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*Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives,
and remembering what one receives.*

- Alexandre Dumas

Weather Forecast

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
THANKSGIVING DAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s.
THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Lows in the lower 30s.
FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow in the morning - then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs around 40. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.
SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above normal. Soil moisture ranged from very short to surplus with most areas reporting adequate. Corn was still being harvested in some fields. Cotton ranged from very poor to good with most areas reporting poor to fair. The soybean harvest continued, with areas reporting sorghum in the mature stage. The sorghum and sunflower harvest continued. Wheat varied from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair to good. Range conditions were very poor to fair with most areas reporting fair. Cattle were in good condition.

Boyd Rice Wins Twice at AQHA World Show

Written by Mark Thompson, Quarter Horse News

Horses ridden by Texas trainer Boyd Rice earned World Championships in Junior and Senior Cutting in back-to-back sets Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in Oklahoma City at the American Quarter Horse Association World Show. Rice, 42, Spearman, Texas, won the second and third AQHA World Championship cutting titles of his career and checks totaling \$33,857 with spectacular runs on two horses he competed well with all year.

Rice won the Junior Cutting with an initial 220 and a work-off 224 aboard 2003 mare ARC Cat Her Please (Chic Please x Moonstruck Cat x High Brow Cat). He also won the Senior Cutting with a 222 aboard 6-year-old stallion Sophisticated Catt (High Brow Cat x Shania Cee x Peppys Boy 895).

"I got lucky," said Rice, also the World Champion in Junior Cutting with Seven From Heaven (Playgun x Peppys From Heaven x Peppy San Badger), a 1999 gelding, at the 2004 AQHA World Show. "I cut a bunch of good cattle and it worked out."

ARC Cat Her Please, owned by Kurt and Angie Harris, Whitesboro, Texas, and bred by Arcese Enterprise, Weatherford, Texas, earned \$15,160 by winning the Junior Cutting, which featured 58 entries and a \$75,800 total purse. Sophisticated Catt, co-owned by Keith Feister, Gainesville, Texas, and Dale Koller, Bethlehem, Pa., earned \$18,697 by winning the Senior Cutting, which featured 70 entries and a \$93,483 total purse.

The Junior Cutting included a highlight-reel battle between ARC Cat Her Please, a prior winner of \$89,27 in cutting and reined cow horse money, and Reserve World Champion Tanga Rey (Dual Rey x Cristy Merada x Freckles Merada), a 2004 mare trained and ridden by Andy Sherrerd and owned by Cowan Select Horses LLC, Havre, Mont.

Sherrerd, 33, Wayne, Okla., and Tanga Rey had competed at only one prior cutting event, The Non-Pro, also in Oklahoma City in mid-June, where they earned \$2,366 by making the Derby Open finals. They looked like a well-oiled team at the World Show.

Competing No. 14 among 17 Junior Cutting finalists, Tanga Rey and Sherrerd earned \$12,128 with their No. 2 finish by matching the 220 ARC Cat Her Please and Rice marked from the No. 9 draw. Tanga Rey and Sherrerd scored a 219 to lead off in the work-off, but ARC Cat Her Please and Rice topped them with a 224 for the win. Each rider assisted the other as a herd helper during their initial and the work-off runs.

"Boyd and I are good friends," Sherrerd said. "I help him and he helps me."

He was pleased with the strong performances by Tanga Rey, a horse that competed sparingly after an early career injury, but looks strong as she heads toward her 5-year-old season.

The Senior Cutting's outcome never seemed in doubt after Sophisticated Catt and Rice marked a 222 from the No. 2 draw in a16-horse finals. The stallion, a prior career winner of \$136,291, topped \$100,00 during his 6-year-old season with a win at his last big show.

Senior Cutting Reserve World Champion Catty Starlight (Grays Starlight x Cats Bobby Sox x High Brow Cat), a 7-year-old stallion trained and ridden by Wayne

Czisy, Marieta, Okla., claimed the No. 2 spot with a solid 216 to earn \$14,957. The Senior Cutting featured cattle that just weren't nearly as workable as the Junior Cutting's had been.

Catty Starlight, owned by TCM Equine Ventures, Canton, Mich., started as a reining horse and he earned more than \$3,000 in reining as a 3-year-old. He had earned \$10,386 in combined cutting and reining money prior the highest profile performance of his career.

"The man who owns him [Tom Mason] has good taste in horses and he had the foresight to send him to me," Czisy said. "I get to show him when he's not at the breeding farm. He's still sound and he's still wanting to learn. He's a good horse."

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour



MR. & MRS. ROBERT HOWELL
620 S. ENDICOTT

Robert, Kristina and daughters Kaitlyn, Ryanne and Abby are anxious to have you come by and see their home on December 7th.

The house was purchased by Martha and the late Billie Haden in 1953. They added a basement and master bedroom. In 2002, Robert and Kristina bought the house as a "fixer-upper" and began work in 2006.

Charles Elliott helped by doing frame work on additional rooms - Robert and Kristina have done the remainder of the work. They added a third bathroom, master bedroom and living room, and changed the entry. The home now has 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a kitchen, utility room, 2 living areas, a playroom and a basement.

A collection of Dept. 56 Village, cowboy hats belonging to family members and other interesting items, throughout the home.

This is a comfortable, lived in family home shaded from the East and West, keeping it cool year round.

The Gladiola Flower Club sponsors the Home Tour each December. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from any Flower Club member, or at the door.

The Howell home is one of the four homes featured in this year's Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour, which will be held on December 7th from 2-5 p.m. Other homes on the tour include: Mr. & Mrs. Joey Woolley, 1021 Cotter Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Chad Knowlton, 501 S. Barkley; and Mr. & Mrs. Tim Cooper, 801 Walter Wilmeth Dr.

COME TO THE GAME

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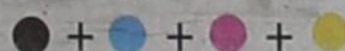
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12/02 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Texhoma, OK

12/04-6 VG, VB at Miami Varsity Tournament
12/04-6 JVG, JVB at Gruver JV Tournament
12/08 7thG (5), 8thG (6), 9thG (7:30) vs Sanford-Fritch
12/08 7thB (5), 8thB (6), 9thB (7:30) at Sanford-Fritch

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12/01 7thG (5), 8thG (6), JVG Red (7) at Stratford
12/01 7thB (5), 8thB (6), JVB Red (7) vs Stratford
12/02 JVG (7:30), JVB (6), VG (6), VB (7:30) at River Road

12/04-6 JVG, JVB at Gruver JV Tournament
12/04-6 VG, VB at Fritch Varsity Tournament
12/08 7thG (5), 8thG (6), JVG Red (7) vs Sunray
12/08 7thB (5), 8thB (6), JVB Red (7) at Sunray



Boyd Rice with World Show trophy

Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

Thanksgiving is that wonderful time of year when we pause and think of all our blessings. It is a time for family and friends.

I heard a prayer by an unknown author. It is both beautiful and insightful. It is a prayer that I would like to share with you.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord for the food we have. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

Author Unknown

Until the next time,
May God Bless.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - In the space of three months last summer, the Texas coast suffered punishing blows from three hurricanes: Dolly, Gustav and Ike.

Because of the resulting breadth and depth of disaster in coastal counties, Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 20 announced the creation of the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal.

It's an advisory panel of public and private sector experts who will create a plan to assist communities in recovery.

Perry also directed the Texas Department of Transportation to assist with debris removal in Southeast Texas.

"Two months after Ike's landfall, Texans are still sleeping in cars or tents outside of padlocked trailers," Gov. Perry said. "Mounds of debris are piled up in coastal communities, creating health hazards while Washington remains mum about whether it will provide the same level of resources it did for Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina."

"These situations clearly demonstrate that the federal government's recovery system is broken. I am confident this new commission will find solutions to these challenges as well as create a plan to speed recovery and accelerate economic development."

Job one is to address the housing shortage for residents whose homes were destroyed by the hurricanes.

State seeks to curb trafficking

Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transporting or obtaining of a person for labor or services for the purpose of subjecting victims to involuntary servitude, slavery or forced commercial sex acts.

On Nov. 17, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, held a news conference to announce the release of the Office of the Attorney General's new 57-page report, "The Texas Response to Human Trafficking."

The study details the impact of human trafficking on Texas and examines how changes in the law could reduce human trafficking and provide better services for victims.

Van de Putte said she plans to advance state efforts to eliminate human trafficking in Texas in the upcoming legislative session.

Abbott said, "The state of Texas must continue to focus on preventing human trafficking and protecting its victims."

Former Texas AG Mattox dies

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox died in his sleep Nov. 20 at his home in Dripping Springs. He was 65.

Mattox served as the state's chief law enforcement officer from 1983 to 1991. He also served Texas as a state representative, 1972-76, and as a U.S. congressional representative from 1976-82. He ran for governor

GOVERNOR TO CREATE HURRICANE RECOVERY PANEL



by Ed Sterling

in 1990 and lost to Ann Richards in the Democratic primary. He also ran for U.S. Senate in 1994, losing to Richard Fisher in the primary. In 1998, he tried to win back the office of attorney general, but lost to Republican John Comyn.

Gov. Perry ordered flags to half-staff in memory of Mattox Nov. 20-21.

Another files to be next speaker

Now 10 lawmakers have filed to be the speaker of the Texas House of Representatives in the upcoming 81st regular session of the Legislature.

The latest is State Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, who filed on Nov. 18.

The 150-member body will vote on opening day, Jan. 13.

The list of speaker candidates presently includes incumbent House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland and Reps. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, Tommy Merritt, R-Longview,

Allan Ritter, D-Nederland, Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, and Solomons.

Texas sounds call for retirees

The Texas Department of Agriculture is promoting a growing list of Texas cities and counties as friendly and attractive places for Americans looking for the perfect place to spend their golden years.

So far, the agency's GO TEXAN Certified Retirement Community Program presently includes 22 cities and counties, including Athens, Canyon, Clifton, Cuero, De Kalb, Duncanville, Franklin County, Gun Barrel City, Harlingen, Longview, Lufkin, Nacogdoches County, Odessa, Palestine, Panola County, Paris, Pittsburg, San Augustine County, Shelby County, Texarkana, Tulia and Winnsboro.

Created in 2005 by the Texas Legislature, the program helps smaller communities draw attention to their attributes through national marketing and promotional work.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

We received copies of the Salute, the 1967 edition for the 75th anniversary of Follett, Tx. This is the second history of Follett families. The first Pioneers of the Prairie is also available in our gift shop. The Salute gives us the history of Follett from 1967 to 1992 from its governments, churches, schools, businesses, and families. If you weren't able to get one in 1992, it is now available in our gift shop.

Booker has two history volumes also available at the Booker city hall and Bank. It is wonderful that we have so many books that record our heritage.

We represented the county and museum at two meetings in Littlefield and Lubbock last week. I must tell you that we have some of the best landscapes in our northeast corner of the Panhandle than any where else. At this time of year, the meetings were business in nature with goal setting for the next year. It is at these meetings that we are able to tell people about our county so if you have a business or event that you want to

advertise, please send me the information.

When you are reading this, it is Thanksgiving. We hope you are enjoying the food, family, and football. (These are the three F's of Fall. Some add a fourth - frost, but it sometimes doesn't appear.)

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

The Salute has an update of the people not in their first volume. One of which is Eugene Crump. Eugene Elroy Crump, son of Oscar and Mina Crump, was the first baby born in the new town of Follett on April 18, 1919. His brother Willis was born at Longdale, OK., in 1911; Marvin in 1912 at Oakwood, OK; and his sister, Evelyn, at South Ivanhoe in 1916.

Gene graduated from Follett High School as class vice-president in 1937. After graduation he co-managed family businesses, Crump's Best Way Grocery and O.A. Crump's Dry Goods Store, with his cousin Allan Crump.

In 1939 he moved to San Diego where he served with

the 251st Coast Artillery of the National Guard while attending San Diego State College. He had returned home in 1941 to help with the family businesses and to go to West Texas State College. However, on December 8, 1941, after Pearl Harbor, he dropped out of school and enlisted in the Navy. He served on eight different merchant ships in the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Mediterranean.

After discharge from the service in late 1945, he returned to Follett to assume his position in the family businesses. On April 7, 1946 he married June Cotney. Their first born was Timothy Allan followed three years later by a second son, Stanley Gene.

In 1960, he moved further west working in Nevada and Arizona. Eugene Crump died in 1999 and is buried in the Fairmont Cemetery of Follett.

The Crump family businesses were one of many that made Follett thrive. Next week will begin the twelfth month of 2008.

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TV CLASSICS

These games are brought to you by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

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- *Ginger's competition
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- Arrange
- Urban sound
- *Jason Lee on TV
- **Where everybody knows your name"
- Conform
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- One in advertising
- Skin opening
- Knife sharpener, pl.
- Popular Italian given name
- Editor's actions
- June 6, 1944
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- Mistakes
- Between ready and go

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- Power system
- *Perry Mason's loyal secretary
- Operatic solo
- Poetic "beneath"
- *Edith sometimes drove him crazy
- Pale gray
- Tiny guitar
- Gadget
- *She had a ball
- Popular aquarium star
- "__ it!" as in disappointment
- Zeal
- Homemaking guru
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- Part of a circle
- Defamation
- *Jack, Janet and Chrissy's landlord
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Happy Birthday!

November 27
Birthday - Jim Potts, Dorothy Evans, Marilyn Davis, Jackie Nelson, Monty Ross, Tony Pacheco, Susan Poole, Jesse Moreno, Jackie Nelson
Anniversary - M/M Dale Wofford, M/M James Winger, M/M James Dorman, M/M Ty Williams

November 28
Birthday - Casey Smith, Clint Williams, Jeanie McClellan, Frank Shields, Patty Spoonemore, Thelma Ford, Carolene Schick, Jennie 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

November 30
Birthday - Cass Cooper, Roxane Holt, Rosie McClenagan, Judy Stedje, Miranda Thoreson, Dan Desimone, Don Maize, Jed Meisner, Mark Nelson, Judy Speck, Steve Harnish, Ernest Bowen, Eulalia Reyes, Mary Reyes, Marion Mitchell, Lisa Payne, David Reid, Cinda Haruch, Bonnie Bergan
Anniversary - M/M Lee Roy Mitchell, M/M Ross Walker, M/M Rick Harvey, M/M Luis Salazar

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

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

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 Elbert Dorton, M/M John Haynes

December 4
Birthday - Chris Spivey, Lynn Stedje, Denise Ferguson, Heather Gikas, Kristy Easley, Imogene Baker, Joyce Duncan, Tim Fletcher, Amber Newman, Kristina Christian, Aleta Jackson
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
Anniversary - Alfonso & Carrie Cenicerros

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
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
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

December 10
Birthday - Pat Barkley, Akiko Bort, Marilynn Hart, Harold King, Brent Pittman, Aaron Jackson, Kayla Pletcher, Donald Platt, Kay Barnes, Lelia Bynum, Phyllis Collins, Linda Bartz, Bryce Reed 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

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We begin the Season of Advent. The season in which we prepare to celebrate the first coming, the birth of Christ, as we prepare ourselves for His Second Coming. We study Isaiah 64: 1-9, Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9, and Mark 13: 24-37. In troubling times, we call upon our Lord, Isaiah writes a community lament imploring God to redeem His people. The presence of God is accompanied by mighty and terrifying events. All of our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth in God's presence. Yet, Isaiah calls God, "our Father", and reminds us that He is the potter and we are the clay. He asks God to not remember our iniquity and to come!

The Psalmist sings a lament. All of Judea has sinned and only God can save the people. The armies of their enemies are aligned against them, hence, a prayer of desperation. Yet note that the Psalmist uses "revelation", "power", and "salvation" as synonyms for God's presence with us.

In the introduction to 1 Corinthians, Paul uses the name of Jesus Christ no less than ten times. In difficult times, in difficult situations, we should call upon the name of Jesus Christ. Paul emphasizes that we as Christians are "consecrated" in Jesus Christ, we know that Christ died for us. He emphasizes that we are called to be God's dedicated people; we are to be "hagios", dedicated to possession by and service to God. Our "salvation" is the "charisma" of God; that is, we are redeemed by God and we have done nothing to earn, to deserve such redemption. Paul ends by assuring us that we are "clothed" in Christ so that we have nothing to fear at His coming again.

Paul chides the Gnostics, who claim to have special knowledge of God, by telling the Corinthians, "you are not lacking in any spiritual gift..." Consider that knowledge "puffs up" whereas love builds up.

Mark warns of the power and spectacle of the second coming of our Lord: "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in heaven will be shaken". This grim picture of the "Day of the Lord" is interrupted by a prophecy of the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple in the lesson to be learned from the fig tree. Jesus tells his followers that "this generation will not pass away until these things have taken place." But as for the Day of the Lord, Jesus tells us, "but about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father". Beware Christian of the hucksters who claim to have special knowledge, to know the hour and day of His coming. Our Lord makes them liars. Yet, Jesus warns us to stay AWAKE! To WATCH!

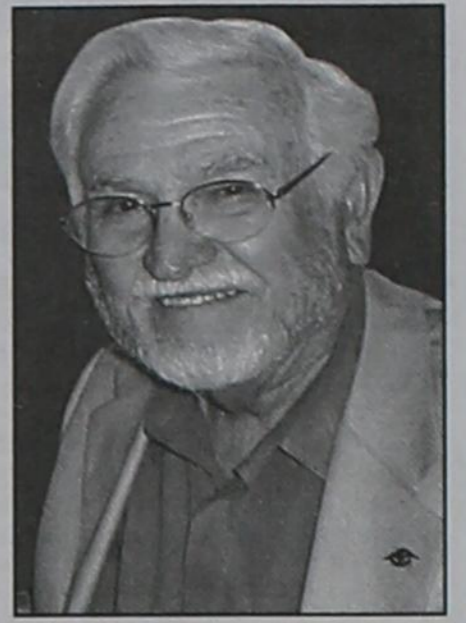
Hence the first candle of Advent is lit to light our Hope in His Coming.

May the Holy Spirit keep you alert in Christ Jesus that you are not surprised at His coming again. Maranatha!

Our Sympathy

ROBERT DYREL KIRK, JR.

Robert Dyrel Kirk, Jr. born August 22, 1929 in Lamesa, Texas, passed away Tuesday, November 11, 2008 in Houston, Texas. His parents were Robert Dyrel and Alice Kirk.



Bob grew up in Houston and graduated from Lamar High School in 1948 and Texas A&M in Architecture in 1953. He joined the Air Force and retired as a Lt. Colonel serving actively in Greenville, South Carolina and in the reserves.

Bob began his architecture career in Houston working on such projects as the design of the NASA buildings and several local Baptist churches. He moved to Dallas and established his company Architectural Concrete Associates Inc. Consulting projects in the U.S., China, and the Dominican Republic. He also worked with notable architects Philip Johnson and artist Donald Judd. Bob's projects were high profile at times working on the John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza in Dallas, Fort Worth Water Gardens, and Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

Bob was deeply loved by all his family and friends. He was a pilot and loved to travel, often doing so to participate in his family's celebrations, sporting and scholastic events. He was an active member of Grace Memorial Church in New Braunfels, Texas.

Bob is survived by his son, Robert Dyrel Kirk III, daughter Kathryn and husband Reginald Greff, son Mat and wife Lori Kirk, daughter Anne and husband Paul Gillebaard, daughter Leslie and husband Billy Barrett, grandchildren, Monique Kirk, Rachel and Paul Greff, Kailey Kirk, Jesse Adcock, Ashley and Krystal Gillebaard, sister Nancee Rush, brother-in law Bill Hoffmann, and Aunt Olive Pendergraft. Preceded in death by sister, Patsy Kirk Hoffmann.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday November 15, 2008, at Forest Park Cemetery; 6900 Lawndale; Houston, Texas 77023.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace Memorial Church, 3240 FM725 New Braunfels, Texas, 78130.

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation for all the prayers, calls, flowers, visits, food and memorials from everyone during Sonny's illness and death. We thank the Spearman and Stinnett EMTs and LiveStar for their quick response. It is a comfort to know that we have such capable people on call when we need them.

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Hansford County Courthouse Thanksgiving Hours
The offices in the Hansford County Courthouse will be closed from noon Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th. They will open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 1st for regular business hours.

Holiday Home Tour
The Gladiola Flower Club will host their Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 7, 2008 from 2-5 p.m. All proceeds from the Home Tour go to scholarships for local graduates.

Alpha Mu Psi Pheasant Hunter's Breakfast
The Annual Alpha Mu Psi Pheasant Hunter's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 6th, 2008 from 5:30 - 7:30 a.m. in the Gruver School Cafeteria. The cost is \$5.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Ages 12 and Under which will include a Homemade Breakfast of Breakfast Burritos, Sausage Wraps, Hot Coffee, Juice and Milk. Door Prizes will be given away every 15 minutes, along with a Raffle for Gift Certificates to Academy, Gander Mountain, and Wal-Mart. Tickets for the Raffle can be purchased from any Alpha Mu Psi Member or by calling Angela Barton at 733.2356 or Janyth Davis at 733.5566 Thank you in advance for supporting Alpha Mu Psi, and we look forward to seeing all of you hunters bright and early!

First Baptist Church Aims Sunday Morning Worship on PTCI
Sunday morning worship services from Spearman's First Baptist Church are being telecast on PTCI's Channel 2 Wednesdays at 7 AM, 4 PM and 11 PM and on Sundays at 6 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM and 9 PM.

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Region 16 ESC offers Free GED Preparation Software
Region 16 ESC is offering free GED preparation software for students interested in obtaining a GED. You will also have access to a free online GED prep program through the public library. If you are interested in finding out more information about these services, please contact: Cindy Blackman at 659-3233, Maria Carbajal or Margaret Ruttman at 659-2231 or stop by the Hansford County Library.

Spearman Lynx Basketball Fundraiser
The Spearman Lynx Varsity basketball players are painting paws on driveways (\$15 each or 2 for \$25) to raise money for tournament expenses this year. If you are interested in purchasing paws, please contact Coach Jr. Ashmore or any member of the Lynx basketball team.

SHS Band Selling Discount Cards
Spearman HS Band is selling the discount band cards for \$10 ea. Good for 1 yr. The Band has a trip in the spring and needs your support. Contact Jerry at 659-2563 ext. 3005 or Sherrie at 659-2584 ext. 2202.

GISD Offering Reward for Information
Gruver Independent School District is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burglarized two Gruver teachers homes between October 17-19 2008. If you have any information, contact: Troy Seagler at 806-733-2477, Micah Davis at 806-733-2081, David Teal at 806-733-2001 or the Hansford County Sheriff's Office at 806-733-2901.

Web Page Development - Level 1 Class
There have been some inquiries expressing an interest in a "Web Page Development" class. If you are interested in taking this class, contact Cindy Blackman, Community 659-3233 or cindy.blackman@region16.net.

Annual Festival of Arts & Crafts
Wesley United Methodist Church will be holding its 28th Annual Festival of Arts & Crafts on December 6, 2008, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the community center in Hereford. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. The booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing or calling any of the following names or numbers: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St, Hereford TX 79045, 806-364-0774; Jane Eggen, 126 Aspen, Hereford TX 79045, 806-364-5789; or Wesley United Methodist Church, PO Box 1743, Hereford TX 79045, 806-364-4419.

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Trying to help someone who's having a problem with drugs or alcohol? Substance abuse all too often leads to accidents, arrest, illness, financial hardship and even homelessness and death. Don't wait to find help for someone you love. Call Narconon Arrowhead drug rehabilitation and education center for a free addiction consultation or referral to treatment in your area. Call 1-800-468-6933 or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

Thriftshop Policy
Hansford County Library has a policy barring children under 12 from the Thriftshop and the surrounding area outside. No strollers or buggies of any type are allowed in the Thriftshop. This policy is due to overcrowding in a small area and continuing discipline problems. Shoppers are asked to be considerate of the volunteers as well as other shoppers, and leave children under 12 at home.

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam
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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle, Inc. Volunteer of the Month



August 2008 - Linda Wilkerson

by Kimberley Lopez
Linda Wilkerson has been named August Volunteer of the Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

This award recognizes a volunteer mentor, a "Big," who has connected with his or her Little Brother or Sister 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.

Wilkerson, a teacher with Spearman ISD, and her Little Sister, Katelyn, were matched in January 2007. They usually meet together once a week and have enjoyed a variety of activities together. Their favorite thing to do is eat pizza and go shopping. They also work in the yard, do some scrap-booking and talk. The match has also researched college information together. Katelyn has helped her Big Sister with Vacation Bible School and with classroom projects as well.

"She is a good listener," Katelyn said of her Big Sister, "We have a good friendship. She is someone I can trust. I can tell she cares a lot about me."

"I have better confidence than I had a year ago," she added. "She's a sweetheart," Wilkerson said. "I have been fortunate enough to see a very lovely young lady develop."

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships. Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers provide children - "Littles" - individual time and attention on a regular basis, typically about two hours per week. During unstructured outings, filled with conversations and shared activities, they develop a relationship that helps the youth manage the everyday challenges that are part of "growing up." Over time, children gain confidence in themselves, acquire new skills and competencies, and develop an enhanced capacity to care for others - all tasks that are a part of developing healthy maturity.

Katelyn is one of over 110 children matched through Big Brothers Big Sisters' school and community based programs in Perryton, Spearman and Booker this year. Anyone interested in learning more about the program may call Lopez at 434-0016.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle, Inc. Volunteer of the Month



September 2008 - Karen Thompson

by Kimberley Lopez
Karen Thompson has been named September Volunteer of the Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

This award recognizes a volunteer mentor, a "Big," who has connected with his or her Little Brother or Sister in a special way or gone above and beyond to make the relationship grow. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life.

Karen and her Little Sister, Grisely, were matched in January 2007. They meet together once a week and have enjoyed a variety of activities together. They like to bake, play on the computer, take walks and ride bikes. Thompson and her Little Sister read a lot of books together and during the summer they visit the library regularly.

Grisely's mother feels that Thompson has become a very important part of her daughter's life and is especially glad that she helps her with reading and homework.

A special memory for Grisely is when Karen brought cookies to her class for her birthday. She smiled broadly when she told about another one of her favorite things - watching "Dancing with the Stars" together. "We practice dancing like them and it makes me laugh," Grisely said.

"Karen is awesome. She is nice and fun and kind," she added. "I can talk to Karen and she will always listen."

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Volunteers have a choice of program options to fit their schedules. There are children ready to be matched and so adult volunteers are needed.

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Gunder Stavlo

Gunder R. Stavlo was born in Alcester, South Dakota in 1911 to Ed and Betsy Stavlo. Often called Sam, he was the fourth of their six sons who made the trip to their new home in Texas in 1917. Gunder attended his first year of school at Texhoma on the Texas side, when his mother took the boys there for school when they first came. Then for two years they did not have a school until one was built close enough the boys could ride there horseback. As a teenager, Gunder started working at various jobs to earn money. Winters he liked to trap up and down the Palo Duro Creek.



Pfc. Sam "Gunder" Stavlo

coast of Normandy.

After WWII had been declared, Gunder and a younger brother Joel volunteered in January of 1942. Joel became a Navy Pilot and Gunder became a foot soldier in the 359th Regiment of the 90th Division. In WWI the Division had been formed mainly from Texans and Oklahomans and given an arm patch with TO. In WWII the nickname became "tough ombres" for the TO on the arm patch.

It had just been reopened for service on March 25, 1942 at Camp Barkeley near Abilene. After training some months, they were sent to England to prepare for the landings in Normandy.

Finally the day had come when Gunder was to be a part of the largest single day amphibious invasion of all time. The weather had turned bad, and it had been postponed a day, but on June 6, 1944 the operation started after midnight. Some troops were sent in by gliders while others were parachuted in to secure bridges and other targets. At 6:30 A. M. Gunder became one of 130,000 troops that were landed on 5 sectors on the

Pictures and information for this feature may be submitted to the Reporter-Statesman (310 Barkeley Street), mailed to WW II Memories, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, emailed to reporter@spearmanreporter.com, or they may be given to Dorothy Hudson, 733-2562, 806 Cluck Avenue, Gruver TX 79040, or emailed to dhudson862@gruver.net.



Lake Level--November 24, 2008--no information

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is printing early this week, so I won't have Jim's report or a picture.

The December Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine is just out. This issue is superb. The outdoor photography is great. A subscription would make a good Christmas gift for anyone who loves the out of doors.

My favorite article this month is "Wandering Wildcats" with lots of bobcat pictures. We have noticed here in Hansford County how the number of sightings and stories about bobcats has grown. Biologists are trying to understand why these creatures have been able to survive and even pros-

per near human development. Part of the article is on how these felines are adapting to life in suburbia. The author feels these cats eat rats, squirrels, and rabbits far more often than cats and small dogs.

It is rare for a bobcat to attack a human. Most of the known bobcat attacks were by cornered cats or rabies-infected ones. Since they usually hunt at dawn, dusk, or evening, people are inclined to think if they see one in the daytime it may have rabies, but it is generally just an adaptation to living near people. I think Jim has seen ours that live in the Park at all times of the day.

I have not heard of any bobcats being seen in the towns of Spearman, Gruver, or Morse.

Eighth Annual Texas Commodity Symposium Program Announced

The eighth annual Texas Commodity Symposium will be held Dec. 3, and is hosted by Corn Producers of Texas (CPAT), Texas Grain Sorghum Association (TGSA), Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA), Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) and the Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB).

The Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Symposium will begin at 9 a.m. The event is free to all and will conclude with a catered lunch at noon.

Key speakers on the agenda for this year's Symposium include U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway, who will discuss the 2008 Farm Bill from a policy perspective, and Farm Service Agency Administrator Teresa Lasseter who will address farm bill implementation. Former Congressman and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest will give remarks from the Southwest Council of Agribusinesses.

"We're proud to offer attendees a great line-up of speakers at this year's Symposium who will lend useful insight into the issues affecting commodity producers' operations," said CPAT Executive Vice-President David Gibson.

Other confirmed speakers include Don Gohmert, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and John Fuston, state executive director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA), who will be giving important program updates. Chris Albracht, morning show host and program director for KGNC Radio, will serve as the master of ceremonies for the event.

"The Symposium is a great opportunity for producers from different commodities to come together, exchange ideas and learn about the issues that impact their operations," said PCG Executive Vice-President Steve Verett.

All producers are encouraged to register early for a chance to win special door prizes. For more information, please contact Lindsay West, Corn Producers Association of Texas communications director, or Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers Inc., communications director.

More changes coming to Medicare in 2009

by Kay Ledbetter

More changes are in store to Medicare in the coming year, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist. "The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced changes to the Medicare program for 2009," said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontologist.

"These changes will take effect Jan. 1. It is important to look carefully at all these changes and determine how they might affect you, especially changes to Medicare Part D, the prescription drug benefit."

Crocker said many people have already or soon will be receiving a copy of "Medicare and You 2009" in the mail.

"This handbook will help you navigate the services to which you are entitled under Medicare and should be kept in a place for easy reference," he said. "If you happen to lose your copy or do not receive one, you may access it through the Medicare Web site: <http://www.medicare.gov>."

An overwhelming majority of Medicare beneficiaries do not have to pay a monthly premium for their Part A benefit, which is inpatient hospitalization coverage. This is because they have at least 40 quarters of Medicare-covered employment or are the spouse or surviving spouse of the beneficiary, Crocker said.

However, for those who may not have worked the required 40 quarters, Part A coverage may be obtained by paying a monthly premium, he said. For those who worked less than 30 quarters, this premium will be \$443 per month for 2009. For those who worked 30 to 39 quarters, this premium will be \$244 in 2009.

Crocker explained the annual Part A deductible in 2009 will be \$1,068, an increase of \$44. This amount is paid by the beneficiary when admitted as a hospital inpatient. The Part A deductible is the beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period.

Beneficiaries must pay additional amounts for stays longer than 60 days, and these amounts will increase slightly in 2009, he said.

For the first time in a number of years, there will be no change in the monthly premium for Medicare Part B, the optional outpatient health insurance, Crocker said. The standard Medicare Part B monthly premium will be \$96.40 in 2009. Additionally, the \$135 annual deductible for services for 2009 is unchanged from 2008.

The 2009 open enrollment period for a person to enroll in or change a Medicare prescription drug plan begins on Nov. 15 and ends on Dec. 31, he said. Any and all changes made will go into effect Jan. 1.

"Each beneficiary should compare the changes in cost and drug coverage that will take place in 2009 to their current prescription drug plan," Crocker said. "Beneficiaries should then compare this to the costs and coverage of other plans that will be offered in their community."

He advised they check to see the costs of these plans, the medicines and services they cover, and how it works with their pharmacies and doctors.

"Each beneficiary needs to choose the best plan that meets their prescription drug needs and then enroll in this plan," Crocker said.

Conditions and costs of each plan will vary by provider and by the plan type, he said. Some plans offer additional help and some beneficiaries will qualify for extra assistance based on income. To find out the specifics for each plan, consult the plan provider directly.

In 2009, monthly premiums will average \$30 and beneficiaries must meet the \$295 annual deductible before the Part D plan begins paying, unless that particular plan has some exception, Crocker said.

Coverage will continue with the beneficiary paying just the co-payment and any residual cost for prescription drugs until the amount paid by the plan and the beneficiary reaches \$2,700. At that point, the beneficiary will be responsible for 100 percent of drug costs until \$4,350 is reached, unless the particular plan has some exceptions for coverage during this gap period, he said. Once the beneficiary has spent more than \$4,350, coverage resumes under the plan.

According to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, some Part D beneficiaries may see significant premium increases or changes – such as reduced coverage in the gap – if they stay in the same prescription drug plan in 2009.

Some ways to get more information on Medicare or to review and compare Part D plans are:

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227, TTY 1-877-486-2048). 24-hour help is available from trained Medicare representatives.
- Visit <http://www.medicare.gov>. Compare costs, coverage and more. Get an estimate of out-of-pocket costs for the year.
- See plan listings in the Medicare & You handbook and information sent by your plan.
- Talk with local Medicare experts at your State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

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| Varsity Lady Hounds | | JV Lynxettes | |
| Gruver | 34 | Spearman | 52 |
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| Wil McCloy 12 pts, Zach Logsdon 9 pts, Forest Lopez 7 pts | | JV Lynxettes | |
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Gruver Elementary Wins UIL Academic Meet

Gruver Junior High competed in the UIL Literary Contest on November 14, 2008 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Gruver was the host school, and 9 schools competed. Gruver took first place with 560 points, followed by Canadian with 290.3, Stratford - 281.5, Claude - 194, Sunray - 190, West Texas - 175.6, White Deer - 166.5, Wheeler - 107, and Shamrock - 88. Following is a list of the Gruver Elementary students who competed, as well as their individual results.

Oral Reading
 Paula Terrazos - Science II
 Ashley Williams - Number Sense, Dictionary Skills, Mathematics
 Cole Wills - Oral Reading

7th Grade
 Beau Blankenship - Impromptu Speaking, 3rd; Modern Oratory; Science I; Number Sense; Mathematics; Social Studies
 Niki Brown - Dictionary Skills, 1st; Spelling, 4th; Impromptu Speaking

Zoe Cantrell - Spelling, 1st; Listening, 2nd; Social studies, 6th; Ready Writing; Maps, Graphs, and Charts
 Maggie Gaspar - Dictionary Skills

Ana Lora - Spelling
 Cesar Mendoza - Science I
 Yaira Mendoza - Oral Reading
 Travis Tedje - Modern Oratory, 1st; Impromptu Speaking, 1st; Maps, Graphs, and Charts, 1st; Science I, 1st; Number Sense, 2nd; Ready Writing; Editorial Writing
 Madi Teal - Social Studies, 2nd; Oral Reading; Dictionary Skills; Mathematics; Number Sense

Rachel Teal - Modern Oratory, 3rd; Maps, Graphs, and Charts
 Madison Williams - Oral Reading

6th Grade
 Rayel Anderson - Oral Reading, Music Memory
 Marco Ayala - Listening
 Michaela Davis - Calculator Applications, 1st; Spelling, 5th; Maps, Graphs, and Charts; Dictionary Skills
 Vanessa Garcia - Music Memory, 3rd
 Noemy Guereca - Music Memory, 3rd; Music Memory, 5th (individual)
 Dax Haight - Ready Writing
 Reagan Haynes - Calculator Applications, 2nd; Mathematics,

2nd; Number Sense, 1st; Oral Reading; Dictionary Skills
 Mason McLain - Maps Graphs, and Charts - 3rd
 Bailey Rae Poer - Ready Writing, 2nd; Social Studies, 5th; Oral Reading; Listening Skills
 Oziel Rey - Number Sense, 5th; Mathematics; Spelling
 Bailey Stedje - Music Memory, 3rd; Dictionary Skills, 4th; Oral Reading

Valentin Trejo - Number Sense; Mathematics; Social Studies
 Jordan Tucker - Ready Writing
 Carson Williams - Mathematics, 1st; Number Sense, 2nd; Calculator Applications, 3rd; Maps, Graphs, and Charts, 6th; Dictionary Skills
 Blake Wills - Listening Skills
 Brett Wills - Social Studies, 4th; Maps, Graphs, and Charts; Listening Skills; Calculator Applications; Ready Writing

5th Grade
 Adam Casdorph - Number Sense
 Anthony Cruz - Oral Reading
 Trenton Finley - Dictionary Skills, 3rd; Music Memory, 1st; Music Memory, 3rd (individual); Social Studies; Oral Reading;

Maps, Graphs, and Charts
 Adriana Garciam - Art Smart, 2nd; Art Smart - 4th (individual)
 Karsten Irwin - Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 3rd; Number Sense, 1st; Ready Writing; Oral Reading; Social Studies
 Nicholas Key - Music Memory, 1st; Music Memory, 6th (individual); Social Studies, 6th; Listening Skills; Maps, Graphs, and Charts; Ready Writing
 Kennedy King - Art Smart, 2nd; Art Smart, 2nd (individual); Spelling, 4th; Dictionary Skills; Number Sense
 Nick Rivera - Music Memory, 1st; Music Memory, 5th (individual); Number Sense, 5th; Dictionary Skills; Listening Skills; Ready Writing
 Brenny Seagler - Art Smart, 2nd; Dictionary Skills
 Michalyn Sloan - Art Smart
 Hadlee Spivey - Oral Reading; Ready Writing
 Marshall Thomton - Spelling, 1st; Music Memory
 Lizbeth Trejo - Social Studies
 Ulysses Valverde - Maps, Graphs, and Charts; Listening Skills

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November School Calendars

- SISD Calendar of Events**
 26-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- GISD Calendar of Events**
 27-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday
 30 - FFA Event (Last Day to Validate Barrows)
- Pringle-Morse CISD**
 26-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December School Calendars

- GISD Calendar of Events**
 1 - FFA Event (Major Show Entry Deadline, Jr. FFA Roster Due, District Banquet, Officer Elections, Talent Contest, Pampa)

8th Grade
 Taos Anderson - Science, 2nd
 Nikki Beasley - Modern Oratory, 1st; Mathematics, 1st; Spelling, 1st; Number Sense, 1st; Dictionary Skills, 1st; Calculator Applications, 2nd; Maps, Graphs and Charts, 3rd
 Lonnie Born - Editorial Writing
 Cole Curry - Impromptu Speaking
 Rachele Hamilton - Listening Skills
 Korbin Irwin - Calculator Applications, 1st; Modern Oratory, 4th; Impromptu Speaking, 4th; Mathematics, 2nd
 Greyson Karlin - Science II
 Maggie Key - Ready Writing, 1st; Mathematics, 4th; Dictionary Skills, 6th; Number Sense, 4th
 Alex Logsdon - Calculator Application - 4th
 Emma Lopez - Listening Skills, Oral Reading
 Macy McClellan - Oral Reading
 Diego Ortiz - Social Studies
 Damian Pierce - Social Studies, 2nd; Listening, 3rd
 Dallas Reynolds - Spelling, 3rd; Modern Oratory, Impromptu Speaking; Editorial Writing; Ready Writing; Social Studies
 Mariela Serrano - Listening Skills
 Callie Stedje - Dictionary Skills,



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- Thursday:** BBQ Pork Ribs, Pepper Chicken, Won Ton Soup, Seafood Bun, Etc. - \$6.99
- Friday:** Shrimp w/Spiced Salt, Sesame Chicken, Broccoli Chicken, Rangoon, Etc. - \$7.25
- Saturday:** Catfish, Pepper Steak, Egg Drop Soup, Stir-Fry Mixed Vegetables, Etc. - \$7.25
- Sunday:** Roast Beef, Grilled Shrimp, Biscuits, French Fries, Mushrooms, Etc. - \$7.25

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Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. Our water system is required to submit three (3) bacteriological samples each month. Failure to collect all required bacteriological samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact John DeSha, Public Works Director, at 806-659-2524. 1(11-27-08)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

Gruver Independent School District is accepting proposals for a Construction Manager Agent. Proposals are due by 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2008. For more information contact: David H. Teal, Superintendent, Gruver Independent School District, 601 Garrett, Gruver, TX 79040. 2(11-27-08)B

PUBLIC NOTICE
Coordinator of Extended Education
Frank Phillips College - Allen Campus

Duties include developing, scheduling, organizing, and promoting Continuing Education and Community Service classes and events, as well as cross training to provide staff support for other areas of Allen Campus operations. This position will require an understanding of the comprehensive community college system. Full-time, Associate's degree required. Bachelor's degree preferred. Salary commensurate with experience and education. Mail resume including references, application (available at www.fpctx.edu), and transcript(s) by December 10, 2008 to Gloria Rummel, Executive Assistant, Frank Phillips College, P.O. Box 5118, Borger, TX 79008-5118. 4(11-20-08)B

PUBLIC NOTICE
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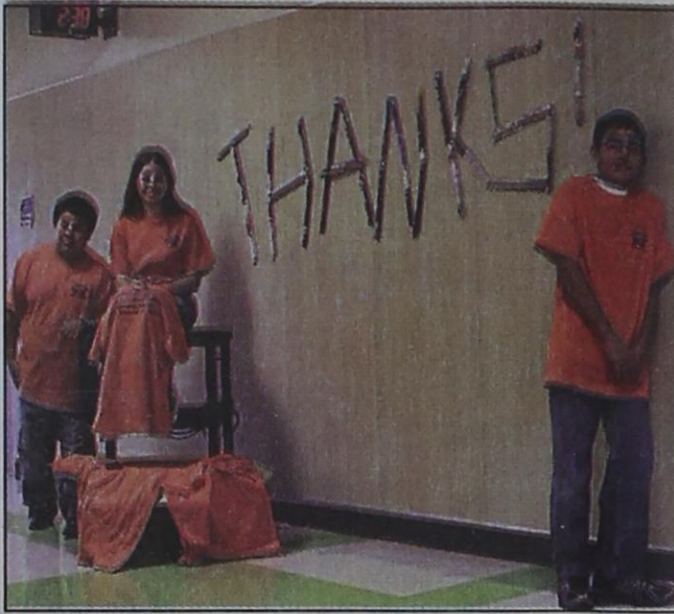
Library Harvest Raffle Held

The Hansford County Library board and staff appreciate the community interest in their recent "Harvest Craft Raffle," and would like to express "special thanks" to all those who contributed items.

"It was our pleasure to showcase local talent in the variety of items offered," said Margaret Ruttman, Library Director. Profits from the raffle will be used to purchase DVDs to be added to a collection that will be available to the public by mid-winter.

Winners in the craft raffle at the Hansford County Library on Monday, November 24th are listed below.

- Janice Mayfield - Decorated Hat Box by Wanda Reed
- Angela Shuler - Hand-Painted Wooden Box by Linda Coombs
- Paige Burgin - Denim Apron by Lorene McGuire
- Audene Beck - Tole-Painted Christmas Tray by Susan Kidder
- Wanda Reed - Hand-Painted Black & White Christmas Ornaments by Lucy Villa
- Bonnie Bergan - Holiday Tea Lite Holders by the Library Painting Bunch
- Paige Burgin - Hand-Made Jewelry by Betty Pugh
- Betty Pugh - Patchwork Crocheted Afghan by Margaret Ruttman



SOS Says, "THANKS!" to Lions Club

The Spearman Junior High SOS organization would like to say a huge, "THANKS!!" to the Spearman Lions Club for donating \$500 to buy our t-shirts! Crew members of SOS (Spirit of Service) are awarded a t-shirt after serving 10 or more hours in our community. The first three crew members to receive their t-shirts are Alfredo Barajas, Ambar Yohe, and Omar Mendoza. THANK YOU, Lions Club Members, for being a wonderful example of service to us! Your support is appreciated!



It isn't very often that you get a "2 for 1" business. Prairie Garden Flowers recently opened for business at 215 Main Street. Carla Puentes (left), Kyla Ortiz (center), and Brooke Green (right) also opened a coffee shop, known as "Steerbucks," inside of Prairie Garden Flowers. They are open for business Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. "Steerbucks" specialty coffees such as Latte's, Cappuccinos, and Espresso's. During the holidays they are offering some tasty alternatives such as Pumpkin Pie Latte's and Egg Nog Latte's. They are also offering specialty and organic Teas from Mighty Leaf Tea Company which only uses non-bleached silk bio-degradable tea pouches with the world's finest whole tea leaves, herbs, fruits and spices too big for ordinary tea bags. They sell their specialty coffees by the bags and their specialty teas by the tins. Homemade breakfast goodies and snack are soon to come! Prairie Garden Flowers includes a flower shop, a gift shop specializing in western motifs, and an art gallery.

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We would also like to congratulate the Spearman Girl's Cross Country team for being the State Champions in Round Rock led by Suttan Garnett, who finished third!

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