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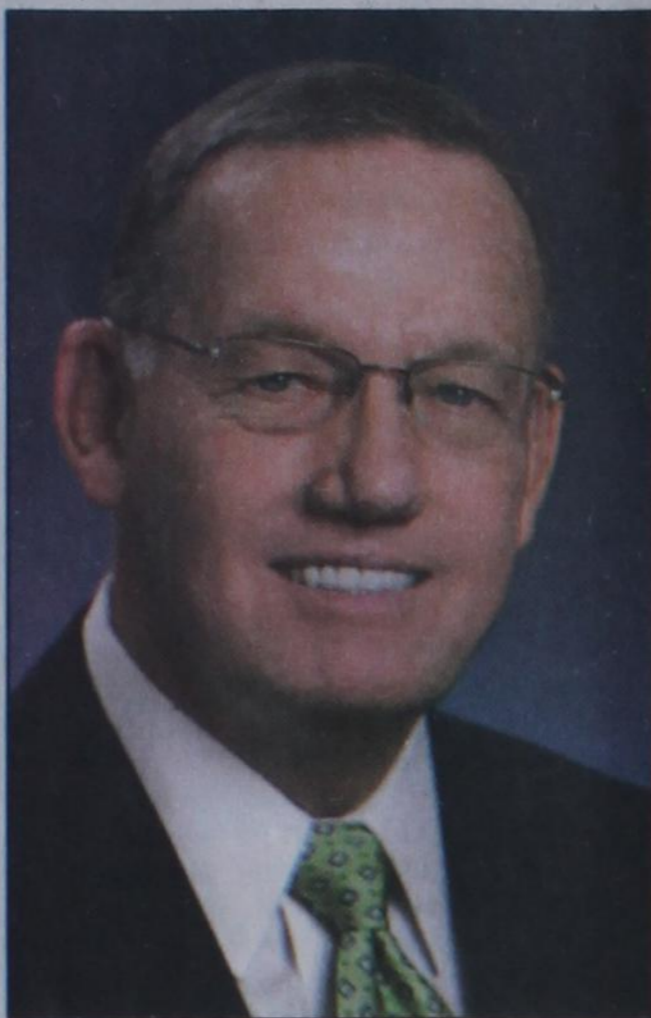


### Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

2/2-2/4 Gruver JH Tourney  
2/3 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
vs Childress\*  
2/6 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) at Childress  
2/6 7G (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) vs Childress  
2/7 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
@ Childress\*  
2/10 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
vs Bushland\*  
2/14 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
@ Highland Bark\*

### Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

2/3 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs  
Stratford\* (Senior Night)  
2/2-2/4 Gruver Jr. High Hoopla  
2/6 7G (6), 7B (5), 8G (5), 8B (6) vs Strat-  
ford  
2/7 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8)  
@ Booker\*  
2/10 JVB (5), VB (6:30) vs West Texas\*



Mike Garnett

## Garnett Re-Elected Chairman of The Farm Credit Council Board of Directors

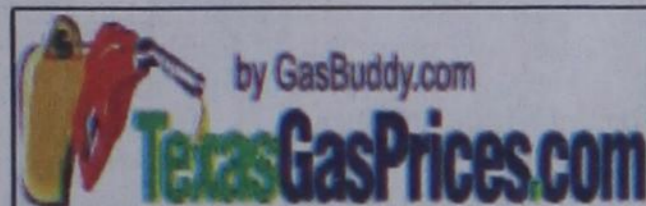
Jon M. "Mike" Garnett of Spearman, Texas, was re-elected on Jan. 26 to serve as chairman of The Farm Credit Council Board of Directors. Garnett also is a director on the board of Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), a wholesale funding bank that is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System.

Based in Washington, D.C., The Farm Credit Council is a national trade association that represents the interests of the institutions of the Farm Credit System, the oldest and largest source of financing for agriculture, agribusiness and rural property in the United States. Garnett was first appointed to the council's board in 2003, and has been its chairman since January 2011. He also is chairman of that board's executive committee, vice chairman of its leg-

islative committee and a member of its coordinating committee.

Garnett has served on the FCBT Board of Directors since 1999, and was its vice chairman from 2000 through 2008. Previously, he served as a director of Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (later Panhandle-Plains Land Bank) for 23 years, and was the association's board chairman from 1995 to 1998. He runs stocker cattle and grows grain and forage crops near Spearman, in the Texas Panhandle.

Headquartered in Austin, Farm Credit Bank of Texas provides funds and services to 17 rural lending cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.



### Weekly Update

Texas, January 30- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 7.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.31/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.39/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 41.5 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 23.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 13.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 30.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Late last week we saw wholesale gasoline prices rise dramatically on some refinery issues, which leads me to believe that retail gasoline prices will rise in response," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "We continue to also watch how Iran responds to EU sanctions- there are some concerns that they may cut oil to the European region before the sanctions are to take effect to cause these countries hardship when they can't find new sources of oil quickly enough. That in itself could draw crude oil prices higher quickly at a moments notice," DeHaan said.

GasBuddy operates, TexasGasPrices.com, and over 225 other local gasoline pricetracking websites that follow prices at over 125,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada. GasBuddy also uses Facebook (facebook.com/gasbuddy) Twitter (twitter.com/gasbuddy), and phone apps to keep motorists ahead of changing gasoline prices.



Dr. Zoel "Z" Allen

## Dr. Allen Named as a 2012 "Texas Super Dentist"

For the sixth year in a row, Texas Monthly Magazine's December edition has named Perryton's Dr. Zoel "Z." Allen II, D.D.S. as one of the Texas "Super Dentists". The title is awarded to those the publication considers among the best in their profession and who represent the most highly regarded practicing dentists in the state of Texas.

Each year Texas Monthly ballots more than 9,000 Texas dentists asking for nominations of a dentist other than themselves based on one question: If you needed dental care, which dentist would you choose? Those prospective candidates are then evaluated by a research team based on peer recognition and professional achievement including experience, honors and awards, fellowships, professional activity, community service, scholarly lectures and writings, education and employment background, as well as other achievements. The results of the research team's evaluation are then reviewed by a blue ribbon panel of Texas dentists. In making the final selection, the point totals from the ballot surveys, candidate research and the blue ribbon panel review are added to ar-

rive at a final point score. Each candidate's standing is then reviewed with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. Those dentists with the highest point totals are named Texas Super Dentists.

"Perryton is lucky to have someone like Z.", enthusiastically exclaimed Dr. Kirk Coury, a Perryton native and endodontist practicing with Amarillo Endodontics. "He's one of the premier dentists not only in Perryton, but in the Panhandle! The detail and care that I see in his work; he's spectacular. His patients love him. I wish we had him here in Amarillo."

In addition to preventive, removable and restorative dentistry, Dr. Allen's dental practice in Perryton also offers patients the restorative treatment of dental implants, non-IV conscious sedation, Invisalign orthodontics, Zoom! whitening, porcelain veneers, treatment of TMJ disorders, and many other cosmetic dental treatment options.

Texas Monthly Magazine publishes the "Texas Super Dentist" report once a year to identify the most highly regarded dentists in Texas.

## Women In Agriculture Conference

Women in Agriculture is the topic for the upcoming conference in Guymon on Feb. 11. The flyer for the conference states, "The goal of this conference is for you to be and feel recognized as an ag woman and also as an important contributor to the world of agriculture."

On that Saturday there are classes and entertainment, in addition to the lunch catered by Texas Brand BBQ, for the agriculture woman.

The day starts at 8:30 am and ends at 5:00 with everything taking place at the Victory Memorial United Methodist Church at 6th and Roosevelt in Guymon.

The hourly sessions include:

- Crop Insurance;
- Agri-Ability;
- Girls Just Wanna Have Funds;
- What to do with All Those Goats - Home Based Business;
- Pros and Cons of Quicken / QuickBooks; and
- Sustainable Family Farms.

The registration fee is \$25 and to get registration information call the OSU Extension Office at 338-7300.

Keynote speaker Jennifer Reynolds is one of the hosts of "Discover Oklahoma" television program. Her 14 years at Oklahoma City, CBS affiliate News 9 were spent reporting on various issues including

government and children's issues. She's also known for her work on special programs about country music, rodeo and the natural beauty in Oklahoma. Jennifer will share some of her "Discover Oklahoma" experiences.

There is also entertainment by cowgirl poet Janet Egelston and a vocal performance by Mackenzie Helm planned.

The event is hosted by Texas County OSU Extension, Beaver County OSU Extension, Cimarron County OSU Extension, Bank of the Panhandle, Main Street Guymon, Texas County Conservation District, and Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

### Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for January 31, 2012: The region was mostly dry and windy. Temperatures varied from seasonally normal to above normal. The high winds depleted what little moisture was received from rain and snow in previous weeks. Soil moisture was mostly very short to short. Winter wheat was in good to very poor condition, with most counties reporting poor to very poor. Farmers were preparing fields for planting. Rangeland and pastures continue to be in poor to very poor condition. Producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock.

### Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain showers - thunderstorms and snow showers in the morning - then a slight chance of rain showers in the afternoon. Windy. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 20s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz116T8hr62>

## Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program Applications Due March 15th

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program is seeking applicants for its new class which will begin in July.

TALL is a two-year leadership development program managed by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Applications

for the newest class, Class XIII, are due March 15. Application forms are online at <http://tall.tamu.edu>.

"Texas agriculture has a need for individuals who can lead our industry as it faces new and unique challenges. These

individuals will provide the leadership, insight and direction to ensure agricultural viability for the future," said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, AgriLife Extension leadership program director.

The program invests 455 hours of intensive training per person in seminars, speakers and domestic and international study trips over two years, Mazurkiewicz added. Class XIII will travel to Brazil.

The program is equivalent to the time spent obtaining a master's degree in agriculture. The typical class size is about 25, and tuition is \$2,500.

"The goal of the program is to create a strong network within Texas agriculture by having representation from all agricultural industries and geographic regions," Mazurkiewicz said.

Participants include traditional crop producers, ranchers, bankers and attorneys, as well as those who work in lumber, food processing, agricultural corporations and horticultural industries.

### Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt in Spearman. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Tickets will be available at local businesses and from Chamber of Commerce Board members.

The evening will include a Pasta Dinner and entertainment by the Amarillo College Jazz Band.

A drawing will be held for \$500 in Free Gas donated by Farm Supply Inc.; a Dozen Roses donated by Prairie Garden Flowers; a Prize Package donated by The Sport-Zone; a Beauty Package donated by Gordon's Drug; an HVAC Inspection Package donated by Mathews Mechanical.

Live auction items will include: A meal cooked in your home for 6 people by Chef Josh Fuller of OHMS in Amarillo. Chef Josh is the owner of OHMS and has cooked under Wolfgang Puck (donated by Grace Calvert); One night stay at Hooper House (donated by Doc, Susan, Bob and Jackie Pearson); a Steak Dinner for 10 (donated by The Headquarters Restaurant); a Golf Trip to Buffalo Dunes & \$100 in Free Gas (donated by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and Golden Spread Sales).

For more information, contact the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

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## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Again, for the readers who notice typos. I apologize for my error last week. Sometimes my fingers type a word that sounds like, but is not the word. Last week's column I thought "our" and typed "are" and spell check is not smart enough to check it. Sorry.

We had a busy week trying to finish the year and start the new one. We are busy gathering statistics for the annual reports. Preparing for the first meeting of year. We have two new board members, Irene Gensman and Judy Ward, who will be joining the board and we are excited to have them. We still have some openings. If you have an interest in our heritage

and history, come join us. The student art show continues to grow with new additions arriving. The art is again colorful, creative, and always fun. It seems snowmen and winter scenes were a popular topic with the students this year. While the weather is nice, come to the museum and visit the exhibit. You won't be disappointed.

We still need assistance with our project on the early sports teams in the county. Any information will be welcomed.

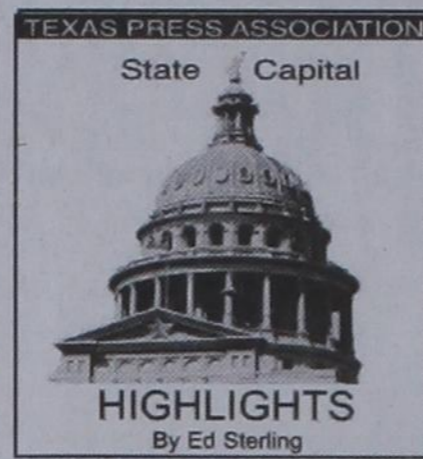
### HISTORICAL MUSINGS

The recent Civil War 150th year recognition made me curious on the veterans of that war buried in our cemeteries. LaVaun Kraft reviewed our cemetery book and we have sev-

enteen civil war veterans in our cemeteries. Only one confederate, George William Reynolds, confederate infantry in the Viewpoint cemetery. James Latham in the Booker cemetery was in the Texas Cavalry. (We need his birth and death dates.) Lipscomb has six veterans and Fairmont has six and one from the Indian wars of 1776.

Since we were not organized during this period and Texas was a border state, it is common to see both sides of this conflict buried in our cemeteries. Most of the soldiers returning to their states of origins, Kansas and Virginia for example. We will attempt to research these soldiers and keep you updated on our findings.

Have a good week.



### Abbott sues to speed approval of voter ID law

AUSTIN - Attorney General Greg Abbott on Jan. 23 filed a lawsuit in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to push the U.S. Department of Justice to approve the voter I.D. law enacted by the Texas Legislature last spring.

The law has not been given the required preclearance by the Department of Justice. Abbott said his intent is to spur a ruling that would allow the new law to take effect. The lawsuit dovetails with the state's efforts in the U.S. Supreme Court and the D.C. Court to have the Texas Legislature's contested House, Senate and U.S. congressional redistricting maps pre-cleared under Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act in time to meet deadlines for the April 3 party primaries.

On Jan. 20, the Supreme Court said the U.S. District Court Western District of Texas in San Antonio erred in its remedial redistricting plans created last year and ordered the three-judge panel of the San Antonio court to revise the plans. The San Antonio court on Jan. 27 asked opponents in the redistricting cases to work together and present them with agreed-upon solutions in hopes of speeding the process.

Texas is among several states and other jurisdictions subject to Section 5 because of a history of discriminatory election practices.

Texans, if the law takes effect, would have to show a government-issued photo I.D. along with their valid voter registration card in order to cast a ballot, and those who do not have a driver's license, passport, military I.D. card or other approved form of identification can get a state-issued voter I.D. free of charge from the Texas Department of Public Safety. And anyone who is disabled or over 65 can vote by mail, a method that does not require photo identification.

Supporters of the voter I.D. law said during the legislative process that it would help stop election fraud. Opponents said the legislation, if passed, would discriminate against minorities, the disabled and citizens who live in rural areas of the state.

Abbott last week said the law is not discriminatory and to support his position quoted a U.S. Supreme Court ruling: "The incon-

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

venience of making a trip to the (Bureau of Motor Vehicles), gathering the required documents and posing for a photograph surely does not qualify as a substantial burden on the right to vote, or even represent a significant increase over the usual burdens of voting."

Several other states passed voter I.D. laws last year, but more than 30 states do not have voter I.D. laws.

### Comptroller unveils info site

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Jan. 25 announced the launch of TheTexasEconomy.org, a website featuring state revenue and spending data, and more than a dozen economic indicators.

Combs said the site uses info-graphics, video interviews, tables and snapshots of key data to present information on an array of topics, such as Texas industries and jobs, the effects of drought on the economy and the impact of obesity on businesses and taxpayers.

Grain indemnity fund is goal

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on Jan. 26 said a discussion on grain warehouse failures and what can be done to avoid them was the focus of the first meeting of the agency's newly appointed Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Board.

Bryan Black, a spokesman with the Texas Department of Agriculture,

said that the word "failures" in this context means bankruptcies caused by grain market volatility. The board is looking at ways to set up a grain indemnity fund that would help cover losses for producers caught up in a warehouse bankruptcy, he said.

A grain warehouse operator who is unable to cover the open contracts he or she has purchased can get caught in margin calls. "With the amount of grain some of these warehouses trade, one or two big margin calls can sink them pretty fast," Black said.

### More reward money is offered

Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 25 announced his decision to increase rewards for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders program to \$2,000, with some rewards reaching up to \$5,000.

Managed by Texas Crime Stoppers and the Texas Department of Public Safety, the rewards are meant to encourage citizens who have information to bring it to the attention of law enforcement.

Previously, any person who provided information that led to the arrest of one of the listed sex offenders received \$1,000 cash. According to the DPS, since the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders program began in July 2010, 12 arrests have been made, with seven arrests coming from tips, and the governor's office has paid out a total of \$13,300 in rewards.

## Perryton Author, Elaine Littau, Releases Seventh Book February 2012

This week Elaine Littau released "Some Happy Day", Book I of the second series titled "Rescued...A Series of Hope". This series intersects the characters of the first series and tells the stories of many of the secondary players introduced in it.

John Nobel had his hands full when he found a little toddler wandering in the tall grass of the Great Plains. Who was this child? Where were her parents? How would he evade the law long enough to see that she was safe? Would he ever have a home of his own or was he to remain a fugitive?

Kidnapped on her way home from school, fifteen-year-old Myrtle Jennings finds herself in the clutches of unsavory men. Their intent is to give her over to their boss who gathers young girls for his traveling brothel. She must escape, but how? If she does get away, how will her family and friends accept her after they find out what has happened to her?

The first series began in 2008 with Book I, Nan's Journey, a novel set in the 1800s about a girl who is abused by her stepparents. To get away from the situation, she and her 5-year old brother run away into the Colorado wilderness. Littau said, "The overall theme is forgiveness and bravery."

Book II, Elk's Resolve, was released in July of 2009. Elk's Resolve follows the lives of Nan's sons. "The message in this book is about overcoming depression and prejudice." A father and his sons rescue some young girls from the clutches of an evil man.

Book III, Luke's Legacy, made its debut January 2011. "This book follows Nan's youngest children, Luke and Ruby. Luke has a thirst for adventure and

finds himself on a wagon train to California. Ruby is a thirteen-year-old girl who is in love with the idea of love. She ends up in the Texas panhandle area in her quest for love."

The Eyes of a Stranger, Book IV was released in May 2011. Littau said, "I began writing this book in November of last year. It is the story of Gertie, a young woman who was introduced briefly in Luke's Legacy. After I finished with Luke, I just couldn't get Gertie off my mind. She had an interesting story that begged to be told, so I pressed through until it was finished."

Book V, the last book in the Nan's Heritage Series, is "Timothy's Home" which was released in November 2011. Timothy's uncle, John Forester, made a decision to use an old trunk as an escape vehicle for his nephew. He worried because the result would result in it becoming either an untimely coffin or a way to freedom for Timothy. Will Timothy find a place to call home?

The Seventh Book Mrs. Littau has written is a short ebook about the process of self-publishing. It is available in ebook format on smashwords.com or amazon.com. To find it, search the site for Elaine Littau. It is also available as a document for those who do not have e-readers through her website, elinelittau.com.

At this writing, Elaine Littau is working on a devotional book, a non-fiction book about the comical events in her life, and a marketing book for beginning authors, as well as Book II of the new series. It is titled "Capture the Wandering Heart". Most of the plot of this book will take place from the panhandle of Oklahoma to the Palo Duro Canyon area. Look for it

before July 2012.

Elaine Littau is the best selling author of seven published books and many magazine and newspaper articles. She is a mentor/coach for other authors and enjoys teaching book marketing techniques as well as public speaking for groups. Many enjoy listening to her humorous take on life. Even the most simple activity takes on a life of its own when Elaine is involved in the telling of it. Some of her favorite events have been speaking to young people about pursuing their dreams. She has been a church secretary, led women's groups, taught pre-school and Sunday school, and was a mentor for the M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) group in her community. She is employed by Bond Financial of Perryton, Texas.

Her writings have also received recognition: "Nan's Journey"- Named Best Christian Historical Fiction 2008 by Christian Story Tellers and "Luke's Legacy"- Honorable Mention Christian Historical Fiction 2010 by Christian Story Tellers.

Elaine and Terry, her husband since March 1, 1975, reside on a small acreage near Perryton, Texas where they enjoy spending time with family and friends. They raised three sons and now enjoy three daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.

Most of the books are available in all eBook forms through smashwords.com, barnesandnoble.com, and amazon.com.

Copies of the print version are available at His Corner Book Store at the Community Worship Center in Perryton, Blades, The Added Touch, Bond Financial, and elinelittau.com as well as book sites online.

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- BBQ spot
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- International trade organization
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- Legal group
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- Pass away
- A graduate
- Of sound mind
- Specialty
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- Item in diary
- To finish with a ceiling
- Twig of willow tree
- It includes upward and downward dogs
- It replaced the ECU
- Food of the gods?
- "Where the Wild Things Are" rollick
- Teacher's favorite
- \*A field goal wide right, e.g.
- Immeasurable period

**DOWN**

- Basketball star Tim Duncan, e.g.
- Inhibition resulting from social custom
- A-bomb particle
- \*Most frequent Super Bowl host
- Sometimes mashed
- Antonym of "yup"
- ENT's first concern?
- Figure of speech
- Not to be worn, according to PETA
- \_\_\_ Hathaway
- It can be white-tailed or black-tailed
- He/she "\_\_\_ on the safe side"
- Bushy tree growth
- \*Tony Siragusa's nickname
- Egyptian cobra

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# Happy Birthday!

**February 2**  
**Birthday** - Sergio Favela Jr., Margie Boone, Michael T. Davis, Sheila Brand, Grace McDade, Nadine Bishard, Connie Garcia, Cayla Simon, Toby Thompson, Jennifer Derington  
**Anniversary** - Jeff & Chris Spencer, Bill & Dalene Baker, Louis & Mary Mienser

**February 3**  
**Birthday** - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Cliff, Paula Cooper  
**Anniversary** - M/M Shawn Cook, Bob & Candy Boxwell, M/M Jose Salgado

**February 4**  
**Birthday** - Mary Dawn Henson, Bill Logsdon, Argelia Rodriguez, Heath Tolleson, Misty Barnes, Roy Lee Uptergrove, Linda Davis, Dale Hendrick, Tina Marie Jenkins, Andres Ortiz, Chris Evans, Cynthia Goodman, Ted Widener, Joan Farr, Bonnie Ball, Landri Burnam, Samantha Myatt  
**Anniversary** - M/M Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson, John & Hazel Scott

**February 5**  
**Birthday** - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy, Vance Snider II

**February 6**  
**Birthday** - Erica Blount, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradly Laxton, Ofelia Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines, Gary Moss, Mart Hart  
**Anniversary** - M/M Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, M/M Curt Fitzgeard

**February 7**  
**Birthday** - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Dustin Mackie, Sara Eisfeld

**February 8**  
**Birthday** - Louise Etter, Bobby Doming, Ben Vaughn, Mosier Salazar III, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karna, Jesse Briseno, Verlene Bass, Zachary Logsdon, Sue Watts, Shi-Ann Bates, Cameron Meason  
**Anniversary** - M/M Tony Herndon

**February 9**  
**Birthday** - Loren Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila,

Paula Garza, Doris Bree-don, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodrigue, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles  
**Anniversary** - M/M Martin Ochoa, M/M Dwayne TeBeest

**February 10**  
**Birthday** - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell, Karen Schnell  
**Anniversary** - M/M Perry Dixon

**February 11**  
**Birthday** - Angie Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Denise Harbour, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Leigh Anne Winger, Addie Williams, Sloan Dominguez, Leo Cummings

**February 12**  
**Birthday** - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynell & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connely, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Walter Postoak, Eleanor Bentley, Kellye Buchanan, Mary Dixon  
**Anniversary** - M/M Buck Tidwell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

**February 13**  
**Birthday** - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Bartimos, Maura Gaspar, Lexi Farmer, Kelly Pecha  
**Anniversary** - M/M Eddy Rojas

**February 14**  
**Birthday** - Alice Goodman, Nick Nelson, Janice Holt, C.W. Kirk, Tommy Thomas, Bubba Smith, Donna Ball, Lena Kathryn Harbour, Betsy Sutterfield, Kenneth Baker, Josiah Lee Vasquez, Courtney Wood, Wes Daniel  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kip Francis, M/M Roney Clark, Ricky & Cindy Dowdy, Hal & Jeanie Bennett, Terry & Tammy Burch, M/M Omar Sutton, M/M Salomon Tarango, M/M Tony Swink, M/M Rod Holland, M/M Delfino Parra, Rev. & Rev. Joseph Weak, Garrett & Mika Gumfry, Buck & Cleo Hughes

**February 15**  
**Birthday** - Lee Bradford, Heath Gammon, Donnie Thoreson, Claude Sheets Jr., Lynn Sheets, Brenda White, Marlane Nollner, Laura Dahl, Toby White, J.

# Our Sympathy

**NORMAN A. BRACK**  
 SPEARMAN — Norman A. Brack, 88, of Spearman died Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2012 in First United Methodist Church in Spearman with the Rev. Toni Bailey officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Brack was born Jan. 16, 1924, in Otis, Kan. He married Holly Edwards on June 22, 1949, in Bison, Kan. He lived in the Spearman area since 1960.

He was transferred by his employer, in 1960. He was a plant foreman until retiring in 1984 after 38 years of service. He served on the administrative council and the board of trustees of First United Methodist Church. He served with distinction in World War II with the Navy and received a battle star on the USS Cascade at the battle of Okinawa.

He is preceded in death by a son, Mitchell Brack. Survivors include his wife, Holly Brack; two sons, the Rev. Lynn Edward Brack of Weatherford, Okla. and Kyle Jay Brack of Cedar Park; a daughter, Kendra Brack Jones of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Kellynn Brack and Tori Brack, both of Weatherford, Landon Brack and Conner Brack, both of Cedar Park, Kristen Bigbee of Lubbock, Kourtney Frohlich of Fort Worth and Kaitlyn Jones of Austin; and a great-grandson, Ryan Mack Bigbee of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 547, Spearman, TX 79081.

## NORMA TITUS

AMARILLO - Norma Titus, 74, of Amarillo died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with the Rev. Robert E. Field officiating. Burial will be in Stinnett Cemetery in Stinnett. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mrs. Titus was born June 30, 1937, in Spearman to Hubert and Joyce Uptergrove. She was married to Donald Titus for 51 years. During that time, she was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Titus; daughter-in-law, Shannon Titus; and her mother, Joyce Crum.

Survivors include a son, Gregg Titus of Amarillo; a daughter, Jana and son-in-law Mike Ketner of Montgomery, Ala.; five wonderful grandchildren, Stan Titus, Katie Titus and Caroline Titus, all of Amarillo, and Zachary Ketner and Matthew Ketner, both of Montgomery, Ala.; her father, Hubert Uptergrove of Big Spring; two brothers, Jim Uptergrove of Clarendon and Mike Uptergrove of Hermleigh; two sisters, Sharon Brooks of Sallisaw, Okla., and Linda West of Spearman; and many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284. Sign the online guest book at [www.boxwellbrothers.com](http://www.boxwellbrothers.com).

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# Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the fifth week of the Season of Epiphany, we discover God's steadfast love and our motivation for proclaiming the Good News as we study Isaiah 40: 21-31, Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23, and Mark 1: 29-39.

Isaiah seeks to impress on the exiles in Babylon the greatness of their God. Isaiah tells them, "The Lord is the Everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable." He assures the exiles, "...those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings of eagles, they shall run and they shall not weary, they shall walk and not faint." Discover that God is the Almighty; God cares for each of us and his creation. God has not promised us that life will be 'easy'. He has promised us that he will be present with us and he will sustain us.

The Psalmist sings an "alleluia hymn". He calls upon the people to sing out the praises of the Lord. He concludes, "...but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love." Although we may have the musical ability of a bluejay, we should sing God's praises.

Paul, arguably the greatest evangelist in Church history, took no pay for his work. What was his motivation for proclaiming the Gospel? Paul regarded his ministry as 1) a privilege, 2) a duty, he was called by God, 3) a means to a reward from his master, "Well done you good and faithful servant." Paul's method of ministry was to accommodate himself to others; Paul was empathetic and persistent. Paul's message to the Church at Corinth was to be of the same mind and purpose as Christ. Discover that these admonitions apply also to us, dear Christians.

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law when he visits Peter's home. He acts privately because she was in need. At the end of the Sabbath, when at least three stars were visible in the sky, they brought to Jesus those who were in need of healing and those possessed of demons. Jesus healed them. Discover that Jesus came to 'serve' and not to be 'served'. Jesus restored the marginalized and ill to status in their community, restored them to their occupations, and restored them to life. The Kingdom of God has entered the Kingdom of Man, this is the Good News! Discover from this that Jesus healed the soul and the body. Hear Jesus' call for his followers to do the same.

May the Holy Spirit heal your soul and body and renew your strength for service.

## MONUMENTS

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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If you would like to help the Spearman Food Bank, they need help unloading the truck at 11:30 each 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Cecil Biggers for more information.

### Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

Alley Katz (Library Thrift Shop) is accepting donations of quality items. You may ask for the key to the Thrift Shop at the library desk during regular hours (9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday). Alley Katz is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each Wednesday.

### Winter Landfill Hours

Due to a shortage of employees, the City of Spearman has decided to implement the winter hours at the landfill 2 weeks early. Normally it would not change until daylight savings time changes, but they implemented the winter hours beginning Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Winter Hours are: Tues-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Monday and Sunday. They will also begin the one garbage pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Spearman City Hall at 806-659-2524.

### Gruver Elementary Register Tapes for Education

Gruver Elementary is participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register for Tapes for Education. Please help us earn free education material and equipment by collecting register tapes from Lowe's. You can deposit your register tapes in the boxes at the Elementary School Lobby, or the south entrance, Gruver City Library, City Hall, Gruver Library, Night & Day Beauty Salon and Shear Style Salon. Call Jo at 733-2247 for pickup of tapes or for more information.

### "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop

S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you a "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. at the TPC Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Participants must pre-register! Call Janice James, MA, QMHP at 359-2005. CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available, also. (Must attend full class for certificate). NO CHARGE. Seating is limited. No Childcare is provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPC.

### Rushind Wind Emmaus Community Meeting

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet Saturday, February 11 at the Waka Christian Center starting at 6 p.m. Friends and families are welcome to come to the potluck dinner followed with a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided, and sponsors training will be available for new sponsors.

### Gruver Girls State Ring Fundraiser

A Fundraiser will be held for the Gruver Girls to help raise money for a State Ring commemorating their State Cross Country Championship. A Taco Dinner will be served on Thursday, February 2nd from 5-7 p.m. in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. No set price, strictly donations.

### Gruver Mid-Winter Band Concert - February 21st

The Gruver Band Boosters will hold a chili supper this year before the annual Mid-Winter Band Concert on February 21. The chili supper will be held in the school cafeteria from 5:00-6:30pm and will include chili, crackers, fritos, cheese, cinnamon rolls, tea and water! It will be a free will donation with all proceeds going to help fund the high school band trip! The 7th grade band members will be performing duets and solos throughout the meal as entertainment. At 7:00pm the Mid-Winter Concert will begin with the 5th Grade Band, Jr. High Band and High School Bands all performing. The High School Band will be performing their music for concert contest. This is a great opportunity for you to socialize with people from the community and listen to our wonderful bands! We hope that you can make plans to attend the supper/concert and support these wonderful students! They work hard every day so they can out and represent our school and community all over the state of Texas and surrounding area! We look forward to seeing you!

### OPUS Senior Day

Aggie Senior Day at Oklahoma Panhandle State University is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Each senior who registers to attend will receive a \$450 tuition scholarship. Free admission to the Aggie Basketball game @ noon and lunch is also provided. Please register with Danae Moore @ danae@opsu.edu<mailto:danae@opsu.edu> by February 17, 2012. OPUS Academic Scholarship Applications are due by March 1. A complete list of scholarships and an application can be found at www.opsu.edu

### Hansford Hospice

Volunteering for Hospice is very flexible and easy to work into your schedule. Our volunteers provide important services to the people we serve, whether it is: providing companionship to patients and their families; helping with clerical duties in the office; helping with special projects such as cooking food, baking, running or helping with community outreach. If you are interested in being a Hansford Hospice Volunteer, please contact us at 806-659-5811. We are having a Volunteer Training Program in February 2012.

### Ground Hog Dinner

The United Methodist Women will host their annual Ground Hog Dinner on Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sausage, pork chops, cole slaw, sweet potatoes, biscuits and gravy, apple sauce and homemade pies will be served. Tickets are \$7 for adults. The meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Spearman, 407 S. Haney.

### Timeless Treasures Quilt Group

The Timeless Treasures Quilt Group will meet on Jan. 28 at the First Christian Church Disciple Center on Quinn Street in Guymon starting at 9:30 for coffee and the meeting at 10:00. Please everyone bring your crazy quilts to this meeting. New or old, finished or unfinished, fancy or plain and anything in between is acceptable. Please do your part to make this a very interesting morning meeting. The more we have the more we can show the diversity of crazy quilts. And the more fun it will be. New members are welcome. Bring a guest. The afternoon program will include four demonstrations about: Curved Pieces, Embellishments, Brazilian Embroidery, and joining stitches. Please plan to participate in this program--it should be fun. Bring a salad for the noon luncheon.

### Cross Country Rings

It is 2012 and time for me to begin asking for donations to the Lynxettes Cross Country ring fund. Already, many of you have given. We would appreciate any donations from members and businesses in our community. The Lynxettes are 4 time state champs and deserve recognition for this. All donations can be made to Stephanie Brock, Special at First National Bank.

### Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

Need help applying for SNAP benefits? We can help! High Plains Food Bank is providing application assistance for Texas SNAP benefits (Food Stamps) in your area. Telephone application assistance is available. If you need to apply for benefits, please call us today at 806374-8562 or 1-800-774-8564.

### Don't Text and Drive Decals

If you would like to purchase a lime green 'AMT 1994-2009 Don't Text and Drive' window decal in memory of Ali Tyler, please contact Stephanie Tyler at 806-736-0019. All proceeds go to the Ali Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Decals are also available at Hansford County Floral Company on Main Street in Spearman.

### Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors

Any woman who has had breast cancer surgery and cannot afford undergarments and prosthetics can get help from the American Cancer Society through a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. The Amarillo Area Breast Prosthesis and Lymphedema Accessory Program will provide financial help to women in need of breast forms or prostheses, mastectomy bras and accessories to help with lymphedema, which is swelling of the arm caused by a build-up of lymph fluid. For more information, call the American Cancer Society office in Amarillo at (806) 353-4307 or 1-877-227-2345.



### Engagement Announcements

Kevin and Sydney Knight of Scottsdale AZ wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Kylie Knight to Tatum Rice. Tatum is the son of Boyd and Halee Rice of Spearman TX.

Kylie is the granddaughter of Thayne and Cherrill Knight of Peoria AZ and LaVoy Bowen of Sun City AZ.

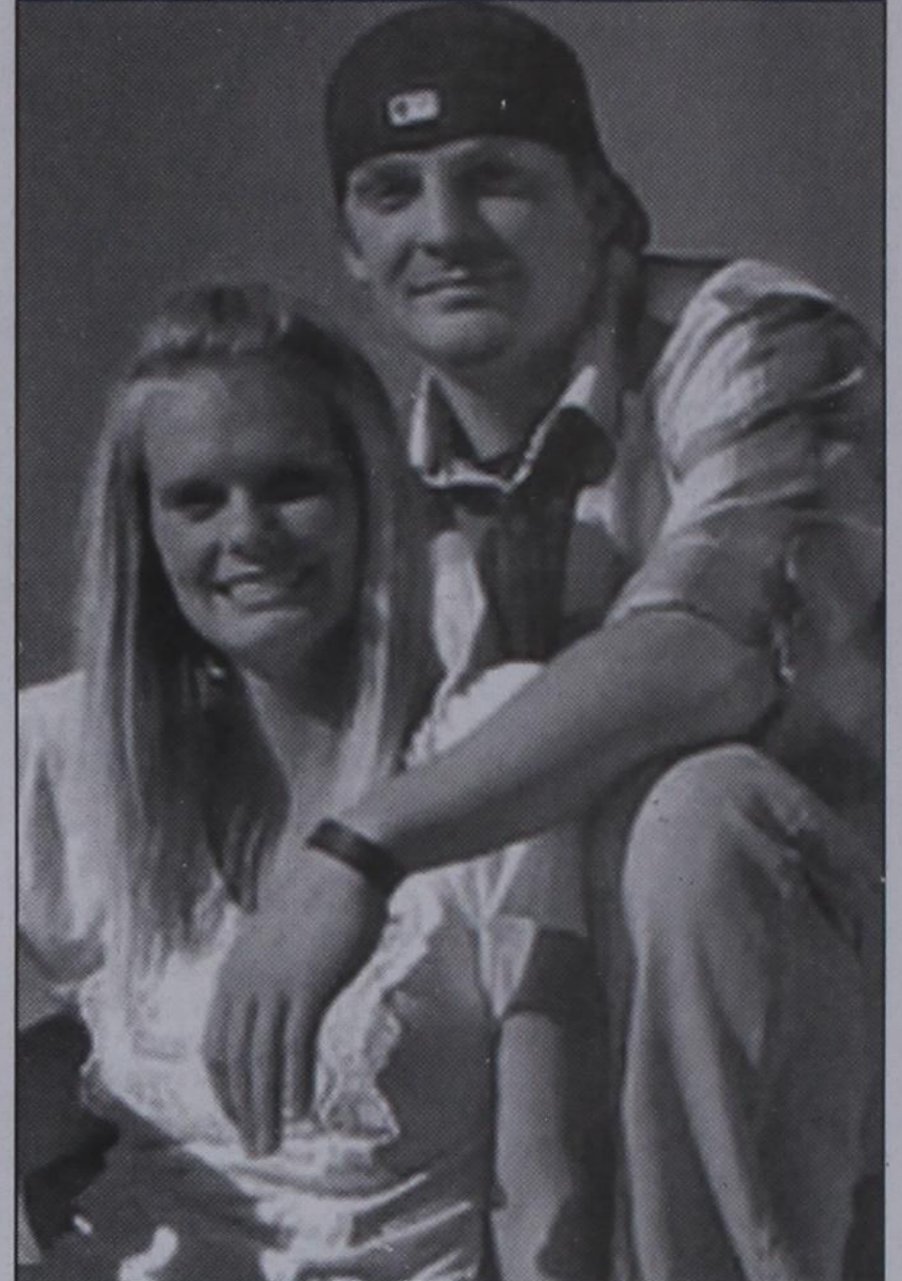
Tatum is the grandson of Sonny and Gloria Rice of Sealy TX and A.D. and Sharon Reed of Spearman TX.

The couple plan a wedding on August 28, 2012 in Weatherford, TX.

Kylie graduated from Texas Christian University in December with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology. She will be helping Tatum in their cutting horse facility and doing the bookkeeping.

Tatum graduated from high school in Spearman with a home school degree. After graduation he went to work training cutting horses.

A reception will be held at Tatum's training facility following the wedding ceremony.



### Engagement Announcements

Jeanne Swan and Scott Swan of Spearman, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Jo Lang to Charles Salisbury of Woodward, Oklahoma.

Christy is also the daughter of Cliff and Debbie Lang of Perryton, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Billy Close of Sunray, Texas and Ronald Swan of Spearman, and the late Elaine Swan and Jean Close.

Chuck is the son of Charlie and Jacque Salisbury of Beaver, Okla.

A June 22, 2012, wedding is planned in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Resort.

Christy is a 2008 graduate of Spearman High School, Spearman, and will graduate in May 2012 from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Chuck is a 2006 graduate of Beaver High School, Beaver, he attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He is employed by BS & W in Woodward, Okla.

A June 22, 2012, wedding is planned in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Resort.

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### Thank You! Thank You!

Thank You! Gracias! Merci! Danke! Grazie! Whatever the language, the Hansford County Library graciously appreciates the community coming to the rescue during our recent financial crisis.

Within the past few months, the library has been blessed in several ways. Monetary donations from a number of interested parties have been extremely beneficial, both the City and the County have boosted their support, and The Alley Katz (formerly The Thriftshop) is now fully operational.

We appreciate the community's concern and ask for your continued support to allow us to better serve the county. Please keep the library in mind when you wish to give memorials, have monetary or thriftshop donations, or want to make suggestions for better library operation.

Hansford County Library Board and Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Danny McLaughlin request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter  
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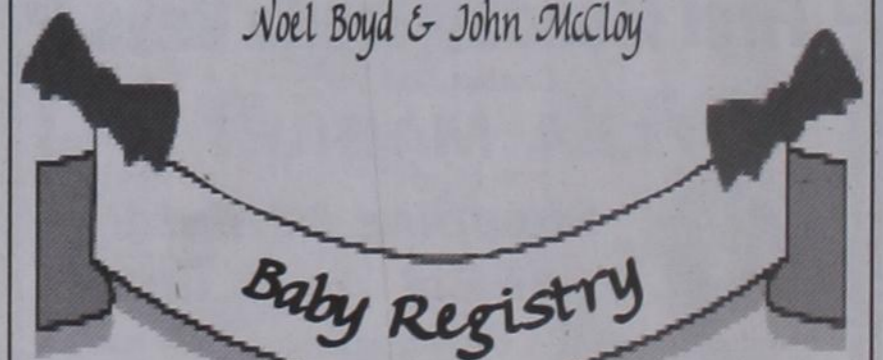
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- Sarah Cowles & Brandon Zehr
- Noel Boyd & John McCloy



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Spearman High School senior, Margarita Ibarra, was the winner of a \$200.00 scholarship at Spearman High School's Financial Aid Night. The scholarship was given by the Panhandle Plains Management and Servicing Corporation in Canyon, Texas. Congratulations!

## Profitable Irrigation Study Shows More is Not Necessarily Better When it Comes to Water

By Kay Ledbetter, SKledbetter@ag.tamu.edu

Reducing irrigation can actually improve economics when growing corn. Not only does it save water, but it can improve production in some cases, according to Nich Kenny, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service irrigation specialist in Amarillo.

Last summer Kenny, along with AgriLife Extension agents in five counties, cooperated on the "Efficient Profitable Irrigation in Corn" or EPIC project, as it is known to producers. The project is a result demonstration effort conducted by AgriLife Extension and funded primarily by the North Plains Groundwater Conserva-

tion District.

"We know there are about 900,000 acres of corn grown in the High Plains," he said. "We also know that at least half of those acres are managed by producers who are shooting for the highest yield. If we can reduce irrigation by 1 inch annually on that half of the acres aimed at high yields, it would equate to saving 37,500 acre feet of water or 12 billion gallons of water use annually."

And if this past summer's demonstrations are any indication, that is a doable result, Kenny said, adding that the producers involved saw anywhere from 1 inch to 3 inches of savings on their corn crop with no reduction of yield and even an improvement of yield in three cases.

The premise behind EPIC is to manage irrigation water for maximized water efficiency, he said. The project is targeting corn producers who historically employ efficient irrigation systems and solid agricultural practices in a production strategy focused on maximized yields.

"There's a tapering-off point in the relationship of production and water applied," Kenny said. "Yield will increase with each increment of water only up to a point, and then the law of diminishing returns applies."

"Our question was 'If you manage for maximum profitability instead of yield, will you be able to save water,' and initially the answer we believe is yes," he said.

This past summer, Kenny and the agents conducted demonstrations with producers in Dallam, Hartley, Hutchinson, Ochiltree and Sherman counties. The Dallam County demonstration was under such extreme drought it could not be completed.

In all the locations, situations were selected where side-by-side plots were used, one as a "control" and the other as the

"EPIC" plot. On the EPIC plots, three technologies - AquaSpy, AquaPlanner and Pivotrak - were used to manage the irrigation application without producer knowledge or access to maintain the purity of the control.

The control plot was titled the "legacy" plot and was managed according to the specific producer's standard practice. The EPIC plot was managed with AgriLife Extension inputs based on best management practices and information from management tools, Kenny said.

In all five cooperated plots, corn yields were maintained or increased with a corresponding reduction in irrigation water applied, he said.

The Hartley County producer realized a 3.2 inch reduction in water applied with no change in yield; the Hutchinson County producer, 2.6 inch reduction and 10 bushel-per-acre yield improvement; Ochiltree County producer, 1.2 inch water savings and 20-bushel improvement per acre; and the Sherman County producer, 3 inch reduction and a 30 bushel-per-acre yield improvement.

The Hutchinson County plots utilized subsurface drip irrigation. Kristy Synatschek, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Hutchinson County, said her cooperating producer could see a noticeable difference between the EPIC and legacy plots.

"Drip irrigation proved beneficial in the extreme weather of 2011 because of the ability it provides to water daily and keep all of the irrigation water accessible to the roots," Synatschek said. "Both the EPIC and legacy plots looked the same to the visible eye, but the yield results confirmed the original concept."

Scott Strawn, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Ochiltree County, said his cooperating producer,

through the EPIC program, was better informed and able to make management decisions that saved on his bottom line.

"By utilizing the technology, the producer was given the confidence to go ahead and make the decision to cut late-season irrigation," Strawn said. "He was able to save one last watering with the knowledge that his yield would not be negatively impacted."

Kenny said while this was not a scientific, replicated study, but more for the purpose of demonstrating a scientifically sound approach to managing water, it had "very compelling results."

"From the preliminary results this first year of the EPIC project, the implication is that corn yields can be maintained or increased with a reduction in applied irrigation water," he said.

Kenny said he intends to further prove this concept and verify the 2011 results by continuing the EPIC project for at least three additional seasons.

In the next step, he said, producers who have participated in one season of blind technology utilization will be advanced to full exposure of the management tools with appropriate training. New cooperators will still be expected to participate in one season of blind participation to ensure a control.

Kenny said the blind participation is required, as it is human nature, as multiple cooperators admitted, to want to alter the management of the "legacy" plot to match the EPIC strategy.

In the future, Kenny hopes to include at least one producer from each of the eight North Plains Groundwater Conservation District counties. However, he said, adoption of the EPIC pattern should be considered by other Texas corn production regions to demonstrate an additional method of economic, water conservation

## Feed-grains Marketing Workshop Scheduled Feb. 8-9 in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter, SKledbetter@ag.tamu.edu

The feed-grain market is in chaos, but a two-day workshop Feb. 8-9 might help producers have a better understanding of what is happening, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

"Changing supply and demand conditions, potential acreage shifts, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission restrictions, the elimination of the

ethanol tax credits/barriers, La Nina, the European debt crisis, among other things will make 2012 one of the most challenging marketing years for feed-grain producers," said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist and coordinator of the program.

The 2012 Feed-grains Workshop, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

"Producers attending can expect to get a better understanding of the fundamental and technical factors affecting the feed-grains market for the upcoming year," Amosson said. "The ultimate goal of the workshop is to develop a written marketing plan for the 2012 crop."

Attendees will look at projected impacts of ethanol production, feed

use, exchange rates, price levels, weather concerns, industry issues and basis. In addition to the fundamentals, specific attention will be spent discussing the marketing tools that may best fit this year's marketing plan, including pros,

cons, how and/or when to use them and potential implications to your credit line, he said.

"If producers just pick up one piece of information that helps them improve their marketing by a dime, that's equal to \$10,000 on a section of corn production. I don't see how a producer can afford to miss this opportunity."

Amosson and Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing specialist from College Station, will serve as the primary instructors. A panel of area lenders, brokers and grain merchandisers, as well as special guest analysts will provide additional insights

into this year's markets.

"I can't remember a year where there have been so many unknowns that could impact the feed-grain price," Amosson said. "Producers really need to understand what is and could be happening this year in order to make informed marketing decisions."

He said the goals of this year's workshop are to identify and quantify factors that will be effecting this year's market and discuss what marketing tools and strategies they have available to deal with them.

Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to 60. The cost of the workshop is \$125 per participant and covers the costs associated with instruction, breaks, meals and materials.

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**1/27/12**  
 Highland Park 5 15 17 23  
 Spearman 18 41 55 73  
 HP—Leesa Lopez 11.  
 S—Morgan Ashmore 28,  
 Kyla Walker 16, Shelby  
 Hanna 13. Records: High-  
 land Park 9-16, 0-7. Spear-  
 man 18-6, 7-0.

JV: Spearman 38, High-  
 land Park 12.  
**1/24/12**  
 Spearman 19 36 46 59  
 Bushland 10 17 27 41  
 S—Morgan Ashmore 21,  
 Shelby Hanna 17. B—Chris-  
 tine Reynolds 12, Sarah  
 Climer 9. Records: Spear-  
 man 17-6, 6-0. Bushland  
 14-13, 2-4.

JV: Spearman 42, Bush-  
 land 29.  
**Boys**  
**1/27/12**  
 Highland Park 5 19 27 44  
 Spearman 11 18 34 54  
 HP—Dre Aragon 21,  
 Justin Brooks 7. S—Junior  
 Garcia 14, Blaine Pack 12.  
 Records: Highland Park 10-  
 11, 2-3. Spearman 8-12, 3-  
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**1/24/12**  
 Spearman 6 14 23 29  
 Bushland 19 30 38 52  
 S—Swan 7, Pack 6. B—  
 Jared Vogler 20, Kale Lane  
 13. Records: Spearman 2-2.  
 Bushland 14-8, 4-0. JV:  
 Bushland 56, Spearman 29.

Texas High 18.  
**Boys**  
**1/27/12**  
 Sunray 14 23 27 35  
 Gruver 1 14 19 32  
 S—Dooley 9, Axelsen 9.  
 G—Irwin 12, Blankenship  
 10. Records: Gruver 13-13,  
 4-2. JV: Sunray 20, Gruver  
 19.

**1/24/12**  
 Gruver 6 16 23 37  
 West Texas High 13 16  
 22 30  
 G—King 13, Blankenship  
 10. WT—Ramirez 10, Holm-  
 berg 5, Lay 5. Records:  
 Gruver 13-12, 4-1. WT  
 High 16-9, 1-4.

**High school basket-  
 ball standings and  
 statistics**

**1/26/12**  
**District 1-2A Standings**

Boys	
Team	Dist. All
Childress	5-0 24-3
Bushland	4-1 14-9
Spearman	3-2 8-12
Highland Park	2-3 10-11
River Road	1-4 9-18
Sanford-Fritch	0-5 2-18

Friday's games: Spear-  
 man 54, Highland Park 44;  
 Childress 49, Bushland 45;  
 River Road 61, Sanford-  
 Fritch 52.

**Girls**

Team	Dist. All
x-Spearman	7-0 18-6
Sanford-Fritch	6-1 18-9
Childress	4-3 16-11
Bushland	2-5 14-14
River Road	2-5 10-16
Highland Park	0-7 9-16

x-clinched playoff berth  
 Friday's games: Spear-  
 man 73, Highland Park 23;  
 Childress 47, Bushland 30;  
 Sanford-Fritch 53, River  
 Road 43.

**District 1-2A Statistics**

**Class 3A-2A-1A Boys**  
**Team scoring:** (Team,  
 Pts., PPG) Childress, 1,775,  
 68.3; Boys Ranch, 1,232,  
 59.0; Vega, 1,283, 58.3;  
 Bushland, 1,066, 53.3;

Groom, 659, 47.1; Wheeler,  
 949, 43.1; McLean, 874,  
 39.7; Gruver, 994, 39.7  
**Team defense:** (Team,  
 Pts., PPG) Gruver, 932,  
 37.2; Childress, 1,013,  
 39.6; Bushland, 830, 41.5;  
 Boys Ranch, 907, 42.7;  
 Vega, 1,022, 46.5; Groom,  
 810, 57.9

**Individual scoring:**  
 (Player, Team, Pts., PPG)  
 Herring, McLean, 574,  
 27.3; Cansler, Hartley, NA,  
 21.0; Caldwell, Childress,  
 520, 20.0; Rohrbach, Vega,  
 388, 17.6; Moore, Wheeler,  
 303, 15.2; Painter, Groom,  
 194, 14.9; Vogler, Bush-  
 land, 297, 14.9; Swinson,  
 Boys Ranch, 292, 13.9;  
 Darter, Childress, 339,  
 13.0; Lane, Bushland, 190,  
 12.7

**Individual rebounds:**  
 (Player, Team, No., Avg.)  
 Caldwell, Childress, 259,  
 10.0; Moore, Wheeler, 193,  
 9.7; Rohrbach, Vega, 196,  
 8.9; Mendoza, Hartley, NA,  
 8.3; Fields, Groom, 107,  
 7.6; Vogler, Bushland, 134,  
 6.7; Morris, Vega 142, 6.5;  
 Irwin, Gruver, 158, 6.3;  
 Darter, Childress, 162, 6.2;  
 Thomas, Wheeler, 126, 5.7

**Class 3A-2A-1A girls**  
**Team scoring:** (Team,  
 Pts., PPG) Valley, 1,690,  
 67.4; Wellington, 1,486,  
 61.9; Tulia, 1,693, 60.5;  
 Panhandle, 1,535, 52.9;  
 Gruver, 1,288, 47.7; Dal-  
 hart, 1,096, 47.7; Spear-  
 man, 1,074, 46.7; Groom,  
 851, 44.8; Vega, 1,074, 38.4

**Team defense:** (Team,  
 Pts., PPG) Valley, 793,  
 31.7; Wellington, 811, 33.8;  
 Gruver, 908, 34.9; Panhan-  
 dle, 1,099, 37.9; Spearman,  
 889, 39.1; Dalhart, 975,  
 42.4; Groom, 909, 47.8;  
 Vega, 1,369, 48.9

**Individual scoring:**  
 (Player, Team, Pts., PPG)  
 McLain, Gruver, 540, 20.8;  
 Ashmore, Spearman, 249,  
 20.7; Crist, Vega, 422, 15.1;  
 Jenkins, Valley, 357, 14.9;  
 Corley, Groom, 269, 14.2;  
 Sybesma, Dalhart, 311,  
 13.5; Harris, Tulia, 342,  
 13.2; Hanna, Spearman,  
 291, 13.2; Bohr, Groom,  
 236, 12.4; Nation, Welling-

ton, 295, 12.3  
**Individual rebounds:**  
 (Player, Team, No., Avg.)  
 Sybesma, Dalhart, 260,  
 11.3; Head, Groom, 69, 7.7;  
 Bohr, Groom, 139, 7.3;  
 Crist, Vega, 197, 7.0; Cox,  
 Tulia, 175, 6.5; Nation,  
 Wellington, 156, 6.5;  
 Hanna, Spearman, 141, 6.4;  
 Walker, Spearman, 147,  
 6.4; Hill, Valley, 139, 5.8;  
 Brown, Valley, 132, 5.5

**1/10/12**  
 The Hounds opened Dis-  
 trict 1-1A play on the road  
 at Sunray. Knowing a pre-  
 vious 3-point win over the  
 Bobcats a month earlier had  
 little to with this contest,  
 the Hounds came out focu-  
 sed and played a solid  
 all-around game. Gruver  
 held the Bobcats to only 21  
 points while posting 55 for  
 themselves. Senior guard  
 Kramer King led the way in  
 scoring with 24 points, in-  
 cluding 5 for 10 from three-  
 point land. Junior  
 forward/post Korbin Irwin  
 pulled down a team-high 8  
 rebounds, while fellow jun-  
 ior, Reese Clark grabbed 7.  
 Beau Blankenship, a soph-  
 more point guard, con-  
 tributed 10 points and four  
 assists, while freshmen  
 guard Carson Williams  
 contributed 6 rebounds and  
 four assists. The victory put  
 Houndball at 1-0 and in an  
 early tie for first place in the  
 district.

**1/13/12**  
 Gruver's district home  
 opener came against the  
 #19-ranked Canadian Wild-  
 cats. The Greyhounds  
 trailed for most of the con-  
 test and in spite of grabbing  
 a slim fourth-quarter lead,  
 Houndball fell to Canadian  
 49 to 45. Reese Clark led  
 the way in scoring and in  
 rebounds with 15 and 7 re-

spectively. Korbin Irwin  
 pitched in 14 points and  
 grabbed 6 rebounds. Soph-  
 more Beau Blankenship  
 chipped in with 7 points,  
 four rebounds, and five as-  
 sists, while Carson  
 Williams led the way in  
 dishing out assists with 6.  
 At 1-1 in district the Grey-  
 hounds took a step back-  
 wards, but still felt good  
 about where they stood as a  
 huge game versus rival  
 Stratford loomed ahead.

**1/17/12**  
 Houndball entered a fa-  
 miliar and formidable envi-  
 ronment last Tuesday when  
 they paid rival Stratford a  
 visit. Very good Gruver  
 teams have left with losses  
 at Stratford, including last  
 year's District Champi-  
 onship team. In a physical,  
 hard-fought contest the  
 Hounds prevailed 39 to 37  
 as a last-second shot by the  
 Elks went begging. Korbin  
 Irwin again led the way in  
 scoring (15 points) and in  
 rebounding (10 rebounds)  
 and led a balanced attack.

Two other Greyhounds fin-  
 ished with double figures in  
 scoring: Beau Blanken-  
 ship and Kramer King, each  
 with 11 points. Carson  
 Williams, for the third  
 game in a row, had the  
 team-high in assists with  
 five. It was a team effort in  
 which every Greyhound  
 contributed in some way.  
 These included gritty ef-  
 forts by Reese Clark, For-  
 rest Lopez, Diego Ortiz,  
 and Jace Lane. The huge  
 road win pulled the Hounds  
 to 2-1 in district and in sole  
 possession of second place  
 behind 3-0 Canadian.

**1/20/12**  
 Houndball entered their  
 fourth district game seeking  
 their first district home win.  
 They faced a young and tal-  
 ented Booker Kiowa team  
 which had good wins

against Clarendon and Sun-  
 ray. Defense again led the  
 way as Houndball held the  
 Kiowas to only 3 first quar-  
 ter points and eventually  
 limited Booker to only 26  
 points for the game. The  
 Hounds pitched in 46 points  
 and the victory, along with  
 an upset of Sunray over  
 Canadian, into a 2-way tie  
 for first place in District 1-  
 1A with the Wildcats. It as  
 again Korbin Irwin who led  
 the way in scoring and re-  
 bounding (25 and 7) and he  
 had a particularly good  
 game on the defensive end,  
 including one charge taken  
 and 5 steals. Helping secure  
 rebounds for Gruver were:  
 Reese Clark (6), Carson  
 Williams (4) and Forrest  
 Lopez (3). Beau Blanken-  
 ship and Carson each  
 dished out three assists. The  
 26 points given up should  
 help secure Gruver's place  
 as the #1 defensive team in  
 the Amarillo Globe News  
 area in all classifications.  
 Great job Houndball!

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 ball as Coach Callaway re-  
 covered from a short stay in  
 the hospital. Coach Buster  
 Brown, along with coaches  
 Andrew Brockman and  
 Carlos Borunda, did helped  
 in making sure everything  
 was running smoothly.

The Hounds themselves  
 showed focus and maturity  
 throughout the process. The  
 administration, especially  
 David Teal, Mica Davis,  
 Troy Seagler and Terry  
 Felderhoff, were all very  
 supportive and patient.  
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 shore up the classroom in  
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This is a pair of Northern Pintails, at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--January 30, 2012--30.69 feet (-0.11)

Sunday was a beautiful day. Visitors came out to the Lake to look around or to fish. However, Jim said the fish weren't biting, and I learned from him that when the water is completely calm, only the bass will bite. Sunday the water was without a ripple.

Jim has only seen 5 eagles in the last week, but it doesn't mean that the other 3 have moved on. You just don't know for a while. The geese and ducks are still wintering on the Lake. Mountain bluebirds and the red-shafted flickers provide touches of color this time of year. Some robins are back.

Mandy spotted the red fox with its bushy tail last Friday. Also, a porcupine was seen on the ground near the entrance to the Park.

**Fracking**

Neither the term nor the process of fracking is new, but since it is now being used with horizontal wells, it has been making the

newspapers. Halliburton developed the technology of hydraulic fracturing in the late 1940s. In our area, where many vertical wells have been drilled over the years, we have heard drillers say they would "frac" the new well. But what if you want to use the participle form of the word and add an -ing to it? Does it become facing the well? In this case our English pronunciation would change the sound, so it seems common sense to spell it fracking. With that spelling you know how to pronounce it. In an Associated Press article, the word was said to sound nasty. It may in New York, but I don't think it does in Hansford County.

Another word used in the fracking process is new to me--proppant. After a horizontal well is drilled and steel pipes are inserted, a perforating gun is lowered into the well to blow holes in the pipe. Then fracking fluid is injected at high pressure to fracture the surrounding rock and provide channels for oil and gas to

flow into the well. Drillers use a mixture of water, chemicals, and proppants to do the fracturing. Then after the water and chemicals are drained from the well, the proppant remains to keep the cracks propped open for better oil and gas flow. Originally sand seemed to be the proppant of choice, but now drillers are experimenting with other materials. They have learned that spheres seem to work better than jagged-edged silica. Bacteria can eventually clog the pathways, so some of the proppants are treated with selenium as a biocide. The technology is still evolving.

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