt-hours, will see a price reduction of \$843.81, or 13.65 percent.



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