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## Merry CHRISTMAS 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.

If you would like to participate in this holiday greeting, please mail your donation 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.

## SHS Presents *Belongings*



The Spearman Drama Department will present *Belongings* by Daniel Fenton on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Admittance will be by donation at the door.

Synopsis of Play:

Three generations of women find themselves at a crossroads following the death of the family's matriarch. Reeling from the loss of her grandmother, 14-year-old Katy is determined to keep her grandmother's spirit alive and



promises that her home and belongings will remain intact. The promise flies in the face of her family's plans for an estate sale and draws the battle lines between Katy and her mother, aunt and great-aunt.

The family's failure to confront the issues of death and grief create a storm of pent-up emotion on estate sale day.

Overnight, Katy and her sister Jimmie call an all-out war - reversing preparations for the sale and moving everything back into the house. Katy's battle hits its peak with a "house-jacking" as Katy and Jimmie barricade themselves inside Grandma's house with threats to stay unless the sale is called off.

Then Aunt Ella steps in ...

## Winter Storm Preparedness and Planning

Hard freezes and icy conditions can strike suddenly and with little warning. That's why officials with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service urge Texans to prepare their cars and homes now for dangerous winter weather.

The following simple steps are recommended:

- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls to prevent them from freezing and bursting.

- Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition. Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water.

- If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks.

- Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers, tire pressure and fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing.

- Prepare an emergency supply kit for your car or truck, containing food, drinking water, blankets, rain gear, extra clothing, flashlights with extra batteries, jumper cables and a first aid kit.

- Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted.

- Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

- Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets and livestock.

- Monitor weather reports regularly for the latest information on storms and changes in weather conditions.

By winterizing your home and vehicle now, and paying careful attention to weather and road conditions, Texans can enjoy a safe winter. For more information, go to the following links:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/ThreatAwareness/winterstorm.htm>

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/winter1.shtml>

[http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/road\\_conditions.htm](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/road_conditions.htm)

## Davis Selected for Quilting Honor

The International Quilt Show was held in Houston, TX on November 2-6, 2011 at the George R. Brown Center. One of the projects at the convention was "Save Our Quilt Stories," which was created as a grassroots effort to document, preserve, and share today's quilt making history as it happens. Sixty-three quilters from Texas were chosen to be interviewed and their interviews will be in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Gerry Davis of Gruver was one of the quilters that was interviewed. She

brought with her to Houston one of her crazy quilts and explained what quilts and quilting meant to her. The quilt is filled with mementos from the past, buttons from family heirlooms, tatted done by her mother-in-law, and pictures of her granddaughter for whom the quilt was made.

Gerry was also honored with a request for one of her quilts to be published in a book on Texas quilts. The book is titled "Lone Star II" and is a book that shows the creativity that has transformed quilting over the last quarter century in Texas. Her quilt will travel

the USA for the next fourteen months to various museums and quilt shows.

Gerry's quilts have won many awards at quilt shows including 3rd place in a national show in Paducah, KY, honorable mention at an international show in Houston, the quilting award at the quilt show in Dallas and many more honors in towns in the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma.

Gerry spends a lot of her time quilting and her late husband, C.A. Davis, used to say that he learned to cook when she learned to quilt.

## Hospice Lights of Love

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Hansford Manor/Hospital

Refreshments and Entertainment will be provided.

## Letters to Santa

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will print Letters to Santa from children in Hansford County in our annual Christmas edition, which will be published on December 22nd.

Letters may be mailed to: Santa Letter, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or dropped by the Reporter-Statesman office. Office hours are Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-12 noon and Mon.-Wed., 1-5 p.m. (There is a drop-slot located in the window to the right of the door.) Letters may also be dropped off at the new home of the Reporter-Statesman, 310 Barkley Street, Spearman.

In order for your letter to appear in the Christmas issue, it must be at the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline may not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)

## COME TO THE GAME

### Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

12/1-12/3 VB @ Nazareth Tourney  
12/1-12/3 JVG, JVB @ Gruver JV Tourney  
12/2-12/3 VG @ Kids Inc. Tourney, Canyon  
12/5 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) at River Road  
12/5 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) vs River Road  
12/6 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Canadian  
12/8-12/10 VB @ Ft. Elliott Tourney  
12/8-12/10 JVB @ Borger JV Tourney  
12/8-12/10 JVG @ Spearman JV Girls Tourney  
12/13 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs West Texas  
12/16 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) at Gruver  
12/28-12/30 VB @ Caprock Tourney

### Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

12/1-12/3 VG, VB @ River Road Tourney  
12/1-12/3 JVG, JVB @ Gruver JV Tourney  
12/5 7B (5), 7G (6), 8G (5), 8B (6) vs Canadian  
12/6 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Beaver  
12/8-12/10 VG, VB @ Claude Tournament  
12/8-12/10 JVG @ Spearman JV Girls Tourney  
12/8-12/10 JVB @ River Road JV Boys Tourney  
12/12 7B (5), 7G (6), 8G (5), 8B (6) @ Stratford  
12/13 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Liberal, KS  
12/16 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Spearman  
12/28-12/30 VG, VB @ Gruver Holiday Tourney

## Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly cloudy. Windy. Much colder. Highs around 40. North winds 20 to 30 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 19. North winds 15 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph in the morning becoming light and variable.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s.

SATURDAY - Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Decreasing clouds. Lows around 18.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 19.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 30s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 20.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-spearman-texas.html#ixzz1fCZo65CO>

## Deadline Notice!

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

The deadline for the December 22nd and December 29th issues will be Friday, December 16th at 12 noon.

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), or e-mail (reporter@spearman-reporter.com).

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, 806-584-4879, or reporter@spearman-reporter.com

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# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott  
Museum Happenings

The weather is just glorious and it is hard to stay indoors until I step outside and the temperature doesn't match the sunshine and clear skies. I hope you are enjoying the holidays and getting ready for the Christmas season. If you are going shopping in the Big Cities be careful. I am going to stay locally and shop.

This is the last column of the year. We closed Wednesday for the month of December. However remember you can call me at 806-862-5100, Lovella at 852-4302, or LaVaun at 862-5171 if you have guests that would like to visit the museum. One of us will be available. Enjoy your holidays.

The museum wishes each one of you the best for the new year. We appreciate your support in our organi-

zation and hope that we can continue to serve the county in preserving our history. We are looking forward to the new year and hope this is the year we can complete our building program.

### Historical Musings

Here is some more rail in the Lipscomb County News, November 23, 1961. It was reported that Mrs. Alfred Wolf passed over Higgins, Sunday night about 11:15 in her balloon. She was on her way to setting a new world women's endurance record. Mrs. Wolfe had left Big Springs, TX Sunday morning and landed Monday afternoon at Boling, OK. She had been up over 40 hours to set a new record.

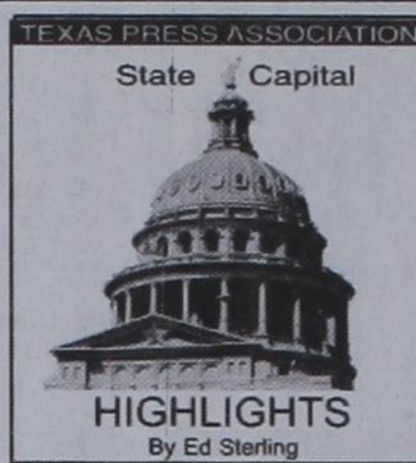
At the time she crossed Higgins, the balloon was about 300 feet off the ground. Lipscomb County Sheriff Bill Fitzgerald and Deputy Earl Mead talked to

Mrs. Wolfe. She reported that she was fine. The exchange of greetings took place north of Higgins over a farm road. The balloon was traveling about 18 miles per hour at that time according to the estimate of one observer.

Her trip drew a crowd of law enforcement which included the Oklahoma highway patrol, Ellis County Sheriff Ruben Weidner, Deputy Fred Barnes, Billy Denson, publisher of the Ellis County Capital, Sam Barton, Ellis City judge, Denny Carmichael and Walt Montgomery of Higgins and Don Litchfield of Canadian.

I am unable to find any documentation that she did set a record. If you have information on her flight. Let us know.

We have a great history, interesting people, great events, and a great future. See you in the new year.



# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

## Courts figure heavily in Texas redistricting battle

AUSTIN — Texas' redistricting maps that employ data from the 2010 U.S. Census are now under the scrutiny of a three-judge federal district court panel in San Antonio.

Passed by the Texas Legislature in May, the maps failed to receive preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice. The U.S. Supreme Court then gave the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, the job of redrawing the state Senate, state House and congressional district boundaries in accordance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Critics of the proposed maps claim lines drawn by the Republican-dominated state Legislature dilute the voting power of communities of interest in several areas of the state.

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, issued a statement on Nov. 22, asking the federal judges who drew a preliminary set of lines earlier this month, "to take into account the will of the people of Texas as expressed by their elected representatives."

Straus went on to say, "If the final order of the court is not substantially closer to the plan we passed, I will urge (Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott) to seek an immediate stay from the U.S. Supreme Court so that several issues under the Voting Rights Act can be clarified before the federal judges impose their new map on Texas voters for the 2012 elections."

On Nov. 27, Abbott filed emergency stays with the U.S. Supreme Court, challenging the House and Senate redistricting maps drawn by the three-judge panel.

Texas Legislative Council on Nov. 23 posted the panel's proposed sets of lines at <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.html>.

### Input received on DNA issues

A Nov. 22 interim hearing of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence focused on DNA testing, a subject drawn to the fore after the recent exoneration of an Austin-area man after he served 25 years in prison on a murder sentence.

Under the direction of Chairman Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, the committee heard invited testimony.

Topics of discussion included testing technology, the integrity of evidence testing, testing centers and crime labs, the practicality of not destroying but retaining and storing evidence, and the cost of testing.

Also discussed were wrongful convictions, exonerations, the death penalty and criminal laws, all of which may be affected by changing technology in DNA testing and the handling of DNA evidence.

Lawmaker pleads in felony State Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, has pleaded guilty to abuse of official capacity, a third-degree felony. First elected to the Texas House in 1992, Driver earlier said he would not run for reelection next November.

Driver's pleading was made public Nov. 22 by Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmburg, who said Driver is accused of converting more than \$20,000 of state travel reimbursement funds intended for his campaign office holder account by depositing those funds into his personal account.

Sentencing is set for Dec. 19 in an Austin state district court. Under Texas law, the Travis County district attorney's Public Integrity Unit is responsible for criminal investigations of state and federal officials.

Lehmburg recommended a sentence of five years deferred adjudication probation, a \$5,000 fine and that Driver perform any treatment and counseling as recommended by the

probation department.

### Rainwater harvesting: input sought

With all eyes trained on the drought, two House bills and one Senate bill passed earlier this year by the 82nd Texas Legislature require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to develop rules for the installation and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems.

If built, these would be hooked up to public drinking water supply systems.

Public input is part of the rulemaking process. Texans who are interested in an opportunity to provide informal comments to staff prior to the formal rulemaking process may attend a rule stakeholder meeting on Dec. 6 at the TCEQ headquarters in Austin. More information is available at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

### DPS gives holiday driving tips

In its Nov. 22 pre-Thanksgiving caution to motorists, the Texas Department of Public Safety urged drivers to:

- Minimize distractions. Don't text and drive and keep cell phone chatter to a minimum. Just drive.
- Don't travel fatigued. Switch drivers or find a safe location and take a break.
- Adjust speed for weather, traffic conditions and emergency vehicles.
- Don't drink and drive; designate a driver.
- Make sure everyone in the car is buckled up.
- Drive courteously.

## Pringle-Morse CISD Joins Lawsuit to Challenge Texas School Finance System

Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD is joining a group of other revenue-contributing school districts in a lawsuit against the state of Texas.

Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD is a part of the Texas School Coalition. The TSC Board of Directors has endorsed Haynes and Boone as the law firm to represent the interests of revenue-contributing school districts. The Pringle-Morse CISD school board approved a letter of engagement and signed a unanimous resolution to engage Haynes and Boone and join the litigation effort against the State of Texas at its November 21, 2011 reg-

ularly called board meeting.

Less than six years ago, the Texas Supreme Court struck down the State school funding system. In November 2005, the Court found that the Texas Legislature had over-relied on local property taxes, left local school district without meaningful discretion over local tax rates, and was operating a state property tax in violation of the Texas Constitution. The Supreme Court also cautioned that the school funding system was on the verge of resulting in a constitutionally inadequate education system. Since that ruling by the Supreme Court six years ago, the legislature has

failed to address the school finance issue in a meaningful manner and Texas is once again operating under an unconstitutional funding system. Revenue added after the Supreme Court's ruling has been decimated by the most recent legislative cuts of over \$5 billion dollars and the business tax created to bring down local property taxes has failed to generate sufficient revenue to replace the lost property tax.

Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD is considered a Chapter 41 school district by the State of Texas and therefore contributes close to 50% of its local revenues to the state in recapture payments. This coupled together with a 6-10% decrease in state funding has created a financial crisis unlike schools have known in many years. The decrease in state funding is occurring as property values decline and day-to-day costs increase.

The legal case against the State will be based on two principles according to John Turner and Mark Trachtenburg, primary contacts at Haynes and Boone.

Adequacy: The state has raised expectations and requirements for school districts, which adds costs, while significantly decreasing its funding to those same districts. Even though the state is increasingly using local school district tax dollars, the total level of funding is inadequate to pay for the kind of quality educational program required by the state.

Local Discretion: Local school districts no longer have meaningful discretion to raise taxes for local enrichment programs.

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by GasBuddy.com  
**TexasGasPrices.com**  
Weekly Update

Texas, November 28- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 3.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.10/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.32/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 47.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 15.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 14.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 46.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average in the U.S. is at its lowest since February 25, but remains at record highs for this time of year," according to GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While the downtrend in gasoline prices has certainly been welcome news for motorists, I see the trend short lived, and believe we may see continued volatility in the days ahead, but even with said volatility I do expect many Americans will see average prices between \$3.25-\$3.50 for the rest of 2011," he added.

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

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- Fear-inspiring
- Husk of corn
- It has two doors
- "Boy \_\_\_ World"
- "He \_\_\_ and drank the precious Words..."
- Packers QB
- Lookout man
- \_\_\_ the Great, king of Persia
- Rolled grass
- Colored
- Socialist, abbr.
- \_\_\_ E. Coyote
- Silver in a cloud?
- Often done cold turkey
- Harsh, as in remark
- Oil tanker
- "Do \_\_\_ others as you would have them do..."
- \_\_\_ like a dark cloud
- Bog down
- Sour in taste
- Feed storage
- Don't forget to hit this button when done
- Ennui
- \*Done to a sparring partner

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- Taylor's actions
- Sound from rival of #28 Across
- Black and white treat
- Catcher's gear, pl.
- Bequeath
- Back seat
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# Happy Birthday!

**December 1**  
**Birthday** - Georgia Davidson, Robert Stayton, Peggy Archer, Debra Dennis, Peggy Ellsworth, Bill Martin, Brian Paul, Shane Vela, Eileen Wright, Sha Lynn Harris, Lynn Vela, Jennifer Neff, Graham Hartgraves

**December 2**  
**Birthday** - Audrey Beasley, Don Dillow, Paul Stavlo, Mike Close, Sharon Freeman, Kristin Dunniho, Ginger McClellan, Jana Price, James Terry, Amanda Gaines, Blare Title, Christi Cooper, Cecilia Favela, Frances & Jeffrey Davis, Kane Pittman

**December 3**  
**Birthday** - Shell Haynes, Bethany Harris, Lila (Mike) Hergert, Kevin Harris, Francisco Lozano, Jewel King, Alvin Auld, Mark Taylor, Jenny Neff, Phyllis Cummings

**Anniversary** - Dink & Carma Dorton, M/M John Haynes

**December 4**  
**Birthday** - Chris Spivey, Lynn Stedje, Denise Ferguson, Heather Gikas, Kristy Easley, Imogene Baker, Joyce Duncan, Tim Fletcher, Amber Newman, Kristina Christian, Aleta Jackson, Lesley Stinson, Helen Sandoval, Rene Griffin

**Anniversary** - Kent & Tammy Benton, Crockett & Melinda Tidwell

**December 5**  
**Birthday** - Martha Haden, Billy Dearmond, Mike Skinner, Arbata Nobels, Gwen Smith, Norman Scroggs, Susie Oakley, Beatrice Comp, Cory Marrs, Brayden Bynum, Cason Lane Mathews

**Anniversary** - Alfonso & Carrie Cenicerros

**December 6**  
**Birthday** - Ryan Ramón, Penny Kruse, Coleen Brummett, Ed Dear, Mrs. Johnny Gaither, Cecelia Randall, Mayleena Castillo, Carolyn Harnden, Kelli Cummings, Lisa Keetch, Mary Venneman, Chevy Smith, Jerald Ray Scribner, Jenna McElroy

**Anniversary** - Burl & Nellie Buchanan, Bill & Ginger Pittman

**December 7**  
**Birthday** - Sheldon Atwood, Brenda Bayless, Janell Haefner, Bret Hobbs, Cynthia Williams, Emily Williams, C.L. Pierce, Sue Bowling, Carlee Dixon, H.E. Jenkins, Thane McCloy, Zach Gallimore, Dusty Hodge, Beth Dudley, Beverly Antalek, Brice McLaughlin

**Anniversary** - M/M Willard McCloy

**December 8**  
**Birthday** - Stan TeBeest, Reynaldo Garza, Lawrence

Tindell, Scott Slater, Hershel Jones, Carmen Arjona, Jason Holton, Michelle Cook Kaman, Theresa Davis, Tim Weldon, Bruce Stinson, Morgan Lackey, LaVerne Parks, Jack Owen Pipkin, Jason Holton, Ed Hibbs

**Anniversary** - Vicki & Rodney Nickel

**December 9**  
**Birthday** - Clayton Smith, Grant Odum, Matt Overbey, Marlene Winger, J.H. Campbell Jr., Gail Vanlandingham, Elodia Flores, Melana Papay, Shawn Cook, Juan Garcia Jr., Elda DeSantiago, Maddie Rose Stork, Gannon Crum, Don England, Chaz Patterson

**December 10**  
**Birthday** - Pat Barkley, Akiko Bort, Marilynn Hart, Harold King, Brent Pittman, Aaron Jackson, Kayla Pletcher, Donald Piatt, Kay Barnes, Lelia Bynum, Phyllis Collins, Linda Bartz, Bryce Jarvis, Serina Diaz, Brent Wagner

**Anniversary** - M/M John Sprigg, M/M Mark Irwin

**December 11**  
**Birthday** - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner, Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway

**Anniversary** - M/M Jess Wood, Irene & Butch Baker

**December 12**  
**Birthday** - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Claudia Barton, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jana (Pittman) Ivey, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favela, Guadalupe Trejo, Freddy Walton, Marvin Wilkerson, Justin Boyd, Brandon Sauz

**Anniversary** - M/M Jon King, M/M John Lopez, Charles & Melanie Elliott

**December 13**  
**Birthday** - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marylin Cline, Blythe Finley, Leah Smith

**Anniversary** - M/M Kurt Bynum

**December 14**  
**Birthday** - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine, Kellianne Bynum, Ben Butler, Ed Herrington

**Anniversary** - M/M Don Maize, M/M Chris Stork, Keith & Linda Meddock

## Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the second week of the Season of Advent, we hear the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, Son of God as we study Isaiah 40: 1-11, Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a, and Mark 1: 1-8.

Isaiah gives a ray of hope to the exiles. God says, "Comfort, O comfort my people. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid..." Then a voice (angelic?) cries out, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." A promise of redemption. We, dear Christian, hear that the Lord God comes not with judgment but with comfort for his people! Comfort for all his people, not just his people of Israel.

The Psalmist sings a liturgy. The people pay thanks for God's deliverance in the past; they ask for a renewed deliverance in the present; and ask for God's Word to be revealed. The people receive the promise of God's deliverance! Consider, dear Christian, that God's attributes - steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness and peace--are real! They are incarnate! We do not receive God only once but every day of our lives.

Peter addresses two problems in the first century church. There is doubt that Jesus The Christ shall return. The faith community is drawn toward immoral living. Peter doubts not that the righteousness of God and Christ will prevail and that sin and wickedness shall end. He urges the faith community to live in purity for Christ's return. He reminds them that 'time' for God is not our 'time'. A day with the Lord is a thousand of our years. Peter felt that the Lord delayed to allow time for more to repent and be saved. Dear Christian, it is difficult for us to wait for we live in human time. Yet, we are assured that what 'is' will not last, Christ is coming again! We must live the disciple life until Christ's return.

The first words of Mark are not a sentence, but a title: "The Beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, Son of God". Mark quotes Malachi 3: 1 and Isaiah 40: 3. God is sending a messenger to prepare the Way of the Lord! Mark then gives us the beginning of the story of John the Baptist. A man who dressed crudely and simply. A man who ate the simplest of foods. A man who cried in the wilderness "Repent!" A man who proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The rabbis had a saying that "It is the sin of the people that prevents the coming of the Messiah. If the people of Israel would genuinely repent for one day, the Messiah would come!"

May the Holy Spirit enable you to "wait" actively by preparing the "Way of the Lord". Maranatha.

## Our Sympathy



**SHIRLEY TURK DAVIDSON**  
 HOUSTON — Shirley Turk Davidson, 94, of Houston died November 27, 2011.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2011 in Memorial Park Cemetery East Mausoleum Chapel with the Rev. Robert Field officiating. Arrangements are by Memorial Park Funeral Home, 6969 E. Interstate 40.

Mrs. Davidson was born Sept. 30, 1917, near Carthage, Mo., and moved to Gruver at age 12. She graduated from Gruver High School in 1934, then received a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas State University in Canyon. She taught school in Turkey and Amarillo.

Mrs. Davidson married Harold E. Davidson in 1941 in Gruver. He preceded her in death in October 1978.

Mrs. Davidson was a member of Fairview Baptist Church for 53 years and taught Sunday school most of those years. She moved to Houston in 2004.

Survivors include two sons, William D. Davidson of Houston and Rex L. Davidson of Santa Fe, N.M.; three grandchildren, Matthew Davidson of Houston, Adam Dawson Davidson of Austin and Anne Davidson Simon of Austin; four great-grandchildren, Avery Ryan Davidson of Houston, Sophie Medami Davidson of Austin and twins Jack Davidson Simon and Miles Dawson Simon, both of Austin; a sister, Betty Jean Woodrow of Sarcoxie, Mo.; and two nieces, Marilyn Woodrow Patterson of Owasso, Okla., and Gayla Woodrow DeGraffenreid of Sarcoxie, Mo.

The family suggests memorials be to National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1150 17th St., N.W. Suite 850, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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### Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

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

### Spearman Boys Basketball Fundraiser

The Spearman Boys Basketball team is selling Coffee Mugs and Coasters as a fund raiser. Forms are available at the high school and junior high offices, and may be returned there as well. This sale will end Nov. 30th! Purchase your Lynx and Lynxette Coffee Mug and Coasters Today! Great Christmas Gifts! Contact Coach White at the High School if you have any questions. Coffee Mug \$9, Travel Mug \$10, Coasters (4 per set) \$12, Trivet \$8.

### 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.

### Spearman Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Spearman on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 1-7 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center Gym, 502 S. Brandt Street. Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a Holiday t-shirt and will be entered into a weekly drawing for a chance to win a one year supply of milk (52 gallons) courtesy of Plains Dairy. A photo ID or Donor Card Required to Donate. You must be 17 years old to donate blood. For appointments, please call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800. Walk-in's welcome. All blood types are currently needed! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region... Give the Gift of Life!

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### Santa To Visit Gruver December 3 & 4

You are invited to come visit Santa on Saturday December 3 in Gruver as he makes his way to the North Pole. The Chamber of Commerce will host the 3rd Annual Cookie Contest at 6 PM and Santa will be at the Golden Age Center to take orders! On Sunday December 4 at 4:30, there will be a community wide church service at the park.

### 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.

### 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.

### OPSU Baseball Clinic

Oklahoma Panhandle State University is hosting a six week baseball camp starting on December 4. Oklahoma Panhandle State head coach Steve Appel will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning at a cost as low as \$99 for six weeks. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

## Higher Fuel Costs to Impact Texas Electricity Bills in 2012

Xcel Energy today submitted plans to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for a revised fuel cost factor that will add \$6.30, or 7 percent, to a typical winter residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours. The company also seeks revision of the formula used to calculate the factor.

If approved, the added charges primarily will cover anticipated increases in the company's natural gas purchases when it cuts back on coal-fueled power generation to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR).

CSAPR requires Texas electricity generators to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxide (NOx) and sulfur dioxide (SO2) by as much as 50 percent starting Jan. 1. Company officials said the only realistic, short-term compliance option is to reduce output of coal-fueled plants, which emit more NOx and SO2 than natural gas-fueled plants.

Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company, said natural gas is more expensive than coal, and the current fuel factor formula used to figure average fuel costs will be outdated when the company starts leaning

more heavily on natural gas as part of its short-term CSAPR compliance plan.

Customers are charged for the cost of fuel through a line-item charge called the fuel cost factor. As fuel costs rise and fall, the fuel factor is changed to reflect the market. The company does not profit from fuel charges.

"We have a long track record of implementing reasonable, cost-effective emission control strategies, but we can't possibly retrofit our coal-fueled plants in time to meet the new requirements," Hill said. "We'll have to shift the burden of our generating requirements to the higher-cost natural gas plants until new emission control technologies can be installed at our coal plants."

Xcel Energy and other Texas power companies were not included in year-round emissions requirements until the EPA rule was issued and published this summer. The company already had budgeted for new emission controls at its coal-fueled plants, but anticipated having several years to make the changes. Now the company must comply by Jan. 1.

Hill said Xcel Energy will comply with new rules, but is challenging the EPA through a lawsuit that seeks

to throw out CSAPR so a more reasonable plan can be worked out.

"The outcome of the legal action probably won't be known until after the first of the year, so we have to be ready to comply by January," Hill said. "Today's fuel cost filing is part of that plan. If the EPA rule changes and the resulting higher fuel costs don't materialize, we will not implement the planned increase."

Hill added that customers can play a role in reducing fuel costs by making their homes more energy efficient and by reducing their use of heating and cooling systems, which account for most of their energy dollars. Customers can access information about efficiency programs and find conservation tips at xcelenergy.com, or by calling 1-800-895-4999.

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## Local Youth Win District 4-H Food Challenge and 4-H Food Show

281 youth gathered in Bushland Saturday, November 19 to compete in the District 1 4-H Food Challenge and Food Show held at Bushland High School. The Hansford team of Maren Garnett, KD McCloy, Finley Garnett, Maggie Davis and Maddie McCloy took first place in the Main Dish category of the Food Challenge. Teams were given ingredients and 40 minutes to create and prepare a dish using them, plan a presentation for judges, and clean up their preparation area. The team then participated in a presentation for judges telling nutrition facts about their dish, food safety practices needed, number of servings per recipe and where the dish belongs on MyPlate.

The District 1 4-H Food Show was held at Bushland High School in the afternoon with three 4-H members from Hansford county competing including Maggie Davis, Saxie Ralston and Maren Garnett.

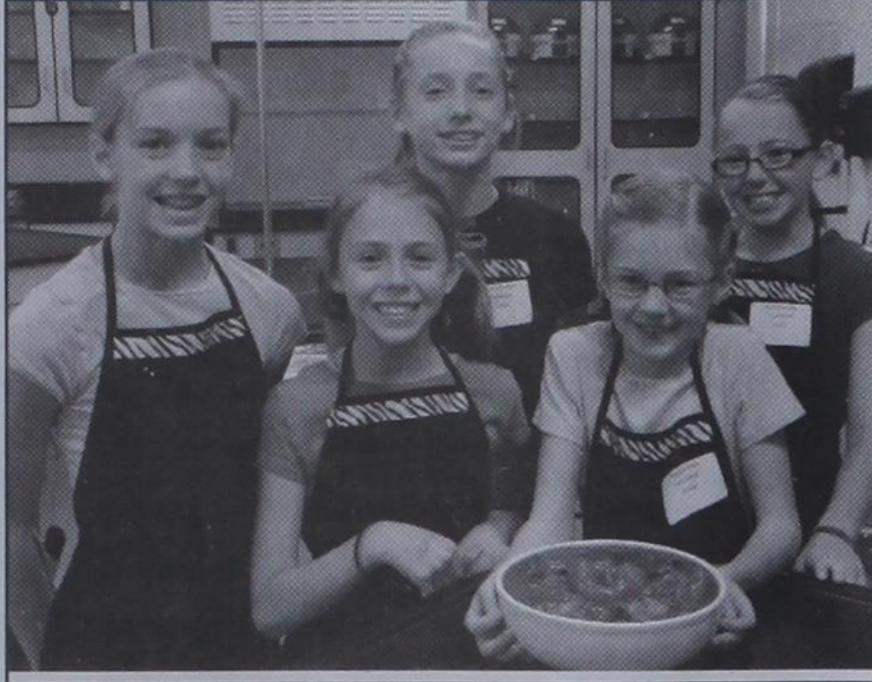
Maggie Davis won 1st place in the Junior Salsa category with her Pico de Gallo. Maren Garnett placed 3rd in the Intermediate Cake category with Pumpkin Poppy Seed Cake.

County Extension Agent Peggy Winegarner said "Not only did these three youth prepare outstanding dishes, they exhibited their

knowledge of nutrition, leadership, community service and communication skills as well in the interview judging process."



Saxie Ralston, Maren Garnett and Maggie Davis



The Hansford team of Maren Garnett, KD McCloy, Finley Garnett, Maggie Davis and Maddie McCloy

## Pringle-Morse CISD Joins Lawsuit

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These dollars that are not recaptured must effectively be used to simply meet the state's standards. The school finance system imposes a de facto statewide property tax, which is unconstitutional.

According to Turner and Trachtenburg, these are both essential claims that, if successful, will help preserve the future of education for our children. The adequacy claim will benefit all districts by requiring the Legislature to provide new funds and new capacity in the system. The system as a whole is underfunded and the school financing structure must be fixed to provide the educational program the state requires.

According to Kent Hargis, Superintendent at Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD, the question of local discretion deals with both dollars and educational programs.

"Local school boards are accountable to their communities and need flexibility to introduce and implement programs that make sense for their local community," stated Hargis. "The educational needs of students at Pringle-Morse may be different than those at larger school districts and under the current funding system, our local school board has very little fiscal control. One size does not fit all when it comes to school finance and we all

need some flexibility to meet the needs of our students. It is critical that we resolve this crisis, fix the broken school finance system and put the students of Texas at the top of our list of priorities when it comes to state funding."

Mr. Hargis further stated, "It is because of the Legislature's unwillingness or inability to provide a constitutionally sound school finance system and allow districts to have local control that Pringle-Morse

and hundreds of other school districts across the state feel compelled to proceed with legal action against the State of Texas. The Texas School Coalition and Haynes and Boone will file the lawsuit before the end of the year. Haynes and Boone will work closely with attorneys for other districts in the presentation of claims of common interest in the litigation. Moak and Casey and Associates will assist the coalition as experts."

### Thank you!

The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir wants to say a great big "Thank You" to the community and all who participated in our Thanksgiving Dinner. We especially want to thank Cathy Smith and the Reporter-Statesman; Gina Gillispie and High Plains Observer; Dick Gillispie of Prairie Motors and Chris Samples of KXDJ for giving us the BEST in advertising for our event. It was a huge success due to all of you. Thanks also to our great congregation for their assistance and may God Bless each and everyone of you who helped with this annual event.

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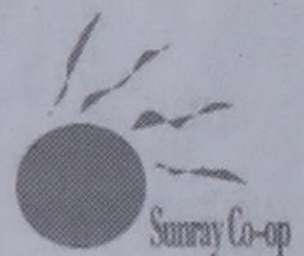
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# SHS Cross Country

## 2011 Lynxette State Cross Country Roster

Tylo Farrar is the daughter of Tiki and Shawn Farrar. A Senior this year for the Lynxettes, Tylo medaled in 8 meets this year including three 2nd place finishes. She has won the individual District Championship for the last three years, and she the individual 1st place medalist in Regionals. (She was 2nd in the Regional Meet last year after being the Regional Champion in 2009.) As a freshman, sophomore and Junior, Tylo was named an All State runner by TGCA and the Cross Country Coaches Association. Tylo was also named the Amarillo Globe News Cross Country Athlete of the Year Class 1A-5A for her accomplishments in 2009.

Gately Garnett is the daughter of Jon & Kelly Garnett. A Senior this year for the Lynxettes, Gately has had an amazing year, medaling in 7 meets including winning this year's Lubbock Invitational. Gately was the 2nd place medalist at District and has been a top runner every year for the three-time Regional and State Championship teams. At the Regional Meet, Gately was our 2nd runner finishing 12th and earning another All-Region individual honor. As a freshman, she was named an All State Runner by TGCA and the Cross Country Coaches Association. Last year, she was named an All-State Runner by TGCA.

Shelby Hanna is the daughter of PJ & Gwenda Hanna. Another Senior runner for the Lynxettes, Shelby has medaled in two meets this year including a top 10 finish at the District meet in Spearman. She has been a key runner on each of the last three Regional and State Championship teams. Shelby was the 5th scoring runner for the Lynxettes at the McNeil meet where they finished 3rd.

Malory Martin is the daughter of Scot and Julie Martin. Also a Senior for the Lynxettes, Malory has had

an outstanding year, improving her times and places in all meets. She has earned a medal in four meets this year including 14th at the Lubbock Invitational and a top 5 spot at District. Malory finished 16th last week at Regionals, coming in as the Lynxettes' third scoring runner. Malory has been a member of the Regional and State Championship teams the last three years, and was an alternate as a freshman.

Sarah Snider is the daughter of Jean & Jimmy Snider. Another Lynxette Senior this year. Sarah has medaled in 6 meets this year. She was an impressive 8th place medalist at the Lubbock Invitational and 3rd at the District Meet. She also medaled at the prestigious McNeil Invitational which is the site of the State Meet. Sarah finished strong at Regionals, placing 18th, making her a scoring runner for Spearman. Sarah has been a top runner for the Lynxettes the last three years on the Championship teams.

Itzel Meza is the daughter of Rosalina and Fernando Meza. Itzel is a Junior runner for Spearman and has been a member of the 2009 and 2010 Regional and State Championship teams. She has medaled in two meets this year including an 11th place finish at the Canyon Invitational. Itzel ran well last week and placed 20th for the Lynxettes rounding out our top 5 runners. Itzel was a key scoring member on last year's 2010 team.

Gena Hargrove is the daughter of Rick and Tami Hargrove. Gena is a Sophomore runner for the Lynxettes and a newcomer this year to our Varsity team. She has climbed her way on to the team by earning medals in four JV races including a 3rd place finish at the Perryton Invitational. On Varsity, Gena finished in the top 10 at District claiming the 8th place medal. She was our 7th runner last week at Regionals running her best time on that tough course.

There were two alternates for the Varsity Lynxettes

State Cross Country Team - Cynthia Mendoza and Brooke Walker. Cynthia, a junior and a member of the 2010 State Championship Team (daughter of Javier and Guadalupe Mendoza) and Brooke, a freshman (daughter of Steve and Leana Walker). Cynthia was the District Champion and Brooke was the 2nd place medalist in the JV District Race. Both girls have traveled some with the varsity this year, running both in Lubbock and Round Rock.

### Lynxette State History

This year marked the Lynxettes 11th trip to the State Cross-Country Meet. The first trip was in 1987 under Coach Richard North. In only the second year of the CC program, the girls team finished 3rd at state. In the fall of 1988, the following season, the Lynxettes won their first State Championship.

Coach North and the Lynxettes would return to the State Meet in 1989 and 1990 to cap off 4 years in a row of state meet appearances. In 1989 the team finished 5th and in 1990 they won 2nd place.

13 years later the Lynxettes returned to the State Meet under head coach Kyle Short. In the fall of 2003, the Lynxettes placed 8th at the state meet. They returned in 2004 to place 5th as a team.

In the 2007 CC season, the Lynxettes were State Runners-Up under head coach Nan Cook. The following year in 2008 they won the 2nd CC State Championship in school history and also started the current streak which stands at 3 in a row.

Coach Starla Whiteley has been the head coach since the 2009 season. The Lynxettes repeated as state champions in 2009, won it again in 2010, and are here this year to try to make it 4 in a row.

The Spearman Lynxettes have competed at the State CC Meet in 7 of the last 9 seasons.

## Spearman Basketball 11/15/11

Panhandle 13 28 34 43  
Lynxettes 14 26 34 49  
P-Baker 10, Urbanczyk 8, S-Morgan Ashmore 17, Kyla Walker 11, Shelby Hanna 11. Records: Panhandle 1-2, Spearman 2-0.

## 11/21/11

8th Grade Lynx 34, Highland Park 49  
7th Grade Lynx 45, Highland Park 4  
7th Grade Lynxettes 9, Highland Park 4  
8th Grade Lynxettes 49, Highland Park 5  
JV White Lynxettes 53, Highland Park 5  
7th Grade Lynxettes B Team 24, Highland Park 4

## Gruver Basketball Perryton Game by Coach Wade Callaway

Houndball travelled to Perryton to face the Rangers on Tuesday night. The outcome was disappointing, but optimism still runs high as the Greyhounds improved in several areas while competing to the very end. The final was 58 to 44, but Gruver reduced their number of turnovers from their first game by 15 and held a very potent offensive team to 58 points on only 38 percent shooting. The competition is tough, but good opponents expose weaknesses and let us know on what things we

need to work.

Junior Korbin Irwin led a low-scoring (13 points), but balanced attack in which all of the Greyhounds found the scoring column. Kramer King added 9 points, Colten Jackson added 5 points; Forrest Lopez, Diego Ortiz, Reese Clark pitched in 4 points each and Lupe Pena (seeing his first action of the young season) contributed 3 points. Reese Clark pulled down a game-high 9 rebounds.

The Greyhounds are back in action tonight at home against a very talented Panhandle team who sees nearly all of their playoff team from last season returning.

## Panhandle Game by Coach Wade Callaway

The Hounds played the second of back-to-back games on Tuesday against the Panthers of Panhandle. Defensively Gruver was solid at times, but offensively the turnover bug bit them again. In the end it was PHS 40 and GHS 28. Korbin Irwin finished with 10 points and 7 rebounds while Forrest Lopez had 7 points and a team-high 11 rebounds.

Houndball is back in action versus Boys Ranch twice next week: first at home on Tuesday and then again on Thursday in the opening round of the River

Road tournament at 1 pm in the River Road Middle School.

## 11/15/11

Lady Hnds 11 22 41 53  
Fritch 8 18 29 42  
G—McLain 23, Gibson 15. SF—Kelsey Ham 10, Mariah Cumings 8. Records: Sanford-Fritch 0-3, Gruver 3-0.

Gruver JV Girls 14, Fritch 34

## 11/21/11

7th Grade Hounds 30, West Texas 12  
8th Grade Hounds, 33 West Texas 22  
8th Grade Lady Hounds 45, West Texas 23  
7th Grade Lady Hounds 22, West Texas 12  
JV Girls 24, Perryton 30  
Varsity Lady Hounds 34, Perryton 43  
JV Boys 48, Perryton 71  
Varsity Hounds 44, Perryton 58

## 11/22/11

**Girls**  
Panhandle 10 18 20 37  
Lady Hnds 12 24 31 43  
P—Kori Smith 13, Tess Rusk 8, Baylee Baker 8.  
G—Madison McLain 20, Kaysha Bass 12. Record: Gruver 4-1.

**Boys**  
Panhandle 6 13 31 40  
Hounds 4 11 21 28  
P—Trey Hall 8. G—Korbin Irwin 12, Forrest Lopez 7. Records: Panhandle 1-0, Gruver 0-3  
Panhandle 38, JV Hounds 25

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Taylor Petroleum Companies, Inc. has made application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine & Beer Retailer's Off-Premise License to be located at 17 Collard St., City of Spearman, County of Hansford and operated under the trade name of Taylor Petroleum Companies, Inc. #11. Corporate officers being: Robert K. Dorris, Pres./Sec./Treas. and Amy R. Dorris, Vice-Pres.**  
 2(12/01/11)B

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011 on one new 2012 ¾ ton regular cab, 4-wheel drive pickup with/without trade-in for Precinct 2. Bids

will be opened and reviewed prior to Monday, December 12, 2011's regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.  
 Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office or the County Auditor's office in the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
 Benny Wilson  
 Hansford County Judge  
 3(11/17/11)B



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tion electric work including, running all electric lines to three wells, hook up electricity to all motors, and any finishing work that is needed to get entire electric system running. All bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., December 16, 2011. Any proposal received after that time and date will be returned unopened and not considered. Bids will be awarded at the December 2011 regular Board Meeting. Bid specifications are available at the Gruver ISD administration offices 601 Garrett, Gruver, Texas. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Gruver ISD Business Office, P.O. Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040.  
 For more information contact Matt Messer at 806-733-2821.  
 The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waive technicalities, and be the sole judge of quality and equality. 2(11/24/11)B

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
 Sealed proposals addressed to Benny Wilson, County Judge, Hansford County, for the construction of a multiple box culvert bridge and all associated work entitled: **BRIDGE REPLACEMENT COUNTY ROAD R HANSFORD COUNTY, TX** will be received by Hansford County, at Hansford County Courthouse, 16 Northwest Court St. - Spearman, TX 79081-2052 until: 2:00 P.M. DECEMBER 12, 2011

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to Hansford County in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contact Documents, enter into a contract with the Hansford County and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.  
 Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the suc-

cessful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.  
 Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.  
 Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Judge of Hansford County, County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas 79081-2052, phone (806) 659-4100.  
 Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineer, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:  
 Cost: One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.  
 Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.  
 The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.  
**BENNY WILSON, COUNTY JUDGE**  
 HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 3(11/17/11)B

**JOB REQUISITION NUMBER: 016733 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION TECH II (K507)**  
 The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be accepting applications for one full-time position at the Ochiltree County Maintenance Office located at 1103 SH 15, Perryton, Texas.  
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 The starting salary will be \$2094.33 - \$3246.25 per month.  
 Must have or obtain a Class A Commercial Drivers License within 90 days from date of employment.  
 A completed State of Texas application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2011. For further application information, including a complete job vacancy notice, contact the nearest Texas Department of Transportation. Information may also be accessed via the Internet at www.txdot.gov/careers/.  
 Mailed applications should be postmarked no later than Monday, December 12, 2011 and sent to: TxDOT, Attn: Human Resources, 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110.  
 If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contact Human Resources at (806) 356-3231. TxDOT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER. 2(11/24/11)B

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**  
 Dist/Div: Amarillo  
 Contract 6235-49-001 for **CLEANING AND SWEEPING HIGHWAYS** in HANSFORD County, etc will be opened on December 21, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$289,737.40.  
 Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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 State Office  
 Constr./Maint. Division  
 200 E. Riverside Dr.  
 Austin, Texas 78704  
 Phone: 512-416-2540  
 Dist/Div Office(s)  
 Amarillo District  
 District Engineer  
 5715 Canyon Dr  
 Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708  
 Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit by Bunkhouse Enterprises, Inc. dba Bunkhouse Restaurant, to be located at 212 Main Street, City of Spearman, County of Hansford, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Claude L. Crossland, Pres, Stephanie R. Crossland, Vice Pres, Sec Treas.**  
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**IMMEDIATE OPENING**  
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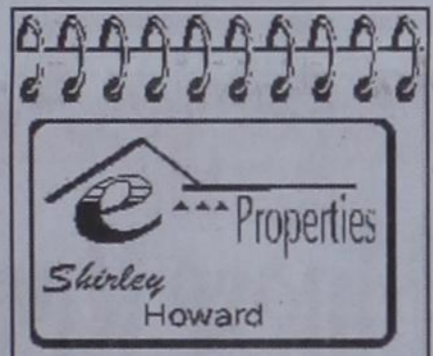
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# Hansford County Sports News

## TABC/Tex Preps Basketball Magazine High School Basketball Rankings for the 2011-12 Season

11/28/11  
**GIRLS Rankings**  
**Class 2A**  
 1. Jim Ned, 7-1; 2. Alvord, 9-0; 3. Winnsboro, 3-1; 4. Poth, 2-0; 5. Spearman, 2-1; 6. Krum, 7-0; 7. Godley, 2-1; 8. Brock, 5-3; 9. Edgewood, 5-0; 10. Grandview, 4-0; 11. Skidmore-Tynan, 6-0; 12. Merkel, 5-0; 13. Tulia, 5-0; 14. Thorndale, 4-0; 15. Tatum, 4-0; 16. Marion, 2-1; 17. Idalou, 4-1; 18. Comanche, 11-0; 19. Melissa, 6-0; 20. Cooper, 7-0; 21. Teague, 5-0; 22. Bruceville-Eddy, 5-0; 23. Schulenburg, 5-1; 24. New Waverly, 5-0; 25. Hempstead, 4-0  
**Class 1A Division I**  
 1. Smyer, 6-0; 2. Muenster, 7-1; 3. Martin's Mill, 4-1; 4. Sudan, 5-1; 5. Mason, 6-1; 6. Santo, 6-1; 7. Lovelady, 8-1; 8. Sam

Rayburn, 9-0; 9. Zavalla, 4-1; 10. Gruver, 4-1; 11. Kerens, 3-2; 12. Wellington, 4-1; 13. Slocum, 7-1; 14. Evadale, 6-2; 15. Snook, 2-1; 16. Olton, 5-0; 17. Lockney, 3-1; 18. Big Sandy, 6-1; 19. Shiner, 2-2; 20. Meridian, 5-2; 21. Falls City, 3-1; 22. Canadian, 5-3; 23. Panhandle, 3-3; 24. Broadus, 6-0; 25. Cross Plains, 8-1

**BOYS Rankings**  
**Class 1A Division I**  
 1. Clarksville, (0-0); 2. Tenaha, (0-0); 3. Stamford, (0-0); 4. Olton, (3-0); 5. Cayuga, (2-0); 6. Hubbard, (0-0); 7. Hale Center, (2-0); 8. Port Aransas, (4-2); 9. Burton, (0-0); 10. Mumford, (3-0); 11. Seagraves, (0-0); 12. Grapeland, (3-1); 13. Poolville, (2-1); 14. Gruver, (0-3); 15. Slocum, (2-2); 16. Muenster, (0-0); 17. Milano, (1-0); 18. Evadale, (1-1); 19. Seymour, (0-0); 20. La Poyner, (4-2); 21. Medina, (5-0); 22. Irion County, (1-0); 23. Kerens, (2-1); 24. Albany, (0-0); 25. San Antonio Stacey, (0-3)

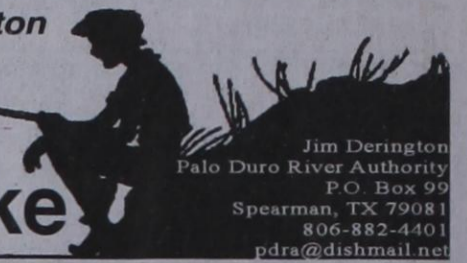
## Athlete of the Week Honor Roll

November 14, 2011

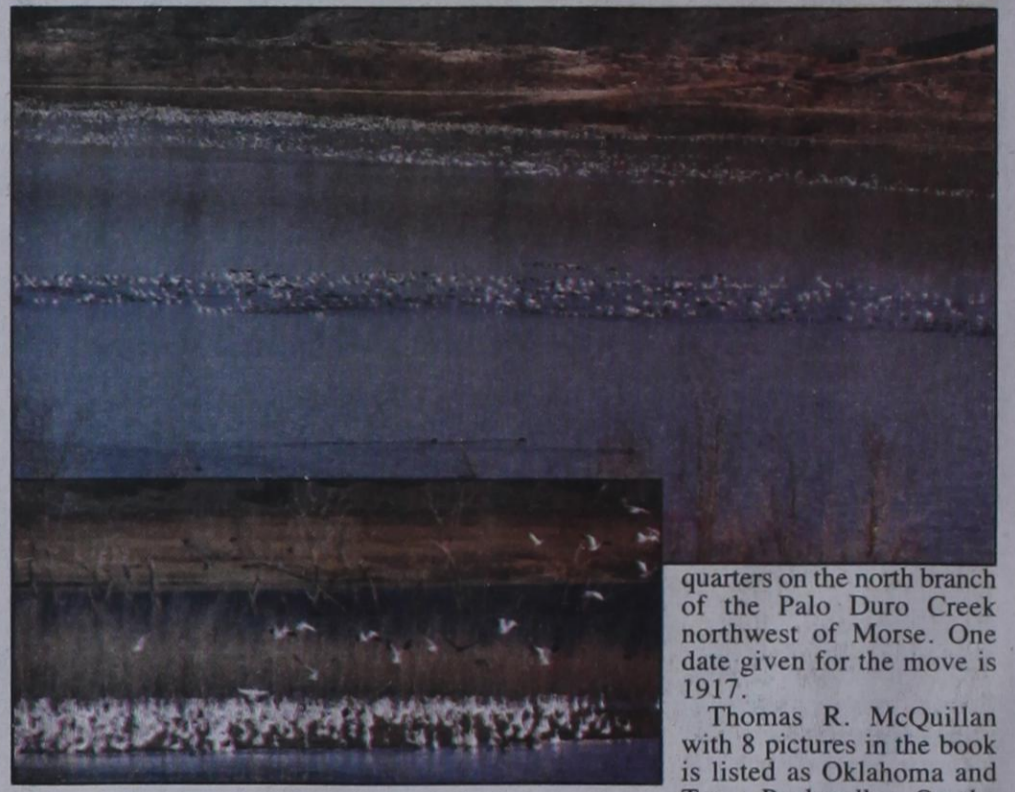
▪ **Stefan Cook, Spearman football:** Cook clinched Spearman's 23-20 win over Coahoma, returning an interception 90 yards on a failed two-point conversion attempt with just 1:02 left to play.  
 ▪ **Shelley Gibson, Gruver cross country:** Gibson led Gruver to a state title by placing 10th in the Class 1A State Cross Country meet. Also running for Gruver was Taylor Felderhoff, Bailey Stedje, Emilyann Robinson, Maggie Gaspar and Macy McLennan.  
 ▪ **Gately Garnett, Spearman cross country:** Garnett was the highest finishing Lynxette (eighth) as Spearman won its fourth consecutive state title. Also running were Tylo Farrar, Malory Martin, Itzel Meza, Sarah Snider, Shelby Hanna and Gena Hargrove.

by Jim Derington

## Out at the Lake



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Geese and ducks at Lake Palo Duro.

quarters on the north branch of the Palo Duro Creek northwest of Morse. One date given for the move is 1917.

Thomas R. McQuillan with 8 pictures in the book is listed as Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles. On the 1900 Census Thomas is found staying with his sister Rosie and her husband, Jim Henson. Their ranch on the Palo Duro Creek was 3 or so miles up the Palo Duro Creek from Hansford where Thomas taught at least one term. He had another sister, Lizzie, married to Paddy O'Neil, who also lived on a ranch on the Palo Duro a little further up the creek. Thomas studied photography in Denver and became a professional photographer with a studio in Guymon.

Four of the McQuillan pictures were taken in Stratford. The only picture with Hansford County on it is a group of men identified as Norwegian Homeseekers Mar 2nd 09' with Morrdt Land Co. 'Oslo' Hansford County Texas. McQuillan had been hired by Anders Morrdt to do the promotional photography for the Land Co.

Lake Level--November 28, 2011--31.89 feet (-0.43 in 2 wks)

Jim reported 4 bald eagles at the Lake. He had been seeing 3 at a time--two mature with the white heads and one immature with the black head. But now he has seen 3 with two with black heads and 1 with the white head. The mountain bluebirds are plentiful and joined by a lot of robins. Woodpeckers and roadrunners are adding to the mix. Geese and ducks are enjoying the Lake.

Saturday, December 3, is the opening day for pheasant hunting. The Rotary Club is planning for a reduced number of hunters. Jim said they had bought yard raised pheasants from Kansas to add to the fields they have spoken for. Some pheasants hatched out lo-

cally, but it was not a good year for them.

### Taming the Land

In the Nov. 14 column, I began the review of a new book at the Hansford County Library entitled Taming the Land: The Lost Postcard Photographs of the Texas High Plains by John Miller Morris. Two of the photographers had lived in Hansford County. Roma David Tomlinson's family moved here in 1907 while Roma was in business college at Chickasha, Oklahoma. He soon joined them with a camera and a tripod. Two of his pictures, both taken in Hansford, are used in the book. One is named A Resident St. and the other is Residence of Bert O. Cator. The Cator house was built in 1907 or 8 and later moved by steam engine the twenty miles or so out to the Bert Cator ranch head-

**The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman**  
 2011 Holiday Schedule

**SANTA LETTERS:** The Reporter-Statesman will publish Santa Letters in the Thursday, December 22nd edition. The deadline to submit information for this issue will be Thursday, December 15th.

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS:** Anyone wishing to place a holiday greeting in the newspaper is encouraged to call or come by the Reporter-Statesman office as soon as possible (310 Barkley Street). Holiday greetings will be included in the December 22nd Christmas edition, and the December 29th New Year's edition.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed December 22-January 2nd for the Christmas Holidays. (The deadline for the December 22nd and December 29th issues is Thursday, December 15th at 5 p.m.)

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