



# HANSFORD COUNTY ★ THE REPORTER-STATESMAN ★

THURSDAY,  
APRIL 29, 2010

CELEBRATING 103 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HANSFORD COUNTY  
HANSFORD COUNTY'S ONLY NEWSPAPER

75¢

WWW.SPEARMANREPORTER.COM

VOLUME 103 • ISSUE 17



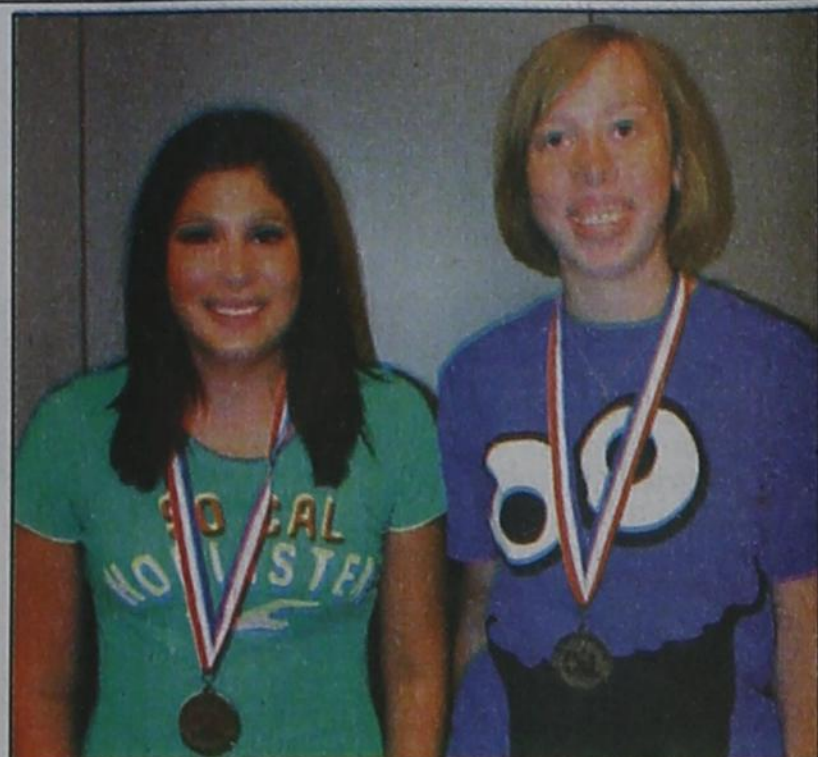
reporter@spearmanreporter.com

## SHS Students Excel at Regional Academic Meet

Spearman High School was well represented at the Regional UIL Meet in Odessa, TX on April 23 & 24, 2010 by thirteen individuals. These students worked diligently to make it to the regional meet and they did a great job of representing SHS and the Spearman community.

The following students competed in the following events: Jessica Pinon, Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Seth Salgado, Number Sense; Abbey Eudy, Chance Pack, Edgar Castillo, and Tate Batton, Calculator; Abbey Eudy, Ashton Comp, and Ariana Aguilera, Accounting; Crystal Cantu, Jake Willimon, and Andi Linn Scarborough, Spelling & Vocabulary; Crystal Cantu, Editorial Writing; Chance Pack; Tate Batton, Rosa Ortiz, and Whitney Maestas, Mathematics.

Crystal Cantu, daughter of Ramon and Debbie Cantu, won third place in editorial writing. Crystal is a freshman at SHS and did an amazing job to qualify



Spearman High School students Crystal Cantu and Abbey Eudy qualified to attend the State UIL Academic Meet in Austin on May 6-9, 2010.

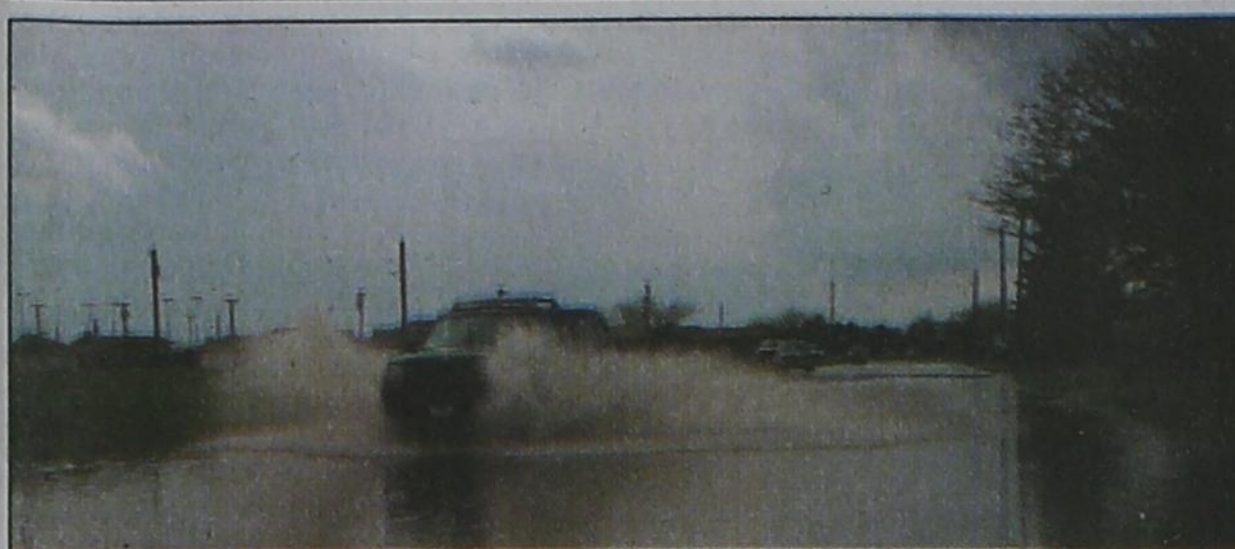
for the state meet as a freshman. She is coached by Melissa Eudy.

Abbey Eudy, daughter of Kenny and Melissa Eudy, qualified for state by placing 2nd in accounting. Abbey only missed one question on the test. Abbey is coached by Treva Braun.

This is the second year for Abbey to qualify for the state meet. Last year she qualified in headline writing.

The state meet will be held May 6-9, 2010 on the University of Texas' campus in Austin, TX

## Hail Hits Spearman



ABOVE: A truck drives through a water-covered street in Spearman on Thursday, April 22nd following a hail and rain storm.

BELOW: Golf-ball size hail pummelled Spearman on Thursday, April 22nd.

A line of severe storms thundered its way through the eastern portions of the Texas Panhandle on Thursday night, April 22, 2010, dumping rain and large hail and accompanied by reports of at least a half-dozen tornadoes.

Five of the tornadoes were reported in Gray County, said Steve Bilodeau with the National Weather Service in Amarillo. One was reported in Ochiltree County.

The strong storms produced heavy rains, golf-ball-sized hail and up to 60-mph winds in and around Hansford County.

Gruver received .04" of rain on the 22nd and .10" on the 23rd. Morse received .06 on the 22nd and .08 on the 23rd. Spearman received .05 on the 22nd and .92 on the 23rd.



## Boyd Rice Ties for NCHA Open Title

By Brett Hoffman, Amarillo Globe-News

One year ago, Boyd Rice of Spearman and a stallion named Third Cutting clinched the National Cutting Horse Association Super Stakes 4-year-old open division title.

When the title was at stake last week during the 5- and 6-year-old open division finals in Fort Worth, the duo tied for first with a score of 226.

"He's such an incredible horse," Rice said of Third Cutting. "He's just strong, he has a lot of eye appeal, and he loves to cut."

Third Cutting tied with Don't Look Twice and Phil Rapp of Weatherford. The winning horses' owners each pocketed \$43,265.

Rice also finished 17th in the 5- and 6-year-old Classic finals aboard Peptos Stylish Sue with a marking of 211 (\$6,788).

After competing in the 4-year-old open finals, Rice tied for 10th on a first-year mount named Boonie Tunes with a 215. The strong finish earned the horse's owner, Danny Poole of Texline, \$26,620.

Lee Francois of Murchison and Reys Desire won the 4-year-old open title with a 224. The victory earned Alabama owner HB Bartlett the \$112,599 first place prize.

The Super Stakes 4-year-old open division is the second jewel of the NCHA's Triple Crown Series.

### Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers in the evening. Windy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph becoming north 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the upper 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 60s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

TUESDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-spearman-texas.html#ixzz0mVCnpuCB>

### Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil-moisture levels were improved by 0.5 inch to 5 inches of rain. Many counties reported record or near-record amounts of rain for April. Wheat looked good, and the rain was particularly welcomed by dryland wheat growers. Reports of insects were few, but weed control was still a problem in some areas. Some producers started to plant corn, but they were stopped due to rain and cooler temperatures. However, as the soil temperatures rise back up to the mid to upper 50s, the rains will help with the remaining corn to be planted. There should still be plenty of soil moisture for silage and sorghum when planting begins near the end of April. Pastures looked good as spring growth came on. Livestock producers were winding down supplemental feeding of cattle.



Students of Jean Gwin performed piano and violin solos for the residents of Hansford Manor on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Pictured are (L-R) Sydney Fishburn (8) - piano, Maren Garnett (9) - violin, Finley Garnett (10) - violin, and Maggie Davis (7) - piano.

## Gruver ISD Campuses Honored by Region 16



All three Gruver campuses were honored by the Region 16 Educational Service Center on April 14th for outstanding academic achievement. Gruver was the only district to have all its campuses receive this honor.

The High School and Elementary were honored as Distinguished Performance Title 1 Campuses. The Junior High was honored as Region 16's only State Finalist Distinguished Performance Title 1 Campus.

Accepting the honors on behalf of their campuses are (L-R) Troy Seagler, High School Principal; Ray Cogburn, Region 16 Education Service Center; Debby Mayhew, Elementary Principal; and Micah Davis, Junior High Principal.

## USDA's Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers to File Annual Report of Acreage to Meet Farm Program Requirements

Rick Hargrove, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Hansford County today reminded producers to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office to meet FSA program eligibility requirements.

"Producers must file their reports accurately and timely for

all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage, to ensure they receive the maximum FSA program benefits possible," said Hargrove.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program and newer programs authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Programs include the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

Acreage reports are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

Late-filed provisions may be available to producers who are unable to meet the reporting deadline as required. Reports filed after the established deadline must meet certain requirements to be accepted and may be charged late fees.

Producers should visit their county FSA office to complete acreage reporting. For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office. More information on FSA programs is at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).



IT'S A DIAMOND!!!! Paula Hall brought her stone into Hickerson Jewelers and found that she has a 1/10th Carat Marquise shape diamond. Paula is having a custom ring designed to show off her new treasure. Hickerson Jewelers recently mailed hundreds of stones throughout the Panhandle in celebration of April Diamond Month. There are many more diamonds to be found! Come in and let us check your stone.



### Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

#### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Georgia and I safely traveled to Houston for the annual Texas Historical Commission meeting. This meeting brings us up to date on County Historical Commissions, preservation skills, etc.

We also received the new handbook. Each county will receive 2 copies which will be sent to either the president of your commission or to your county judge. It is state law for each county to

have a commission, and there are operational rules that we are supposed to be following in each of our counties to preserve our history and heritage. If your county is not active, contact your judge or the THC for assistance.

We had a great meeting and received new information on our CHC, tombstone preservation, new books, tools for surveys of our county, and a lot more that Georgia and I will be sharing with our CHC and

volunteers. If you have an interest in history and want to assist in surveying our county for historical sites, markers, structures, etc., give me a call.

The Book project is doing great. The stream of stories has slowed down so we hope to complete collection by May 14th. If you are working on your story, please complete it and get it in. We are also encouraging book orders. The pre-publication price is \$65 plus \$7 for mailing, the post-publication price will be a lot more.

Our exhibit for May/June is featuring the work of Denise Carter. Plan on your visit now.

#### HISTORICAL MUSINGS

Spring brings a lot of different "holidays" or days of observance for special occasions. April 22 is Arbor Day, which was created by J. Sterling Morton who was Secretary of the Nebraska Territory. He created Arbor Day as a way to encourage the planting of trees to improve the prairie of Nebraska. In 1882, Nebraska declared the day a legal holiday to be observed on Morton's birthday, April 22.

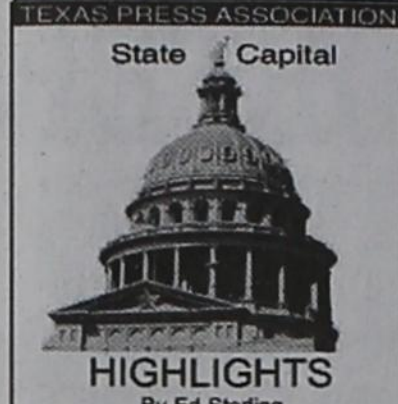
Today, almost every state celebrates an Arbor Day, but because the best tree-planting season changes from region to region, some states observe the day on different dates to coordinate with planting seasons.

On April 22, 1970, Arbor Day was modified to emphasize the critical importance of the environment and to make the American public aware of the destruction of the earth's natural preserves. Twenty million Americans observed this day.

Twenty years later in 1990, Earth Day was observed once again. On the Mall in the center of Washington, D.C., people gathered for Earth Fest. Although Earth Day is not a yearly federal holiday, it is observed at the time of Arbor Day and has helped Americans realize they can and should do something to protect the environment.

I hope you attended an earth day event this year. Plant a tree or assist your neighbor with cleaning. Have a good week.

See us for:  
**AUTO • HOME • CROP HAIL • FARM & RANCH • MULTIPERIL • LIVESTOCK**  
**INSURANCE**  
  
**BORT AGENCY, INC.**  
 510 Main St. • Gruver, TX  
 (806) 733-2456



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

### Sunset report suggests PUC needs more oversight authority

AUSTIN — An April 23 Sunset Advisory Commission report recommends increasing the Public Utility Commission's authority to oversee the electric industry in Texas.

The report says ERCOT, the powerful Electric Reliability Council of Texas, needs a board of directors with fewer members tied to the electric industry.

"Clearly there are a number of issues that ERCOT must address," said PUC Commissioner Donna Nelson. "I believe the Sunset recommendations draw attention to many of those issues and I encourage the ERCOT board to make the necessary changes to increase the level of confidence Texans have in their electric grid operator."

ERCOT, founded in 1970, manages the flow of electric power to 22 million Texas customers, representing 85 percent of the state's electric load and 75 percent of the Texas land area. ERCOT manages financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers customer switching for 6.5 million Texans in competitive choice areas.

The Sunset process will continue this year with a public hearing and Legislative review in preparation for the 82nd regular session of the Texas Legislature, which begins in January 2011.

### Mansion addition plans approved

The State Preservation Board announced plans for an addition to be built on the west side of the Governor's Mansion.

The 1,000 square foot addition would include a stairway, more space in the first-floor kitchen and a new second-floor bedroom.

The 153-year-old building has been undergoing restoration since June 2008, when an arson fire destroyed much of it.

The bill for the restoration will be paid with millions in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds in addition to funds raised privately.

### UT to restructure TeleCampus

UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa announced changes in the op-

eration of the system's on-line and distance learning functions.

UT TeleCampus will move into a new System Administration office, allowing broader access to online courses, which Cigarroa said should bolster graduation rates.

And, the office will serve as a clearinghouse for innovations where start-up programs will be implemented and employees will assist with distance education marketing and recruitment efforts.

### Program to help with admissions

A free Online College Preparation Assistance Pilot Program soon will help high school students tackle the college selection and application process.

The Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are launching the \$1.5 million pilot program and expect 20,000 to 30,000 high school students from across Texas to participate.

School districts and their selected high schools will be notified as to when they may participate. The program tailors each student's information to help them stay on track to graduate and proceed toward career goals.

### Agency acts to ensure disclosure

The Texas Ethics Commission recently approved new rules requiring public disclosure of direct campaign expenditures by corporations and unions to

candidates for public office.

The rule comes in the wake of the Citizens United U.S. Supreme Court case, which took the lid off donations to candidates.

Extending the disclosure requirement "would favor the public interest by providing information to the public regarding efforts to influence elections through spending," according to the draft language adopted by the Commission.

### Every day is Earth Day at TxDOT

On April 20, two days in advance of Earth Day, a Texas Department of Transportation news release said every day is Earth Day for the agency.

The main reason is that TxDOT is one of the state's leading consumers of recycled goods, such as roofing scraps, old tires, worn asphalt and other materials that Texans normally pitch into landfills. For example, in 2009, TxDOT used for than 2.8 million tons of reclaimed asphalt and about 780,000 tires worth of scrap rubber.

The agency pointed to its fleet of more than 3,300 alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles as an example of its efforts to improve air quality and the fact that it offers an annual clean air incentive program for department staff. The program encourages the use of public transit, carpooling and brown-bagging a lunch to further reduce emissions.

### Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the fifth week of the Season of Easter, we are shown who may obtain the Kingdom of Heaven and how as we study Acts 11: 1-18, Revelation 21: 1-6, Psalm 148, and John 13: 1-35.

Luke shows us Peter defending himself before the church at Jerusalem. Peter is accused of 'eating with the uncircumcised'. Peter details a vision that he had while in Joppa, in which a large sheet from heaven was lowered by its four corners. Within the sheet are four footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles and birds. A voice says, "Kill and eat". Peter refuses because these animals are ritually 'unclean'. The voice declares, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane". This vision repeats three times. Three men from Caesarea arrive at Peter's door and ask him to accompany them to the home of Cornelius, a Roman centurion. The three men were sent by Cornelius who was told in a vision to send for Peter. Peter takes six men with him. He declares the gospel to Cornelius and his household and before Peter completes his sermon the Holy Spirit falls upon the gentiles. [Note: Cornelius sought out Peter, this was 'evangelism' by request!] Peter took six men with him because under the law in Egypt, which was known by the Jews, the testimony of seven men was required to prove a case completely and under Roman law seven seals were required to prove a document completely. Peter is showing that the Church is open to all, completely. Christianity is no longer only a Jewish sect.


The Psalmist sings a call to praise God to all of creation—animate and inanimate. God controls all of creation and his creation should praise him.

John of Patmos declares the arrival of a 'new heaven and a new earth'. The evil which contaminated the 'old heaven and old earth' have passed away. God 'dwells' with his peoples. [Note: the word translated 'dwells' actually is 'tent'; in the new heaven and the new earth all believers live in God's 'tent']. As we study God walked with man in Eden, God 'dwelt' with his people in the wilderness; God 'dwelt' with Israel in Palestine; God 'dwelt' with his people in the Temple at Jerusalem. In Jesus the Christ we have our "Immanuel" (literally "God with us.")

John gives his recollection of the scene in the upper room prior to our Lord's betrayal. He identifies two characters, Judas the Betrayer, and Peter, the Denier. During supper, Jesus takes off his outer robe, wraps a towel around himself, pours water into a basin and starts washing his disciples' feet. This is a menial task usually performed by a servant, prior to entering the house for dinner. Peter refuses to have his feet washed; the Lord tells Peter he must wash Peter's feet if Peter is to be Jesus' disciple. Peter accepts completely. The point made in answer to the Disciples' earlier question "Who is greatest?" is "There is only one kind of greatness, the greatness of service." As they complete the meal John is on Jesus' right and Judas is on Jesus' left. The left side was a place of honor for an ultimate friend. When Jesus states, "one of you will betray me", Peter asks John to find out who this traitor will be. Jesus indicates the traitor by dipping a piece of bread in the dish and giving it to Judas. [This offering of a morsel by the host was a sign of special friendship]. Judas is then told to 'go quickly'. Judas leaves to betray Jesus. We are told it was night; it is always night when a believer leaves Jesus. Jesus ends the evening by declaring his impending departure. He charges the disciples to love each other as Jesus has loved each of them. Jesus' love is selfless, sacrificial, understanding and forgiving.

May the Holy Spirit allow you to be known as Jesus' disciple by your love.

SUDOKU PRESENTED BY



Where volunteering begins.

						1	6		
1				2	7				
9					8				5
	3	9						4	
4	2		3		9		5	7	
	5					3	2		
2			4						8
			7	9					4
7	4								

© 2010, StatePoint Media, Inc. answer on classified page  
 Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

**The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman**  
 Mailing Address - 213 Main Street • Spearman TX 79081  
 Physical Address - 310 Barkley Street • Spearman TX 79081  
 Phone - (806) 659-3434 • Fax - (806) 398-9080  
 www.spearmanreporter.com • reporter@spearmanreporter.com  
**Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Mon.-Wed. & 1-5 p.m.**  
**Closed Thurs. afternoon and all day Fri., Sat. & Sun.**

**Gary Smith - Publisher** Catherine Smith - Editor  
 Contributing Writers: Dorothy Hudson, Jim Derington, Merry Sparks, Cecil Biggers  
 Contributing Photographers: Charlie Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Tammy Batton, Bonnie Bergan

**Subscription Rates**  
 In Hansford County - \$30.00 • Out of County - \$40.00  
 E-Mail Subscription - \$35.00

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman (USPS 529660) is published weekly in Spearman, TX. Periodical postage paid in Spearman, TX. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to: The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081.

**Publication Policy**  
 The deadline to submit news and advertising to The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit. Publication of all items is at the discretion of the editor.

**Advertising**  
 Open Display rates are \$4.00 per column inch. Classified Ads are \$6 for the first 25 words and 10¢ per word for each additional word. (Additional charge for boxed classifieds.) There is a \$1 charge per week if billed.

Member of  
 Gruver Chamber of Commerce  
 Spearman Chamber of Commerce  
 Texas Press Association and Panhandle Press Association



**WEDDING BELLS**

**ACROSS**

- Infectious threat in some locker rooms
- de deux
- Imitator
- Locomotive hair
- Flightless bird
- Early 1990s SNL cast member
- Jouster's cover
- Nothing
- "Step \_\_\_!"
- \*Opposite the maid of honor
- \*"Four Weddings and a \_\_\_" movie
- \*Wedding officiant, abbr.
- Frog-kissing result?
- Mayan language
- Dumpy establishment
- To sterilize an animal
- Eve's partner
- Chronic drinkers
- Wear away
- Amusement park attraction
- Young owl
- First king of Israelites
- \_\_\_-fire
- Lee, known for its treats
- American Society for Clinical Investigation
- \_\_\_ Society
- Back of neck

**DOWN**

- Wound cover
- Its treads wear down
- Contributions to the poor
- Russian for "Peter"
- Injured
- He was married to Madonna and Wright
- Mon cher \_\_\_
- Short for sulfonamide
- \*Church ceremony location
- Two of the same
- Cocoyam
- It goes with a rod
- Eastern Sloux

**ACROSS**


- Dispatch boat
- Large coffee pot
- Alligator habitat
- \*Mendelssohn's "Wedding \_\_\_"
- Farewell in French
- Heidi Fleiss, e.g.
- \*Promises
- Celestial bear
- \*Delivered by best man
- Derive or elicit
- An antiquity from distant past
- \*Verde National Park
- "Will be," according to Doris Day
- Ungulate of southeast Asia having fleshy snout
- Past tense of #65
- Across
- Increase
- In high spirits
- \*The bride and groom unite in a matrimony in this country
- Irish actor Milo or British music hall legend Tessie
- \*None is better than this man
- To a position on
- What Web sites often call a patron
- Wharf
- Ball of yarn or cord

These games are brought to you by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

**CROSSWORD**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13					14			15			
16					17			18			
19					20			21	22		
					23			24			
25	26	27		28	29		30	31	32	33	34
35		36		37		38		39			
40				41			42		43		
44				45		46			47		
48				49		50		51	52		
				53		54		55	56		
57	58	59	60			61			62	63	64
65					66	67		68			
69					70			71			
72					73			74			

PRESENTED BY



Where volunteering begins.

© 2010, StatePoint Media, Inc. answer on classified page



# Happy Birthday!

**April 29**  
**Birthday** - Jill Garrett, Clay Hobbs, Betty Roberts, Estelle Jackson, Britton Benge, Burton Williams, Robbie Shields, Christine Harnish, Dora Alvarez, Greg Odegaard, Ila Willis, Randi Atwood, John Haynes, Madison McLain, Bailey Stedje

**April 30**  
**Birthday** - Golda Mae Dunnihoo, Debra Cook, Shawn Martin, M.A. Brand, Robert Cantu, Cora Lee Jarvis, Hector Hermosillo, James E. Johnson, Zachery Renteria

**Anniversary** - M/M Kyle Irwin

**May 1**  
**Birthday** - Josie Kiser, Cori Cox, Marti Garnett, Jarrett Swan, April Jarvis, Gina Hamilton, Earl Spencer, James Sterling, Floydean Shook, Ryon Atwood, Christine States, Angela Coombs, Devin Delozier, Victoria Renteria, Allan Thompson, Jason Ward, Aaron Weller, Dani Wheelock

**Anniversary** - M/M Bobby Don Smith, Ronnie & Coleen Schaefer

**May 2**  
**Birthday** - Michael Booth, Whitney Lilley, Chad Logsdon, Marsha Shaver, Carolyn Gressett, Melodie Kelp, Bryan Jenkins, Dalene Baker, Nick Renteria, Rex Shook, Lynn Davis, Keith Gibson, Connie Pape, Annie Torres

**Anniversary** - M/M Jose Vaquera

**May 3**  
**Birthday** - Gilbert Perez, Jon Tolleson, Patty Sheppard, Cruz Garcia, Rita Reed, Kendra Ivy, Linda Deluna, Derek George, Jason Harnish, April LaFarr, Michael Sparkman, Jewel Thomas, Haley Young

**Anniversary** - Ric & Sandee Smith, Virginia & John Trindle

**May 4**  
**Birthday** - David Slater, Dwayne Mitchell, Pat Sutterfield, Buford Babitzke, Tina Rex, Victor Rios Sr., Terri Dewberry, Patrick Sparkman, Stan Fletcher, Pat Bratton, Colby McKinley, Keith Winegarner, Holden Puentes

**Anniversary** - Angie & Willie Salgado, Stephen & Jerri Lane

**May 5**  
**Birthday** - Olivia Cazares, Kevin Spivey, Joan Lee, Buena Lyons, Mrs. W.W. Weaver, Becky Hutchison, Debbie Fletcher, Debbie Evans, Jim Shields, Wallace Price, Melva Nichols, Venita Womack, Sawyer

Sutterfield, DeeDee Longoria, Marva Roselius, Gary Gumfory

**May 6**  
**Birthday** - Mike O'Connell, Robin Hargis, Cecil Fryer Jr., Andrea Archer, Raymond Jenkins, Audrey Regan, Joan Dahl, Sybil Vera, Dr. Darrell Duke, Angie McCarney, Tim Smith, Tyler Schnell

**May 7**  
**Birthday** - Bette Burk, Chris Deakin, Ashley Gammon, Helen Holt, Adelaida Vela, Stephanie Bayless, Scott McCloy, Carley Coomer, Becky Reagan, Jean Smith

**Anniversary** - Ramon & Trish Rosales

**May 8**  
**Birthday** - Cody MacBeen, Kris Horton, Allan McCloy, Mike Pierce, Richard Pipkin, Pat Cudd, Carla Barkley, Phil Tripp, Monica Cantu, Denice Bridges, Clydeen Ramsey

**Anniversary** - M/M Don Hudson, Curtis & Bonnie Gross

**May 9**  
**Birthday** - Teresa Barkley, James Burk, A.J. Lopez, Bobby Thompson, Jerry Virden, Tommy Gambin, Chuck Sparkman, L.T. Wright, Dusty Ellis, Alicia Francis, Ruby McLain, Toni Davis, Liz Cazares, Julie May, Nikkie Stork

**Anniversary** - M/M Dale Hodge

**May 10**  
**Birthday** - Sandy Foster, Hayley Garland, Paula Williams, Butch Lasater, Teresa Kirk, Alva Garner, Brenda Shieldknight, Kevin Bellows, Deborah Randall, Paul Garza Jr., Robert Howell, Adrian Garza, Tashiana Schumann, Troy Seagler, Tammy Mitchell, Abigail DeLeon, Bonnie Novak

**Anniversary** - M/M Harley Murrell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Ray Gibson

**May 11**  
**Birthday** - Pake Eckhardt, Jeff Hand, Diane McLain, Maria Arjona, Scotty Evans, Francis Ortega, Mary Ellen Vitele, Jeremy Austin, Larue Whitefield, Jared George, Wylee Maupin, Darla Myatt

**May 12**  
**Birthday** - Kristin Evans, John Holland, Trevor Ferguson, Deanna Johnson, Dave Karlin, Jimmy Greene, Hazel Scott, Gary Gumfory, Ernesto Puentes, Karen Hamilton, Toni Atwood, Bonnie Benson, Anita Spivey, Lauren Carter, Karen Hodge, Kenneth Redwine

**Anniversary** - M/M Bob Davis

# Open Letter

Letter to the members of Spearman, Gruver and the Pringle Morse Communities, plus all other residences of Hansford County:

As a former Hansford County resident, I feel I can address you one and all when I say - You Are Good People! We were not natives of the Panhandle, but when we moved from Lubbock to Gruver in 1970, we felt like we were home. After raising our four daughters, and they all left for college, we decided to move to Ennis (about 15 years ago) and left behind so many friends. I didn't realize how many good friends and neighbors until about 8 weeks ago.

I had to have a fairly serious surgery and you were there for me. I was put on prayer lists, sent flowers, cards, I received phone calls, emails and even posts to my facebook (I am not THAT old). Messages were forwarded to me from my daughters that they received concerning my illness. It seemed as if we had never left when I started receiving well wishes from "home." It has made my recovery so much more bearable knowing that someone in Hansford County is still praying for me.

The process for healing is about 8 months, so those who know me must realize that I am not taking being home-bound very gracefully. I am ready to chew the paint off the walls! But healing will come with your prayers and good thoughts.

Each of you please accept my heartfelt Thank You for all you have done. Please keep me in your prayers and God bless each and every one of you.

Now turn to each other and pat one another on the back - Because Hansford County, You Are Good People

Sincerely,  
 Loretto Cook, PO Box 1077, Ennis TX 75120,  
 972-875-8190

# THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the parents of the Gruver High School Juniors for their help with the Prom. The appetizer table looked scrumptious, the meal was delicious, and the kids loved the little water bottles and punch for the dance.

Thank you, too, for the extra help of clearing tables, delivering desserts, use of gazebos and potted plants, etc!!! We couldn't have done it without you all!

Sarah Clark and Donna Wright,  
 Gruver High School Junior Class Sponsors

# Our Sympathy

**HENRY GRADY "BUD" CONNALLY**  
 AMARILLO - Henry Grady "Bud" Connally, 85, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in San Jacinto Church of Christ with Glen Walton, Bret McCasland and Dale Dennis officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Henry, affectionately called Bud, was born Nov. 28, 1924, in Brownsboro, Ala., to Henry and Susie Connally. He married Bonnie Lening in February 1948 in Spearman.

Bud dedicated his life to education for more than 40 years, 27 of which he worked as the director of federal programs at Region 16 Service Center.

Bud was a longtime member of San Jacinto Church of Christ, where he had been both an elder and a deacon. He was also an avid basketball fan.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Connally; two sons, Randy Connally and wife Christy and Ron Connally and wife Tina, all of Amarillo; a daughter-in-law, Linda Connally of Amarillo; a sister, Jean Johnson and husband John of Amarillo; a brother, Charles Connally and wife Jean of Antioch, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Cari Morrison and husband Colby, Brett Connally and wife Natalie, Rendi Bonner and husband Jamie, Brennan Connally and Kalee Connally; and five great-grandchildren, Zac, Jaetin, Maddie, Coulson and Roxie.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to Key to the Kingdom India Mission, 4124 Business Park Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110; or Amarillo College Bible Chair, 2501 S. Jackson St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

# GEOFFREY MARTEL CALDWELL

**WHEELER** - Geoffrey Martel Caldwell, 71, died Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Mobeetie.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mobeetie Cemetery with the Rev. Erron Mercer, pastor of Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Home.

Geoffrey was born March 24, 1939, in Canadian to Austin Caldwell and Bernice Craig Caldwell. He was raised in Mobeetie. He married Fredia in August 2002 in Wheeler.

Geoffrey moved to Amarillo in 1958, where he worked for First National Bank of Amarillo for 32 years.

Geoffrey moved back to Mobeetie in 1992 after his retirement. He was a member of the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beverly Godwin. Survivors include his wife, Fredia of Mobeetie; three sons, Mike Caldwell of Dumas, Greg Caldwell of Pennsylvania and Matthew Caldwell; a stepdaughter, Dana Wills of Gruver; a stepson, Cavitt Ashby of Borger; and 17 grandchildren.

Sign the online guest book at [www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com).

## MONUMENTS

### Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home

519 Evans • Spearman  
 659-3802

Dear friends,  
 When you buy a monument from us we make sure it is exactly what you want at a price you can afford. If it is not right, we will make it right. And you will not have to search the countryside to find us. We are here when you have a need.

Sincerely,  
 Bob Boxwell

**FREE SCOOTER MONTHLY!**

**Toll Free**  
 1-877-POWER17  
 (1-877-769-3717)

*"Sign up for Monthly Scooter Give-Away"*

**Med Care**  
 MEDICAL SUPPLY

*Se Habla Espanol*  
 8am-6pm M-F

**February Winner**  
 Linda Love  
 Springtown, Tx.

**LET'S GO TO POST!**

Bustling Main Street  
 with lots of shopping  
 Museums and theaters

Trade Day the 1st Saturday of the month  
 A short trip, a long weekend and wide-open fun

[www.postcitytexas.com](http://www.postcitytexas.com)  
 866-360-9496

**TOUGH Affordable Fun!**

**FamilyGoKarts.com**

• Fantastic ATVs starting at \$569.95. Ships Free!  
 • Quality ATVs for all ages with fast shipping  
 • Plus GoKarts, Trailers, RC Cars & more...  
 • Long lasting fun!

Visit us at [www.FamilyGoKarts.com](http://www.FamilyGoKarts.com)

**Call Now... 800-950-2210**

**DIRECTV SAVE \$29/MO FOR A YEAR!**

PLUS: **FREE** 1-4 Room System

**FREE** Standard Installation

**FREE** HD DVR Receiver Upgrade

**FREE** 3 MONTHS SHOWTIME & Starz

No start costs! Local installs!  
 ASK HOW! CALL DIRECTV STARTY

**Toll Free 800-214-7110**

## Replenish the seed of faith through . . .

### DAILY BIBLE READING, PRAYER & REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

- |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p><b>Spearman</b></p> <p><b>Apostolic Faith Church</b><br/>             822 S. Dressen • 659-2870<br/>             Sunday School: 10 a.m.<br/>             Worship Service: 11 a.m.<br/>             Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.<br/>             Pastor - Roland Haney</p> <p><b>First Assembly of God</b><br/>             401 N. Bemis • 659-2295<br/>             Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 10:40 a.m.<br/>             Evening Worship: 6 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Youth: 7<br/>             Pastor - Jerry Pollard</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>             (Disciples of Christ)<br/>             29 S. Bemis • 659-2036<br/>             Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 10:50 a.m.<br/>             Minister -</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>             123 N. Bemis • 659-5557<br/>             Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 11 a.m.<br/>             Evening Worship: 7 p.m.<br/>             Men's Bible Study - Wed. 7 a.m.<br/>             Children's Choir - Wed. 6 p.m.<br/>             Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.<br/>             Pastor - Jim Medley</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>             121 S. Haney • 659-3244<br/>             Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Evening Worship: 6 p.m.<br/>             Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b><br/>             901 Roland • 659-2792<br/>             Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.<br/>             Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English<br/>             Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish<br/>             1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo<br/>             Rectorial Mass - Spanish<br/>             Rev. Guillermo Morales</p> <p><b>First United Methodist</b><br/>             407 S. Haney • 659-5503<br/>             Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.<br/>             Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday<br/>             High School: 6 p.m. Sunday<br/>             Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.<br/>             Pastor - Neely Landrum</p> <p><b>Grace Presbyterian Church</b><br/>             (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)<br/>             1101 Bemis • 659-2033</p> <p><b>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b><br/>             1101 Bemis • 659-2252<br/>             Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 11 a.m.<br/>             (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)<br/>             Pastor - Cecil Biggers, PLM</p> <p><b>Union Church</b><br/>             31 S. Endicott • 659-2644<br/>             Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 11:00 a.m.<br/>             Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.<br/>             Youth Service: 6 p.m. Wed.<br/>             Pastor - Don Baltazor</p> <p><b>Fellowship Baptist</b><br/>             1102 S. Archer • 659-2783<br/>             Sunday School: 10 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 11 a.m.<br/>             Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.<br/>             Sun. Evening Spanish Worship: 7 p.m.<br/>             Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed.<br/>             Pastor - Philip Hudson</p> | <p><b>Primera Misión Bautista</b><br/>             502 E. 7th • 659-3991<br/>             Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 11 a.m.<br/>             Evening: 6 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.<br/>             Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.<br/>             Pastor - Joe Garcia Jr.</p> <p><b>El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.</b><br/>             1105 S. Roland<br/>             Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.<br/>             Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.<br/>             Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.<br/>             Miér: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.<br/>             Pastor - A.G. Martell<br/>             (806) 659-2153</p> | <p><b>Gruver United Methodist</b><br/>             Broadway &amp; Garrett<br/>             733-2651<br/>             Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>             Worship: 8:30 &amp; 10:50 a.m.<br/>             Eve. Worship &amp; UMY: 6 p.m.<br/>             Pastor - George Price</p> <p><b>Spanish Cristo Redentor Church</b><br/>             Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.<br/>             Friday Evening Mass<br/>             Summer - 8:00 p.m.<br/>             Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.</p> |
|---|---|--|---|

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

This feature is made possible through the sponsorship of these civic minded businesses:

<p><b>Peakin ELECTRIC</b></p> <p>OILFIELD • RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL              321 S. MAIN • SPEARMAN              1-800-999-1506 Chris              Deakin              (806) 659-5016 President</p>	<p><b>Bartlett's Lumber &amp; Hardware</b></p> <p>105 W. Broadway • Gruver, TX              (806) 733-2404</p>	<p><b>BERRY CLEANERS</b></p> <p>Ann &amp; Vernon Pipkin - Owners              Phone 659-3122 • P.O. Box 1017              207 Main St. • Spearman, TX</p>	<p><b>Morse Implement &amp; Auto Supply</b></p> <p>"Join us in church"              Tom Dortch 733-2668              Box 89 • Morse, TX 79062</p>
<p><b>PRAIRIE MOTORS INC.</b></p> <p>Hwy. 207 South • P.O. Box 430              Spearman, TX 79081 • (806) 659-2541  <a href="http://www.prairiemotors.com">www.prairiemotors.com</a></p>	<p><b>MurMur's Cafe</b></p> <p>100 Roland St              Spearman, TX.              659-3580</p>	<p><b>Hansford County Reporter-Statesman</b></p> <p>"Proudly Serving Hansford County Since 1907"              (806) 659-3434              310 Barkley • Spearman, TX</p>	<p><b>INTERSTATE BANK, sss</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.interstatebank.net">www.interstatebank.net</a>              322 Main • P.O. Box 146              Spearman, TX • 659-2559</p>



# HYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

A medical fund has been established for Bruce Duncan at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a donation you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Bruce Duncan Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

### O'Loughlin Center Announces New Hours

Beginning March 1, 2010, The O'Loughlin Center will be open for the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). For more information, contact Jada Breeden, Manager, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, PO Box 733, Spearman TX 79081, 806-659-3030.

### Spearman ISD Community Resource Program

Spearman ISD Community Resource Program is considering starting beginner and intermediate computer classes. I am trying to get an indication of interest around the area for these classes. Please send an email or call the office to let me know if you would be interested in one of these classes. (Cindy Blackman - 659-3233 or cindy.blackman@region16.net)

### Kids Kamp - Lynx Basketball Camp

Kids Kamp will host a Lynx Basketball Camp June 1-4 from 1-5 p.m. in the Lynx Varsity Gym. The cost of the camp is \$60 and includes a T-shirt. Students will learn the fundamentals of the game, learn the Lynx philosophy, and learn and develop a sense of family and pride. A competition will be held every day. The instructor is Coach Josh White. To register, call Cindy Blackman at the Community Resource Office, 806-659-3233, email to cindy.blackman@region16.net, or pick up an application from any school office or the Hansford County Library.

### Kids Kamp - Lynxette Basketball Camp

Kids Kamp will host a Lynxette Basketball Camp June 1-4 from 9 a.m.-12 noon in the Lynx Varsity Gym. The cost of the camp is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. This camp is open to kids up to 9th grade and will be coached by Coach Jr. Ashmore. To register, call Cindy Blackman at the Community Resource Office, 806-659-3233, email to cindy.blackman@region16.net, or pick up an application from any school office or the Hansford County Library.

### Spearman Blood Drive May 10

Coffee Memorial Blood center is hosting a Blood Drive in Spearman on Monday, May 10, 2010, from 1-7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center (502 Brandt). Every eligible donor who presents to donate during the months of May, June, July, and August will be entered into a drawing for a \$2500 cruise voucher to the destination of your choice. The more you donate, the more often you can enter! For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Jada Breeden at 659-3030.

### Mexican Pile-On Fundraiser

A Mexican Pile-On Fundraiser will be held on Friday, April 30th from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Union Church (31 S. Endicott St., Spearman). The cost is \$7.00 per plate and includes dessert. Toppings include: Meat, Black Olives, Onions, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Sour Cream, Raisins, Coconuts, Homemade Hot Sauce, Rice and Beans, and Kitchen Sink upon request. For more information, contact Anna Navarrete at 806-270-1757.

### Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles

The Hansford County Golf Club has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time is at 6 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$10 per person. Teams are drawn. For more information, or to sign up, call 659-2233.

### Panhandle Crisis Center 14th Annual Golf Tournament

The Panhandle Crisis Center will host their 14th Annual Golf Tournament, a 2-Player Scramble, on Saturday, May 1st at 9 a.m. at the Perryton Golf Course. The cost is \$40 per player. The entry fee includes green fees, mulligans, and beverages during play, as well as lunch, which will be served at 11:30 a.m. For more information and tournament sign-up, contact the Perryton Club Pro Shop at (806) 435-5381.

### Amarillo Botanical Gardens - Garden Fest

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will hold their annual outdoor GardenFest event on Saturday, May 1st from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Local garden clubs and businesses will sell plants and other garden and yard related products. Also available will be gardening demonstrations, art show, book sale and gift shop. Light snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Musical artist Mike Fuller will perform. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.AmarilloBotanicalGardens.org, or call 806-352-6513.

### Get Your Green Thumb Here!

Gardening in the Texas Panhandle can be easy and fun! Master Gardener Angie Hanna will explain the "7 Basic Principles of Gardening" at the Take 5 program April 30 from 12:05 to 12:55 pm in the Education Classroom. Implementation of these principles provides three results: beautiful, thriving plants, low water usage and low maintenance gardens. Anyone can turn around a drab, boring, lifeless landscape when they adhere to established gardening principles and adjust them for climate and soil conditions. The fee for the program is \$3. Participants should enter at the door on the museum's north loading dock. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. PPHM's Take 5 program series is held on the final Friday of months with five Fridays. The next program in the series is slated for July 30.

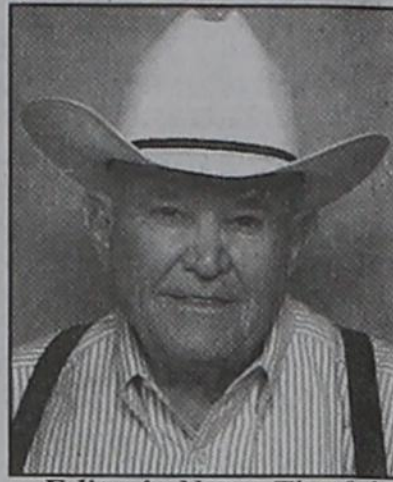
### SHS All School Reunion July 2 & 3, 2010

The Spearman High School All-School Reunion will be held July 2nd & 3rd, 2010. If you have information regarding a specific class reunion, please contact the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We will list the specific information for each class reunion, as well as the information for the All-School Reunion in the newspaper as we receive it. Information may be mailed to: Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081; e-mailed to: reporter@spearmanreporter.com; faxed: 806-398-9080; or phoned in: 806-659-3434.

### SHS Class of 1960 Reunion

The SHS Class of 1960 will hold our class reunion on July 1, 2010 at the Country Barn in Amarillo starting at 5 p.m. The next day we will travel to Spearman for the All School Reunion. Contact Mickey Davis Gribble at mickeydg@comcast.net to RSVP. You may also contact Zack Fisher at zbfmem@windstream.net or Penny Dollar Cupp at cupstr4@aol.com for additional information.

## My Pepa, My Hero



*Editor's Note: The following essay was written by Michaela Davis, a 7th grader at Gruver Jr. High, as an assignment for school. She had to write a paper about her hero. She chose to write about her grandfather, C.A. Davis. C.A. passed away three years ago on May 3, 2007 after a 13-month illness. Michaela's teacher sent the letter to her grandmother, Gerry Davis, at Michaela's request. It is now being shared with you.*

### My Hero:

As I walked into the house, I heard the rush of air going through the oxygen tubes, saw the smiling face of Pepa and thought, "Lets go to the farm Pepa." Through this tragic time I always remember the

farm, talking to the bedridden soldier and the final days with him. I will always have my stubborn old hero locked in my heart forever.

First, while sitting on Pepa's lap helping him drive to the farm, he said, "Poosty (his pet name for me), scoot over and let me drive for a while."

I picked up the dusty old binoculars and held them up to my eyes. Pepa looked different, so I said, "Pepa, how come you look so far away?" He answered in his gentle voice, "You turned them the wrong way." Laughing, I turned them around and saw Pepa get larger. I looked out to the field and saw a very different bird. He saw it, too, and asked, "Poosty, have you ever seen one of them before?" I honestly hadn't and we started playing a game to see how many pheasants we could spot. A few months later Pepa's lungs became worse and he became bedridden.

Then I started going to his house after school. We would talk for hours. He shared many of his memories of World War II. He said it was a terrible time.

Almost all families were poor. Then he told me about the Korean War. He was stationed in Newfoundland. He met his wife, Gerry Davis. They fell in love and married and came back to Texas to live.

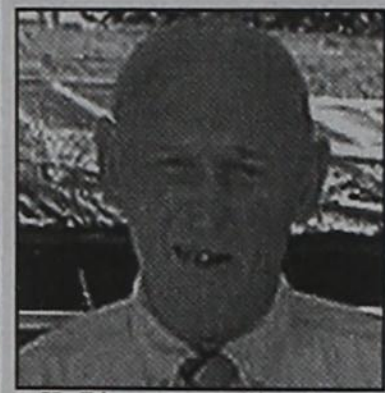
Pepa's health grew worse and worse so one day I went home and wrote him a note. I poured out my heart and thanked him for all he had taught me and just being there for me. He is one of the best friends I ever had. When I took the note to the hospital, he was asleep and didn't get to read it. I went

home and that night he passed away.

My Pepa is the best thing that ever happened to me. He was like a light at the end of a dark tunnel. I will always remember the farm trips, our talks and the note. What I learned from my Pepa was to be myself and not let anyone stop me from chasing my dreams.

*Editor's Note: Months after C.A. passed away, Michaela told her grandmother that since she didn't get to read the note to her Pepa, she put it in his casket, so she knew he got to read it.*

### Pierce Family Leaves Hansford County



JL Pierce was dismissed from the hospital on Thursday, April 22, 2010 and has moved to Pampa

to live with his daughter, Rosa Pierce Roberts. JL is doing better, but having trouble walking with his bad knee. With JL's move, the last of the Pierces have now left Hansford County after 103 years. (There are still a couple descendants of Rhoda Pierce Wilbanks living in Hansford County) If you would like to contact JL, you may call him at 806-440-0416.

You are invited to a  
**Wedding Shower**  
honoring  
**Nikki Hill**  
(bride-elect of Matt Davis)  
on Sunday, May 2, 2010  
from 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
at the home of Stephanie Brock  
901 S. Barkley Spearman TX

You are invited to a  
**Wedding Shower**  
honoring  
**Chelsea Martin**  
(bride-elect of Clancy Vanderburg)  
on Saturday, May 1, 2010, 1-3 p.m.  
at the former  
Clementine Bed & Breakfast  
822 Evans Spearman TX

Visit... **FAMILY POOL FUN.COM**

- Our pools create Generations of Memories everyday, vacations never end!
- Aboveground & Inground pools at WHOLESALE PRICING
- SIMPLE DIY Pool Kit Assembly
- SAVE MONEY on All Pool Supplies & Accessories. Ships Fast

Call Today! 800-250-5502

**Become a Police Officer**  
Now Accepting Applications  
March 29th - May 7th, 2010  
For more information please visit our website [www.sapdcareers.com](http://www.sapdcareers.com) or you may call us at (210) 207-5050

**NEED A CAREER CHANGE**

Start your new career as a professional truck driver at Stevens Transport! We will sponsor the cost of your CDL training! No experience needed! In only 17 days you will earn your CDL and begin your paid on-the-job training! Potential to earn up to \$40K first year! Excellent benefits and 401K! EOE **800-333-8595**  
[www.becomeadrivers.com](http://www.becomeadrivers.com)

**Go Painlessly™**

Mary Ann W. Tom W.

**Go Painlessly™**  
THERA-GESIC

**Ounce for Ounce - Compare and Save!**  
The top-quality & top-value pain creme

SPRING GARDEN IRON HAS ARRIVED AT  
**Acquisitions!**  
Just in time for Mother's Day. . . great selection of planters, pots, metal cactus and flowers, garden arches, wood-framed iron scrolls, metal trucks and tractors, and every size and shape of animal that you can imagine!  
Stop by and see what's new at  
**Acquisitions. . .**  
at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford  
Open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Gordon's**  
Your place for  
**Bridal Registry**

**Couples Currently Registered**

Chelsea Martin & Clancy Vanderburg - 5/1  
Roxane Holt & Oren Grossman - 5/1  
Esmerelda Bernal & Heriberto Navarrete - 5/1  
Nikki Hill & Matt Davis - 5/2  
Kathy Slough & Scott Kilpatrick - 5/8  
Beth & Daniel Kern - 5/22  
Katie Reed & Cloyd Branson - 5/23  
Kaylee Miesner & Broc Carter - 6/12  
Michelle Waide & Jarick Howard - 6/19  
Callie Hargis & Brian Hensley - 6/19  
Jessica Cornell & Hunter Beville - 6/19  
Kaela Parnell & Adam Cherry - 6/26  
Bertha Ortiz & Osiel Flores - TBA  
Sara (George) & Nicholas Wright  
Ashlee Flowers & David Fox  
Kaylee Holt & Trel Etbauer  
Crystal Boyd & Douglas Walls  
Julie Bravo & Evan Cudd  
Melissa (Bush) & Mark TeBeest

**Baby Registry**

Holly (Hart) & Marcus McLean - 5/1  
Kassandra & Joshua Ramirez (Boy) - 5/7  
Misti (Hand) & Jimmy Gaytan - 5/8  
Camille (Smith) & Scott Prewett (Girl)

**Gordon's** 659-2141  
314 Main Spearman

**Alva Monument Co.**  
Formerly Liberal Monument & Memorial Company

**New Location:**  
311 Tucker Road  
Liberal, Kansas

North of the New Wal-mart

Serving Kansas, Oklahoma & Texas for 93 years  
(316) 624-4211 toll free # 888-654-9318





May 8, 2010 • Canadian, Texas • Featuring Stoney LaRue

[www.canadianrivermusicfestival.com](http://www.canadianrivermusicfestival.com)

by Dorothy Hudson

## Out at the Lake

Jim Derington  
Palo Duro River Authority  
P.O. Box 99  
Spearman, TX 79081  
806-882-4401  
pdra@dishmail.net



This is an immature Osprey, spotted Sunday April 25, 2010 at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--April 26, 2010--15.80 feet (-0.01)

You can see that the strange rain and hail storm last week did only a little for the level of the Lake. However, the office gauge showed 1.45 inch while Ramon Cantu's gauge on the north side of the Lake showed .85 inch. Hail fell with the rain, but it varied from pea to nickel size, while Spearman had golf ball size. Jim said his worst damage was washed out roads. Horse Creek ran again, but it didn't have enough oomph to get as far as the Lake.

Tent campers are back. Two Cub Scout groups

were up from Amarillo, and John Garnett brought some boys out on Friday night. They endured a cold, North wind. There were other campers in the trees north of the dam. Three RV campers hooked up north of the dam and another stayed on the office side. More fishermen are out. The reports are of small catfish under three pounds.

When Jim spotted the immature osprey in the dead trees in the Lake, he had to resort to his bird books to identify it for sure. The mask over the eyes looked like an osprey, but the unusual tan feathers on top of its head didn't. They keep this streaked plumage for two years.

**Indian Pit Houses**  
Early day archaeologists were quite interested in the remains of Indian rock houses in the Panhandle. Not far east of Lake Palo Duro is Buried City, which has been known for over 100 years for its stone houses. Another well known center is around Lake Meredith. Pit houses, on the other hand, have been harder to find and identify. In the last ten years, science has provided tools to make geophysical investigation, called

"ground truthing", easier. They check the magnetic field gradient, electrical resistance, and use ground penetrating radar. Now several pit houses are being worked on.

Pit houses are generally rectangular areas dug into the ground up to three or 4 feet deep with cedar posts set in the ground on corners and in the interior for the roof supports. The walls are constructed of smaller vertical picket posts. There is an east-facing entry way into a central channel flanked by earth benches. The fire pit made from clay is in the center. Quite often the floor and the benches are covered with a caliche plaster. These small shelters had a life of seven to 15 years. The Indians had learned to char the tips of the cedar posts they buried to make them last longer.

Some earlier archaeologists thought the pit houses predated the rock houses, but the carbon dating found both types with the same dating.

My next column, May 10, will be on what we know about the people who dug these pit houses.

## National Delta Tau Alpha Convention Held



Abilene Christian University Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Students recently attended the 51st Annual National Delta Tau Alpha Convention. Timber Barkley of Gruver (second from right on front row) was one of those students participating. She is the daughter of Tim and Teresa Barkley of Gruver.

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (A&E) of Abilene Christian University had a strong presence at the 51st Annual National Delta Tau Alpha (DTA) Convention this year. With ten of our 19 chapter members in attendance, A&E was awarded second in highest number, as well as highest percentage, of chapter members at the convention.

The convention took place March 25-27. The weekend consisted of business meetings where rules and regulations of the honor society were discussed and where new programs were proposed.

Times for social interaction were also included in the schedule. Students participated in four tours set up by the host chapter at Sam Houston State University.

Students toured the Goree Unit Equine Program at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Landscapers Pride, the leading manufacturer and wholesaler of high quality organic composts, soil mixes, mulches and specialty products; Sam Houston's Home and Museum and the Walls Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

A&E has maintained a strong presence at the DTA convention over the years. In the past ten years, three A&E students served as national president, two were elected national vice-presidents for the southern region, one was tapped as national parliamentarian and Dr. Foy Mills acted as national advisor for two terms.

"We as ACU students have a lot to offer the organization because of our program and our values," said Kyle Ferrell, junior ACU agribusiness major from Weatherford, Texas and incoming DTA National President.

*Dixie Rae Johnson*  
Born April 4, 2010 5 lbs 15oz



Daughters of David and Sarah Johnson.  
Proud Siblings are  
Steven, Carter, Mattie & Suzee Johnson

**March 9, 2010**  
10:19 a.m. in Lubbock TX  
8 pounds, 7 ounces  
19 1/2 inches long  
To John & Brianne Thomas

**Alyssa Claire Thomas**



Maternal Grandparents are Court and Connie Holmberg of Lubbock. Paternal Grandparents are David and Suzanne Thomas of Spearman. Maternal Great Grandparents are Ron and Barbara Bassinger and Paternal Great Grandparents are F.W. and Betty Thomas of Spearman and the late Bill and Juanita Lane of Turkey, Texas.

Owned & Operated by Linda & Charles Stephens

## Double XXL Steakhouse

(formerly Flying X Steakhouse)

From Stinnett: Go West on Hwy. 152  
17 miles - Turn Left at Big White Sign  
(About 2 miles on Gravel Road)

Open: Friday & Saturday Night

From Dumas: Go East on Hwy. 152  
16 miles - Turn Right at Big White Sign  
(About 2 miles on Gravel Road)

Open anytime for parties of 8 or more

(806) 93JESUS  
(806) 935-3787

[www.doublexxlfranch.bravehost.com](http://www.doublexxlfranch.bravehost.com)  
reservations suggested



## M&D Aerial, L.L.C.

Spearman's Local Aerial Applicator

David & Megan George  
mdaerial@yahoo.com

Spearman TX  
(806) 202-2360

- Competitive Application/Chemical Rates
- Chemical Sales
- Discounts for Cash & Carry and Pre-Paid Work
- Owner/Pilot who cares as much as you do!
- Serving the NE Panhandle for 7 years

"Having an aerial applicator you can trust and talk openly with is extremely important. You have my word that every job, every run across your field gets the highest attention to detail. People who know my work know I don't just 'get it done,' I get it done RIGHT."

David George, Owner/Operator/Pilot

Cropland or Pasture, Liquid or Dry,  
M&D Aerial is there for you



David began his ag flying career in Childress, TX during the summer of 2000. Within a year he was flying for Cluck Flying Service in Gruver and from the fall of 2001 through 2007 he flew for Perryton Aviation. He and his wife, Megan, bought a spray operation in Dublin, TX in the spring of 2008, and worked there for the past two years. Last year, several growers ask them to come up and spray, at which time they saw a need for a Spearman based applicator. David and Megan's decision to move back to the Panhandle was aided with the addition of Ainsley to the family.



**School Sports News**

**Gruver Boys Return to Austin**

The Gruver boys are returning to the UIL State Golf Championships thanks to strong showings at the Region I-1A tournament at Lubbock on Tuesday.

Gruver shot a closing round of 318 to finish in second place with a 634 total. The Greyhounds were five shots behind champion Wink, which had rounds of 316 and 313 for 629.

Canadian finished in third place with 638 following a closing round of 321, while Wellington was sixth with 669. Memphis claimed eighth place with 682 while Vega was 10th with 698 and Booker 12th with 704.

Gruver's Parker Grotegut shot rounds of 77 and 73 for 150 as he finished second individually behind Sierra Blanca's James Perez (78-71-149).

Reagan Karlin shot 78 and 77 for 155 for Gruver, while Blake Fitzgerald had 78 and 83 for 161. Cory Graves added rounds of 83 and 85 for 168 and Zach Logsdon had 91 and 85 for 176.

The Gruver Girls finished in sixth place with a score of 420-407-827. Memphis took first place with 321-323-644, followed by Shamrock (393-396-789) in 2nd, Sierra Blanca in 3rd (406-410-816), Wellington in 4th (414-408-822), and Booker in 5th (421-403-824).

Gruver girls competing, and their scores, were: Leigh Anne Winger 94-89-183, Shelby Williams 98-100-198, Alex Logsdon 110-111-221, Maggie Key 118-107-225, Ashley Williams 118-124-242.

**GHS Regional Tennis Tourney**

Gruver's Kramer King finished in third place at the Regional Tennis Tournament when he defeated Crager Swarb of Sudan.

**Academic All-District**

The Tennis Academic All-District for District 1-2A was recently announced.

Spearman High School boys named to Academic All-District were Seniors Tate Batton and Chance Pack and Junior Edgar Castillo.

Spearman High School girls named to Academic All-District were Seniors Rosa Ortiz and Andi Linn Scarborough; Juniors included Jessica Pinon, Natalie Saldivar and Joselyn Terrazas; Sophomore Shelby Hanna; and Freshman Kyla Walker.

**Boys H.S. Track Honor Roll**

Thurs, April 22, 2010  
200 Meters - Jerrod Collier, Gruver 22.31  
High Jump - Sawyer Sutterfield, Spearman 6-6; Rily Urban, Gruver 6-2  
Long Jump - Jerrod Collier, Gruver 21-7½  
Pole Vault - Dakota Cator, Spearman 13-6

**Girls H.S. Track Honor Roll**

Wed, April 28, 2010  
400 Meters - Sarah Snider, Spearman 1:01.19  
800 Meters - Tylo Farrar, Spearman 2:24.64  
1600 Meters - Suttan Garnett, Spearman 5:47.94  
3200 Meters - Shelley Gibson, Gruver 12:24.28  
100 Hurdles - Gately Garnett, Spearman 16.10  
1600 Relay - Spearman 4:15.00  
Pole Vault - Joselyn Terrazas, Spearman 10-0; Makenzie Crane, Gruver 10-0; Gately Garnett, Spearman 9-0

**College News**

**Rams Win Seventh Straight RRAC Championship**

The seventh ranked Texas Wesleyan University Men's Golf team earned an automatic bid to the 59th NAIA National Championship by winning the NAIA Qualifier at Iron Horse Golf Course. The Rams won the tournament for the second straight season and also took their seventh consecutive Red River Athletic Conference Championship (a title they have never lost).

Texas Wesleyan shot a round of 285 on Tuesday to finish at 858 for the tournament. Northwood University finished second at 865 after firing a round of 290 on Tuesday. Aaron Flores of Our Lady of the Lake University shot even par (70) on Tuesday to take medalist honors at five-under for the tournament, holding off Northwood's Lucas Bogdan by two shots.

Drew Koonce was Texas Wesleyan's top finisher after scoring one-over par in all three rounds. He finished fourth amongst 35 individuals. Armando Villarreal and Stuart Martin both shot even par on Tuesday to tie for 5th at four-over for the tournament. Tyson Lamb finished tied for 10th and Dillon Watkins tied for 14th for the Rams.

In seven years of membership, Texas Wesleyan has never failed to take home the RRAC crown. The most storied program in NAIA Men's Golf, the Rams will be making their 49th appearance at the NAIA National Championships. The Rams have won a record six national titles and nine runner-up finishes including last season.

The 59th NAIA National Championship will be held May 18-21 at TPC @ Deere Run in Silvis, IL.

Fin. Player Scores: 4 Drew Koonce 71 71 71 213; T5 Armando Villarreal 74 70 70 214; T5 Stuart Martin 70 74 70 214; T10 Tyson Lamb 72 76 74 222; T14 Dillon Watkins 76 71 77 224; 1 Texas Wesleyan 287 286 285 858

**OPSU Golfers Compete in Conference Tournament**

By Scott Puryear

The Oklahoma Panhandle State men's and women's golf teams participated in the Heartland Conference golf tournament on Monday and Tuesday and both teams finished in eighth place in nine team competitions. All teams fielded five golfers and St. Edward's University captured both the men's and women's team titles. The tournament was played on Edmond's challenging Rose Creek Golf Club.

The men played one 18-hole round on Monday and went two 18-hole rounds on Tuesday, while the women went 18 holes on each of the two days.

The top finisher for the OPSU men was Julian Figueroa who shot 77, 75, and 77 for a 229 total, which was good for a 25th place finish. Other Aggies in the tournament were Brandt Gear (240), Shane Rice (249), Tyler Harper (253), and Jake Strain (267).

The top finisher for the Lady Aggies was Cara Horn who shot 94, 97 for a 191 total, which was good for a 36th place finish. Other Lady Aggies competing in the tournament were Chelsea Vaught (201), Anna Griggs (205), Chancey Moffett (230), and Audrey Whittler (262).

**School News**

**Dalhart Music Festival**

The Gruver 5th-7th Grade Band members competed in the Dalhart Music Festival on Saturday April 24. Gruver students received 83 medals at this competition for superior ratings on solo and ensemble work. Two students received excellent ratings and also received medals.

Following is a list of students who received superior ratings on their solo/ensemble at the Dalhart Festival.

Solos: Clarissa Soto, Amber Johnson, Britteny Grimes, Lizi Tarango, Dara Arrington, Hadlee Spivey, Lesley Bernal, Gaby Villalobos, Abigail Trejo, Christina Ayala, Katy McLennan, Tania Ortiz, Kennedy Venneman, Sarah Olmos, Maddie Book, Wyatt Poer, Joslyn Aguilar, Braxton Crane, Lalo Barrera, Ramiro Hernandez, Blaise Davis, Serena Diaz, Vanessa Garcia, Randi Jines, Sarah Jackson, Lizbeth Trejo, Brenny Seagler, Bailey Stedje, Kennedy King, Antolina Mendoza, Ady Garcia, Luis Garcia, Nicholas Riviera, Trenton Finely, Lalo Barrera, Ulysses Valverde, Andy Borunda, Valentin Trejo, Marco Ayala, and Matthew Pierce

Ensembles: Britteny Grima and Amber Johnson; Lizi Tarango and Clarissa Soto; Sarah Jackson and Randi Jines; Christina Ayala and Abigail Trejo; Christina Ayala and Macy Haight; Kennedy Venneman and Katy McLennan; Kennedy Venneman and Tania Ortiz;

Wyatt Poer and Sarah Olmos; Wyatt Poer and Maddie Book; Lesley Bernal and Hadlee Spivey; Vanessa Garcia and Serena Diaz; Lizbeth Trejo and Mattie Mayfield; Noemy Garcia and Brenny Seagler; Kennedy King and Bailey Stedje; Ady Garcia and Gabriel Mundo; Simon Cuellar and Gabriel Mundo; Trenton Finely and Luis Garcia; Trenton Finely and Nicholas Riviera; L.C. Perez, Carson Williams, Karsten Irwin, Nicholas Key, Anthony Cruz, and Aaron Felderhoff

**TAKS Results**

Gruver Junior High received scores from the first wave of TAKS tests that were taken at the beginning of April.

5th and 8th graders were tested on math and reading. All students scored very well on both sets of tests.

Some notable areas include: **Math** - Mica Been's 8th graders had a 97% passing rate and 31% were commended. **Reading** - Kimberly Seagler's 8th graders had a 100% passing rate and 66% were commended. Also, there were 8 perfect papers.

Congratulations to all 5th and 8th grade students and teachers!!

**Mireles Qualifies for State UIL Meet**

Drew Mireles won 2nd in Informative Speaking at the Regional Academic UIL Meet. He will now compete in the State Academic UIL Meet on May 6-9, 2010.

Great job Drew and Mrs. Sherrill!

**Free ACT**

**Tests Offered**

The Texas Education Agency has recently contracted with ACT and the College Board to provide a free ACT or SAT for juniors that would like to test this June.

For more information, contact Darlene Curry, Gruver ISD Counselor or Krista Baird, Spearman HS Counselor.

**Are You A Victim of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse or Physical, Emotional or Sexual Assault?**

Call Toll Free Hotline  
**1-800-753-5308**

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

Battering Intervention & Anger Management Available

**Panhandle Crisis Center**  
Serving Hansford, Lipscomb & Ochiltree Counties  
301 S. Ash • Perryton, TX  
Memorials Accepted

**DISH NETWORK**  
**\$19.99/Mo. Why Pay More for TV?**

- FREE 6-Room DISH Network Satellite System.
- 120+ Digital Channels. (for 1 year)
- FREE HD-DVR.
- Plus \$400 Sign-Up BONUS.

Call Now!  
**1-866-799-8039**

**Why settle for less?**

**4.07%** APY\*  
**INSURED CD**

**Ask About IRA/401K Specials!**

**FIRST FIDELITY**  
Financial Group, LLC  
Your Safe Money Solution®

1800 Washington, Suite 110 • Amarillo, TX  
**806-373-9480**  
1-800-371-9201  
By appointment only

**Any Large Specialty Pizza W/Breadsticks**  
**\$15.00 + Tax**

**3 Large Pizzas \$19.99**  
Single Topping Pizzas  
5-8 p.m. Only

**Simple Simon's Pizza**  
312 Main Street  
Spearman, TX  
(806) 659-9991

Due to gas prices, a minimum order of \$10 is required for delivery. Please remember to tip our drivers.

**NEW ITEMS**  
Manicotti w/Bread - \$5.99  
Rib Tips w/Baked Potato, Bread, Lettuce & Tomato - \$8.99

**WE LOVE OUR CUSTOMERS!**

**It's That Time of Year Again!**  
**Mother's Day • Graduation**  
**Father's Day • Weddings • Babies**

**GIVE from Gordon's DRUG**

314 Main Spearman 806-659-2141

**Spend \$100 - get 15% Off**  
**Your Total Purchase (gift dept. only)**



**REAL ESTATE**

**FOR RENT:** 1BR furnished apartment and 2BR furnished apartment. Bills paid, free laundromat services. Call 659-2247.

**WINDMILL COURTYARD APARTMENTS:** 2BR, 1B unfurnished apartments. Central heat and air, new appliances. Pets allowed with additional deposit. Utilities not included. \$400/month rent with \$400 deposit. Inquire about applications at Deakin Electric, 321 Main St., Spearman. TFN(7/16/09)B

**REDEUCED TO \$57,000!** 3 BR home, central H/A, hardwood floors, new paint & lighting, large bath w/2 sinks + tub/shower, lots of built-in storage, laundry rm, attached garage, huge fenced yard. 1017 Townsend St. Call 659-5293 or 330-0384. TFN(3/4/10)B

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 3038 sq. ft, 4BR, 2.75B, + 2 cargarg, c a/h, fbsmt, 13x25ft pool, storage bldg, 32 acres land serious only call 659-3071. 2(4/22/10)B

**Blankenship Real Estate**  
659-3052 - 670-3774

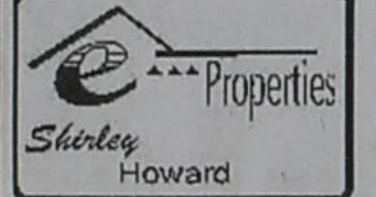
4BR/2B/2CG Home - Basement, pool, central H/A, fireplace

3BR/2B Home - 1500 sq. ft, brick, 2CG, patio, walk-in closets

3BR/2B Home - 1460 sq. ft, brick, 2CG, patio, walk-in closets.

**NEW LISTINGS WANTED!**

Eulalia Blankenship - Sales  
Eschol Blankenship - Broker



**We NEED listings!**  
Call us now to help YOU sell your home for top dollar!

113 N. Brandt - Spearman: Spacious 3BR, 2B, 2.5B, 848 sq. ft home in a FAMILY!

**REDUCED!** 902 9th - Gruver: Horse Stables FOR SALE! 18 pens, circular training pen, arena, & 4500 sf barn on 10.42 acres! **PRICE REDUCED!!**

712 Womble - Gruver: 1070sf, 3 BR, 1 B, Central Heat, Lrg Corner Lot! **REDUCED!!**

Shirley Howard, Broker/Owner  
806-886-6536, Cell

Melinda McCullough, Realtor  
(806) 733-5678

We would LOVE to sell your HOUSE!  
**CALL US!**

This ad is just a small sample of the properties that we currently have for sale.

Please check our Web site and give us a call! We need your listings both large and small, all types of ag properties (ESPECIALLY CRP).

**SWINE PRODUCTION FACILITY - Moore Co., TX.** - 1200 sow capacity, capable of running 28,000 pigs annually, computerized feed mill, flex-flo feeding system, management in place. **PRICED TO SELL!**

**RITA BLANCA RANCH - Dallam Co. TX.** - 4.055 acres, 4 circles, 375 acres CPR, good fencing, pens and water. Priced to sell.

**HARTLEY CO. TX** - 640 ac. 10 miles to Hilmar Cheese plant, on pvmt., dairy permit, 3 pivots, home, barn, grain storage.

**OCEANS OF WATER II - Hansford Co., Texas** - 4 sections, strong water, dev. with sprinklers, wells, feedyard, home, barns, pvmt., 2 mi. hwy. frontage.

SEE OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US!  
www.scottlandcompany.com  
Shawn Gillispie 806/922-5532  
Ben G. Scott, Broker  
1-800-933-9698 day/eve  
TFN(4-22 -10)



Serving Hansford County for 15 years

Julie Martin - Broker - 659-2425  
**PRICE REDUCED ON BOTH**  
804 & 806 Wilbanks  
New Construction. Call for your private showing!

**We'd Like Your Listing!**  
**FOR QUALITY & SERVICE CALL US TODAY!**  
Equal Housing Opportunity

**FOR SALE:** 1025 Townsend - 3BR, 2 3/4B, fenced yard, 2-car unattached garage w/storage area, fireplace, appx. 1440 sq. ft. \$52,000. Call 806-659-5037, leave message. 7(4/15/10)B

**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED:** First United Methodist Church, Spearman is currently taking applications for a nursery worker. Need to be available for Sunday church services and various times throughout the week and for funerals. If interested, please come by the church to pick up an application. (407 S. Haney, Spearman, 806-659-5504)

4(2/4/10)B  
**HELP WANTED:** Now seeking a temporary full/part time dependable salesperson to operate Spearman store. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants, and operating cash register. Starting pay: \$8.00/hour - 40 hour work week. No experience necessary. Hiring begins April 1st. Send resume to D&C Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman TX 79081. 8(3/18/10)B

**HELP WANTED:** Immediate opening for LVN/RN, PT/FT positions, all shifts available. Come join our progressive team. Come by Senior Village, 3101 S. Main, Perryton TX 79081. 4(4/15/10)B

**HELP WANTED:** Seeking experienced rig operator for Sunray area. Send resume to PO Box 1422, Pampa TX 79066. 2(4/22/10)

**SERVICES**

**CLICK PAINTING & HOME REPAIR** Painting, Texturing, Drywall Repair, Fencing & General Carpentry. Serving Perryton, Spearman & Gruver. Don Click, 648-1480, or 202-1391 (cell). TFN(10/15/09)

**HOOCHY POOCHY PARLOR** Call us for all your pet's grooming and boarding needs. Call now for reservations! 806-273-2724. TFN(11/2/07)

**AGRICULTURE**

**GALLAGHER'S PRECISION HARVESTING** is booking acres for the 2010 wheat harvest, John Deere equipment, 35 foot draper headers and all support equipment. Professional Service. Call Shawn at 701-425-8400. 9(4/29/10)

**AUTOMOBILE**

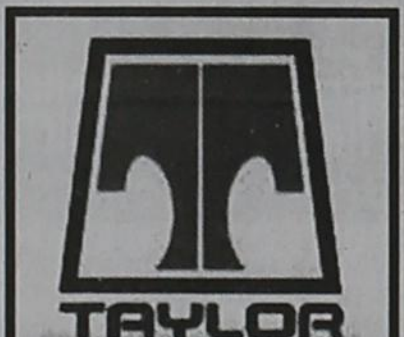
**FOR SALE:** 1997 Ford F100 Pickup. Refurbished with new motor. Good work truck. Call 806-659-2442 or 806-330-0691. TFN(3/25/10)

**FOR SALE:** 2005 Dodge Ramp Van. Easy wheelchair accessibility. Low mileage. Call 659-3440, leave message. 3(4/29/10)P

**PETS/ANIMALS**

**FREE:** 3 mature house cats, all neutered. Call 806-228-3152, ask for Terry. 1(4/15/10)

**HOOCHY POOCHY PARLOR** Call us for all your pet's grooming and boarding needs. Call now for reservations! 806-273-2724. TFN(11/2/07)



**HELP WANTED**

We are looking for an energetic person to work in a fast paced environment. Taylor Petroleum Co. is now hiring for a manager position. Competitive pay with health benefits available. Please apply at 107 Collards. Must pass drug screen and background check. 2(4/8/10)

**FOR SALE**



**2001 Pontiac Trans-Am WS6** - Pewter with blue pin stripe, black leather interior (good condition), 462 Horsepower to the rear wheels with Nitros (Dyno sheet proof), 6.0 Liter Engine, with aftermarket aluminum heads, upgraded cam, aftermarket intake, 92mm throttle body, 175 HP NX system (aka Nitros or NAS), Stage 2 Clutch, Freshly rebuilt 6 speed manual transmission, Eaton EZ rear locker, Flowmaster exhaust. T-top windows. 60,300 miles on car. For more information please call (806) 330-1939 or e-mail baileywaddles@yahoo.com TFN(4/8/10)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert V. Skinner, Deceased, were issued on April 22, 2010, in Cause No. PO2595, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: Michael R. Skinner.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o Cecil R. Biggers  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 342  
13 W. Kenneth Street  
Spearman TX 79081  
DATED the 22nd day of April, 2010.

Cecil R. Biggers  
Attorney for Michael R. Skinner  
State Bar No.: 02308500  
PO Box 342  
13 W. Kenneth Street  
Spearman TX 79081  
Telephone: (806) 659-5531  
Facsimile: (806) 659-5531  
1(4/29/10)B

7	8	3	9	4	5	1	6	2
1	4	5	6	2	7	9	8	3
9	6	2	1	3	8	4	7	5
8	3	9	5	7	2	6	4	1
4	2	1	3	6	9	8	5	7
6	5	7	8	1	4	3	2	9
2	9	6	4	5	3	7	1	8
5	1	8	7	9	6	2	3	4
3	7	4	2	8	1	5	9	6

STAPH PAS APER  
CILLIA EMU SPADE  
ARMOR NIL ASIDE  
BESTMAN FUNERAL  
REV WART  
MAM DIVE NEUTER  
ADAM SOTS ERODE  
RIDE OWLET SAUL  
CEASE SARA ASCI  
HUMANE NAPE TEC  
SKID ILO  
BOUQUET CRASHER  
ENSUE AWL THERE  
STEAD LEE EERIE  
TORY YEW DIARED

**MITCHELL THEATRES.COM**  
GUYMON, OK • LIBERAL, KS • NEWTON, KS

**NORTHRIDGE 8**  
Guymon, Oklahoma  
www.northridge8.com  
580-338-3281

**SOUTHGATE 6**  
Liberal, Kansas  
www.southgate6.com  
620-624-5573

**CHISHOLM TRAIL 8**  
Newton, Kansas  
www.chisholmtrail8.com  
316-283-0555

**SEQUOYAH 8**  
Garden City, Kansas  
www.sequoyah8.com  
620-275-7707

**FRESH POPCORN EVERYDAY!**  
-PARTY ROOM & ARCADE-

**hchd**  
Hansford County Hospital District  
Openings at  
Hansford Hospital

**RN:** 7pm-7am. Graduate of an accredited School of Professional Nursing. Currently licensed in the State of Texas. BCLS, ACLS and TNCC preferred. CPR required.

**MT/MLT:** Generalist for hours 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. week-days. This position will also be responsible for 24 hr ER coverage on week-ends. A Bachelors or Associates Degree (MT or MLT) from an accredited program of Medical Laboratory Science and ASCP or equivalent certification is required. Must be able to orient/train on week-day shift. Must be able to relocate to Spearman.

**Openings at Hansford Manor**

**LVN:** Graduate of an approved LPN/LVN program. Must be able to make independent decisions when circumstances warrant. Must possess the ability to deal tactfully with residents, family and public.

Great working environment and staff, quality facility providing opportunities for professional growth. Great benefit package. Apply at 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX or contact Jackie Nelson at 806-659-5841. Download application at www.hchd.net EEOE  
(4-15-10)

United States  
**Census 2010**

It's In Our Hands

**Apply Now!**

Temporary, part-time jobs now available.

- Census Takers
- Crew Leaders
- Crew Leader Assts.
- Recruiting Assts.
- Census Clerks

**Census jobs offer:**

- ✓ flexible hours up to 40/wk
- ✓ mileage reimbursement
- ✓ work near home

**You may qualify if you:**

- ✓ are 18 or older
- ✓ have a valid SSN
- ✓ pass a background check
- ✓ take a written test
- ✓ can work up to 40 hrs per week in the evening and on weekends

**www.2010censusjobs.gov**  
**1-866-861-2010**

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

We will have irregular hours over the next couple of months for family reasons. We apologize for this inconvenience. We look forward to serving you in the future!

**All Occasion Flowers**

202 N. Bernice (across from the Post Office)  
659-5180 • Spearman

Faithfully serving Hansford County since 1992. We appreciate your support through the years.

- Angels and Crosses
- Green and Blooming Plants
- New Silk Arrangements
- Fresh Spring Arrangements



**NAYLOR AUCTION and REALTY, INC.**  
Rt. 1, Box 65 (580) 646-3548, Balko, OK 73931

**AUCTION Saturday May 1st, 2010**  
10:00 a.m. • Perryton, TX

**RESCHEDULED**

**PERRYTON AREA FARMERS - CONSIGNMENT AUCTION**  
LOCATION: From intersection of Hwy. 83 and Hwy. 15, Go 2 miles North on Hwy 83, Go West on Farm 1267 for 5 miles, then 3/4 mile North

**NAYLOR AUCTION & REALTY, INC.**  
For more info, call: Dale Naylor Owner/Broker  
www.naylorauction.com  
Rt. 1 Box 65 BALKO, OK 73934

OK 107486 - TX 7285  
580-646-3548  
806-435-1994 (cell)

**Pamper Her for Mother's Day**

**Mother's Day Specials & Special Desserts Available**

We will be open Saturday May 8th  
Reservations recommended • Prime Rib available by reservation

**Mothers Day Buffet on Sunday**  
Reservations are strongly recommended

at  
**The Bunkhouse Restaurant**  
212 Main Street • Spearman • (806) 659-2089  
Sunday - Friday Lunch Buffet 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
Tues thru Friday 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. (Closed Saturdays)



# FNB Celebrates 25th Anniversary

First National Bank celebrated their 25th anniversary with a reception on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at The O'Loughlin Center. Over 300 people turned out for the fun, food, fel-

lowship and entertainment. First National Bank held a drawing for those who attended the event. They gave gift certificates to the following Spearman

restaurants - Bunkhouse, Tongs, Simple Simon's, HeadQuarters, LaFamilia, Hungry Cowboy, Murrums, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen and Gordon's Drug. The winners were: Araceli Caro, Susan Pearson, Linda Servantez, Don Maize, Telie Crum, Davy Gurley, Dwayne Comp, Fred Miller W.O. Hite and Armando Martinez.

First National Bank opened it's doors on April 24, 1985 with eight employees - Bill Pittman, Tindle Ramon, Don Townsen, Felma Evans, Brenda O'Brien Winegarner, Christy Brock, Wilma Francis and Beverly Jenkins.

25 year employees are Bill Pittman and Tindle Ramon. Employees with 20 or more years include Elaine Cook, Paulette Laxson and Brian Gillispie. Tami Kunselman has

served 17 years, Maria Sibley has served 16 years, and Teresa Maestas 14 years. Shannon Barnes has been with the bank eleven years and ten year employees are Liz Cazares, Michelle McCubbin, Lesa Moffett and Ed Dear.

Current Directors for First National Bank are Bill Pittman (Chairman of the Board), Mike Cudd, Steve Holton, Ginger Pittman, Charles Shieldknight and Joe T. Venne-man. Bret Burgin, Brian Gillispie, Chris Johnson and Tindle Ramon serve as advisory directors.

The current officers for

FNB are: Bill Pittman, President; Tindle Ramon, Sr. VP/CFO; Brian Gillispie, Sr. VP; Ginger Pittman, Sr. VP/Cashier; Chris Johnson, Vice President and Branch Manager, Bret Burgin, Vice President; Maria Sibley, AVP/Mortgage Officer, Andrew McMurry, AVP/Loan Officer, Elaine Cook, AVP/Asst. Controller; Tami Kunselman, AVP/Account Services; Liz Cazares, Compliance Officer; Paulette Laxson, Head Teller; and Teresa Maestas, Assistant Cashier.

prides itself on the friendliness of its employees and promises to continue to be the bank that "Always Puts You First." Pittman states "FNB will always strive to treat their customers the way we would want to be treated." While many banks in America are having difficult times, First National Bank remains strong and profitable thanks to its loyal customers and its outstanding employees.

Read the full history of First National Bank and view the photo album at [www.spearmanreporter.com](http://www.spearmanreporter.com).



20+ year employees for First National Bank are (L-R) Brian Gillispie, Bill Pittman, Elaine Cook and Tindle Ramon. Not pictured is Paulette Laxson.



15+ year employees for First National Bank are (L-R) Tami Kunselman and Maria Sibley.



10+ year employees for First National Bank are (L-R) Teresa Maestas, Michelle McCubbin, Lesa Moffett, Liz Cazares and Shannon Barnes. Not pictured is Ed Dear.



## Spring Cleaning



### On site shredding by Secure Shredding

First National Bank  
Parking lot  
Tuesday May 11th  
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Up to 40 lbs free for FNB customers. Minimal charge thereafter.



Spearman  
806-659-5544

Dumas  
806-934-8455

Member FDIC

**Shear Style Salon**  
Leticia Salazar  
912 Main • Gruver, TX  
806-733-2328 • 806-736-7432

Haircuts, Perms, Color, Wax  
Hair products available  
Shop hours: Mon-Fri 4:30 p.m.-7; Sat by Appointment

Now Offering  
Wedding & Baby Shower Gifts  
Store Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Baby Shower Registry  
Randi (Atwood) & DJ Warrick - 5/22

# Inventory reduction SALE

Bridal Gifts      Baby Gifts  
Mother's Day      Father's Day  
Birthday      Anniversary  
Graduation      House Warming

Great gifts for all your celebrations!

**We will be closed April 29 thru May 3**

**Celebrate**  
203 Main St. Spearman, TX  
(806) 659-3350 1-800-663-8026

**Everything 75% OFF Starting May 4 at 9:30 a.m.**