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## Filing Closes In City Council, School Board Elections

The deadline for filing as a candidate in the upcoming school board and city council elections was Monday, March 15th at 5 p.m. The election will be held on Saturday, May 15th.

Mayor Steve Benton and aldermen Charles Elliott and Don Reed are up for reelection this year. Mayor Benton has filed, as well did Charles Elliott. Other candidates filing for Spearman City Council are Roger Buchanan, Jon Garnett and Kathy Boyd. Incumbent Don Reed did not file.

Chad Logsdon refiled for his position on the Gruver City Council. No one else filed.

Gruver ISD listed seven candidates for the school board election while Spearman ISD listed six. Pringle-Morse CISD had three candidates file.

Those who will be vying for three seats on the Gruver Board of Trustees are Curt Fitzgerald, Jeff Graves, Pat Harris, Larry Hicks, Paul Stavlo (I), Davin Winger (I), and Todd Williams. Incumbent Buddy Lowe did not file for the election.

Three seats are also being decided in the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees election. Those filing are Bob Boxwell (I), Stephanie Crossland (I), Will Jarvis (I), Trace Worley, Tony Ferguson and Glen Ray Mackie.

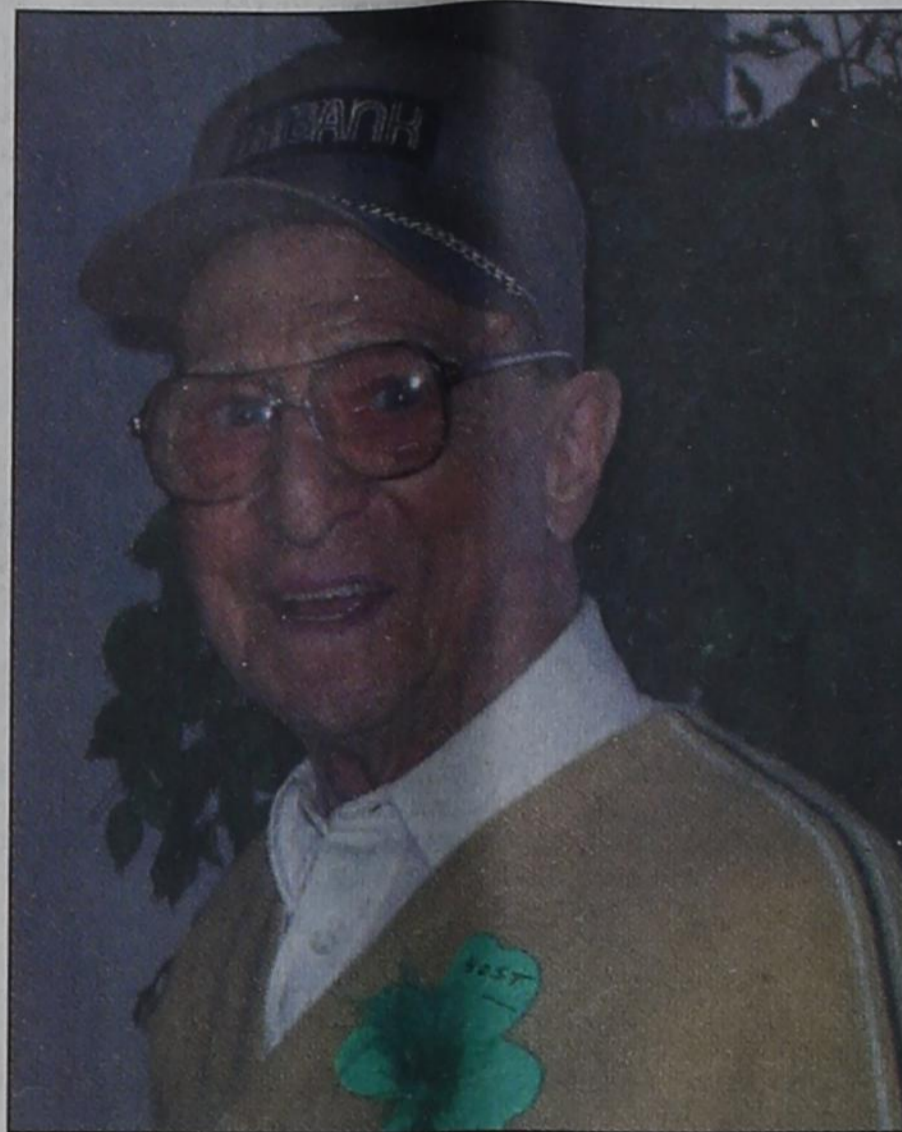
Two seats will be decided on the Pringle-Morse School Board. Filing were Bob Zimmer, James Lieb and Carolyn Shields (I). Incumbent Betty Womble did not file.

Write-in candidates may sign-up until Monday, March 22.

School board seats are for three-year's duration, while city council terms are for two-years.

The first day to accept applications for early voting by mail is March 16, with the early clerk able to mail the ballots to qualified applicants beginning March 31. The last day to receive ballots by mail is 5 p.m. on May 7th.

Early voting in person will be held Wednesday, April 28 through Tuesday, May 11. School board voting will be conducted at the business office of each school, and city council voting will be conducted at City Hall.



Woody Fulkerson was one of several hosts for the First Christian Church's St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. The Luncheon was held on Wednesday and was open to the community.

## Runoff Election Slated

A runoff election will be held on April 13th in the Republican party for Railroad Commissioner. Robert Butler and Victor G. Carrillo (I) will vie for the position.

Polling places will be at Spearman City Hall for Precincts 1, 5 & 6, and at Gruver High School for Precincts 2, 3, 4, 7 & 9, and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gruver City Hall and Hansford County Courthouse beginning on April 5th and ending on April 8th.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to #15 NW Court, Spearman, TX 79081, and must be received no later than the close of business on April 5th.

## Charge Filed In E-Mail Incident

Texas Ranger Todd Snyder of Dumas filed a report with County Attorney John Hutchison on Wednesday afternoon concerning a "threatening" e-mail sent to Hansford County judge candidate Cody J. Cazares.

Atty. Hutchison filed a charge for harassment by making a threat using electronic communications [Penal code section 42.07 (2)].

The charge is a Class B Misdemeanor, which carries a fine not to exceed \$2000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 180 days.

Cazares received the e-mail on Monday, March 1st. The e-mail was traced to a computer within the Region 16 Education System, linking it to a school computer.

The name portion of the e-mail said "kill Cody" and the body of the message included "I will contact you soon, I hope you don't become a victim of political assassination in the meantime."

Cazares released the following statement: "I am very disappointed that my opponent's negative whisper campaign tactics has affected one of our young people enough to do something that he would not normally do. I am saddened that those who oppose my candidacy could allow their own negative opinions to be aired in front of Hansford County's youth in such a harmful way," Cazares said.

Cazares was defeated by County Judge Benny Wilson in the March 9th Republican primary.

## Sheets Submits Apology

My name is Russell Sheets, and I was involved with the e-mail to Mr. Cody J. Cazares that was mentioned in the Amarillo Globe-News on March 5, 2004.

I wish to apologize to everyone the e-mail may have affected. I specifically apologize to Mr. Cazares, to the Spearman Independent School District, to my family, and to the citizens of Hansford County.

I am sorry this happened, but I had no intention to ever threaten harm to Mr. Cazares in any way. I want to ask the forgiveness of everyone.

Russell Sheets

## Stinnett Volunteers To Provide Labor For \$350,000 Grant Project

Grant from ORCA to fund water service development undertaking

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) today announced it has awarded a \$350,000 grant funds from its Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) Texas Small Towns Environment Program (Texas STEP) to the city of Stinnett for a local water project. The fund will provide for equipment, expertise, and technical assistance, while volunteers provide the "sweat equity" to complete the project. Stinnett is the seat of Hutchison County.

Texas STEP is an innovative approach to solving the water and wastewater needs in rural Texas. Through this program, residents provide a certain percentage of the labor themselves. This self-help technique encourages small towns and counties to look within their own communities for resources to bring to the table.

The grant will help Stinnett volunteers provide first-time sewer service to some local residents, and alleviate failing septic systems that are overflowing and causing a health nuisance by installing approximately 26,170 linear feet or five miles of four and eight-inch line, 45 manholes, a sewer lift station and 51 service connections.

"Texas STEP is a win/win program for Stinnett and the State of Texas," said Senator Kel Seliger. "Combining money from federal and state sources with hard work from the local citizens will stretch taxpayer dollars and better our standard of living in the Texas Panhandle."

"This just goes to show the 'can do' attitude of people who work on the farms, ranches and oil fields in the Stinnett area, recognized Representative Warren Chisum. "They are willing and capable of providing the hard work necessary to make this project a success."

ORCA Executive Director, Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, noted that communities working with Texas STEP grants and this self-help approach have saved more than 50 percent on retail construction costs. "This saves cities and counties significant amounts of money and maximizes the number of citizens each project benefits," he continued. "Volunteers receive funds, direction, technical expertise, and specialized equipment from ORCA and contract engineering crews."

The program is a collaborative effort between ORCA, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Water Development Board, the General Land Office, and the Rensselaerville Institute of Rensselaerville, NY.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the funding source for this program.

ORCA is governed by a nine-member Executive Committee: David Alders, Nacogdoches, 936-569-1284; Nicki Harle,

Baird, 325-676-0329; Carol Harrell, Jefferson, 903-665-2700; William Jeter; Bryan, 713-688-6262; Wallace Klussmann, Fredericksburg, 325-247-3233; Jim Roberts, Lubbock, 806-741-4200; Lydia Saenz, Carrizo Springs, 830-876-9779; Patrick Wallace, Athens, 903-676-1191; and Michael Waters, Abilene, 325-670-2201

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, or rural issues in general. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 E-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us <mailto:orca@orca.state.tx.us> Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the State's health, economic development, and community development programs targeting rural communities in Texas. ORCA's programs and services support health care delivery in rural Texas, and address rural community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvements, and disaster relief funds. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens.

## SHOWING OUR PRIDE COUNTYWIDE



A metal silhouette erected near Highway 15 and Cluck Street of a horse with its rider bowing before a cross is now welcoming travelers and residents of Gruver. Owner of the lot, C. A. Davis bought the artwork from Pat Poer, who lives near Colorado Springs, CO. For Mr. Davis' part in beautifying the county, he is the second to be honored in the Reporter-Statesman's recognition of Showing Our Pride, Countywide in 2004.

## Grain Sorghum Meeting

The Ochiltree County Texas Cooperative Extension is hosting a Grain Sorghum Meeting on Monday, March 22nd at the Expo Veterans Building in Perryton.

Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m. Sessions offered are as follows: 9-10 a.m. - Dryland Sorghum Management, Dr. Brent Bean TCE; 10-11 a.m. - Sorghum Insect Management, Dr. Carl Patrick TCE; 11 a.m.-12 noon - Sorghum Irrigation, Mr. Leon New TCE; 12-12:15 p.m. - Ochiltree County Hybrid Trials, Mr. Scott Strawn, TCE; 12:15-12:30 - Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Update; 12:30 - Adjourn for noon meal sponsored by Texas Grain Sorghum Producers.

For more information, contact Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501. Two CEUs will be offered.

## Private Pesticide Applicator Training

A Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing seminar will be held on Thursday, March 25th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Expo Building in Perryton. The cost will be \$10.

This event is for all area agricultural producers who wish to buy and apply restricted use pesticides.

For more information, contact Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501.

## Correction

The total number of votes was incorrect for the County Commissioner, Precinct 3 race in the republican primary.

The correct totals are as follows: Ty Williams - 108, Charlie Bell - 79, Tim Stedje - 331.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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The Spearman Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, March 11th at Gigot Agra-Products in Spearman honoring their grand opening at their new location. Pictured are: (Back Row, L-R) Charles Raybon, Linda Coombs, Tony Stelzer, Clint Williams and Arnold Aguirre; (Middle Row, L-R) Jim Brown - Vice-President of Valmont National Sales, Matthew Johnson, Robert Patrick, Tindle Ramon, Tommy Smith, Ginger Turner, Joy Graham, Pete Ochoa, Jason Cantrell, Keith Hight, Jim Schultz and Hope Kemp; (Front Row, L-R) Steve Hartgroves, Missie Bates, Linda Butt, Cindy Scribner, Judy Yarbrough, Jequeta Kemp and Lance Kemp.

# Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith  
cathysmith@antden.com



*I don't know if I have run this story before or not, but it worth repeating. This story was sent to my by my Aunt Dee Watkins of Odessa. I hope you enjoy it.*

*An elderly Cherokee Native American was teaching his grandchildren about life.*

*He said to them, "A fight is going on inside me, it is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One wolf is evil—he is fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, competition, superiority, and ego.*

*The other is good—he is joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.*

*This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too."*

*They thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."*

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

When I heard our local radio station, KRDF, was changing their format to "Oldies," I anticipated hearing the Country Classics Carolyn Cummings had been playing twice a day. Maybe, I'm older than I realized. Imagine my distress when I turned my radio on and it sounded as though the whole building was crashing down. I don't consider that music. I realize this is just my personal opinion and I don't expect everyone to agree with me.

I would, however, urge anyone who is interested in the future of our local radio station to voice his or her opinion, pro or con, by writing or calling:

Mr. George Chambers  
PO Box 1359  
Dalhart, TX 79022  
(806) 249-4747

As for me, I will not listen to the present programming nor will I buy advertising on it. For now, I will listen to the music on NPR 89.5 and turn it off when their liberal programming comes on and I will not financially support them. I will listen to KRDF for the local news and "People on the Go."

Before I sign off on a totally negative attitude, I would like to say I am very impressed with Adam and feel he has the makings of a very good DJ. He sounds very professional and is easy to listen to.

Mary C. Moore  
Spearman, TX

Dear Editor,

Having been to 21 countries, I can speak from experience about living in America. How many of us take for granted a hot shower or a hot bath? How about a good night out at a nice restaurant? How about a good night's sleep of 6-8 hours?

How about round door knobs, and even the toilet paper? How about being able to shop at a nice United Food Market or Wal Mart Super Center? So much we take for granted up until it's gone!!

Armed guards at every corner. Almost nothing at the grocery stores. TV's with only one channel. Try it, and then thank God we are so fortunate. And make a lenter resolution to help those more in need. God will bless you for it!!

Bob Bort  
Canyon, Texas

Dear Editor,

I am George Chambers, owner of KRDF, and I have a few thoughts to share.

Change is hard and I want to make KRDF the very best it can be for Hansford County. I want to thank all the people who have called and come in to the station and expressed their thanks for the new format of oldies on KRDF. The response has been very positive for the new music. I am committed to serving the area and in my 30 plus years in the radio business this has been truly the hardest situation I have ever had to deal with due to the rumors, statements and false accusations made by former employees and owners of KRDF. KRDF has struggled financially for several years and changes had to be made with the programming. While our local commitment has not changed the way we serve the area will. This will be valued as time goes on.

KRDF plays oldies and the newest song is 30 years old and is aimed at the listener 35 plus. The programming of sports will remain in place depending on sponsorship. The same applies to all programming on KRDF.

Spearman is a wonderful community and KRDF is a wonderful station and with the support of the community KRDF will continue to grow and improve.

Thank you,  
George Chambers  
KRDF

## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

### Register Tapes for Education - Gus Birdwell Elementary

The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

### Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD

Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

### Hospice Bereavement Support Group

A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be held March 22nd through April 19th on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This support group is being sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers and is open to all persons dealing with grief. It will meet in the First Methodist Church parlor in Spearman. For further information, or to enroll, please call the Hospice office at (806) 659-5811, or call Ken Cole at 659-5503.

### AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 9th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on March 29, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund

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

### Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez

A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been fighting cancer for several years and is continuing treatment. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

### Hearts of Gold Gala

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

### Project Graduation

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

## PANHANDLE PLANNER

### First Annual Senior Day Announced for OPSU

Oklahoma Panhandle State University invites all area high school seniors to campus on Friday, March 26th. The event, hosted by the OPSU High School and Community Relations department, will celebrate the students' completion of their high school careers. Many events are planned throughout the day. Sign-in will take place in the Student Union Ballroom from 9-9:30 a.m., followed by a short welcome from OPSU President Dr. David Bryant, and Vice President of Outreach Wayne Manning. Any student attending Senior Day who enrolls for the Fall 2004 semester will receive a one-semester \$300 Aggie Scholarship, and one lucky winner will receive a one-year tuition scholarship for up to 30 hours of coursework. For more information, contact High School and Community Relations at 580-349-1312 or contact your high school counselor.

### Ochiltree County Grain Sorghum Meeting

An Ochiltree County Grain Sorghum meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd at the Expo Center in Perryton. Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m., followed by the following seminars: 9-10 a.m. - Dryland Sorghum Management by Dr. Brent Bean TCE, 10-11 a.m. - Sorghum Insect Management by Dr. Carl Patrick TCE, 11 a.m.-12 noon - Sorghum Irrigation by Dr. Leon New TCE, 12-12:30 p.m. - Ochiltree County Hybrid Trials by Mr. Scott Strawn TCE. 2 CEUs will be offered for this seminar. For more information, contact Scott Strawn at 806-435-4501.

### Tri-City Community Concert Association; Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger, and is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 5 - Alpine Hong (pianist); October 26 - Rhythm & Shoes; February 8 - Frank DeAmbrose (singer); March 12 - Artie Shaw Big Band Orchestra; March 19 - Richard Glizier (singer); April 7 - Southern Fried Jazz. Season memberships are: Adults - \$25, Students - \$10, and Family - \$50. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

### Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 4 - Acoustic Cafe; October 16 - One Enchanted Evening (2 hours w/orchestra); November 13 - Benny Kim (violinist); February 13 - Alpin Hong (pianist); March 13 - Artie Shaw Big Band Orchestra; May 17 - Side Street Strutters. Season memberships are: Adults - \$45 (\$40 if purchased before March 25th), Students - \$20, and Family Pass - \$95. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

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In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.

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# Our Deepest Sympathy

## JAMES A. SNOWDEN

POOLVILLE - James A. Snowden, 62, a teacher, of Poolville, Texas, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2004, in Azle, Texas.



James was born on February 24, 1942 in Jacksboro, Texas. At the age of four he moved to Spearman, Texas with his family. He graduated from Spearman high school in 1964. After graduation he attended Texas A&M University, graduating in 1964. He spent his life teaching and retired from Bonham Junior High in Odessa, TX. Upon retirement he returned to Poolville to care for his mother until her death.

He was a Baptist and a Mason. He touched the lives of many students in his 20-year teaching career. James loved to collect antique automobiles along with many other antique items. He was a very talented craftsman and made beautiful wooden items that will be cherished. He was truly a country boy at heart and a true "friend to man." One of his nudes dubbed him a "Gentle Giant."

He will be deeply missed and was truly loved by his family. James was preceded in death by his parents, Andy and Alma Snowden; and recently his beloved companion, Pepper Dog.

Survivors include sisters, Clara Foshee and husband, Doug, Mary Joy Robinson and husband, Terry; nieces, Suzanne Meredith and husband Keith, Joy Dawn Garcia and husband, Teddy; nephew, Scott A. McGowan; and numerous other relatives.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd at Gibtown Cemetery near Perrin, Texas under the direction of Cotton-Bratton Funeral Chapel of Weatherford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gibtown Cemetery Association, PO Box 334, Perrin, Texas 76486 and as he had done to others "commit a random act of kindness."



## JOHN R. ALLEN

GUYMON, OK - John R. Allen, 94, of Guymon, died Thursday afternoon, March 11, 2004 at the Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo, TX.

The son of John and Virginia Lee (Moore) Allen, he was born on May 28, 1909 in Tillman County near Frederick, Oklahoma.

John moved to Spearman from the Clinton, OK area in the late 1920's and to Guymon in 1939. Mr. Allen was engaged in farming the majority of his working life, retiring in 1974. He had served several years as Under Sheriff for Texas County.

John and Mary Lucile Buchanan were united in marriage at Spearman, Texas on September 23, 1934. She preceded him in death on August 27, 1998.

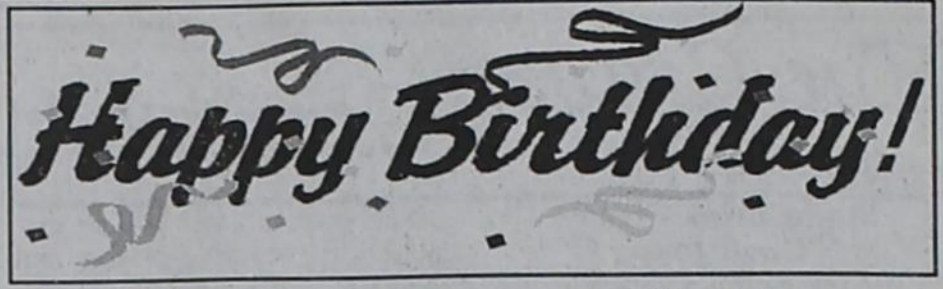
He was a member of the Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, 60 year member of the Guymon Masonic Lodge, 32 Degree Master Mason, 50 year member Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and 50 year member of the India Shrine, Oklahoma City, OK. He had served on the Guymon City Council and was a Chamber of Commerce Rodeo Chairman for several years. Mr. Allen had been a resident of the Hansford Manor in Spearman since September of 2002. He served the residents as a strong advocate for elder care.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Lucile; one daughter, Linda Fincham; four brothers, Frank Allen, Tom Allen, Ed Allen and Will Allen; four sisters, Ella Russell, Nell McClelland, Ethel Grant and Bessie Smith.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn and her husband, David Wilson of Crawford, OK, Barbara and her husband, Don Rapp of Guymon, and Jane and her husband, Larry Whitford of Guymon; 14 grandchildren, Greg and Deborah Wilson, Gwenna and Lyndel Shiffner, Nancy and Carlos Reyes, Randy Rapp, Kathleen Rapp, Anita and Brad Collins, Reese Rapp, Misti and Todd Kohart, Micah Moss, Mandi and Ty Berry, Lacie Friesen and Melissa and Jason Bond; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, March 13th at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman with Rev. Ken Cole officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

The Allen family suggests memorials be given to your charity of choice. Memorials will be accepted at the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, PO Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.



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

### March 24

**Birthday** - Dillion Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla James, Rebecca Garza, Corry Haight, Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

### March 25

**Birthday** - Rosalie Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrecht, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Chad Howe, Mario Soto

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Josh Reed

### March 26

**Birthday** - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tanda Taylor, James Brown, J.D. Faulkner, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Joanna Myers

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Morley

### March 27

**Birthday** - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCamey, J.D. Schick

**Anniversary** - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd

### March 28

**Birthday** - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlinson, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrnice Callaway, Rick Riggins, Carlos Castillo, Janet Scarborough, Mickey Schoenhals, Mark Hodges, Verna Strawn, Colten King, Tyrell King

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clawson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hefley, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tipps, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carter

### March 29

**Birthday** - Lacy Barkley, Dixie Karlin, Joshua Kirby, Jessica Stork, Josephine Salgado, Scott Beedy, Melissa Taylor, Wanda Burke, Tiki Farrar, Chad Guthrie, David West, Marg Cook, Janis Maupin, Josh Harris, Jeann Thompson, Scot Martin, Ruth Shields, Ramon Garcia Jr., Greyson Karlin

### March 18

**Birthday** - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton, Matthew Bain

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Pearcy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard

### March 19

**Birthday** - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wilson

### March 20

**Birthday** - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Ila Mae Buchanan, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Gary Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Garcia

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. M. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Benny McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Barkley

### March 21

**Birthday** - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarrango, Maxine Bannister, Jose Tarango

**Anniversary** - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

### March 22

**Birthday** - Veta Alloway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gurfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement, Andy Lindsey, Reid Wilson, J.J. Gallegos

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson

### March 23

**Birthday** - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans, Carter Strawn, Wilbur Hull

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

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## Thank You

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A special thank you to Dr. Mark Garnett, the doctor's and staff at SCCI, staff of Hansford Manor and BSA Hospice, and all those who take the time to visit residents in the Manor.

David & Marilyn Wilson & Family; Don & Barbara Rapp & Family; Larry & Jane Whitford & Family

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The family of Bill Whitford would like to thank everyone for their expression of concern with calls, cards, visits, flowers and prayers extended in our loss. We would like to offer a special thank you to Hansford Hospice and the staff of Hansford Manor. Larry & Jane Whitford & Family; Jody & Bill Harnish & Family; and the family of the late Sharon Whitford Dossett

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Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Elder

**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.  
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.  
Pastor - Patrick Six

**Church of Christ**  
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.  
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Pastor - Ken Cole

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Pastor - Beverly Cook

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Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
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510 King • 733-2960  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30 Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Spring Break Creates Ghost Town

If you were in Gruver this week, you were one of the few. Monday morning looked much like a Sunday morning, with very few vehicles on the street or in front of businesses.

Gruver school's spring break proved to be vacation time for many. At least three local businesses were closed for either a few days or the entire week.

School will resume Monday, March 22.

## Thanks, Rick

The Reporter-Statesman would like to express its appreciation to Rick Barkley, the official photographer of the Hansford Stock Show for his pictures in last week's edition of the grand and reserve champions and the showmanship winners.

## School Board To Meet

For those who may be interested in attending the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees meeting Monday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room, the following list of items will be discussed and considered.

The 2004-05 school calendar, the investment policy and early voting clerk changes.

Other items for discussion are the principal's report, the student enrollment, the reading of Update 72, a second progress report, an academic progress report, a dyslexia program, migrant transportation and the financial report.

School personnel will be discussed in executive session and then action upon personnel will be taken in open session.

## Gruver Athletes Listed In Track Honor Roll

The Amarillo Globe News listed the performance of two Gruver athletes and one relay team on their area track honor roll.

Pole vaulter Blythe Finley was tied for the top spot in the area with her vault at the Canadian Meet of 9'. Tyler Lane was listed on the honor roll for his 53.1 time in the 400 meter run. Gruver's 1600 meter relay was named for their 3:39.5. members of that team are Jose Rodriguez, David Puebla, Salvador Luciano, and Hutch Reed.

## Ralstons Participate In Fund Raiser Walk

Roxie and Tisha Ralston and Tisha's "little sister" were pictured in the Perryton paper as participants in the Big Brother Big Sisters Walk for Kids Sake.

## Submit Your News

If you have information you would like to include in this column, you may call Harletta Carthel at 753-4423, or submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

# Manor Assistant Director of Nursing Named



Jeanne Swan, LVN

Jeanne Swan, a 1981 graduate of Spearman High School, began working at HCHD in the fall of 1981, continuing until October 1990. She returned to work at Hansford Manor in March 1999. Jeanne, who was born and raised in Hansford County and has 14 years experience at Hansford Manor, feels that she is very close to the Manor Residents. She describes her relationship with the Residents as "My Family - I have literally known the majority of these folks all my life." Considering Jeanne's outgoing personality, if she had not

known these Residents prior to admission to the Manor, one might never know it. She makes new admissions feel welcomed and treats everyone like family.

Working under the direction of Lelia Bynum, R.N., DON, Jeanne is responsible for the coordination, development and timely completion of each Resident assessment, according to Medicare guidelines. A member of the Interdisciplinary Care Plan Team, she is responsible for the individualized care plans of each resident. She sets realistic goals for Resident care and reevaluates them periodically, while working with the Physicians and Registered Nurses. Jeanne participates with the Quality Assessment Committee and is currently responsible for the monthly Risk Management reports. She develops work assignments, assists with scheduling and directs daily nursing responsibilities while delivering quality care.

Jeanne is married to Scott Swan and has two children, Christy and Jace. She is an avid sports fan and enjoys attending her children's sporting events.

by Dorothy Hudson

# Out At The Lake



Drawing of an Inca Dove

Lake Level--March 15, 2004--26.52 feet (-0.12)

Jim spent a few days last week in Houston at the Woodlands attending the annual Texas Water Conservation Meeting. Jack Lane of Stinnett had planned to fly down with Jim, but back trouble that is to require surgery made him change his plans. Margarette Evans, who drove down, was the only board member to attend.

Some big fish were caught while Jim was gone. Max Taylor caught a 24-pound blue catfish on shad while fishing from the bank, and then Vic White caught a 27-pound one. Since a 28-pound one was caught last year, most of the fishermen think there is at least a 30-pound one waiting to be caught.

Vic White saw a bobcat last week at the intake tower. There seem to be fewer coyotes in the park this year for some reason, and the cottontails are more plentiful.

An armadillo as roadkill was

seen south of Gruver a few days ago. It has not been very long since the first ones were seen in the county. The Eurasian Collared Doves are an addition in the last few years, too. Another bird to watch for is the Inca Dove. They have been seen in the Panhandle in the last fifteen years but had not been recorded in Hansford County. Last summer Amy Harris saw one in the Gruver City Park, so I am wondering if others will be reported this year.

This small dove has a tail almost as long as its body. Its dark tipped feathers give it a scalloped effect all over its body. When it flies chestnut wing patches can be seen, while its long squared tail has white edges when spread.

Like the other doves, the Inca builds a flimsy twig platform for its nest.

Both parents incubate the usual two white eggs. In cold weather the birds nestle on top of each other with sometimes as many as four layers of birds in the form of a pyramid.

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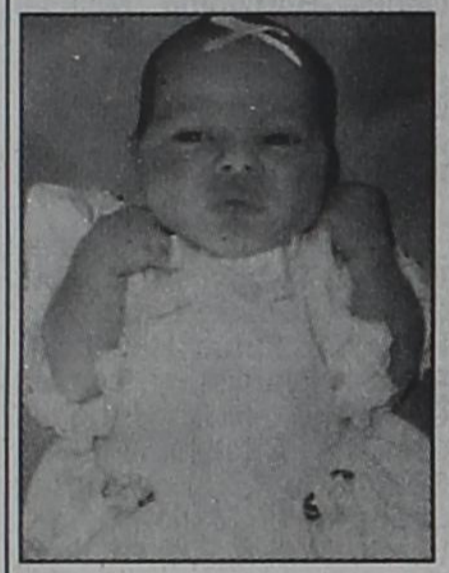
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# It's A Girl!



Jeffrey and Frances Davis wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Jean Davis. Hannah was born on January 8, 2004 at 12:58 p.m. in Amarillo. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 17 1/4 inches long.

Hannah was welcomed home in Spearman by her big brothers, Jackson, 7 and Alexander, 16-months.

Proud grandparents are James Wilson of Spearman and Alexandra Girardeau of Montreal, Canada. She is also the granddaughter of the late Harvey Davis and Alta Jean Davis.

You are invited to a Wedding Shower

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- Tamara Meyer & William Branstrove - Mar. 27 (Borger)
- Jennifer Laxson & Aaron Langston - March 27
- Sara Bass & Trevor Chisum - April 17 (Gruver)
- Monica Blackman & Bryon Pfaff
- Courtney Walker & Tye Womble
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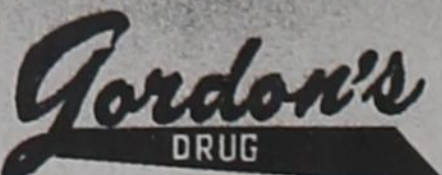
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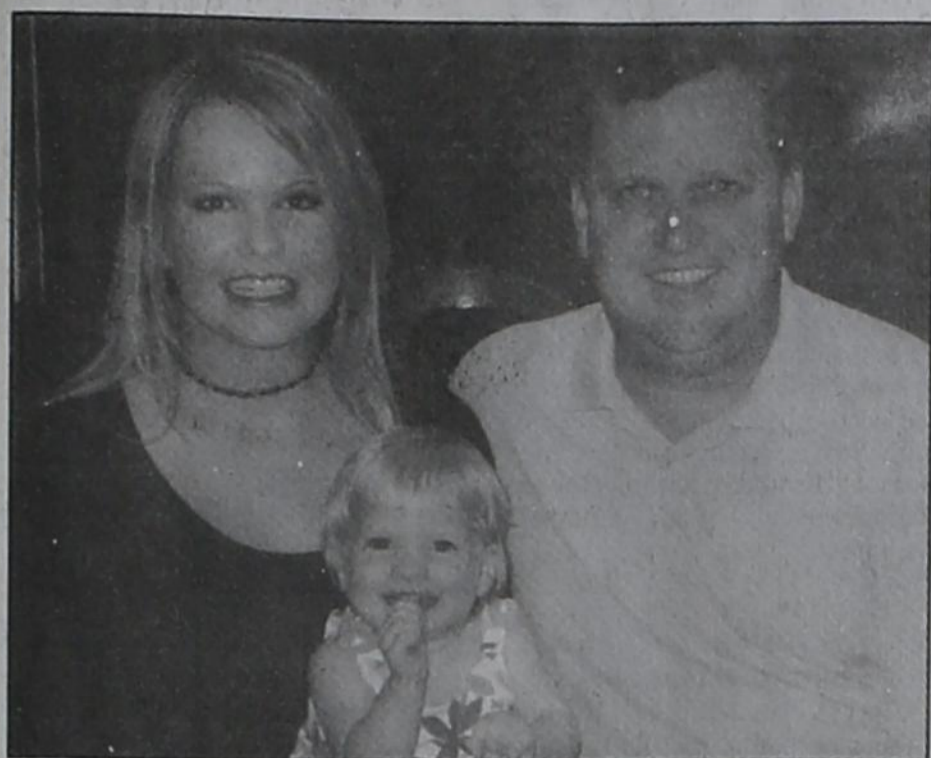
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- Sara Bass & Trevor Chisum - March 20 (Perryton)  
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- Jennifer Laxson & Aaron Langston - Mar. 27
- Jess Anne Fernandes & Michael Lusby - Mar. 27
- Tye Womble & Courtney Walker
- Meg Woolley & Ben Walton



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# Francis Featured In Book "The Faces of Texas"



Kellie, Lauren and Travis Francis



Above is the photograph of Kellie McWhirter Francis that appears in the book "The Faces of Texas."

Kellie (McWhirter) Francis is featured in the recently released book *The Faces of Texas*.

Kellie is married to Travis Francis and they have one daughter, Lauren, who is 19-months old. They are both active participants in their custom home building and remodeling business in Montgomery, where they also reside.

Kellie and Travis met in high school when they were both members of the Texas Baptist All-State Choir, and have been married for nearly thirteen years. They both graduated from Baylor University with degrees in business.

Kellie is a 1987 graduate of Spearman High School and was valedictorian of her class. During her high school and college days, she participated in several pageants including the Miss Texas Pageant on two occasions, once as Miss Wheatheart and once as Miss West Texas. The picture featured in *The Face of Texas* was taken by Michael O'Brien for an issue of Texas Monthly magazine during her reign as Miss Wheatheart.

Kellie's hobbies include golf, tennis and singing professionally as part of a ladies trio at many local community and charity events.

The Faces of Texas is a picture of the state of Texas

through portraits of its people. Photographer Michael O'Brien has worked as a freelance magazine photographer for more than twenty-five years, photographing people for such magazines as Texas Monthly, National Geographic, the New York Times, Sunday Magazine, Esquire, Life, Vanity Fair, ESPN, Time, Fortune and Forbes. He has photographed a fascinating and diverse array of native and adoptive Texans, ranging from the renowned, like then-Governor George W. Bush and singer-songwriter Willie Nelson, to the obscure, like the artist Ran Horn of tiny Van Horn, Texas (the "Van Gogh of Van Horn") and Shannon Perry, the first "Gatorfest Queen" of Anahuac, Texas.

O'Brien, an adoptive Texan who lives in Austin, has collected these portraits into a book that celebrates the individuality and independent spirit of Texas through its people - from powerful, big-city movers to unique, small-town characters.

O'Brien's wife, Elizabeth Owen O'Brien, a former Life magazine reporter, wrote the text.

Following is the text that appears with the section featuring Kellie, entitled "Texas Beauty Queens" (on page 41).

"Texas has a reputation for beautiful, larger-than-life

women, and the state has produced plenty of beauty queens. For many of these women, their fame was heady but short-lived; after the contest, they quickly moved on to obscurity. But for others, like Kellie McWhirter, from Spearman, Texas—Miss Wheatheart—the beauty contest launched a lucrative new life.

While at Baylor University, McWhirter entered the Miss Wheatheart contest in 1990 with a girlfriend on a whim, and, to her surprise, walked away with the crown. Upon winning, she continued to compete. With the same friend, Mechelle, who had won Miss Abilene in the meantime, McWhirter went on to the Miss Texas pageant, winning scholarship money in the preliminary competition. She followed that up by winning Miss West Texas, then returning to Miss Texas to win more scholarship money in the preliminaries.

"It was a really good experience overall," said McWhirter, who goes by her husband's last name—Francis—now. "I earned money, which helped out a lot at

Baylor; I gained a lot of confidence and learned interviewing skills, which helped later when I went on job interviews. But I got kind of derailed by my husband. And in the grand scheme of things, I'd rather to on with my life—with my husband and daughter."

McWhirter and her husband, Travis, own two businesses and work out of their home in Montgomery, Texas. She runs a mobile home business and he a homebuilding business. But she still keeps a foot in the beauty pageant world, volunteering as director of the teen pageant for Miss Teen Conroe.

Kellie is the daughter of Steve and Sheri Benton of Spearman and Lloyd McWhirter of Denver, CO. She is the granddaughter of Nell and Buddy Benton and Dolly McWhirter of Spearman. She has one brother, Nicholas Benton of Houston, Salina Johnson of Plano and Meredith Benton of Fort Worth.

## Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Spearman. They brought church to the residents on the 7th. We truly appreciate it.

Monday began with our usual chores and visiting with the residents about events that happened over the week end. Many family members and friends come to visit on week ends and the residents love to see the smiling faces of visitors. Many have formed rich friendships through visits.

During Newscurrents we learned facts about Cypress, an island between Greece and Turkey and about a great horned owl that was the first bird to ever have cataract surgery. There was also much information about Alice Paul that formed the first march for women's rights in 1919.

Monday afternoon Janie Kunselman played the piano for Name That Tune in the living room. Many residents were in attendance. Some dance, sing, clap and they compete to see who can name the tune first. That evening the Rotary Club hosted bingo. Thank you to one and all - it is a great blessing for the residents.

Tuesday morning brought the fun sounds of Musercise. We had a lot of good fun and exercise.

That afternoon thank goodness we had volunteers Scooter Russell, Sharon Barkley, Judy Yarborough, and Ann Whitaker because we did a multitude of manicures just in the afternoon. Many residents had big smiles on their faces—we are the same - it always makes you feel good to look better.

Ann Whitaker led a wonderful Bible study Wednesday morning. Thank you Ann for the blessings that you bring. That afternoon the residents were busily painting pictures of Easter eggs and crosses for the kindergarten children that will come for an Easter celebration.

Thursday morning during Olympic practice while we were practicing bowling, I overheard a gentleman from the Manor laughing and telling a lady--they let us get this old and THEN try to teach us something new. He was enjoying himself greatly and had a lot of fun trying a game that he had never played in his life. He was the life of the party over the bowling mat.

That afternoon the residents played bingo under the expert guidance of the auxiliary. Thank you to the auxiliary!

Friday morning we practiced several other Olympic games all morning long. The residents do not tire of the competition. They enjoy the thrill of making baskets or getting a ringer in horse-shoes just as they always have. We really enjoy their olympic games.

Friday afternoon we played a new game called "Crazy Hats". We formed a circle and passed a variety of hats to each other while the music played. When the music stopped we had to put on the hat that they were holding and tell a story that was in line with the hat that they were wearing (such as a cowboy hat). Oh my, it was so much fun!!

A visitor reported to me that they stopped to watch as they were passing by and enjoyed watching them play the game. It was really funny as the residents opened up and talked about different hats they wore in their past and stories relating to them.

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## Meetings & Minutes

### City of Spearman

The City of Spearman, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City hall, 30 SW Court, on February 17, 2004 with Mayor Steve Benton presiding. Aldermen present were: Ron Antalek, Alfred Avila, Charles Elliott and Brian Gillispie. Alderman Don Reed was absent. Staff present: City Manager Robert Patrick, City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado and Municipal Judge Gary Ellsworth. Visitors present: Monty Blackman.

#### Call To Order

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Benton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

#### Invocation and Pledge

Alderman Gillispie gave the invocation and Mayor Benton led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### Consent Agenda

Consideration of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 20, 2004.

Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax and water/wastewater reports for January and the natural gas report for December.

Consideration of the monthly bills payable for January and the current cash position.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to order the municipal election for May 15, 2004.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the minutes of the Regular

City Council meeting held on January 17, 2004;

AND  
Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for January and the natural gas report for December;

AND  
Approve the bills payable for January in the amount of \$425,633.61 and the current cash position.

AND  
Authorize the Mayor to Order the Municipal Election for May 15, 2004. Second by Elliott. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Regular Agenda

Consideration of the 2002-2003 audit prepared by Brown, Graham and Company.

After listening to Monty Blackman deliver a good, clean audit of the City motion was made by Elliott to accept same. Second by Antalek. Motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of resolution #104, a resolution of the City of Spearman, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to execute a cable television franchise management service agreement.

Mr. Patrick explained that TML endorses the use of Local Government Services so that cities can band together for better negotiations of cable franchise agreements. Motion was made by

Gillispie to approve Resolution #1-04 and engage Local Government Services to negotiate a new cable franchise agreement for the City of Spearman. Second by Elliott. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Other

Judge Ellsworth showed a tape of Municipal Court Education. No action was taken.

#### Adjourn

Motion was made by Elliott to adjourn and second by Gillispie. Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

### Gruver ISD

Meeting in regular session Monday, February 23, 2004 at 6:02 p.m., the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees approved two-year contracts for high school principal Mike King, junior high principal Matt Branstine, elementary principal Diane Brown, and business manager Randy Reid by a 6-0 vote. Trustees present were Paul

### One Act Play Prepares For District

"The Foreigner," Gruver High's one act play, will compete in zone competition Thursday, March 25, in Stinnett.

The cast is composed of Cody Mac Been as Froggy LeSeur, Ben Williams as Charlie Baker, Callie Hargis as Betty Meeks, Sheldon Atwood as Reverend David Lee, Allison Reid as Catherine Simms, Tanner Irwin as Owen Musser, and Brad Clawson as Ellard Simms.

Townpeople are Rachelle Holt, Sarah Mireles, Jessica Montgomery, David Parker, and Madeline Reed.

Stage crew members are Sydney Been, Kalee Crawford, Diana Lopez, and Matti Wheelock.

Alternates are Drew Grotgut and Maria Ruiz.

The play is set at a fishing lodge in rural Georgia which is often visited by Froggy LeSeur, a British demolition expert who occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. This time Froggy has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation with strangers.

Froggy tells everyone that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. When left alone, Charlie is put in danger when he hears more than he should of evil plans.

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Stavlo, Terry Sherrill, Davin Winger, Brent Stedje, Dwayne Thompson, Buddy Lowe, Jr, and superintendent David Teal.

Absent was board member Jody Irwin.

Other motions approved by a 6-0 vote were the 2003-2003 Audit Report by Mr. Howard Hammerbeck, the Update 71, the property casualty bit to PCAT for 2004-2005, and the election judges, alternate judges, and early voting clerks.

Also approved by the same vote were the May 15 election for the board of trustees, three out-of-state track meets, the new substitute teacher list, and the class size waiver for fourth grade which had an unanticipated growth.

In the motion to approve the district to administer immunization shots to school children at no charge, Stedje, Lowe, Stavlo, Winger, and Sherrill voted aye while member Thompson voted nay.

In the motion to accept resolution for the West Texas Food Services cooperative, Sherrill, Lowe, Stavlo, Winger, and Thompson voted aye with member Stedje abstaining.

Discussion items included the setting of the next board meeting

for March 22, 2004 at 6:00 p.m., the student enrollment of 399, the first reading of Update 72, an update on the roofing project, academic progress, the financial report by Randy Reid, and the revenues and expenditures.

The board was in executive session from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. before returning to open session to vote on the extension of contracts for the principals and business manager.

Visitors present were Matt Branstine, Randy Reid, Diane Brown, Curt Fitzgerald, Jeff Graves, Darlene Gibson, Kristi Williams, Julie Stedje, Kathy Lindsey, May Henson, Kimberly Irwin, Howard Hammerbeck, and Rhonda Williams.

### Hansford Hospice

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers met at the Gruver State Bank on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in Gruver.

June Jackson presided over the meeting. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

There was no old business.

Ken Cole reported on the Bereavement classes which will begin later in March.

Dorothy Buzzard gave an interesting program on decorative trays.

The next meeting will be April 12th at 7 p.m. at First State Bank in Spearman. Roy Puente, Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association, will speak on Alzheimer's and Hospice.

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## SHS Academic Teams Qualify For State



SHS Academic "White" Team - Tanner Hand, Michel Huffaker and Russell Sheets



SHS Academic "Purple" Team - Jeff Brock, K'Lee Ratzliff and Lisha Whitefield.

The Spearman High School Academic Teams traveled to South Plains College in Levelland, Texas this past Wednesday to compete in the Area 4 Small School Academic Contest.

The Purple Team consisting of Jeff Brock, K'Lee Ratzliff and Lisha Whitefield placed third after a tie-breaking round with Muleshoe High School.

Placing First and winning by a margin of almost fifteen ques-

tion was the White team whose members include Russell Sheets, Michel Huffaker and Tanner Hand. All team members received medals and brought back between \$1,500 and \$1,800 in scholarship money. These students will be attending the State Meet at Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton in March. Congratulations academic students and to the outstanding work of their many teachers. We are proud of you!

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# Venneman Cooper Designs 'Seats Of Honor' For Heritage



Designer Kim Venneman Cooper poses with the chair named for her great-grandmother, the Mary Elizabeth.

by Harletta Carthel

Kim Venneman Cooper's heritage and heart are finding their way to the homes of others through her designer collection of chairs known as the Ferme (French word meaning farm, pronounced fer' may) Chic Chair Collection.

Venneman's legacy of the great farmland and the strong women who nurtured and tended it is her inspiration for four exclusive chairs designed for market in designer showrooms throughout the United States. The collection is an interesting twist that links fashion to the farm and reflects the glamorous designs of the '40's.

"The women of the great American farmland led a life of nobility and honor, style and dignity, while being surrounded by the most beautiful colors and textures of the land from which they received their inspiration," Venneman Cooper said.

Using the colors of America's farms and the personalities of strong prairie women in her designs, Venneman Cooper's chairs are as unique as the ladies she honors.

"I want the story of The Great American Women of the farm to reach across the world, to tell of women like my grandmother Fanny Venneman and my great aunt Clementine Renner," Venneman Cooper said. "The Ferme Chic Chair Collection is reflective of my late grandmother. Fanny Venneman was a true example of being the person you were always meant to be no matter where life takes you. Even though she lived the life of a farmer and rancher's wife in the middle of nowhere, Fanny kept her true identity, with her love for fashion and originality."

The unique chair reflecting the cosmopolitan style of her grandmother is an x-back chair with a rounded seat upholstered in chocolate brown velvet.

"Wearing her stylish suits and hats, Fanny brought a delightful fashion sense to the prairie," Venneman Cooper said. "The chocolate brown fabric is reminiscent of both the luxury that Fanny brought to the farm and the deep richness of the soil in which she flourished."

A pink chair upholstered in silk with a tufted back, is named in honor of Venneman Cooper's great aunt, Clementine Renner, a recently deceased Spearman pioneer.

"The bright pink, well-appointed chair reflects both Clementine's love of the color

pink and the beautiful prairie sunsets," Venneman Cooper said. "Every evening Clementine would anxiously await the sun's farewell as it would paint the prairie pink. "I believe the chair reflects the fervor of the prairie sunset with its light shadow of pink that dances across the land."

The third chair of the collection is named in honor of the designer's great-grandmother Mary Elizabeth Sparks. The blue chair consists of a lower square seat with a curve back upholstered in blue.

"The story of the Mary Elizabeth chair tells of a classy daughter of a Texas farmer. Mary Elizabeth's dreams were as big as the great blue sky," Venneman Cooper said. "She would sit for hours in her favorite sundress and high heels and dream of the magnificent future that would be hers. The design reflects the endless skies and the power of dreaming in a chair that is contemporary and free of confinement."

The final chair of the collection, the Ella Mae, is a greenish-gold silk with a square lower cushion with tailored skirting. The upholstered oval back of the chair is encircled by a wooden frame.

The Ella Mae is the only chair designed as a personification of farm women as a whole rather than for a specific person.

"The Ella Mae creates an atmosphere of fancy that reflects the love for the finer things and dreams of a glamorous life," Venneman Cooper said. "The Ella Mae tells the story of a young farm wife taken from the city to a Texhoma farm. Situated in the center of a sea of wheat, Ella Mae would dance barefoot amidst the rising wheat harolding her heart full of life."

A brochure of the young designer's work recently received a gold medal award from the Addy Awards, which honors outstanding advertising work.

The award-winning work features artistic renditions of the four chairs with a description of each design and the stories of the women from Venneman Cooper's heritage who inspired them.

The designer's photograph and a vintage photograph of her grandmother Venneman, whose legacy is honored in the chair collection, are aptly pictured on the final page of the brochure.

"One of the greatest goals I

want to accomplish in my lifetime is preserving my heritage, which I hold so dear to my heart," Venneman Cooper said. "Not a day goes by that I don't think about Fanny and Clementine and the amazing women they were. By telling their story, I hope these chairs find their way to many homes to encourage others to dream big and be the person they were always meant to be no matter where life takes them."



Kim Venneman Cooper's grandmother, Fannie Venneman

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Hansford County Judge

The election is over, and the people of Hansford County have exercised their right in freedom of choice and speech. As friends and supporters of Cody Cazares, we wanted to write a letter when truthless rumors were being passed that damaged his reputation, but Cody asked that nothing be said so that the campaign could focus on the issues. Now as part of a Christian community, we must clear the false allegations.  
No, Cody did not receive \$30,000 from the Republican Party, he received contributions from his friends and those who believed in him, just like all the other candidates. His contributors are a matter of public record and can be viewed by anyone at the courthouse. No, Cody does not have a campaign bus? What would he have done with it? Drive around Hansford County? No, The Republican Party did not buy Cody a pickup. He does have a personal vehicle as do most 23 year-old men. Yes, Cody was more than an interim. He did work for a living and earned paychecks which are also a public record in Washington D.C. and other locations. No, Cody is not a college dropout. He will be graduating in August with a degree in Political Science and Pre-Law. He took time off from school, with consent from Baylor University, to campaign. Whether he won or lost, his intentions were always to return to school (which he has done) to graduate in August. No, Cody did not call the media in Dallas. The Dallas media was interested in Cody's race as his winning would have made a good story as the youngest county judge in Texas. And hasn't one of our complaints in Hansford County always been how our county could receive state recognition?  
But the most damaging and cruel rumor spread about Cody was that he was Gay. For a young man who has led an exemplary Christian life and has been instilled by his community with the highest morals and ideals, this baseless lie has been crushing not only his campaign but also his life and the life of his family. As a Christian community, we should hang our heads in shame that we would harm any young man in this way or treat any human being in the manner Cody has been treated. Lies started from malicious hearts have shattered the life of a fine young man who did much good for his school and his community.  
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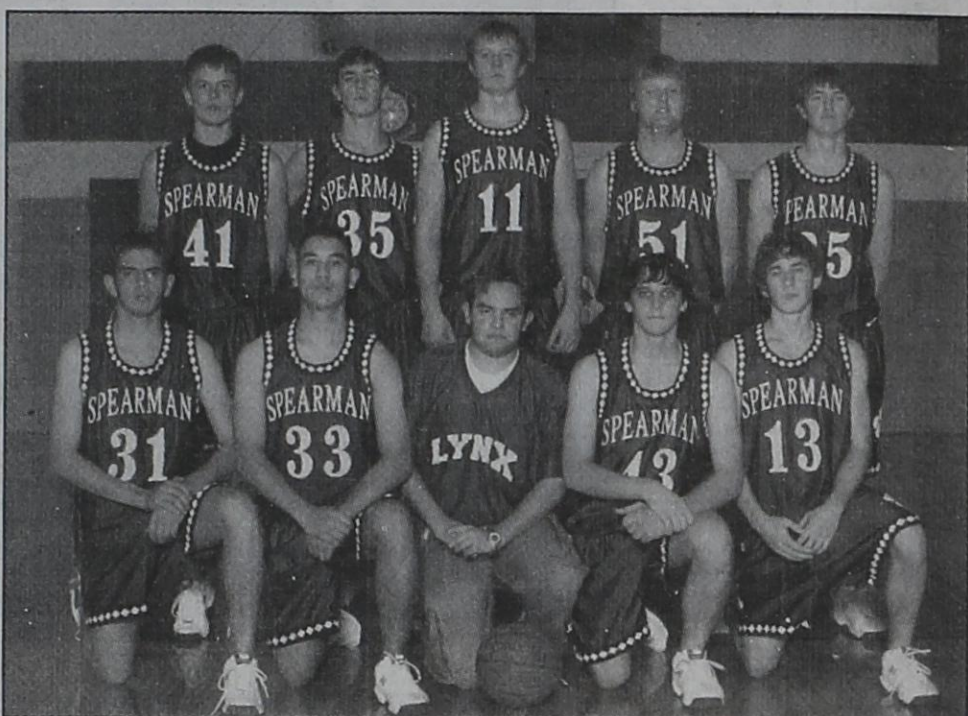
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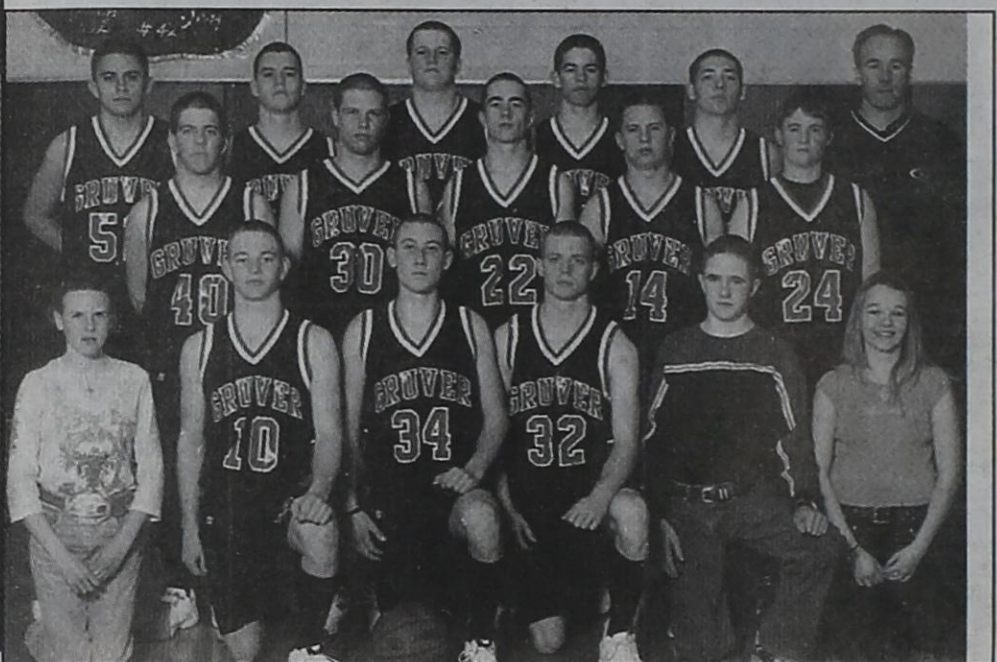
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost

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revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, Valor proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on Valor's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees.

Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

Valor is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, Valor may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If Valor's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on Valor's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse Valor for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Valor seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, \$3,791,870 in Year 2, \$1,333,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call Valor at 1-877-520-5220.

The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

**AVISO**

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunications de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de la Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo

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de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación, VALOR propone implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años comenzando el día que la Comisión sumete el orden final, por la solicitud de Valor. La Comisión puede establecer sobrecargos ELCS para cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS se aplicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea residencial: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.70 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, Valor esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interiores aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada línea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada línea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interiores serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posible que Valor estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interiores.

Si la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación de Valor esta aprobada, el efecto neta anual de tasas para Valor en Año 1 serán cero desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a Valor por los gastos aumentados y asociados con la provision de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que Valor trata de recuperar sobre este procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$1,333,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4, y \$44,610 en Año 5.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propostados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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## College Corner

### Texas Christian University

Having completed Fall 2003 classes with at least a 3.4 GPA, Chelsea Nollner of Spearman was recently named to the Dean's List at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

### Texas Woman's University

Texas Woman's University has released its dean's list for the fall 2003 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete at least nine hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 with no failing grades.

Katie Clyburn of Spearman was among those students named.

### McMurry University

Sophomore Adam Cherry was named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List. To be eligible, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

### Frank Phillips College

Frank Phillips College in Borger released the names of students who earned inclusion on the President's and Dean's honor rolls for the Fall 2003 semester.

Named to the President's honor roll were Janice Garrard and Lisa Lillard of Spearman. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 4.0 for the semester.

Named to the Dean's honor roll were Reyna Ruiz of Spearman, Margaret Reid of Morse and Denise Karlin of Gruver. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99 for the semester.

### Tarleton State University

Brea Archer of Spearman listed on the A Honor Roll for the fall semester at Tarleton State University. To be eligible, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point ratio while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Kara Womble of Morse was designated a Distinguished Student. Distinguished students include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.5 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

### University of Houston-Downtown

Sonya (Salgado) Jensen was named to the 2003 fall semester Dean's list. Students must earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.50 with a minimum of nine semester hours completed, during a long semester, and receive no incomplete or failing grades to be recognized for their achievement on the Dean's List.

### Amarillo College

Thirty-two students recently completed training through the Amarillo College Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy, Basic Peace Officer certification. The graduates must pass the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) state licensing exam before they can become commissioned officers. Graduating from Morse was Donnie Davis.

### National Dean's List

A total of ten students from Hansford County are among the approximately 170,000 students included in the 26th Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List*, 2002-2003.

*The National Dean's List* is published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, TX. *The National Dean's List* is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students. To learn more about *The National Dean's List* visit [www.thenationaldeanslist.com](http://www.thenationaldeanslist.com).

Local students selected include: Sergey Morozov, Brittany Morris and Mike Wilhelm of Gruver; Evan Schmidt of Morse; and Jascha Fishburn, Stephen Foster, Karen Hild, Chelsea Nollner, Amber Ramon and Chad Scarborough of Spearman.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SHS Forensic Team Competes At District NFL Meet

On Friday, February 27, 2004, the Spearman High School Forensic Team traveled to Lubbock to compete in the District NFL meet at Lubbock High. The Spearman team was the only small school represented at the meet.

Placing third was Russell Sheets, who is alternate to the National Meet in Salt Lake City Utah. Other students representing SHS were Mark Thomas, Joshua Derrington, Si li Tang, Maribel Moreno, Jeremy Ashby and Keifer Sumner.

### National Dean's List

A total of 37 Hansford County students are included in the 2002-2003 Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition*.

*Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition* is published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, TX. It is part of the largest recognition program in the nation honoring high school students, specifically outstanding student-athletes.

Athletes are nominated for *Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition* by coaches, teachers and sports organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in extra curricular activities.

Students also compete for \$10,000 in scholarship awards.

Local student-athletes selected include: Kristie Balderrama, Eric Cruz, Cassie Myatt, Talia Thompson, Kalee Crawford, Sammi Johnson and Misael Rosales of Gruver; and Tracy Brown, Ross Daigle, Jessica Freeman, Mindee Gillaspie, Michel Huffaker, Phillip Lozano, Jenna McElroy, Kaylee Miesner, Jessica Moreno, Justin Parker, Tatum Rice, Scott Sauer, Cayla Smith, Mark Thomas, Claudia Vaquera, Brian Close, Christen Ferguson, Caleb Gillaspie, Tonya Hart, Emily Longoria, Linzi McCubbin, Adriana Mendoza, Carlos Moreno, Zachary Murray, Nicole Ramon, Cristina Salgado, Russell Sheets, Kallie Smith, Timberly Thomas and Abby Winegarner of Spearman.

## SHS Prepares For One-Act Play Contest

Spearman High School will perform "The Terezin Promise" in zone One-Act play competition on Thursday, March 25, in Clarendon. Spearman will perform second, behind Boys Ranch who performs at 2 p.m. The play is under the direction of Tony Sidwell.

The cast is composed of Cristal Alvarado as Raja, Michel Huffaker as Irena, Dana McLaughlin as Eva/Child, Linzi McCubbin as Helga/Child, Michael Lozano as Hanus/Child, Collin Gillaspie as Petr/Child, Clayton Smith as Rudi/Child and Joshua Chambers as Nicholas/Child.

Ryan Ramon, Adriana Mendoza, Timberly Thomas and Rossilyn Bulls are Young Children/Ensemble and Lance Huddleston, Joshua Derrington and Chris Cudd are Camp Guards/Nazi Soldiers.

Stage crew members include

Ashlee Flowers (stage director), Brandon Nava (asst. director), Homer Martinez (computer graphics), Lisha Whitefield (sound) and Emily Longoria (lights).

Alternates are Jeff Brock, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Keith Sumner and Nicole Worley.

The liberation of Terezin concentration camp is at hand, and the Nazis are in retreat, desperate to destroy evidence of their crimes. While some prisoners escape hidden in the confusion of the retreat, Raja Englanderova remains to keep a promise she made to their teacher, Irena: she will not leave without the drawings and poems of the Terezin children.

She convinces her friends and Hanus, the leader of the boys' group, that they must find the buried bundles and hidden suitcases before the Nazis destroy the camp and them with it.

Their search is ended by a wounded Nazi soldier who finds them in the attic and threatens them with his weapon.

Across the room the Hitler youth and the youth of Terezin challenge each other for survival - the soldier wants to save his honor and go home; Hanus wants to revenge years of hunger, slavery and humiliation. Raja wants to keep the promise - save the drawings and poems and take them to Prague.

In the end, strengthened by Irena's lessons of healing hope, they leave revenge and anger in the past. With the survival of the Terezin children safe in two large battered suitcases, they walk out through the gates of Terezin toward Prague, free - and hopeful.

District One-Act play contest will be held on Tuesday, March 30th at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

## SCHOOL DOCKET

**Spearman High School**  
 March 19 - Spearman Dual Tennis Tourney  
 March 19-20 - Perryton Track Meet  
 March 23 - Palo Duro Tennis Tournament (Amarillo)  
 March 24 - RTPE Test (3rd-12 Grade)  
 March 25 - Zone B One Act Play Contest; Clarendon  
 March 26 - FFA CDE Judging Contest; WTAMU  
 March 26-27 - Spearman Tennis Tourney  
 March 26-27 - Dumas Boys Golf Tourney  
 March 26-27 - Stratford Track Meet  
 March 27 - UIL Academic Contest; WTAMU  
 March 27 - FFA CDE Judging Contest; Clarendon  
 March 28 - Small Schools State Academic Contest; Belton  
 March 29 - District Golf Tourney, Round One; Boys at Phillips, Girls at Borger Country Club  
 March 30 - District One Act Play Contest; WTAMU  
 March 31 - UIL HS Choir Concert/Sight Reading Contest; WTAMU

**Spearman Jr. High**  
 March 24 - RTPE Test (3rd-12 Grade)  
**Gus Birdwell Elementary**  
 March 24 - RTPE Test (3rd-12 Grade)  
**Gruver High School**  
 March 22 - Shamrock Girls Golf Tourney  
 March 23 - Shamrock Boys Golf Tourney  
 March 24 - RPTE Test  
 March 25 - Zone One-Act-Play Contest in Stinnett  
 March 26-27 - Spearman Tennis Tourney  
 March 26 - Stratford Track Meet  
 March 26 - FFA at West Texas A&M in Canyon  
 March 27 - FFA at Clarendon  
 March 29 - Sunray Girls/Boys Golf Tourney  
 March 30 - District One-Act-Play Contest in Canyon  
 March 31-April 1 - Academic UIL Contest at Amarillo High School  
**Gruver Jr. High**  
 March 24 - RPTE Test  
 March 26 - Stratford Track Meet  
**Gruver Elementary**  
 March 24 - RPTE Test



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### Spearman Lynxettes

#### PANHANDLE TRACK MEET

March 13, 2004

#### Varsity Girls

1st - Borger, 127; 2nd - Sunray, 87; 3rd - Panhandle, 86; 4th - Perryton, 78; 5th - Spearman, 75; 6th - White Deer, 62; 7th - West Texas, 24; 8th - Channing, 23; 9th - Claude, 19; 10th - Highland Park, 14; 11th - River Road, 13; 12th - Borger B, 10; 13th - Canadian, 0

#### 3200 M Run: 6th - Tabatha Shields; 400 M Relay: 5th - Claudia Vaquera, Mallory Paul, Kelcee Rex, Macy Harbour; 100 M Hurdles: 4th - Mallory Paul; 800 M Relay: 4th - Kelcee Rex, Sonny Parker, Cayla Smith, Macy Harbour; 400 M Run: 1st - Melissa Lesly (61.72); 200 M Run: 2nd - Melissa Lesly; 1600 M Run: 5th - Tabatha Shields; 1600 M Relay: 1st - Macy Harbour, Cayla Smith, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly (4:19.41); High Jump: 3rd - Cayla Smith; 6th - Sonny Parker; Long Jump: 3rd - Sonny Parker; Pole Vault: 2nd - Macy Harbour

#### Gruver Greyhounds

#### WILDCAT RELAYS

BOISE CITY, OK - March 12th

#### Varsity Boys

The Gruver boys placed third with 85 points in a field of eight schools.

#### Long Jump: 3rd - Tyler Lane; Shot Put: 1st - Oscar Medina (41' 7.5"); 400 M Relay: 3rd; 400 M Dash: 2nd - Tyler Lane; 200 M Dash: 2nd - Jose Rodriguez; 1600 M Relay: 1st - 2:36.4

#### Gruver Lady Hounds

#### WILDCAT RELAYS

BOISE CITY, OK - MARCH 12TH

#### Varsity Boys

The Lady Hounds placed fifth with 90 points in a field of eight teams.

### High Jump: 1st - Lindsey Clift (5.0'); Pole Vault: 1st - Blythe Finley (9.0'); Discus: 2nd - Bonnie Frick; Shot Put: 3rd - Jessica Vela; 400 M Relay: 2nd; 800 M Relay: 3rd; 300 M Hurdles: 3rd - Lindsey Clift

### Spearman Tennis

Lindsey Short and the duo of Keilee Goodheart and Jordan Short took second place in the girls singles and doubles divisions, respectively at the Amarillo Small School Tennis Tourney March 9.

In singles action Lindsey Short defeated DeLaCruz of Hereford 8-0, McAfee of Canyon 8-0, Lebas of Tascosa 8-2, and Sihaphon of Palo Duro 8-1 before falling to Parsley of Vega 2-8.

The team of Goodheart and Jordan Short bested Lookingbill/Schlenk of Vega 8-1, Maters/ Armojo of Randall 8-1, Tfafton/Snyder of Trinity Fellowship 8-2, before losing to Abdullah/Abdullah of Clarendon 5-8.

The Spearman girls duo of Ashley Hernandez and Abby Winegarner defeated Meyer/Meyer of Vega 8-6, before falling to Martinez/Mendoza of Caprock 2-8.

In varsity boys singles Bryn Garnett defeated Shields of Hedley 8-2 and then fell to Abhyanker of Amarillo High 3-8.

The junior varsity doubles team of Saylee Flowers and Trudy Hart fell to Tulia 7-9, Hereford 8-0, and Muleshoe 5-8.

In junior varsity girls singles, Tonya Hart defeated a Perryton contender 8-0 and fell to Muleshoe 5-8.

Keith Sumner playing in junior varsity singles bettered Hedley 8-0 before losing to Caprock 2-8.

### AMARILLO GRAND PRIX

March 13, 2004

#### Girls Singles

Saylee Flowers - won three matches, lost one.

Abby Winegarner - won three matches, lost one.

Ashley Hernandez - won two matches, lost one.

Tonya Hart - won two matches, lost two.

Miranda Paul - won one match, lost three.

Trudy Hart - won 0 matches, lost three.

Coaches Comments: This was a good experience in singles for these girls. They were able to play against several different styles.

### CLARENDON TENNIS TOURNEY

March 16, 2004

#### Girls Singles

Lindsey Short - Tournament Champion; defeated Davis (Hedley) 8-0; defeated Cummings (Wellington) 8-0; defeated Bivins (White Deer) 6-0, 6-0; defeated Ashley (Canadian) 6-0, 6-1

Tonya Hart: defeated Miller (Memphis) 8-0; lost to Needham (Wellington) 2-8

#### Girls Doubles

Keilee Goodheart and Jordan Short - Tournament Runner-Up; defeated Hefley/Lohberger (Ft. Elliott) 8-0; defeated Needham/Taylor (Wellington) 8-0; defeated Acker/Birkenfield (Nazareth) 6-4, 6-2; lost to Abdullah/Abdullah (Clarendon) 2-6, 1-6

Ashley Hernandez and Abby Winegarner: lost to West/Little Creek (Chillicothe) 5-8

Saylee Flowers and Trudy Hart: lost to Lookingbill/Schank (Vega) 3-8

"This was a good tournament with lots of players and teams with regional and state experience," commented Coach Kyle Short.

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