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Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

12/6-12/8 - VG at Claude Tourney
12/6-12/8 - VB at Ft. Elliott Tourney
12/6-12/8 - JVG at Spearman JV Tourney
12/6-12/8 - JVB at Borger JV Tourney
12/10 - 7B (5), 8B (6), JVB (7) at Highland Park
12/10 - 7G (5), 8G (6), JVG (7) vs. Highland Park
12/11 - VB (5) & VG (6:30) at West Texas
12/14 - JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6), VB (8) vs. Gruver

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

12/6-12/8 - JVG at Spearman JV Tourney
12/6-12/8 - JVB at Borger JV Tourney
12/6-12/8 - VG & VB at Claude Varsity Tourney
12/10 - 7B (5), 8G (5), 7G (6), 8B (6) vs. Stratford
12/11 - JVB (5:45), VG (6), JVG (7:30), VB (7:45) at Liberal, KS
12/14 - JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6), VB (8) at Spearman



Weekly Update

Texas, December 3 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.12/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.39/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 4.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 11.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 11.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 10.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"While the national average continues to fall, we've done the math- the yearly average in 2012 is all but guaranteed to set all time record highs," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "We still stand at \$3.63/gal for a yearly average, and gasoline prices would need to average no more than \$2.35/gallon for every day left in 2012 for the national yearly average to drop below 2011, something that appears impossible. In the meanwhile, we have lowered our forecast for Christmas gasoline prices to average between \$3.25-\$3.35/gallon," DeHaan said.

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



The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser - Operation Christmas Greeting. Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to, may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and have their greeting published in this paper. The money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor. If you would like to participate in this holiday greeting, please mail your donation to: Operation Christmas Greeting, Chairman Judy Nelson, 130 Nelson Road, Spearman, Texas 79081. Checks should be made to Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and marked Operation Christmas Greeting. Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser.

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Local Family Farm Honored in Austin



Mary Frances Olsen accepted an award from Commissioner Staples for the Gustav Adolph Olsen family farm, which honored at the State Capital House of Representative Chamber for remaining in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more.

In a celebration of agriculture and family heritage, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples honored 104 farms and ranches spanning 67 Texas counties at the 37th Annual Family Land Heritage (FLH) ceremony on Thursday, November 8, 2012. The ceremony, which was held in the House Chamber at the Texas State Capitol, recognized Texas families who have kept their farms and ranches in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more.

The Gustav Adolph Olsen family farm was one of those honored at the State Capital House of Representative Chamber. Mary Frances Olsen accepted the award from Commissioner Staples. Several family members attended and were honoree's at a "Barbeque under the Tent" on the Capital south lawn. Mary accepted the Citation on the House of Representative Floor with the support of Hansford County Judge Benny Wilson and State Senator Kel Seliger.

November 8, 2012, marked the annual tradition of the Texas Department of Agriculture recognizing hardworking Texas families who have kept their farms and ranches in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more.

In a press release by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, Commissioner Staples stated "Agriculture is not an easy way of life. The days are long, the work is hard and even the best-laid plans can be cast into ruin by drought, floods, wildfire, pests and disease. To endure and survive the unforeseen ups and downs takes a lot of backbone and even more perseverance. To do it for 100 years or more is a remarkable legacy of family, land and heritage. To those families who surpass the 100-year milestone-and to those who make it their life's work to do so-I say thank you on behalf of all Texans who, knowingly or not, depend on you each and every day."

The Olsen farm was founded by Gustav Adolph Olsen in 1910. Born in Norway Mr. Olsen moved to Nebraska and then traveled to Guymon Oklahoma by train. He bought 320 acres in the Oslo community in Hansford County, Texas. Gustav farmed his corn, wheat and milo with horses, and raised cattle, hogs and chickens. Gustav and his wife, Johanna, had eight children. After Johanna died in 1915, Gustav moved to Goodwell, Oklahoma so the children could attend school.

Gustav Adolph Olsen Jr then farmed the land. He trained mules to harness for the use of them. Gus and his wife Helene had seven children. The children lived on the farm and attended Oslo School and Gruver School. Helene died in 1946.

In 1954 Burton Adolph Olsen and his wife Mary Frances, started farming the land. They raised sheep, cattle, hogs chickens and turkeys. Two sons Jon and Wayne were raised on the farm. They attended Gruver School and Oklahoma Panhandle State University. After Burton died in 2001, the Olsen land has been farmed by Mary Frances, Wayne, Jon and wife Mary Elizabeth.

"The Little Free Library"

While attending a recent Harrington Library Consortium meeting in Amarillo, Margaret Ruttman, Hansford County Library director, learned of a very interesting program for small towns across the nation, "The Little Free Library,"-- a small structure to house books to be shared with others.

Upon returning home and completing internet research, Ruttman deemed this to be a viable program for the local library to adopt and visited with Tex Kopke, Chamber director, about the possibility of housing a "Free Little Library Hansford County Branch" in his office perhaps after the first of the year. Already familiar with the nationwide program, Kopke agreed to work with the library as a means of sharing the love of reading with those visiting Spearman.

Back at the library, Ruttman contacted Verlin Behne about the possibility of building the structure. On that Monday afternoon, Behne told Ruttman that he was a

little busy, but would take the plans and give it some consideration. Much to Ruttman's surprise, Behne returned 48 hours later with the finished product which he said he completed with "scraps." During the next week, finishing touches were added by volunteers Linda Coombs, Carolyn Shields and staff member Betty Pugh. Now housed in the Chamber office, The Free Little Library is open to all visitors or community members seeking something to read. Think of that: FREE - no check out, no return and no fines! Hansford County Library, with the help of many, is proud to be able to continue the spirit of sharing and giving so common in this area of the nation.

The Little Free Library, Ltd. of Wisconsin began in 2009 to help build a sustainable infrastructure and resource base to help realize the mission of promoting literacy and community connections while providing free accessible books for those in small towns.

Deadline Notice!

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

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

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

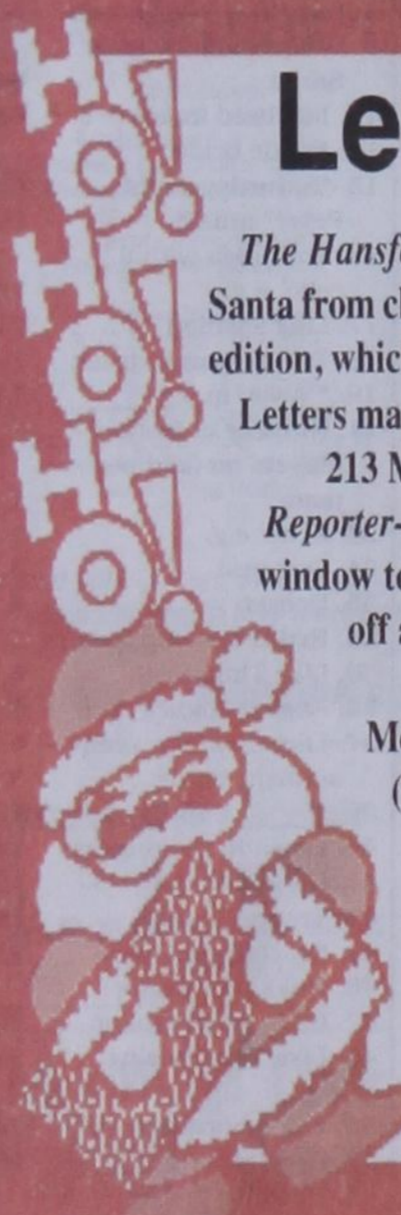
For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to reporter@spearmanreporter.com

Letters to Santa

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will print Letters to Santa from children in Hansford County in our annual Christmas edition, which will be published on December 20th.

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

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



Happy Birthday!

December 6
Birthday - Ryan Ramon, Penny Kruse, Coleen Brummett, Ed Dear, Mrs. Johnny Gaither, Cecelia Randall, Mayleea Castillo, Carolyn Harnden, Kelli Cummings, Lisa Keetch, Mary Venneman, Chevy Smith, Jerald Ray Scribner, Jenna McElroy
Anniversary - Burl & Nellie Buchanan, Bill & Ginger Pittman

December 7
Birthday - Sheldon Atwood, Brenda Bayless, Janell Haefner, Bret Hobbs, Cynthia Williams, Emily Williams, C.L. Pierce, Sue Bowling, Carlee Dixon, H.E. Jenkins, Thane McCloy, Zach Gallimore, Dusty Hodge, Beth Dudley, Beverly Antalek, Brice McLaughlin
Anniversary - M/M Willard McCloy

December 8
Birthday - Stan TeBeest, Reynaldo Garza, Lawrence Tindell, Scott Slater, Hershel Jones, Carmen Arjona, Jason Holton, Michelle Cook Kaman, Theresa Davis, Tim Weldon, Bruce Stinson, Morgan Lackey, LaVerne Parks, Jack Owen Pipkin, Jason Holton, Ed Hibbs
Anniversary - Vicki & Rodney Nickel

December 9
Birthday - Clayton Smith, Grant Odum, Matt Overbey, Marlene Winger, J.H. Campbell Jr., Gail Vanlandingham, Elodia Flores, Melana Papay, Shawn Cook, Juan Garcia Jr., Elda DeSantiago, Maddie Rose Stork, Gannon Patten, Don England, Chaz Patterson

December 10
Birthday - Pat Barkley, Akiko Bort, Marilynn Hart, Harold King, Brent Pittman, Aaron Jackson, Kayla Pletcher, Donald Piatt, Kay Barnes, Lelia Bynum, Phyllis Collins, Linda Bartz, Bryce Jarvis, Serina Diaz, Brent Wagner
Anniversary - M/M John Sprigg, M/M Mark Irwin

December 11
Birthday - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner, Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway
Anniversary - M/M Jess Wood, Irene & Butch Baker

December 12
Birthday - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Claudia Bar, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jana (Pittman) Ivey, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favela, Guadalupe Trejo, Freddy Walton, Marvin Wilkerson, Justin Boyd, Brandon Sauz
Anniversary - M/M Jon King, M/M John Lopez, Charles & Melanie Elliott

December 13
Birthday - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marilyn Cline, Blythe Finley, Leah

Smith
Anniversary - M/M Kurt Bynum

December 14
Birthday - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine, Kellianne Bynum, Ben Butler, Ed Herrington
Anniversary - M/M Don Maize, M/M Chris Stork, Keith & Linda Meddock

December 15
Birthday - Dallas Henson, Harvey Proffitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez, April DeLaRosa
Anniversary - Loyall & Ginger Turner, Joe & Melody Martinez

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

December 17
Birthday - Bobbie Novak Underwood, Patsy Beville, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guerrero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassidy, 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 Dossett, 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 - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, M/M Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 20
Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Britni Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolasy, Lexie Woodward, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans, Haylin Derington, Pete Wall

Our Sympathy

MARY ANIS BOWMAN TROTH

Mary Anis Bowman Troth, 90, of Canyon died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brooks Chapel with Bobby File, minister of Evangelical Fellowship Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be private. Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.



Mary was born March 5, 1922, in Carey. Her parents were James Edward and Anna Elizabeth Bowman. She graduated from Carey High School in Carey. She attended Draughn's Business College in Fort Worth. She married Riley William Troth on Feb. 7, 1942. She retired from West Texas State University Bookstore after 20 years of service. She loved her family and served others through Hospice of Canyon, Meals on Wheels, baking cookies for City Church and loving others through gifts of muffins and meals. She was a faithful member of Evangelical Fellowship Church in Amarillo. She and Riley were one of the founders of Hidden Falls Ranch.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Morgan Bowman; a nephew, John Dan Bowman; and the love of her life, Riley Troth. Survivors include a blessed family: two daughters, Lynda Callaway and husband Baxter of Childress and Holly Jo Troth of Canyon; two grandchildren and their spouses, Kim and Rick Zimmer of Amarillo and Wade and Bethany Callaway of Gruver; eight great-grandchildren, Andrew, Zachary, Rylee and Faith Zimmer and Creed, Keegan, Caris and Kinley Callaway; and a niece, Joyce Edwards of Wheeler.

The family would like to thank Marla Gales and the staff at True Blessings of Canyon, the staff at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, and especially Tracy Dotson, hospice pharmacist, for the loving care of our mother and grandmother. The family suggests memorials be to Texas A&M University Scholarship, in care of West Texas A&M University Foundation, WTAMU Box 60766, Canyon, TX 79016; or a favorite charity. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Sign the online guest book at www.brooksfuneral.com.

NANCY ELLEN GREAVES
Nancy Eileen Graves, 61 of Wichita Falls passed away Friday, November 30 2012. Nancy was born January 17, 1951 in Crowley Louisiana, to Ellouise (Hutchison) and James Andrew "Andy" Lammons. On October 17, 1975 she married Terry Jeff Graves. Together they owned and attended Steamatic of Wichita Falls for 16 years. She attended Texoma Cowboy Church, and was a member of the Elks Lodge #1105. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ellouise Lammons.

She is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, Terry Graves of Wichita Falls; her father, Andy Lammons of Seminole; two sons, Clint Graves and wife Michelle of Weatherford, and Jeff Graves and wife Shanna of Gruver; two brothers, J.D. Lammons of Alpine, and Keith Lammons of Lubbock; her sister, Pam Lammons-Williams of Blackwell; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls, or a favorite charity of your choice.

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Youth: 7
Pastor - Brad Smith

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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister -

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
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Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Jim Medley

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Back in Control Parenting Workshop
S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you another "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 8:45 AM-4 PM at the Texas Panhandle Centers Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Must pre-register by calling 359-2005. Instructor: Janice James, MA, QMHP. CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available, also (must attend full class for certificate). NO CHARGE. Seating is limited. No childcare is provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPC.

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

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

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

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

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

Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance
Need help applying for SNAP benefits? We can help! High Plains Food Bank is providing application assistance for Texas SNAP benefits (Food Stamps) in your area. Telephone application assistance is available. If you need to apply for benefits, please call us today at 806-374-8562 or 1-800-774-8564.

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

Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors
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.

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the second week of the Season of Advent, we learn of being prepared as we study Malachi 3: 1-4, Luke 1: 68-79, Philippians 1: 1-11, and Luke 3: 1-6.

The prophet declares that the Lord is sending his messenger to prepare the way for him. When God's messenger appears he will be like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap. The messenger will purify the priests and the people so that they will present offerings to God in righteousness. Substance of the message, the priests and people need to repent. God will make clean that which is unclean.

The reading from Luke which takes the place of our Psalm is sometimes called "The Benedictus" or "The Song of Zechariah". After the birth of his son John (The Baptist), Zechariah prophesies: A savior will be born from the house of David. God will fulfill his promise to Abraham. Zechariah's son, John, will be a prophet of the Most High who will go before the Lord to prepare his way. Light will come to those in darkness and in the shadow of death. In the Season of Advent we celebrate that the light has come even as we wait for the "full radiance" of our Lord's return.

Paul thanks God for the Church at Philippi. He is thankful for their sharing of the gospel, for their love of Paul, and for their sharing of God's grace. By this prayer of thankfulness, Paul is contrasting those who preach out of envy, rivalry and partisanship. Paul prays that the Philippians will overflow with love and gain more knowledge and full insight of the gospel message. Those who abide in God's love put aside petty disputes because of love for one another and for the service of the gospel. If we follow this way, we too will be prepared for the "full radiance" of our Lord's return.

Luke places John the Baptist in the time when Tiberius is Emperor of Rome, Pontius Pilate is governor of Judea, Herod is the ruler of Galilee, and Phillip ruler of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene. John the Baptist is present during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas. Luke shows all those who exercise authority over the people to contrast them with the prophet of God, John the Baptist. John proclaims the people's need for repentance and baptizes them as a ritual cleansing and declaration of their turning back to God. Luke tells us that John is the one like Elijah, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" The Lord is coming, be prepared!

May the Holy Spirit keep you alert so that you may celebrate the birth of our Lord and be prepared for his return. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Thank You!

We would like to personally thank so many people in this community for the many prayers and messages we received during Dwight's illness and for the out pour of love we felt during his passing whether it be by sending food, plant, card, phone call, hug, or stopping by for a visit. We can't begin to express our gratitude to the loving staff at Hansford County Hospital District. Whether it was when he was in the hospital for one of his several stays or during his stay in the Manor he received the BEST care possible, delivered with much love and compassion. He loved each and every one of you. Thank you for loving and caring for our husband/dad/brother/ and poppy. Anita Sumner, Shane and Tish Sumner and family, Jan and Liz Hartsell and family, Mike and Missie Bates and family, Terje Thorgersen and family

Thank You!

The family of Billy Glen Madden would like to express our sincere thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, and donated memorials. We are truly blessed by the love and care expressed at the loss of our dear loved one,

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Our serious studies consisted of navigation, ship engineering, damage control, seamanship, naval regulations, and ordnance. For the first four weeks we were confined to the school grounds, with little time to do anything but study. I was assigned to the 21st company, quartered in Johnson Hall, a dormitory that had been a women's dorm before the war. My billet was on the 8th floor. We were not allowed to use the elevators; consequently we had to run up and down the whole 8 floors of the ladder (stairway). We must have been in pretty good physical shape!!

On one weekend (a weekend was from 2 pm Saturday to 5 pm on Sunday), I got to see the Broadway show "Oklahoma" performed by most of its original cast. I think that

Celeste Holmes was one of them. I enjoyed that performance very much.

My commission as Ensign is dated August 10, 1944. We were marched to The Cathedral of St John the Divine where we all took the oath of office of Ensign, United States Navy Reserve. Prior to this graduation ceremony, we were all interviewed for placement or assignment. During my interview, I was offered further schooling at an advanced Communications School at Harvard. But I thought that I should get back to where the fighting was taking place and asked for sea duty on a destroyer. In retrospect, I should have taken the Harvard School. Omar Cotter of Spearman was sent to that school and came out of the Navy at the end of the war as a Lt. Commander. He was assigned to an Admiral's Staff, serving in that capacity until the end of the war. Omar also served in the

Solomon Islands before he got commissioned on the Island of Tulagi-- an island we could see from Guadalcanal. We may have both been there in 1943.

My orders to The Navy Amphibious Base, Solomons, Maryland, were a bit of a disappointment. I was assigned there to train with the crew of a Landing Craft, Support, Large, Mark 3 (LCS [L] [3]) as Communications Officer. It was gun boat, as is a destroyer, but much smaller and slower. Its rough dimensions: Length 157 ft, width of beam 21 ft, Mean Draft 5' 9", 395 tons displacement when fully loaded. Armament was 3 twin 40mm, director controlled guns, 4 20mm Orlekin machine guns, some 50 Cal machine guns, and a battery of rocket launchers for close in beach bombardment. The crew of 65 enlisted men was assembled there and we had a few days training on a ship of this type as a

crew.

The LCS (L) (3) 124 was commissioned December 14, 1944. I think we took on some stores prior to commissioning, i.e. food, water, etc. I remember that we went through a "degaussing" procedure to neutralize the magnetic field of the ship's hull and equipment. We sailed out of Boston Harbor in a snowstorm. Shortly after we were at sea, smoke came out of the conn/helm compartment. It turned out to be some charts that had been stored too close to electrical equipment, so no serious damage was done, but we had a scare!!

We arrived at Little Creek, Virginia on Christmas day and sailed on to Solomons Maryland Am-

phibious Base to follow shakedown procedures. Our next stop was Lamberts Point, Norfolk, Virginia.

On January 15, we set sail to the south toward the Panama Canal and San Diego. We went through the Canal tied abreast of LCS 122 and the LCI 321 on January 23 to Balboa and left that evening, alone, toward San Diego, arriving there February 3, 1945.

While there we had some work done on our "SO Radar" set. During this time my mother and father came out to San Diego and spent a few days with me and visited my Aunt Beula at Santa Ana.

The 124, in company of other LCS's, did at least one training exercise and bombarded San Clemente or San Nicolas Island while in San Diego. We left San Diego, March 15, in company with others and arrived Honolulu Hawaii on the 24th. We went into dry dock for some repairs to our

skogs (propellers guards) among other things.

While in Hawaii the best thing that happened to me was getting a message from my lifelong friend, Lt. P. A. Lyon, Jr., Captain of an AUXILLARY TUG USS ATA 200. He made arrangements to have his small boat pick me up for a visit to his ship. As I remember, when the boat came by, Robert Novak, a sailor on the APA 139 from Spearman was in it along with the boatswain, so he and I made the trip to the ATA 200 and the three of us from Spearman had a good and unexpected visit.

From Pearl Harbor the 124 sailed to Okinawa, arriving at Hagushi Harbor at noon May 17th. The first duty we had there was to "make smoke" to help hide the ships in the harbor.

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Out at the Lake



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December 3, 2012 - Lake Palo Duro level - 23.18 feet

The picture this week shows the only remaining historical structure on what is now Palo Duro River Authority property. It is the original house at the Andrews ranch headquarters, east of Horse Creek, approximately two miles south of the dam. According to RioGroup Architects and Planners, who researched and recorded five sites on the property, it was constructed in 1900. A larger house was built in about 1909, but is no longer standing.

The lake continues to drop, though the rate is slowing down. We have lost less than eight inches in the last month. The pond behind the dam has risen to the point of overflowing, slightly. We still desperately need rain, though.

The fishermen are having some luck. Using shad and carp for bait, they are catching some catfish. Most are three to four pounds, but ten pounders and bigger have been caught.

Wednesday, November 28, was a good day to see eagles and geese. I counted five eagles in the trees and three flying, and more geese than usual. I have only seen two eagles at a time, and very few geese, since then. I think this warm weather is keeping them moving.

We had a group of forty to fifty pelicans one day, but I think they moved on. Cedar waxwings, red-shafted flickers, and a road-runner have been spotted near the office.

Saturday afternoon, at 4:15, I grabbed the binoculars and watched a bobcat walk slowly from the road into some weeds, near the

morning glory spillway, in the corner off the dam. I had no time for a picture, but was probably too far away. I was tempted to try to flush him out of the weeds, but decided against



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