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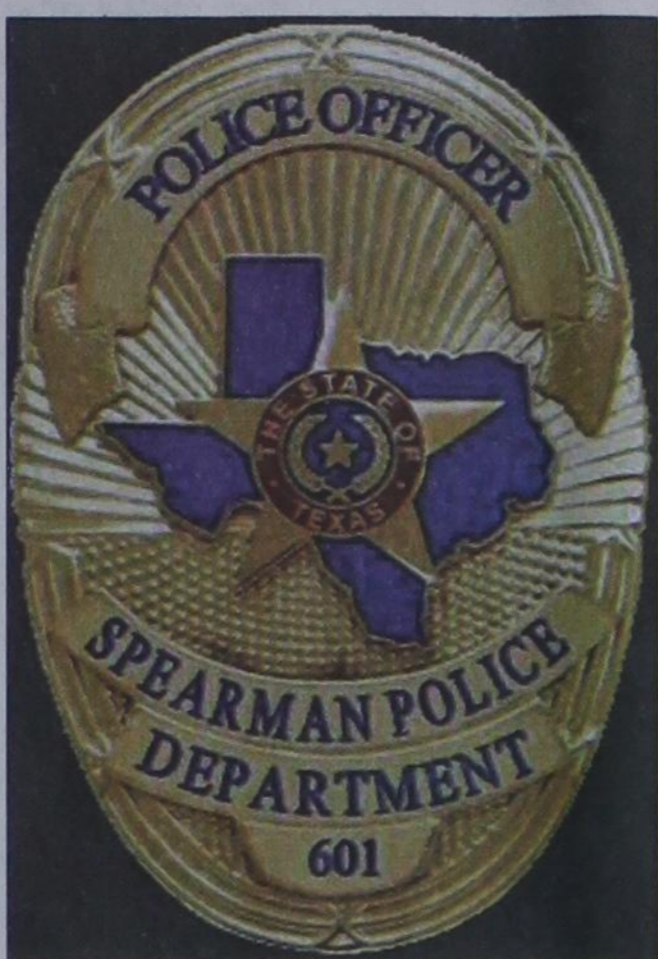
**COME TO THE GAME**

**Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes**

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2/3 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
vs Childress\*  
2/6 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) at Childress  
2/6 7G (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) vs Childress  
2/7 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
@ Childress\*  
2/10 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
vs Bushland\*  
2/14 JVG (7:30), VG (6), JVB (6), VB (7:30)  
@ Highland Bark\*

**Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds**

2/3 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs  
Stratford\* (Senior Night)  
2/2-2/4 Gruver Jr. High Hoopla  
2/6 7G (6), 7B (5), 8G (5), 8B (6) vs Strat-  
ford  
2/7 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8)  
@ Booker\*  
2/10 JVB (5), VB (6:30) vs West Texas\*



**Spearman Police  
Department News**

**Alert**

by Chief Robert G. Baker

The Spearman Police Dept. and Gruver Police Dept. are investigating the thefts of drive shafts from Ford pick-ups.

The drive shafts are apparently very easy to remove, and the tools needed to remove the 4 bolts are easily obtained. Two Ford Expeditions were also hit but only the bolts were taken.

Any information on these thefts or any crime will be greatly appreciated.

Please keep vigilant and be aware of your surroundings. Complacency of the law abiding public is what criminals rely upon to be profitable.

11:59 PM, the Spearman Allsup's was robbed by an unknown male. The suspect is white or Hispanic, early twenties, slender build, approximately 5'2" to 5'5" (but believed to be taller). The suspect wore a black hoodie, jeans, and a pink bandana concealing his face except for the eyes. The suspect did have a handgun, but was not threatening with it. Total time the event occurred was approximately 28 seconds after the suspect entered the store.

Spearman officers, HCSO deputies, as well as deputies from Ochiltree County searched the area immediately on being dispatched. Tracking dogs were brought in from the prison unit at Dalhart, which searched the city for almost 2 hours with negative results. Video footage of the robbery was obtained from Allsup's, and it will be sent off for evidentiary examination.

If you have any further concerns or questions, please feel free to contact us. Do not fall victim to rumors, gossip, or lies about this incident or any other crime that occurs in Spearman.

The Spearman PD will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this or any other incident.

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**Garrett Rex Memorial  
Basketball Tournament**

The Garrett Rex Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held two weekends this year. The 5th and 6th graders will play February 9th and 11th and the 3rd and 4th graders will play February 16th and 18th. Games will start at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and will go all day on Saturday. There will be 34 teams from this area participating.

Please come out and support the Jr. Lynx and Lynxettes. T-shirts are also available from The Sportzone.

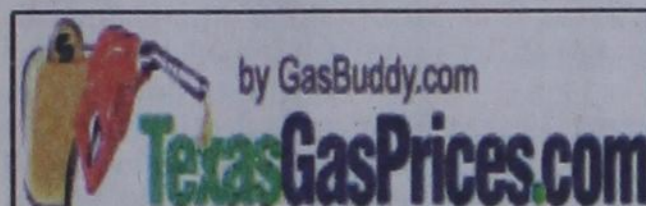
For questions, please call 659-2768.

**Spearman Allsup's is  
Robbed at Gunpoint**

by Chief Robert G. Baker

We have been hearing many rumors regarding the robbery at the Spearman Allsup's. One rumor asserts that the suspect was a blond haired female. Please put all the rumors aside.

The following is what actually occurred: On January 31, 2012 at approximately



**Weekly Update**

Texas, February 6- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.37/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.0 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.43/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 43.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 17.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 10.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 31.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has continued on its upward trend as we move closer to spring and EPA-mandated cleaner burning gasoline," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "The smaller movements in gasoline prices as of late in areas of the country will certainly not hold much longer. Gasoline prices tend to start moving significantly higher towards the end of February and into mid-March, so motorists should be preparing for higher prices," DeHaan said.

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

**Texas Crop & Weather**

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for February 7, 2012: Temperatures were above average for most of the reporting period, then dropped to near average. Part of the region received some moisture late in the week, with accumulations ranging from a trace to 1.5 inches. Soil-moisture levels varied from adequate to very short with most reporting short to very short. Winter wheat was in poor to very poor condition. Most rangeland and pastures were in poor to very poor condition. Cattle were reported as mostly in good condition, with a few herds on irrigated wheat experiencing bloating issues. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock.

**Weather Forecast**

THURSDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Southwest winds around 5 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light rain and light snow in the evening - then a slight chance of light snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

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

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

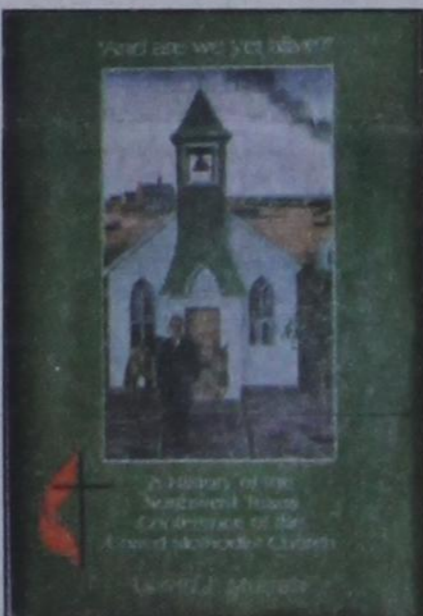
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Chance of light rain and light snow in the evening - then a chance of light snow after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Chance of light snow in the morning - then a chance of light snow and light rain in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 30s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Chance of light snow and light rain in the evening - then a chance of light snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

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



by Mike Haynes

If you had lived in the new town of Stratford in the summer of 1901, you'd have had a choice.

Option one: Attend a revival arranged by the Rev. W.B. McKeown, who had been sent by the presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to organize congregations in the top tier of Texas Panhandle counties.

Option two: Go to a footrace promoted by local saloons that would attract gamblers from as far as Missouri and give \$1,000 to the race's winner.

A group of perceived sinners prepared the racetrack while a flock of "saints" built an arbor for the church meeting.

McKeown, ticked off at the race people for scheduling their event at the same time as the revival, told his supporters it was like Elijah's joust with the prophets of Baal to prove who had the real God.

"I ... reminded them that Elijah's God is ours," the preacher recalled, and the group prayed hard.

The next day, when the afternoon revival service was over, McKeown found out at the railroad station the race had degenerated into arguments and even gunplay, the \$1,000 had been withdrawn and that most of the "sinners" had gone home mad.

That's the sort of story you can read in David Murrah's 2009 book, "And are we yet alive?" A History of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Gruver native Murrah wrote the book to mark 2010's 100th anniversary of the conference, which covers the Texas Panhandle and stretches to the Lubbock, Abilene, Childress, Midland and Big Spring areas. The conference, reorganized in 1910, was split from a previous NWTC that covered a larger area of the state.

The book is available from the NWTC office in Lubbock or from State House Press (www.tfccc.com/press).

Murrah, 70, now lives in Rockport and is a senior historian for Southwest Museum Services in Houston. A strength of his book is its melding of church history with larger events such as the coming of the railroads, World War I and campus unrest at McMurry College in the 1970s.

The work covers essential history such as the first NWTC meeting in Clarendon's massive new church in 1910 and the appointment of the Rev. Max Whitfield as bishop in 2000, and Murrah doesn't sweep controversy under a rug.

Without taking sides, the author recounts the 1920s conflict between funda-

mentalists and modernists, the 1970s Good News movement that still aims to steer Methodists back to "orthodox" Christianity and the "seminary war" in which Asbury Seminary in Kentucky began attracting more area students than SMU's Perkins Seminary, even though Asbury is not run by the United Methodist Church.

Don't miss the story of how Amarillo leaders, after missing out on West Texas State and Texas Tech, tried to bring then-Methodist Clarendon College to town with the goal of changing it to "the University of Amarillo." It didn't work out, and Amarillo College was born in 1929 instead.

The NWTC's membership over a century is shown in an appendix, from the 34,650 Methodists in 1910 to a peak of 108,399 in 1964 and a slide to 64,535 in 2008.

The front cover is familiar to some who have walked into Texas Tech's Holden

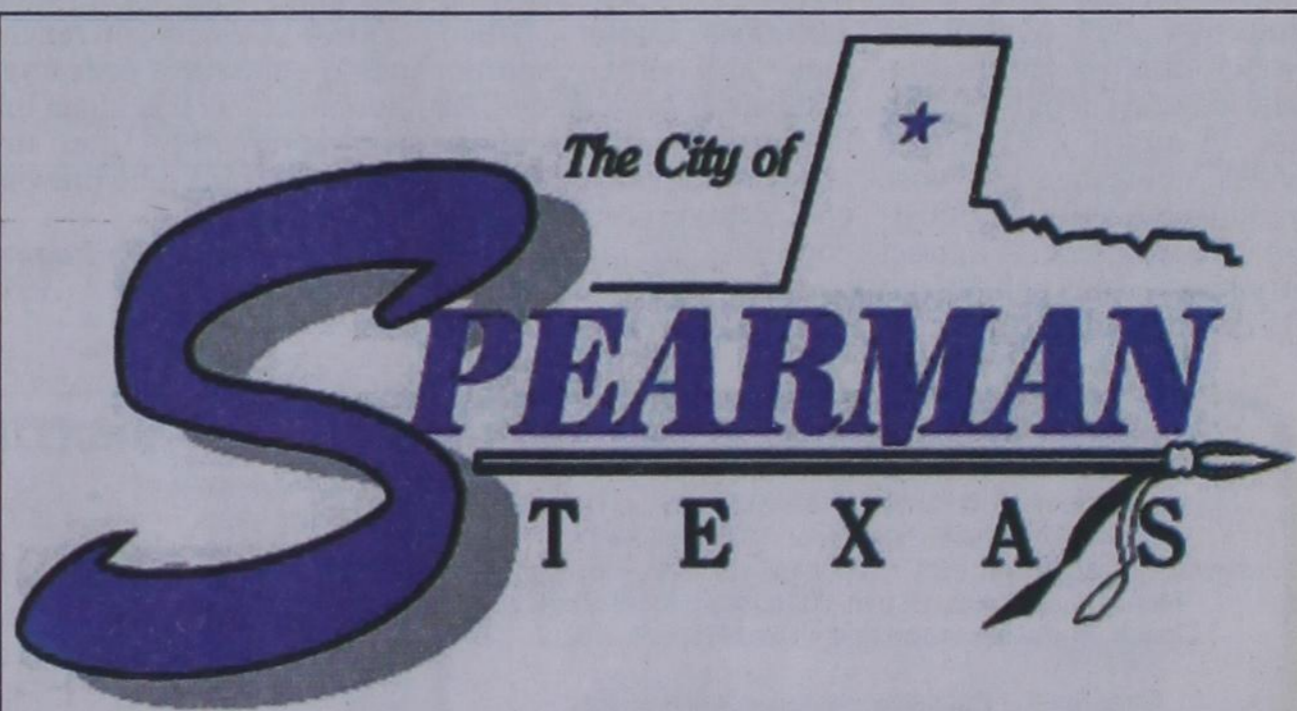
Hall in Lubbock. It features a section of Peter Hurd's circular mural that shows Methodist circuit rider Robert Dunn in front of a green-and-white, wooden, West Texas church.

The book's title, not surprisingly, comes from a Charles Wesley hymn sung at conference assemblies. Maybe surprisingly, the author said he is "a lifelong Baptist." Murrah and his wife, Ann, now attend a Methodist church in Rockport, however.

To write the history, "They wanted someone from outside the conference who wasn't embroiled in any conference controversy," he said last week.

"But it has almost made a Methodist out of me."

Mike Haynes teaches journalism at Amarillo College. He can be reached at AC, the Amarillo Globe-News or haynescolumn@hotmail.com. Go to www.haynescolumn.blogspot.com for other recent columns.



**Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet**

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt in Spearman. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Tickets will be available at local businesses and from Chamber of Commerce Board members.

The Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year will be awarded during the banquet.

Local businesses nominated for Business of the Year include Deakin Electric, Farm Supply and Service, B&B Sales, Serenity Massage and Cargill.

Local citizens nominated for Citizen of the Year include Mark Murray, Claudine Laxton, Jim Tope, Stephanie Brock, Spearman HS Cross Country Team, Charles Elliot and Pat Sutterfield.

The evening will include a Pasta Dinner and entertainment by the Amarillo College Jazz Band.

A drawing will be held for \$500 in Free Gas donated by Farm Supply Inc.; a Dozen Roses donated by Prairie Garden Flowers; a Prize Package donated by The Sport-Zone; a Beauty Package donated by Gordon's Drug; an HVAC Inspection Package donated by Mathews Mechanical.

Live auction items will include: A meal cooked in your home for 6 people by Chef Josh Fuller of OHMS in Amarillo. Chef Josh is the owner of OHMS and has cooked under Wolfgang Puck (donated by Grace Calvert); One night stay at Hooper House (donated by Doc, Susan, and Jackie Pearson); a Steak Dinner for 10 (donated by The Headquarters Restaurant); a Jack Trip to Buffalo Dunes & \$100 in Free Gas (donated by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and Golden Spread Sales).

For more information, contact the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

This has and will be a busy week. We are receiving a new gift for the ranch room - A desk used at the headquarters of one of our early ranches. I hope to have more on it next week. It is to be delivered Monday afternoon (I am writing Monday morning).

On Friday, February 10, we will be installing two Quanah Parker Arrows - one in Higgins and one at the museum. These are 23 foot iron arrows created by Charles A. Smith to mark the places in the Texas Plains Trail that Quanah Parker and the Comanche lived, hunted, and fought.

The first arrow will be installed at between 1-2 p.m. in Higgins. They are installing one in Wellington that morning, so we are estimating times. After the Higgins installation we will come to the museum and install this one. It is interesting to watch so join us if

you can.

**Reminders:**  
1. **The Lipscomb County Student Art Show is fully installed** and is very colorful. It seems the major theme is snow with snowmen and snowflakes. Maybe this will bring us moisture! Plan to visit and see your children's art.

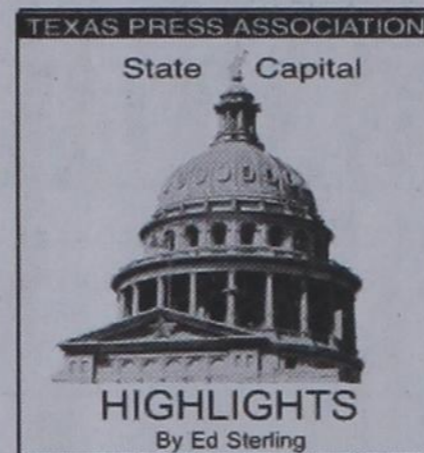
2. **We need Sports Memorabilia** for an exhibit we are creating on sports in Lipscomb County (especially town teams).

### HISTORICAL MUSINGS

In an earlier column, I discussed the Higgins Magazine Club. I forgot to mention that we had received a photo of the original club members in 1904 from Betty Detrixhe of Higgins. This photo, along with a later photo, are featured in our photo exhibit on the Higgins Panels. We thank Ms. Detrixhe for sharing the photo. It gives history a fuller meaning when you can visualize the people with their history.

Since we are doing our arrows this week, I will summarize the story of Ms. Ephram Polly and her encounter with a raiding party of Kiowa, Comanche, and Cheyenne, estimated to be around 400 in number. They were hungry and demanded that Ms. Polly feed them. Due to the number, she began to make pancakes. They would file through the cabin and pick the pancakes up directly off the stove. Each time Mrs. Polly would stop cooking to prepare more batter, the Indians would pinch her to hurry up and cook more. The pancake party lasted until Mrs. Polly had used a barrel of flour and most of the day. It was almost sundown when she ran out of flour. When they realized she could cook no more, the Indians left taking their milk cows. The cows came home in a day or two.

Hope to see you at the installation.



## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



by Ed Sterling

### More weeks of deliberation expected in redistricting

AUSTIN - On Feb. 1, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals signaled that the Texas House, Senate and U.S. congressional district maps drawn by the state Legislature last spring could take weeks worth of scrutiny in testing for compliance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Act provides the basis to cure racial discrimination in elections and election-related processes. Section 5 of the Act requires Texas, among other states and smaller jurisdictions, to obtain preclearance of redistricting maps by the D.C. Circuit Court.

Meanwhile, in San Antonio on Feb. 2, the three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, indicated it would proceed with the task of revising the three sets of maps, as directed by the U.S. Supreme Court. In January, the high court threw out the San Antonio district court panel's attempt to revise the Texas Legislature's enacted maps and ordered the three judges to follow more closely the Legislature's intent in its next remedial effort.

Furthermore, on Feb. 2, the San Antonio district court instructed plaintiffs (Shannon Perez et al. v. defendants State of Texas et al.) in each of the three redistricting cases to present their arguments in court on Feb. 15. Parties have until Feb. 10 to file their legal briefs.

Although a court order issued in mid-December set April 3 as the date for the Texas primaries, court actions put on the calendar last week could bump them later in April or even May or June.

### TSTA calls for special session

Pressure on the governor to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to address shortages in school funding is increasing.

Public education absorbed a multi-billion dollar hit when the Legislature, in its January through May 2011 regular session, made across the board spending cuts to address the state's estimated \$20 billion budget deficit for the 2012-2013 biennium. Then, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst who presides over the Senate, and House Speaker Joe Straus steered fiscally conservative majorities in the Senate and House to ap-

prove the use of about \$3 billion of the state's \$9 billion Economic Stabilization (also known as "Rainy Day") Fund. The tapped that amount was applied to the public education and health and human services budgets.

Texas State Teachers Association last week urged Gov. Rick Perry to call lawmakers to Austin to appropriate \$2.5 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund "to head off another round of harmful cuts in local public school budgets for the 2012-2013 school year."

TSTA President Rita Haecker, at a Feb. 1 Capitol news conference, pointed out the effects of the governor and the legislative majority's cutting of \$5.4 billion from public education for the current, two-year budget period, including \$4 billion in formula funding obligations to school districts and another \$1.4 billion in Texas Education Agency grants to districts.

An estimated 32,000 school employees including 12,000 teachers already have lost their jobs, and more than 8,200 elementary classes are larger than the cap set by state law. "Ultimately, these cuts and crowded classrooms harm our students' learning environment," Haecker said. TSTA is circulating a petition calling on the governor

to call a special session, she added.

A year ago, the office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported that \$7.2 billion of the Rainy Day Fund came from oil and gas production taxes.

### Oil & gas figures take shape

These days, oil and gas industry trucks are seen moving up and down roads and highways in many parts of Texas and setting up shop here and there on sites visible from public rights of way.

Many Texas newspapers routinely report this information, but in light of the current call for a special session of the Rainy Day Fund's tie to oil and gas production taxes, here are figures reported by the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry.

On Jan. 30, the Texas Railroad Commission reported it issued 1,630 original drilling permits in December 2011. "The December total included 1,480 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 35 to re-enter existing well bores, and 115 for re-completions. Permits issued in December 2011 included 479 oil, 186 gas, 902 oil and gas, 48 injection, two service and 13 other permits," according to the report.

## USDA Announces CRP General Sign-up

Landowners and Producers Will Have 4-Week Window Beginning in March to Enroll

Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6. CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with

expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis.

Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking. FSA uses the following EBI factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered: Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage; Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching; On-farm benefits from reduced erosion; Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period; Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and Cost.

Over the past 25 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and

air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;

Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorus from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion.

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- \*His aim is true?
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- Gaelic
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- \*Where future couples meet?
- They've become mainstream fashion statements
- Female reproductive cells
- \*"\_\_\_" beaucoup!
- Like Eliza Doolittle
- Contains several to-dos
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- Like a Spaniard who speaks Spanish
- Often served with Tanqueray
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- With three parts
- \*Goddess of love
- Wide open
- It took a licking but kept on ticking
- Chow
- It prevents movement
- \*The two were arm-\_\_\_
- Spooky
- \*Valentine, e.g.
- Type of email box
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- Scatterbrained
- To lower in value
- African tam-\_\_\_
- \*Alleged mastermind of St. Valentine's Day massacre
- Mecca pilgrim
- \*Give me your \_\_\_ your poor..."
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- Past participle of "lie"
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# Happy Birthday!

**February 9**  
**Birthday** - Loren Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Doris Bredon, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rosetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles  
**Anniversary** - M/M Martin Ochoa, M/M Dwayne TeBeest

**February 10**  
**Birthday** - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell, Karen Schnell  
**Anniversary** - M/M Perry Dixon

**February 11**  
**Birthday** - Angie Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Denise Harbour, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Leigh Anne Winger, Addie Williams, Sloan Dominguez, Leo Cummings

**February 12**  
**Birthday** - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connelly, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Walter Postoak, Eleanor Bently, Kelly Buchanan, Mary Dixon  
**Anniversary** - M/M Buck Tidwell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

**February 13**  
**Birthday** - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Bartimos, Maura Gaspar, Lexi Farmer, Kelly Pecha  
**Anniversary** - M/M Eddy Rojas

**February 14**  
**Birthday** - Alice Goodman, Nick Nelson, Janice Holt, C.W. Kirk, Tommy Thomas, Bubba Smith, Donna Ball, Lena Kathryn Harbour, Betsy Sutterfield, Kenneth Baker, Josiah Lee Vasquez, Courtney Wood, Wes Daniel  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kip Francis, M/M Roney Clark, Ricky & Cindy Dowdy, Hal & Jeanie Bennett, Terry & Tammy Burch, M/M Omar Sutton, M/M Salomon Tarango, M/M Tony Swink, M/M Rod Holland, M/M Delfino Parra, Rev. & Rev. Joseph Weaks, Garrett & Mika Gumfory, Buck & Cleo Hughes  
**February 15**  
**Birthday** - Lee Bradford, Heath Gammon, Donnie

Thoreson, Claude Sheets Jr., Lynn Sheets, Brenda White, Marlane Nollner, Laura Dahl, Toby White, J. P. Prouty, Juanna Rosales, Colby Bedell, Rick Finley, Colleen Burkhammer, Steve Hartgraves, Emily Bently

**Anniversary** - M/M Hoyt Biles, M/M Jim Norton

**February 16**  
**Birthday** - Johnny Pat O'Connell, David Parker, Mike Larson, Lynda Owens, Ismael Vela, Timothy Peck, Maylynn Ayers, Cliff Lang, Brittany Claxton, Diana Pepper, Rex Reid, J.D. Wilbanks

**Anniversary** - M/M Jesus Espinosa, M/M Charles Chritton, M/M Augustine Mejia, M/M Bob Hohertz, M/M Gene Fletcher, Eschol & Eulalia Blankenship

**February 17**  
**Birthday** - Katie Jones, Manuel Ruiz Jr., Mark Guthrie, Lee Ann Schrader, T.H. Rodriguez, Ernest Wayne Jr., Ric Smith, Isela Huerta  
**Anniversary** - M/M Ed Castillo

**February 18**  
**Birthday** - Vickie Bullard, Carla Jo Riggins, Luke Stroud, Beau Roberts, Buck Sell, Edith Breland, Blain Rutherford, J.D. Poer  
**Anniversary** - M/M Richie Fletcher

**February 19**  
**Birthday** - Melissa Quillin, Delphine Etling, Bob Womble, Stephanie Hays, Bennie Brogdon, David Kellum, Sylvia Rosales, Niki Taylor, Robert Dean Meire, Chuck Ball, Sylvia Taranto  
**Anniversary** - M/M Dorsey Perez, M/M Lupe Moreno, M/M Larry Trospen

**February 20**  
**Birthday** - Brant Armes, Ed Mayfield, Greg Stork, Tessa Yanke, Kathy Brown, John Antalek, Terry Morris, Melissa Holt, Brenda Moyer, Steve Shields, Clayton Hergert, Bill Volden, Cody Brandvick, Rosemary McKee, Jeannie Folwen, Pauline McGee, Richey Thompson

**Anniversary** - M/M Wilson Bruning, M/M Charles Evans, M/M Jon Hart

**February 21**  
**Birthday** - Sandra Proffitt, Walter McDade, Lisa Meisner, Raul Ortega, Ann Thomas, Chandler Adkins, Tom Speck, C.J. Renteria  
**Anniversary** - Ken & JoAnn Schneider

**February 22**  
**Birthday** - Russell Dahl, Rhonda Hicks, Betty Mathews, Ryan Mathews, Sherri Hall, Tim Cook, Bobby Jo Grayson, Paul Reimer, Sonny Kell, DeAnn Sparkman, Derryla Stedje, Connie Davis, Linda Coombs, Jack Sparks, Brenda Winegarner, Kreisun Dominguez  
**Anniversary** - M/M Jason Bass, M/M Freddy Walton

# Our Sympathy

## D.A. MALSON

AMARILLO - D.A. Malson, 73, of Amarillo died Friday, Feb. 3, 2012.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Durham Church of Christ with Dolan Ivey and Chuck Milner officiating. Burial will be in Silent Home Cemetery in Roll, Okla. Arrangements are by LaGrone-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Coulter Road Chapel, 8310 S. Coulter St.

D.A. was born Aug. 23, 1938, in Roger Mills County, Okla., to Doyle and Virginia Malson. He moved to Amarillo, as a child, where he attended school, graduating from Amarillo High School in 1956. He attended University Church of Christ in Canyon.

D.A. married Betty Battenfield on Sept. 2, 1955, in Amarillo. He was a contractor, building more than 300 fine homes throughout Amarillo. D.A. began his career in the construction field in high school, starting employment with Reid Strickland. He then worked for Lester Moffett Construction. He took great pride in the job that he did and was known to be a perfectionist in his projects. He was a member of the Texas Builders Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Betty; a son, Matthew Doyle Malson and wife Tonya of Hickory, N.C.; a daughter, Denise Cranmer of Canyon; four grandchildren, Jason Cranmer of Canyon, Lindsey Bussey and husband Loren of Amarillo, Jacob Cranmer and wife Mandi of Gruver and Madison Malson of Hickory, N.C.; a sister, Janice Malson of Amarillo; and three great-grandchildren, Nathan and Natalie Bussey and Cole Cranmer.

The family suggests memorial be to John Hopkins, in care of Kim Hollandsworth Adrenoleukodystrophy Research for the Cole Wade Cranmer benefit research fund, 707 N. Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21287.

Sign the online guest book at [www.lagroneblackburnshaw.com](http://www.lagroneblackburnshaw.com).

## MELINDA HESS

AMARILLO - Melinda Hess, 68, of Amarillo died Monday, Jan. 23, 2012.

Arrangements are by Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.

Melinda was born Aug. 8, 1943, in McAlester, Okla. She graduated from McAlester High School. She married Don Mackie in Spearman. Early in her life, she embarked on a career in public service with the state of Oklahoma, which lasted for nearly 40 years.

Melinda was a highly intelligent individual who was a movie fanatic and a real trivia buff. She loved all animals, especially her Yorkie, Mickey. Her passion in life was being Nana to her grandchildren. She will long be remembered for her wicked sense of humor and how she loved to laugh.

Survivors include a daughter, Leslie Stricker and husband Cory of Amarillo; a son, Troy Mackie and wife Kelly of Amarillo; a sister, Kathleen Barkalow and husband Gary of McAlester; a brother, Tommy Hood of McAlester; and nine grandchildren, Tabitha, Chelsea, Nicholas, Alex, Alexandra, Levi, Luke, Christian and Steven.

Sign the online guest book at [www.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com).

# Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the sixth week of the Season of Epiphany, we discover that Jesus is "willing", as we study 2 Kings 5: 1-17, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27, and Mark 1: 40=45.

Naaman, the Commander of the Army of Aram, was a mighty warrior who suffered from leprosy. An Israeli slave-girl tells Naaman's wife of a prophet in Israel who could cure Naaman. After a series of events, Naaman rolls up to Elisha, the prophet, with his war-chariots and cavalry. Elisha sends a messenger to tell Naaman to dip himself into the river Jordan seven times and be cured. Naaman initially refuses until his servants implore him to comply. Naaman would have done any difficult thing, but he could not understand doing a simple one. Naaman complying with the prophets instruction was healed. We see this mighty warrior transformed in body and spirit by the word of God. Learn from this that we cannot encounter the living God, even in a simple manner, without being transformed.

The Psalmist sings a song of praise because God has transformed his mourning into dancing. The Psalmist recalls that the Lord has delivered him from crisis; he then asks others to join him in praising God. The Psalmist recalls his ill-founded attitude of self-assurance before his crisis. He then recalls his prayer for help which God answered. When we meet the living God in prayer, we are transformed.

Paul uses the image of a runner training for his race to exemplify the Christian life. In the Greek contest, only the winner received the prize; the also-ran's received nothing. For the runner it takes discipline, perseverance and fitness to compete successfully. For the Christian it takes knowledge of our goal (eternal life with Jesus), knowledge of the worth of our goal (Jesus is everything to me), and we must master ourselves so that we are not disqualified. Living the disciple life takes practice, practice, practice. When we sin, and we do, we must not let that dissuade us from persevering through prayer and the enabling of the Holy Spirit toward our Goal in Jesus Christ.

A leper comes to Jesus, begging to be healed. The leper, by Law, should not have approached or spoken to a rabbi. Verse 42 is translated "Moved with pity...", it is probably more accurately translated "Moved with anger..."; yet, the anger is not with the leper but with a society which excludes the leper from any contact, any support from his community. No rabbi would have touched such an unclean person, but Jesus did. Jesus was willing to heal the leper and says, "Be made clean"; this phrase is exactly the phrase that Jesus used when commanding the demon to leave the man possessed. Immediately the leper was healed. After "snorting" at the leper (RSV "After sternly warning..."), Jesus tells him not to say anything about being healed but to go and fulfill the law by showing himself to the priests and making the appropriate offering to God. Jesus is "willing" to transform us in body and spirit.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to have discipline, perseverance and fitness as you live the disciple life; may you be transformed into an image of The Christ.

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<p><b>Oslo</b></p> <p><b>Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b>              6 Miles West &amp; 12 Miles              North of Gruver              339-7646              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.              Pastor - Arien Lloyd</p>	<p><b>Gruver</b></p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>              402 E. Broadway • 733-2411              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 10:50 a.m.              Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday              Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday              Pastor - Scott Curry</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              209 King • 733-2760              Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.              Worship: 10:20 a.m.              Evening Worship: 6 p.m.              Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.              Minister - Gaylord Cook</p> <p><b>First Christian Church</b>              510 King • 733-2960              Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.              Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.              Youth: 7:30, Sunday              Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.              Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.              Pastor - Gary Gumfory</p>	<p><b>Morse</b></p> <p><b>Morse Baptist Church</b>              733-2757              Pastor - Gary Stevens</p> <p><b>Waka</b></p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              300 Rogers Ave.              202-7126              Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.              Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.              Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.              Preacher - Ed Jenkins</p>	

*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday

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

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

### Winter Landfill Hours

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

### Gruver Elementary Register Tapes for Education

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

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet Saturday, February 11 at the Waka Christian Center starting at 6 p.m. Friends and families are welcome to come to the potluck dinner followed with a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided, and sponsors training will be available for new sponsors.

### Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet February 10, 2012 at Perryton Mennonite Church, 2821 S. Ash at 12 Noon. A lunch will be provided before the program. Anyone who has Parkinson's or has a family member/friend with it, is welcome to attend the support group. For more information, call Bev Burger at 435-3437 or 435-0579.

### Hospice Volunteers Meet

The Hospice Volunteers will NOT meet on the 2nd Monday, Feb. 13th due to the conflict with the Chamber banquet. They have re-scheduled the Hospice Volunteer meeting and it will now be on the 3rd Monday, Feb. 20th, at FSB community room in Spearman, at 7 p.m.

### Gruver Band Concert Postponed

Due to the uncertainty of the basketball playoffs the band concert has been postponed to a later date. We are very sorry for the inconvenience and hope that you can make plans to attend for the rescheduled time! As soon as a date has been determined we will have it advertised! Thank you very much for your support and understanding!

### Gruver Mid-Winter Band Concert - February 21st

The Gruver Band Boosters will hold a chili supper this year before the annual Mid-Winter Band Concert on February 21. The chili supper will be held in the school cafeteria from 5:00-6:30pm and will include chili, crackers, fritos, cheese, cinnamon rolls, tea and water! It will be a free will donation with all proceeds going to help fund the high school band trip! The 7th grade band members will be performing duets and solos throughout the meal as entertainment. At 7:00pm the Mid-Winter Concert will begin with the 5th Grade Band, Jr. High Band and High School Bands all performing. The High School Band will be performing their music for concert contest. This is a great opportunity for you to socialize with people from the community and listen to our wonderful bands! We hope that you can make plans to attend the supper/concert and support these wonderful students! They work hard every day so they can out and represent our school and community all over the state of Texas and surrounding area! We look forward to seeing you!

### OPSU Senior Day

Aggie Senior Day at Oklahoma Panhandle State University is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Each senior who registers to attend will receive a \$450 tuition scholarship. Free admission to the Aggie Basketball game @ noon and lunch is also provided. Please register with Danae Moore @ danae@opsu.edu-mailto:danae@opsu.edu by February 17, 2012. OPSU Academic Scholarship Applications are due by March 1. A complete list of scholarships and an application can be found at www.opsu.edu

### Hansford Hospice

Volunteering for Hospice is very flexible and easy to work into your schedule. Our volunteers provide important services to the people we serve, whether it is: providing companionship to patients and their families; helping with clerical duties in the office; helping with special projects such as cooking food, baking, running or helping with community outreach. If you are interested in being a Hansford Hospice Volunteer, please contact us at 806-659-5811. We are having a Volunteer Training Program in February 2012.

### Ground Hog Dinner

The United Methodist Women will host their annual Ground Hog Dinner on Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sausage, pork chops, cole slaw, sweet potatoes, biscuits and gravy, applesauce and homemade pies will be served. Tickets are \$7 for adults. The meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Spearman, 407 S. Haney.

### Timeless Treasures Quilt Group

The Timeless Treasures Quilt Group will meet on Jan. 28 at the First Christian Church Disciple Center on Quinn Street in Guymon starting at 9:30 for coffee and the meeting at 10:00. Please everyone bring your crazy quilts to this meeting. New or old, finished or unfinished, fancy or plain and anything in between is acceptable. Please do your part to make this a very interesting morning meeting. The more we have the more we can show the diversity of crazy quilts. And the more fun it will be. New members are welcome. Bring a guest. The afternoon program will include four demonstrations about: Curved Pieces, Embellishments, Brazilian Embroidery, and joining stitches. Please plan to participate in this program-it should be fun. Bring a salad for the noon luncheon.

### Cross Country Rings

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

### Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

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### Don't Text and Drive Decals

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

### Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors

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

## Yanke Serves as Ambassador for SCCC/ATS

Seward County Community College/Area Technical School have been at a number of high schools for SCCC/ATS basketball nights.



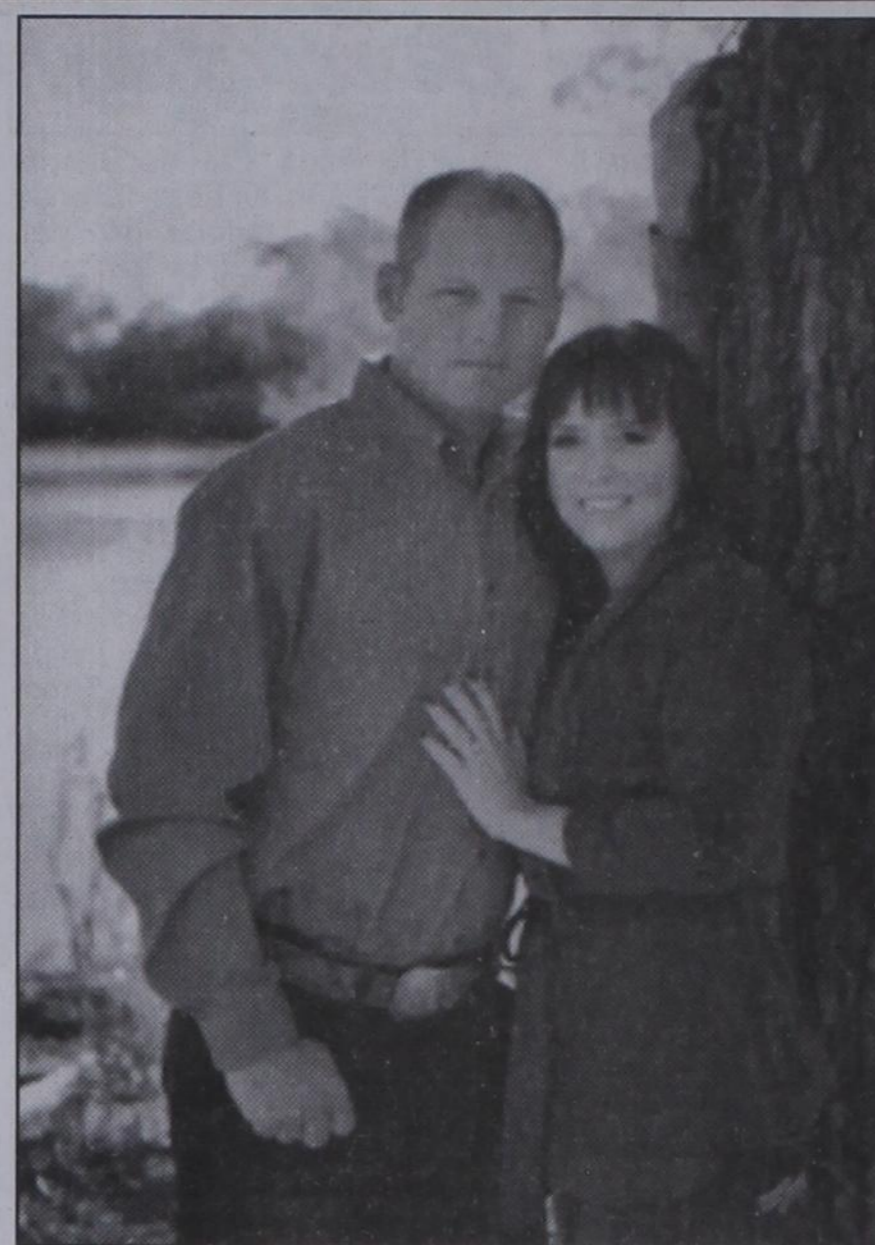
Mattie Yanke

Mattie Yanke of Gruver, TX, is a sophomore at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School in Liberal, KS. She is majoring in Business Marketing and Management.

As an Ambassador for SCCC/ATS Yanke has enjoyed working with other students and meeting new people. She is a member of the Lady Saints Basketball team.

College representatives talked to high school juniors and seniors about the opportunity to win a college scholarship.

For information, contact the Admissions office at 620-417-1100.



## Engagement Announcements

Kevin and Sydney Knight of Scottsdale AZ wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Kylie Knight to Tatum Rice. Tatum is the son of Boyd and Halee Rice of Spearman TX.

Kylie is the granddaughter of Thayne and Cherrill Knight of Peoria AZ and LaVoy Bowen of Sun City AZ.

Tatum is the grandson of Sonny and Gloria Rice of Sealy TX and A.D. and Sharon Reed of Spearman TX.

The couple plan a wedding on April 28, 2012 in Weatherford, TX.

Kylie graduated from Texas Christian University in December with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology. She will be helping Tatum in their cutting horse facility and doing the bookkeeping.

Tatum graduated from high school in Spearman with a home school degree. After graduation he went to work training cutting horses.

A reception will be held at Tatum's training facility following the wedding ceremony.

## Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association Annual Meeting Set

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association will be at 12:00 noon, February 16, at the Spearman First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The Spearman Lins Club will provide free hamburgers and the trimmings. Anyone interested in the windmills and support of the J.B. Buchanan Windmill Park in Spearman is invited. The meeting will adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

A report of the past year and plans for the future will be reported. A power point presentation of the majority of the windmills in Spearman and the J. Buchanan Windmill Park will be presented. Membership dues of \$10 may be sent to Nellie Buchanan, Box 805, Spearman or paid at the meeting.

SPWA was organized in 1997 to bring the J.B. Buchanan windmill collection to Spearman and to create an outdoor museum of vintage windmills. Today there are about 67 mills in the park, in the city of Spearman and at private residences around Spearman. The organization is supported by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations.

Presently SPWA is in need of Aermotor windmills, any condition, any size, and related parts. These mills are not sold locally, but shipped to Denver to apply toward the purchase of vintage windmills for the Association. If you have mills to donate, please contact Don Reed, Burl Buchanan or Dwayne Mitchell.

## CRP General Sign-up

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There is a supply list available when you register for both class days. Be sure to register early in case you don't have all of the supplies.

The ladies held two classes last year and they were very popular. The classes last year only taught about preparing your shirts and those who took the class requested an additional time to include the quilt top.

The cost of the class is \$25 per person. It all takes place at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 12th and Crumley in Guymon.

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**Solo/Ensemble Contest**

Several high school band members (8th-12th) went to Canyon over the weekend to participate in the UIL Solo/Ensemble contest. These student represented Gruver very well and the judges were extremely impressed with each of their talents!

Adam Casdorff - Trombone Solo - Superior; Trenton Finley - Trumpet Solo - Superior; Ady Garcia - Trumpet Solo - Superior; Mattie Mayfield - Clarinet Solo - Superior; Antolina Mendoza - French Horn Solo - Superior; Nick Rivera - Trumpet Solo - Superior; Ulysses Valverde - Tuba Solo - Superior; Nick Rivera, Trenton Finley, Ady Garcia - Trumpet Trio - Superior; Zoe Cantrell - French Horn Solo - Superior; Damian Pierce - Trumpet Solo - Excellent; Serena Diaz - Flute Solo - Superior; Vanessa Garcia - Flute Solo - Superior; Yesenia Monroy - Flute Solo - Superior; Emilyn Robinson - Bass Clarinet Solo - Superior; Oziel Rey, Damian Pierce, Brett Wills - Trumpet Trio - Superior; Hannah Speck, Rocio Terrazas, Fatima Barrera - Clarinet Trio - Superior

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**UIL Realignment**  
The Texas University Interscholastic League recently announced the district realignments for the upcoming season.

Spearman High School will be in Conference 2A Division 2, Region 1, District 1. Football District will include Amarillo Highland Park HS, Boys Ranch HS, Canadian HS, Sanford-Fritch HS and Spearman HS. Basketball District will include Amarillo Highland Park HS, Boys Ranch HS, Bushland HS, Canadian HS, Sanford-Fritch HS and Spearman HS.

Gruver High School will be in Conference 1A, Division 2, Region 1, District 2 for Football. Other teams in this district include Claude HS, Vega HS and White Deer HS. Gruver HS will be Region 1, District 1 in Basketball with Booker HS, Stinnett/West Texas HS, Stratford HS and Sunray HS.

**Spearman JH Basketball Scores**

- 2/6/12**  
8th Grade Lynx A 16, Childress 48  
8th Grade Lynx B 16, Childress 53  
7th Grade Lynx A 39, Childress 47  
7th Grade Lynx B 17, Childress 35
- 2/7/12**  
7th Grade Lynxettes 4, Childress 20  
8th Grade Lynxettes 18, Childress 17 (Lynxettes finished as District Co-Champions)  
8th Grade Lynxettes B 12, Childress 11
- Gruver Hoopla**  
**2/2/12 - 2/4/12**  
7th Grade Lynx 27, Guymon 37  
7th Grade Lynx 42, Gruver 10  
7th Grade Lynx 55, Sunray 20  
8th Grade Lynx 35, Guymon 52  
8th Grade Lynx 26, Gruver 34  
8th Grade Lynx 29, Sunray 34  
7th Grade Lynxettes 8, Gruver 19  
7th Grade Lynxettes 34, Sunray 19  
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- 8th Grade Lynxettes 11, Gruver 15  
8th Grade Lynxettes 29, Sunray 34

**2/2/12**

**Class 3A-2A-1A Boys**  
**Team scoring** (Team Pts. PPG) Boys Ranch 1,296 59.0; Vega 1,395 58.1; Texline 1,368 57.0; Hartley 1,254 54.5; River Road 1,299 46.4; Groom 770 45.3; Wheeler 1020 42.5; Gruver 1,067 39.5; McLean 923 38.5  
**Team defense** (Team Pts. PPG) Gruver 1,004 37.2; Boys Ranch 955 43.4; Texline 1,080 45.0; Vega 1,126

47.0; River Road 1,415 52.4; Hartley 1,267 55.1  
**Individual scoring** (Player, Team Pts. PPG) Herring, McLean 609 27.7; Klink, Wellington NA 22.2; Cansler, Hartley 457 19.9; Rohrbach, Vega 433 18.0; Gutierrez, Texline NA 17.5; Fuqua, Texline NA 16.2; Moore, Wheeler 339 15.4; Skarke, Claude NA 14.5; Painter, Groom 213 14.2; Swinson, Boys Ranch 300 13.6

**Individual rebounds** (Player, Team No. Avg.) Gutierrez, Texline NA 12.0; Henderson, Memphis NA 10.2; Moore, Wheeler 213 9.7; Rohrbach, Vega 213 8.9; Mendoza, Hartley 190 8.3; Fuqua, Texline NA 8.0; Fields, Groom 126 7.9; Cessnun, River Road NA 7.6; Skarke, Claude NA 7.6; Clark, Memphis NA 6.8

**Class 3A-2A-1A girls**  
**Team scoring** (Team Pts. PPG) Valley 1,822 67.5; Tulia 1,843 61.4; Hartley 1,445 60.2; Panhandle 1,596 53.2; Spearman 1,212 48.5; Gruver 1,392 48.0; Groom 961 43.7; Vega 1,074 38.4

**Team defense** (Team Pts. PPG) Valley 836 31.0; Gruver 969 33.4; Panhandle 1,137 37.9; Spearman 963 39.1; Tulia 1,394 46.5; Vega 1,369 48.9; Hartley 1,199 50.0

**Individual scoring** (Player, Team Pts. PPG) Ashmore, Spearman 300 21.4; McLain, Gruver 579 20.0; R.VanDijk, Hartley NA 17.0; Crist, Vega 422 15.1; Jenkins, Valley 388 14.9; Corley, Groom 313 14.9; Ivy, Hartley NA 14.0; Hanna, Spearman 321.6 13.4; Harris, Tulia 373 13.3; Bohr, Groom 259 12.3

**Individual rebounds** (Player, Team No. Avg.) R.VanDijk, Hartley NA 11.0; McLain, Gruver 287 9.9; E.VanDijk, Hartley NA 8.0; Bohr, Groom 163 7.8; Head, Groom 69 7.7; Crist, Vega 197 7.0; Cox, Tulia 188 6.5; Walker, Spearman 163 6.5; Hanna, Spearman 156 6.5; Bass, Gruver 181 6.2

**Boys**

**2/3/12**  
River Road 10 22 34 49  
Spearman 7 20 31 45  
RR—Kadon Bell 13, Chancellor Hawkins 12, Zach Jackson 10. S—Blaine Pack 17, Junior Garcia 9. Records: River Road 10-19, 2-5; Spearman 8-14, 3-4.  
JV: Spearman 40, River Road 33

**1/31/12**

Spearman 3 11 19 38  
Sanford-Fritch 8 21 28 47  
S—Blaine Pack 12, Jace Swan 8. SF—Ryan Blakley 9, Trey Henry 8. Records: Spearman 8-13, 3-3. Sanford-Fritch 3-18, 1-5.

**Girls**

**2/3/12**  
River Road 4 7 12 26

Spearman 15 31 67 76  
RR—Betty Burciaga 10, Brittany Mitchell 7. S—Kyla Walker 21, Morgan Ashmore 20, Shelby Hanna 19. Records: River Road 10-18, 2-7. Spearman 20-6, 9-0.

**1/31/12**

Spearman 16 35 54 65  
Sanford-Fritch 9 17 32 41  
S—Morgan Ashmore 23, Shelby Hanna 17, Kyla Walker 15. SF—Christa White 11, Jacy Judd 10. Records: Spearman 19-6, 8-0. Sanford-Fritch 18-10, 6-2.  
JV: Spearman 41, Sanford-Fritch 27.

**Boys**

**2/3/12**  
Stratford 8 14 19 30  
Gruver 7 18 29 42  
S—Garza 8, Mungia 7.  
G—Kramer King 17, Korbin Irwin 12. Records: Gruver 14-14, 5-3; Stratford 4-4.  
JV: Stratford 31, Gruver 24

**1/31/12**

Gruver 5 16 24 37  
Canadian 10 16 27 41  
G—Korbin Irwin 18, Kramer King 7. C—Braden Hudson 12, Ben Arbuckle 9. Records: Canadian 16-8, 5-2; Gruver 4-3.  
JV: Canadian 25, Gruver 22.

**Boys**

**2/3/12**  
Stratford 8 16 26 35  
Gruver 5 12 27 41  
S—Gonzales 10, Peregrino 9. G—Madison McLain 18, Taylor Seldershoff 9. Records: Gruver 28-3, 8-1.  
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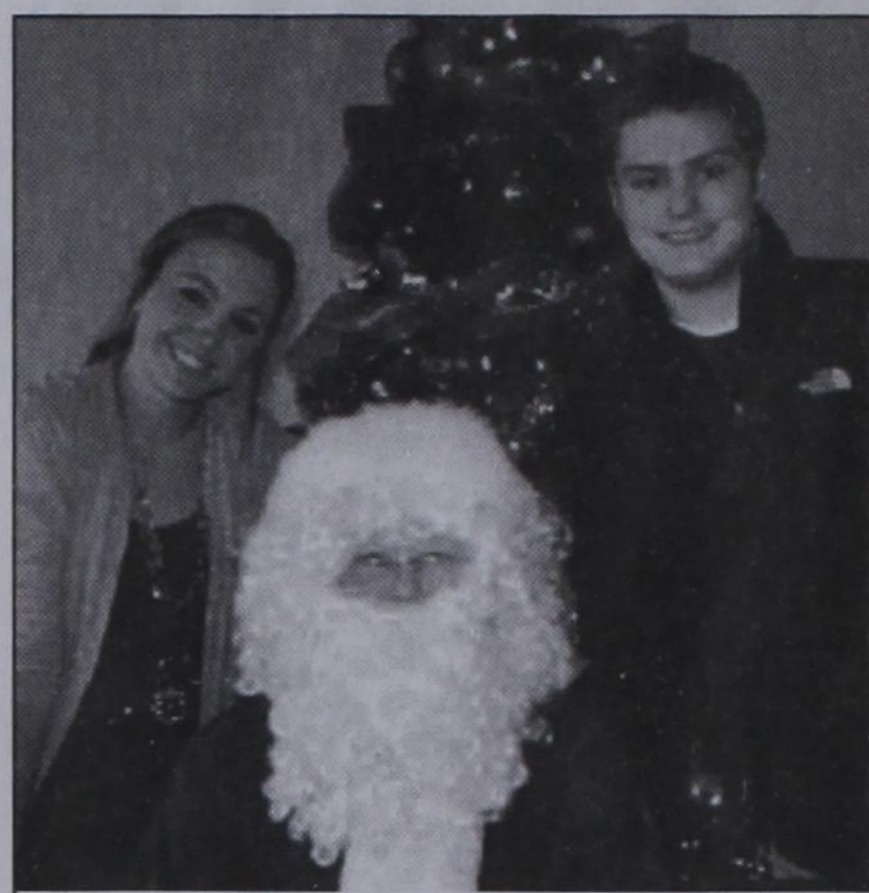
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**SHS December SOM**

The December Students of the Month at Spearman High School are seniors, Morgan Ashmore and Jace Lang-Swan.

Morgan is the daughter of Junior and Cindy Ashmore. She has one older brother, Jordan Ashmore. Morgan has been active in Spearman Lynxette Basketball, Cheerleading, Golf, National Honor Society, Student Council, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle. While in high school, Morgan has been named District 1-2A Newcomer of the Year in 2009; All-State Basketball in 2010, 2011; District 1-2A Most Valuable Player in 2010, 2011; 3A-2A Player of the Year in 2010, 2011; Amarillo Globe News Super Team in 2011; Texas Basketball Magazine All-State in 2010; Spearman Lynxette Outstanding Basketball Player in 2009, 2010, 2011; and 2011 Football Homecoming Queen. Morgan has also been named Academic All-District in basketball and golf for the past three years. In her spare time, Morgan enjoys playing basketball and hanging out. Her future plans include attending Tarleton State University where she has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for the Lady TexAnns. She plans to pursue a major in education. Morgan states the best thing about Spearman is, "It's a small town and everybody knows everybody." The best thing about Spearman High School is, "Everyone is involved in everything and everyone supports everybody." Morgan's most influential teachers during her school years are her parents, Coach Junior and Mrs. Cindy Ashmore.

Jace is the son of Jeanne Swan and Scott Swan of Spearman and Cliff and



Debbie Lang of Perryton. He has one older sister, Christy Lang and one younger sister, Kimberly Lang. Jace is the grandson of Billy Close, Ronald Swan, and Mary Jane Lang. Jace is active in Spearman Lynx Varsity Football, Basketball, and Track, Future Farmers of America, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle. During high school, he has received the following honors/awards: Member of the State Qualifying Academic Team Challenge, and Academic All-District in Football, Basketball, and Track. As a sophomore, Jace was named the Amarillo Globe News Player of the Week for Class 2A and 3A. During his junior year, he was named First Team All-District 1-2A Outside Linebacker. Jace's senior year he was named First Team All-District 1-2A Outside Linebacker, Second Team All-District Quarterback, Amarillo Globe News Player of the Week, Amarillo Globe News 2A-3A Golden Spread Football Team, Amarillo Globe News Super Team, and All-State Honorable Mention. Jace led the Spearman Lynx football team to a winning season being Bi-District Champions and Area Finalists in 2011. In his spare time, Jace enjoys hunting and hanging out with his friends. Jace plans on attending college after high school graduation and majoring in education, where he eventually wants to become a coach. He would like to play football at the next level, as well. Jace states the best thing about Spearman is, "It's a small town, everybody knows everybody, and the community supports the kids." Jace says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "The teachers are all awesome!! Friends are the best!" Jace's most influential teacher during his school years is Mrs. Katrina Hughes.

Congratulations to Morgan and Jace on being named the Spearman High School December Students of the Month.

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The annual meeting of the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association will be held at 12 noon on February 16, 2012 at the Spearman United Methodist Church.

The Spearman Lions Club will provide free hamburgers and the trimmings. Anyone interested in the windmills and support of the J.B. Buchanan Windmill Park in Spearman is invited. The meeting will adjourn at 1 p.m.

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**BID NOTICE**  
The Palo Duro River Authority is accepting bids on a shower addition to existing restroom. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 PM, February 14, 2012. Bids will be opened and read at that time. The Board of Directors may accept or reject any or all bids. For more information call 806-882-4401.  
2(2/2/12)B

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**OPENING FOR CUSTODIAN**  
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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Perryton and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spearman for the sealcoating of approximately 135,060 square yards of streets entitled:  
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**The meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. It will be located at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, located at 415 SW Eighth Ave in Amarillo.**

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the TxDOT District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 26, 2012.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact David

Miller at 806.356.3246. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.  
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Notice is hereby given that, on February 2, 2012, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Donnie Thoreson, Deceased, were issued by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to Candace Beth Golden as Independent Executor. Claims against the Estate may be presented to 127 Freedom, Rockwall TX 75032, in care of "Representative, Estate of Donnie Thoreson." All persons having claims against said Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Candace Beth Golden, Independent Executor Of the Estate of Donnie Thoreson, Deceased  
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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS IN THE INTEREST OF LILLY DANYEL GARZA A MINOR CHILD**

**Cause No. CV05139 IN THE 84TH DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS**

**TO: JEREMY GARZA**  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Original Petition in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of publication of this citation, at the Courthouse in said County in Spearman, Texas. Said Original Petition was filed in said

court on the 27th day of December 2011 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Spearman, Texas this 2nd day of February 2012.

Attorney for Petitioners:  
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PO Box 1106  
Perryton TX 79070  
Kim V Vera, Clerk  
County and District  
Hansford County, Texas  
by Janet Torres, Deputy  
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# USDA Announces CRP General Sign-up

Landowners and Producers Will Have 4-Week Window Beginning in March to Enroll

Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6. CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and pro-

ducers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis.

Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking. FSA uses the following EBI factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered: Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage; Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching; On-farm benefits from reduced erosion; Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period; Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and Cost.

Over the past 25 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most

sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;

Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill,

maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently ex-

periencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our

producers. For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or

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