



## CommLines

April 2, 2007



South Plains College held a ground breaking ceremony for phase two of the Fine Arts Renovation Project on March 29. The two-phase construction project will add 12,500 square feet to the existing building along with a comprehensive interior remodel. Upon completion, the facility will host four art studios, an expanded recital hall, scenery shop storage, art gallery and a grand foyer that will join the entrances to the Theatre for the Performing Arts and the Fine Arts Building. This is the first building renovation to be supported through private funds. Donations from the CH Foundation, the Helen Jones Foundation and Elroy and Vickie Wisian have made this project possible.

### **SPC students recognizing Child Abuse Awareness Month**

Several South Plains College student organizations will be hosting a candlelight vigil in recognition of April being National Child Abuse Awareness Month. The vigil is scheduled for April 3 at 7:00 pm in the SPC Sundown Room in the Student Center in Levelland.

The evening will welcome guest speakers Gary Goff, Hockley County district attorney and Beth Parsley, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) representative. The event will also host several presentations from SPC student organization members.

Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) are also scheduled to ride from Lubbock in support of the event and in support of Child Abuse awareness.

“Everyone thinks that child abuse is not happening and that it won’t happen in their family,” said Crystal Orosco, SPC student and vigil coordinator. “My family is currently undergoing the pain of dealing with child abuse and I organized this event in collaboration with the SPC student organizations to help bring awareness so more children can be saved.”

The national symbol for child abuse awareness is the color blue so students are asking the community to show support throughout the month of April by wearing blue clothing on Tuesdays, leaving their porch lights on Sundays and placing blue ribbons on their cars and trees.



Roy Rios, education coordinator of Women’s Protective Services and SPC alumni, spoke in the Sundown Room to several nursing classes and the general public about the services provided by WPS.

### **TNL presents benefit concert**

South Plains College Thursday Nite Live Ensemble will host a benefit concert on April 5 at 7:30 pm in Tom T. Hall Production Studio in the Creative Arts Building in Levelland. The concert is free of charge, but donations will be accepted at the door to benefit the Hockley County Literacy Council and the Friends of the Library.

The library funds will benefit the children's summer reading program and the council will channel funds into the Doris Baker Scholarship Funds, which provides funds for GED graduates to attend SPC. Currently, 195 students are enrolled preparing for the GED test.

The concert will feature the TNL ensemble along with special guest Dustin Garrett and the Texas Cruisers. Garrett, a Littlefield native, has been performing since age two (now 19). His fiery style has brought him feature solo performance opportunities at The Grand Ole Opry and the General Jackson Showboat in Nashville, Tennessee. His band, the Texas Cruisers, is equally talented dawning talented Garrett's father, Mike Garrett, on rhythm guitar, Joe Kline on bass guitar and newest member Cody Hester on drums.

The concert will feature something for everyone with the TNL ensemble performing "Fishin' in the Dark," "Drops of Jupiter," "Settlin'," "Bold as Love," "Heaven" and many others.

TNL is a 90-minute musical variety television show that is broadcast live over SPC TV Cable Channel 10 in Levelland, Littlefield and Morton and rebroadcast Saturday nights at 10:00PM on LISD-TV Cox Cable Channel 12 in Lubbock. The show also will stream live over the Internet at [www.southplainscollege.edu/spctv](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/spctv).



Reese counselor Dennis Anderson addresses the participants at the annual Go For It! Seminar on March 27 at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center. The seminar was a great success educating 65 individuals about the resources that are available to help them attend college. The seminar assists single parents, displaced homemakers and anyone else that may be experiencing college barriers.

### **SPC Skills team makes history**

The South Plains College SkillsUSA chapter swept two contests and brought home 13 medals at the SkillsUSA state competition held March 22-24 in San Antonio. The SPC chapter also had their first student elected as a state SkillsUSA officer.

“We had even more success this than the previous year,” said Gary Ham, SPC instructor in automotive service technology and chapter advisor. “The guys worked really hard and their dedication and effort definitely paid off. We will now begin preparing for the national competition in June.”

In the leadership contests, the chapter business procedures team defended their state title earning another gold medal in this year’s state competition. The team consisted of Victor Bayley of Plainview, Jerred Bentley of Shamrock, John Ginter of Booker, Daniel Kidwell of Lubbock, JP Montgomery of Levelland and Jacob Perry of Lubbock.

In the chapter business written exam, SPC swept the category with Ginter earning the gold medal, Montgomery the silver and Bentley the bronze.

In the skills contests, Montgomery took gold in the diesel equipment technology contest with Daniel Kidwell winning bronze. Bentley took bronze in the automotive service technology contest and Armando Ramirez of Plains earned bronze in the welding contest.

Ginter and Bentley took gold and silver, respectively, in the automotive written exam competition. SPC also swept the diesel written exam with Montgomery taking the gold, Zeke Mora of Lubbock with the silver and Kidwell with the bronze.

Ginter was also elected treasurer of the Texas SkillsUSA Chapter. He is the first SPC student to achieve this honor. Throughout the year, Ginter will assist the state organization in all avenues including the upcoming national competition and also the 2008 state competition. He will have the opportunity attend leadership workshops and other activities to help guide the Texas SkillsUSA Chapter for the coming year.

The gold medal winners qualified for the national competition held June 25-29 in Kansas City, Missouri.



The South Plains College SkillsUSA Chapter earned 13 medals at the annual convention on March 22-24 in San Antonio. Pictured are members Daniel Kidwell, Zeke Mora, John Ginter, Jose Prieto, Armondo Ramirez, Victor Bayley, Jacob Perry, Jerred Bentley, George Santos and Enrique Sotelo. Not pictured is J.P. Montgomery.

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 3 – Child Abuse Candlelight Vigil, 7:00 pm, Sundown Room
- 3 – Country Jukebox, 11:40 am, Tom T.Hall
- 4 – SPC Jazz Jam, 6:30 pm, Larry’s Smokehouse
- 5 – Thursday Nite Live, 7:30 pm, Tom T. Hall
- 10 – Pickin’ on the Plains, 11:40 am, Tom T. Hall
- 11 – Blood Drive, 1:00-4:00 pm, Reese Building 1
- 11 – SPC Guitar Night, Crazy Christi’s Café
- 12 – DerLime, 7:00 pm, Tom T. Hall
- 14 – Big Band Dance, 7:00 pm, Sundown Room

## Birthdays

### April

- 1 – Carol Brannan, Ramesh Krishnan
- 2 – Justin Duffell, Rhonda Gardner
- 3 – Annette David-Smith, Vickey Vest
- 4 – Antonia Galbaldon, Denna Pierce
- 5 – Julia Brown, Josh Pickrell, Greg Walker
- 7 – Barbara Webb
- 8 – Andrea Brown, Jill Collier, Kara Richardon, Mike Stafford
- 10 – Dane Dewbre
- 11 – Lynn Gregory, Jocelyn Gutierrez, Valerie Job, Ricky Mireles
- 12 – Beth Glass
- 13 – Danny Vest
- 14 – Carolyn Boles, Cathy Mitchell
- 15 – Made Lewter, Joe McDowell
- 16 – Melissa Duran
- 17 – Kimbra Quinn
- 18 - Holly LeRoy
- 20 – Linda Dunn, Linda Graham, Dee Dee Odorizzi, Walker Pinkert
- 22 – Emlyn Storrs
- 23 – John Rodriguez
- 24 – Deanna Findley, Teresa Rice
- 25 – Judy Brunner
- 26 – Chris Beene
- 29 – Rob Ramos, Daniel Villegas
- 30 – Ben Alexander, Brenda Boucher

## All in the Family

**Mari Evans** is the proud grandmother of Aisley Mae Evans born on March 27 at 12:12 am. She weighed seven pounds, nine ounces.

If you would like to announce weddings, births or other personal achievements, email [jmontgom@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:jmontgom@southplainscollege.edu). Announcement deadline is Friday morning before each week’s edition.