

Unions for Gay Couples Connecticut became the first U.S. state to legalize civil unions for gay couples without the prodding of a court, following an overwhelming approval of the state legislature and a prompt signature by Gov. Jodi Rell.

Regional Impact Of The New

US Bankruptcy Law Signed this week, the bill is the biggest rewrite of bankruptcy code in 25 years. But can it really teach old wallets new tricks?

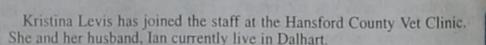
Bush Says Has No 'Magic Wand' Energy Fix President Bush said on Wednesday he could not "wave a magic wand" to give Americans quick relief from near-record gasoline prices but he implored the U.S. Congress to pass an energy bill by August.

Muslim-Americans Sue Govt for Racial Profiling

Five Muslim-Americans sued the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Wednesday alleging racial profiling when they were detained and fingerprinted by border agents after returning from a religious conference.

White House Works to Shore **Up Bolton Nomination**

The White House accused Democrats of blocking John Bolton's nomination for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations for political reasons, as lawmakers examined fresh information Democrats said pointed to



Prior to joining the staff of the vet clinic in Spearman she practiced at Dalhart's Tevebaugh Veterinary Services. From June 2003 through June 2004 Dr. Levis worked as an Equine Surgery/ Ambulatory Intern at Oakrdge Equine Hospital in Edmond, Oklahoma. From June 2002 through June, 2003 she served as an intern at Equine Medical Associates, Inc. in Edmond, Oklahoma.

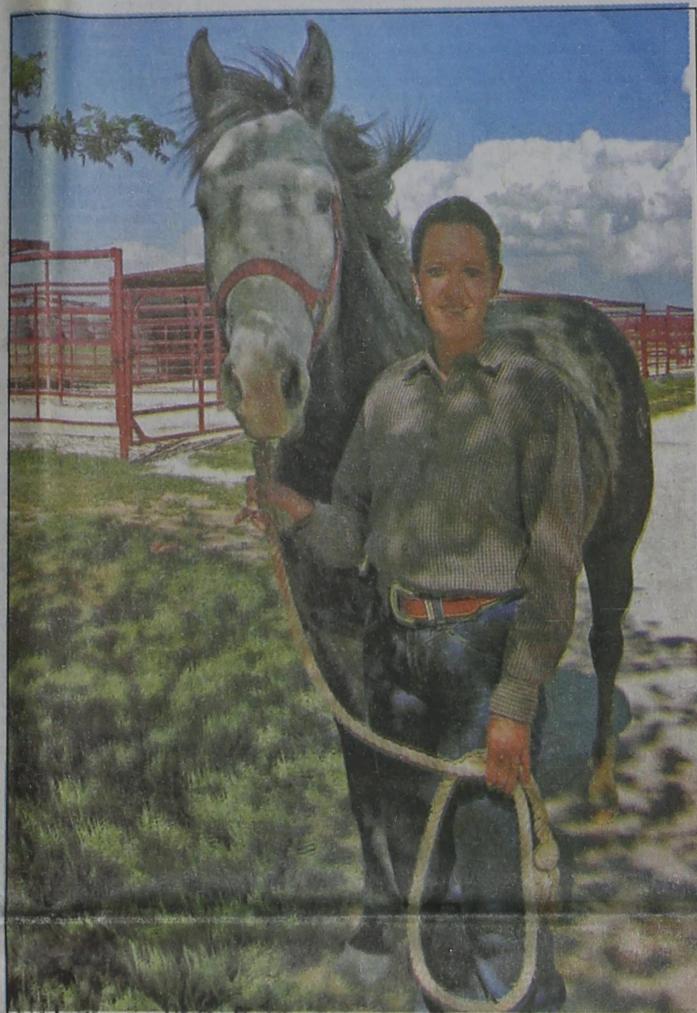
Her main practice is in equine and small animals. She currently holds veterinary licensers in five states - Iowa, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

Dr. Levis graduated in May 2002 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State University. Her academic honors include being the 2002 recipient of Iowa State University's American College of Veterinary Surgeons, Large Animal Student Surgery Award and the 2000 recipient of Iowa State University's C. T. Nelson Scholarship, with academics and an equine interest considered. In 1998 she was awarded the Ellsworth Women's Scholarship awarded to a student that excels in academics and leadership. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. In addition Dr. Levis was on the Dean's List at Ellsworth Community College and was in Who's Who of American Junior Colleges.

Ratzinger elected pope, takes name Benedict XVI

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected pope Tuesday in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Benedict XVI.

Ratzinger, the first German pope in centuries, emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, where he waved to a wildly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing. Other cardinals clad in their crimson



Solion's abusive behavior

Time Is Running Out for Sudan Despite promises of never again, this remains the Age of Genocide. In Sudan's Darfur region, an entire people is on the way to extinction. What could be done by the US, the UN and the European Union? Why isn't it happening?

Benedict XVI Will Test Religion's 'Red-Blue' Divide Moving rapidly to assuage fears that he would turn the Roman Catholic Church inward, Joseph Ratzinger pledged in his first ser mon as Pope Benedict XVI Wednesday to reach out to believers of all faiths and none, promising to "continue ... sincere dialogue with them."

Iraq's PM Allawi Survives **Assassination Bid**

Iraq's caretaker prime minister survived an assassination attempt y a suicide bomber on Wednesday on the eve of an expected announcement of a new government, as insurgent violence regained momentum.

Iraq May Name Government

Thursday, Violence Flares lraq's caretaker prime minister survived an assassination attempt y a suicide bomber on Wednesday on the eve of an expected announcement of a new government, as insurgent violence regained momentum.

Palestinians Pass Elections Law That Snubs Abbas

The Palestinian parliament passed a law on Wednesday aimed at ensuring victory for the ruling Fatah party in elections set for July, snubbing the Palestinian president who wants a more inclusive poll.

Suicide Bomb Explodes Near Iraq Political Party

A suicide bomber in a car blew himself up near the political party headquarters of Iraq's caretaker Prime Minister Iyad Allawi on Wednesday and casualties were feared, a police official said.

Berlusconi Resigns But Vows to Form New Government talian Prime Minister Silvio resigned on Berlusconi Wednesday but vowed to form a new coalition government with the same partners, seeking to avert a snap general election and revive flagging political fortunes.

BenedictXVLcom Owner Promises No Porn or Gambling An American who registered the Internet name BenedictXVI.com before the new Pope was chosen said on Wednesday he had not worked out what to do with it but was pretty sure it would be a sin to sell it to a pornographer.



robes came out on other balconies to watch him after one of the fastest papal conclaves of

the past century. Ratzinger turned 78 on Saturday. His age clearly was a factor among cardinals who favored a "transitional" pope who could skillfully lead the church as it absorbs John Paul II's legacy, rather than a younger cardinal who could wind up with another long pontificate.

Absentee voting begins for school board, city council elections

Absentee voting for the upcoming school board and city council elecions will be held from April 20th through May 5th. Election day is Saturday, May 7, 2005, with polling booths open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Spearman ISD has four candidates vying for two positions. Incumbents Carol Dunnihoo and Dwayne Mitchell will be on the ballot with Joe Garcia and Mark Murray.

Early voting for Spearman ISD will be conducted at the Superintendent's Office, 403 East 11th in Spearman, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. from April 20th through May 3rd. Voting on May 7th will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Spearman High School. Lee Bob Harper, Tracy Venneman and Davin Winger will face-off for the two seats on the Gruver ISD Board being vacated by incumbents Jody Irwin and Terry Sherrill.

Early voting for Gruver ISD will be conducted at the Gruver Business Office, 601 Garrett in Gruver, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. from April 20th through May 3rd. Voting on May 7th will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gruver Jr. High Library.

In the Spearman City Council race, Kathy Boyd will run against incumbents Brian Gillispie, Alfred Avila and Ron Antalek, for three seats.

Early voting for the City of Spearman will be conducted at Spearman City Hall, 30 SW Court in Spearman, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 o.m. from April 20th through May 3rd. Voting on May 7th will be conducted at Spearman City Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Kenny Red will face incumbent mayor Mark Irwin in the Gruver City Commission. Johnnie Williams also filed as a city commissioner, but is unning unopposed.

Early voting for the City of Gruver will be conducted at Gruver City Hall, 201 East Broadway in Gruver, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from April 20th through May 3rd. Voting on May 7th will be conducted at Gruver City Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pringle Morse CISD will not hold an election as only the incumbents Jon Tolleson, Clyde McCloy Robin Wilson filed for the three seats that are expiring.



Cody Mac Been was named Class 1A All-Region Basketball. He was also selected to play in

the Golden Spread All-Star game

this past weekend, where he was

named to the All-Tournament

team. Cody Mac is the son of

Rod and Mica Been.

Dr. Kristina Levis joins the staff at Hansford Vet Clinic.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Throughout the United States, people recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In the late 1980's, rape crisis centers throughout the nation agreed upon this date during a meeting of the membership of National Coalition Against Sexual Assault. The purpose was to coordinate at a nationwide level to educate and promote understanding about sexual assault and its prevention.

A recent survey of Texans by KRC Research found that more than half of all Texans are not even aware of the sexual assault services available to them in their communities. Moreover, according to Annette Burrhus-Clay, TAASA executive director, approximately 13% of Texas residents have been sexually assaulted.

In 2001, Texas Association society. This effort can help com-Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) received \$2 million, two-year grant from the Office of the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program. The grant wa awarded to identify Texan's attitudes towards sexual assault and develop a public awareness campaign around the issues. Thus, "Speak Up, Speak Out" was developed.

"This is a powerful campaign that has been built on a solid foundation of research," said Attorney General Greg Abbott. The Speak Up, Speak Out campaign encourages talking with partners, friends, and family about the seriousness of sexual assault in our society. This effort can help communities support rape and sexual assault in our

munities support rape and sexual assault survivors, victims, and their families, as well as the individuals and agencies that provide rape crisis intervention and prevention services throughout the year.

The Panhandle Crisis Center would like to encourage the public to take steps to address sexual violence. The hope is that a month of intensified awareness efforts combined with sexual violence prevention work throughout the year will bring society closer to ending sexual assault.

If there is any organization interested in a program on this issue, please call the Panhandle Crisis Center at (806) 435-5008 or 1-800-753-4308

USDA Rural Development To Host Meeting On Value-Added Producer Grant Program

USDA Rural Development State rancher cooperatives, agricultural Director Bryan Daniel announced that the Agency will hold a seminar to discuss the Value Added-Producer Grant program. The meeting will be held Monday, April Lubbock, Texas.

the development of value-added projects to help create the opportunity for economic development and job creation in rural areas," said Daniel, "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing the necessary tools to help

producer groups, and majority-

ventures. Value-added agricultural proposals are being requested from eligi-Agency"s 2005 Value-Added the nation's rural residents. "This grant program will foster Producer Grant Program is May 6,

To reserve a seat or learn more controlled producer-based business about this program, contact the Lubbock Local Office (806) 785-5644, Ext. 4 or visit our website at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/. 28, 2005 at 1 p.m. at the USDA ble independent agricultural pro- USDA Rural Development was Agriculture Research Service Plant ducers-based business ventures created in 1994 and its mission is Stress and Water Conservation interested in this program. The to use the resources of USDA to Auditorium, 3810 Fourth Street, application deadline for the help enhance the quality of life for

Italian Court Rules Woman's Feeding Tube Must Stay Italy's Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a man's appeal to remove a feeding tube keeping his daughter alive, weeks after a bitter row over brain-damaged Terri Schiavo divided the US.

Tony Blair Says Not Deterred by Unpopularity Britain's Tony Blair accepted on Wednesday his popularity had wanted since the heady days of 1997 but said his enthusiasm for the premiership had not, vowing again to serve a full third term if re-elected on May 5.

Laina Grotegut played in the Spread All-Star Golden Basketball Game, this past weekend. She is the daughter of Mike and Angela Grotegut.



The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed April 27th-29th, and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd. The deadline for the April 28th issue was April 18th. Any information received after that time will be published at a later date.

rural businesses create jobs and improve the quality of life for their communities."Authorized as part of the 2002 Farm Bill, the Value-Added Agricultural Producer Grant Program provides an opportunity to refine agricultural commodities and products to increase their value in the marketplace. Grants may be used for planning activities and working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are

independent producers, farmer and

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the northwest after midnight. FRIDAY - Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs around 70. North winds 15 to 25 mph.

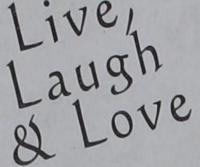
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy, Lows in the upper 40s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

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by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Sheri Benton sent me the following story about Stress Management. I don't know about you, but I can use all the help I can get with stress management.

Stress Management

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "how heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it."

"If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. "In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can." "Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short Enjoy it!

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Project Graduation

Project Graduation The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2005 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 27th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, grad-uates 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 will-ing to share in this final "Class of 2005" memory, making this project "spe-cial", please call Delinda McLaughlin at 659-2800, Stephanie Brock at 659-1774, or Shannon Barnes at 659-5544. Thank you, in advance, for your support! your support!

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on April 25, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against can-cer 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 Hoalth for Texas residents who qualify for assis 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.

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

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

3rd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration

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

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Salsa Contest

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

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was born in Borger but my parents brought me home to Hansford County as soon as they could in January 1946. I was involved in the Morse Community through my freshman year in high school. I was involved in the Gruver Community through my senior year in high school and for another six months in 1969 when Kenneth Irwin gave me my first job at Gruver State Bank. Clay Gibner gave me a job at First State Bank, in Spearman, in 1972, and I have been involved in the Spearman Community for the last 33 years. My four children have graduated from Spearman High School and they have all competed just fine with the rest of the United States bringing home four college degrees from three states including one from New York University.

of Hansford County do a fantastic job of preparing our children for the future. A Spearman graduate, Robert Whitson, has just been named dean of the Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. A Gruver Graduate, Nancy Hudson Sambaiew, has served the United State Department as Consul General in our Embassies in Tokyo, Japan, and Paris, France. A Morse graduate, Tom Womble, was Editor-in-Chief of the Texas Tech Law Review, serves on the Board of Trustees of Hardin Simmons University, and heads one of the most successful law firms in Houston, Texas.

I have been blessed in that I have been able to make a living in Hansford County. I believe there will always be enough business in Hansford County that schools will be needed. The Legislature may require that we consolidate our schools. To date this has not happened

school located in a "Neutral" loca- Tuesday, April 19. However, word tion would continue to prepare our

threat of non-promotion, is on the brink of becoming counterproductive. At the risk of being misunderstood, I want to state that I am in favor of accountability in our schools. We need it. However, I believe there has to be a better, more effective way of achieving this that does not have such a strongly negative impact on our educators and students.

What can be done? First of all, take the time to do something. Until recently I have never attended a school board meeting other than as a teacher requesting permission for a choir tour. When I voiced my concerns about pres-sures and stresses impacting the students and teachers, I was told that this was the first time anyone had come to the board to express this issue. I was shocked because I know I am not the only person con-All the educational institutions cerned about this. Anyone is welcome to board meetings. Go just to observe and listen. If you have a concern, ask the appropriate way to address them and express your thoughts. You know what: they don't bite - they listen...and they listen well! (Proof of this is the resolution passed at the April board meeting and sent to Austin in sup-port of HB1612 and SB1717 details follow.)

Secondly, I am concerned about TAKS scores being the only criterion for promotion in 3rd, 5th, and, three years hence, 8th grades. HB1612 has been submitted this year by Rep. Dora Olivo to broaden promotion criteria to include students' grades, classroom performance, and teacher evaluation in addition to TAKS scores. To take action on this legislation, contact our state representative, Mr. Chisum. Warren (phone: 512.463.0736; FAX: 512.463.0211)

This bill is currently in the public education committee and was I believe a consolidated high scheduled for a first hearing was received today, Monday mornhas dropped it from the schedule citing an overly-full agenda for the day. Urgent action is now needed the committee hearing of HB1612 as soon as possible. 512.463.0624; FAX: 512.463.1398) May 9 is the deadline for bills to move forward through the system, so the window of opportunity is growing short. Anyone can contact Rep. Grusendorf urging him to sched-

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

The second mouse gets the cheese.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some

on a detour.

test was changed from TAAS to Most of all, care enough to get Publication Policy TAKS three years ago, notification involved. I learned from a situation The deadline to submit news and advertising to The Hansford County was given that the incoming test when my oldest son was in 7th Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the would gradually become more difgrade (not in Spearman) that if you Words of Wisdom deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit. ficult and standards for acceptabilare not an advocate for your child, Publication of all items is at the discretion of the editor. ity would also rise. Time has no one else will be - in fact, no one Advertising shown this to be the case. Evidence else should be. A well-placed Open Display rates are \$4.00 per column inch. Classified Ads are \$5 of this was in the April 6 Amarillo word, calmly and rationally "The future of the world is in "There is an old saying that the for the first 25 words and 10c per word for each additional word. (Additional charge for boxed classifieds.) There is a \$1 charge per paper in an article headlined, "TEA expressed to the right people, is the my classroom today, a future with course of civilization is a race between catastrophe and educathe potential for good or bad Sets Tougher Accountability place to start. week if billed. tion. In a democracy such as ours, Several future presidents are Standards on TAKS." What this We are blessed with a great learning from me today; so are the we must make sure that education article does not tell it that both last school system, a hard-working Member of great writers of the next decades, wins the race. year and this, passing standards Gruver Chamber of Commerce board of trustees, strong adminisand so are all the so-called ordi--- John F. Kennedy were raised or "re-interpreted" Spearman Chamber of Commerce trators, and well equipped, gifted, nary people who will make the after the tests were graded. Texas Press Association and Panhandle Press Association and caring teachers. Tell them decisions in a democracy. I must As a concerned citizen, grandnever forget these same young thanks for a job well done. If you parent, and retired teacher I am people could be the thieves and are concerned about the current "Above all things I hope the looking for ways to have positive murderers of the future. Only a education of the common people testing system with which we are input into moderating the system. will be attended to; convinced that teacher? Thank God I have a callforced to exist, get involved, be TEXAS PRESS on their good sense we may rely ing to the greatest profession of The pressure on both students and informed, and work productively ASSOCIATION with most security for the preserall! I must be vigilant every day, teachers to perform at ever-escalatfor change. lest I lose one fragile opportunity APPAR ALLAR vation of a due degree of liberty." ing levels is extreme and, for this AWARD WINNER Thank you, to improve tomorrow." --Ivan Welton Fitzwater --Thomas Jefferson year's 3rd and 5th graders with the Carol Pack 3

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce will present "Once Upon A Time," the 2005 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant, on June 7, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Age divisions are: Little Miss, 4-6; Junior Miss, 7-9; Pre-teen, 10-12; Miss Teen, 13-16; and Miss Hansford, 17-21. Entry forms are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, Dreamer's Salon and Little Tiffanies in Gruver. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on May 6, 2005. For information, contact Jodie Hight at 659-3720.

Aggies Unite for Solemn Tradition of Muster Former students and friends of Texas A&M University will assemble on at the Morse Community Building in Morse April 21st for the annual Texas Aggie Muster in honor of all Aggies who have passed away within the past year. The tradition of Muster will be observed in over 300 locations around the world this April 21st. Quentin Shieldknight, Muster Chairman for the High Plains A&M Club announced the Muster activities, including a barbecue dinner and silent auction, will begin at 6:30 p.m. All Aggies and their families, friends of Texas A&M University, and prospective students are invited to attend. For information or directions, please call Quentin Shieldknight at 806-659-2051, or The Association of former Students at 979-845-7514.

O'Loughlin Center's Annual Bridge Tournament It's time for the O'Loughlin Center's Annual Bridge Tournament. On Saturday, April 23, 2005, bridge players from all around the area are invited to join the fun at 502 S. Brandt. Registration and coffee will begin at 9 a.m. Table numbers will be assigned, and play will begin at 9:30. Lunch will be served from 12-1, and play will resume from 1-3:30. During the day, drawings will be held for door prizes, and several items will be available for silent auction. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three scores at the end of the day and fun prizes will be awarded during play. The cost for the tournament, including lunch, is \$15. For more information, call Kathy Bryant at the O'Loughlin Center (659-3030) or Judy Nelson (659-3608). Please RSVP by April 21st.

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class

The American Red Cross will conduct a Lifeguard Training class start ng April 30th at 1 p.m. at the Perryton Activity Center, for new lifeguards only. This class will involve four more training classes, and all classes must be attended for certification. To sign up, call the Red Cross office, 435-8024 or April Snyder at 435-4358.

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class

The American Red Cross will conduct the challenge for CPR on April 29th and the Lifeguard challenge on April 30th at the Perryton Activity Center. The challenges are for Lifeguards who already hold a certificate. To sign up, call the Red Cross office, 435-8024 or April Snyder at 435-4358

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children to compete and I would ing, that the committee chairman like to see that idea seriously considered. I believe our citizens are not ready for that to happen.

Twelve Million Dollars is a lot of asking Rep. Kent Grusendorf, money. The Spearman School chair of the House Committee on District can probably afford the Public Education, to re-schedule proposed construction project. It helps that oil and gas prices are high. They will not always be high and we will not always have oil and gas. I wish we had persevered with the project several years ago when steel prices were much lower. We did not. If we are to continue to have a quality school system in Spearman, we need to do ule this bill for a hearing and something. If we wait five years, asking him to push passage of this steel may be cheaper, but oil and bill sending it to the full House. gas may be cheaper also. Many honest, competent citizens have spent many hours developing this plan. I wish this would take care of bond issue passes or not, we will 512.463.0131; P.O. Box 12068, know what we should have done five years from now. If the project is approved, my tax bill will increase a lot.

Our schools are not the only reason our children are well prepared. Our quality of life is superb. That quality is not a result of the weather or the shopping centers or the Contact him in support of this number of police officers. It results effort. Contact Senator Seliger to from our citizens and the values they hold dear and teach to their children. I hope that quality of life remains. A modern school facility will encourage those citizens and our excellent teachers to want to continue living here.

have been good to my family and me. We each need to decide what is best for ourselves and then vote accordingly. I plan to vote yes. **Bill Pittman**

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter-to-the- are good but not as time efficient. The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and editor forum. I would like to use this means of sharing some inforcontact. all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same mation with the public, especially cathysmith@antden.com Mon.-Thurs. (Closed Fridays) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m. parents of public school students box. who are, or will be, taking the var- with Rep. Dora Oliva, sponsor of A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery standardized ious Assessment of Knowledge and Carolyn Cummings - Asst. Editor • Clayton Smith - Student Editor Skills (TAKS) tests administered every year under legislative mandate. Having a 5th grader who, since 3rd grade, is a member of the In Hansford County - \$25.00 • Out of County - \$30.00 May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to leading pass-to-promote class, I am concerned about the pressure on shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman (USPS 529660) is pub-lished 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. students and teachers alike to per- those interested but unable to up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. form at acceptable levels as the attend can be accessed on Rep. TAKS system seems to intensify Numbers 6:24-26 Olivo's with each passing year. When the www.doraolivo.com. Catherine :)

In the State Senate Sen. Leticia Van de Putte is sponsoring SB1717, a companion bill to HB1612. Contact the senator from some of the problems at the high our district urging his support for school but it won't. Whether this this bill, Sen. Kel Seliger (P: Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711).

Additionally, Senator Frank Madla is drafting a resolution requesting an in-depth look at the usefulness of high-stakes testing and the amount of teaching time these standardized exams absorb. get behind Sen. Madla's resolution when it is presented.

Thirdly, log on to the web site of a lady in Amarillo who is hard at work in this area of concern. Her name is Chantelle Heiskell and the web site is www.opposetaks.org . Hansford County and Spearman She can be e-mailed at info@opposetaks.org and you can expect a personal response. Check the web site often for current information.

> How should one contact these people? Phone calls and faxes are the fastest and most effective communications. Letters and e-mails Take the time to make a personal

There will be a video conference Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 P.M. Texas HB1612, speaking from Austin. Location of the live conference locally is the library at WTA&M in Canyon. Representatives from the Panhandle area and Senator Kel Seliger have been invited to attend. Public attendance and participation is invited. Internet coverage for web site,



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

Thank you, Catherine

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 - M/M 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, Cindy Womble, Lisa Tarango, Troy TeBeest, Donna Cook, Velma Deweese, Debbie Hornsby, Janice Fulce, Hannah Speck, Karen Babitzke, **Brendon Carter**

Anniversary - M/M Pablo Perez, M/M Brad Renick, M/M Joe Lopez, M/M 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

Slough, Kenny Lyndee Ferguson, Linda Garcia, Ricky Ellsworth, Bob Marsh, Juan Rojas, Summer Riggins, Donna Duggan, Larry Ross Anniversary - Pete & Kim

Vera April 27 Birthday - Hart Derington, Tek Ferguson, Archie Nelson, Beatrice "Sis" Stayton, Mitzi Myers, Jerry Ross Jr., Marie Snider, Simona Rayes, April Tenneson, Elva Sullivan, Jean Burgess, Veronica Favela, Wilma Reese, Alan Hutchinson, John Michael Duncan, Kathy Floyd, Christy Harris

Anniversary - M/M Victor White

April 28

Birthday - Kade Carthel, Wade Dahl, Jerry Duncan, Pat Harris, Jody Irwin, Krysanne Johnson, Shirley Lowe, Elvin Martin, Scott Swan, Kerry McMullan, Tammy Savage, Vernon Tindell, John Henry Hughes, Sambo Connelly, Clark Bridges, Victoria Vela, Jessica Mayo, Janet Morales, Brad Renick, Jimmy Morley, Kyle Sumner

Anniversary - M/M Roy Riley, James & Linda Owens, M/M Bill Gaither, Robbie & Valerie Shield

April 29

Birthday - Jill Garrett, Clay Hobbs, Betty Roberts, Estelle Jackson, Britton Benge, Burton Williams, Robbie Shields, Harnish, Christine 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

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by Cecil R. Biggers, Parish Lay Minister

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The Psalmist cries to God to be a "rock of refuge to me" in his plight Peter describes Christ as a "living stone" who encourages us as "living stones to become His spiritual temple; John reassures us that Christ has gone to prepare a place for us, that Christ is the way, the Truth, and the Luke tells us the story of Stephen, a deacon of the early church, who is on trial for blasphemy and who is said to not understand the history of God with Israel. In his declaration, Stephen exhibits a command of the history of the relationship of God with Israel and declares Jesus as the Son of The Almighty as he is stoned to death by the crowd; yet, Stephens' prayer is "count not this sin against them, O Lord." May the Holy Spirit increase your faithfulness and use your life as a living stone in His Holy Temple. Thursday, April 21, 2005 - Page 3

Our Sympathy

ALMA GERTRUDE "TRUDY" WARD

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA - Alma Gertrude "Trudy" Ward, 70, wife of former Gruver resident Tom Ward, passed away peacefully with family on Wednesday March 30th at ANMC in Anchorage, AK.

Trudy's Alaska residency began with her birth on May 7, 1934 at Kanakanak. Her younger years were spent in Dillingham where she met her husband of 50 years, Tom Ward. Trudy and Tom lived in Anchorage, Bethel, Unalaska, Kodiak and Sitkinak Island before resettling in Dillingham to raise their family.

Prior to retirement, her working career included secretary for State of Alaska Public Health Center and Fish and Game, and business partner with her husband, Tom, at the Chevron bulk fuel plant and dock.

Trudy's proudest achievements included being a Charter member of Dillingham Trinity Lutheran Church. Trudy is best known for her open door to anyone, including seasonal fisherman, her children's friends, Vista volunteers, visiting school teams and families in Dillingham. Trudy was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Eugene Jr. and John Leon. She is survived by her husband, Tom, and children, Jimbo and Kathy Ward, Kay Lynn and Dana Thomas, Roy Ward, Sheila Brunsvold, Sonja and Paul Stoker, grandchildren Bristol Clarkson, Seth Thomas, Tricia Ward, David and Tommy Brunsvold, Kaila and Everett Stoker and greatgranddaughter, Meadow Clarkson.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society Alaska Chapter, 511 W. 41st Ave., Rm 101. Anchorage, AL 99503.

CAROLYN HAHN

JUSTIN, TEXAS - Carolyn Hahn passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at the age of 52.

Graveside services will be conducted on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 1 p.m. at Gruver Cemetery in Gruver, under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Elk City, Oklahoma.

Carolyn was born on August 6, 1952 in Spearman to Frances Claude and Joyce Ruth Jones. She graduated from Spearman High School in 1970 and was married to Tommy Hahn on December 14, 1975 at Spearman. They established their home in Gruver, later living in Perryton, Canadian, Leedey, Oklahoma, Dumas, Pawhuska, Oklahoma and then Justin, where she has lived for some two years. Carolyn worked for Dairy Queen Industries as a store manager, district manager and trainer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and a niece.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy Hahn of the home; four children, Damon Hahn and his wife Nancy of Leedey, Okla., Anissa Nemeth of Frisco, and Jim and Todd Everson of Justin; 12 grandchildren; two sisters, Donna McRee of Elk City, Okla. and Nikki Clark of Canute, Okla.; and two brothers, Joe Bob Jones of Clinton, Okla. and Scott Starr of Garland, Texas.

The family requests memorials in Carolyn's name be made to the Ronald McDonald house in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Underwood, Donna Hill, Meagan Burrell, Mia Burrell, Greg Breland, Mary Bayless, Jodi Martin, Roy Garcia, Joe Ruhlin

Anniversary - M/M Lewis Hill Jr.

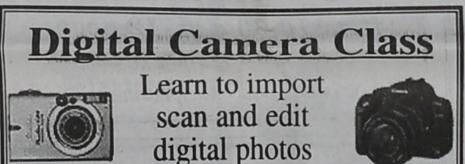
April 26 Birthday - DeeDee Johnson, Juanita Logsdon, Benny McClenagan, Angie Remmel, Hermosillo, James E. Johnson, Zachery Renteria Anniversary - M/M Kyle Irwin

May 1 Birthday - Josie Kiser, Cori Cox, Marti Garnett, Jarett 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

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Classes will be held May 10th and 12th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Spearman High School. The cost of the class will be \$20. Participants should bring their camera to class. To register or more information, call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m. Children's Choir - Wed, 6 p.m. Adult Choir - Wed, 7 p.m. Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor - Jim Medley

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Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Pastor - Beverly Cook

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Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Dr. Timothy Minor

Primera Mision Bautista 502 E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m. Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I. 1105 S. Roland Domingos: Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m. Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m. Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m. Pastor - A.G. Martell (806) 659-2153

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First Baptist Church 402 E.Broadway • 733-2411 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook

Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - George Price

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Summer - 8:00 p.m. Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m

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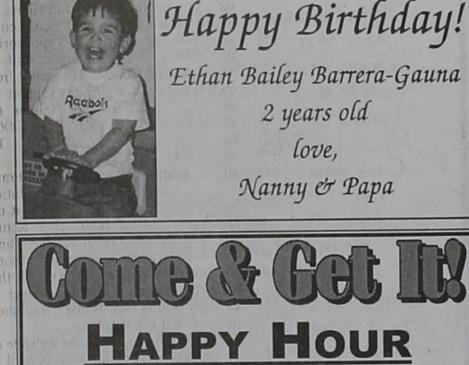
Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) Miles West & 12 Mile North of Gruver 339-7709 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - Paul Fiske

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Gruver Prom - May 7 . Spearman Prom - May 14

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The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The students who invaded the museum this week were the Higgins Elementary. Having kindergarten thru 5th grade is always fun because we group the students into teams representing all grades to move around the exhibits. The older kids acting as guides with the assistance of a lead teacher. As always, the kids did great and fun was had by all. Darrouzett is coming this week. If you have a group that would like to have a meeting or a special tour of the museum, please call us and arrange the event. We welcome all ages and interests.

LIPSCOMB COUNTY HISTORY

April 22, 1887 marks the date that the first issue of the Panhandle Interstate newspaper was published. The first issue had ads from a Surveyor and Land Agent, a Drugs and Sundries dealer, a Livery, Feed and Sale stable, the First State Bank of Kiowa, A Farm Implements co., the Southern Kansas Railroad, a lumber company, and a Dentist. Most of the companies were in Kiowa, Kansas. An Article "Kiowa to Lipscomb by Stage" tells us that a W.L. Brown has put on a hack between Lipscomb and "Buzzard Roost" making close connections with the stage between Kiowa, Kansas, and Mobeetie, Texas, thus giving through passage form Kiowa to Lipscomb without an lay over the entire distance.

This first issue described the weather, the first settlers, the railroad and our geography. Letters were published and a page of Items of interest were published. an example of interest was Woodson Bro's put up quite a quantity of ice last winter, with which they will supple the Lipscomb market when the hot days come.

On its 118th anniversary, we are still enjoying and learning from our first newspaper.

MUSEUM QUESTIONNAIRE

As mentioned last week, the museum board will be having a work session soon to establish priorities and projects. Below is a questionnaire that requests your comments and opinions on three topics of interest to us. Please cut the out and send us your thoughts. You can also email us at Wolfcrk@amaonline.com or call at 806-852-2123. Your assistance in our planning process is appreciated.

- Which activity would you participate in to provide the Museum with funds?
 - Pay a membership fee
 - Buy items from the gift shop
 - Donate money as memorials, a designated charity
 - Pay an admission fee to Museum
 - Pay an admission fee to programs
 - Attend fundraisers (i.e. musical programs, silent auctions, etc.)
 - Donate funds to a specific project



NEWS

Karen Thompson poses with her new Little Sister, Melissa.

Two more Spearman girls now have Big Sisters. Big Sister Karen Thompson was matched with her Little Sister, Melissa, on February 22 and Big Sister Cindy Blackman was matched with her Little Sister, Katy, on February 23 through the local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency.

The organization's mission is to match children with caring volunteers who serve as mentors helping them develop positive life skills and social values. Volunteers are matched with children who can benefit from one-to-one attention and support. They become trusted friends who help the children through life's ups and downs.

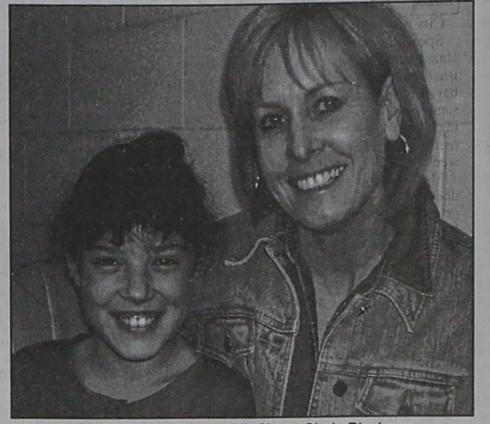
The matches spend an average of two hours a week together. "We ask that the mentors don't spend a lot of money on their matches or try to always plan elaborate entertainment," said Kimberley Lopez, local agency case manager. "They just bring the child along for whatever activity they are already doing like planting flowers, baking cookies, doing crafts or community service projects. The kids love to help decorate for the holidays, go to Lynx games, or ride the combine. It doesn't take a lot to have a fun afternoon."

Spearman girls get 'Big Sisters'

Thompson and Melissa are looking forward to working in the yard, watching movies, reading and cooking. "Karen plans to involve Melissa in her church and family activities as well as some of her school projects," Lopez explained. "Melissa and her father recognized that she needs a positive adult female role model, someone all her own to talk to."

Blackman and Katy had been matched since October in the school based mentoring program of BBBS, Bigs in Schools. In this program, no contact outside of school by phone or in person is allowed. "Cindy and Katy hit it off right away," Lopez said. "Now that they have transitioned to the community program they will be able to spend more time together."

The two plan to play games, do crafts and watch movies. "Cindy always has something going and I expect to see Katy right alongside her helping," Loped added. "Katy



Katy is pictured with her new Bib Sister, Cindy Blackman.

is pretty active herself. I know teer," said Lopez. Cindy will always be cheering on the sidelines."

one boy on Spearman's waiting list. "We need more caring people like Karen and Cindy to volun- at 435-9180.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program is encour-Currently, 18 other children are aged to call the local BBBS office matched with mentors in the school at 434-0016 (toll free at 1-877and community based programs in 716-3424) or contact Hansford Spearman. There are two girls and county's representatives to the agency's board of directors, Jason Cantrell at 659-3133 or Tara Leicht



Donate funds to a specific project	You're invited to attend a
I would volunteer to assist the Museum with:	Bridal Shower
Special projects (specific topic and defined time frame)	honoring
Donating items (crafts, homemade objects) for gift shop	Cami Alingarnar
Keeping the Museum open on Sundays	Cami Winegarner
Hosting a special program	bride-elect of Jody Meason
Teaching a class	on Saturday, April 30th
Serve on the Museum board	from 10:30 a.m12 noon
Serve on a committee (fundraising, exhibits, volunteers)	in the home of Judy Nelson
I would attend the following programs:	130 Nelson Road • Spearman, Tex
Community programs (how-to classes, historical lectures, book clubs, etc .)	150 Meison Louis - Spearman, 1ex
Children's programs (book clubs, demonstrations, fun days, etc.)	
Theatrical/musical programs	
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I am interested in being involved with the Museum, contact me	
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NEWS

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Spearman City Manager, Ed Hansen, reported that they had finished painting the water tower. It has been refilled with water and samples have been taken for testing. The water tower should be ready for use by the end of this week.

Mr. Hansen reported that it doesn't look like the city will be getting the grant for the sidewalks. It is based on several different items, but our unemployment is too low and the income is too high. The City is looking into other avenues to try and get the sidewalks done.

Mr. Hansen said that they are very happy that PTCI is in town and up and running.

The city manager stated that the winter gas bills were high but that we were doing better than some cities. Some of the cities that did not have contracts were purchasing gas on the spot market which had gone as high as \$10.00 per mcf last week. The City of Spearman entered into a contract, which will end at the end of this year, that allows them to purchase gas at \$6.57 per mcf.

...................... Hansford County Tax Office closing April 22 for seminar

The Hansford County Tax Office will be taking advantage of educational opportunities in the months of April and August. The employees of the Hansford County Tax Office will attend a meeting on April 22, 2005 in Amarillo and a seminar August 23-26, 2005 in Austin. This seminar is the Secretary of State Election Law Seminar. The Hansford County Tax Office will be closed during these dates. The neighboring counties of Hutchinson, Ochiltree and Sherman will assist all Hansford County customers during the time the office is closed in August.

Gruver Junior High

"Citizenship Awards" The Gruver Junior High School awarded the following students the "Citizenship Award" for the 5th six weeks period: Fifth grade: Daniela Luciano, Sixth grade: Zachary Saylor, Seventh grade: Leigh Anne Winger, and for Eighth grade: Skyler Bettis

Students were nominated by their teachers as the students who best exemplifies those qualities necessary to be a good citizen. These students daily exhibit qualities of proper attitude, self-motivation, friendliness, and the drive to succeed in whatever is presented to them.

............................ Gruver Elementary School Hosts "Donuts For Dads"

Gruver Elementary School hosted "Donuts For Dads" on Friday, April 14th. The breakfast was from 7 to 8 a.m. Following the breakfast Dad's were invited to view each child's classroom and their work. They served 196 Dad's and students this year and the school appreciates the support of the parents.

************************ Hansford Manor Schedule April - 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 27: 10 a.m. -Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room Thursday, April 28: 10 a.m. -

Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. -Bingo, dining room

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

Saturday, April 30: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

Hansford County Calendar March 13-20, 2005

April 21 - 9th Grade Math TAKS Test; 10th & 11th Grade Social Studies TAKS Test; Exit Level Social Studies Retest; 5th Grade Science TAKS Test; 8th Grade Social Studies TAKS Test April 22 - Junior High Dance,

Cracker Box Gym, 6-9 p.m. April 22-23 - Regional UIL Academic Meet, Abilene

April 23 - HS Regional Qualifiers Track Meet; Spearman ISD Bond Election, Administration Office, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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

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

April 26-27 - TPRI Testing, Kindergarten only

April 27-28 - AA-Region One Tennis Tournament, Abilene; Junior High UIL Choir Contest, Amarillo

April 27 - Physics/Anatomy trip to Lubbock

April 28 - IPC Trip to Palo Duro Canyon April 29 - Spearman ISD,

Pringle-Morse CISD School Snow Day, No School April 29-30 - HS Regional Track



Many thanks go out to Beverly of the Lutheran and Presbyterian Church for conducting services on Sunday, the 10th. It was reported to me that there was good attendance and that Beverly did an excellent job. Thank you again!

..... Monday morning was off with the usual greetings, chores, and the Newscurrents program.

We had a bit of a crazy week at the Manor. It was so windy and cold that afternoon so, we cancelled the shopping at home in Spearman and played dominoes and cards throughout the afternoon. The Preceptor Sorority host-

ed bingo that evening. The Residents enjoy the fellowship, winning bingo quarters, and of course the desserts that they are served afterwards. Thank you to the Preceptor Sorority!

Tuesday morning we had a crowd gather in the great room to watch the Price is Right. Ernestina and Gilbert Salgado's daughter was in the audience of the show. We had great fun hollering when we got glimpses of her. Ernie was especially excited. It was fun to cheer one of our own along. During happy hour after lunch

we traveled to Siberia via video. (We decided since this was income tax week we could not afford to travel in person) Appropriate desserts were served (including bread and water of course).

...... Wednesday morning we were blessed to have Anne Whitaker visit and lead Bible study. Thank you, Anne! The Residents enjoy her very much.

After lunch there was an inservice happening in the activity room so we watched 9 to 5 in the great room. The Residents thought it was very funny. We had a couple that had not seen it before so they were really hooting.



Suzie Lawrence is pictured above with her son, Sgt. Ryan Hall, his daughter, Rylee, and his wife, Dana.



Dynamite, a barbershop quartet from Amarillo, entertained Hansford Manor residents on Friday afternoon.

ushered down the halls that were him with us, Suzie! filled with decorations, American flags, welcome banners, balloons, and smiling faces. Our special visitor was Sgt. Ryan Hall, wife, Dana, daughter, Rylee, and Mom, Suzie Lawrence. The Residents were in the dining room. When he eral students sang solos. When they entered, the Residents were cheer- had finished singing, we shared

Friday was off with a bang! The kindergarten classes of Spearman came to perform songs that they have been learning at school. They sang several group songs, then sevrefreshments as the Residents watched. Thank you for sharing the children. Friday afternoon was special too as we had the monthly birthday party to celebrate the April birthdays. The auxiliary brought in pie after pie. When the Residents had been served, a barbershop quartet from Amarillo by the name of Dynamite sang for us. They were outstanding! We all enjoyed their performance. Next time they come I hope that you will come up and enjoy them with us.

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..... Thursday was a very busy day. We started the day off exercising to Patriotic music. In between activities Ernie, Tara, Mona, and Dorothy Sparks were running all around the Manor decorating for a special visitor.

hosting bingo in the afternoon. We really appreciate them.

After bingo, our special visitor and his family arrived! He was

ing and waving American flags.

Ryan has just recently returned from Iraq. He is one of the soldiers serving there that the Residents and the staff have been sending gifts and encouragement to. We enjoyed his visit. He talked to the Residents for quite a while. He was very gracious to answer all the questions Thank you to the auxiliary for him back in the states. He lives in California but Mom, Suzie Lawrence lives in Gruver and is one of our favorite nursing staff at the Manor. Thank you for sharing



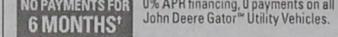


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SCHOOL NEWS

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"Jump Rope for Heart" at Gus Birdwell Elementary

The students at Gus Birdwell Elementary recently participated in "Jump Rope For Heart." This annual fundraiser for the American supported university, college, jun-Heart Association is sponsored by the Hansford Division of the American Heart Association. Coach Todd Baird coordinated the fundraiser. Through his efforts, and the hard work of the students, the event was again very successful, raising over \$3,000 dollars.

of the American Heart Association would like to say a very special "thank-you" to Coach Baird and the students of Gus Birdwell Elementary for a job well done!

2005-2006 Gruver High School Cheerleaders

Gruver High School has announced the cheerleaders for the upcoming school year of 2005-2006. The squad has four juniors and two freshman. Juniors include Lindsey Clift, Sarah Mireles, Kelly Jones and Callie Hargis. Freshman members are Kailee Reed and Dalila Santillan.

Sponsor for the Gruver High School cheerleaders is Kimberly Irwin.

2005-2006 **Spearman High School** Cheerleaders

The 2005-2006 Spearman High School cheerleaders and mascot were chosen recently. There are four seniors and five sophomores, including the mascot.

Head Cheerleader is Britta Vanderburg. The other cheerleaders include seniors Mallory Paul and Abby Winegarner, and sophomores Christy Lang, Callie Cazares, Amy Brown, Clara Kern and Kyla Reed. Rounding out the

ships for the class of 2005. All seniors are encouraged to apply. Scholarship winners will be chosen based upon qualifications and will be announced graduation night.

The rules are very simple. All seniors attending any Texas stateior college, approved trade school, or any out of state or church school that will waive or equalize the tuition to the level of the Texas schools will be eligible. For the second half of your scholarship, you must have maintained a 2.5 GPA for the first semester. You will The Hansford County Division also be required to send at least one "Thank You" letter to your sponsor(s) by June 15, 2005. Complete rules will be given to the scholarship winners following graduation.

> All data sheets must be completed as soon as possible. The deadline will be May 3rd at 3 p.m. No one will be considered un less a data sheet and an essay are available. You may send additional sheets if you do not have room on the data sheet. Be sure and type a one-page essay. No one will be considered without the essay. No applications received after the deadline will be considered.

Please give all data sheets to Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Whitefield or send to: Spearman Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 578, Spearman TX 79081.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Spearman Scholarship Foundation may do so by contacting one of the following advisory members: Jason Cantrell, Richey Thompson, Mary Dixon, Bill Pittman and Jim Derrington.

Frank Phillips College **Community Choir**

presents spring concert The Frank Phillips College Community Choir presents its annual free Spring Concert Sunday, May 1 and Monday, May 2 at the FPC Fine Arts Auditorium. The May 1 show is at 3:30 p.m., while the May 2 performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. The focus of this spring's concert is Jazz music. A jazz band will accompany the choir, and several choir members will perform solos, duets and trios. The Community Choir has, as always, put in hours of hard work in preparation for the concerts. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

Houndsound band ensembles bound for state

Two Houndsound ensembles are state-bound after receiving a Division I rating at the Region I Solo and Ensemble Contest.

The clarinet ensemble advancing is composed of Genesis Hernandez, Myra Hernandez, Jimmilee McCloy, Maria Mendoza, and alternate Brenda Mendoza.

The brass ensemble advancing is composed of Cory Graves, Jordan Hicks, David Parker, Matt Salazar, Justin Thompson, and Seth Thompson.

David Parker also received a Division II rating for his solo presentation.

The state-qualifiers will be competing May 30, in San Marcos.

SHS band students compete in solo and ensemble contest

Ten Spearman High School and twenty-four Spearman Junior High band students traveled to Canyon to participate in the All-Region Solo and Ensemble Contest held on the Canyon Jr. High and West Texas A&M University campus, respectively. The group received 26 "excellent" ratings and 8 "superior" ratings.

Junior high woodwinds receiving "excellent" ratings were: flute solo - Brittany Hall; clarinet solo -Nataly Lopez and Claudia Soto; alto sax solo - Zack Hughes, C.J. Renteria, Jose Anaya and Brett Winegarner; and tenor sax solo -Caleb Odegaard and Andy

Mendez.

Junior high brass receiving "excellent" ratings were: trumpet solo - Jeff Hall, Chance Pack, Pedro Anaya and Jesus Mendoza; French horn solo - Carlos Enrives; and trombone solo - Josue Hernandez.

Junior high percussion receiving drum solo - Nic Garcia, Sergio Jacquez, Raul Pena and Dylan Sumner.

Jr. high students receiving a "superior" rating (the highest rating given) were: Fabian Frayre and Haley Smith - saxophone; Bond Pittman - trumpet; Gus Lopez trombone; and Tyler Schnell . snare drum.

High school students receiving an "excellent" rating were: Aleisha Sweat, Holly Baker and Sara Barnes - clarinet solo; Colby Odegaard - saxophone solo; Anthony Renteria and Clayton Smith - French horn; and Christina Hunter - snare drum.

Timberly Thomas (trumpet) and Wendy Gaytan (snare drum) received "superior" ratings, as did Jessica Blan (clarinet). Jessica's "superior" rating qualified her to compete at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin in May.

"In order to advance to the State contest, students must play a Class I solo (the hardest classification of music) and memorize the piece," Ms. Anna Marie Holland, Spearman band director said. "This will go a long way to help Jessica qualify for scholarships to attend

TRACK

VARSITY LYNXETTES The Spearman High School

Lynxettes took first place in the Jessica Diaz district track meet on Friday and Saturday, April 14 & 15 in Panhandle with 166 points. Panhandle was second (108) followed by Boys Ranch (88) for third. Fourth place went to Sanford- Fritch (86); then Canadian (80) for 5th place. an "excellent" rating were: snare Highland Park took 6th place (51) and 7th place went to West Texas (41)

> All Lynxettes who finished first, second or third in an event qualified for the regional track meet, which will be held at Abilene Christian University on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30.

Individual results are as follows: 3200 M Run: 1. Tara Shields (12:43.71), 4. Amy Brown, 6. Tabatha Shields; 400 M. Relay: 6. Amy Boyd, Christy Lang, Malory Paul, Maria Davila; 800 M. Run: 1. Jessica Diaz (2:31.52), 2. Tara Shields (2:33.21), 3. Maria Davila (2:39.24); 100 M. Hurdles: 2. Kylee Howard (16.91), 3. Mallory Paul (16.91), 6. Cayla Smith; 100 M. Dash: 4. Macy Harbour; 800 M. Relay: 5. Kylee Howard, Jessica Diaz, Sonny Parker, Christy Lang; 400 M. Dash: 1. Melissa Lesly (60.46), 2. Macy Harbour (63.68); 300 M. Hurdles: 6. Kylee Howard; 200 M. Dash: 2. Melissa Lesly (26.50), 6. Sonny Parker; 1600 M. Run: 2. Jessica Diaz (5:56.96), 4. Amy Brown; 1600 M. Relay: 3. Macy Harbour, Tara Shields, Sonny Parker, Christy Lang (4:24.49); Discus: 3. Jordanna Lozano (105'1"); High Jump: 1. Sony Parker (5'00"); Long Jump: 3. Kylee Howard area meet will advance to the (15'2 1/2), 5. Sonny Parker; Triple pregional track meet at South Plains Jump: 1. Kylee Howard (33'04"); h College, in Levelland, on April Pole Vault: 2. Macy Harbour 29th and 30th. (8'06"), 3. Christy Lang (8'00"), 5. to meth

GRUVER LADY HOUNDS

The Gruver High School Lady Hounds placed 5th out of 24 in a track meet in the area track meet in Panhandle on April 13th. Results are as follows:

3200 M. Run: 6. Liz Lopez; 100 M. Dash: 5. Blythe Finley; 300 M. Hurdles: 4. Lindsey Clift; Pole Vault: 2. Blythe Finley; Triple Jump: 2. Lindsey Clift; Long Jump: 2. Lindsey Clift; High Jump: 1. Lindsey Clift (New GHS School Record - 5'6")

All contestants who finished in the top four of their event at the area meet will advance to the regional track meet at South Plains College, in Levelland, on April 29th and 30th.

GRUVER GREYHOUNDS

The Gruver High School Greyhounds placed 3rd out of 24 in a track meet the area track meet in Panhandle on April 13th. Results are as follows:

3200 M. Run: 3. Cesar Ortiz, 4. Brad Clawson; 1600 M. Run: 2. Cesar Ortiz, 3. Brad Clawson; 110 M. Hurdles: 5. Matt Messer; 800 M. Relay: 5. Crispin Borunda, Sheldon Atwood, Stephen Salazar, Sammy Pena; 400 M. Dash: 1. Tyler Lane; 1600 M. Relay: 2. Sheldon Atwood, Stephen Salazar, Crispin Borunda, Sammy Pena; Shot Put: 4. Travis McDowell; Discus: 3. Reid Winger; Pole Vault: 2. Matt Messer (tie)

All contestants who finished in the top four of their event at the



college."

squad is mascot "Louie Lynx,"senior Maribel Moreno.

Spearman Scholarship Foundation accepting applications

The Spearman Scholarship Foundation has several scholar-



May 7, 2005

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

There are two important elections in the near future for voters of Spearman ISD. One is the bond issue election scheduled for April 23, 2005. The next is the Board of Trustees election May 7.

There are brochures, drawings, pictures, and other information that details the bond issue. The breakdown of the bond issue involving both the junior high and elementary buildings is as follows:

Costs of Bond Issue

Junior High Building	\$3,378,000
JH Admin./Connector	\$1,115,000
Kitchen/Cafeteria	\$1,782,000
Professional Fees, Surveys, & Bond Costs	\$1,490,000
Furniture	\$354,200
Communication/Data	\$189,400
TOTAL FOR JUNIOR HIGH	\$8,288,600
Elementary	\$3,121,000
Site-Work	\$299,000
Play Area	\$ <u>258,000</u>
TOTAL FOR ELEMENTARY HIGH	\$3,678,000

TOTAL FOR JR. HIGH & ELEM. \$11,966,600

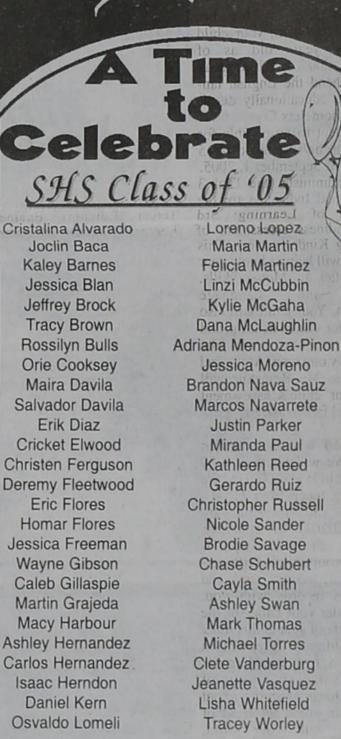
The Birdwell money of about 1.3 million dollars is being held as a contingency in the event of a cost overrun. When one is doing renovation of a building, surprises are expected, but the architects have made a great effort to plan well, and it is anticipated that there will be no cost overrun, and that the Birdwell money will be available for facilities' needs identified at the high school.

The Board of Trustees has spent months getting input from consultants, architects, staff, and citizens' advisory committee in presenting the plan to be voted on April 23rd. There is no other plan being considered but the one submitted to the voters on April 23rd.

I urge you to vote for the bond issue April 23rd, and I ask for your vote in the Board of Trustees' election on May 7th.

Dwayne Mitchell

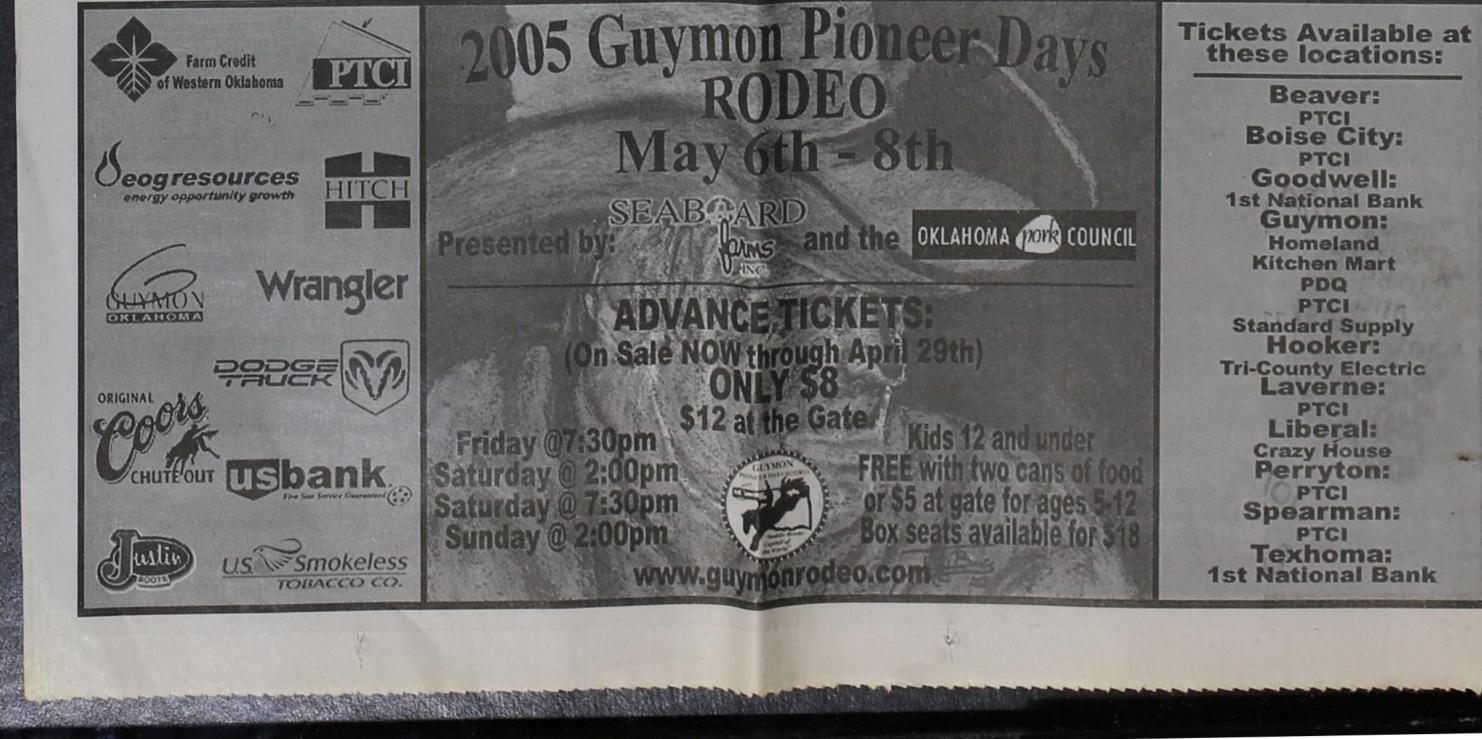
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Boy Scout Court of Honor held



Scout Master George Young (right) presents a merit badge to Harley Davidson.

Troop 551, Boy Scouts of America, held a Court of Honor on March 22, 2005 at the Fellowship Survival, and Auto Mechanics. Hall of the First Baptist Church. All of the troop members were awarded merit badges they had earned, and several scouts advanced in rank. Scout Master, George Young presented the awards.

merit badges for First Aid, Leatherwork, Art, and Woodcarving. Michael is a Tenderfoot Scout and is the son of Alfred and Cindy Avila. Cindy was presented the second class mothers pin.

Justin Bowman was awarded merit badges for Camping and Emergency Preparedness. Justin is a Life Scout and is the grandson of George and Virginia Young.

Chaz Couch received merit badges for First Aid, Wilderness Chaz advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot. He is the grandson of Jeannie Couch.

Harley Davidson received merit badges for First Aid, Leatherwork, Woodcarving, and Veterinarian Medicine. Harley advanced to the Michael Avila was awarded rank of Tenderfoot. Harley is the son of Daniel and Callie Hopkins. Matthew Jarvis was awarded merit badges for First Aid, Veterinarian Medicine, Leatherwork, and Woodcarving. Matthew is a Tenderfoot Scout and is the son of Will and Kristi Jarvis. Kristi was presented the second class mothers pin.

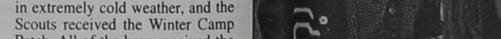
Manuel Mendoza was awarded merit badges for First Aid, Art, and Salesmanship. Manuel advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot. Manuel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Mendoza.

Roy Moreno was awarded merit badges for First Aid, Art, and Wilderness Survival. Roy advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot. Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Moreno.

The Scouts did most of the work on the merit badges at the Golden Spread Council Winter Camp at Camp Don Harrington located South of Amarillo. The Winter Camp held January 14-16 occurred in extremely cold weather, and the Scouts received the Winter Camp Patch. All of the boys received the Winter Camp Patch, the Polar Bear Patch, and the World Crest Patch.

Attending the Court of Honor were former Scout Master and Committee Chairman, Harry Stump; Committee member, Alton Ellsworth; Former Scout Master and Committee Member, Doug Cummings, and his wife, Linda; the current Scout Master, George Young, and his wife, Virginia, Assistant Scout Master and Committee Member, Britt Jarvis, and his wife, Linda. Also attending were Kristi Jarvis; Jeannie Couch and Rochelle Couch; Alfred and Cindy Avila and their daughter, Cha'tae; Manuel Mendoza; Alfredo and Isabel Moreno and their son, Cesar Moreno; and Daniel and Callie Hopkins.

The parents, grandparents, and Spearman Boy Scout Council provided the refreshments. We are all proud of these Scouts. The Spearman Lions Club sponsors Troop 551, and the Boy Scout program is open to all boys age 11 through 17.



NEWS

Clete Vanderburg and Ashley Hernandez were named January Students of the Month for Spearman High School.

SHS Students of the Month

Spearman High School named Clete Vanderburg as one of the January students of the month. Clete is in the 12th grade and is

the son of Joe and Kim Vanderburg. Clete has three brothers: Clancey, Brandon and Clayton and one sister. Britta.

Clete said what he liked best about Spearman High School is the one-on-one teacher interactivity, the small town atmosphere, and that everybody knows everybody.

Clete also said he liked the fact that Spearman is quiet. His high school years have been anything but quiet, however. Busy and successful... that's Clete. His extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, 4-H Club and participating in One-Act Play. He likes showing animals and hanging out with his friends.

While participating in those activities, Clete earned recognition, including being a district FFA officer, FFA Chapter president and earned the FFA Star Chapter and the Lone Star Degree, not to mention taking 8th place steer at the 2002 Houston Livestock Show. In 4-H, he was the County Chairman, the Club President and served two years as the Council Delegate.

Ashley Hernandez is the other choice for January's SHS Student of the Month. Her family includes her parents Chris and Jessie Deakin, with brothers and sisters Steve Couch and Marie, Brianna, Austin and Terran Deakin.

Ashley is one very busy young lady. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, the National Forensics League and FCCLA. In addition to those activities, she plays tennis. When she's not involved in those things, she enjoys being with her many friends and family.

Ashley holds her own in terms of awards and honors. She's earned the World History Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution - American History Award. She was voted Senior class favorite, Most Likely To Succeed and Who's Who Among Spearman high school students. She was also, voted into Who's Who Among Americans high school students.

Reflecting back on her years at Spearman High School she sites Mr. Murdock and Mrs. Henton as the teachers who have most influenced her. The thing she likes best about the school is that the students, teachers and administration are all so easy to get along with.

Ashley said what she liked best about Spearman is the closeness of the community and the friendliness of the people.

Ashley's future plans include attending Texas A&M or West Texas A&M, where she will major in political science. Later she plans to attend Law School.

Thank You The family of Ramiro Arjona, Jr. would like to thank everyone for all the flowers, food, cards, visits, prayers and phone calls made dur-

Super Team linebacker, and

Academic All-District for 4 years.

In addition to football Clete was a

2003 Regional Qualifier in discus.

In 2004 Clete was the District

champ in discus, and took 3rd

Spearman Schools, Clete said he

was most influenced by his 5th

As for Clete's future plans, he

will start out at Clarendon College

to judge livestock. Later he wants

to transfer to West Texas A&M or

to Texas A&M and major in

grade teacher, Mrs. Smith.

Agriculture Education.

Reflecting back over his years in

place at Regionals.

ing our time of loss. Words cannot express how much each of those things meant to us. We truly appreciate all of the kindnesses shown to our family.

Thank You

Comp, Jason Kirksey, Lance Swan and Misty Rodgers. The service these unselfish people perform for this community is truly remarkable. I also want to thank Dr. Viola, the nursing staff, the x-ray, lab and respiratory department personnel for all their help while I was at the hospital. When we returned home, our wonderful neighbors brought lunch to us, so "thank you" to Ric and Sandee Smith and Herb and Wynell Hager. You are all such a wonderful blessing to our family. Thanks to Gary Smith and the members of our church that came to the hospital, along with my parents and grandmother. I love you all very deeply. Finally, thank you for all the prayers, food and phone calls from so many caring people. May God richly bless each and every one of you. Peggy Varnon

Gruver ISD Pre-K, Kindergarten Round-up

Gruver ISD will hold Pre-K and 2005 Salon de la igesia Matodista hora. Al final del processo Mr. Kindergarten Round-up on de Gruver

Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at the Parta ser elegible para el progra- obre el examen. Sientase libre de Gruver United Methodist Church ma de Pre kindergarden, su nino hacer cualquier pregunta.

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We will work with four children each hour. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. We will break for lunch from 11:00 -12:00. Please call the elementary office at 733-2031 by Thursday, April 28th to schedule an appointment. Bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records with you. We will register your child for the 2005-2006 school year at this time.

Early Childhood Intervention will provide a free screening for children birth through 3 years of age. If you have concerns about walking, talking or other areas of development with your child, please contact the elementary office at 733-2031, to schedule an appointment.

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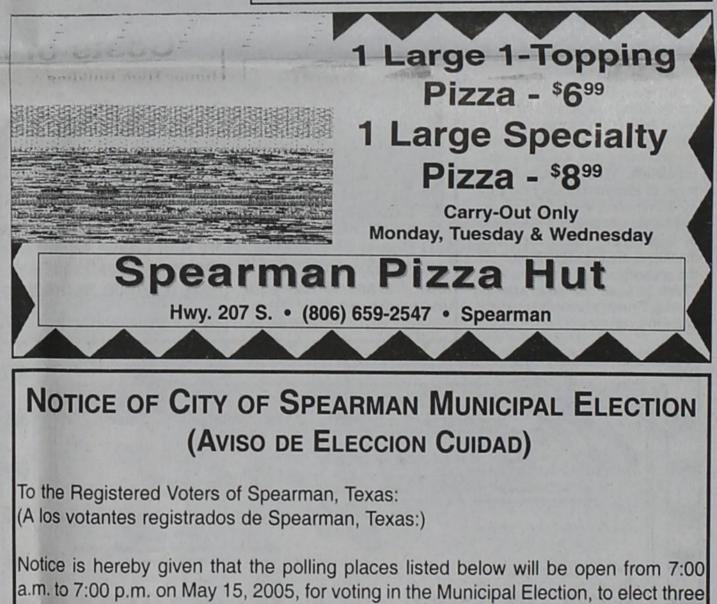
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Clete carried on in football where his brothers left off. He's been awarded Academic All-State, 1st team All-District running back and MVP All-District Defense. Then there's the 2000-2nd team All-District- Offense and Defense, the 2004 Amarillo Globe News 2A

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt "thank you" to all those that helped me on Sunday. Thank you to my husband, Allen, and my son, Jason, for their quick action in calling the ambulance and taking care of me. It was really helpful having a paramedic in the house!! Thank you, too, to the H&S EMS, specifically Bea



(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 7de mayo de 2005, para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Tres funcionarios por un periodo de dos anos.)

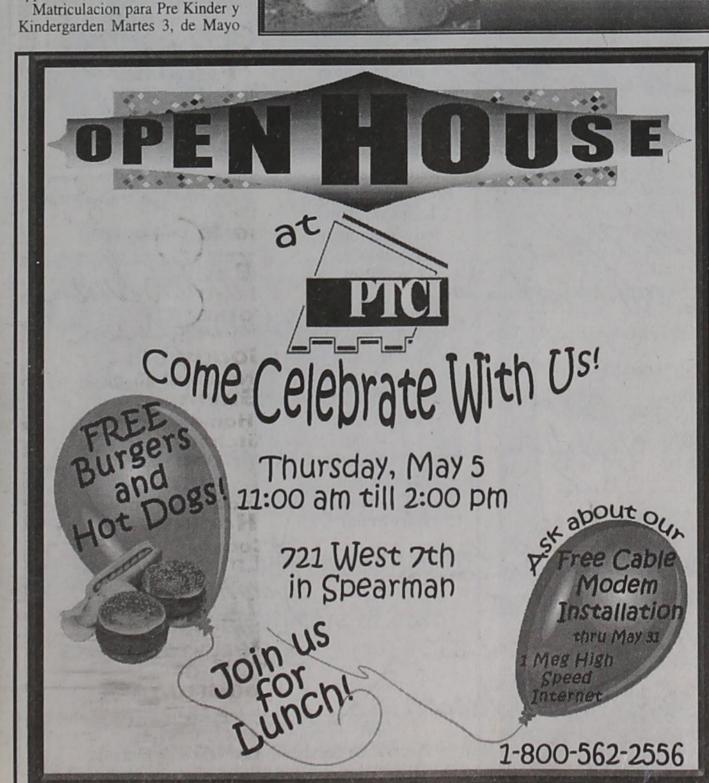
(3) positions of Alderman, two year terms.

Location of Polling Place: Precincts 1, 5 & 6 will vote at Spearman High School.

(Direccion de las casillas electorales Precincts 1, 5 & 6 will vote at Spearman High School.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Spearman City Hall, 30 SW Court, Spearman TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20 and ending on May 3.

(La Votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en Spearman City Hall, 30 SW Court, Spearman TX entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril y terminando el 3 de mayo.)



Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, PO Box 37, Spearman TX 79081.

(Las solicitudes para balotas por correo deberán ser enviadas a: (Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, PO Box 37, Spearman TX 79081)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 29, 2005.

(Las solicitudes para boletas us se votaran en ausencia p;or correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 29 de abril de 2005.

Issued this the 15th day of March, 2005. (Emitada este dia 15th de marzo, 2005.)

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The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

Question & Answer

Editor's Note: Spearman ISD Superintendent Rodney Sumner has agreed to answer questions regarding the Spearman ISD bond election. The following questions were sent in by a taxpayer in Spearman ISD.

funding of any type? If yes, what is the status of that? If no, why not?

A. In the past the district has applied for various types of grants; however, I am unaware of any grants out there that relate specifically to facility improvement. The only state program is the Instructional Facility Allotment (IFA). This program provides assis-

tance to school districts in making debt service payments. Districts can only apply for IFA funds after a bond election has passed and before bonds are purchased. The amount of state aid under the IFA program is based on the size of the district, its property values, the

Q. Have our school personnel .number of students in average daily applied for any grants or state attendance (ADA), and the amount of the annual debt service. It is important to note that the IFA program is not fully funded by the legislature and has limited funds available to assist school districts. Therefore, districts are ranked by need with property poor districts at the top of this list for available funds. Since we are considered by the state above average in terms of property wealth we will probably

not qualify for any state assistance. However, we will apply for the IFA funds anyway in the case that we might receive any amount of state assistance.

Q. We see the estimates are from an architect. Have any contractors of ANY type estimated these costs? I have spoken to two contractors who both state that every single time they have been involved in a job of this sort the architect's estimates have been at least 1/3 lower than the actual cost. My fear is that we will approve this bond assuming we will end up with everything that has been presented to us, but instead we will end up with a lot

going to get. Please clarify this.

A. As we started working on this project estimating cost was particularly difficult. In trying to develop the most accurate cost possible, we asked our architects to work with teachers and administration to identify as closely as possible all the space requirements needed for the project. The architects keep a data base of costs for every aspect to the project and regularly update this data base in order to give cost estimates based on most recent projects. NO contractors have been contacted. It costs significant money to design a project to the point that it is ready to bid. Before a contractor can give an estimate they would need actual architectur-

less than we thought we were al blue prints. Due to the cost of producing blue prints and since the district does not have authorization to complete this project, the district has not proceeded any further until final approval is given by the tax payers. However, not having enough money to complete the project due to cost overruns and the volatility of constructions costs is a concern we all fear. We hope that the architects cost estimates are on. the high side and in all actuality the cost will come in lower than the project price tag. Any money left. over could be used toward improvements at the high school or be used to lower the bond principal. In addition because of this fear, the board has set aside the Gus Birdwell fund as a contingency in

case there are cost overruns on the project.

Q. Are we asking for MORE facility improvement that what we actually need?

A. Both the Board of Trustees and the Citizen's Facility Committee identified the following facility needs:

1. New Junior High School

2. Additional room/space at the elementary school

3. Better parking and traffic flow at the elementary/ junior high campus

The actual bond proposal addresses these identified needs and nothing more.

Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo

spectators and over 900 contestants from all around the world will converge on Guymon, Oklahoma to Cervi and Bronc Rumford. This enjoy a wide range of activities, will allow us to bring the top buckincluding the 72nd annual rodeo. ing stock of all these PRCA con-That translates into over one and a tractors together for what will half million dollars of economic impact for Guymon and the surrounding area. Over \$385,000 will be paid out in prize money over the week of competition.

Once again, you will be hearing the voices of Hadley Barrett, Kersey, Colorado and Curt Robinson, from Pendleton Oregon, echo over the Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena. These two have become an intricate part of the Pioneer Days tradition. Joining them in the arena will be returning bullfighter, Allen Nelson from Perry, Arkansas and a new face to Pioneer Days, Aaron Loewe from Nebraska. Our funny barrel man this year will be Jeff "Slim" Garner.

On May 6-8, 2005, thousands of of bunch. We will have bucking stock provided by Jim Korkow, Stace Smith, Harry Vold, Mike prove to be the most exciting rodeo we've seen.

> This year marks the sixth consecutive year that Guymon is part of the exclusive Wrangler ProRodeo Tour! Ken Stonecipher, rodeo chairman, said, "I think we should see about 99 percent of the top 20 PRCA money winners from every event here in Guymon. This is the last stop on the Wrangler

ProRodeo Tour. Contestants will be battling for the rights to go to the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Finals slated for Las Vegas the third week in May."

Pioneer Days is more than just a rodeo. It is a community celebration, honoring the pioneers that settled the panhandle so many years ago. It was an event started in the 1933 dust bowl days to bring folks to town to try and overlook the hard times. It has an annual parade, dances, arts and crafts show, barbecues, carnival, golf tournament, old timers celebrations and many other activities taking place at this special time of year.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were eported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Temperatures were cool but warmed to normal by the end of the week. A light rain was reported. High winds continue to dry soil surfaces. Wet and cold soils are slowing corn planting. Only a few fields have been

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I have a Vision of Purple Pride in academics as well as athletics. I will support the Spearman ISD Bond Election on April 23, 2005. I believe the 75-yearold junior high building has been renovated and repaired to the point that further expenditures are not the best use of our tax money. The music building and the older part of the elementary are in the same category. I believe the students in our community are worth the investment. My signature can be published as a sign of my support.

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This year will bring a new and exciting venue, not that it hasn't always been a great rodeo. However, Guymon will have the best of the best in stock at our Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo. The rodeo committee, acting as their own contractor, has hired the best

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The City of Gruver would like to remind everyone how important it is to keep all property mowed. Yards, vacant lots and alleys that are not kept mowed and picked up of old debris harbor insects, shakes and of course hinder our progress in eliminating the cat and skunk population. With the rabies outbreak in Hansford County the City of Gruver needs the help of all citizens to keep our city a safe place to live. Again, please remember that alleys are the responsibility of the owner/renter to keep mowed. Thank you all for your help in making Gruver a beautiful and safe place to live.



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Texas Businesses should file property tax renditions

Texas Comptroller Carole to render exempt property, such as forms ask for the property owner's Keeton Strayhorn reminds Texas En businesses that April 15th was the ten deadline to render their property with county appraisal districts. To render is to list the taxable inventoyill ry, furniture and fixtures, machinand equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2005. Appraisal and districts may use the information to set property values.

Texas business owners are subject to monetary penalties if they file their annual property tax rendition late, fail to render or file an incomplete or false rendition.

"If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, honest, hardworking business owners and homeowners," Strayhorn said.

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that their property. Owners do not have

church property or a farmer's equipment used for farming.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. >

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.

The Comptroller's office also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a that places a greater tax burden on special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners should file the decreased value report immediately, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2005.

Rendition forms and decreased the appraisal district sends them a value report forms are available forms are available on the Web at notice before changing a value on from the appraisal district or the <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/t Comptroller's office. The rendition axforms/02-forms.html>.

name and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000, the property owner also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith estimate. For more information about ren-

dering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Hansford Appraisal District, 709 West 7th Ave., or call (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411, e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at <ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us> or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121. In Austin, call (512)305-9999. The Comptroller's

are disabled may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "tax deferral" by signing an affidavitat the Hansford Appraisal District office.

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older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes," Peddy said.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older or disabled Texan's home, according to Alice Peddy, chief appraiser of the Hansford Appraisal District. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," Peddy said, "the age 65 and older or disabled homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

Once a homeowner files a tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Two new provisions in the law now address how an age 65 and older or disabled homeowner with a pending sale to foreclose on the

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the qualified homeowner or qualified surviving spouse no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the taxes

people across the country.

Texans aged 65 or older or who homestead's tax lien may halt that during the deferral time. However, filing the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent after the deferral ends, a taxviving spouse was 55 years of age ing unit may charge an added penalty if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney beginning "If the affidavit is on file, an ral only postpones paying taxes on on the 181st day after the deferral ends.

> Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form tinue to add up. She said, "When and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Peddy said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Hansford Appraisal District, 709 West 7th Ave., or call (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411.

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Elderly or disabled homeowners

may defer property taxes

sale. And, the law extends the tax

deferral to the surviving spouse of

an individual who deferred the

taxes on the homestead if the sur-

Peddy stressed that the tax defer-

the home; it does not cancel them.

During the deferral time, taxes and

interest of 8 percent per year con-

when the deceased spouse died.

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Hansford Honeys celebrate National Red Hat Day, April 25th





The Hansford Honey's from Gruver and Morse joined Gruver Mayor Mark Irwin as he signed the National Red Hat Day Proclamation in Gruver City Hall. Standing from left to right are: Alma Ross, Jean Armes, Fran Duncan, Gareda Meier, Beth Dotrch, Sue McCloy, Deena Ramsey, and Beverly Pool. Seated from left to right are: Louise Heddins, Mayor Mark Irwin and Nan McCloy.

The Red Hat Society is a unique can be easily spotted throughout "disorganization" of women who gather together in small groups, large crowds and even massive throngs in order to share one another's lives and make their own fun. These ladies desire fun and friendship and refuse to conform to the old-fashioned image of a woman over 50 who is often seen as a mature woman anticipating life in a rocking chair with a shawl over her shoulders rocking the years gracefully, or even worse, not seen at all. All are making a conscious choice about what kind of older woman they are on their way to becoming, embracing life and one another in equal measure.

The Red Hat Society traces its roots to 1998 when Sue Ellen Cooper, of California, gave her friend a red hat along with a copy of a poem called "Warning," which begins "When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple/ With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me.

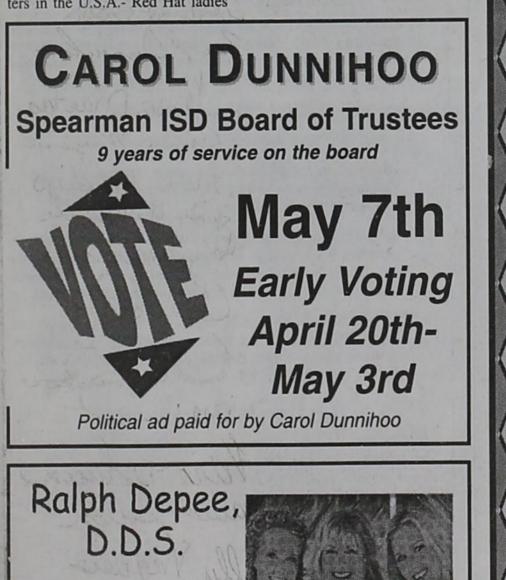
There are now over eight hundred thousand Red Hatters across the U.S.A., Canada and around the world and more than 36,000 chapters in the U.S.A.- Red Hat ladies

the country as their quest for fun takes them to ships, restaurants, theaters and sites of public interest in "Full Regalia" of pins, boas, and of course a purple outfit with a red hat if the lady is 50 years of age or older, and lavender outfit with pink hats for women under 50 years of

The local Hansford Honeys was formed in 2003, started by Marva Hohertz and Patty Spoonmore of Spearman and currently consist of over 42 members, and growing each month, from all over Hansford county, Gruver, Spearman, Morse and Hardesty. Andrea Woolley is currently the Hansford Honeys Queen Mother.

When you see "Red Hatters," know they are having a good time and forming friendships, and to be there for others; husbands, children, home, work, church, business organizations, associations and to find time for "self". They are mostly woman of 50 or older and strive not to be ignored or forgotten.

There is one rule of the Red Hatters and it is that there are no rules just fun.





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Homestead exemptions reduce property tax bills

ENTITY	% Local Option	General	Over-65	Disabled Citizen
City of Gruver			\$ 3,000	
City of Spearman	20		\$ 6,000	
Gruver ISD		\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Pringle-Morse CISD	20	\$15,000	\$10,000 + \$3,000	\$10,000
Spearman ISD		\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Hansford County	20		\$13,300	
Special Road	20		\$13,300	
Hospital District	20		\$13,300	
North Plains Water District	5	2007294	\$50,000	\$50,000
Palo Duro River Authority	5		\$50,000	\$50,000

Chart of homestead exemptions granted by entities in Hansford Appraisal District

property tax bills in 2005 by taking advantage of homestead exemptions. Application forms are available at the Hansford Appraisal District.

Chief Appraiser Alice Peddy informs homeowners that Texas law allows them to file a one-time application for homestead exemptions. These exemptions reduce the appraised value of the home. "You do not have to pay a fee to file for a homestead exemption," said Peddy.

Property owners who have not received the general homestead exemption on their homes in which they were living on January 1, 2005, and those who became totally disabled or turn 65, must apply this year to receive their exemptions for 2005.

For the general homestead exemptions, homeowners must own and live in their homes on January 1, 2005. Homeowners 65 years of age and older and those who become disabled don't need to own their homes on January 1 to qualify for the age 65 and older or disabled homestead exemptions. State law provides that they may apply as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled, own the home of exemptions for homeowners. and live in the home as their princi- For school tax purposes, all homepal residence.

residential purposes.

Peddy said that a property must improvement is taxed at its current meet four tests set by law to qualify for the residence homestead exemption. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own the property on January 1 (homeowners 65 and older or disabled need not own the property on January 1 for the age 65 and older or disabled homestead exemptions only); the property must be designed or adapted for human residence; the owner must use the property as a residence; and the property must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies the same percentage of tax paid as for the exemption.

land, can qualify for the exemption if it meets the four tests.

'A property owner can still qualify for the homestead exemption if part of the residence is rented out or used for other purposes, such as a home business," Peddy said. "The home will not lose its exemption if the owner moves away temporarily for a period of less than two years, so long as he or she intends to return and doesn't claim another homestead exemption elsewhere."

Texas law provides several types owners may receive a \$15,000 general homestead exemption and homeowners 65 and older or disabled receive an additional \$10,000 exemption. The school tax exemption for those homeowners 65 and older or disabled provides a special property tax "ceiling" for school taxes. While the market value of an elderly or disabled person's home may fluctuate with the market, the school taxes cannot increase above the tax amount in the first year that person qualified for that homestead for the age 65 and older or disabled exemption.

Homeowners can reduce their long as the owner uses them for owner adds a new improvement, such as a room or garage, the new market value and the current tax rates. The new taxes are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

> Homeowners 65 and older or disabled may transfer the same percentage of tax savings to a new home. The homeowner transfers the percentage of school tax paid on the former home, based on the last year the homeowner qualified that home for the tax ceiling, to the new home. The new tax ceiling is calculated to give the homeowner on the former home. The home-A mobile home, even on leased owner may not claim two different homes in the same year.

> > For example, if the homeowner had a school tax ceiling of \$100, but would pay \$400 in 2005 school taxes without the tax ceiling, the percentage of tax paid is 25 percent. If the 2005 school taxes on the new home are \$1,000, the new tax ceiling would be \$250, or 25 percent of \$1,000. The homeowner may request a certificate from the appraisal district where the former home was located that gives information about the tax ceiling. The homeowner gives this information

to the appraisal district where the value of each qualified homestead. new home is located.

the surviving spouse may apply to amount of exemption for any home Ave., or call (806) 659-5575 or keep the school tax ceiling if the must equal at least \$5,000. surviving spouse was at least 55 years of age when the qualified spouse died. The surviving spouse also may transfer the tax savings with the school tax ceiling to another homestead, as discussed above.

The county, city or junior college district may decide to set a tax ceiling provision for homeowners 65 and older or disabled. Each taxing unit's governing body may decide to grant the tax ceiling provision or the local citizens in a taxing unit may petition for an election to vote on granting the tax ceiling provision in that taxing unit.

Homeowners should notify the chief appraiser when they no longer qualify for the general, age 65 and older or disabled homestead exemptions. A 50-percent penalty is added to delinquent home taxes if homeowners fail to notify the appraisal district and receive homestead exemptions to which they are not entitled.

Different types of taxing unitscounties, cities and special districts-may offer different homestead exemptions. Counties must offer a \$3,000 general homestead exemption on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

Any taxing unit's governing body may grant an additional optional exemption on the homesteads of disabled or elderly residents, or both. This optional exemption may be no less than \$3,000 from the home's appraised value and has no limit on the maximum amount.

Taxing units may also offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. In 2005, any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the

If the elderly homeowner dies, the taxing unit adopts, the dollar

For more information, home-No matter what percentage of value owners may contact the Hansford Appraisal District at 709 West 7th 800-372-5411

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income-such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- 138 You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2004. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2005.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2005 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

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File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

State law also allows that if the age 65 and older spouse dies before applying for the age 65 and older exemption, the surviving spouse age 55 or older may apply for the age 65 and older exemption for the deceased spouse. The same filing deadlines apply.

If a homestead is located in a taxing unit that overlaps into two or more counties, the homeowner must apply at each county appraisal district.

A homeowner's principal house and yard are considered the residence homestead. It can include up to 20 acres of land and improvements. Improvements include the house, a swimming pool, greenhouse or any other structures, as

The tax ceiling can increase, however, if the owner adds an improvement, other than normal maintenance or repair. When the

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year ... and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled-or if you're 65 years old or older-you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2005 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2004, you won't need to reapply for 2005 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home-or if you've moved to a new home-you'll need to file for an exemption for 2005. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos tambien pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

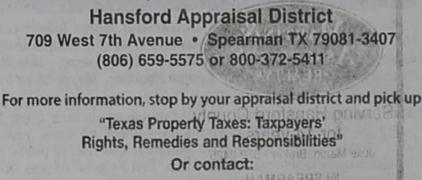
¡Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado-o si tiene 65 años o más-tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, tambien tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2005 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados. La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa pasada, a su nueva casa.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en el 2004, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2005-al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual-o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2005. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?



Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn Property Tax Division P.O. Box 13528 Austin, TX 78711-3528 or call: 1-800-252-9121 or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.

¡Cuídese de las multas! "Presente" su propiedad antes del 15 de abril.

Una "declaración de propiedad" es un reporte para el distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. enlista toda la propiedad que poseyó o controló el día 1º de enero de este año.

¿Quién debe hacer una declaración de propiedad?

Debe hacer una declaración de propiedad si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal-por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una delaración incompleta o falsa, se le puede imponer una multa de un 10 hasta un 50 por ciento.

¿Que ventajas me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una declaración de propiedad son:

- Id. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. El distrito debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor y el cambio ante su junta de revisión.
- Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde-aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- ra También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2003. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en el 2004.

¿Cual es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para mandar sus declaraciones para el 2005. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la pide por escrito en o antes del 15 de abril. El jefe de valoración/tasación puede extender su plazo otros 15 días despues del 15 de mayo si usted puede mostrar una razón justificada para la extensión.

¿Dónde hago mi declaración? Haga su declaración con su distrito local de valoraciones en: Hansford Appraisal District 709 West 7th Avenue · Spearman TX 79081-3407 (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411 Para más información, visite su distrito de valoración y obtenga una copia de "Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas I well 0521. Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos" en el el tot ó escriba a: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn Property Tax Division P.O. Box 13528 Austin, TX 78711-3528 9 attate - 180 P ó llame: 1-800-252-91210 lean woy lis not ó en la Web: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at: Hansford Appraisal District 709 West 7th Avenue • Spearman TX 79081-3407 (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411 For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' **Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"** Or contact: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn **Property Tax Division** P.O. Box 13528 Austin, TX 78711-3528 or call: 1-800-252-9121 or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes: Hansford Appraisal District 709 West 7th Avenue • Spearman TX 79081-3407 (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411 Si desea más información, visitenos y obtenga una copia gratis de

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FOR SALE: 523 S. Barkley, Spearman - 4BR, 3B, double car garage with cellar. Lots of character, lots of storage, new heat/ac unit, fruit trees, hardwood floors and great location. Priced to sell. Call for appointment, 940-538-4417

TFN(2-3-05)B

FOR SALE: 727 Wilbanks, Spearman - 3-4BR, 1%B, office, living room, dining room, laundry room, central H/A, garage, Ig. cov-ered porch, Ig. backyard, Ig. car-port, on 11/2 lots. Call 432-268-4746 or 432-264-7781. TFN(9-16-04)B

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2000 TFN(01-06-05)B FOR SALE: 205 N. Snider, Spearman - 2BR, 2B, living room,

den, formal dining area, garage/game room, hot tub, 2 storage buildings w/6 acres of land. Call 659-3665.

FOR BY OWNER SALE: 603 S. Evans, Spearman - 2BR, 2B - we finance, bad credit OK, flexible terms, low payment. Call Clint at (806) 670-6359. 4(4-14-05)P EOB BY OWNER SALE: 212 C

FOR BY OWNER SALE: 312 S. Hoskins, Spearman - ,3BR, 2B, 2CG w/attached 1BR, 1B apart-ment; Cellar storage shed; 2BR, 1B house in back; fenced and on cor-ner lot. Call 270-0257. 4(4-14-05)B

FOR SALE: 221 S. Bernice, Spearman - 3BR, 1%B, 2CG brick home on corner lot, large living area, 1944 sq. ft. - \$74,500. Call 270-0444 or 659-5176. 2(4-14-05)P

FOR SALE: 103 Coble Street, Spearman - 2BR, 1B home. Call Jewell Dawes at 580-545-3434. 4(4-21-05)P

FOR RENT/LEASE

FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 1BR, 1B & Efficiency furnished apartments - utilities paid. Call 659-2247. TFN(03-03-05)B OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: Pittman-Shieldknight building - all sizes available. Call 659-3751 for more information. TFN(01-27-05)B FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: Recently remodeled 1BR, 1B apartment, water paid. Call 659-3889. TFN(03-03-05)B FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 2BR apartment, water paid. Call 659-

TFN(04-21-05)B

WANTED

LAND WANTED: 1/4 section or more for a dairy, house included is pre-ferred. 300-500 g/m well needed. Dry land farm OK. Contact Spearman EDC at 659-5555. TFN(1-13-05)B

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Seeking experienced automotive technician. Must have references. Call 659-2541 for interview, ask for Dick or Jeff. TFN(2-3-05)B

HELP WANTED: Now hiring fulltime auto mechanic. Apply in person or send resume to Hi-Plains Auto Supply, 118 Main Street. Spearman.

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Texas

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Salie Marie Beck, Deceased, were issued on March 29, 2005, in Cause No. 2005, in the

Cause No. 2454, pending in the County Court of Hansford County,

DATED the 29th day of March,

Cecil R: Biggers Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 02308500 PO Box 342

Spearman TX 79081 Telephone: (806) 659-5531 Facsimile: (806) 659-5531 1(4-21-05)B

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER

Quality PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0010977001 APPLICATION. City of Spearman,

PO Box 37, Spearman Texas 79081-0037, has applied to the

Commission

Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010977001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0032328) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater

at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 600,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater

treatment facility is located approxi-mately 1 mile northwest of the inter-

section of State highway 15 and Farm-to-Market Road 760 and 1.6 miles northeast of the intersection

miles northeast of the intersection of State Highway 15 and Farm-to-Market Road 2387 in Hansford County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Horse Creek; thence to Lake Palo Duro; thence to Palo Duro Creek; thence across the Oklahoma Sate Line. This application was submitted to

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 28, 2005. The

permit application is available for viewing and copying at Spearman City Hall, 30 Southwest Court,

Spearman, Texas. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminant Decision

Spearman, Texas.

Texas, lo: Ronnie Beck.

HELP WANTED: Groendyke Transport of Borger has openings for experienced drivers. Residing in Borger is not required. Must be at Borger is not required. Must be at least 23 years of age with CDL haz-mat/tank. Excellent pay package, Paid vacation, Paid holidays, Paid uniforms, Group Health Insurance, 401(K) Plan with Company match, Quarterly Safety Bonus, Good equipment, Out & Back, regional & long haul, and Frequent home time. Call 1-800-657-8784 M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EOE scribed by law. % Ronnie Beck 704 Cotter Drive Spearman TX 79081 a.m. to 5 p.m. EOE 2(04-07-05)B

HELP WANTED: SemCrude has an opening for a full-time driver in the Spearman area. Must have CDL with X endorsement. Meet DOT qualifications. Excellent bene-fits package. Please call 806-934-7505 for an application. 2(4-14-05)B

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FOR SALE

AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE in Spearman: '77 pickup w/Tommy Lift, motor recently overhauled -\$2000. Call 817-573-7288. TFN(04-07-05)P AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE in Spearman: 1992 98 Oldsmobile, 125,000 miles - \$1500. Call Roy or Denise Harbour, 659-3348, leave message.

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

The Palo Duro River Authority will receive sealed bids on a new half ton, four-door, four wheel drive pickup. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 PM, Friday May 6, 2005. Bids will be opened Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at the 2:00 PM regular meet-

Specifications are available at the Palo Duro River Authority office (806) 882-4401.

Bids should be clearly marked VEHICLE BID, and sent to P.O. Box 99, Spearman, TX 79081. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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application. Notice of the Application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to pres-ent them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner predeadline for submitting public comments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CON-TESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive direcalong with the executive direc-tor's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mail-ing list for this application. If comments are received, the mail-ing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding simi-lar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hear-ing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. The TCEQ may act on an application to renew a per-mit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific applica-tion; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the per-manent mailing list for a specific couply. Clearly specify which mail county. Clearly specify which mail-ing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at

TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you oth-erwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this spe-cific application. **INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit appli-cation or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free at, 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at about the TCEQ can be found at at site our

web

Plans and specifications are avail-able for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist./Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contact(s) are available from TxDOT's website www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 16210

State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s) Amarillo District **District Engineer** 5715 Canyon Drive Amarillo TX 79105-2708 Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, ,or national ori-

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPART-MENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts list-ed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: Amarillo

Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 0904-00-093 THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in POTTER COUNTY, ETC. will be opened on May 10, 2005 at 1 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bid-ding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist./Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contact(s) are available from TxDOT's website

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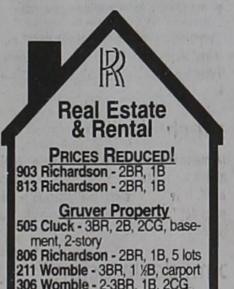
Ochiltree Co. - 146 (++) Acres of Dryland S?W part of the county between FM 759 and FM 281. Ochiltree Co. - 318 (++) Acres good level irrigated land, weak well but in good water area 2 ½ miles south of Naka

Briscoe Co. - 2471 (++) Acres Hunting Paradise, cabin, storage barn, 4 miles of the Prairie Dog Town Fork of Red River frontage, with Mexican Creek running through the heart of the property. Texas Parks and Wildlife management plan in effect since 1997. Trophy deer, hogs and turkey have been harvested off of the property.

Hutchinson Co. - 2220 (++) Acres Price Reduced! Good dryland farm. West of Pringle - home, pens 7 good fences

Moore Co. - 957 (+) Acres with two valley ½ milers on pavement within wo miles of Dumas. Excellent yields!

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TFN(03-31-05)B HELP WANTED: H&H Water Well is seeking Rig Hands. Apply in per-son at 10475 Hwy. 15, Spearman. 2(04-07-05)B



Hansford Hospital has an open-ing for **Dietary Aide's**. Must have knowledge of food service and sanitation. Excellent benefits.

Hansford Hospital is seeking a full-time Maintenance Person with a wide knowledge of the maintenance field in carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical H/A, grounds care and welding. Must have equivalent of high school or technical school diploma. Excellent benefits, salary commensurate w/experience.

Hansford Hospital is seeking a full-time Housekeeper. Duties include sweeping, mopping, dust-ing, etc. Providing a clean, neat and sanitary facility for the comfort of our patients, residents and staff.

Apply at 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX or contact Jackie Nelson, HR Mgr., at (806) 659-5841, or download application at our web site www.hchd.net.

Equal Employment Opportunity Employer 2(04-21-05)B



3(04-14-05)B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Floyd A. Davis, Deceased, were issued on March 29, 2005, in Cause No. 2453, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas to: Carey L Menard

Texas, to: Carey L. Menard. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to pres-ent them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner pre-

Attorney at Law Spearman TX 79081 DATED the 12th day of April, 2005. Cecil R. Biggers Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 02308500 PO Box 342

Spearman TX 79081 Telephone: (806) 659-5531 Facsimile: (806) 659-5531 1(4-21-05)B

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Preliminary Decision. PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of pub-lic interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A

public meeting is not a contested case hearing. Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-

Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087. ADDITIONAL NOTICE After tech-nical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the

www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from City of Spearman at ing Mr. Ed Hansen at (806) 659-2524.

Issued: April 8, 2005. 1(4-21-05)B

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPART-MENT OF TRANSPORTATION

(TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts list-ed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and

then publicly read. Construction/Maintenance/ Building Facilities Contract(s) Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 6122-10-001 for Roapside Moving in Hansford

COUNTY will be opened on May 18, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$170,744.08.

State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

> Dist/Div Office(s) Amarillo District **District Engineer**

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Phone: 806-356-3283 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, ,or national origin.

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306 Womble - 2-3BR, 1B, 2CG 618 Front Street - 1BR, 1B, cellar, lg. shed 802 Womble - 2-3BR, carport, corner lot

9520 Hwy. 15 - 30+ acres, 2 houses, close to Gruver 170 Acres - 3BR, 1B 1520 Hwy. 15 W - 3BR, 2B, 2CG

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The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman



Emily Miser won top hand Saturday at the Walkathon held at the Spearman Walking Track. Mayor Steve Benton determined the winning hands with Lynna Renner, Jordan Miser and Judy Nelson drawing the top hands. Texas Cooperative Extension sponsored the "Deal a Winning Hand for Women's Health" as walkers kicked off their spring exercise program. Donors for the event were Pizza Hut, Gordon's Drug, Sarah's Nails, B&B Sales, Murmurs, Simple Simon's, Dairy Queen and Bunkhouse.



Bowers of Pampa, grandsons of Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey, were in the group. Jim said they really did a nice job of cleaning up their camping site.

Does and their yearlings were more visible than usual this week. Jim saw them in groups of six to eighteen. They were looking a little rough as they were still wearing their winter coats. The bucks are still in hiding.

Be on the watch for snakes. Jim has seen his first rattlesnake of the spring. This one was crossing the

This has been an unusual spring for weeds and flowers. I have been surprised to see so many wheat fields yellow with flix weed, pastures covered with bright yellow bladderpod, and byways adrift with blue mustard and filagree.



Patty Sheppard was recognized for 50 year membership in Happy Homes Extension Education Club at the annual Spring Conference, April 12, in Amarillo. Also attending were Delinda McLaughlin, Judy Yarbrough, Rosie Martinez, Janie Kunselman, and County Extension Agent, Peggy Winegarner.

WTAMU conference focuses on child sexual abuse

math will be the focus of the fourth Conference from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, May 6 in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom on the West Texas A&M University campus.

of a Child" will provide information about child sexual abuse, community responses to such abuse, characteristics of child sex offenders and the effects on victims and their families. Dr. Wayne Duehn, professor of social work at the University of Texas at Arlington, will lead the conference.

Duehn is a national lecturer and trainer involved in clinical research

Child sexual abuse and its after- on sexually abusive parents and interested in knowing more about juvenile sex offenders. He has conannual Title IV-E Child Welfare ducted training workshops for law enforcement personnel, schools, CASA staff and volunteers and social service/mental health agencies throughout the United States. He is the co-author of Beyond "Sexual Abuse Through the Eyes Sexual Abuse: The Healing Power of Adoptive Families.

Duehn created a child abuse prevention program for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools that has been implemented worldwide. He is a recognized authority and educator, in the intervention and treatment of sexually abusive families.

"The conference is appropriate for anyone who deals with or is Education Center at 806-651-2037.

the effects of sexual abuse," Melody Loya, instructor of social work, said.

The symposium is presented by the WTAMU Department of Behavioral Sciences social work program and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The conference is free for Child Protective Services staff members, child placing agency staff members and foster families. Cost for others is \$25 per person if preregistered by Friday, April 29. Cost after April 29 is \$30. Continuing Education Units are available. For more information, call 806-651-2594 or the WTAMU Continuing

Frank Edwards caught this Bald Eagle in flight, at Lake Palo Duro.

31.10 feet

the morning of April 17 is the last from Guymon brought little electhat we could get before press time tric scooters and were having fun on April 21. However on the running them on the pavement in evening of the 17th we had a half inch of rain at the office and a little more at the shop, so surely the level rose some. By now maybe water will be running across the bridge!

Lake Level--April 17, 2005-- RVs from Guymon were on the north side and one RV was at the The lake level recording from office hookups. Some of the people the park. Also out this weekend was a group of fraternity men from West Texas A&M who camped on the Gibner beyond where the water quits. Hunter Bevill of Gruver, Ty West and Tim Bynum of On the weekend of April 16-17 5 Spearman, and Chance and Collin

Another spring surprise was a spruce tree with what appeared to be reddish blossoms. Marguerite Nelson brought a cutting from the tree owned by Bobby and Carolyn Hicks here in Gruver. Bobby, one morning with the sun shining full on the tree, noticed the red blossoms and called his wife to come look. They have had this tall spruce since 1973 when they bought the house, but had never seen it with the redbud finery before.

With the help of the internet, I learned that the male cones of a spruce tree are found in the spring near the branch tips and are often mistaken for reddish buds. These cones have a short life. The female cones, which appear near the top of the trees, are produced in the summer and are not fertilized until the next spring.

Football Coach Jones Resigns Effective Immediately

West Texas A&M University head football coach Ronnie Jones resigned Tuesday, April 19 following a University investigation that concluded he used state and school resources for personal gain.

The resignation was accepted and placed into effect immediately y Ed Harris, WTAMU athletics director.

Jones had been placed on paid administrative leave April 13 pending outcome of the investigation.

This September, Jones would have begun his fourth year at the helm. The Buffaloes posted a 5-27 record in three seasons under Jones.

Harris said WTAMU assistant coach and offensive coordinator Lee Hays will serve as acting head coach.



of all mailing labels. Our readers can help keep the cost of subscriptions down by mailing in renewals in the appropriate month. (Subscriptions will be given a one-month grace period, and then will be deleted.) Thank you, Catherine Smith

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seller. John Board, Att. to act as escrow and

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closing agent.

Saturday, April 30 - Lions Club Auction, Balko, Okla, Tuesday, May 3 - 147 acres land. Adams, Okla, Saturday, May 14 - Harvey Ratzlaff Auction, Balko, Okla,

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