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**Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes**

1/13 JVG (7:30), VG (6) vs Fritch\*  
1/16 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) vs Highland Park  
1/16 7G (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) @ Highland Park  
1/17 JVG (7:30), VG (6) @ River Road\*  
1/19-1/21 Spearman JH Tourney  
1/20 JVG (7:30), VG (6) vs Childress\*  
1/23 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) at Fritch  
1/23 7G (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) vs Fritch  
1/24 JVG (7:30), VG (6) @ Bushland\*  
1/27 JVG (7:30), VG (6) vs Highland Park\*  
1/31 JVG (7:30), VG (6) @ Fritch\*

**Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds**

1/13 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Canadian\*  
1/16 7G (6), 7B (5), 8G (5), 8B (6) vs Sunray  
1/17 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Stratford\*  
1/19-1/21 Spearman JH Tourney  
1/20 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Booker  
1/23 7G (6), 7B (5), 8G (5), 8B (6) @ Canadian  
1/24 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) @ West Texas\*  
1/27 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Sunray\*  
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**Weekly Update**

Texas, January 9- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 12.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.20/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 7.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.34/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 30.9 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 11.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 4.7 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 27.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Gas prices are rising across much of the nation as Iran has continued to threaten closing the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for global oil shipments," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Think back to the days following the start of the crisis in Libya- an event that also rattled energy markets- we're seeing similar emotions play out even though there hasn't yet been a disruption to supply. I would blame emotion for the recent uptick in gasoline prices, nothing else," DeHaan said.

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

**Texas Crop & Weather**

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for January 10, 2012: Soil moisture continued to be mostly short to very short. The cotton harvest was almost complete. Winter wheat is in excellent to very poor condition, with most reporting poor to very poor. Producers were tilling fields in preparation for planting crops. Rangeland and pastures were in fair to very poor condition, with most reporting very poor. Livestock producers continued to provide supplemental feed for cattle on pasture.

**Weather Forecast**

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.  
THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 19. West winds 5 to 10 mph.  
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.  
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s.  
SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.  
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.  
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.  
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.  
MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.  
TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.  
Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1j6GPTDK>

**2012 Hansford County Stock Show**



The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 27th and 28th at the Hansford County Barn in Gruver, Texas. Friday's show will begin at 7 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9 a.m. The lamb show will begin at 9 a.m., followed heifer show at 12:30 and the steer show at 1 p.m. The weighing of pigs will be held

of awards, the auction will begin. The sell order will be - lamb, swine and steer. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the 4-H and FFA members of Hansford County.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days. Barbecue brisket plates will be available at 5 p.m. Saturday before the sale prepared by Richard and Wanda Wagner with proceeds going to 4-H Fund.

The Hansford County Practice Show will be held January 22 at 2 p.m. in the Gruver County Barn. All weights for animals need to be turned in by 1 p.m. so classes can be cut for the show.



**Chain in Talks to Buy Taylor Food Mart Stores**

By Karen Welch amarillo.com  
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A Temple convenience store executive said Friday his company is in talks to buy Taylor Food Mart locations where gas tanks have been empty, merchandise scant, ATMs removed and some employees Friday reported problems cashing paychecks. "Negotiations are ongoing, and nothing has been finalized," said James Fikes, CEO of Temple-based Fikes Wholesale Inc.

Fikes Wholesale owns CEFCO, a 123-store chain that sat at No. 57 among the Top 100 Convenience Stores published by Convenience Store News in May. Since then, the wholesaler has acquired a 69-store Food Fast chain based in Tyler.

The same Convenience Store News list placed Taylor Petroleum Companies of Amarillo at No. 88. The company website shows 75 locations stretching from Guyton, Okla., southward to Stephenville, and from Shamrock westward to Clayton, N.M.

Corporate documents filed with the Texas Secretary of State name R. Kenton Dorris and Amy R. Dorris as president and vice president, respectively, of Taylor Petroleum.

Calls Friday to several telephone extensions at the Taylor headquarters on North Western Street reached only voice mailboxes.

On Dec. 29, a receptionist at the headquarters said the Dorrises had been in and out, handling business in preparation "for the sale."

Another employee called to the reception area would not identify herself or confirm sale negotiations, and said: "Why is this news? ... No comment. You need to leave, thank you."

No one answered the door at the Dorrises' Sleepy Hollow address on Dec. 30. But a woman who activated an intercom at the home would not give her name and, upon hearing a reporter identified, said, "Please leave. This is private property."

The Dorrises' telephone number is not

listed. Taylor store locations market at least seven different brands of gasoline, according to the company website. Some stores sell Chevron gas, while others sell Valero or Shell fuel, for example.

But pumps at the Amarillo marts have, for weeks now, been bagged and tagged as "out of service." Clerks at Amarillo locations last week said the stores have had no recent fuel deliveries. The employees declined to give their names and expressed fear for their jobs. Calls made Friday to about 20 stores revealed many of those stores had not been resupplied.

McLean store Customer Service Representative Brandon Ellenburg said he was informed by his bank that his paycheck couldn't be verified.

"I took money out of my account from my paycheck, which I thought was going to clear," Ellenburg said.

A manager of another Texas Panhandle store said her paycheck bounced, as did those of some employees. Two others found places to cash the checks, she said, and declined to give her name.

Ellenburg tried to contact the Taylor corporate office about his check, he said. "They're not returning people's phone calls. They're pretty much playing 'hide out.'"

The last paycheck Ellenburg received from Taylor reflected fewer hours, he said. "I started off as full time," he said. "I was getting about 38 hours a week, now I'm down to 22."

Employees at some Amarillo stores also said their hours had been cut.

Visits to Amarillo stores last week revealed a lack of merchandise. Shelves appeared depleted, their racks bare and beverage coolers out of stock.

Telephone utility recordings on Friday declared phones at locations at Spearman and Wellington and one of three Childress stores either disconnected or no longer in service.

Happy State Bank ATMs in three Amarillo stores just last week had been removed, clerks said, on Friday. Employees

at four stores in the city and the region said the machines were pulled by the bank on Friday.

Happy State Bank Chairman and CEO J. Patrick Hickman declined comment. "At this juncture, we have nothing to say," he said. "We're going to just leave this whole thing where it is."

Fikes declined to go into more detail about the potential purchase of Taylor Food Mart sites. Negotiations have been going for just a couple of weeks, he said.

"It could happen at any time, or it can not happen," Fikes said. "It's very fluid right now."

A National Association of Convenience Stores executive characterized the Amarillo market as competitive.

"There's are some tough competitors out there," said Jeff Lenard, vice president of industry advocacy for the association based in Alexandria, Va.

Lenard referred to Pak-A-Sak and Toot'n Totum, and said he visited Amarillo last year while producing a trade-show feature on Pak-A-Sak innovations. A good location will sell, no matter the economy, Lenard said. And chains choose to either sell locations together, or sell off individual stores.

"Both strategies work, but usually when you sell all of your stores to one buyer, you limit the number of (potential) buyers because (as a buyer) the things you need, in a downturn, are, you need a clean balance sheet and you need to be ready to buy. And the banks aren't necessarily lending."

"But there are some chains that are fairly aggressive out there and growing."

Terms of Fikes Wholesale's purchase of the Tyler-based Food Fast chain were not disclosed. Fikes was quoted then as saying the acquisition would enhance the company's presence in East Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas while providing a contiguous geographical bridge to the its stores in Alabama and Mississippi.

Amarillo Globe-News reporter Aziza Musa contributed to this report.

**Batton Named BBBS December Volunteer of the Month**

Lexi Batton has been named December Volunteer of the Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

This award recognizes a "Big" who has connected with the "Little" in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life.

Lexi and her Little Sister, Alisha have been matched since November 2010. They meet together once a week during the school year as part of the Bigs in Schools program at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman. Through this program, volunteer mentors spend time with a student on the school campus during the school day with no contact outside of school. They form an intentional friendship that helps support and encourage the child.

"I love Lexi! She is the best Big Sister,"

Alisha said. "Lexi is nice to me, funny and really good at basketball. I love seeing Lexi every week, she makes me happy!"

"Being a Big has been one of the greatest opportunities I've been given," said Lexi. "I couldn't imagine having a different Little Sister as perfect for me as the one I have! The program does great things for kids, but it has also done great things for me. I love being a Big Sister and I am so glad to have Alisha as my Little Sister!"

Lexi is a Senior at Spearman High School and plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall. Her parents are Stephen and Tammy Batton.

For information on helping a child through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, call the BBBS office at 434-0016. The Wheatheart Satellite of BBBS provides mentors for over 140 children in the communities of Perryton, Spearman, and Gruver.



Big Sister Lexi Batton (right) and her Little Sister, Alisha (left).

**Hansford County Lifts Burn Ban**

The Hansford County Judge lifted the burn ban in Hansford County effective December 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

With volunteer firemen busy with their jobs, we ask your cooperation to avoid fire runs that are not necessary. Before igniting any fire (does not include cooking fires or campfires), please contact the Sheriff's Office at 659-4140 or 733- 2901. After your call, the appropriate fire department will be paged to inform the volunteers if they need to respond.

As always, anyone starting a fire will be held liable for any damage to property resulting from your action. Also, be advised that there are certain rules set by the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) that need to be followed, regardless of Burn Ban Status

Benny D. Wilson  
Hansford County Judge



## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

On work day last week, we prepared the museum for our Lipscomb County Student Art Show. Unfortunately, we are learning this week that most of our schools are not teaching art in any form any more. Everyone is focusing on the state tests. With this change, this may be the last year for the art show. We did receive art from the Booker Elementary School and the kids did great. Their pieces were hung Wednesday, so come in and view their creativity.

As you may recall, we are members of the Texas Plains Trail and one of the projects this year with this group is the erection of giant arrows along the path

of Quannah Parker and the Comanche Tribe in our area. We went to Wheeler on Friday to watch them erect three arrows in Wheeler and Mobeetie. The arrows are beautiful and the feathers sing in the wind. The arrows will eventually have markers stating the significance of the site. Stay tuned for information on arrows in Lipscomb County.

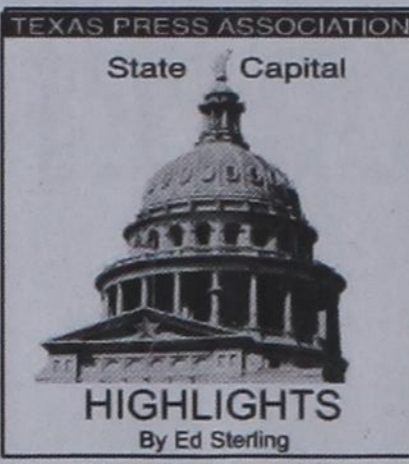
### HISTORICAL MUSINGS

This interesting story was the December 18th Day by Day from the Texas State Historical Association:

In 1883, Ranald Slidell (Bad hand) Mackenzie, hard-driving cavalry officer, was diagnosed as suffering from "paralysis of the insane." Mackenzie was born in New York City in 1840. He received his edu-

cation at Williams College and at the United States Military Academy, where he graduated in 1862 at the head of his class. After the civil war he became one of the leading cavalry commanders on the frontier, leading the fourth United States Cavalry in a number of campaigns against various Indian tribes.

In Texas he is best known for his victory against the Comanches at Palo Duro Canyon, and for the extralegal Remolino raid into Mexico in pursuit of Kickapoo raiders. Mackenzie's plans to marry and to retire near Boerne, Texas in 1883 were ended by his increasing mental illness and he was committed to a New York asylum in 1884. He died on Staten Island in 1889.



## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

### Redistricting issues could force primary even later

AUSTIN — Merits arguments from parties in the lawsuits over the contested Texas redistricting maps were scheduled to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 9.

A Dec. 16, 2011, federal court order optimistically set April 3 as the Texas Primary Election date. Whatever the fate of maps drawn by the Legislature and maps drawn by a three-judge panel of the San Antonio-based U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, potential court maneuvers by plaintiffs and defendants could chew through the calendar and render April 3 useless as a date for the primary.

On the subject of primaries, last year and in other years past there have been calls from the electorate, and legislative attempts, to move the Texas Primary Election date earlier on the calendar to increase the Lone Star State's relevance in the nationwide process.

One often-stated argument for moving the primary election date earlier — meaning earlier than a normal Super Tuesday, first Tuesday in March, primary — is that doing so could make Texas more influential in the outcome of presidential races.

With its increase from 32 congressional seats to 36 thanks to population growth and the 2010 U.S. Census, Texas arguably deserves a higher-profile position in the process, but moving the primary to an earlier date shortens the window of time candidates have to raise campaign funds. Some candidates would suffer and some would benefit from that, but voters would have less time to observe, question, scrutinize, and decide.

In any case, the presidential race goes on. Both Texas candidates, while not at the head of the pack, show signs of completing the January portion of the Republican primary hopscotch, which at this writing includes New Hampshire, Jan. 10; South Carolina, Jan. 21; and Florida, Jan. 31. The Iowa caucus was Jan. 3.

Gov. Rick Perry, who jumped into the race in August, soared for a few weeks, hit turbulence in televised debates and dropped into a descent path, still has more campaign money in his tank than his rivals. U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, on the other hand, enjoys a fol-

lowing that seems to grow as the weeks pass.

### Air pollution rule put on hold

Texas' request for a stay to the Environmental Protection Agency's Cross State Air Pollution Rule was granted by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals on Dec. 30.

The intent of the rule known by the acronym CSAPR is to improve air quality by reducing power plant emissions that contribute to ozone and/or fine particle pollution that blows into other states. Environmentalists and public health advocates praised the rule because of its potential to reduce diseases traced to chemicals contained in smokestack releases.

Last year, however, the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker, attorney general, comptroller, railroad commissioners, land commissioner and other state officials protested the rule before and after it was finalized last summer. Most objections were based on the idea that curbing releases from smokestack industries hurts the Texas economy and kills jobs.

After the court granted the stay, the EPA officially expressed its view that the rule, which originally took effect on July 6, 2011, would be upheld after judicial review.

### New water plan is released

The Texas Water Development Board on Jan. 5 released the 2012 State Water

Plan.

Among its recommendations, the document asks state lawmakers to change laws in order to lift restrictions on the transfer of surface water from one basin to another.

The plan also calls for the creation of new reservoirs, increased water loss audits and sustainable financing for water projects.

### Aerial vaccine drop in progress

On Jan. 2, the Texas Department of State Health Services announced it had begun its annual airdrop of rabies vaccine baits over portions of south and west Texas.

Planes are scheduled to drop some 1.8 million doses of rabies vaccine over the next month.

Since the vaccine program was started in 1995, and the number of animal cases has dropped dramatically, the agency reported.

### State helps fund robotics contests

More than 3,400 high school students throughout Texas will have the opportunity to participate in high school robotics competitions this school year thanks to funding from the Texas Workforce Commission, the agency said last month.

"Texas employers continue to express the need for workers with these skills as critical to their success and job creation now and in the future," according to an agency news release.

## USDA Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers of Livestock Disaster Program Deadlines

Hansford County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Rick Hargrove reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30, 2012.

"It is imperative that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP and ELAP," said Hargrove. "To ensure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits," he said.

**Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):** LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock

grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties meet the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until Jan. 30, 2012, to apply for LFP benefits.

**Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP):** ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses

due to blizzards and wildfires that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers who experienced livestock death losses must file a notice of loss 30 days after the loss is apparent, but no later than Dec. 29, 2011. Producers who suffered livestock grazing and feed losses must have filed a notice of loss no later than Oct. 31, 2011 and have until Jan. 30, 2012, to submit an application for payment for livestock death losses and livestock grazing and feed losses.

**Program Requirements:** In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

Program applicants should note that certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for LFP and ELAP.

For more information on FSA's livestock disaster assistance programs, please contact the Hansford County USDA Service Center at 806-659-3036, ext 105. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Five Crop Protection Clinics Scheduled Jan. 9-13

Five 2012 Crop Protection Clinics will be conducted Jan. 9-13 by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Oklahoma State University.

Each meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided each day by DuPont. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 9, Moore County Community Building in Dumas.
- Jan. 10, Rita Blanca Coliseum, Dalhart.
- Jan. 11, Carson County Ag Building, Panhandle.
- Jan. 12, Hansford County Barn, Spearman.
- Jan. 13, Oklahoma State University Extension Center, Goodwell, Okla.

Texas Department of Agriculture will be offering 6.5 continuing education credits, along with Certified Crop Advisor credits at each meeting.

Topics to be covered will be: Strategic Irrigation Management Using Capacitance Probes, Grain Sorghum Management, 2012 Market Outlook, Laws and Regulations, Irrigated Corn Strip-Till Management, 200-12 Project Research, Irrigated Corn Management in Drought and New Corn Technologies.

For more information on any of these events, contact the local AgriLife Extension office.

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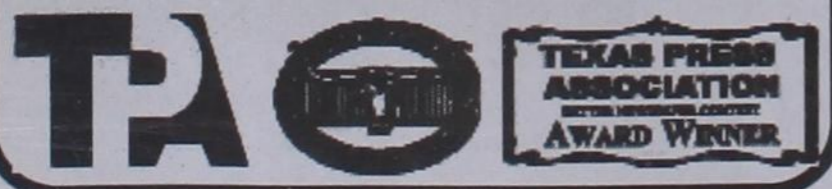
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## 2011 IN REVIEW

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- Presumptuously daring
- He has final say at the plate
- Where to get pampered, pl.
- Scoundrel
- Needlefish
- Diver's lung
- Independent African ruler
- Big Island necklace
- Type of paint
- Deposed despot
- Atlantis was the last one
- Right-angle building extension
- Another spelling for #16 Across
- Bon Jovi
- Like Jekyll and Hyde's personality
- Arab \_\_\_\_\_
- Stratfor-upon-\_\_\_\_, Shakespeare's birthplace
- "The Man Who \_\_\_\_\_ Too Much"
- Become established
- Holy Father
- It cuts edge of yard
- Verde National Park
- A rooster to farmers?
- Ready and eager
- Eurasian duck
- Scandinavian, e.g.

### DOWN

- It can be wringed?
- Greed or sloth, e.g.
- Diamonds or hearts, e.g.
- Nervous twitching
- "They were super"
- Royal beau
- Autumn color
- Witness
- Polynesian kingdom
- Like a new car
- Employ
- Homework assignment
- "Pitched at Occupy Wall Street
- 6th sense?
- Reminiscent of the past
- Big talk
- "Rome" in Italy
- Matured, as in wine
- Like Elvis's famous shoes
- Official messenger of news
- Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
- Legendary West
- Rainbow-producing device
- Jazz singing
- Stroke on a green
- Cain's unfortunate brother
- Original home of the Saxons

### ACROSS

- Eats noisily
- Stroke of luck
- Her counterpart
- Graceful or refined
- \*Site of nuclear disaster
- Convex molding
- With no face value
- \*Retired from '60 Minutes"
- Roentgen Equivalent Man, pl.

### DOWN

- Particulars
- One born to Japanese immigrants
- Chewed on
- Smart but awkward
- "The Way We \_\_\_\_\_"
- Straight muscles
- It loves company
- Mixed breed puppy
- Out of \_\_\_\_\_
- October's "Time," e.g.
- Bring to an end
- Well-mannered
- Heart feeling
- Body part that can double
- Superman's last name
- "Read'em and \_\_\_\_\_"
- In or of the present month
- Petri dish gel
- \_\_\_\_ Clinic
- Female suffix

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# Happy Birthday!

**January 12**  
**Birthday** - Imogene Williams, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis, Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James, Griffin Novak  
**Anniversary** - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, M/M Billy Miller, M/M Cliff Lang, M/M Jerry Overbey

**January 13**  
**Birthday** - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgearld, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell, Abigail Hartgraves

**January 14**  
**Birthday** - Debbie Coates, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey, JoAnn Kell  
**Anniversary** - Greg & Shonda Odegaard

**January 15**  
**Birthday** - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith, Gary Faries  
**Anniversary** - Billy & Martina Miller

**January 16**  
**Birthday** - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babbitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta

**January 17**  
**Birthday** - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

**January 18**  
**Birthday** - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blan, Robert Gilmore, Enrique Arreola

**January 19**  
**Birthday** - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose

Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown  
**Anniversary** - M/M Roy Diaz

**January 20**  
**Birthday** - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanna Jordan, Fabian Gaspar  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

**January 21**  
**Birthday** - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez  
**Anniversary** - M/M Jeff Beedy, M/M Kenneth Baker, M/M Kent Rummel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

**January 22**  
**Birthday** - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Vargas, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila, Callie Hopkins, Joe Avila, Don Baltazor  
**Anniversary** - M/M James Scroggs, M/M Walter McDade, M/M Steve Gross, M/M John Armes

**January 23**  
**Birthday** - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez, Adrianna Reza  
**Anniversary** - M/M Jim Roberts, M/M Gene Duncan

**January 24**  
**Birthday** - Quentin Hart, Luis Salazar, Dearn Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts  
**Anniversary** - Larry & Gayle Porter, M/M Archie Smith

**January 25**  
**Birthday** - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mike Dodd, Deloris Guthrie, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley  
**Anniversary** - M/M Marvin Sparks

**January 26**  
**Birthday** - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie Kjos, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia, Jordon Snider  
**Anniversary** - Bill & Jody Harnish

# Our Sympathy

**RUBY LORENE ROBESON RILEY**  
**SPEARMAN** - Ruby Lorene Riley, 91, died on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at Hansford Manor.  
 Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the Apostolic Faith Church with Pastor Jack Cornell officiating. Interment will be at Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.  
 Ruby Lorene Robeson was born December 27, 1920 in Knox City, Texas, the third child of Ed and Minnie Alexander Robeson. Ruby moved to Forestburg, Texas with her family and lived there through her teenage years. James Henry Riley grew up about 8 miles south of Ruby in Greenwood, Texas. Ruby and James met on a blind date at the Baptist Church in Greenwood on New Years day, 1939. Ruby became a Christian while attending the Baptist Church there, and her faith in God became the most important factor in her life. Ruby and James were married almost a year later on Christmas Eve of 1939 in Greenwood at the home of James' parents.  
 They lived in Greenwood until 1942 when they moved to Farnsworth, Texas, and they worked on area farms until 1964. They then moved to Spearman, Texas. Being accustomed to work, Ruby took a job in the school cafeteria where she worked until James suffered a massive stroke in 1977. Ruby cared for James until shortly before his death in 1999 when he became a resident of Hansford Manor.  
 After James' death Ruby spent much of her time volunteering and visiting with the residents of Hansford Manor. She was also a certified hospice volunteer for Hansford Hospice. She continued this until she became a resident of the Manor on December 6, 2010. She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman.  
 Ruby was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, her husband James, her son Eddie, her son-in-law Frank Heinz, two grandsons, Ken Heinz and Jason Lasher.  
 She is survived by her sisters, Dollie Fullbright of Arlington, TX, Bonnie McNatt of Rule, TX, Helen Pierce of Old Glory, TX, daughters Betty and husband Tommy Davis of Beaver, OK, Pauline Heinz of Laverne, OK, Lois and husband Michael McCaskill of Las Vegas, NV, Callie and husband David Van Kleec of Phoenix, AZ, and daughter-in-law Paula Riley of Homer, AK. Ruby is also survived by her grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.  
 The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S Roland Street, Spearman TX 79081.

**THOMAS ALBER "TOMMY" TAYLOR**  
 Thomas Albert "Tommy" Taylor Tommy, age 79 of Heber Springs, Arkansas, passed away January 5, 2012 in Little Rock, Arkansas.  
 He was born in Spearman, Texas, to Jackson Robbins and Cleo Gill Taylor. He married DeLoris Maves in 1951 in Seattle, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents.  
 He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1954, and upon his discharge, attended the University of Houston. He was then employed by IBM, and retired to Arkansas in 1986, after 30 years with the company. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW and First Presbyterian Church in Heber Springs, Arkansas. During many of his retirement years, he volunteered for the Pine Snag rural fire department, serving several years as fire chief. He also collected and refurbished antique tractors.  
 Survivors include his wife of 60 years; sons Glenn Taylor of Toronto, Canada and Mark Taylor of Lake-wood, Colorado; sister, Dora Kate Lee of Batesville, Arkansas and seven grandchildren.  
 A memorial Service in his memory will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Heber Springs, Arkansas on January 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Arrangements are with Heber Springs Funeral Home. Please sign online guest-book at www.heberspringsfuneralhome.com.

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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</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              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.</p>	<p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b>              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</p> <p><b>First United Methodist</b>              407 S. Haney • 659-5503              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 8:30 &amp; 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</p> <p><b>Grace Presbyterian Church</b>              (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)              1101 Bernice • 659-2033</p> <p><b>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b>              1101 Bernice • 659-2252              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.              (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)              Pastor - Cecil Biggers, PLM</p> <p><b>Union Church</b>              31 S. Endicott • 659-2644              Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.              Worship &amp; Kid's Church: 11:00 a.m.              Wednesday Evening Worship and Bible Study Service: 7 p.m. Wed.              Pastor - Steve Hinshaw              www.unionchurchonline.org</p> <p><b>Fellowship Baptist</b>              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 - Phillip Hudson</p>	<p><b>Primera Mision Bautista</b>              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.</p> <p><b>El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.</b>              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              (806) 659-2153</p> <p><b>Gruver</b></p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>              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</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              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</p> <p><b>First Christian Church</b>              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 Gurfumfry</p>	<p><b>Gruver United Methodist</b>              Broadway &amp; Garrett              733-2651              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 8:30 &amp; 10:50 a.m.              Eve. Worship &amp; UMY: 6 p.m.              Pastor - George Price</p> <p><b>Spanish Cristo Redentor Church</b>              Hwy 15 806-659-2166              Gruver, TX              Sun. Mass: 1:30 p.m. - Spanish              Rev. Gregory Bunyan</p> <p><b>Oslo</b></p> <p><b>Oelo Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b>              6 Miles West &amp; 12 Miles North of Gruver              339-7646              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.              Pastor - Arlen Lloyd</p> <p><b>Morse</b></p> <p><b>Morse Baptist Church</b>              733-2757              Pastor - Gary Stevens</p> <p><b>Waka</b></p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              300 Rogers Ave              202-7126              Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.              Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.              Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.              Preacher - Ed Jenkins</p>
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He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.  
 Micah 6:8

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### 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.

### Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

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

### Winter Landfill Hours

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

### Gruver Elementary Register Tapes for Education

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

### "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop

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

### Gruver Community Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Gruver on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 2-7 p.m. at the La Casita Room at Gruver State Bank. Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a MASH t-shirt! Photo ID or Donor Card Required to Donate. MUST BE 17 YEARS OLD TO DONATE BLOOD. For appointments, please call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800. Find us on facebook \* Follow us on Twitter \* www.thegiftoflife.org. 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!

### Gruver Jr. High/Elementary UIL Awards

The Jr. High and Elementary would like to invite you to our UIL Awards Assembly this Friday, January 6th at 8:30am in the Auditorium.

### Cross Country Rings

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

### Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

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

### Don't Text and Drive Decals

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

### Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors

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

### 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.

### Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Gruver. For more information, contact Marilyn Been at 806-733-2087.

### 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.

### 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.

### O'Loughlin Center Hours

The O'Loughlin Center is open for the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). For more information, contact The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, PO Box 733, Spearman TX 79081. (806-659-3030)

### Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 12 noon in the Perryton Menonite Church, 2821 S. Ash. The next meeting will be October 9th. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### Child Find

Your school district is looking for children ages 3-21 years who may be slow in developing communication skills, social interactions, walking skills and/or have major physical disabilities. We want to give your child the chance to receive the extra help he/she needs, if the disability interferes with his/her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton SSA, 435-4412.

## Catholic Family Services Creates Fund to Assist Accident Victims

Catholic Family Service, Inc. has created a fund to assist the Somali victims of a December 30 accident with medical expenses.

According to the Amarillo Globe-News, at about 1:50 p.m. on the 30th, a Chevrolet van carrying workers headed for the Excel meat packing plant in Plainview was traveling southbound on Interstate 27 when the vehicle hit some debris, swerved, overcorrected and rolled several times. Twelve people were ejected from the van and were subsequently transported to Northwest Texas Hospital. Three people — Amal Ashur, Omar Abdi Qadir and Abdirizak Addulle Mohamed, 24, all of Amarillo — were killed in the accident.

"Our hearts go out to the Somali community, and friends and family members of the victims," said Nancy Koons, Executive Director of CFS. "We are praying for all those involved and would like to support them by establishing this fund. This provides an opportunity for Amarillo residents to rally around them with their support, love and concern."

All of the funds donated to this fund will go directly toward the medical expenses incurred by the accident victims, Koons noted. Donations can be sent to Catholic Family Service at PO Box 15127, payable to "Refugee Accident Victim Fund" or to Amarillo National Bank, Refugee Accident Victim Fund, PO Box 1, Amarillo TX 79105, Attn: Crystal (2nd Floor).

For more information contact Dena Dyer, Communications and Development Director, at 806-690-7878 or Nancy Koons, Executive Director, at 806-672-0600.

## College News

### Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Anthony Renteria of Spearman recently graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi during the 2011 Fall Commencement on Saturday, December 17, earning a Bachelor of Science from the College of Science and Engineering.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi awards bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the Colleges of Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Health Sciences, and Science and Technology. A&M-Corpus Christi, the only university in the United States located on its own island, is a member of the Texas A&M University System.

### Texas A&M University

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,600 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those receiving degrees were: Tanner Sherrill of Gruver, who received a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness; and Justin Thompson of Gruver, who received a Bachelor of Science - Aerospace Engineering, earning CUM LAUDE honors.

### Oklahoma Panhandle State University

Oklahoma Panhandle State University has announced their Fall 2011 Dean's Honor Roll and President's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "Fs" or incomplete courses and have between a 3.50 and 3.99 GPA for the semester.

Robin Townsend of Spearman was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "Fs" or incomplete courses and a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Chelsie Hicks, Landon Miller, Jerri Shields, all of Spearman, were named to the President's Honor Roll.

## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the second week of the Season of Epiphany we seek to discover God only to see that God finds us! We study 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6: 11-20, and John 1: 43-51.

Samuel was a 'miracle baby'; he was born to a mother of advanced age. He was dedicated to the Lord and left at the temple to serve Eli and the priests. In the early hours of morning, Samuel hears a voice calling him. This occurs three times and each time, Samuel runs to Eli, the prophet, who denies calling Samuel. Eli then realizes that it is the Lord calling and he instructs Samuel to respond, "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." This is the call of the prophet Samuel. The call is ironic for his first prophecy is against the House of Eli. Learn from this that the Lord finds a person to do his will and continues to call until that person acts for the Lord.

The Psalmist sings a song, "O Lord you have searched and known me." Many young people today say to their elders, "You don't understand!" God understands us all. Can we doubt the One who created us? Can we question His motives? His thoughts are too wonderful for us. The Psalmist concludes that he does not understand, but he still is "with" God. How great a faith. God does many things that I do not understand, but I pray that I am still "with" Him. How about you, Christian?

Paul is addressing the Church at Corinth. The Church is split in many ways. Some are proud of their spiritual gifts; some are proud of their logic and understanding. All are convinced that they are right and the other Christians are wrong. Paul attempts by his letter to get the Corinthians to focus on Jesus rather than on themselves.

To the Greek members, the body is unimportant; one can do as one wants in the body, it does not matter. Paul responds, "All things are lawful to me, but not all things are beneficial." God did not free us from our sins that we might commit bigger and worse sins! We are set free to do what Jesus wants us to do; what we do or don't do with our body does matter. Paul tells all that the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit; if we are the receptacle of God, what we do with our body matters. Paul urges all to glorify God with their body. Think about this, Christian. Should we be addicted to drugs, sex, power, money, or any other indulgence? That which we are addicted to, controls us! Paul is telling us not to take ourselves back into slavery, slavery to sin; let nothing control you other than the love of Jesus The Christ.

John shows us that after Jesus calls Philip, Philip immediately seeks his friend Nathanael. Nathanael is a student of the law and prophets; one who yearns for the Messiah. When told that Philip has found the Messiah, Nathanael is incredulous. Note that Philip does not argue, Philip just says, "Come and see." Nathanael 'sees' and believes.

May the Holy Spirit 'discover' you so that you too may see the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

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## Top-O-Texas Jackpot Held

Several Spearman students recently competed in the Top-O-Texas Jackpot Show in Pampa on January 7th and 8th.

Students competing in the Barrow Show included: Jennifer Crowl - Champion Berkshire, Zane Patterson - Champion Duroc, Reece Shields - Reserve Champion Hampshire, Thaxton Boyd - Reserve Champion

Chester, Lauren Patterson - Reserve Champion Yorkshire, 1st Crossbred - Malory Martin, Judd Sutterfield, Malory Martin, Lauren Patterson; 2nd Place Crossbred - Cooper DeArmond; 3rd Place Duroc - Reece Shields; 3rd Place Hampshire - Daniel Jarvis, Judd Sutterfield; 3rd Place Crossbred - Malory Martin, Brantly Shields, Trayse

Heater; 4th Place Hampshire - Jonathan Crown, Richard Jarvis; 4th Place Crossbred - Thaxton Boyd; 6th Place Hampshire - Brantly Shields; and Chaz Patterson and Reid Harrell. Students competing in Steers were Zane Patterson - Reserve Champion British, Trace Patterson - Reserve Champion Exotic

## 2012 Retail Gasoline Prices Likely to Set Record Highs

The U.S. average price of gasoline today, \$3.26/g, has declined significantly in recent months but still remains 21.3 cents per gallon higher than the U.S. average price recorded last year at this time.

"As 2011 has come to a close, that's cause for concern," says Gregg Laskoski, Senior Petroleum Analyst for GasBuddy.com. "Why? For the past seven years, the average price movement from the beginning of the year to the peak price posted during the year has been \$0.93 cents per gallon, and as high as \$1.31/gallon."

"Last year was actually a good snapshot of what we've seen for the past seven years. 2010 ended with the national average at \$3.05 and we saw the annual spring 2011 climb push the national average 91 cents higher to its peak level as early as May 11 when it reached \$3.96 per gallon," Laskoski said.

Texas average "start

price" to peak retail gasoline prices:

2007: Start Price: \$2.17/g on 1/1/2007; Peak Price: \$3.06/g on 5/22/2007; Difference: 88.8 cents per gallon

2008: Start Price: \$2.89/g on 1/1/2008; Peak Price: \$3.96/g on 7/16/2008; Difference: 106.9 cents per gallon

2009: Start Price: \$1.44/g on 1/1/2009; Peak Price: \$2.54/g on 10/28/2009; Difference: 110.6 cents per gallon

2010: Start Price: \$2.48/g on 1/1/2010; Peak Price: \$2.89/g on 12/29/2010; Difference: 40.7 cents per gallon

2011: Start Price: \$2.88/g on 1/1/2011; Peak Price: \$3.88/g on 5/11/2011; Difference: 99.7 cents per gallon

"In three of the last seven years, the spread between the yearly starting price and the peak exceeded \$1 per gallon and only once in the past seven years was the spread below .82 cents per

gallon. And, while we typically anticipate "peak" prices to occur in the midst of the summer driving season, sometimes the peak can even come after summer has concluded, as was the case nationally during 2006 and 2009. While past performance is no indication of future prices, if the national average doesn't move closer toward or under \$3 per gallon by the year's end, we could be paying over \$4/gal next spring," said Patrick DeHaan, another Petroleum Analyst with GasBuddy.com. GasBuddy.com is operated by GasBuddy Organization Inc. GasBuddy.com is a group of local websites which offers an online method for website visitors to post and view the most up-to-date retail gasoline price information. The GasBuddy collection of websites has rapidly grown into North America's premiere fuel prices information source.

## 2012 State Water Plan Now Available

The Texas Water Development Board's 2012 State Water Plan is now available to the public at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/wrpi/swp/swp.asp>. The plan, updated every five years, was approved by the Board at its Dec. 15 meeting and was delivered to the governor and Texas Legislature Jan. 5.

The purpose of the State Water Plan is to ensure that our state's cities, rural communities, farms, ranches, businesses, and industries will have enough water to meet their needs during a drought of record. The plan lays out recommended conservation and water management strategies, the cost of the strategies, and estimates of the amount of financial assistance that would be required by the

state to implement the strategies.

The population of Texas is expected to increase 82 percent by 2060, and existing water supplies are expected to decrease 10 percent in the same time period. If the state does not implement new water supply projects or management strategies, Texans will not have enough existing water supplies to meet demand in times of drought. By 2060, the state is projected to need 8.3 million acre-feet of additional water supply per year in the event of a drought. Annual economic losses from not meeting water supply needs could result in a loss of \$11.9 billion in income a year if current drought conditions persist, and as much as \$115.7 billion annually by

2060, with over a million lost jobs.

As the state experiences rapid growth and declining water supplies, implementation of the plan is crucial to ensure public health, safety, and welfare and economic development in the state.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional water supply planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

## Texas Water Development Board 2012 State Water Plan

**WHY DO WE PLAN?** Texas Water Development Board 2012 State Water Plan

The State Water Plan is designed to meet the state's needs for water during times of drought, using the 1950s drought as the drought of record benchmark. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that our cities, rural communities, farms, ranches, businesses, and industries will have enough water to meet their needs during a repeat of the drought of record.

**HOW DO WE PLAN?**

Water planning in Texas starts at the regional level with 16 regional water planning groups throughout the state. Each group consists of about 20 members that represent at least 11 interests, including agriculture, industry, environment, municipalities, business, water districts, river authorities, water utilities, counties, and power generation.

The planning groups evaluate population projections, water demand projections, and existing water supplies that would be available during times of drought. They also identify water user groups that would not have enough water during times of drought, recommend strategies that could be implemented to address shortages, and estimate the costs of these strategies.

Once the planning groups adopt their regional water plans, they are sent to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for approval. The TWDB then compiles the 16 plans into the State Water Plan, which serves as a guide to state water policy, with informa-

tion from the regional water plans and policy recommendations to the Texas Legislature. Each step of the process is open to the public and provides numerous opportunities for public input.

**HOW MANY TEXANS WILL THERE BE, AND HOW MUCH WATER WILL WE NEED?**

The population of Texas is expected to grow from 25.4 million to 46.3 million by 2060, an increase of 82 percent. In the same amount of time, water demand in the state is projected to increase by only 22 percent, from about 18 million acre-feet per year in 2010 to a demand of about 22 million acre-feet per year in 2060.

We do not have enough existing water supplies today to meet the demand for water during times of drought. Without additional water supplies, during a severe drought the state is projected to have water shortages of 8.3 million acre-feet per year by 2060.

**WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET MORE WATER?**

The regional water planning groups recommended 562 water management strategies—specific projects to increase water supply or maximize existing supply. If implemented, these strategies would provide 9.0 million acre-feet per year in additional water supplies.

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

The estimated total cost of the 2012 State Water Plan is \$53 billion. These costs consist of the funds needed to permit, design, and construct projects that

implement recommended strategies, with the majority of the costs going toward meeting the needs of residential, commercial, and institutional water users across Texas. Of the \$53 billion, an estimated \$27 billion will need to come from financial assistance provided by the state. The \$53 billion needed to implement the state water plan is, however, only about a quarter of the total needs for water supplies, water treatment and distribution, wastewater treatment and collection, and flood control required for the state in the next 50 years.

**WHAT IF WE DO NOTHING?**

If drought of record conditions recur and water management strategies identified in the State Water Plan are not implemented, the state could suffer significant economic losses. By the year 2060, lost income to Texas businesses and workers could reach \$116 billion, and 1.1 million jobs could be lost. Over half of the state's population would face a water need of at least 45 percent of their demand by 2060 during a drought of record.

**WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO IMPLEMENT PREVIOUS PLANS?**

To date, the TWDB has provided over \$1 billion in low-interest loans and grants to implement 46 projects across the state that were named as water management strategies in the 2007 State Water Plan. These projects will supply over 1.5 million acre-feet of water needed during times of drought to millions of Texans.

## Signup for CSP Program by Jan. 13

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Salvador Salinas reminds agriculture producers that the ranking period cut-off date for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is January 13, 2012. Producers interested in CSP should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during the first ranking period of 2012.

"CSP gives conservation minded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts," says Salinas. "Farmers and ranchers actively engaged in natural resource conservation practice have the opportunity to earn financial rewards through CSP."

CSP is a voluntary five-year program offered to landowners statewide through continuous signup. Producers interested in CSP should submit applications

to their local NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during this first ranking period in 2012.

Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and nonindustrial forestland and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of Indian tribes. Individual landowners, legal entities and Indian tribes may be eligible to apply for CSP assistance. Participants will

have the opportunity to receive payments for practices that maintain and improve water and soil quality, as well as enhance wildlife habitat.

Interested producers can obtain the information from the programs section of the Texas NRCS website <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>, or contact their USDA-NRCS field office.

## Spearman, Gruver Cross Country Teams Honored at Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony

Retiring Dumas volleyball coach Jack Wilson highlighted November honorees at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce sports committee monthly awards ceremony Thursday held at the Ambassador Hotel.

Other awards presented:

**Cross country:** Spearman Lynxettes (2A state champions), Coach Starla Whiteley; Gruver Lady Greyhounds (1A state champions), Coach Rod Been

**Basketball:** Madison McLain, Gruver, Coach Rod Been

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## Basketball Linescores

**District 1-2A**  
**1/6/12**  
 Bushland 4 10 19 25  
 Spearman 5 19 32 47  
 B—Kaitlyn Bauer 7, Sarah Climer 7, S—Shelby Hanna 21, Kyla Walker 10. Records: Spearman 12-6, 1-0; Bushland 12-10, 0-1. What Happened: Spearman led by nine at halftime before outscoring Bushland 26-15 in the second half. JV: Spearman def. Bushland.

**District 1-2A Standings Girls**

Team	Dist.	All
Spearman	1-0	12-6
Sanford-Fritch	1-0	13-8
River Road	1-0	9-11
Childress	0-1	12-9
Bushland	0-1	12-10
Highland Park	0-1	9-10

Friday's games: Sanford-Fritch 42, Childress 39; Spearman 47, Bushland 25; River Road 50, Highland Park 35.

**1/3/12**  
 Borger 15 19 29 33  
 Spearman 7 23 44 57  
 B—Nellie Embers 17, McKenzie Loftis 7. S—Shelby Hanna 20, Kyla Walker 14. Records: Spearman 11-6. JV: Spearman 48, Borger 38.

**12/13/11**  
 West Texas High 5 10 12 14  
 Spearman 6 26 36 45  
 WT-Cheyenne Tull 10, Erin Summers 2, Madison Heston 2. S-Hannah Patterson 18, Kyla Walker 12. Records: Spearman 7-4. JV: Spearman 51, WT High 34.

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 Borger 15 19 29 33  
 Spearman 7 23 44 57  
 B—Nellie Embers 17, McKenzie Loftis 7. S—Shelby Hanna 20, Kyla Walker 14. Records: Spearman 11-6. JV: Spearman 48, Borger 38.

**12/1/11**  
 Spearman 2 4 15 22  
 Panhandle 13 33 48 56

**District 1-1A Division I**  
**1/6/12**  
 West Texas High 5 9 11 15  
 Gruver 12 22 36 50  
 WT—Tull 5, Wilson 4. G—McLain 14, Selderhoss 12, Bass 11. Records: West Texas 0-1. Gruver 21-2, 1-0. JV: Gruver 31, West Texas High 26.

Borger 13 13 24 38  
 Gruver 11 20 33 36  
 B—Newton 11, Boren 8, Hearn 8. G—King 14, Clark 10. Records: Gruver 9-11, Borger not reported. JV: Borger 40, Gruver 36.

**1/3/12**  
 Hartley 11 22 29 38  
 Gruver 13 27 38 52  
 H-Cansler 17, Robles 4, Schaub 4, Johnson 4, Mendoza 4. G-Irwin 18, King 15.  
 Darrouzett 6 12 21 22  
 Gruver 15 32 43 59  
 D—Vanhooser 11, Duke 8. G—Blankenship 19, King 18.

**Girls**  
 Dalhart 8 17 22 27  
 Gruver 7 23 36 51  
 D—Jennifer Quint 11, Jeana Sybesma 7, Cassidy Lenz 7. G—Madison McLain 21, Ashlynn Miner 11.

**12/13/11**  
 Liberal, Kan. 4 13 16 18  
 Gruver 16 28 38 50  
 L—Chapman 11, Bond 3. G—Madison McLain 21, Nikki Beasley 9. Records: Gruver 14-2. JV: Gruver 28, Liberal 18.

**12/1/11**  
 Boys  
 Gruver 8 21 30 41  
 Boys Ranch 12 28 35 47  
 G—Iwrin 12, Clark 12. BR—Thomas Wanek 12, Ganeal Hale 8.

White Deer 10 18 24 32  
 Gruver 24 34 45 53  
 WD—Bradley 17. G—Blankenship 15, King 14.

**Girls**  
 Gruver 13 27 45 65  
 Gruver 7 18 26 42  
 G—Madison McLain 19, Kaysha 15. B—Nellie Embers 10, Katie Sizemore 6.

Panhandle 15 21 35 46

**12/28/11**  
 Dalhart 14 32 38 49  
 Gruver 3 11 14 20  
 D—Burkes 8, Smith 8. G—Lane 4. Records: Gruver 9-9.

**12/30/11**  
**Gruver Holiday Classic**  
**Boys**  
**Championship Game**  
 Dalhart 14 32 38 49  
 Gruver 3 11 14 20  
 D—Burkes 8, Smith 8. G—Lane 4. Records: Gruver 9-9.

**12/9/11**  
**Girls**  
 Lockney 5 16 25 40  
 Gruver 16 24 37 51  
 L—Reyna 17, Williams 8. G—McLain 21, Bass 10.

Gruver 10 30 44 56  
 Miami 6 21 29 40  
 G—Bass 21, Gibson 14. M—Bell 10, Carr 9.

**Boys**  
 Claude 4 16 27 39  
 Gruver 10 21 36 48  
 C—Skarke 10, Justice 9. G—Blankenship 13, King 9.

Gruver 10 30 44 56  
 Miami 6 21 29 40  
 G—Bass 21, Gibson 14. M—Bell 10, Carr 9.

**Boys**  
 Panhandle 13 22 38 46  
 Gruver 8 18 27 38  
 P—Hall 12, Berry 9. G—S Irwin 13, Blankenship 11.

**12/3/11**  
**Girls**  
 Texhoma, Okla. 6 20 29 39  
 Gruver 18 29 40 51  
 T—Sheets 18, Freeman 9. G—Madison McLain 19, Taylor Felderhoff 13, Shelby Gibson 11. Records: Gruver 20-2. JV: Gruver 28, Texhoma 25.

**Boys**  
 Texhoma 6 12 22 39  
 Gruver 9 19 21 24  
 T—Ansley 10, Pugh 5. Knitig 5. G—Blankenship 9, King 9. Records: Gruver 8-9. JV: Texhoma 41, Gruver 20.

**12/28/11**  
 Hartley 11 22 29 38  
 Gruver 13 27 38 52  
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Panhandle 15 21 35 46

## Spearman Chamber Accepting Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is working towards our annual Chamber Banquet, which is tentatively set for the 14th February. We are planning a little different type of banquet this year. We are planning a Valentines ball with dinner and dance, along with presentation of awards to the 2011 outstanding citizen and business. The deadline for nominations is by 5 p.m. on January 25, 2012.

### Business of the Year

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

### Citizen of the Year

This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment make this individual uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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## Xcel Energy Withdraws Plans to Increase Fuel Costs for Texas Retail Customers

A federal court decision delaying a costly new environmental regulation has led Xcel Energy to withdraw a fuel-cost formula update it filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) in November.

The update, had it gone into effect, would have added \$6.30, or 7 percent, to a typical winter residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours in Texas. New Mexico customers eventually would have seen higher fuel costs as well because customers in both states share the same power generation system. The increases were a direct result of achieving short-term compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, or CSAPR.

Xcel Energy learned in July that Texas was to be included in the new rule, which is aimed at reducing the amount of emissions that drift toward eastern U.S. cities. The company had only six months before a Jan. 1 implementation date to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides by as much as 50 percent. The only viable compliance option in the near term was to reduce the output of its coal-fueled power generation fleet and increase production from natural gas-fueled plants. Natural gas is more expensive than coal, and the company's fuel costs would have risen dramatically under CSAPR, at least until the company had a chance to install new emission-reduction technologies on its coal-fueled power plants.

On Dec. 30, the U.S. Court of Appeals - D.C. Circuit, stayed CSAPR implementation until the court has a chance to review the

merits of numerous lawsuits, including a suit filed by Xcel Energy, seeking to block the new rule and devise a more reasonable way to reduce emissions. As a result of the ruling, the company will continue operating its generating fleet as it has always done - calling on its low-cost coal-fueled plants first and then adding natural gas-fueled plants as customer demand increases.

Even though the court ruling eliminates the need to switch primarily to natural gas generation at this time, and thus raise fuel costs to customers, Xcel Energy still needs to update its fuel cost factor on customer bills because the company's fuel mix has changed and natural gas prices have decreased since the company had its last update. Therefore, the company will submit a new fuel cost proposal before the end of January, but the impact on customer bills is not known at this time.

As the revised fuel costs are being worked out, Xcel Energy will continue its legal effort to block CSAPR and lobby for a better plan that will more reasonably protect customer interests.

"We opposed and still oppose CSAPR because of enormous and immediate costs of complying so quickly," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "Even so, we remain committed to investing in new emission-control technologies, and we hope the court's decision will allow us to make these investments in a more reasonable timeframe that would ease the financial impact on our customers

and maintain the reliability of our generating system."

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## Out at the Lake

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The ice is mostly melted from the lake now, after the warmer weather and wind. A fisherman from Fritch pulled a boat here last week, only to find ice at the boat ramp.

January 2, 2012 - Lake Palo Duro level - 31.35 feet

The geese are still here, thousands of them. The snow geese are the most visible, but there are many Canada geese, too. Several times, we have noticed three separate groups of snow geese. The Canada geese stay on the edges, or completely away from the snow geese. It is dark now, and walking to the office, I could hear them. The noise of their honking is very loud. The ducks are also numerous, but not as noticeable.

Eight bald eagles are here also, three with white

heads, and one is turning white. They fly around, feed on the fish and waterfowl, and land in the trees, where they can be seen each day. The annual eagle count is between January 4 and January 18, with target dates of January 13 and 14, 2012. This national survey is coordinated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the Biological Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey. The purpose of this survey is to count "wintering" eagles. I will probably turn in these eight eagles, since they have been here for weeks, now.

Coyotes are seen more often, now. I can hear them at night. One recent night, a pack of coyotes was between the house and office. Scooter, my dog, chased one away, last week. I thought there might be a fight, but the coyote ran away.

Hansford County has lifted the fire ban, at least for a while. I am still leery of campfires here, though. This time of year we don't have campers, and very few fishermen. The ban on campfires will remain in effect, here at the lake, until further notice.

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