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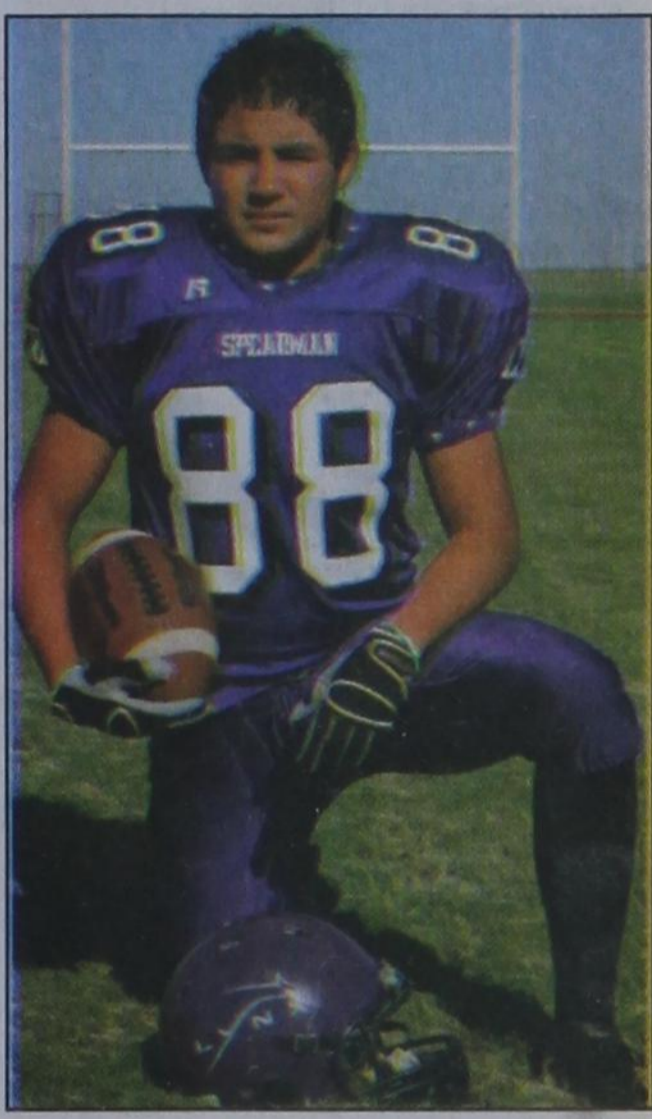
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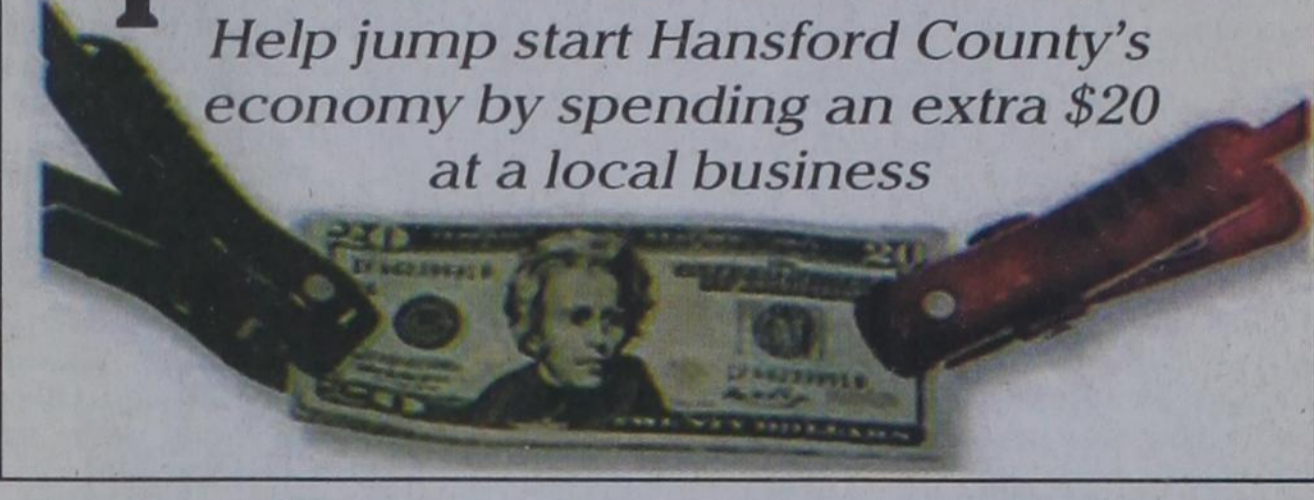
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Spearman Lynx kicker Francisco Camacho was named to the first team of the Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A All-State High School Football Team.

Spend \$20 on the 20th



Sometime in 2009, several newspapers across the country began promoting a campaign – Spend \$20 on the 20th. The purpose of this campaign is to help boost local economies.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman has joined the campaign and is asking everyone to get out and spend money locally on the 20th. Hansford County residents are encouraged to spend \$20 once a month – on the 20th of each month – let's all agree to spend an extra \$20, in cash.

Twenty dollars extra. Not on gas or groceries or the electric bill. Twenty dollars on something you've already cut out. Money that when spent, helps the businesses of the people in your community.

Let's put the money back into the system, right here in the towns in which we live and watch as it gives our neighbors (and ourselves) an economic boost.

\$20 isn't a large amount of money, but if 1,000 people spend \$20, there would be an additional \$20,000 in revenue for our local businesses.

Spending money locally helps generate more sales tax revenue, and helps local employees keep their jobs.

In this day and age where money is hard to come by for many people, our local businesses need your support more than ever. Instead of spending your \$20 in another town, help support our local businesses.

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 23rd and December 30th issues will be Thursday, December 16th at 12 noon.

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

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

COME TO THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes
12/17 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Gruver
12/28-30 VG, VB @ Caprock Tourney in Lubbock

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds
12/17 JVG (4), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Spearman
12/28-30 VG, VB @ Canadian Tourney

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of light snow. Lows in the lower 20s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light snow in the morning - then a slight chance of light rain and light snow in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 30s. North winds around 5 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 18.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 20.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0xgJ5WQKT>



The Spearman Lynxettes won the Championship Trophy at the Vernon Tournament Dec. 9-11. (Photo by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>)



The Spearman Varsity Lynx competed at the Nazareth Basketball Tournament on Dec. 2-4. The Lynx placed 3rd after defeating Nazareth 34 - 23. (Photo by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>)



The Spearman JV Lynxettes won the Championship Trophy at the Spearman JV Tournament held Dec. 9- 11. (Photo by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>)

Why should you spend locally?

More money is kept in the community because locally owned businesses purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms.

Significantly more money re-circulates in Hansford County when purchases are made at locally owned, rather than nationally owned, businesses. For every \$1 you spend at a local business, \$0.46 cents goes to the local economy, compared to \$0.16 cents when you spend elsewhere.

Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are less likely to leave, and are more invested in the community's future.

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based not on a national sales plan but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

Locally owned businesses can make more local purchases requiring less transportation and generally set up shop in town or city centers as opposed to developing on the fringe.

Non-profit organizations receive an average 350% greater support from local business owners than they do from non-locally owned businesses.

Most new jobs are provided by local businesses.

Local businesses often hire people with more specific product expertise for better customer service.



Shelby Hanna and Morgan Ashmore were chosen for the All-Tournament team.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman 2010 Holiday Schedule

SANTA LETTERS: The Reporter-Statesman will publish Santa Letters in the Thursday, December 23rd edition. The deadline to submit information for this issue will be Thursday, December 16th.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS: Anyone wishing to place a holiday greeting in the newspaper is encouraged to call or come by the Reporter-Statesman office as soon as possible. Holiday greetings will be included in the December 23rd Christmas edition, and the December 30th New Year's edition.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed December 20-31 for the Christmas Holidays. (The deadline for the December 23rd and December 30th issues is Thursday, December 16th at 5 p.m.) The office will open for the new year on January 3, 2011 at 9 a.m.



Taylor Felderhoff and Shelley Gibson were selected to the TGCA All State Cross Country team. Shelley, Madison McLain and Luis Mendoza qualified for the Cross Country Coaches Association's (CCAT) All State team by finishing in the top 15 at the Championships in Round Rock. These runners placed a premium on fitness and commitment to earn these honors! Gruver High School Cross Country is blessed to have them leading the way for all of our great runners!

A Cross Country Celebration will be held on Friday, December 17, 2010 at 8:15 a.m. in the Gruver High School gym to honor the GHS Cross Country State Champions and All-State Runner Luis Mendoza.

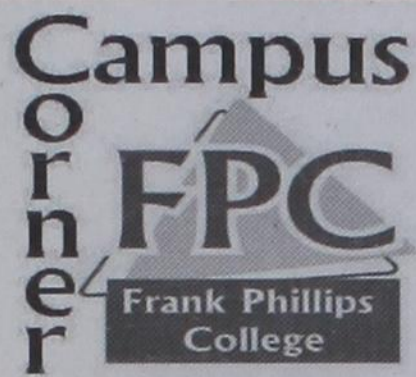
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Allen Campus

News and Information

Start Here...
...Go Anywhere!

Greetings from the Northernmost Facility of Higher Education in the Great State of Texas! The Allen Campus team wishes each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are 4 months into the 2010-2011 academic year and the Allen Campus has served 1,255 students and other residents of Perryton and the surrounding area.

Academic classes account for 159 of these students, while Continuing Education classes have served 640 students and Community Service classes and events have served an additional 456 people. Frank Phillips College will be closed for the Christmas break from December 20th through January 4th, but we will hit the ground running again on January 5th. Spring semester classes begin January 18th so stop by and enroll in a few.

Continuing education and community service classes and activities are alive and well at the Allen Campus! Starting January 10th and continuing through February 7th, 2011 will be a Basic Banking class. This class will cover topics such as basic banking, borrowing basics, checking and savings accounts, credit scores, basics of charging, loans, budgets, and homeowner's loans. The class will meet once a week on Monday nights from 6-8 PM, and the cost is \$10.00.

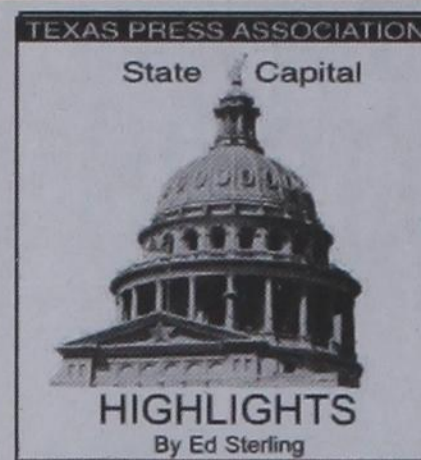
Also in January we will be hosting a Valentine Cookie Decorating class. The free of charge GED classes are underway on Thursday nights from 6-9 PM and there is still room for enrollment. The free of charge ESL classes are also continuing but are full at the moment and a waiting list has been started to help

get you into the class at a later date.

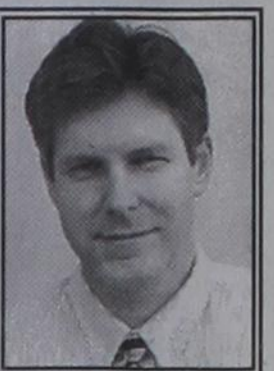
On January 18th, 2011 the Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be conducting another Blood Drive in the Allen Campus Conference from 11 AM-7 PM. Donors will have a chance to register for the cruise drawing! We are also organizing a Health Screening/HIV Testing Clinic for January and will have more information as it becomes available.

Starting in February there will be a Concealed Handgun, Dog Obedience Training, and Certified Nursing Assistant classes. Other classes coming soon include CPR/First Aid, Cake Decorating, and Basic Computers.

For more information on any of these classes or events, or if you would like to teach a community service class please contact Jaci at the Allen Campus (806-648-1450).



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Top 3 prompt state agencies to tighten belts again

AUSTIN — In order to address a projected state budget shortfall that could total more than \$20 billion, state agencies must hunt for ways to make even deeper cuts.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus on Dec. 7 signed and sent a letter directing each state agency to identify an additional 2.5 percent that can be cut from their original general revenue and general-revenue-dedicated appropriations for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31.

Nearly a year ago, on Jan. 15, Perry, Dewhurst and Straus asked agencies and institutions of higher education to identify a 5 percent reduction to their 2010-2011 appropriations.

According to the Dec. 7 letter, the 82nd Texas Legislature will adopt a supplemental appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011, which will apply the 2.5 percent in addition to the previously requested cuts.

"While sales tax receipts have improved since the beginning of the year, reduced spending in the current fiscal year will help prepare for budget reductions that will be necessary to balance the budget for the 2012-2013 biennium," according to the letter.

The 82nd Texas Legislature will convene Jan. 11.

Tax collections up for November

Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 8 said November state sales tax revenue totaled \$1.84 billion, up 8.7 percent compared to November 2009.

Sales tax revenue has grown for eight consecutive months compared to year-ago levels, with recent gains above the 5 percent mark, she added.

Combs uses sales tax collections as one of more than a dozen "Key Texas Economic Indicators," all of which can be viewed at www.texasahead.org.

Lawmaker to file 'tax honesty' bill

State Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, on Dec. 6 announced he will introduce a constitutional amendment that establishes honesty in taxation and classifies fees, surcharges and other revenue-generating measures as taxes.

Raymond, vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee, said, "It is time

we make it harder for politicians to hide the truth from the people, and the truth is, if you raise fees, you raise taxes. We need to make sure all taxes are out in the open, so Texans know when their taxes are being raised."

Raymond said he fears "that a looming deficit of roughly \$25 billion will tempt some lawmakers to try and make up that deficit by raising fees and surcharges without calling them taxes. That would include items like driver's licenses, hunting and fishing licenses and even obtaining a copy of a birth certificate."

TRS fund notches best earnings

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas on Dec. 9 announced its Trust Fund earned 12.6 percent for the 2010 plan year, which ended Sept. 30.

The performance places TRS first among its public pension fund peers with asset values of \$10 billion or more.

As of Sept. 30, the value of the fund had reached \$100.3 billion — up by more than \$8.9 billion from the same date a year earlier.

The trust fund, established to finance member benefits, is the seventh largest public pension plan in the U.S. and among the 20 largest funds in the world. Nearly 1.3 million public education and higher education employees and retirees participate in the system, TRS said.

Anti-bullying legislation filed

State Sens. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, Judith Zafirin, D-Laredo, and John Whitmire, D-Houston; and state Reps. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, Mark Strama, D-Austin; Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City, and Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, each have filed bills to curb bullying that occurs particularly among school children.

The bills would prohibit old-fashioned bullying, "cyber" bullying, harassment and intimidation, all of which can take many forms.

Some of the legislation calls for the creation of anti-bullying hotlines for victims and witnesses to call.

Unemployment tax rates are set

The standard minimum unemployment insurance tax rate paid by Texas employers in 2011 will be 0.78 percent, up from 0.72 percent in 2010, the Texas Workforce Commission announced Dec. 7.

The taxes replenish the Texas Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, which provides unemployment insurance for Texas workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

The tax rate increase was necessary to offset two years of higher Unemployment Insurance benefit payments, the Texas Workforce Commission said.

Open Letter

Dear Editor,
Hello, my name is Sarah Cook. I'm a seventeen year-old senior in high school, and I'm contacting you for help.

My boyfriend, Bryant Poffenberger, and I have created a website called From the Ledge (found at <http://fromtheledge.tumblr.com/>). It is a website dedicated to suicide prevention by encouraging suicide attempt survivors

to anonymously submit their story for virtual publication, providing a community of support and a source of hope for people struggling. My problem is that we have exhausted all of our resources at this point.

Honestly, we need anything. Publicity, any kind of donation (to purchase a domain name etc), advice, or just support. This is something truly beautiful

that can save lives, but not on its own.

Help us save someone. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,
Sarah Cook
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HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

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ACROSS

- Narrow fissures
- Cul de _
- Nike's swoosh, e.g.
- Chinese fruit in a shell
- A.K.A ukulele
- IRS' threat
- In front of
- Architect's software
- Wander, as in a boat
- Symbol for Maccabean Revolt
- "Waiting time?"
- "But I heard him exclaim, ___ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all..."
- Slope or hillside
- "Survivor" network
- Seawards
- Inhale/exhale
- Bark or yelp
- Female gamete
- Louisiana swamp
- "Tree topper"
- Fairytale "dust-sprinkler"
- One way to prepare Ah!
- Passed
- Make a portrait of
- At one time, formerly
- Always, Italian
- Under pull of the moon
- Inhale/exhale
- Abbreviated honorifics for Peter and Paul, e.g.

DOWN

- Grand _
- "It's a Wonderful _"
- "Sacred image of worship"
- Spasm of pain
- ___ Madre
- Of a particular kind
- Theodor Geisel, ___ Dr. Seuss
- Mothball substitute
- Fishing decoy
- War god in Norse mythology
- "Frankincense or myrrh, e.g.
- "Over the top" in a text message
- Modifier of a verb
- "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
- A light touch
- Aluminum ore
- A sac in the body, pl.
- Cleanse
- Move like bees
- Like fairytale stepmothers?
- "Ill at _"
- Ex-radical Bill of Obama-___ 2008 controversy
- "It precedes the clinking of glasses"
- Aches or anguishes
- ___ school
- Actress Rogers
- Give qualities to
- "Pine circle"
- "Santa's helper"
- Wipes out or deletes
- Carpe in "Carpe diem"
- Have effect
- Slovenly person
- Bluish green
- "Amazing ___" on TV
- Door opener
- State of Israel
- No ifs or buts either
- "A Death in the Family" author
- Lingerie item
- An elegantly dressed man in England

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Happy Birthday!

December 16
Birthday - Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Lozano, Colton Cator
Anniversary - M/M Byron Kenney, M/M George P. Odom, M/M John Purvines

December 17
Birthday - Bobbie Novak Underwood, Patsy Beville, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Gundero Urban, Lupe Guerrero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassady, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas, Britta Vanderburg
Anniversary - M/M Bill Park, M/M Rick Finley, Steve & Karen Hartgraves

December 18
Birthday - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Juanita Vera, Nolan Holt
Anniversary - Tom & Rita Reed, M/M Dwayne Hart, M/M Dave Karlin

December 19
Birthday - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaither, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dosssett, Pat Dear, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton, Ruby Katherine Thornton, Marguerite Nelson, Kate Davis, Kristi Jones
Anniversary - Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Catherine Smith, M/M Dale Jones, Brian & Gina Gillispie

December 21
Birthday - Lidwine Cariaux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dalasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans, Elaine Bain

December 22
Birthday - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenney, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominguez

December 23
Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Timell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid
Anniversary - M/M Marty Rasor, M/M Loren Dahl, M/M Mack Beville, Wes & Beth Daniel

December 24
Birthday - Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn (Edwards) Miller, Sandee Smith, Mark Eisfeld, Gabby Bravo, Chris Bravo, John Scott
Anniversary - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, M/M Gary Davis

December 25
Birthday - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vandandingham, Dean Womble, John Cass
Anniversary - M/M Red Byrd, M/M Bart Baker

December 26
Birthday - Jennifer Dahl, Glenda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris Perez, Adam Casdorff
Anniversary - M/M L.T. Wright, M/M Jerry Womble, Eugene & Judy Yarbrough, Cari & Brandon Baker

December 27
Birthday - Lance Sparks, Sue Close, Jesse Renteria Sr., Shane Abel, Lynn Vernon, Edna Grimmer, Judy McCloy, Julie Deakin, Nicole Burgess, Chad Knowlton, Kaleb Puentes, Ruby Riley
Anniversary - M/M Jerry Younger, M/M Ralph Blodgett, M/M Gene Reynolds, M/M Todd Parker, Johnny & Carole Dunning, Robert & Kristina Howell

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We learn of the love of God for us as we study Isaiah 7: 10-17, Psalm 80, Romans 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18-25. Isaiah warns King Ahaz not to enter an alliance with two kings who are threatening him if he does not join them in a war against Assyria. Isaiah asks the King to name a sign and it will occur, to prove the prophets words. Ahaz declines, seemingly as a matter of piety; Isaiah then says the Lord will give a sign, "A young woman is with child and shall name him, Immanuel". The prophesy is that the land before the two kings whom Ahaz dreads will be deserted. This passage refers to the coming fall of the Northern Kingdom in the year 722 BCE. This passage does not say 'virgin', but some have read back into this passage a reference to the virgin birth. The name of the child, Immanuel, means literally, "God is with us". From the context this "God is with us" can mean God's grace is with us, or God's judgment is with us. And from my wry point of view, both may be correct; our faith or lack thereof may determine which is true for us.

Psalm 80 is a lament referencing the fall of the Northern Kingdom. The first three verses are a cry to God to save his people. The next three reference the plight of his people, while the remaining verses describe Israel as the vine which God has planted and a plea for one at God's right hand. The lament turns to praise as the Psalmist expresses confidence that God will restore his people.

Paul talks of Jesus as "kurios" which is Greek for owner/master (where we get 'Jesus is Lord'). Paul describes himself as "doulos" which is Greek for 'slave'. In this introduction to the letter of Romans, Paul gives a short-form statement of our belief as Christians. We can see in this description that the wood of the manger which held the Baby Jesus is the wood of the cross which was the destiny of the man, Jesus. Christ's resurrection declared him to be the Son of God. We can learn from this that Advent is preparing us for the incarnation- God in human flesh, the infinite coming into the finite. At the same time Advent is preparing us to receive the return of our infinite Lord.

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus, The Messiah. This birth story is told from the point of view of Joseph. Joseph and Mary had entered into an engagement for marriage which was traditionally done by their parents while they were still children. When the couple matured they entered the stage of betrothal, which was a one year period to confirm the engagement. After the betrothal period passed, the couple would be married as we know it. For a young Jewish girl who is betrothed to become pregnant, was as great scandal, so Joseph thought he would put Mary away, quietly. But an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and told him the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph did as the angel commanded him and took Mary as his wife. They named their son, Jesus (Yeshua, Heb.) which means "God Saves". The love of God became flesh.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to see the blessings and love that God has bestowed upon you and that God continues to bestow on you. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

Our Sympathy

PHIL LARSEN

SPEARMAN - Phil Larsen, 63, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010.

Services was at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church in Spearman. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Phil was born Feb. 23, 1947, in Clearfield, Utah. He married Sharalyn Schell on Dec. 12, 1975, in Evanston, Wyo.

He was a retired nurse who loved to travel in his black 2009 Corvette with his son, Joel. He had a special bond with his granddaughter, Kaeden.

Survivors include his wife, Sharalyn Larsen; three sons, Parrish Larsen of Ogden, Utah, Jace Larsen of Greenville and Joel Larsen of Norman, Okla.; a daughter, Jodi Wilson of Guymon, Okla.; a granddaughter, Kaeden Jae Wilson of Guymon; two grandsons, P.J. Larsen and Cody Larsen, both of Ogden; four brothers, Neal Larsen, Dave Larsen and Don Larsen, all of Utah, and Glenn Larsen of Oregon; and two sisters, Carol Babbitt of Bloomington, Ill., and Trish Larsen of Utah.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 688, Fritch, TX 79036.

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Pringle-Morse CISD Cougar Pride Selling Cookbooks

The parent-teacher organization of Pringle-Morse CISD-Cougar Pride, is selling one-of-a-kind cookbooks. The cookbooks are a collection of recipes from the 1995 cookbook and more from this year, with over 1,300 recipes included. The recipes were collected from our community, friends, and family members. The proceeds from the books goes toward school and community projects. Please contact the school at 733-2507 or cindy.lieb@region16.net if you are interested in purchasing a cookbook.

Senior Enchilada Fund Raiser

The Project Graduation for the Spearman Senior Class of 2011, will be taking enchilada orders through December 16th. The enchiladas will be available for pick-up on December 18th from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Church Of Christ. Orders can be placed with any senior parent or you can call Missie Bates at 659-9907, or Sherry Boyd after 6:00 p.m. at 659-3844, to place your order. You can also stop by Dreamers Salon, located at 224 Hancock, to place your orders. Enchiladas will be \$13 a dozen and you may order meat and cheese or just cheese enchiladas. Please request with or without onions. Thanks from the parents and families of the upcoming graduating Class of 2011.

Cross Country/UJL Celebration

A Cross Country Celebration will be held on Friday, December 17th at 8:15 a.m. in the Gruver High School gym to honor the GHS Cross Country State Champions and All-State Runner Luis Mendoza. A UJL Celebration and awards assembly for Gruver Elementary and Junior High immediately following the Cross Country Celebration. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pancakes With Santa

You are invited to enjoy Pancakes with Santa on Friday, December 17th at the Spearman Elementary/Jr. High Cafeteria from 5:30-7 p.m. Come support the Spearman Elementary PTO and then cheer on your favorite team between the Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes and the Gruver Greyhounds and Lady Hounds. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and children 4 and under are free.

Gruver Community Blood Drive

A Gruver Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, December 21st from 1-7 p.m. in the La Casita Room at Gruver State Bank. Eligible donors will receive a Holiday T-Shirt and may also register one of the following prizes: Dec 21 - \$600 Samsung 42" Plasma TV courtesy of Sears and Dec 22 (late drawing) - \$650 Toro Snow Blower courtesy of Proffitt's Lawn and Leisure. For appointments, call 1-877-574-8800. Photo ID or donor card required to donate. All blood types are currently needed.

Spearman ISD Advanced Academic Services Meeting

Spearman ISD will hold an informational meeting on January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School library to learn about the Advanced Academic Services (formerly called Gifted/Talented Program) for Spearman ISD students. Characteristics of a gifted/talented student will be discussed along with the procedures to nominate a student to participate in the AAS program for 2011. For more information, please contact Dr. Crystal Dockery, 659.3233. or your child's principal.

NOTICE

As of Monday, December 6, 2010, the District Clerk's Office for Hansford County will no longer issue applications for passports. The public can have an application issued from the District Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Stinnett or the Post Office in Perryton.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Hansford Gun Club Rifle Shoot

The Hansford Gun Club holds a .22 rifle shoot on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the gun range (located on Hwy. 15 between Spearman and Gruver). Everyone is invited to join the fun.

Care Packages

If you would like to help with Care Package Drop Offs, please contact Less Sullivan at lessullivan@hotmail.com. Less is collecting items for care packages in conjunction with AmericaSupportsYouTexas.com. Journals are also located at the O'Loughlin Center, Spearman High School, and Gus Birdwell Elementary for anyone wishing to sign them. For more information, contact Less at 330-0973.

Rainbow Kids Klub is Back!!

Our new building if finished and we are inviting all children Kindergarten -Fifth grade to join Rainbow Kids Klub. This is a weekly after school program with snacks, recreation, character building Bible lessons, memorization, music, games and its all free. Rainbow Kids Klub begins Wednesday, September 8, after school until 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 407 Haney, Spearman. For more info, call 659-5503.

It's A Girl!

Roger and Kellye (McFarlin) Buchanan wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Brenlye McKaye Buchanan. Brenlye was born on October 28, 2010 in Perryton, TX. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 1/4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big brothers Casey, Dakota, Kyler and Colton, and cousin Bryce Jarvis.

Proud grandparents are Kaye McFarlin of Amarillo and the late Sheriff R.L. McFarlin Jr., and Burl and Nellie Buchanan of Spearman.



Hansford Auxiliary Treasurer Elena Vargas gives a check for \$1800.00 to Merry Sparks for new chairs for the nurses' station at Hansford Manor. Ann Snow, Manor Administrator, and Janie Kunselman smile in approval. The check comes from the Operation Christmas Greeting project which the Auxiliary sponsors each year.

It's A Boy!

Brian and Alexis Beck of Spearman wish to announce the birth of their son, Brady Cooper Beck. Brady was born on November 23, 2010 in Amarillo. He weighed 8 pounds, 9.5 ounces.

He was welcomed by his big sisters, Aubrey, 6, and Elyse, 3.

Proud grandparents are Kathy Beck and the late Ronnie Beck of Spearman, David Shelton of Stinnett, and Steve and Vicky Scott of Dimmitt.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for all the gifts, food and excitement at the birth of our daughter, Brenlye McKaye Buchanan. We couldn't live in a better community than Hansford County! They say it takes a village to raise a child and Brenlye has the best village in the whole world!

Thank you so much,
Roger & Kellye Buchanan

Thank You!

I want to express my thanks to all who made my 90th birthday party a memorable day. May God bless each one of you. Spearman is such a wonderful place to live!

Sincerely,
Ruby Riley (resident since 1964)

Thank You!

Gruver PTO would like to thank everyone in our loving community that helped make a child's Christmas wonderful. We had 48 children this year and our community provided for them all! Gifts were distributed on December 15th, 2010. It is because of the great community support we were able to take care of our youth.

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Becky Gregory, Gruver PTO Co-President

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Pianafiddle To Perform in Borger

Randy Morris and Adam DeGraff, otherwise known as Pianafiddle, will present their genre bending pyrotechnics at the Borger High School Auditorium on January 11, 2011 at 7:30pm. Subscription to the full concert season is \$40 for adults; seniors for \$35; family for \$100; single tickets will be available for \$20. For more information, please call (806) 274-4981 or visit www.tricityconcerts.org.

Pianist Randy Morris (who also plays banjo, trumpet and guitar professionally) teams up with Adam DeGraff, classical violin phenomenon turned fiddler, to form Pianafiddle. From Bach to Bluegrass the duo dazzles audiences, blurring musical boundaries with their virtuosity and improvisational skills. Randy hails from a 30 year career as a feature soloist in the nation's most popular

amusement park, while Adam has enjoyed a career as an orchestral musician, most recently as concertmaster for the Richmond Symphony. Noted for their comic banter, Pianafiddle connects with their audiences as much as their telepathic spontaneity connects them to each other.

The Tri-City Music Concert Association has been presenting nationally acclaimed artists to Hutchinson County and the Panhandle of Texas since 1948. This all-volunteer

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Joel Lackey, Steve Mathews, W.E. Sparks and Janie Kunselman provided wonderful entertainment for the monthly birthday party at Hansford Manor on Friday, December 10. Hansford Hospital Auxiliary provided the pies and the residents provided approval. It was a good day.

Seeking Hats & Gloves

submitted by Darlene Curry, Gruver ISD Counselor

We are planning a special event for the Gruver High School young ladies and we are in need of some items from the community.

The theme of the event is "Hats and Gloves 2011"

and we are asking the young ladies to wear a hat and gloves to the event; however, there are many in our student body that do not have a hat or gloves and do not have the ability to acquire such.

If you would be willing to let us borrow such an item for the evening of the event and then return the item to you, please contact me at 733-5111.

The Tea Party will be held on Thursday, January 13th from 6-7:30 p.m. in the GHS Commons. Attire should be semi-formal.

Friendship Quilt Guild

The night Friendship Quilt Guild was attended by 36 members on November 9th in Perryton.

Freddie Seaman reported 17 attended the quilt retreat.

Marilyn Robins announced there is one more month to sell tickets for the donation quilt.

Patterns are available for knitted and crocheted cancer caps. Kits have been cut for pillowcases for children cancer patients.

The Christmas party will be on December 14th at the Community Worship Center at 6 p.m.

Betty Yanck and Jessica Bell won the challenge drawing while Fern Webster won the name tag drawing. Fluffy quarter winners were Lynette Schoenhals and Mollie Schoenhals.

Six people had show and share items.

Freddie Seaman gave the program on organizing the sewing area. Members contributed their ideas.

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GHS Band Student of the Month

Damian Pierce was selected as the December GHS Band Student of the Month for his outstanding performance in high school band. Damian was a member of the 5-States Honor Band for the second year in a row. He was also the only high school band student to try out for the All-Region band. Not only did he try out, but Damian was selected as the 8th chair in the top symphonic band.



He works hard for the band, whether it be loading instruments on/off the bus or by staying in after school to practice music. Damian is a prime example of what it takes to be a member of a superior, sweepstakes winning band!

Damian is the son of Mona and Mike Pierce of Gruver. He has one brother, Matthew.

Damian's favorite subject is Ag class because he enjoys participating in FFA. He participates in FFA, Jazz Band and One-Act Play.

His favorite thing about band is making music and new friends. His best memory from band is making it to Area in marching band.

Following high school, Damian plans to major in music at West Texas A&M University.

Please take time to congratulate Damian, as he is the first high school student to make the all-region band in the past several years.

GHS NHS Trip

By Shelby Williams

On November 17, 2010, six Gruver High School National Honor Society members attended the NHS conference in Hugoton, KS. The members who attended were Shelby Williams, Mary Hart, Brienne Mitchell, Mariela Mundo, Juliana Trejo, and Cambry Cooper, with Mrs. Gillispie as sponsor.

We left Gruver at 7:30 a.m. and arrived at Hugoton around 9. The morning consisted of a Singing Bee ice breaker, and the Gruver competitors, Cambry and Brienne, tied for first.

We had a speaker named Dave Hawley who spoke about always doing your best. We then played a game called link up. If you did not link, you were sent to the stage to do the embarrassing activity. These activities were everything from doing the worm, to talking like a whale.

After the lunch break we played the knot game, ships and sailors, ninja, and charades. Gruver was represented well, just like in everything else. We then partnered up and played games that were more about team work and everyone winning.

Everyone that attended enjoyed themselves and learned a lot about helping others.



Twelve year old Hunter Hopkins of Gruver shot this 17-point buck on November 13, 2010 northwest of his grandparent's house. Hunter, a seventh grader at Pringle-Morse CISD, lives up to his name. He grew up watching the Outdoor Channel. He has hunted deer, antelope, hogs, turkeys, and even exotic sheep. Last year he killed an 8-point buck in Ochiltree County. He loves to hunt and has a desire to be a taxidermist and a wildlife biologist some day. His parents are Brenda and Bud Hopkins of Gruver, and his grandparents are Suellen and Robert Dahl, also of Gruver.

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A Ribbon Cutting was held on Thursday, December 9th for Zephyr Wind. Pictured are Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board members (L-R) Ed Hanson, Toby Thompson, Lucy Lora, Mike Pearson, Michelle McCubbin, and Grace Calvert and Justin Gifford of Zephyr Wind. Other Chamber members are Bill Pittman, Brian Gillispie, Alvin Byers, Keith Hight.

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Sawyer Sutterfield (#5) goes up for a shot.
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Tristan Wilborn (#3) goes in for a lay-up.
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David Grotegut and Mike Yanke install a Gambler G in front of the new high school entrance. David made the Gambler G, and Ag Partners donated all materials, labor and paid for the paint job. Thanks Ag Partners for all you do for the school!



The Lady Hounds competed in the Lake Meredith Classic December 2-4 and brought home the Championship plaque! Madison McLain led the way, averaging 18 points, 8 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game. The Lady Hounds prevailed in the Claude North Plains Tournament December 9-11, bringing home their second championship trophy of the season. The girl's overcame some sickness and "hard hits" to outlast Panhandle in the final game, avenging an earlier loss in the season. Shelley Gibson and Makenzie Crane were All-Tournament selections, while Madison McLain was named Tournament MVP.



The Spearman Varsity Lynxettes competed at the Nazareth Basketball Tournament on Dec. 2-4. The Lynxettes won the championship trophy after defeating Whitharral 39 - 31. (Photo by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmanports.smugmug.com>)

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Local Sports

Gruver BB News

12/7/10

JV Greyhounds 25, Beaver 42
Six Different Players Scored 4 points

12/9/10

Varsity Lady Hounds 52, Hartley 40
Varsity Greyhounds 59, Tulia 38
Gruver JV Lady Hounds 46, Perryton 35
Varsity Lady Hounds 49, Miami 45

River Road Tournament Pool Play

JV Greyhounds 19, San Jacinto 10; Lupe Pena - 8 points
JV Greyhounds 14, Vega 7; Beau Blankenship - 5 points
JV Greyhounds 23, River Road Gold 11; Beau Blankenship - 6 points, Diego Ortiz - 6 points

12/10/10

Varsity Greyhounds 53, Hartley 49
Varsity Lady Hounds 46, Sunray 30
Varsity Greyhounds 51, Panhandle 34

River Road Tournament Championship Bracket

JV Greyhounds 21, Highland Park 31; Jace Lane - 5 points, Beau Blankenship - 5 points
JV Greyhounds 25, White Deer 38; Lupe Pena - 9 points

12/11/10

Varsity Lady Hounds 44, River Road 24
Varsity Lady Hounds 50, Panhandle 43
Varsity Greyhounds 37, Boys Ranch 57

12/14/10
Varsity Lady Hounds 69, Borger 38

North Plains Classic All-Tourney Team

Congratulations to senior Haden Hart and sophomore Korbin Irwin for making the All-Tournament Team!

Claude Tournament submitted by Coach Wade Callaway

In round one the Greyhounds faced Tulia, who the Saturday before defeated the Hounds at the buzzer. This time Gruver played much better and won 59-38. Haden and Korbin led the scoring with 17 and 10 points. Danny Bonilla added 7 points, 5 rebounds and 6 assists. Haden also had a great game defensively as he had a season-high 10 steals.

In the second round the Greyhounds faced a scrappy Hartley team that would not go away. The final was 53-49 and sophomore Korbin Irwin led the way with 16 points. Haden added 14 and senior Justin Bass chipped in 8.

In the semis on Friday the opponent was a much-improved Panhandle team. The score was tied going into the fourth quarter, but a nice run allowed the Greyhounds to finish on top 51 to 34. Sophomore Reese Clark scored two huge buckets in the fourth and also grabbed four rebounds. Haden and Korbin again led the scoring as the Hounds won their fourth in row.

The winning streak came to a sudden end on Saturday night as the boys from Boys Ranch proved to be too much for the Hounds. In a sloppy game the Roughrid-

ers prevailed 57-37 in the championship. Haden had 20 points and Danny contributed 5, but the 32 turnovers by Gruver was just too damaging to overcome.

Houndball is open Tuesday and their next game will be Friday at Spearman.

JV Lady Hounds Red and Black Classic Submitted by Bekah Morrison

Last Thursday marked a memorable moment in Gruver history with the annual Red and Black Classic being hosted in the new gym.

The JV girls had the opportunity to be the first team to take action on the new court against West Texas. With the excitement of playing the first game in the gym also brought the challenge of stepping up and getting the first win in the new gym. They did certainly that with 37-23 victory over West Texas. Maggie Key gets to put her name in the books as the first person to score a basket in the new gym, which got the Lady Hounds off to an early 2-0 lead.

The Lady Hounds went on to win the tournament championship with wins over Sunray (24-18), Perryton (31-21), and Spearman in the finals (33-20). These Lady Hounds walked out of the new gym Saturday with an impressive 4-0 run during the tournament. We look to continue that streak as it appears that the rest of our home games will be played in the new gym.

The 4-0 record in the new gym that the JV girls brought with them into Tuesday night's game against Beaver was cer-

tainly put to a test. The game went back and forth for much of the game and even came down to the final seconds. These Lady Hounds were able to pull out a low scoring victory by a one point margin with the final score ending 19-18. These girls will be participating this weekend in the Spearman JV girls' tournament. They picked up their first victory of the tournament last night over Perryton and will play their next game Saturday morning at 10:15. Please come on over and watch these girls attempt to bring home their third tournament championship this year.

Spearman BB News

Lynxettes Dominate Comanches

The Lynxettes travelled to Stinnett on December 14th to take on the West Texas Lady Comanches. After coming off of two tournament championships, the Lynxettes were ready for the challenge, and defeated the Lady Comanches 49-34.

The Lynxettes led 15-7 at the end of the first quarter,

and led 31-20 at halftime. The Lynxettes only allowed the Lady Comanches to score 3 points in the third quarter, and ended the game at 49-34.

The Lynxettes were led by Morgan Ashmore with 24 points, followed by Shelby Hannah with 17.

Lynx Cripple Comanches

The Spearman Lynx travelled to Stinnett on December 14th to take on the West

Texas Comanches. The Lynx easily defeated the Comanches, by a score of 56-34.

The Lynx led 13-6 at the end of the first quarter, and 28-14 at the end of the first half.

The Lynx led by 27 points at one point during the game, finishing with a 56-34 victory.

The Lynx were led by Tristan Wilborn with 16 points and Blayne Schroeder with 11.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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This variance allows Gruver Volunteer EMS staff two BLS/MICU ambulances. When in service, each unit must be staffed by two people with a minimum of one certi- fied EMS technician. This variance is for 24 hours a day seven days a week.
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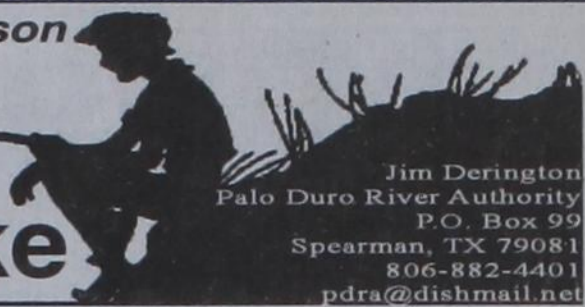
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by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake



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Jim reported that a hardy group of Boy Scouts from Panhandle camped in tents at the Lake Saturday night. The temperature was between 21 and 26 degrees. A lone camper Friday night was a deer hunter who had come to the area.

In his column last week Jim told us the Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries employees were

checking out the fish in the Lake. One method of checking was frame nets to check for crappie. He now has their report, and it is good news. At least, they found lots of crappie, albeit small.

This week he noted an unusual number of robins around the office. He also saw two mountain bluebirds in the same area.

Mustangs

After researching the

mustangs that roamed the Plains in the old days, I have wondered how they are surviving now. The December Texas Monthly has an article "Gentling Cheatgrass" by Sterry Butcher that has an update on the mustangs, as well as a story of how Teryn Lee Muench of Marfa won \$50,000 last August in the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover. This was a contest in which 130 people signed up in the

spring to take a wild mustang from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and have it gentled and trained in 100 days. He picked up the horse from a BLM facility in Oklahoma May 8 and hauled the gelding to a ranch he managed out from Marfa. The contest ended with a two-day

event in Fort Worth in August. The horses are judged on their level of training and responsiveness.

The mustang breaking contests started with contests over different sections of the country. They were called Extreme Mustang Makeover, and the prizes varied from \$2000 to

\$2500. The horses at the end were sold to raise money for the Mustang Heritage Foundation. In the Supreme contest, the contestant buys and adopts a mustang, and at the end keeps the horse until it has been owned at least a year.

Operation Christmas Greeting

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

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