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1/4 - JVG (4), VG (5:30) at Booker 1/4 - JVB (5), VB (8) at Borger 1/7 - 7B (5), 7G (6), 8G (5), 8B (6) vs.

Booker 1/8 - JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8)

vs. Sunray 1/11 - JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) at West Texas



**Weekly Update** 

Texas, December 24 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.04/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas national average that has not moved in the last week to \$3.24/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 1.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 9.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 19.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

With just hours to go before Christmas, it appears that the national average may set a new all-time record high barely edging out 2011 as the most expensive average for gasoline on Christmas Day," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "The bad news likely won't stop there- gasoline prices in six out of the last seven years have increased between Christmas Day and January 15 of the following year. If the national average rises to at least \$3.26/gal before New Years Day it will mark the highest start for gas prices ever on the first day of the year," DeHaan

Texas, December 31 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 6.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.10/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.0 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.27/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 2.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 13.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.7 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

2012 was a year that focused the spotlight on our nation's oil refineries; it showed us the vulnerability of our infrastructure and what can happen to prices at the pump when infrastructure is com-promised. We began the year with a BP refinery fire in Cherry Point, WA that caused massive spikes on the west coast. The spring delivered challenges for Great Lakes refineries and pushed Chicago gas prices to a record high. Similarly, the California summer saw major refinery outages there and new record high prices," said Patrick DeHaan, Gas-Buddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst.

"Hurricane Sandy delivered a punish ing blow to the East Coast causing refinery shutdowns, flooding and power outages. The resulting fuel shortage triggered mile-long lines for gas. NY gasoline spiked to a price level exceeding Honofulu and Anchorage as the highest in the U.S. GasBuddy is proud to have been called in by NY officials to provide counsel and data identifying the most current retail gasoline price updates and trends throughout the NY metro area," said Gregg Laskoski, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst.

With elevated prices across much of the country for prolonged periods, 2012 brought the highest average price ever for U.S. consumers: \$3.60 per gallon. For a closer look at the GasBuddy Year in please

http://www.scribd.com/GasBuddy view the document directly: http://www.scribd.com/doc/117521912/ GasBuddyYIR

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. Gas-Buddy also uses Facebook (facebook.com/gasbuddy) Twitter (twitter.com/gasbuddy), and phone apps to keep motorists ahead of changing gaso line prices.

# Random Acts of Kindness

Three beautiful women walk in to the random acts, and others that old man's hospital room and the young wanted to be part of the lady with the piercing blue eyes hands him project also gave. She a balloon. He takes her hand and says, "Do baked. And she planned. I know you?"

"No, I am just a random person," she an- made her happy. "It was fun swers with her winning smile. "Giving to watch people reactions stuff out for my birthday!" when we did something. All

"It's your birthday and I get a balloon," of it was different. It was says the old man who is hooked up to oxy- sweet." gen yet still sarcastic. "That makes sense."

This stop is at an Amarillo hospital, one needs," says Long slowly, of 28 such random acts of kindness, is how like she is giving a lot of Lisa Johnson of Gruver, Texas, chose to thought in the comment. spend her 28th birthday.

son. "We're taught to be selfish on our aware of other people's cirbirthdays and this was different."

Starting the morning off at 8 am, the Lisa recognizes them and three ladies, Johnson and her friends then does what she can to Debby Odom, also of Gruver, and Sally make a difference. So I kindness. Long of Guymon, worked hard all day guess this project is twospreading kindness and cheer from Gruver fold: 1. You have to be aware of other peoto Amarillo and back. Johnson had also ple, and 2. You have to be willing to do done a few planned acts prior to the day, something about it. including giving a TV for the Dementia Unit in Elkhart, Kan., because someone giving ways with others.: If there was anythat one," she says with a laugh. "But only she cares for deeply can enjoy the TV.

Johnson's heart her entire life.

The birthday day included taking breakees, leaving quarters on "Random Acts of their progress. outlets in Texas. This compares with the Kindness" cards at a Laundromat, nurses stations at several area hospitals and nurs- facebook friend, Brandon Romero. ing homes, homemade cookies at four fire stations, paying for the next car's breakfast Barnes of Amarillo, has done similar on to the hospital, anonymously paying for Kat's posts on facebook brought almost as someone's meal at the restaurant twice, and much joy as my day!" Another college dom part in your life and spread love,"

The visit to the hospital was not part of this with her family over Christmas, givthe plan, but where they had planned to go didn't pan out, so the plan changed. They found themselves in hospital rooms with elderly patients that appeared low on visitors, many were there alone. Long said it seemed like an "act of God" and that it was cool how it worked out. It was the part of the day that left the greatest impression on

"Lisa left a gift certificate on the window of a kind of worn down car," explains Long. "And she made several spontaneous stops to give things to friends. Her friend Andy said we really made his day."

Long, who heard Lisa talking about her plan said she really wanted to be a part of it. As did their friend Odom. And they were a part from 8 am to 9 pm that day. "We were exhausted when we got back," says Long with a smile. It is easy to see she thought it was well worth the time and en-

Johnson, who read about something similar, had planned for quite awhile to do this to celebrate her birthday, talking with friends to get ideas on acts. She asked those who normally gave her gifts to give money or gift cards that went towards the

Johnson says the day

"Lisa recognizes people's "So many people are guilty "I thought it looked fun," explains John- of walking through life uncumstances and struggles.

thing I really learned," says Long, "from "Dorothy needs to be able to see her spending Lisa's birthday with her, was that Dorothy Countryman's have been dear to recipient of something nice, you can't help but want to go do it for somebody else."

As they were going through the day, fast casseroles to the local bank employ- Johnson's facebook page recorded some of

"Reading it was an inspiration," said one endless.

friend, Kandis Lloyd, will be practicing says Johnson with a knowing smile.



A recipient of one of Lisa Johnson's random acts of

ing back to their community through acts of kindness.

Johnson plans to take Long and Odom for a massage and a facial on her next Long speaks highly of Johnson and her birthday. "Everybody will want to be in on Sally and Debby are allowed."

If you're thinking about doing random football scores when she is there visiting kindness is contagious. You watch some- acts of kindness to celebrate your birthday, Doc," explains Johnson. Dr. Jim and one else do something nice or you are the there are many ways of doing it. You can do one a day for as many days as you choose before your birthday, you can do one per each decade, or you can have a friend for each year promise to do one act to celebrate your birthday. The ways are

"You can read this and think about doing Already another friend of Johnson's, Kat it but I promise the fulfillment you receive through random acts of kindness will over at the McDonald's drive through, balloons her birthday. Johnson said, "Watching fill your heart; 28 are not necessary, nor is a special occasion, just practice the ran-



Lisa Johnson (left) and Deby Odom, both of Gruver, getting ready to leave random acts of kindness notes with quarters on each washer and dryer at a laundromat in Amarillo.

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison After nearly 20 years in Washington, this is my final week as the senior US Senator from the great state of Texas.

Goodbye and Thank You

People often wonder what compels a person to run for public office. Some think it's the power - though I can assure them that being one of a hundred senators, particularly when you're in the minority, is as far from personal power as one can get. Some think it's the excitement of politics – but anyone who has been through a tough, mud-slinging campaign would fail to de- ues of common sense, hard work and perscribe the politics part favorably!

For me, the reason was to give back to the state that gave me so much.

a small town - La Marque - full of honest, islation that studied how overseas military now a leading destination for some of the hardworking people, in a tight-knit com- bases compared to American ones. That country's - and the world's - best scienmunity with a wonderful public education system. Combined with the world-class education I received at the University of Texas, it gave me the tools to be whatever to secure over \$82 billion for base con-I wanted to be.

I got my professional start covering the statehouse at KPRC-TV in Houston, when the station owner took a chance on a young law school graduate.

And I was mentored by great Texans on my way up the political ladder, who continued their support when I got to the Senate and have stood solidly with me ever since.

For this I am grateful, and for this I have sought to give back, as have all the Texans with whom I've had the pleasure of serving. From Senator Phil Gramm to Senator John Cornyn to the entire Texas Congressional delegation, my colleagues have always been a strong and unique force in

Congress. Texas stands out as the delegation that will band together across party lines to fight tooth and nail for our state. Team Texas always has the best interests of our beloved state in mind, and while some in Washington don't quite understand our particular brand of friendliness, I big as our mouths.

It may seem as though nothing gets done in Washington, DC. But we have accomplished so much for Texas in the past two decades, by sticking to the good Texas val-

With so many Texans serving in the resulted in thousands of troops coming back to the US, where training and rapid deployment were superior. I also worked programs. Over the years, I have visited and seeing our military men and women sults. when they are in harm's way is a very powerful reminder of the sacrifices they make and how indebted we are for their

I brought a new medical center to the Valley for our thousands of veterans; I helped secure research for the Gulf War Syndrome that has debilitated thousands of those who served in Desert Storm; and I helped expand the beautiful Waco veterans' facility to serve as a center for treat-

ment of post-traumatic stress disorder. Working for women and children has

been a priority, and I am proud to have taken Amber Alerts – originally a Texas initiative – national. In the years since the legislation passed, nearly 600 children have been returned home. I also introduced legislation to strengthen anti-stalking laws

I fought for and secured the right for Texans to deduct state sales tax from their federal taxes. When married couples were inexplicably punished by having their joint incomes pushed into higher tax brackets, I ensured they were treated fairly with maralways say that Team Texas's hearts are as riage penalty relief legislation. And I introduced the legislation for spouses who do not work outside the home to save for retirement, through the Homemaker IRA.

Texas research universities have risen from 6th to 3rd in federal funding for science and innovation, strengthening our state's economy and helping America keep our global competitive edge. I have fought armed forces, I fought hard for our nation's for investment in and support for our I was raised with good Texas values, in military and their families, including leg- higher education systems, and Texas is tists and researchers. And Texas gets exponential benefit from the long-term funding we secured for NASA's future.

So while it may seem that Washington struction, military housing and veterans' is in a perpetual state of gridlock, Texans can take pride that their representatives our troops in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, have been fighting for them and getting re-

It has been my great honor to represent our state for the past two decades. I want to thank the people of Texas for this extraordinary opportunity, and make the solemn promise that I will continue to

work for our state after I leave office. And for the last time as a US Senator, I am proud to say: God bless you and God bless Texas.

Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.



#### **Budget questions** hover above Capitol

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Texas Legislature's main priations drought and a long list of enue-Dedicated Funds. other critical concerns, sus-

ing cuts, per governor's picture. directives. Texans can see a legis.state.tx.us.

the budget-writing process the year. conducted in Capitol comand state Senate.

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STATE **H**IGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

software for viewing docu- nation. ments, can, with a fastenough Internet connection, may point to a healthy fis-AUSTIN - As Congress ument and read it at their 2013 begins, but as elders each life that was lost.

days of 2012 over the fed-space here, and in defereral budget, the Texas Leg- ence to readers who choose lature is in session. islature and other state the printed-page version of legislatures can only guess their community newspawhat federal dollars will be per, let's skip to the sumcoming when budget-writ- mary of the "Fiscal end of each year, the gover- of president and vice presig time comes.

Size-up." It says the 2012- nor grants clemency to a list dent of the United States.

Every two years, the 13 budget included appro- of Texans who were con
Texas' 38 electoral votes for job is to write and pass a operations that total \$173.5 governor signaling his in- posed of \$81.3 billion from terity plan that won't \$54.7 billion from Federal the state's rapidly growing Other Funds and \$6.4 bil-population, historically bad lion from General Rev-

Although the Fiscal Size- nor.state.tx.us. pense about the budget in- up was published only creases day by day. The months after the end of the budget-adoption process is 2011 legislative session, it a session-long affair, and foretells something that has the 140-day session com- remained true since its pubmences on Jan. 8, at high lication: revenue then was above expectations. See the mute a criminal sentence." In 2011, the 82nd Texas paragraphs labeled "Recent Legislature adopted a 2012- Trends and Fiscal Horizon" 2013 budget (the General at the end of the summary. Appropriations Act) featur- They contain information ing across the board spend- that forms a more complete

And much more recently, roadmap to those cuts, and on Dec. 21, Comptroller may imagine the debating Susan Combs said, "Job that went on before the growth, sales tax collecbudget ultimately was tions — both from business called to a vote, signed by and consumer purchases the governor and certified as well as automobile sales, by the comptroller. Actu- signal that the Texas econally, the debating does not omy has emerged from the have to be imagined. It is recent recession. Another at indicator that the state's economy has been compar-Texans with access to a atively healthy was the U.S. relatively recently manu- Census Bureau report that factured personal computer Texas added more people updated with the current (421,000) than any other software for viewing state from 2010 to 2011. archived video, can — if Although Texas has only 8 they pay for a speedy Inter- percent of the nation's popnet connection or visit their ulation, the state added local library — download, nearly 19 percent of the naview and hear the parts of tion's population growth for audits to make doing so a a year ago, state troopers

Looking back a full year mittee rooms and on the ago, Combs said: "By Defloors of the state House cember 2011, Texas employers replaced Furthermore, to provide 427,600 jobs shed during Texas taxpayers "with a the recession as our econmore complete understand- omy rebounded more ing of how their tax dollars quickly than the U.S. as a are being used," the staff of whole, and continues to add the Legislative Budget jobs." And finally, Combs Board has posted a 668- said, "Texas and the nation page document, titled "Fis- returned to economic cal Size-up" for the current growth in 2010 and 2011. 2012-2013 budget. Anyone In 2011, Texas real gross with a library card or a rel-domestic product grew by atively recently manufac- 2.4 percent, compared with

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These official analyses among us warn, you never But owing to the lack of know what's going to happen when the Texas Legis- vote

> 14 receive clemency state victed of certain offenses.

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. state budget. Now, with the billion — an amount com- 21 announced he had Romney of Massachusetts governor signaling his in- posed of \$81.3 billion from granted clemency to 14 in- and his vice presidential tention to stick with an aus- General Revenue Funds, dividuals after each of their running mate, U.S. Rep. cases was recommended Paul Ryan of Wisconsin. necessarily be in step with Funds, \$31.2 billion from for clemency by the Texas In announcing the out-the state's rapidly growing Other Funds and \$6.4 bil- Board of Pardons and come of the vote, Secretary Paroles. A description of of State John Steen, Texas' each is available at gover- chief elections officer,

defines

#### **Most Texas schools** submit safety audits

AUSTIN --- The Texas Education Code requires that Texas public schools conduct safety audits once every three years.

According to a Dec. 17 news release produced by the state attorney general's office, the Texas School Safety Center reported that of the 1,025 public school districts that are required by law to submit their safety audits, 38 did not do so and another 40 reported but did not meet full compliance.

Attorney General Greg Abbott urged school districts to review their safety plans and implored districts that have not submitted their complete school safety

Proper preparedness and just an exercise, it will save lives when seconds count," said Attorney General Abbott, a board member of the Texas School Safety Center. "As we all mourn the horrific loss of innocent lives in Newtown (Conn.) we must ensure that not another minute passes where Texas school districts are unprepared for an incident in our own state. My office will continue working with the Texas School Safety Center to ensure that every school district across this state has an effective school safety plan in place.'

Abbott encourages students, parents and school staff to report alarming behavior to authorities.

#### Silence observed Dec.

in memory of the 26 vic- children are at risk.' tims of last week's tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary Combs on Dec. 20 an- ported the Texas unemployplaces of worship and shapingTexas.org, "a buildings that are able to resource that examines the download the lengthy doc- cal condition for the state as ring bells 26 times to honor economic impacts of obe- was 6.6 percent in October

#### Presidential electors

Texas Presidential Electors met Dec. 17 to cast their Electoral College As is customary at the votes for the 2012 election

were cast for Republican presidential candidate Mitt

noted (1) that political par-Black's Law Dictionary ties choose their respective clemency as sets of electors in accor-"Mercy or leniency, espe- dance with state law and cially, the power of the each party's rules; (2) elec-President or a governor to toral votes are allocated to pardon a criminal or com- states based on the most recent census; and (3) only California has more electoral votes, at 55, than

> **DWI** patrols increase The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 14 announced that DWI patrols would be increased from Dec. 21 through Jan.

Troopers will focus on high-risk locations at times alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"Drinking and driving are always a concern during holidays, and there is no doubt that increased enforcement by DPS and other law enforcement will help save lives," said DPS Director Steven McCraw, who reminded Texans never get in a car with an intoxicated driver.

In the enforcement effort made more than 1,100 DWI arrests, 15,000 speeding cisafety in our schools is not tations, 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 18,000 other citations.

#### Hikes planned for Jan.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Dec. 13 promoted the second annual First Day Hikes program. It's part of a national ef-

fort to get people outdoors and promote the numerous physical and emotional benefits of hiking. On New Year's Day, the

state parks agency has planned hikes to be guided by state park staff or expert volunteers, featuring information about native plants, animals or park history. For more information, visit texasstateparks.org/firstday-

hikes.

Site addresses obesity

a.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, to Web portal to collect re-Combs said. coincide with the Day of search and information on Mourning called by Con- the economic effects of necticut Gov. Dan Malloy obesity and areas in which

Comptroller School. Perry encouraged nounced the launch of Rement rate fell to 6.2 percent sity and identifies areas in and 7.3 percent a year ago. the state where children are

at risk."

More than one in five Texas children, ages 10 to Gov. Rick Perry issued a Legislation passed in 17, are obese, and obesity proclamation declaring a 2011 instructed the comp- puts millions of Texans at moment of silence at 9:30 troller's office "to build a risk for chronic disease,

> Jobless rate falls again Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Susan Alcantar on Dec. 21 re-"a in November.

The unemployment rate

## "The Little Free Library"

While attending a recent Harrington Library Consortium meeting in Amarillo, Margaret Ruttman, Hansford County Library director, learned of a very interesting program for small towns across the nation, "The Little Free Library," -- a small structure to house books to be shared with others.

Upon returning home and completing internet reearch, Ruttman deemed this to be a viable program for the local library to adopt and visited with Tex Kopke, Chamber director, about the possibility of housing a 'Free Little Library Hansford County Branch" in his office perhaps after the first of the year. Already familiar with the nationwide program, Kopke agreed to work with the library as a means of sharing the love of readng with those visiting Spearman.

Back at the library, Ruttman contacted Verlin Behne about the possibility of building the structure. On that Monday afternoon, Behne told Ruttman that he was a little busy, but would take the plans and give it some consideration. Much to Ruttman's surprise, Behne returned 48 hours later with the finished product which he said he completed with "scraps." During the next week. finishing touches were added by volunteers Linda Coombs, Carolyn Shields and staff member Betty Pugh.

Now housed in the Chamber office. The Free Little Library is open to all visitors or community members seeking something to read. Think of that: FREE - no check out, no return and no fines! Hansford County Library, with the help of many, is proud to be able to continue the spirit of sharing and giving so common in this area of the nation.

The Little Free Library, Ltd. of Wisconsin began in 2009 to help build a sustainable infrastructure and resource base to help realize the mission of promoting literacy and community connections while providing free accessible books for those in small towns.



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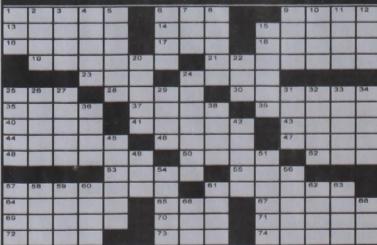
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January 18 Birthday - Daniel Boyd, son, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Birthday - Mary Schu- Evans, Schane Schneider, Chrissy Robert Gilmore, Enrique

January 19 Birthday - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Birthday - Norma Edens, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Marcy Hendrick, Chad Rig-Collier, Donna Murray, gins, Karen Kirk, Bill Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Jr., DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, M/M Bradi Brown

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SUSIE M. CLINE

Susie M. Cline, 100, longtime area resident, passed away Monday morning, December 31, 2012 at the Morton County Care Center, Elkhart, Kansas.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 4th, 11:00 St, Guymon, with Rev. Tommy Hull, pastor of Texhoma Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Elmhurst Cemetery, Guymon.

The second of ten James children born to Lizzie (Dickerson) and Charles James, Susie was born on November 8, 1912 in Alta Vista, Kansas. The James family lived south east of Hardesty and Susie graduated from Spearlived in Guymon and Hitchland, Texas until moving to California in 1946. Rex and Susie owned rent houses and childcare in her home in Bell Gardens, California. During their years in California, the Clines always returned to Hitchland to harvest and help with the Bill Logsdon family and other Hitchland neighboring farms. Susie cooked for the farm hands and would help run the Hitchland grocery store.

In 1975, Rex and Susie returned to the Panhandle and lived in Texhoma, OK to be near their daughter. Rex passed away in 1979 and Susie continued to be active in enjoyed Bible studies and Sunday school. She was active in the Iris Garden Club, Calypso Women's group, enjoyed traveling with close friends. Susie lived a century as a wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

Marvin Elliott of the Griggs community; two grandchildren, Carla Pugh of Texhoma and Billy Elliott of Strat-Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Turner, Shannon Scroggs, ford; four great grandchildren, Megan and husband Carlos Morales of Midland, TX; J.D. Pugh of Weather-McLain, Jay McCormick, ford, OK; Ashley Elliott of Austin, TX and Heidi Elliott Anniversary - M/M Arnold Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, of Amarillo, TX. She is also survived by her one sister, Betty Gage of Palm Desert, CA and Charles James of Lincoln, CA; her last James cousin, Herman James of Hardesty and many other relatives and friends.

an infant son, Allen Leon Cline; four sisters, Mildred Mara, Gladys Kumpe, Elise Roper, Jean Matheny; three 75605) or a favorite charity. brothers, Oren James, Raymond James and Claude

Memorials may be given to the Iris Garden Club, c/o Barbara Burns, Rt 1, Texhoma, OK 73949 or the Texhoma Pride Committee, c/o Sheri Leach, Anchor D Bank, P.O. Box 649, Texhoma, OK 73949.

Friends may sign the online guestbook and send con-Haley Shields, Tina Brog- Schumann, Carlene Kirk- dolences at www.hensonnovak.com.

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JIMMIE (JIM) MARVIN IVEY WINNSBORO – Jimmie (Jim) Marvin Ivey, 73, died Saturday, December 29, 2012 after battling cancer.

A Masonic Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Gus Garrison Masonic Lodge 643 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX. Melinda Clements, cousin, with Perceptions Ministries of Odessa, TX, will be sharing a

Jim was born August 31, 1939, in Wheeler, TX, the son a.m., at the Henson-Novak Funeral Chapel, 501 NW Fifth of Charles and Anna London Ivey. He grew up in Holly, CO. In 1964, Jim began as a rookie officer for the Chandler Police Department in Chandler, AZ. He worked his way up through the ranks to Sgt. Detective of Narcotics for CPD when he left in 1973. That same year he moved to Spearman, TX where he engaged in farming and various other interests. He served as a deputy for the Hansford County Sheriff's Department and was a Mason. In man High School. She was united in marriage to Rex 1983, he began Ivey's Hungry Cowboy, a barbeque Cline on December 21, 1935 in Guymon. The Clines restaurant, in Spearman. In 1995, Jim relocated to Austin. Jim was very involved in his children's activities. His children were the highlight of his life – he was very proud of them. Eventually, he retired to Winnsboro, TX where he spent the last years of his life. He was an animal lover – he always had a dog by his side!

He was preceded in death by his father; his only brother, Charles Willard Ivey; and his step-father, James

Survivors include his beloved companion, Clair Parrish; his mother, Ann White of Winnsboro; his children, Sue Ann and Michael Thomas of Gibbon, NE, Kindra and Texhoma. As a member of Texhoma Baptist Church, she Chet Leach of Dumas, Cindy and Jay Anderson of Amarillo, Cole and Jana Ivey of Denton, and Nancy and Ned Rice of Leesburg; his grandchildren: Kindra's children -Misty and Butch Dawson of Amarillo, Chris and Charati capable, independent and fine Christian example of a Leach of San Angelo, Monte Davis of Amarillo, Halee Davis of Leesburg, and Logan and Pam Davis of Amar-Susie is survived by her daughter, Anita and husband illo; Cindy's children - Ryan Atkins of Chicago, IL, Makenzie Fowler of Amarillo, Jordan and Melinda Anderson of Goodland, KS, and Tyler Anderson of Amarillo; Cole's children - Cody Ivey of Spearman, Courtney and Kelsey Ivey of Denton; and Nancy's son - Dax William Rice of Leesburg; and great-grandchildren Berkli Dawson, Breklyn Dawson, Brianna Anderson, Addison Leach, Alexander Davis, Brett Davis, and Lexi

The family suggests memorials be to St. Jude's Hospi-She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Cline; tal, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Texas Home Health Hospice (500 E. Loop 281, Longview, Tx

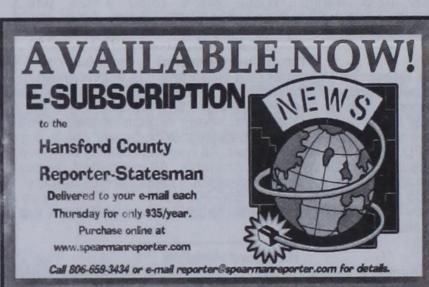
ARMANDO GUERECA JR.

GRUVER — Armando Guereca Jr., 18, of Gruver died Tuesday, December 25, 2012.

Services were at 3 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2012 in Iglesia El Camino Evangelica with Seferino Ibarra, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home

Mr. Guereca was born Dec. 3, 1994, in Delicia, Chihuahua, Mexico. He was a junior at Gruver High School and was known for his great sense of humor.

Survivors include his parents, Armando and Ramona Guereca of Gruver; two sisters, Leslie Guereca and Eunice Guereca, both of Gruver; and his grandparents, Teresa Villa, Enrique Galvan and Felix Chavira, all of



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**Bob Boxwell** 

Dear friends,

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First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth: 7

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

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

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney · 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed .: 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2166 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English Sun. Mass: 11:30 a.m. - Spanish Rev. Gregory Bunyan

First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m., Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Toni Bailey

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice - 659-2033 Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice - 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)

Pastor - Cecil Biggers, PLM Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship & Kid's Church: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Worship and Bible Study Service: 7 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Steve Hinshaw www.unionchurchonline.org

**Fellowship Baptist** 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sun. Evening Spanish Worship: 7 p.m. Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Philip Hudson

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

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

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

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

First Christian Church 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. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

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**Gruver United Methodist** 

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Hwy 15 806-659-2166 Gruver, TX Sun. Mass: 1:30 p.m. - Spanish Rev. Gregory Bunyan

#### <u>Oslo</u>

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7646 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - Arlen Lloyd

#### **Morse**

Morse Baptist Church Pastor - Gary Stevens

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**Church of Christ** 300 Rogers Ave. 202-7126 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Preacher - Ed Jenkins

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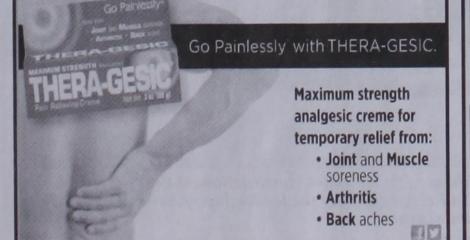
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Medical Fund Established for Jeremy Frost A fund has been set up at First National Bank for Kylee and Jeremy Frost. To donate you can either call the bank at 659-5544 or mail it to Box 337, Spearman.

John DeLaRosa

A medical account has been opened for John & Deborah De-LaRosa at First National Bank. John has been diagnosed with oral cancer. He will be going through radiation and chemo

Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday 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.

**Gruver Booster Club Fund Raiser** 

This year the Booster Club has decided to sell raffle tickets for a chance to win 1/4 beef rather than the Greyhound Grand! This is our major fundraiser for the year and allows us to help ALL Greyhound athletic programs where needed!! Please contact Mack McLain or Greg Haight if you would like to buy some tickets and support the Gruver Greyhounds!

Flu Shots

Flu shots are available through the Gruver school nurse's office. They are \$15 each. Contact Sahala at 733-5415.

4-H Smoked Meat Sale 4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver & Morse) sold smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. We have some extra smoked meat for sale. Items available include: Sausage Links, Sausage Gravy, Whole Hams, Spiral Hams, Hunter Pack, Pork Chub, Sausage Wrap, Pep-per Bacon, Smoke Bacon, Turkey and Pumpkin Roll. Please call the office at 659-4130 - if you are interested in purchasing smoke meats.

Gruver Gym Holiday Hours
In accordance with UIL rules the gyms and weight room must be closed for five consecutive days during the Christmas holidays. Gruver ISD gyms and weight room will be closed from December 22nd through December 26th. The school facilities will reopen on December 27th.

Rainbow Room Needs Your Help

Stephanie Brock is gathering up names for sponsors for children to benefit the Rainbow Room in Borger. This particular project is for Christmas. This organization does service Hansford County. There was an overwhelming response last year. Just get your names to Stephanie Brock at 659-1774 or email her at sbrock@ptsi.net. You can request a young child (around \$125) or an older child (around \$125) you can even go in with \$75) or an older child (around \$125) You can even go in with another person to purchase something off the child's wish list. It is a tax deductible expense. It is truly a worthy project and one that blesses many children.

Education Tapes for Education
The Gruver Elementary School is participating in the Education Tapes for Education. Help our school earn credit for free educational equipment by saving your receipts from any Lowe's. Our collection boxes are located in the Elementary School Lobby or the South entrance. They are also located in the City Library, City Hall, Night & Day Beauty Salon and Shear Style. The collection boxes will be open from August 17th, 2012 – March 31st, 2013.

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.

**Firefighters Wanted** 

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Both men and women age 18 and over are welcome. The number of volunteers has dropped to dangerously low levels and the roster needs to be increased. If you have an interest in helping to keep your community safe, the SVFD would like to talk to you. All new candidates will have access to the best training available. All interested parties should either come to the fire station located at 513 S Hazelwood or call Kimmi Rivera at 806-202-6374. The SVFD meets every Thursday night at 7 PM. Bring a friend and come join

**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.

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**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 Stephannie 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 nad 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 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.

Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild
The Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild of Perryton, Texas would like to invite you to their meetings. The Day Guild meets the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 9 a.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. The Night Guild meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. Annual dues are \$15. (To receive only the newsletter \$7.50/yr.) Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Cynthia Shattles at 806-435-2765 or Marilyn Robins at 806-624-2691.

Fire Department Donations

Persons wishing to make donations to the Fire Departments in Hansford County may do so at the following addresses: Spearman Fire Dept., Box 37, Spearman TX 79081; Gruver Fire Dept., Box 947, Gruver TX 79040 or Morse Fire Dept., Box 28, Morse TX 79062.

e information, contact Marilyn Been at 806-733-2087.

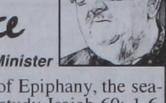
SPWA Seeks Volunteers The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association is seeking the next generation of volunteers to continue the work of restoring and maintaining the windmills of the SPWA. If you have an interest in windmills and their upkeep, and/or maintenance of the park, you are needed. For information, call Dwayne Mitchell, 270-0291 or Don Reed 330-0745.

**Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild** 

The Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild of Guymon, Oklahoma meets four times a year -- the last Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church Disciple Center located at 9th & Quinn streets. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Members bring a carry-in luncheon, which is served at noon. The afternoon program begins at 1 p.m. Programs include trunk shows, demonstrations, workshops, door prizes and much more.

# Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the first week of the Season of Epiphany, the season of discovery or "AHA!", we study Isaiah 60: 1-6, Psalm 72: 1-7,10-14, Ephesians3: 1-12 and Matthew 2:

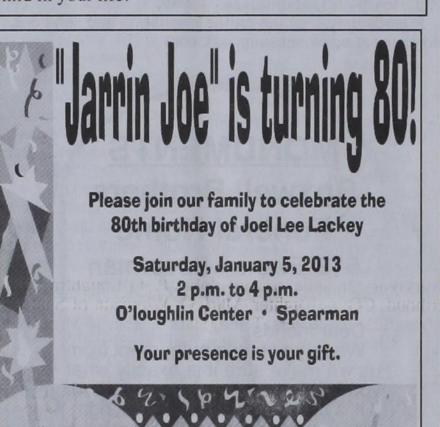
Isaiah speaks to a people who are living in 'darkness' who have strayed from the Lord. The message is one of life and salvation! God is coming to them and the people shall see God's light and salvation. Note that the people have not first turned back to the Lord, but when they see God's blessings, they repent. God seeks us even when we are yet sinners.

The Psalmist sings a hymn for the coronation of a king. His prayer is that God will give the king God's justice and righteousness. He prays that the king will defend the cause of the poor, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. Note that the king is judged not by his warfare, but by his social justice. As Christians, we may see a reference to the King, Jesus The Christ.

Paul is imprisoned in Rome, awaiting trial before Nero. He writes the Church at Ephesus about the 'mystery' which has been made known to him. This 'mystery' is actually the knowledge of God's plan for humankind. The Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. God's 'secret' is that God's love, mercy and grace is freely given to all people who seek him in Christ Jesus. This indeed is Good News! The Church (Gentiles and Jews) is the instrument of God to make know this Good News to all peoples.

Last week we saw that God inserted himself into human history in the form of the Christ child and this Good News was first revealed to the poor and marginalized, the shepherds. This weeks lessons show us the Magi, thought to be Persian priests (Zorastrians?), who have seen, perhaps, the Dog Star, Sirius, arise in the morning during the Egyptian month of Mesori (which) means birth of a prince). These powerful figures journey toward Jerusalem in search of the child born King of the Jews. They eventually arrive at the house of Mary to give their gifts to the Christ child. Traditionally the gift of gold was suitable for a king; the gift of frankincense was suitable for a priest; and, the gift of myrrh was an offering for one who was to die. Discover from this that Jesus is Lord of the poor and marginalized as well as the rich and powerful.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to discover the Christ child in your life.

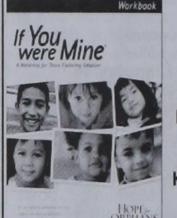




The picture is of the boys on the canyon hike: Steven Dettmer, Ruben Lopez, Zane Walls, Dawson Walls, Gus Gifford, Angel Ortiz, Carlos Hernandez, Tristan Ellsworth, Joe T Gifford, Nicolas Breeden, Carter Burgin

**BSA Troup 551 Camps** at Palo Duro Lake

Troop 551 camped at Palo Duro Lake on Friday, November 16th and until noon Saturday, November 17th. The campers on their first camp out were Carlos Hernandez, Angel Ortiz, Nicolas Breeden, Carter Burgin, Tristan Ellsworth, Steven Dettmer, Ruben Lopez, and Dawson Walls. The experienced Scouts attending were Clay Jackson, David Jackson, Corbin Hughes, Daniel Jarvis, and Trenton Baird. Webelos Scouts in attendance were Gus Gifford, and Charles Pearson. Adult leaders attending were Britt Jarvis, Troop 551 Scoutmaster, Tal Jackson, Troop 551, Linda Jarvis, Pack 578 Cubmaster, Justin Gifford, Pack 578, Doug Wall, Pack 578, and guests Joe T. Gifford and Zane Wall. The Scouts set up camp, cooked their meal, and had a camp fire on Friday evening. Saturday morning, the Scouts cooked their meal, packed up and then worked on the tenderfoot physical fitness base lines. Then, Tal and Justin took the Scouts and visitors through a canyon close to the campground. The Scouts saw two white-tailed bucks. Two coyotes were trying to sneak up on the deer. The deer saw the coyotes and ran. The coyotes chased them and then the deer out ran them. The coyotes stopped and trotted back to the canyons.



#### Adoption Seminar

\*Sat., January 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \*First Baptist Church Activity Building, 415 S Baylor, Perryton \*Please RSVP by January 10 to Karmyn Heckart 806-435-6942 \*Breakfast & Lunch Provided

If You Were Mine Workshop has encouraged thousands of families nationwide to investigate adoption from a biblical and practical perspective. If You Were Mine includes live workshop footage, interviews, video vignettes, and written materials. We will introduce you to God's heart for the orphan and adoption! Through DVD sessions, we will comprehensively explain and help prepare you for adoption. Steven Curtis Chapman says, "This is an outstanding workshop for any couple considering adoption

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"There is a workbook that accompanies the DVD's in the If you were Mine Workshop. It will help you make wise, loving decisions and have healthy expectations about adoption.

This comprehensive resource explores the following topics:

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What to expect when your child comes home

Gary Blake, a native of Brownwood Texas and owner of Creative Solutions in Healthcare, and all of his team are proud to become a part of the Borger community with the building of a short and long term care

Creative Solutions, a healthcare leader in Texas, is bringing to Borger their medical and caring expertise with the building of this new home. This state-of-theart healthcare facility, named Caprock Nursing & Rehabilitation, will be a part of a family of healthcare

facilities that have a strong presence in the Panhandle as well as in throughout the great state of Texas. The new home will offer services such as Rehab to Home, in which you or your family member can come in, stay in a private room, receive any or all of the three therapy services offered for your need and go home. They offer physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

Caprock Nursing & Rehabilitation will offer Rehab to Go, an outpatient therapy program for those who do not need an in-house stay, but still need the expertise of therapy services.

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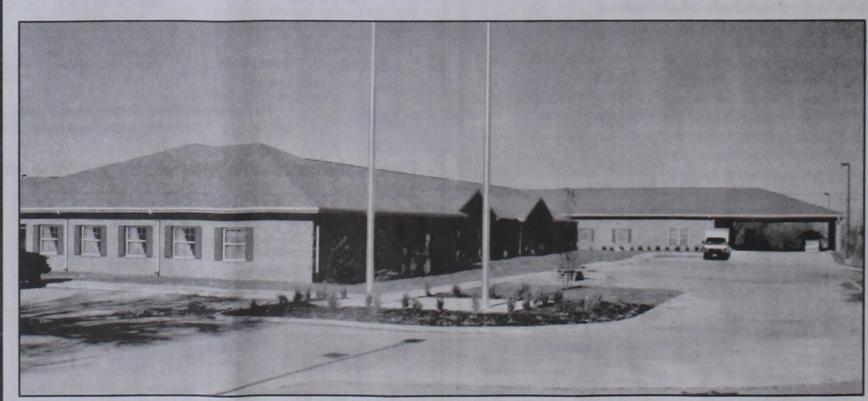
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#### OCAL NEWS

JUANITA MARIE RICHERSON LOGSDON GRUVER - Juanita Marie Richerson Logsdon, 89, died Saturday, December 29, 2012 at BSA Hospital, Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services were at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at Gruver United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Chappell, pastor, officiating. Private burial was prior to the memorial services at the Gruver Ceme-

Juanita Marie Richerson was born April 26, 1923 in Bard, New Mexico to Leroy and Gleetha Marie Starkey Richerson. Her father worked for Rock Island Railroad and the family then moved to Vega, Texas.

In 1931, at the age of 8, Juanita and family moved to Hitchland, Texas. During the few years the Richerson family was in Hitchland, Juanita met the young neighbor boy, Bill Mack Logsdon. Obviously, they were friends for life. The Richersons then moved to Hardesty in 1933, where Juanita attended school and graduated from Hardesty High School. She then attended Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Juanita married that young Bill Logsdon from Hitchland. They were united in marriage on June 9, 1942 in Guymon, Oklahoma. During their 70 years of marriage, the Logsdons lived in Guymon for a year, made their home near the farm in Hitchland from 1943-1973 and then moved to Gruver.

In Gruver, Juanita was an active member of the United Methodist Church, the Gruver Federated Music Club, Gruver Order of Eastern Star #973 and the Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club.

Juanita, known to all as "Gamie", enjoyed serving her church in many ways. For many years, she was a member of the choir's alto section, United Methodist Women, countless committees, and the Children's Ministries. Bill Rylee Bagwell of Claude; great-grandchildren Scout At- Church. and Juanita enjoyed many years traveling and golfing. Juanita loved to play bridge, and most mornings would find her having coffee with her dear friends. Her needlepoint Christmas stockings will remain a cherished heirgrandchildren.

Bob Richerson and Sonny Richerson, a sister, Norma Richerson Mann and her husband, Bill Logsdon who passed away in July, 2012.

Kathy of Gruver; daughter, Judith Logsdon of Houston; grandchildren, Shelly Cotter and husband Chuck of Plano; Chad Logsdon and wife, Julie of Gruver; Tracy Mulady and husband Pat of Allen; Heather Houston and husband David of Houston; great grandchildren, Zach, Alex and Cole Logsdon; Kyle, Avery and Paige Cotter; Ryan and Maggie Mulady; Hart and Holden Houston. Visitation was at on Tuesday evening, January 1st, 5-

7:00 p.m. at the Gruver United Methodist Church. Memorials may be given the Gruver United Methodist Church, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73042. Friends may sign the online guestbook and send condolences at www.hensonnovak.com.

#### ROBERT RALPH WOOD

GLADSTONE, N.M. – Robert Ralph Wood, 48, of Gladstone died Monday, Dec. 17, 2012.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 22, 2012 in Don R. Wood Auditorium in Clayton. Burial followed at 3:30 p.m. in Springer Cemetery in Springer. Arrangements were by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton.

Mr. Wood was born Jan. 18, 1964, and was adopted by Ralph and Goldie Wood of Gladstone. He worked as a welder, machinist and truck driver in Dalhart, Texas; Gruver, Texas; Clayton; Roy; and Springer.

Survivors include his ex-wife, Susan Wood of Dalhart; a daughter, Shelby of Dalhart; his mother, Goldie Wood of Huntsville, AR; two sisters, Vi Ferran of White Rock and Leslie Thomas of Ellijay, GA; and a brother, Walter Wood of Woodbridge, VA.

The family suggests memorials be to Gladstone Mercantile Fund, Gladstone Mercantile, 4618 Springer Highway, Gladstone, NM 88422.

Sign the online guest book at www.hassfuneralhome.com.

NELL DEAN BAGWELL

GRUVER - Nell Dean Knight Bagwell, 77, of Gruver died Friday, December 21, 2012.

Services were held Thursday, December 27th at 2 p.m. cember 26th from 3-6 p.m.

Nell Dean was born August 7, 1935 in Groom to John Richard Cornell Knight and Ruth Alberta Barton Knight. Crisanta Garza. Maria married Fernando C. Corrales on She married Leon Bagwell July 9, 1954 in Tucumcari. May 15, 1970, in Mexico. They lived in Gruver for 47 years and Nell Dean was a pillar of her community, church, and her family.

Nell Dean was the first to lend a hand and to offer a nine great-grandchildren. prayer, as well as the first in line to cheer for the Dallas Cowboys and to play games with her children and grand- home.org. children. She was a masterful homemaker and cook—her community and her family are going to miss her timeperfected recipes and her joyous heart. We are all better off for her having been in our lives.

Nell Dean is survived by her husband, Leon Bagwell of Gruver; sister Doris Slocum of Amarillo; two daughters Toni and her husband Phil Atwood of Gruver and Terri and her husband Lynn Newsom of Perryton; son Toby and his wife Kristi Bagwell of Claude; grandson Ryon and his wife Alexis Atwood of Hale Center; granddaughters Randi and her husband DJ Warrick of Canyon, Kaki and her husband Kyle Nicotre of College Station, Berkley and her husband Daniel Beluska of Dallas, and work. Mr. Kelp was a member of Fellowship Baptist wood, Logan Warrick, and Nellie Bell Nicotre; and three nephews Larry Lamberson of Amarillo, George Slocum Kim. of Amarillo, and Dale Steinkirchner of Pennsylvania.

loom for all her children, grandchildren and great Gruver United Methodist Church at 506 Broadway Funeral Directors, Guymon, Oklahoma. Friends may 11 great-nieces and great-nephews. Survivors include her son, Billy Logsdon and wife sign the online guest book and send condolences at www.hensonnovak.com.

MARIE JUNE O'LOUGHLIN

SPEARMAN — Marie June O'Loughlin, 90, of Spearman died Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Services were at 10 a.m. December 20, 2012 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Gregory Bunyan officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

June was born June 24, 1922, in Chicago. She married Robert O'Loughlin on May 25, 1946, in Chicago. She was an active member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and in her community. She donated to many charities and causes and sponsored the June O's Little League Baseball Team in 2010. She was a homemaker and well-loved.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2000. Survivors include a son, John P. O'Loughlin of Berthoud, CO; a daughter, Mary O. Wiemann of Santa Barbara, CA; two sisters, Teresa Stark of Rancho Mirage, CA, and Peg Trautner of Kingwood; a granddaughter, Molly Ludwig of Valley Glen, CA; four grandsons, John Wiemann of Dayton, OH, Patrick O'Loughlin of Long Beach, CA, Rory O'Loughlin of Carrollton and Kyle O'Loughlin of Longmont, CO; and two great-grandsons, William Ludwig and Jackson Ludwig, both of Valley

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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MARIA DE LA LUZ CORRALES

HART — Maria De La Luz Corrales, 73, of Hart died Thursday, December 20, 2012.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, December 24, 2012 in the Gruver United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve in First Baptist Church in Hart with Pedro Gonzales and Chappell, pastor, officiating. A public viewing was held Benancio Padilla officiating. Burial was in Hart Cemein the Gruver United Methodist Church Parlor on De- tery. Arrangements were by Colonial Funeral Home of

Mrs. Corrales was born Oct. 13, 1939, to Justo and

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Juan Corrales of Eden, NC, and Pedro Corrales of Hart; nine daughters, Nell Dean was a dedicated member of the United Elva Flores of Olton, Socorro Robledo of Hart, Santos Methodist Church and of their Methodist Women's Maldonado of Dimmitt, Lupe Corrales of Plainview, Fe-Group. Nell Dean also worked for many years at the Ap- licitas O'Bryant of Shidler, OK, Martina Miller of Spearpraisal District in Spearman and the hardware store in man, Trinidad Esquivel of Olton, Barbara Corrales of Gruver. She was an exceptional mother to her two daugh- Hereford and Adriana Corrales of Clovis, NM; her ters and one son, grandmother to five grandchildren, and mother, Crisanta Salinas Garza of Mexico; two brothers, great-grandmother to three great-grandchildren. Nell Ramon Garza of Mexico and German Garza of Houston; Dean will be remembered as a woman of spirit and also four sisters, Teresa Garza, Ofelia Garza, Rafaela Garza kindness, spark and also love, sharp wit and also faith. and Felipa Garza, all of Mexico; 27 grandchildren; and

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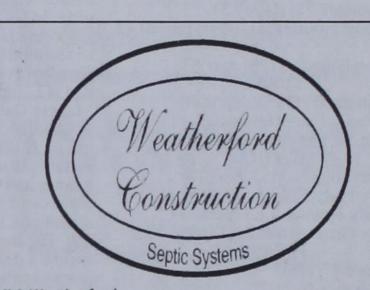
SPEARMAN — Keith O'Brien Kelp, 55, of Spearman died Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Graveside services were at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 23,2012 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Phillip Hudson officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Inc. of Spearman.

Mr. Kelp was born Nov. 1, 1957, in Salt Lake City. He was a heavy equipment operator and was dedicated to his

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother,

Survivors include his mother, June Kelp of Spearman; Donations in Nell Dean's memory can be made to the a sister, Katrina Thomas of Elk City, OK; three nephews, Khris Kelp and wife Melodie of Spearman, Korey Street, Gruver TX 79040 and Hansford Hospice at 707 Thomas and wife Melissa of Altus, OK, and Clint She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, South Roland, Spearman, TX 79081. Flowers in her Thomas and wife Derylin of Weatherford, OK; two memory may also be sent to the Gruver United Methodist nieces, Kiki Connelly and husband James of Spearman Church. Services are under the care of Henson-Novak and Carie Canon and husband Billy of Elk City, OK; and

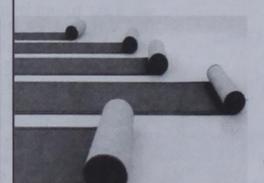


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22 West Texas 5

S—Kayla Walker 25, hannah Patterson 6, Jennier Crowl 6. WT—Cheyenne Tull 10, Erin Summers 8. Records: Wext Texas 7-8.

JV Lynxettes 59, West Texas 19. 7th Grade Lynx 34, Highland Park 6 8th Grade Lynx A 58, Highland Park 20 8th Grade Lynx B 21, Highland Park 14 12/11/12

JV Lynx 31, Liberal 76 Varsity Lynxettes 40, Liberal 35 JV Lynxettes 13, Liberal 34

12/13/12 JV Lady Hounds 14, Lynx 25 JV Greyhounds 52, Lynx 14 Greyhounds 48, Lynx 21 Lady Hounds 9 17 27 37 Lynxettes 9 16 21 26

G-Beasley 13, Haynes 11. S-Hannah Patterson 10, Kyla Walker 6. Records: Spearman 6-6.

12/17/12 7th Grade A 47, Fritch 25 7th Grade B 12, Fritch 15 8th Grade A 52, Fritch 29 8th Grade B 29, Fritch 14 12/20/12 Panhandle 12 23 34 47

Lynxettes 17 24 34 50 P-Chavez 18, Neely 6. S-Kyla Walker 21, Mabry Sutterfield 11. Records: Spearman 7-6.

#### Gruver Basketball **North Plains Tournament** 12/6/12

Lady Hounds 39, River Road 13 Greyhounds 38, Happy 31 JV Lady Hounds 21, Perryton 20 (2)

JV Greyhounds 37, Borger 62 12/8/12 Panhandle 51, Greyhounds 46 Claude 37, Lady Hounds 32 Claude 51, Greyhounds 48 12/11/12

JV Greyhounds 31, Liberal 76 Varsity Lady Hounds 40, Liberal 35 JV Lady Hounds 13, Liberal 34 Varsity Greyhounds 24, Liberal 53 12/14/12 Gruver 9 17 27 37

Spearman 9 16 21 26 G-Beasley 13, Haynes 11. S-Hannah Patterson 10, Kyla Walker 6. Records: Spearman 6-6.

Greyhounds 48, Lynx 21 JV Lady Hounds 14, JV Lynxettes 25 JV Greyhounds 52, JV Lynx 14 12/20/12 JV Lady Hounds 25, Hooker 20

JV Greyhounds 36, Hooker 41 Greyhounds 36, Hooker 52 Hooker, Okla. 6 14 22 30 37 Lady Hounds 4 12 18 30 34

H-K. Cayheart 16, J. Cayheart 9. G-Spivey 10, Haynes 10. Records: Hooker 7-2, Gruver 8-7.

#### **Gruver Holiday Classic** 12/27/12 First round

Lady Hounds 13 24 37 53 River Road 4 7 13 17 G-B. Seagler 19, R. Haynes 16. RR-England 6, McMurry 5. Darrouzett 6 12 19 32

Greyhounds 13 28 41 62 D-Bentley 14, Zepeda 5. G-Williams 13, Haight 11. Second round

Lady Hounds 7 24 30 39 Texline 4 13 17 25 G—Seagler 14, Spivey 9. T—Horner 8, Martinez 7.

Greyhounds 17 37 49 58 White Deer 8 20 33 44 G-Irwin 16, Blankenship 16. WD-McAnelly 16, Grange 13. 12/28/12

Semifinals Lady Hounds 11 36 30 33 Dalhart 12

G—Haynes 16, Beasley 15. D—Quint

Winners Bracket Texline 18 63

Greyhounds 13 21 T-Gutierrez 37, Helms 11. G-Williams 18, Irwin 16.

12/29/12 Greyhounds 43, San Jacinto 74 Lady Hounds 29, Hartley 38

Lady Hound Basketball by Coach Trent Lankford

LHB traveled to the Miami Tournament this past weekend and came home with 2nd place falling to the Fritch Lady Eagles in the championship game. The first round game was against Wheeler and the Lady Hounds pulled out a 46-40 OT victory. Leading the way was Reagan Haynes with 18 points and several outstanding defensive plays. Nikki Beasley scored 10 as well and Brenny Seagler had 9. In the second round, LHB played the Hedly Lady Owls. Lady Hounds were victorious by a margin of 39-20. Defensively, the girls played very well but sputtered on offense. Nikki Beasley led LHB in scoring with 10 while Lariat Larner came off the bench to score 6. Reagan Haynes also had 6. In the semifinals, LHB squared off against the host team, Miami. Jumping out to an early lead, playing good hard nosed defense and scoring out of the offense, LHB took control of the game by halftime. In the second half, Miami continued to chip away at the lead and forced OT, the second overtime game of the tournament for the girls. In OT, the girls went 7-10 from the stripe and played some very good defense to secure the victory. In this game, Nikki Beasley poured in 18, Reagan Haynes had 12 and Hadlee Spivey added 10. Maggie Gaspar played very defensively in slowing down a very good guard. Now on to the championship game versus Fritch. It was all tied up after the first quarter and LHB was doing very well. In the second quarter, Fritch was able to get a lead and head into halftime ahead 21-16. The Lady Hounds had a strong third quarter defensively, allowing only 3 points while scoring 7 to cut the lead to 1 heading into the fourth quarter. Unable to make a run when needed, Fritch outscored the Lady Hounds by 7 to finish the game in front by the score of 38-30. Nikki Beasley led LHB in scoring with 12 and Brenny Seagler had 10. Overall, I was very proud of the girls and their efforts and growth during the tournament. Every game is a chance for us to take steps forward and I feel as if we are doing that. With continued focus and efforts, we will continue to see progress in the upcoming weeks. See you at the games!

This past weekend LHB attended the North Plains Tournament in Claude. Their first round matchup was with the Lady Wildcats of River Road. Playing some very good defense, the Lady Hounds started slow offensively, but did not allow River Road to score in the first quarter, finishing the quarter ahead 7-0. In the second and third quarters, the girls played some tremendous defense which allowed LHB to get some easy baskets and extend the lead to 32-6 at the end of three quarters. The game ended with the score 39-13 and LHB moving on to the semi's of the tournament against the Claude Lady Mustangs. Offensively, the scoring was spread out as Nikki Beasely had 10, Brennyn Seagler and Hadlee Spivey followed

Landry Davis each had 4. Bailey Stedje chipped in with 3. On defense, Reagan had another solid game, forcing several turnovers, and being a thorn in the side of whomever she was guarding.

Next up, Claude, tournament hosts, and a good basketball team. LHB found themselves down early, falling behind 15-7 at the end of the first quarter. We had some defensive breakdowns early, which allowed some uncontested shots. Nonetheless, LHB battled back in the second, outscoring Claude 9-6 to cut the deficit to 21-16 at halftime. Coming out of the half, the Lady Hounds were able to cut the lead to 3 but could never get the offensive possession needed to continue to put pressure on the Lady Mustangs. Defensively, the Lady Hounds played well enough to win but offensively we missed opportunities to put points on the board. Too many turnovers and missed shots in the second half is not conducive to producing a win, therefore, the we came up short, 37-32. Brennyn Seagler had 10 as did Hadlee Spivey to lead LHB in scoring. We did not shoot the ball well from long range, going 1 of 10 from three point range. We did get 10 steals, but hurt ourselves with 19 turnovers.

In the consolation game versus Silverton, the game was a struggle throughout. LHB never found their stride offensively or defensively. Nevertheless, we were able to pull out the victory 33-28 over a good Silverton team. Reagan Haynes led in scoring with 12, hitting a big three late in the game. Brennyn Seagler scored 10

to help the team as well. Overall, I am pleased with the girls progress. Defensively, we are doing lots of good things: being aggressive, forcing turnovers, contesting shots, and getting better at midline defense. Offensively, we have to the capabilities to score more than we are but need to shoot the ball better. The girls are working hard everyday. When you see these young ladies, pat them on the back as they are improving and are just awesome young people.

We travel to Liberal, KS today, then travel to Spearman Friday. We head into the break after playing Hooker, OK at home on December 20. See you at the

Last night, LHB took on Liberal in Liberal. We got off to a slow start both offensively and defensively and found ourselves down 15-7 at the end of the first. Liberal was getting to many chances at the basket from in the paint via offensive rebounds. That lead to us not be able to get out on the fastbreak. In our halfcourt offense, we missed open looks and just never seemed to settle down. Liberal continued to get some easy baskets in the second, extending the lead to 24-11 with about 3 minutes left in the half. We finished the first half down 24-15. The second half was different story. Defensively we held the to 11 total points, we able to get out on some fastbreaks, and clawed our way back into the game. Bailey Stedje provided a spark both offensively and defensively in the second half. She crashed the offensive glass and was able to come up with a few rebounds. Her effort was tremendous. While the girls were playing very good defense, the offense came alive. Reagan Haynes hit two three's in the second half and was 3 of 4 from the foul line in the fourth quarter. Nikki Beasely led in scoring with 12 followed by Reagan with 11, and Brennyn Seagler had 10. Brennyn played some good defense vs a 6'2 post. We outrebounded them 31-21. Very proud of the team as we battled back from an early deficit and showed some moxy, growth and maturity in not giving up. Play over at Spearman

Friday night. See you at the games! LHB took on Hansford County rival Spearman last Friday in Spearman and came away with an excellent victory over the Lynxettes. The game went back and forth the first period, neither team being able to seize control but both battling on both ends. At the end of the first, it was

knotted up 9-9. The 2nd quarter provided the same back and forth game. We were able to outscore them 8-7 to take a 17-16 halftime lead. Reagan Haynes scored 7 in the first half while Brennyn Seagler had several deflected passes and a couple of steals. After a couple of halftime adjustments, the girls came out and controlled the third quarter on the defensive end. We were able to put up 10 points while holding them to 5. Going into the final quarter, the score was 27-21. The defense was solid in the fourth quarter again holding Spearman to 5 points while we were able to score 8, all from the foul line. Nikki Beasely led in scoring with 13, scoring points in every quarter and going 5 of 6 from the foul line in the 4th quarter. Reagan Haynes had 9 points and 6 steals. Brennyn (5 steals) and Hadlee Spivey had very good defensive games. Hadlee held their leading scorer to 6 points. The girls held them to 32% shooting for the game. I am very proud of all of these young ladies. They are working hard everyday to get better. We host Hooker, OK on Thursday in what should be a great game to come out and watch then we will go on Christmas break till the 27th. The Gruver Holiday Classic presented by SportsZone begins then with some really quality girls and boys opponents coming to play. Looking forward to a great tournament and hope to see you at the games!

JV Lady Hounds by Coach Bekah Morrison

The Lady Hounds JV team recently competed in two tournaments, the Red and Black Classic in Gruver and the Spearman JV Tournament. At the Red and Black Classic, the Lady Hounds finished pool play with a record of 2-0 with wins over Sunray and White Deer. They moved into bracket play as the top team from their pool and dropped a close game by 3 points to Claude in the first game of the bracket. They then moved into the 3rd place game, where they faced White Deer once again. This game was much closer and resulted in a double overtime win for the Lady Hounds and a 3rd place finish in the Red and Black Classic. The next weekend, the JV Lady Hounds traveled to Spearman and started the tournament with another exciting game and picked up another win in double overtime against the Perryton 9th team. The Lady Hounds then faced Stratford in the semi finals and found themselves in a tough battle and came up short by 1 point. The Lady Hounds then moved on to face a good Perryton JV team in the 3rd place game, they fought hard but had trouble getting the ball in the basket. The Lady Hounds finished 4th at the Spearman JV Tournament. These young ladies continue to improve each and every game and we look forward to the rest of the season. Please come out to Spearman on Friday night to support the Hounds and Lady Hounds in the Hansford County battle.

JH Lady Hounds by Coach Tori Skarke Both the Junior High 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams have been fighting hard and playing extremely well so far this season! We have been putting in many hours of work since August and it has paid off. Both teams hold a winning record halfway through the season and have lost only one game with records of 4-1. Leading scorer for the 7th grade is Klaire Irwin and Christina Ayala leads the 8th grade in scoring.



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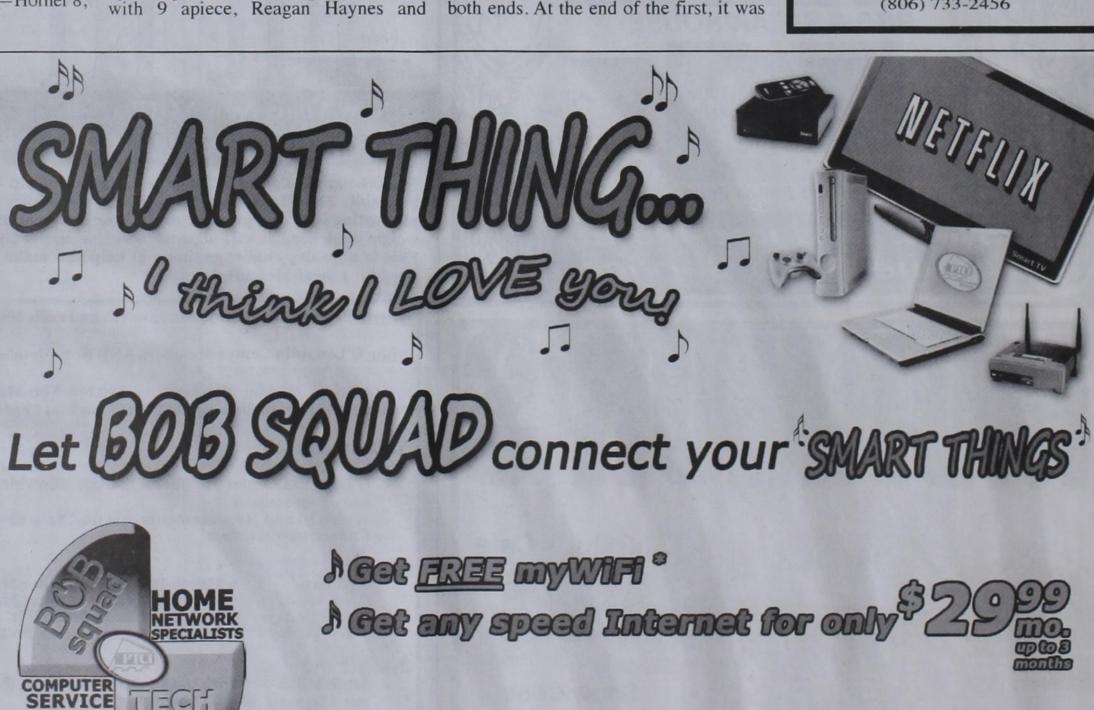
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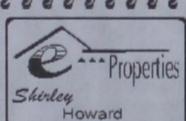
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# Chamber & Economic **Development News**

by Tex Kopke, Spearman Chamber of Commerce Director

Thanks to all who decorated their homes, windmills and businesses for Christmas this year! Winners in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest for the these three mentioned groups were: Best home decoration -103 S. Barkley - home of Irene Snider. Best decorated windmill - 701 Wilmeth Dr - home of Roger, Kellye & Brenlye Buchanan. Best decorated Hansford business -County Courthouse.

The prize for best decorated home was a one hour tour of Christmas lights by limousine. The best decorated windmill prize was a \$50 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate good at any local business and the prize for best decorated business was \$50 from the Chamber donated in their name to the Empty Stocking Fund for the Manor/Hospice and \$50 worth of baked goodies from Debbie's bakery at AB-Normal Sweets and Antiques. There were so many great decorations it is ashamed that everyone couldn't win but just know that everyone in town appreciates your efforts even if you didn't win a prize and you can do it up bigger next year and have another chance to win again. Also just to keep myself out of hot water remember that I don't have a vote.

Once again we at the Chamber want to thank all the latest businesses and individuals that have renewed their Chamber memberships for the new year. Thanks to: the Carl Weiss Family, C.O.'s Supply, R&R R. V. Park, Willis Boyd Dirt Service, John Hutchison Law Office, Britt Jarvis Law Office, Golden Spread Sales Co., Hansford County Hospital District, Farm Supply & Service, Hansford Insurance Agency, Lusby Cats, Panhandle Anchors, Joey & Lyn Woolley Ventures, Don Maize, Irvin Davis family, Adobe Walls Gin, M&D Aerial, J&S Signs, Witt Flooring of Borger, R.L. McClellan, Lasater & Co., Green Country Equipment, Brown, Graham & Co., S.W. Pioneer Windmill Assoc., Spearman Rotary Club, Cargill Inc. & others not yet processed that will be mentioned in the future.

If you have not done so yet please consider supporting your Chamber by joining this year. Individual memberships only cost \$40 and business memberships are determined by the number of employees and start at only \$115 for the year. Call Tex at 806-659-5555 for further information. Individuals can simply send a check for \$40 made out to the Spearman Chamber of Commerce to PO Box 161,

Spearman, TX 79081. We to look forward to. Your would love to add your Chamber of Commerce name to the list of honored has booked a carnival to supporting members.

And now for something

come to town this summer! Have a great new year!



Shown are the winners of the Alco Christmas coloring contest. Left to right - McCormick Cudd 3 to 5 age group and Adeline Salinas 6 to 10 age group. Each won a \$10 gift certificate from Alco.



Winner in the business category of the Chamber Christmas decorating contest was the Hansford County Courthouse



Best decorated home was 103 S Barkley. Home of Irene Snider.



Winners of the best decorated windmill in the Chamber Christmas decorating contest are shown left to right







Lake Level--December where they were fishing. 31, 2012--22.69 feet

the waterfowl have kept April 3, 2009. open. The water level tently, and the only activity seeing any bluebirds. seems to be a few people driving through the Park.

busy holiday season. on it. The previous record is as a keepsake. an official 33 pounds! Now Mrs. Bryant has e-mailed brothers.

Joey Sharp is the official

The Lake has been iced pound blue catfish caught at sign that read "House being over except for a few spots Lake Palo Duro on Friday, torn down. Take what you

Clara Cator's Bible

caught 10 nice size smaller 1879 to come from England longs. catfish, two that weighed to Texas to stay with her As I do not have any ad-10 and 12 pounds, and a brothers Bob and Jim Cator. dresses for Clara Cator's dewhopper that weighed 33 With her were her younger scendants, I sent Elaine the pounds. As they were on brother Bert and a compan- e-mail address of Patrice the north side of the Lake, ion, Jennie Ludlow. The Schneck at Borger. She is and they thought a bigger query was for the address of the daughter of Gwen Cator fish had been caught, they any of Clara's relatives who McLain and the granddidn't get an official weight might want the travel Bible daughter of Les Cator, one

Kent has an unofficial tie me back that her husband It is a nice little puzzle to with his blue cat. They were found the Bible between attempt to find how Clara's using shad for bait, and I 1963 and 1969 in Central little Bible wound up in won't reveal the sweet spot Point, Oregon near Med- Oregon.

ford, where her husband was a funeral director. The record holder with a 33 Bible was in a house with a want." Her husband could-Jim is now only seeing 2 n't resist the sign. As he gauge is working intermit- mature eagles, and he isn't went through a short stack of books, the inscription by Capt. John Bertie Cator, In the October 29, 2012, RN, in 1879 in the leather The big story of the last few column I wrote of a query I bound Bible caught his eye. weeks got overlooked in the had from Elaine Bryant So he took it to his wife who had Clara Cator's who has kept it all these Charles Laxton reported Bible. Clara had been given years. Now that she has that his fishing buddy Kent the Bible by her father as more time, she is trying to Ruble on December 6 had she prepared for the trip in find the home where it be-

of the original four Cator

# Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser – Operation Christmas Greeting. Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and have their greeting published in this paper. The money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting Chairman Judy Nelson, 130 Nelson Road, Spearman, Texas 79081. Checks should be made to Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and marked Operation Christmas Greeting. Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser.



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