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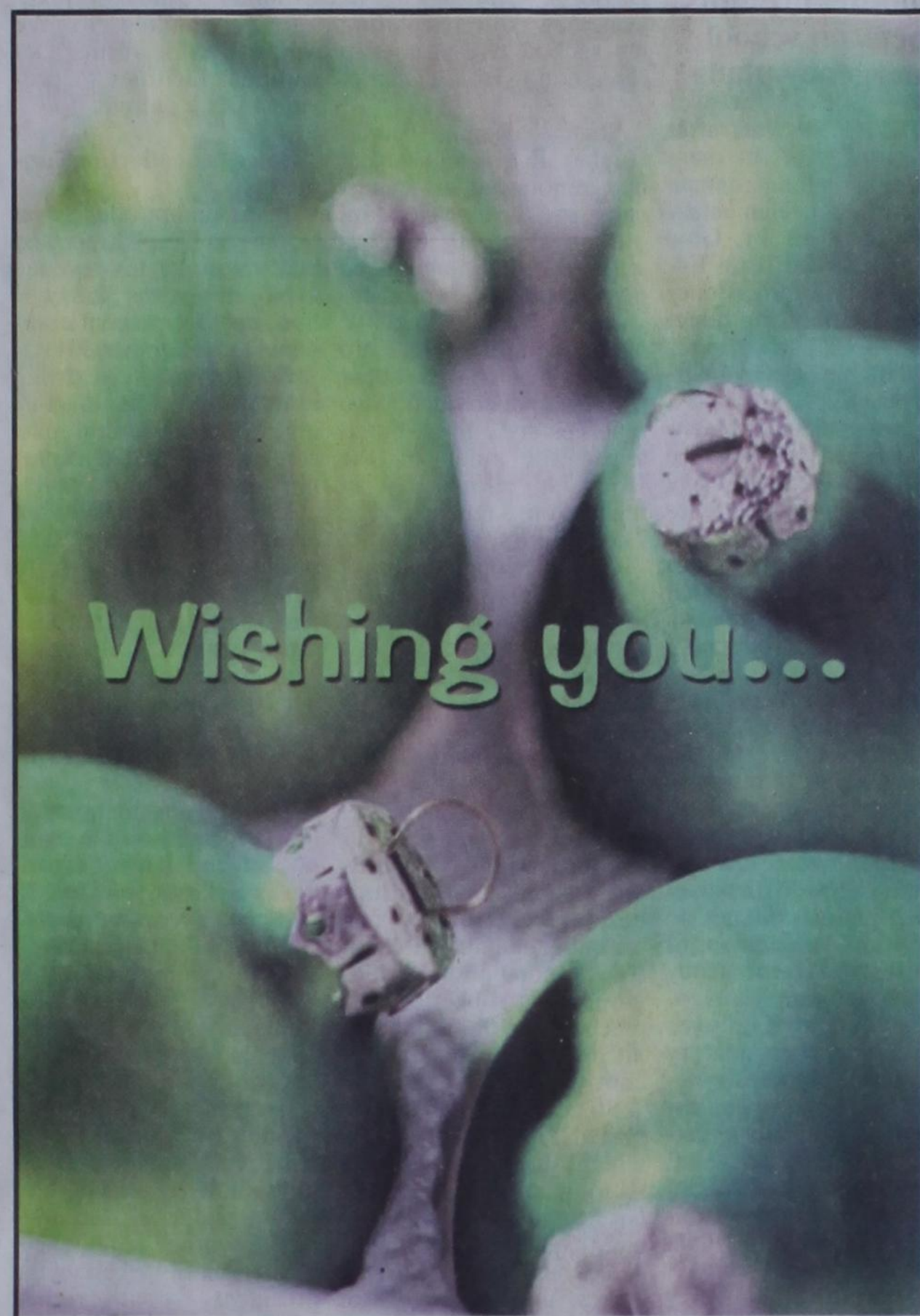


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Wishing you...

A very merry
Christmas!

Christmas is one of the most wonderful days for praying, loving, smiling, caring and relaxing. Take this opportunity and thank God from this wonderful life. Have a Happy and Merry Christmas.



Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

12/21 - VG & VB vs. Panhandle
12/27-29 - VG & VB at Caprock Tourney (Lubbock)
1/3-1/5 - JVB at Perryton TV Tourney
1/4 - VB (6) at Stratford
1/4 - VG (6) at Bushland

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

12/20 - JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Hooker OK
12/21 - JVG (2:30), JVB (1), VG (1), VB (2:30) at Claude
12/22-26 - Gruver ISD Athletic Facilities Closed
12/27-29 - VG & VB at Gruver Holiday Classic
1/1 - VG (1), VB (2:30) vs. Boys Ranch
1/4 - JVG (4), VG (5:30) at Booker
1/4 - JVB (5), VB (8) at Borger



Weekly Update

Texas, December 17 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 5.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.02/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 8.0 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.25/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 2.5 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 12.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 18.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

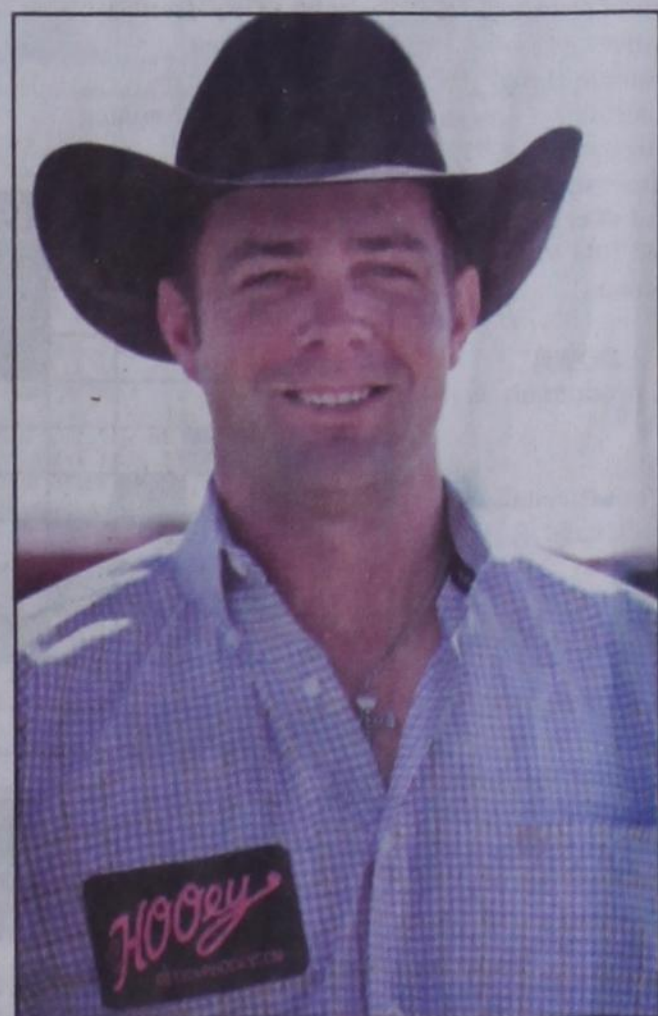
"The drop in gas prices certainly has been well noted- in some instances people have been calling this a gas price crash. Dub it whatever you like, but I'll remind motorists: gasoline prices in some areas still could set all-time record highs for Christmas Day," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While it is excellent that gasoline prices have dropped, I'm not on board with this being called a gas price crash. Call me a grinch, call me a realist, but at the end of the day, data doesn't lie- and that data shows that gasoline prices are still clinging near all time highs for today's date," 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.

Armes Earns Big Money in Vegas



Bray Armes of Gruver, Texas, who has qualified for the first time for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Armes is the 15th-ranked steer wrestler in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association heading to the NFR, set for Dec. 6-15 in Las Vegas.



Bray Armes

It was an emotional conclusion to the 2012 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo for steer wrestler Bray Armes.

In his first qualification to ProRodeo's grand championship, Armes put on quite a show. He placed in five go-rounds and put his stamp on the NFR with a 3.5-second run to finish second in Saturday's 10th go-round. He also placed fourth in the average with a 10-round cumulative time of 55.2 seconds.

In all, Armes earned \$85,397 in the City of Lights. That pushed him from 15th to sixth in the final world standings, with \$131,249 in earnings.

"It's amazing," Armes said Saturday night, choking up a bit. "I've been blessed. I can't put it all into words. I just thank the Lord."

It's been an incredible year for Armes, who returned to rodeo full time at the beginning of the season. Heading into the summer stretched, he jumped in the rig with two-time world champion Dean Gorsuch; the race to the NFR was on, but not without drama.

Armes needed an incredible finish to move into the 15th spot in the standings to secure his first trip to Las Vegas; he got it with key wins in Albuquerque, N.M., and Kansas City, Mo., in late September. Then he put on quite a show inside the Thomas and Mack Center, earning more money than all the other steer wrestlers in the field.

"It's a dream come true and a great blessing," he said. "It's been awesome."

So will his December earnings mean something different for Christmas?

"We're going to get to move for Christmas," Armes said, noting that he, his wife, Neelley, and their children, daughter Breely and son Drake, will leave the Texas Panhandle community of Gruver for a place north of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex - Neelley's parents live in nearby Denton, Texas, while Bray's parents live a little just 30 miles further. "Then the day after Christmas, I'll have a little procedure done on my knee."

Bray Armes' final push came from a solid game plan. Armes was in the hunt for the elusive world championship and needed every advantage he could get. He was hoping a fast time could secure his first go-round win in his first NFR.

"I wanted to win buckles; I was going at it," he said. "I was going to push the barrier as hard as I could and give it all I had."

Las Vegas can be a wild place, and rodeo fans make it quite western during the NFR. Armes was able to enjoy all the experiences with his family right by his side.

"Couldn't ask for anything more," Armes said. "It's just been crazy. It's been fun."

Merry Christmas!

Wow! I'm glad I got your letters! We have so much snow here at the North Pole that I was afraid the mail might be slow. But, the mail man is as quick as all the reindeer!



The reindeer are outside now playing reindeer games. Dasher is running in the snow - spelling out "Merry Christmas." Dancer and Vixen are building snow elves; Prancer and Cupid are having a snow ball fight (with some snow balls that look like candy); Blitzen is playing in the snow with his toys; Comet is flying from roof top to roof top (he flies real good); Dancer is making reindeer angels in the snow by laying down and waving his legs; and Rudolf - he's in the barn polishing his nose and practicing his leadership skills.

Mrs. Santa and I watch them through the windows and laugh at all the fun the reindeer have.

We all love you and can't wait to see you Christmas eve! Keep being good!

Love, Santa Claus

Operation Christmas Greeting

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

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

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Merry Christmas!

Let us help you decorate this holiday season!

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We will be closed December 24th-26th for Christmas and December 31st-January 2nd for New Year.

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16th Annual

Community Christmas Dinner

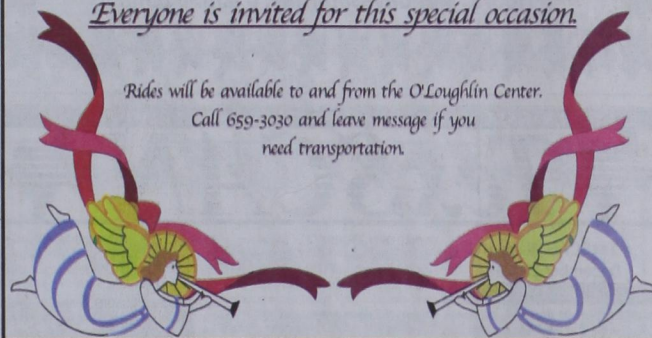
Where: The O'Loughlin Center

When: December 25th • 12:00-1:30 p.m.

What: A free dinner will be provided for anyone in the community who would like to share the Christmas spirit with food and fellowship.

Everyone is invited for this special occasion.

Rides will be available to and from the O'Loughlin Center. Call 659-3030 and leave message if you need transportation.



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