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Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes
11/29-12/1 - VB at Nazareth Tourney
11/29-12/1 - JVG & JVB at Gruver JV Tourney
11/30-12/1 - VG at Kids Inc. Tourney in Canyon
12/3 - 7B (5), 8B (6), JVB (7) at Canadian
12/3 - 7G (5), 8G (6), JVG (7) vs. Canadian
12/6-12/8 - VG at Clalude Tourney
12/6-12/8 - VB at Ft. Elliott Tourney
12/6-12/8 - JVG at Spearman JV Tourney
12/6-12/8 - JVB at Borger JV Tourney
Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds
11/29-12/1 - JVG & JVB at Gruver JV Tourney
11/29-12/1 - VG & VB at Miami Varsity Tourney
12/3 - 7B (5), 8G (5), 7G (5), 8B (6) at Frith
12/4 - JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30) & VB (8) vs. Beaver OK
12/6-12/8 - JVG at Spearman JV Tourney
12/6-12/8 - JVB at Borger JV Tourney
12/6-12/8 - VG & VB at Claude Varsity Tourney



Weekly Update

Texas, November 19 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 2.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.14/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.43/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 1.2 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 30.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 26.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 6.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"With Thanksgiving just days away, Americans will be hitting major thoroughfares en masse. While gasoline prices have dropped in the last month and a half, the national average will still come close to breaking a record- the highest ever national average for Thanksgiving," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "I don't really see how gas prices could greatly improve between now and Christmas, given the new military action in the Middle East, and other pressures. It's all but certain the national average will not drop under \$3.25 per gallon, which could lead to a perilous start to 2013," 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.



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.

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Hansford Hospital Upgrades to State-of-the-Art Respiratory Testing Equipment

In addition to "Respiratory Care Week", the Respiratory Care Department at Hansford Hospital has another reason to celebrate. The department has just purchased a new Pulmonary Function Testing instrument, which replaces their old instrument originally purchased in 2001. The new system, manufactured by MedGraphics Cardiorespiratory Diagnostics, will provide testing for common respiratory diseases, such as asthma, COPD, pulmonary fibrosis, and emphysema. Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT), is a standardized test that measures how well your lungs work, by measuring how much air can be taken in and released from the lungs, and how well gases, such as oxygen, move from the atmosphere into the body's circulation. PFT is a screening tool that can detect early airway disease, caused by smoking, allergies, exposure to hazardous inhalants, certain medications or genetic factors, often before symptoms appear or shown by a chest x-ray. PFT can also assist physicians in evaluating and determining



the appropriate medication to treat certain respiratory diseases, like asthma. This week, Glenda Close and her staff will be training on the new instrument, and will be ready to start testing patients by next week. Hansford Hospital has the most comprehensive pulmonary testing lab within a 70 mile radius. In addition to local physician referrals, they also test patients for out-of-town specialists and physicians. If you have further questions about PFT, please contact your physician, or staff at the Respiratory Care Department at Hansford Hospital.

"Love Your Library"

The Hansford County Library Board is pleased to announce the extreme success of the "Love Your Library" campaign begun a year ago. At that time, the library was financially stressed, but with the generosity of citizens of the community and various organizations, today it is financially sound and set to serve the community for many years to come. Although words alone seem so inadequate, we do want to thank the public for all its support during the last year.

Within the past year, support from the City and the County has been increased, the thriftshop (now Alley Katz) has been totally revamped and today operates very successfully, public donations and memorials have increased, and volunteers have come forward to work with a variety of programs and in other areas.

In closing, we want to remind the community that this is your library and that we are here to serve your needs. Please keep the library in mind for donations and memorials for loved ones.

A few library reminders for the future:

- Elaine Littau, author of Perryton, will have a book signing at the library on December 14 from 10 to 3
- Elizabeth White, Spearman High School art instructor, will feature a show-

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for November 27, 2012: Temperatures were above average for the week with no moisture reported. Soil-moisture levels mostly were very short to short. The cotton and sorghum harvests were nearly completed. Producers were still planting winter wheat. Existing wheat stands were in very poor to good condition, with most counties reporting fair. Rangeland and pastures were mostly in very poor to poor condition. Cattle were in good condition with continued supplemental feeding.

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 20th and December 27th issues will be Thursday, December 13th at 5 p.m.

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@spearmanreporter.com).

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to reporter@spearmanreporter.com

ing of photography work from her students in January

- Keisha O'Quin will share her talents one day in mid January with library patrons by offering 10-minute massage sessions at the library.

- Art work from schools in Spearman, Gruver, and Pringle-Morse will be on display during the months of March, April and May

The annual summer reading program will be held each Tuesday in June for children in grades kindergarten through second grade.

Your Library Loves You. Do You Love Your Library?

There are lots of reasons for loving your library: personal enjoyment, intellectual stimulation, children's books and activities, research materials for school, home or work, access to computers and the Internet, and many more. The local and national media have reported on how libraries see a

jump in usage during an economic recession. We encourage you to think about how your library enriches your life.

Get a Jump on Spring

Try a recipe from an international cookbook, choose a plan for a new deck or home improvement project, decide which annuals and perennials will look great during the summer and survive a Minnesota winter. All these, and much, much more can be found in the nonfiction collection. Are you tired of winter and just want to escape? Curl up with an absorbing novel and spring will be here before you know it!

Love Your Library with a Gift Today

Help ensure the Library remains a vital resource center for everyone, especially in this tough economy.

For more information on donating, including making bequests, to the Hansford County Library, contact Margaret Rutman at 806-659-2231..

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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 20th.

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

In order for your letter to appear in the Christmas issue, it must be at the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 17th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline may not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
A beautiful Thanksgiving Holiday. The museum was closed so all of our volunteers could visit with their families.

when you see her. I will report our total hours in January when I prepare our annual report.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I hope all of you watched the special on PBS about the Dust Bowl. It was a great documentary that revealed the hard times that our area experienced during that time.

Since it is Christmas time and many of you will be giving or receiving charm bracelets, here is a little history of this tradition.

The first known charms were made of natural gems or rocks and were carved with designs of animals or gods.

In the late 1800s, Queen Victoria wore a charm bracelet with photos of family members in tiny lockets.

Many WWII soldiers brought little trinkets and gifts home to their loved ones. These items were worn on charm or memory bracelets. (Do any of you

still have yours?)
It was customary to give a charm bracelet to a young girl before she reached age 13. New charms were then given as gifts for birthdays, holidays and anniversaries.

HAVE A GREAT DECEMBER! THE MUSEUM STAFF LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEW YEAR.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Special hours upon request.

Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; e m a i l : wolfcrk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

This week is our last for 2012. So, if you haven't seen The Sports exhibit or purchased books for Christmas, tomorrow is the last day. We have all of the Elaine Littau books and many others, so come shop with us.

We will be closed the month of December, but I will try to come in and write a Lipscomb column during the month. So you won't forget us.

Chamber & Economic Development News

by Tex Kopke, Spearman Chamber of Commerce Director

It's the hap-hap-happiest time of the year!

Yes, it is time to renew your Chamber of Commerce membership for the new year. OK, so maybe this isn't what you think of when you consider what the happiest time of the year is, but here at the Chamber this is when we get excited to see the cash start rolling in and see what kind of a budget we will have to operate on for the coming year.

In case you aren't currently a member, now is time to get signed up and start supporting the Chamber and all the good things it does to support business and the quality of life here in Spearman.

doing and would like to join in supporting the Chamber, all you need to do is drop a \$40 check in the mail made out to the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 161.

If you do own a business and have never joined the Chamber, please consider joining for the year to come. Business memberships are based on the number of employees and start at just \$115 for the year.

We sure do hope that you are pleased with all the great fun activities & merchant promotions the Chamber has spearheaded this year.

Speaking of great fun activities, wasn't it fun seeing all of the fall or Halloween decorations at the more than 25 participating businesses this year?

contest includes not only businesses, but homes and large windmills, too.

The prize for the best outdoor business decorations will be a published picture of the winning group receiving the award certificate out in front of their decorated business, \$50 donated in their name to the Hansford Manor/Hospice Empty Stocking Fund as well as \$50 worth of delicious baked goodies for their employees from Debbie's Sweets & Antiques Bakery Shop.

The prize for the best decorated large windmill will be \$50 in Hansford Bucks (which can be spent at any participating local merchant) and a published picture of your group receiving the award in front of the winning windmill.

And the prize for the best decorated home will be a published picture of your family receiving the award in front of your decorated home and one hour Christmas light viewing tour by limousine for up to 5.

Not to brag, but so that others will have a chance to win, the Chamber will not be eligible to win. Winners will be decided the week before Christmas, so start decorating now!

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Board proposes budget for next biennium

AUSTIN — To pass a budget bill is the Texas Legislature's main job, but it is the 10-member Legislative Budget Board's job to propose how much money the state may spend.

At a Nov. 15 public hearing, the Board offered up a 2014-2015 two-year state budget capped at \$78 billion per year, observing the constitutional spending limit.

The 83rd Texas Legislature is scheduled to convene on Jan. 8. Among a multitude of budget considerations are: (1) a state population projected to be greater than 27 million people; (2) the business climate; (3) public health; (4) public education; (5) public safety, law enforcement and prisons; (6) roads, highways and bridges; (7) local governmental institutions, and more.

Members of the Legislative Budget Board, to whom much is entrusted, are joint chairs Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus, House Appropriations Committee Chair Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, Senate Finance Committee Chair Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, House Ways and Means Committee Chair Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville; and five appointees: Sens. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and Judith Zafirini, D-Laredo; and Reps. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

Remember, however: the Legislature relies on the office of the state comptroller to do the critical job of forecasting the amount of revenue that will be available to pay for it all. Comptroller Combs and crew are busy looking at tax collections, non-tax revenue, unspent funds from the current budget and the option to transfer in billions of dollars from the Economic Stabilization Fund, known widely as the Rainy Day Fund.

Five months ago, the governor and the Legislative Budget Board directed state agencies to find 5 percent in savings for fiscal 2014 and another 5 percent in savings for fiscal 2015.

Sequestration panel named

House Speaker Straus on Nov. 12 named an interim panel to recommend ways Texas can prepare for what now is commonly referred to as the "fiscal cliff" — a mix of federal tax increases and spending reductions poised to take effect at the end of the year unless Congress takes actions to avoid the cliff.

The panel, titled Interim Committee on Texas Response to Federal Sequestration, will report its findings to the speaker by Jan. 7, the day before the 2013 Texas Legislature convenes.

House members named to the panel include Rep. Linda Harper Brown, R-Irving, chair; Republican Reps. Cindy Burkett, Mesquite; Brandon Creighton, Conroe; Dan Flynn, Canton; Jodie Laubenberg, Rockwall; and Charles Perry, Lubbock; and Democratic Reps. Dawnna Dukes, Austin; Craig Eiland, Galveston; Naomi Gonzalez, El Paso; and Eddie Lucio III, San Benito.

Secretary of state resigns

Texas Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade on Nov. 20 resigned from office, effective Nov. 23.

After more than four years as the state's chief elections officer, Andrade leaves office as Texas's fourth-longest serving secretary of state. The San Antonio native previously served as chair of the Texas Transportation Commission, the agency that oversees the Texas Department of Transportation.

NTSB investigates accident

National Transportation Safety Board sent a team to Midland to investigate an accident in which a Union Pacific freight train struck a flatbed semi-trailer at a grade crossing on Nov. 15. The trailer was being used as a Veterans Day parade float. Four deaths and numerous injuries were reported in the accident.

F1: impact totals to come

On Nov. 16-18, the new Circuit of the Americas Grand Prix track near Austin hosted its first Formula 1 racing event.

State and local agencies, merchants and people who live in the Austin area will be contributing information that will be used to calculate the economic impact of the event. When that calculation will be released is unknown. What is known is the number of gate receipts for the three-day event, as reported by Circuit of the Americas: total attendance, 265,499.

Secession petitions circulate

Following the election of President Barack Obama to a second term, a group has been gathering signatures in favor of Texas seceding from the United States. Soon after, a reactive petition was being circulated, attracting signatures of Texans who prefer that the state remain part of the union.

Gov. Perry, who in 2009 made a public statement suggesting that Texas might be better off on its own, distanced himself from the notion driving the pro-secession petition.

SUDOKU puzzle grid with Dish Network advertisement for \$19.99 and contact information.

REALITY TV word search puzzle with clues for various terms like 'Wheel of Fortune', 'Carbon monoxide', etc.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for various terms like 'Perceive or think about in a particular way', 'Middle Eastern porter', etc.

esurance advertisement: 'if you could save \$522 ... why wouldn't you?' with contact info and logo.

Happy Birthday!

November 28
Birthday - Casey Smith, Clint Williams, Jeanie McClellan, Frank Shields, Patty Spoonemore, Thelma Ford, Caroline Schick, Jeny Womble, Pat Hamilton, Harley Murrell, Marie Belle Vargas, Rick Howard, Toni Pittman, Tammy Red, Darlene Curry, Neely Landrum
Anniversary - M/M Julian Rodriguez, Mary Lou & Steve Matthews, Brenda & Verlan Winegarner

November 29
Birthday - Brian Presley, Steven Salazar, Wanda Wagner, Genna Floyd, Robert Browning, Ciria Vela, Ted Vela, Troy Lane Brown, Brenda Salgado, Amanda Burress
Anniversary - M/M Kermit Ford, M/M David Schick, M/M Jose Garcia, M/M Phil Tripp, M/M Brad Hart

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
Anniversary - M/M Lee Roy Mitchell, M/M Ross Walker, M/M Rick Harvey, M/M Luis Salazar

December 2
Birthday - Audrey Beasley, Don Dillow, Paul Stavio, Mike Close, Sharon Freeman, Kristin Dunnihoo, Ginger McClellan, Jana Price, James Terry, Amanda Gaines, Blare Title, Christi Cooper, Cecilia Favela, Frances & Jeffrey Davis, Kane Pittman
Anniversary - Dink & Carma Dorton, M/M John Haynes

December 3
Birthday - Shell Haynes, Bethany Harris, Lila (Mike) Hergert, Kevin Harris, Francisco Lozano, Jewell King, Alvin Auld, Mark Taylor, Jenny Neff, Phyllis Cummings
Anniversary - M/M Jess Wood, Irene & Butch Baker

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, Arbeta Nobels, Gwen Smith, Norman Scroggs, Susie Oakley, Beatrice Comp, Cory Marrs, Brayden Bynum, Cason Lane Mathews
Anniversary - Alfonso & Carrie Ceniceros

December 6
Birthday - Ryan Ramon, Penny Kruse, Coleen Brummett, Ed Dear, Mrs. Johnny Gaither, Cecelia Randall, Mayleea 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, Marilyn Cline, Blythe Finley, Leah Smith

Our Sympathy

JOSEPH DWIGHT SUMNER

SPEARMAN — Joseph Dwight Sumner, 68, of Spearman died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman by Theresa Manno, S.F.O. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the church. Burial will be in Old Hansford Cemetery in Spearman. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Dwight was born Sept. 4, 1944, in Canadian to Randy and Charlotte Sumner. He married Anita Louise Lopez on Oct. 30 1964, in Sacred Heart Church in Canadian.

Dwight served as a pumper for Diamond Shamrock and its successors for 27 years, retiring in 2000. He went on to own and operate Simple Simon's Pizza in Spearman for 12 years. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service, delivering mail on the Hansford County rural route. In his youth, Dwight broke Quarter Horses, broke several records on the Canadian High School track team, and served as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 551 for 20 years.

In his life, Dwight was described as a humble, quiet man who listened much more than he spoke. He loved his family greatly and was a source of insight and wisdom for several. Along with their birth children, Dwight and his wife Anita served as mentors and caretakers for several young people throughout their lives, some even acting as a second family, including a Norwegian foreign exchange student, who has been loved as a member of their family ever since. A devout Christian and Native American spiritualist, Dwight believed in the incorporation of Christian teachings with the spiritual traditions and practices of the Native American people, advocating respect for Mother Earth and God, and all of their children. Dwight spoke on several occasions to elementary students on Native American traditions and artifacts and owned an extensive collection.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sharon Kay.

Survivors include his wife, Anita; a son, Shane Sumner and wife Tish; a daughter, Elizabeth Hartsell and husband Jan; a daughter, Missie Bates and husband Mike of Spearman; a son, Terje Thogersen of Frederickstad, Norway; his mother-in-law, Theresa Manno of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Ronald Sumner; two sisters, Sandra Ermis of Edmond, Okla., and Joan Sumner of Carlsbad; and several nieces, nephews and close friends.

The family suggests memorials be to Boy Scouts of America Troop 551, Golden Spread Council, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124.



JOE LOPEZ

GRUVER — Joe Lopez, 71, of Gruver died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brown Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Jay McGaughy officiating. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors of Sunray. Joe was born Oct. 19, 1941, in Coahuila, Mexico, to Carlos and Antonia Medellin. He married the love of his life, Rose Ellen, in Pueblo, Colo., and they have been in the community since 1983. Joe was a cowboy who was employed by Dean and Monte Cluck and worked for them for 30 years. He was a kind and loving man who enjoyed spending time with his beautiful wife, children and grandchildren. Joe will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Juan and Felix Medellin; and a sister, Pauline Garcia.

Survivors include his wife, Rose; a son, Joe Lopez Jr. of Sunray; two daughters, Pauline DeBord of Sunray and Denise Karlin of Gruver; three grandsons, Forrest and Dakota Lopez of Gruver and Baile DeBord of Sunray; and three granddaughters, Emma Lopez of Stinnett, and Jocelyn Lopez and Kyla DeBord, both of Sunray.

The family suggest memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd, Amarillo, TX 79106.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

DAISY ANN KENNEL

BUCYRUS, MO - Daisy Ann Kennel, 92, of Bucyrus, Missouri, died Saturday, November 24, 2012.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Heart Cemetery in Booker, Texas, with the Rev. Butch Hearon officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton, Texas.

Daisy was born August 20, 1920 in Beaver County, Oklahoma to Samuel C. Karber and Susan M. Theissen. She married Charles Kennel in Beaver County on September 3, 1938.

Daisy was self-employed as a small business owner and operator of the Western Auto Store in Booker, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles, her parents, her son, Charles Dewayne, a son-in-law, Melvin Coxwell, 6 brothers and 4 sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Coxwell and Charlene Cook, both of Bucyrus, Missouri, one sister, Ruth Hudson of Bay City, Texas, and one grandson, David Cook, of Bolivia.

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Medical Fund Established for Jeremy Frost

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

John DeLaRosa

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

Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday

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

Gruver Booster Club Fund Raiser

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

Flu Shots

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

4-H Smoked Meat Sale

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

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, December 8, at 6 p.m. in the Waka Christian Center for our Christmas celebration. A potluck meal will be served followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service. Plans are being made for the coming year and your support will be appreciated.

Gruver Blood Drive

Angels for the Gruver PTO Angel Tree will be ready for pick up on Sunday, November 18, 2012 during the Gruver Holiday Open House at Gypsies, Lamps & Beads. The Angels will then be moved to Gruver City Hall where they will continue to be available for pick up. Angel gifts must be returned to Gruver City Hall by Thursday, December 13 at 5 p.m. Please have them wrapped in 4 packages and bundled together. Thank you for supporting the Gruver PTO in helping to brighten the holiday season for children in our schools!

Back in Control Parenting Workshop

S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you another "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 8:45 AM-4 PM at the Texas Panhandle Centers Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Must pre-register by calling 359-2005. Instructor: Janice James, MA, QMHP. 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.

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Rainbow Room Needs Your Help

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

Education Tapes for Education

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

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

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

Firefighters Wanted

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

Hansford Hospice

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

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

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Xcel Energy Seeks Rate Increase for Texas Retail Customers

Investments driven by expanding economy to further boost area communities

Xcel Energy is seeking a base rate increase for Texas retail customers to support the cost of generating and delivering energy critical to the growth of area communities and the economies that sustain them.

A proposal presented today to the 79 Texas towns and cities served by the company, and to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), seeks to boost revenue by \$90.2 million per year. Impacts on each customer class vary, but for residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the increase would average \$6.61 per month, or 7.3 percent, with fuel costs factored in. For all customer classes combined, the total increase is 12 percent accounting for base rates and fuel costs.

"The economy of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains continues to outpace national economic growth," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "Our customers expect us to invest wisely to modernize and upgrade our system to meet this growing demand and provide the reliable service necessary to sustain economic growth. This case is largely driven by these investments, which provide great value to our customers over the long term."

"In addition to the value our customers will see, the investments also provide value to the communities we serve in the form of job growth and increased property and sales tax revenues paid by the company," Hill added.

Current rates are based on what it cost to run the system in 2009, Hill said. Since that time, the company has invested \$702 million to build new sources of power generation, new substations and new transmission and distribution lines. Between the summer of 2010 and the summer of 2012, peak electricity demand increased by almost 10 percent.

Even with higher base rates, overall bills should remain below 2008 levels, and Xcel Energy continues to rank as one of the lowest-cost electricity providers in the state, Hill said.

Natural gas is used to generate more than half the power consumed across the region, and prices for this commodity have fallen sharply over the past four years, leading to significant savings on monthly bills. So far this year, Xcel Energy has lowered fuel costs twice, saving typical resi-

dential customers close to \$10 a month, Hill said.

"Nonetheless, we understand the impact of this proposed increase on our customers, and we offer an extensive suite of programs to help manage and decrease energy needs," Hill said. "While all customers contribute to the costs of keeping our system safe and reliable, customers can reduce their individual costs by participating in these energy efficiency programs. Combined, these efforts help us strike a reasonable balance between the need to invest in our system and the need to ensure competitive rates and bills."

Customers may find more information on these money-saving programs at www.xcelenergy.com on the "save energy and money" tab, or by calling a customer representative at 1-800-895-4999.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.3 million electricity customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

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Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We begin the church year with the Season of Advent. In this season we examine our lives and relationship with God while we await the celebration of Christ's birth and we prepare for his return. We study Jeremiah 33: 13-16, Psalm 25: 1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, and Luke 21: 25-36.

Jeremiah brings the word of God to a troubled and endangered people. In fearsome times, God is our ultimate stability. God will save and redeem. The righteous branch from the house of Judah, has come in the form of Jesus The Christ! Be alert!

The Psalmist sings a song of a suffering soul "do not let me be put to shame!" He asks God to make his ways known to the Psalmist so that he may live a righteous life. He implores God to not remember the sins of his youth or his transgressions. The Psalmist is sure of God's steadfast love and faithfulness. So can we find our help and redemption in prayer. Dear God, show us your mercy!

Paul shows his love for the Church in Thessalonica and his concern for them in his prayers. Paul shows us the spirit of a pastor-- affection for those he tends in Christ, anxiety for the welfare of those he tends in Christ, help for those he tends in Christ, joy in the lives of those he tends in Christ, and prayer for those he tends in Christ. Paul's prayers for his church teach us that the only way to prepare to meet God is to live daily with him. The difficulties we face may be difficult because we disregard God in our ordinary lives; we try to do everything our way. Emulate Paul and walk daily with God.

Jesus tells his disciples that there will be signs before his return in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars. There will be people fainting from fear; yet, Jesus tells his disciples that when those things happen, "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Jesus admonishes them to "Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man".

May the Holy Spirit enable you to "Be alert!" for the kingdom is near. Maranatha!

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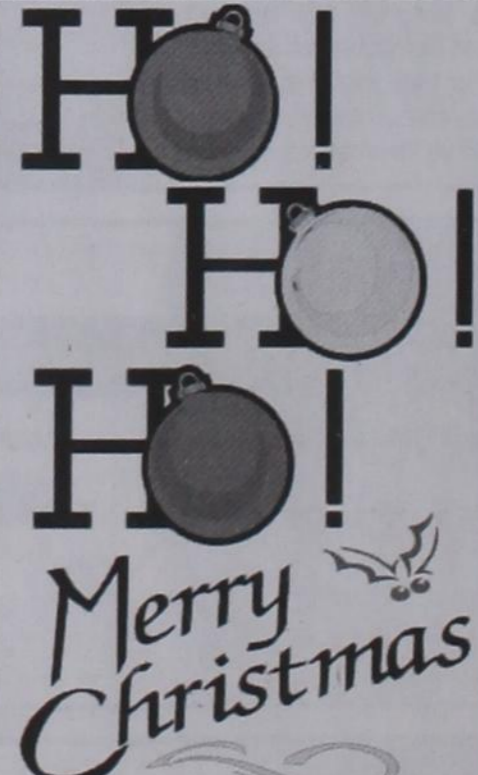
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Continued from the 11/22/12 Edition of The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

A most pleasant and unexpected meeting happened on or about December 10, 1943, when someone left a message that I would be picked up. When a jeep drove up, to my great surprise, two men from Spearman, Texas, were aboard: Buster Kirk was the driver and Louis Stringer his passenger. The surprise was further enhanced by hearing that we were going to visit Lt. Col. Billy Jarvis at the Headquarters of the 307th Bomb Group at Carney Field. Colonel Jarvis was the Executive Officer of the 307th Bomb Group and had been with it since its beginning. Buster Kirk rated a jeep because he operated a machine shop that repaired P-38 fighter planes and often went to a site where a plane had crashed to salvage parts. I had known Buster and his family all my life. He was one of the "big boys" ahead of me in school. I had also known him at Texas Tech where he had studied Mechanical Engineering. His father was a prominent farmer in the area. Louis Stringer had been a teller at the First State Bank in Spearman before going in to the Army. He was in the crew of an anti-aircraft artillery battery on the Canal. Needless to say, I enjoyed the hour or so of unexpected visiting with hometown folks 10,000 miles from home through the hospitality of Billy Jarvis. He had access to information that allowed him to know where our outfits were located and, thus, was able to get us together. These were the first people from home I had seen since

I last saw my family in Dallas while I was attending Radio Operators School.

Billy Jarvis was a man I had respected since I had started to school in Spearman. He was reared on a ranch/farm about 20 miles SW of Spearman in Northern Hutchinson County. He had attended Texas A&M College and was a member of the Army ROTC that trained so many of the officers that helped take the fight to our enemies. He was a dyed-in-the-wool Aggie and earned the respect of those who served with and under him. He taught school in Spearman High School for a few years and was football and basketball coach. He took our basketball team to State, I believe, before we had University Interscholastic League divisions and won the tournament against much larger schools (circa 1930). His name is mentioned several times in the book, "UP The Slot", by Samuel I. Walker. Walker was a radioman on one of the B24 flight crews of the 307th Bomb Group and a relative of Jim Strawn who lived in Spearman after the war.

At an earlier time when we were at Munda, some of my buddies kept saying, "Mac, you got a college education. Why don't you get some of that gold braid stuff?" Mostly to shut them up, I went to our headquarters and applied for the V-7 Midshipman Program. I doubted that I would ever have that privilege, but by making the request, it got them off my back.

Six of us Radiomen were sent back to Noumea aboard the USS Pinkney. There, we were eventually assigned to Navy Commu-

nication Unit 39. This unit embarked on the USS Rotania (formerly SS William Kelly) January 15 and got underway back to Koli Point, Guadalcanal, arriving on the 21st. We trained there until February 12 when Communication Unit 39 was to embark in some LCI's for the Green Islands about 600 miles on the northwest end of the Solomon Islands chain. We were scheduled to board at 1100. About 0900, a messenger came to my tent and said, "Mac, they want you at headquarters." Orders for me to attend Navy Reserve Midshipman's School at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, had arrived. What a great surprise!!!! Our captain said, "There is a ship in the harbor going to San Francisco. Get on it, and don't let anybody take you off it!!" I was happy to obey his verbal orders!!!

I hated to leave those guys with whom I had sweated out the rigors of Rendova and Munda. I felt a deep friendship with them--some of us had been together for more than a year (January of 1943 to February, 1944).

The trip back was uneventful, but I thought the Golden Gate Bridge was the most beautiful sight I had seen for more than a year. Treasure Island Navy Receiving Depot was my next stop after disembarking. Naturally I wanted to go ashore, but I had no dress blue uniform that was required to get off the base.

A sailor who was shipping out to sea offered me a pair of tailor-made dress-blues for \$30.00. I tried them on and took him up on his offer and made it ashore. I called home as

soon as I could find a phone. The first person I heard was that of our Spearman telephone operator, Mrs. Lena Beeson. It was good to have a short conversation. She connected the phone to the Lee McClellan residence, and I got to talk to my family.

March weather makes San Francisco a cold damp place. I had no pea coat so I tried to find a warm place on the streets when I got off Treasure Island. I found Elsie's Bar or some café to accomplish warming up away from the station. On one occasion, while walking (and shivering) in front of a hotel, I saw several Navy officers getting out of a limo. I recognized one of them was Lt. Commander Corrigan, the former captain of Argus 11. I saluted and spoke to him saying, "McClellan of Argus 11. He remembered me and took me to his quarters in the hotel along with the junior officers accompanying him. I only remember we had some libations and then he had his driver take me to the Receiving Station.

I was eventually assigned to a troop train and wound up in South Bend, Indiana. On arriving there, I took a taxi to the university, found the Navy Dept and presented my orders. I was told

that the class I had been ordered to attend had started before I left Guadalcanal, and consequently, I would be sent to Northwestern University to a class starting the following week. While waiting for my orders to be cut, I told a cute little WAVE Yeoman that I had been in the Navy for two years, been overseas in the Solomon Islands, and had not had more than a 72 hour pass during that time. She went back into the inner office, relayed my tale of woe. When she came out, my orders were for 28 days leave, a few days travel time, and reassignment to Navy Reserve Midshipman School, Columbia University, New York City!

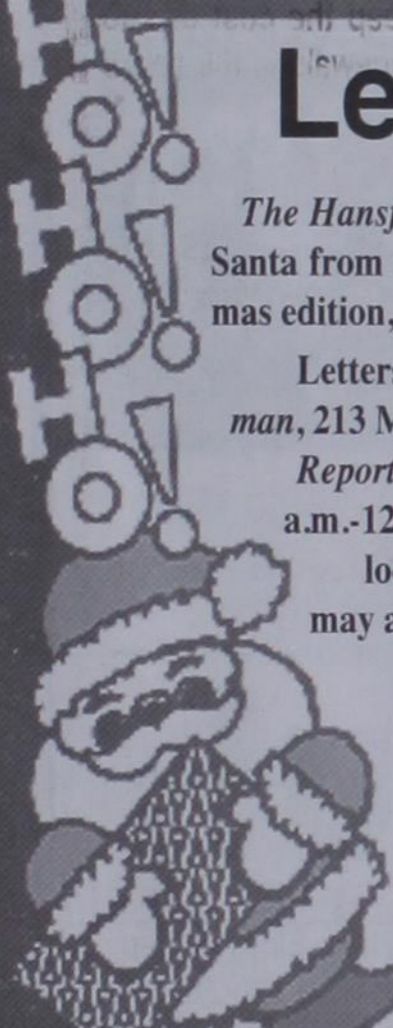
What a wonderful break! I went back to the train station and bought a ticket to Liberal, Kansas, called home, and made arrangements to be met. Mother and Vera Beth were at the train station in Liberal when I got there.

While I was home, Mrs. Billy (Ollie) Jarvis and young son Billy Brit, 15 months of age, came to see me. She was aware that her husband, Lt. Col. Billy Jarvis, had managed to get Buster Kirk, Louis Stringer and me together with him for the visit on Guadalcanal. I know that she was anxious, as all those left at home were, to hear about her husband. I was glad to tell her what little I knew. Colonel Jarvis had been on Guadalcanal since February 1943.

I took the train from Liberal to NY City, again through Chicago. On arriving at Grand Central Station, I found my way to the University to a class starting the following week. I was told to get off at the 116th street station, but the train moved so fast I was afraid that I would not get off there, so I got off at the 72nd street station and walked with my sea bag and hammock on my shoulder the rest of the way. Talk about a green-horn country boy!!!! But I made it okay. It turned out I did not need the sea bag, and I shipped it home. The hammock and sea bag are still in my possession!!

We midshipmen were issued gray uniforms, similar to the khaki and green uniforms that the Army and Marines wore. My pay was lowered. A notice of the need for marching band members got my attention, and I sent home for my trombone. Also we were given a swimming test. I just barely made it across the 50-yard pool, so I was given swimming lessons in lieu of marching. I passed a 500-yard swimming test before I graduated. Between the band and swimming lessons, I was not required to do a lot of close order drill, but I did not get to engage in any of the recreation exercises.

Continued in next week's edition of The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.



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 20th.

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 drop off to the right of the door.) Letters may also be dropped off at the 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 13th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline may not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)

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Gruver Lady Hound Cross Country Team

It has been another successful year for the Lady Hound XC team. These girls may have been overlooked by many to start the season but they definitely left their mark.

When the season begin, they established their motto as "We run TOGETHER, protecting our tradition." This group of girls did just that! Although they did not bring home the gold, they made a statement and left people realizing that the Lady Hounds are going to be a force to reckon with for the coming years.

These girls ran with lots of courage and pride on Saturday, November 10, 2012 and finished as the bronze medalist team at the UIL State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock. They finished just 10 points behind the state champion team, Hamlin, and 7 points behind the 2nd place team, Harper.

Lariat Lerner, a freshman, brought home the individual bronze medal with a time of 12:06. The future for the Lady Hounds looks very bright as all of these girls will be returning next fall plus the addition of the District 1-1A JV runners-up team.

The Lady Hounds XC team considers themselves to have unfinished business and will be waiting anxiously for next year's season, when they can attempt to return to top of the medal stand. This fall is just the start of what will be a fun year for Gruver High School athletics.

Thank you again to the administration, parents, booster club and the community for showing so much support for the GHSXC runners this season. These successes could not be accomplished without your support.

The Texas Girl's Coaches Association recently named Coach Bekah Morrison as the 1A-3A 2012 Cross Country Coach of the Year. Coach Morrison was chosen by her peers from the approximately 830 head cross country coaches in the 1A-3A schools from across the State of Texas. This honor is a reflection of the outstanding performance from Gruver ISD's athletes and coaches this cross country season. Congratulations Coach Morrison!!

Gruver Greyhounds Football

Sudan 59, Gruver 20

Sudan's 6-foot-5 receiver Dayton Fisher caught seven passes for 280 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Hornets past Gruver, 59-20, in a Region I-1A Division II area championship Friday night at Dick Bivins Stadium.

The Sudan defense forced 10 Gruver turnovers. Sudan, which outscored Gruver 31-0 in the fourth quarter, takes on the winner of Saturday's game between Booker (7-4) and Seagraves (4-6) at Happy State Bank Field at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

Score by Quarters

Sudan	7	14	7	31	59
Gruver	0	7	13	0	20

Scorers

- S—Dayton Fisher 48 pass from Jake Chester (Cesar Medrano kick)
- S—Chester 13 run (Medrano kick)
- S—Richard Montes 14 pass from Chester (Medrano kick)
- G—Korbin Irwin 5 run (Johny Terrazas kick)
- G—Dax Haight 39 run (Terrazas kick)
- G—Irwin 10 run (kick blocked)
- S—Fisher 80 pass from Chester (Medrano kick)
- S—Barry Johnson 5 run (Medrano kick)
- S—Fisher 8 pass from Chester (Medrano kick)
- S—Medrano 35 field goal
- S—Johnson 60 run (Medrano kick)
- S—Bill Nolte 80 INT return (Medrano kick)

Statistics

	Sudan	Gruver
First Downs	10	13
Rushing Yards	160	77
Passing Yards	354	224
Total Yards	514	301
C-A-I	12-22-1	16-32-4
Punts-avg.	2-41	3-49
Fumbles-lost	1-1	6-6
Penalties-yards	6-54	4-30

2012 All District 2-A Division II

District MVP: Korbin Irwin*, Sr. - QB/DE
Offensive Co-MVP: Colten Jackson, Sr. - RB
Defensive Co-MVP: Johny Terrazas, Jr. - LB

1st Team Offense

Wide Receiver: Beau Blankenship*, Jr.; Carson Williams*, Soph.

Tight End: Diego Ortiz, Sr.*

Center: Johny Terrazas*, Jr.

Offensive-Line: Simon Cuellar, Soph.*; Israel Mendoza*, Sr.

2nd Team Offense

Wide Receiver: Cesar Mendoza, Jr.

Offensive-Line: Eddie Borunda, Jr.; Ben Book, Soph. Kicker: Johny Terrazas, Jr.

1st Team Defense

Defensive Lineman: Israel Mendoza*, Sr.; Ben Book*, Soph.

Defensive End: Simon Cuellar*, Soph.

Linebacker: Colten Jackson*, Sr.; Diego Ortiz, Sr.

Defensive Back: Beau Blankenship*, Jr.; Carson Williams*, Soph.

Punter: Carson Williams, Soph.

2nd Team Defense

Defensive Lineman: Saul Suchil, Sr.

Defensive End: Manuel Borunda, Jr.

Defensive Back: Victoria Guerca, Jr.

Honorable Mention

Defensive Back: Lupe Pena, Sr.; Cesar Mendoza, Jr.; Victor Serrano, Jr.

Running Back: Victor Serrano, Jr.; Dax Haight, Soph. *Denotes unanimous vote

Academic All-District

Seniors: Korbin Irwin, Kolton Morrow, Diego Ortiz, Lupe Pena, Saul Suchil

Juniors: Beau Blankenship, Eddie Borunda, Victor Guereca, Cesar Mendoza, Victor Serrano, Johny Terrazas

Sophomores: Ben Book, Dax Haight, Mason McLain, Carson Williams, Blake Wills

Freshman: Aaron Felderhoff

Gruver Basketball

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JV Girls 19, Panhandle 36
 Varsity Girls 44, Panhandle 50

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7th Boys 28, West Texas 36
 8th Girls 29, West Texas 5
 7th Girls 54, West Texas 5
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 7th/8th "B" Girls 35, West Texas 10

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Varsity Girls 36, Texhoma 43
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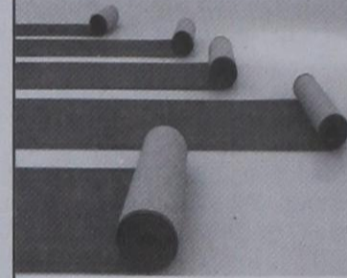
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT Strat Land Exploration Company, 15 E. 5th St., Ste. 2020, Tulsa OK 74103, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. This applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the White Dolomite Formation, Matthews, V. Lease, Well No. 1. The proposed disposal well is located 4.5 miles North of Spearman TX in the Hansford (Mississippian) Field, in Hansford County. The waste water will be injected

into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3470 to 3550 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin TX 778711 (Telephone 512/483-6792). 1(11/29/12)B

CITY OF GRUVER WATER REPORT

The Gruver Municipal water system #0980004 collected 3 water samples during September 2012 that contained coliform bacteria. This system is required to submit a minimum of 2 routine water samples each month for bacteriological analysis. 2 routine samples

were coliform-found and 1 repeat samples were coliform-found for the month and year indicated above.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

For water systems analyzing at least 40 samples per month, no more than five (5) percent of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliform. For systems analyzing fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one (1) sample per month may be positive for total coliform.

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Out at the Lake

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The picture shows a whitetail buck, that was following a group of does and fawns.

Lake Level--November 26, 2012--23.30 feet

Boy Scouts camped by the Lake this weekend. Spearman boys camped in tents on Friday, and a group from Panhandle did the same on Saturday.

This was not a week for RVs or much activity.

Birds seen were a single pelican, an eagle on the ground eating something unidentified, and a road runner near the office.

The December issue of the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine has an interesting short article on roadrunners with some information new to me.

Roadrunners, found all over Texas, are known for

their speed. They have been clocked at 17 miles an hour.

Although they can fly, they seem to prefer to run unless they are threatened. Then they fly only short distances and hit the ground running.

They have a varied diet of insects, lizards, snakes, rodents, and other birds. Since they like to eat on the run, they are often pictured with a snake or lizard hanging out of the mouth. If the quarry doesn't go quietly, they will subdue it by repeatedly slamming it to the ground.

So far Jim has not seen but one roadrunner at a time. We have been wondering if there is a pair. According to the article they are monogamous and form lifelong pair bonds. They breed once or twice annually. The pair also lives in their territory year round.

Some years ago I was

told that roadrunners should be shot as they ate quail eggs. They are known to eat bird eggs if they make a lucky find, but I don't think it happens often. I hope we find they can coexist.

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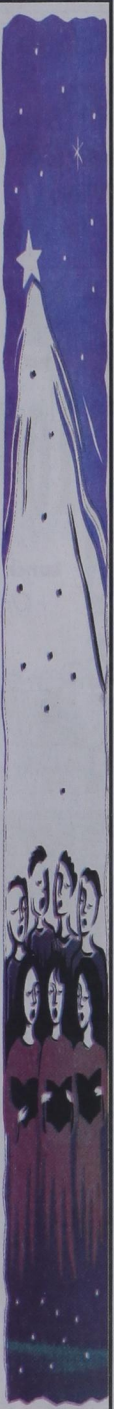
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