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## 2009 Property Tax Announcement

Hansford County property owners have until January 31, 2009 to pay their property taxes before incurring penalty and interest fees. Second statements are sent to remind property owners to pay their taxes. Starting February 1, property owners face a 7% fee added to the taxes owed, plus an additional 2% each month they do not pay their taxes.

After July 1, delinquent accounts will be turned over to a tax attorney and an additional 20% will be added on top of the penalty and interest to pay for attorney fees. Delinquent taxpayers could also face a lawsuit in state district court. In order to avoid a lawsuit a pay agreement contract to make monthly payments may be signed at either Hansford County Tax Assessors Collector's office located in the county courthouse or the Hansford County Appraisal District Office at 709 W. 7th Avenue in Spearman.

Partial payments are accepted if you would like to divide your taxes in four payments October through January. Taxpayers are still required to pay taxes even though for some reason they did not receive a tax statement.

## AgriLife Extension Schedules Food Manager Certification Course

The typical American household spends an average of \$2,634 on food away from home each year. To assist area food establishments in providing food that is safe for their customers, Texas AgriLife Extension Service officials from Sherman and Potter counties are offering a one-day food manager certification training course.

"Food Safety: It's Our Business" will be offered Jan. 27 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building located at 501 S. Maple in Stratford. The deadline for signing up to attend is Jan. 23.

Food establishments are required by law to have one certified food manager employed, said Susie Spurlock, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Sherman County. If successfully completed, this course meets the state requirement.

Included with the training will be materials and the state food manager certification examination. Cost of the course is \$110.

Food-borne illnesses affecting an establishment are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills, Spurlock said.

For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course, call Spurlock at 806-366-2081 or Sue Church, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Potter County, at 806-373-0713.

## Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the north 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 20.

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

## Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Little to no rain or snow combined with high winds depleted topsoil moisture. The short soil moisture across much of the region left the wheat crop and pastures in fair to poor condition. Moisture was desperately needed for the dryland wheat. The cotton harvest was mostly completed, with short yields and lower quality. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued.

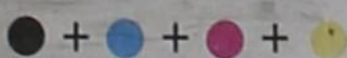
## COME TO THE GAME

### Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

1/8 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7) at Panhandle  
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1/9 JVB (5), VB (8) vs. Stratford  
1/9 JVG (5), VG (6:30 vs Highland Park\*  
1/12 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7) at Highland Park  
1/12 7th B (5), 8th B (6), 9th B (7) vs Highland Park  
1/13 JVG (5), VG (6:30 vs Bushland\*  
1/16 JVG (6), JVB (6), VG (7:30), VB (7:30) at River Road\*

### Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/9 JVG (5), VG (6:30) vs Stratford\*  
1/12 7th B (5), 8th B (6), JV B Red vs West Texas\*  
1/12 7th G (5), 8th G (6), JV G Red at West Texas\*  
1/13 JVG (4), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) at Sunray\*  
\*District Game



# Hansford County Has Ties To Two New Year's Babies

## Dominic Brown and Adler Vasquez Receive Title of First Baby of the Year

Hansford County has ties to two New Year's babies. Dominic James Brown was born shortly after midnight on New Year's Day at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, receiving the title of Amarillo's first baby of the year. Adler Grant Vasquez was born at 8:28 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009 at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton, receiving the title of Perryton's first baby of the year. Both baby boys have grandparents in Spearman.

Dominic, named after a character from the film "Kindergarten Cop," arrived nine days early and put his mother, Christen Brown, a 22-year-old from the town of Panhandle, through more than 18 hours of labor. The infant came into the world at 12:18 a.m.

After Brown's labor pains began at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, she and Bradley drove to Amarillo. When the baby didn't immediately arrive, hospital staff sent Brown, accompanied by her family, to Westgate Mall to walk for three hours to help her dilate, said Dominic's grandmother, Brenda Ferguson of Spearman.

By 3:30 p.m., medical personnel had induced labor, but still Dominic didn't arrive. At midnight, they sent Brown in for an emergency C-section.

Minutes later, a healthy 7-pound, 7-ounce, 19.5-inch boy was delivered.

Dominic's grandparents, aunt and doting father were there for it all, Ferguson said.

Bradley Brown, 23, said his son arrived at an opportune time. He is on a two-week leave from his job that sends him to various states to work on natural gas pipelines. He feared he would be in Iowa during the birth.

"This is a nice Christmas, New Year's present," he said. "I was glad I wasn't in Iowa or something. I might take a couple of more days off."

Christen Brown said she knew the battle was fierce

as midnight rolled around to have the first baby of the year.

"There were a couple of girls in competition to see who could get the first New Year's baby," she explained.

"This is a race, don't you know that?" Brown said her gynecologist joked as the deadline loomed.

BSA nurse Sis James said traditionally nurses at Northwest Texas Hospital and BSA call back and forth to see who has had the first baby of the year.

"It's just a little added fun," she said.

For the past 15 years, Northwest had the first baby, BSA spokeswoman Mary Barlow said. Dominic broke the trend.

By 1:15 p.m. Thursday, BSA had seven babies born on New Year's Day, Barlow said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one birth is expected every eight seconds this month in the United States.

The delivery in Perryton was not quite as dramatic.

Adler Grant was born to Laurel Smith and Marcus Vasquez at 8:28 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009, also by C-section. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 1/4 ounces and was 10 1/2 inches long.

Adler was welcomed home by his big brother, Ryan West Vasquez, who turned one-year-old on January 4, 2009.

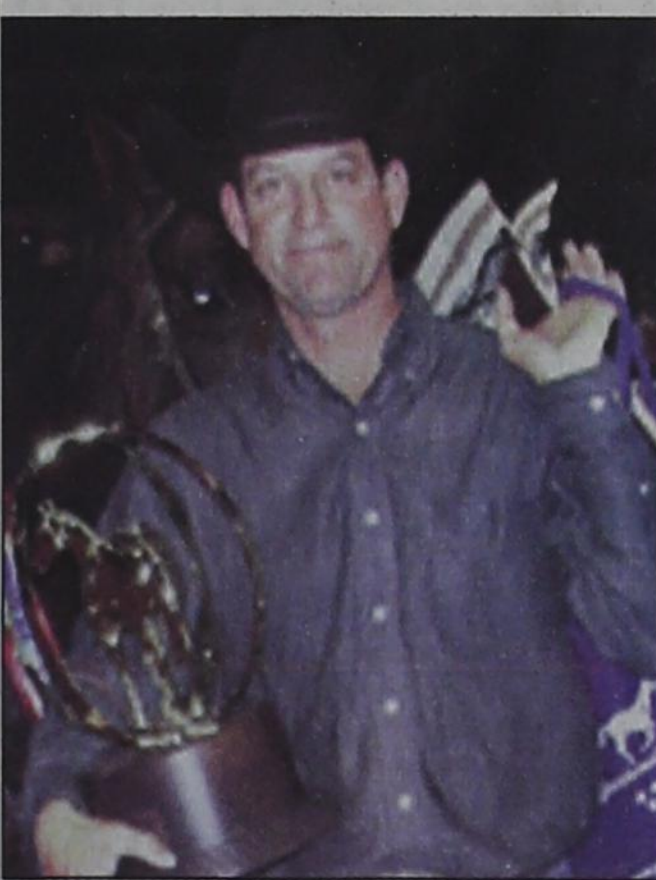


Bradley and Christen Brown of Panhandle beam over their son, Dominic James Brown, who was born at 12:18 a.m. Thursday at Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital. Dominic was the first baby born in Amarillo in 2009. (Photo by Michael Norris, Amarillo Globe-News)

Proud grandparents are Al and Jean Smith and Willie and the late Melissa Vasquez, all of Spearman. He is also the great-grandson of Jody and the late Redge Robertson and Guillermo and the late Julie Vasquez, also of Spearman.

**Editor's Note:** Information about the Brown family was taken from the Amarillo Globe-News article by Janelle Stecklein on January 1, 2009.

## Local World Champion Horseman Featured on NBC Sports



Boyd Rice

It's not often that equestrian events featuring real-life cowboys are highlighted on national television networks. Boyd Rice of Spearman, Texas, will get his share of the limelight as NBC Sports highlights his winning runs.

AQHA America's Horse Championships presented by Bank of America is a special, one-hour broadcast of some of the most exciting action from the FedEx Open competition at the 2008 American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma City. The show began at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time/10:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on January 4 on local NBC stations.

Rice had a phenomenal outing at the World Show and took home world championship awards in both the junior and senior cutting classes. Rice won the junior cutting with 5-year-old American Quarter Horse mare, ARC Cat Her Please, owned by Kurt and Angie Harris of Whitesboro, Texas.

His senior cutting championship was won aboard 6-year-old chestnut stallion Sophisticated Catt, owned by Keith Feister and Dale Koller of Gainesville, Texas and bred by the late Billy Cogdell of Tulia.

Cutting is a two-and-one-half minute battle of horse versus cow. In cutting, horses must keep a single cow away from the herd. Cutting horses must stay one step ahead of the cow, using fast reflexes and quick moves.

Highlights from the working cow horse and reining competitions also will be featured along with an update about the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

The program was presented by Bank of America and includes veteran sports announcer Tim Ryan and jockey-turned-reporter Donna Brothers along with AQHA Professional Horseman Robbie Boyce of Jacksboro, Texas, as analyst. You can see a special preview of the show on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5bxauZJ3YU>.

AQHA's Web site also has special information for those interested in the American Quarter Horse lifestyle. Be sure to check out [www.aqha.com](http://www.aqha.com) <<http://www.aqha.com>> for more information just for NBC viewers, including the history of the American Quarter Horse, and AQHA services and programs.

# City of Spearman Accepts Bid to Replace Downtown Sidewalk

On Tuesday, December 23, 2008, during a special called city council meeting, a bid was accepted for the replacement of one of the sidewalks in downtown Spearman. It is the section of sidewalk from Cates Men & Boys Wear to Celebrate, in the 200 block of Main Street.

The job was awarded to Concrete Connection of Plainview. They have recently completed sidewalk projects in Quitaque, Lockney and Matador. The bid price was \$147,313.80. This price was over \$116,000 less than the last bids received in August of 2007.

The project has a schedule to take no longer than 90 days, and this price is good for 30 days.

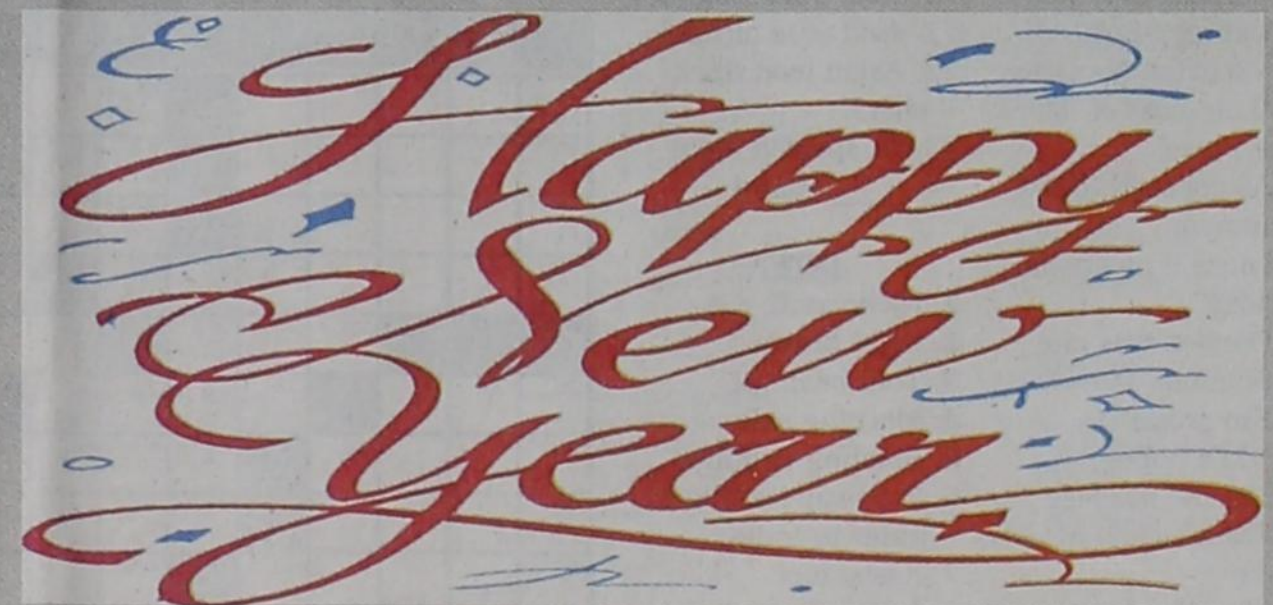
The project is to be financed in the following fashion: It is proposed that the City of Spearman will pay a third of the cost, the EDC will pay a third, and the building owner will pay the remaining third. The cost to everyone is considerably less than the initial plans and assessment as recorded in Ordinance #773, dated September 2003, which the City proposed paying fifty percent and the property owner fifty percent. The terms are for 7 years at 8% interest. The City will allow the building owners to make semi-annual, annual installments, or pay all of the installments at any time with no interest.

Copies of the plans are available at Spearman City Hall for viewing anytime during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Operation Christmas Greeting

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

Your donations can be mailed 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.



- Charlie Ball from Wilson and Joan McClellan  
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Dortha Keys John and Virginia Trindle  
Steve and Celia Krug Pedro and Elena Vargas  
JoAnn Lee JD and Ruby Jo Wilbanks

State Capital



CRADDICK DROPS BID FOR 4TH TERM AS SPEAKER



by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, abandoned his bid for a fourth term as speaker when it became clear that a challenger had secured enough vote pledges to win.

The official vote won't be taken until Jan. 13, opening day for the 81st Texas Legislature.

According to his pledge list, Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, gained the support of more than 80 House members, many of them Democrats.

On the other hand, many members who had intended to vote for Craddick signaled their support for Rep. John Smither, R-Amarillo.

Straus, a 49-year-old insurance executive, is a relative newcomer who has been a House member since the 2005 session. Smither, 57, is an attorney. He began serving as a House member in 1985 and has been elected to 13 consecutive terms.

As of Jan. 1, the Texas Ethics Commission, the state agency in charge of election filings, listed 13 House members as candidates for speaker. Neither Straus nor Smither was on that list.

Craddick's three terms as speaker were contentious. While in control of the agenda, Craddick overcame budget shortfalls in the \$10 billion range but the House steadily lost Republican seats.

Craddick, the most senior member of the House with more than 40 years to his credit, withstood parliamentary challenges to his leadership and walkouts by Democrats. He bucked party tradition by championing a tax on business profits that

was designed to compensate for a statewide reduction in local property taxes.

**Perry names division chief**  
Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 2 appointed Ellen Witt as director of his office's Division of Disaster Recovery and Renewal. Witt succeeds Brian Newby at the post.

The division's job is to support the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal, a public/private sector advisory panel that is guiding the state's long-term recovery and renewal efforts in the wake of the 2008 hurricane season.

The division works with local officials to help ensure communities are positioned to rebuild after future catastrophic events.

In other news, Gov. Perry appealed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to deny an extension of Hurricane Ike relief. No word yet on the status of the appeal.

In December, Perry asked for 18 more months of 100 percent reimbursement of emergency protective measures, debris removal and other relief work related to the September hurricane.

**Perry has served longest**  
On Dec. 19, Gov. Perry became Texas' longest-serving governor, with 2,919 consecutive days in office. That's eight years. At the end of his current term in 2010, he will have served more than 10 years as Texas' highest-ranking state official. Perry was serving as lieutenant governor in 2000, and he succeeded George W. Bush as governor a month before Bush's presidential inauguration.

Ethics prosecutor completes term

Ronnie Earle, Travis County district attorney and the state's chief ethics prosecutor since 1977, completed his final term in office on Dec. 31.

Earle's successor, his long-time first assistant Rosemary Lehmborg, was elected by popular vote in the general election of 2008.

**Lawmakers file more bills**  
Here are samples of a few of the hundreds of proposed new laws senators and representatives have filed in advance of the soon-to-begin legislative session.

HB 375 by Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, would reclassify farm elk as livestock under the agriculture code. Other species currently classified as livestock include horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, exotic livestock and hogs.

HB 438 by Eddie Lucio III, D-Rancho Viejo, would make it illegal for a motor vehicle operator to use a wireless communication device to read, write or send a text-based communication while driving.

SB 392 by Dan Patrick, R-Houston, would amend the election code by eliminating straight party voting for judicial offices, such as supreme court justices, courts of criminal appeals justices, district judges, criminal district judges, family district judges, county court at law judges, county criminal court judges, county probate court judges and county justices of the peace.

State Capital



GOVERNOR APPEALS FEMA DECISION TO DENY AID



by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 19 appealed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to deny his request for an extension of Hurricane Ike relief.

Perry had asked for 18 more months of 100 percent reimbursement of emergency protective measures, debris removal and other relief work related to the September hurricane.

"The assistance I am requesting is similar to what Louisiana received following Hurricane Katrina and Texans deserve to be treated no less.

"The communities devastated by this storm need this funding and need it now," Perry said.

Education progress ratings are in

Seventy-five percent of Texas schools and 67 percent of Texas school districts met or exceeded the 2008 federal Adequate Yearly Progress standards, the Texas Education Agency reported Dec. 19.

Those standards measure student graduation rates for high schools and districts; attendance rates for elementary schools; and passing rates and participation rates on state reading and mathematics tests for grades 3 through 8 and grade 10.

Texas may gain seats in 2010

Texas stands to pick up as many as four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, if population projections come true.

Reallocation of the 435 U.S. House seats will be based on the 2010 decennial U.S. Census.

TxDOT asks for freight ideas

The Texas Department of Transportation says it is looking for innovative, environmentally sensitive ways to move freight across the state.

On Dec. 19, TxDOT published a "Request for Information," a document asking for suggestions on how to develop freight transport systems that minimize environmental impacts and technologies with low carbon emissions in particular.

"Potential systems could include technology involving electromagnetic propulsion where the electricity is supplied by green technology such as wind or solar generation. Such systems could potentially operate on a rail or other fixed channel," an agency release stated.

TxDOT also asked for help with developing a business model to finance, develop and operate these systems.

AG reaches 'Airborne' settlement

The state of Texas, 31 other states, and the District of Columbia on Dec. 16 resolved their enforcement action against Airborne Health Inc. and its operators, Victoria Knight-McDowell and Thomas John McDowell.

Under the multi-state agreement, Airborne is prohibited from continuing to claim that its dietary sup-

plements cure or prevent certain diseases.

Airborne's cold prevention, sore throat and allergy remedies have not been recognized as approved drugs by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Texas Attorney General's Office stated.

Airborne marketed its products as over-the-counter remedies for illnesses.

Because the FDA has not recognized Airborne's dietary supplements as drugs, the company was charged with introducing unapproved drugs into commerce, which is a violation of the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The state's enforcement action against Airborne involves a referral Attorney General Greg Abbott's office received from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Agency releases YFZ report

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services on Dec. 22 released a report on its ongoing investigation of the polygamous YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

The findings are summarized as: "12 girls are confirmed victims of sexual abuse and neglect because they were married at ages ranging from 12 to 15. There were 43 girls removed from the ranch from the ages of 12 to 17 — which means that more than one out of every four pubescent girls on the ranch was in an underage marriage."

"262 other children were subjected to neglect because parents failed to remove their child from a situation in which the child would be exposed to sexual abuse committed against another child within their families or households."

The complete 20-page report can be found at www.dfps.state.tx.us.

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Lullabies, Legends & Lies by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

In a little over one week, Barack Obama will be sworn in as President of the United States of America. He will take the same oath of office that 43 Americans have taken before him.

The promise is simple. But as we have seen in the past, it is not easy...

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

When, on January 20, 2009, he puts his hand on the Bible and takes this oath may he truly, for your sake, my sake and the sake of our

children, mean the words that he utters.

Until the next time, May God Bless.

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# Happy Birthday!

**January 8**  
**Birthday** - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Amanda Schneider, Destiny Fisher

**January 9**  
**Birthday** - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blain, Bill Etling, Desiree Harris

**Anniversary** - M/M Manuel Gomez, M/M Sonny Kell, M/M Bill Logsdon

**January 10**  
**Birthday** - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensing, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Alex Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Andrea Woolley, Addie Kay McElhany

**January 11**  
**Birthday** - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather  
**Anniversary** - M/M Melvin Bradley

**January 12**  
**Birthday** - Imogene Williams, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stejda, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis, Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James, Griffin Novak

**Anniversary** - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, M/M Billy Miller, M/M Cliff Lang, M/M Jerry Overbey

**January 13**  
**Birthday** - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgerald, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell, Abigail Hartgraves

**January 14**  
**Birthday** - Debbie Coates, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey

**Anniversary** - Greg & Shonda Odegaard

**January 15**  
**Birthday** - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith, Gary Faries  
**Anniversary** - Billy & Martina Miller

**January 16**  
**Birthday** - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta

**January 17**  
**Birthday** - Derik Grotegut,

Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

**January 18**  
**Birthday** - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blain, Robert Gilmore, Enrique Arreola

**January 19**  
**Birthday** - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown

**Anniversary** - M/M Roy Diaz

**January 20**  
**Birthday** - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brianne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar

**Anniversary** - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

**January 21**  
**Birthday** - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez

**Anniversary** - M/M Jeff Beedy, M/M Kenneth Baker, M/M Kent Rimmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

**January 22**  
**Birthday** - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Vargas, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila, Callie Hopkins, Joe Avila

**Anniversary** - M/M James Scroggs, M/M Walter McDade, M/M Steve Gross, M/M John Armes

**January 23**  
**Birthday** - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez, Adrianna Reza

**Anniversary** - M/M Jim Roberts, M/M Gene Duncan

**January 24**  
**Birthday** - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts

**Anniversary** - Larry & Gayle Porter, M/M Archie Smith

**January 25**  
**Birthday** - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mike Dodd, Deloris Guthrie, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley

**Anniversary** - M/M Marvin Sparks

# Our Sympathy

**AUSTIN B. "CAP" BENSON**  
 AMARILLO - Austin B. "Cap" Benson, 92, of Amarillo died Tuesday, December 23, 2008.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 27, 2008 in Gruver Cemetery in Gruver with Jim Fox, chaplain of Vista Care Hospice, officiating. Memorial services will be at a later date in Amarillo by Rector Funeral Home, 2800 S. Osage St.

Cap was born Aug. 1, 1916, in Hill County. He graduated from Phillips High School. After high school, he worked as a welder in the shipyards of New Orleans during World War II. After the war, Cap moved back to Phillips, where he started a long career at Phillips Petroleum. During his career at Phillips, he worked in several towns in the Texas Panhandle. He retired after more than 40 years of dedicated service.

Cap moved to Amarillo in 1998 from Gruver. He was a member of Gruver Masonic Lodge and First Christian Church in Gruver. He loved music and playing the guitar. Cap also loved attending dances at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center. Cap coached baseball teams for many years, where he touched the lives of many young men.

Cap married Bonnie Cook in 1940 in Borger. She passed away in 2001. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Mary Carrasco and the staff of MC's Private Care, as well as Steve Kirkpatrick and the staff of Interim Healthcare and the Vista Care Hospice doctors and staff.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Stejda, in 1997; a son-in-law, Dennis Stejda, in 2000; and two great-grandchildren, Hayden Steinberger in 2002 and Gunner Stejda in 2008.

Survivors include a daughter, Cindy Holton and husband Jerry of Spearman; a son, Bob Benson and wife Gabriele of Lyons, Colo.; six grandchildren, Brett Benson, Shana Richardson, Shelley Singleton, Shannon Steinberger, Jason Holton and Scott Stejda; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial donations to MC's Private Care, 4807 S. Rusk St., Amarillo, TX 79110. Sign the online guest book at [www.rectorfuneralhome.com](http://www.rectorfuneralhome.com).

**DIMPLE JETTON**  
 SPEARMAN - Dimple Peek Jetton, 100, of Spearman died Friday, December 5, 2008 in Hansford Manor at Spearman, Texas.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Goree, Texas with Rev. Genoa Goad, former pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Goree Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday, Texas.

Mrs. Jetton, the daughter of Jeff and Alice Peek, was born April 17, 1908 in Goree. Dimple and Sam B. Jetton were married on May 25, 1946 in Munday, Texas. He preceded her in death on February 14, 1983. Dimple moved from Goree to Spearman in 1985.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by four brothers, Virgil Peek, Clarence Peek, Herbert Peek and John T. Peek and two sisters, Effie Peek Neighbours and Ora Peek Lane.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynell Williams and husband Burt of Spearman, Texas; two grandchildren: Lynette Williams Babcock of Mineral Wells, Texas and Kevin Williams and wife Meghan of Goodwell, Oklahoma; and one great granddaughter Kaitlyn Babcock of Mineral Wells, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

**W.W. BILL WHEELER**  
 WHEELER - W.W. Bill Wheeler, 81, died Wednesday, December 31, 2008, in Amarillo.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 3, 2009 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Stiles officiating. Burial was in Kelton Cemetery in Kelton by Wright Funeral Home.

Bill was born Aug. 31, 1927, in Shidler, Okla., to Clarence Wayne Wheeler and Retta Corine Hunter. Bill was raised in the Spring Creek area and attended Spring Creek School. He attended Borger High School and earned a football scholarship to West Texas State, where he lettered at center and linebacker. He served in the U.S. Navy during the occupation of Japan and was most proud of his service aboard the USS Atlanta. He married Billye Gibbins in Clovis, N.M., on Dec. 31, 1949.

Bill and Billye started careers in education, teaching and coaching. They taught in Borger, Kelton, Spearman and Wheeler. Bill and Billye bought a farm at Kelton and ranched together, they also started Wheeler Irrigation and were successful in the sales of irrigation equipment for several years. In his later years, Bill was active in Amarillo VFW Post No. 1475, where he treasured the friendship of his fellow members.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billye Jean, in 1989; and a sister, Sue Clark in 2003.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Wheeler of Sayre, Okla.; a daughter, Kim Wheeler of Kelton; five grandchildren, Lori Rarden, Kristie Brummer, J.W. Ray, Will Wheeler and Elissa Johnston; 10 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Carmen Ford of Amarillo; and two sisters, Myrtle Laflin of Pampa and Barbara Austin of Eutopia.

The family suggests memorials be to Travel Fund, Khiva Shrine Temple, P.O. Box 328, Amarillo, TX 79105. Sign the online guest book at [www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com).

**ZEVA ALLARD**  
 SPEARMAN - Zeva Allard, 92, of Amarillo died Friday, December 26, 2008, in Spearman.

A family memorial service will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Zeva was born Feb. 12, 1916, in Ardmore, Okla. She married E. Clyde on Sept. 6, 1931.

She lived at English Field in Amarillo until 1933, when they moved to northwest Arkansas, living there until moving back to Amarillo in 1948.

Zeva was a beautician for several years until becoming an insurance agent in Oklahoma City, working there for most of the rest of her working life. She moved back to Amarillo in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Jose McNeill. Survivors include two daughters, Clydeen Ramsey and husband Jesse of Morse and Josie Wiltzius and John Sharp of Smithville; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Manor, 707 Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or a favorite charity.

**EDNA MARIE WILLIAMS WALKER**  
 GRUVER - Edna Marie Williams Walker, 87, died Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday, January 2, 2009 in Church of Christ with Gaylord Cook officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Walker was born Jan. 9, 1921, in Hatchel. She married Ross Walker in 1985 in Gruver. She was a retired cashier/bookkeeper for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and a Church of Christ member. She and Ross enjoyed many winters at Buchanan Dam in their RV.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Loretta Florene Will and Nelma Sowell; and two brothers, S.D. Williams and Charles Williams.

Survivors include her husband, Ross Walker; two daughters, Geanette Jones of Amarillo and Alicia Dee Shaeffer of Hurst; three stepdaughters, Sandra Kay Preston of Owasso, Okla., Martha Anspaugh of Gruver and Judy Clemans of Guymon, Okla.; a special nephew, Allen Walker of Gruver; 21 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

**OLLIE LEOTA GIBLIN**  
 CELINA - Ollie Leota Giblin, 89, died Friday, December 26, 2008.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in First Baptist Church in Morse with the Rev. Mike Martin of Shamrock officiating. Burial will be in Lieb Cemetery near Morse by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Giblin was born Feb. 6, 1919, in Ochiltree, and was a lifelong resident of the Morse Community. Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Dobbs of Allen and Robbie Reid of Morse; two brothers; four sisters; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to Alzheimers Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106; or Morse First Baptist Church Piano Fund, P.O. Box 54, Morse, TX 79062.

**EFFIE L. BRANCH**  
 BORGER - Effie L. Branch, 95, died Thursday, January 1, 2009, in Spearman.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2009 in Westlawn Memorial Park with the Rev. Rhonda Greenwood of Stinnett United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements were by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Branch was born May 23, 1913, in Livingston, Tenn. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda Malinowski of Stinnett; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.


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Micah 6:8

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An emergency medical fund has been established for Krystal (Burkhammer) Puentes at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Krystal Puentes Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

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**Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan**

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**Medical Fund for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg**

An emergency medical fund has been established for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg of Stinnett. Nancy was recently diagnosed with a rare malignant brain tumor and will be undergoing treatment. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to H&H Federal Credit Union, 104 Main Street, Stinnett TX 79083.

**Beginning EMT Classes Scheduled**

Beginning EMT classes will begin January 21, 2009. Call the City of Spearman at 659-2524 for more information, or to sign up.

**Hospice Pancake Supper**

Hansford Hospice First Annual Pancake Supper will be Friday, January 9, 2009 at the Lynxette vs. Highland Park and Lynx vs. Stratford basketball games. The supper will be held at the Jr. High Cafeteria from 5-7 p.m., featuring the background music of Smokey Mayfield. Adults \$6 Children under 12 \$3. All proceeds go to Hansford Hospice. "Pokey the Clown will be at the Hospice Pancake Supper. Bring your children to meet Pokey the Clown."

**Rushing Wind Emmaus Community**

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, January 10, at 6 p.m. at the Waka Christian Center. A potluck meal will be served followed by a sponsors training and a praise and worship service. We encourage all members, friends and families to attend, and there will be a nursery provided. Board of Directors will meet at 4 p.m.

**Project Graduation 2009**

The parents of the Spearman High School Class of 2009 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 29th. Graduates will be provided with food, games, activities, and fun! In addition, to encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in the final "class of 2009" memory, making this project special, please contact Patti Schnell at 659-2919, Paula Cooper at 659-3133, Shannon Barnes at 659-2164 or Maria Sibley at 659-1037. Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation Maria Sibley, P.O. Box 74, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

**Cowboy Poetry Breakfast**

This Saturday, January 10, the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be at the Big Texan Steak Ranch from 8-10 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Don DeHay, cowboy poet, storyteller, singer, and songwriter, and Bob Muncy, rancher, new poet, and B.J.'s proud Grandpa, will be featured as the headliners. Bill Crenshaw of Canyon, newly elected President, cowboy poet and storyteller, will serve as emcee. Members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will follow the headliner with more music, and cowboy poetry. Chuckwagon breakfast includes all the fixin's, with the addition of omelets, fruit and breakfast rolls to enjoy. Scheduled on the second Saturday morning each month, this event, as far as we know, is the only breakfast event of its kind in the entire country. Mark your calendar to attend this outstanding family entertainment.

**Karen Reimer Painting Demonstration**

Please join us as local artist Karen Reimer presents a painting demonstration on Water Colors and Acrylics on January 11, 2009 [at Museum of the Plains in Perryton [weather permitting]]. Karen will be available to discuss technique and answer questions in a come and go session from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. You will enjoy this fun lady and her great talent.

**Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group**

Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet Friday Jan. 9, 2009 at noon, with lunch provided, at the Perryton Mennonite Church 2821 S. Ash. Jo Bidwell from Lubbock, who works with the American Parkinson's Disease and Covenant Neuroscience Institute in Neurology Education for Covenant Health System will conduct a question and answer session for anyone who is interested. Call Bev Burger for more information.

**Crop Production Seminar**

A Crop Production Seminar will be held on January 15, 2009 in the Spearman County Barn. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 7 CEUs will be given to participants - 4-General, 2-IPM & 1- Law & Reg. This seminar is being sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Pioneer Seed, Dupont. Contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Hansford County for more information 659-4130 or 733-2901.

**Hansford County Stock Show**

Hansford County Stock Show will be held in Spearman on Friday and Saturday, January 30 & 31. All interested are invited to attend.

**Crop Profitability Conference**

A Crop Profitability Conference will be held on January 9, 2009 at 1 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. The meeting will feature speakers addressing the market outlook, crop profitability budgets, flex cash lease demonstration and changes in the new Farm Bill. 3 CEUs. General will be given.

**KACV to Have Free Workshop**

KACV will be hosting a free workshop at 10 a.m. on January 15, 2009 at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, on Spearman to explain the new digital television transition.

**Region 16 ESC offers Free GED Preparation Software**

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

**Spearman Lynx Basketball Fundraiser**

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

**GISD Offering Reward for Information**

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

**Web Page Development - Level 1 Class**

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

**Child Find**

Your school district is looking for children ages 3-21 years who may be slow in developing communication skills, social interactions, walking skills and/or have major physical disabilities. We want to give your child the chance to receive the extra help he/she needs, if the disability interferes with his/her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton SSA, 435-4412.

**Gruver Elementary Collects Register Tapes for Education**

Gruver Elementary is participating in the Lowe's Marketplace Register Tapes for Education. Gruver Elementary is also collecting the pink Box Tops for Education and the yellow UPC bar code Labels for Education from Campbell and Swanson products. You can deposit your register tapes, pink Box Tops and UPC Bar Codes in the Elementary School Lobby, City Library, City Hall, Night & Day Beauty Salon or Hitchin' Nails Salon. Jo Clawson will also collect them at 711 Womble. Please help us earn free education equipment by collecting these items.

**Our Sympathy**

**MAXINE "MAMA MAX" CLINE**



GRUVER - Maxine "Mama Max" Cline, 77, died Sunday, January 4, 2009.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Maxine was born Feb. 23, 1931, in Shattuck, Okla., to Darrel and Merle Cooper. She was raised and lived in Gruver her whole life.

As a child, she idolized her beloved Daddy and followed him everywhere. Ranching and farming continued to be an important part of her life.

She was a part of Gruver High School girls basketball team, and the only girl-team to make it to the state finals when she was in high school.

Maxine married Orson "Hootie" Cline on Feb. 23, 1948. Hootie preceded her in death on April 10, 1991.

Maxine was an avid bridge player and loved to travel and go on cruises. She enjoyed decorating and redecorating her home.

One of her favorite things to do was shop! And, she could out shop anyone!

But the love of her life was her family. She was happiest when she was with her girls and their families.

Maxine loved her four grandsons with all of her heart and rejoiced in each and every accomplishment. Her grandsons adored their Mama Max.

She was welcomed at heaven's gate by those that preceded her, and we rejoice that she is now reunited with those she loved so fiercely. While those of us that are left are filled with a great void, we know that Maxine is finally free of pain and suffering and is safely enfolded in Jesus, and sitting beside her is her little Dane Max and husband Hootie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hootie; and much loved grandson, Dane Max Blakenship. When Dane Max died, a part of Maxine's light died with him.

Survivors include two daughters, Dana Cline and Dean Barnes of Yukon, Okla., and Denise Hledik and husband Jim of Oklahoma City; three grandsons, Dace Blankenship, Chad Hledik and Cory Hledik; her special companion, Roy Byrd of Gruver; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Cline of Dallas; and dear friends, Gwen McClain and Jim and Verna Lee Shirley.

**BRAD DELOZIER**



OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Brad Delozier, 33, of OKC, beloved husband, father and son, left this earth to be with our Lord, Wednesday evening December 24, 2008 following a brief illness.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at the Sooner East Church of Christ on SE 29th, between Post & Westminster in MWC, in Oklahoma City, OK.

He was a network administrator at the Workers Compensation Court and taught IT classes at ITT-Tech a real delight it was for him to teach. He recently received his MBA at the University of Phoenix. Brad exemplified what a Christian man should be, humble, selfless, patient and loving. He touched many people's lives and will be very much missed.

Brad was an amazing loving, patient husband and my best friend. Words cannot express how much a void will be left in my life, forever he has my heart.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy; children, Michael and Jonathon Delozier, Jason, Maleah and Brandon Johnson; father, Terry Delozier; mother, Candé Goebel and husband Jerry; brothers, Landon, and Devin Delozier; dear friend and cousin, Shan Oquin; his much loved grandmother, June Wright; and many other family members and friends.



**KATHY JEAN MCDADE**

SKELLYTOWN - Kathy Jean McDade, 57, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009 in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Rob Lackey and the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McDade was born Dec. 11, 1951, in Amarillo and was a 1970 graduate of Amarillo High School. She attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, earning a degree in psychology.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Kathy joined the U.S. Navy on Sept. 23, 1977, and served until Sept. 22, 1982, being honorably discharged with the rank of E5.

After serving her country, she returned to the Panhandle to be closer to her family. She lived for her family and will be greatly missed.

Kathy is with our Lord and endures no more pain.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Billie J. Parker; and brother-in-law, Mark Parker.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Nelda and LoVell Kennard of Skellytown; her father and stepmother, Walter and Grace McDade of Spearman; a sister, Lee Tice and husband Mike of Skellytown; two brothers, Roger Kennard of Kansas and Eddie Rodgers of Spearman; a niece, Kala Tice of Skellytown; four nephews, Kory Tice and wife Kara and Mikah Tice, all of Skellytown, and Mark Parker and David Parker, both of New Braunfels; a great-niece, Breklyn Tice of Skellytown; and a host of uncles, aunts and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be to American Cancer Society, in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065; or City of Pampa Animal Control, Fund 12, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79066-2499. Sign the online guest book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

**WILMA REESE**



RUSTBURG, VA - Wilma Reese, 82, of Rustburg, VA died Tuesday, December 23, 2008.

Wilma was born April 27, 1926, in Anadarko, OK, a daughter of the late Floyd William Mahaffey and Bertha Elizabeth Cyrus Mahaffey. She was a member of Clearview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, James Latham and Brenda of Amarillo, Texas, Jerry Latham and Sandy of Camdenon, Missouri, Pat Brown and Wes of Spearman, Texas, Peggy Lankford and Kevin of Rustburg; grandchildren, Jennifer Woodcock, Karla Dawson, Angela Shepherd, Amanda Latham, Daniel Hopkins, Tommy Brown, Josh Brown, Robert Watson, Jr., Jessica Lankford, Libby Lankford and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an aunt, Inez Bennett and a brother, Kenneth Mahaffey.

A funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in Clearview Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Wayne Greene officiating. Interment will follow in Clearview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Clearview Baptist Church, 2183 Sunnymeade Road, Rustburg, VA 24588.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family, 434-237-9424.

*Alan and Sandra Payne of Lubbock and Marty and Sandy Haney of Spearman invite you to the wedding of their children, Lauren Kay Payne and Steven John Haney on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock*

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# HANSFORD COUNTY



**James Arthur Stedje**

**Editor's note**—Most of the information in the following article is taken from James Arthur Stedje's memoir, *Takker De, Gud* (Thank you, God). The memoir was written by James Stedje, recounted by Ada Joyce Stedje, and edited by Diane Stedje Battles.

James Arthur Stedje was born in Leland, Iowa on September 2, 1909, to Jens Michael and Clara Johnson Stedje. He was the second of their 5 children.

In February, 1922, the family moved from Iowa to Hansford County to land they had bought in 1916 in the Oslo Community. When Jens Stedje died July 12, 1922, James became the man of the family at age 12.

In the fall of 1942, James was drafted. On October 3 he reported to Camp Gruber near Tulsa, Oklahoma where he joined the 88th Infantry Division, 88th Signal Corps. He was sent to Alexandria,

Louisiana as a truck driver for maneuvers.

"I spent three months in Louisiana. I nearly lost my engraved gold watch that my family had given to me. I had showered (a stall under the trees) and I had hung my watch in a tree limb by my helmet to put back on. Suddenly our trucks were ready to move and I was the driver! We moved out and when I stopped for the night I missed my watch. Next day, as luck would have it, I was driving one of the trucks sent back to get more supplies to bring back. I knew my directions and was always very conscious of where I had driven. I was able to go right back to the very tree I had hung my watch on, and it was there!!!"

"I also remember when I spent my first night with all these New Yorkers who were going to be my noisy room mate soldiers for the next three years. How my quiet life was changing! I can't remember what time we got to sleep or settled down. I do remember when we got up the next morning. I had acquired a growing habit of always getting my directions straight. I said, 'Well, that is east so...'. 'How do you know that is east?' asked a city Yankee. 'Because there is the sun...' I replied. 'Oh, does it always come up in the east?' I was glad I had grown up on a farm and not lived in a city! At least, I knew my directions.

"Boye, was it ever hot in Louisiana - like 117 degrees with humidity! I spent three months there on maneuvers and then went to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. I found out that Clifford [James' brother] was there, so I went twenty miles to see him.

"Then came the time to ship out to Oran, North Africa. I left from Hampton Roads, Virginia. Of course, we all wondered if we would see the U.S. again! I looked long and hard at the shoreline, taking it

all in. Strangely enough three years later when I returned, my ship docked in nearly the same place from where we left, only one dock over.

"We were on a Liberty ship for twenty-eight days. I bought a carton of nut Hershey bars and ate one a day. When I got to Africa, I had three bars left. We stayed in Oran about six weeks, and during that time we traveled one hundred miles south for maneuvers.

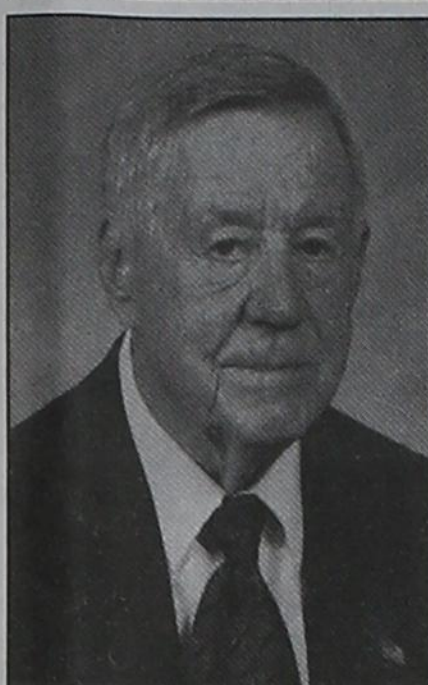
"Then we took a train back to Oran and shipped out crossing the Mediterranean on a flat bottom boat. It was so rough, and most everybody got seasick! We were glad after three or four days to get to Naples, Italy. The docks were full of sunken ships so planks were laid.

"The truck drivers were given all new Dodge trucks, and we drove two trips up to the front lines, hauling all the freight. I always looked back on those days and felt lucky that I never had to kill anyone. From then on, our 88th Signal Corps stayed in Italy from Naples to the Brenner Pass.

"I was in communications, so my job was T & T (telephone and telegraph). One time I was called in when a line was down, and this officer said that there was no one to fix it. I told him that I would go do it before dark. He said, 'Thank you! You are a soldier and a gentleman.' I remember another time that I went out early in the morning to fix a line, and I ran into this Italian soldier. He was carrying a machine gun, holding it up over his head. I ran and grabbed it so he wouldn't shoot me. He wanted to trade me this gun for some cigarettes. I had some cigarettes in a pocket, getting pretty badly worn, so I gave them to him.

*To be continued in next week's edition*

## Our Sympathy



**JACK HOKE HART**

Jack Hoke Hart, 85, of Amarillo died Sunday, January 4, 2009.

Graveside services were at 11:00 am Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at the Gruver Cemetery, Gruver, Texas by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Spearman, Texas. Reverend Dale Moreland officiated.

Jack was born on October 30, 1923 on his grandfather's ranch near Morse, Texas. Jack graduated from Gruver High School in 1940 and enrolled in Iowa State University where he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. In 1943, as an advanced ROTC cadet, he was called into active duty with the Army. He received a transfer to the U.S.

Army Air Corps and received training as a reconnaissance pilot in the twin-fuselage, twin-engine, single seat P-38 that was fitted with cameras rather than guns. Jack finished first in his class and was immediately sent overseas to Okinawa. During a rest stop at New Guinea on his way to Okinawa, Jack received word that his older brother Walter, who was a major with the Fifth Cavalry, was killed on the island of Luzon in the Philippines. Jack flew three combat missions from Okinawa. The first two reconnaissance missions were over Tokyo and Yokohama. His third combat mission at the age of 21 years was the first reconnaissance flight over Nagasaki on August 10, 1945, the day after the atomic bomb was dropped over the city.

After serving a year in Japan with the Occupational Army, Jack returned to Hansford County where he began his lifetime occupation of farming and ranching. Later he and several partners built and operated the Hansford Feedyard located northeast of Spearman that is now Spearman Cattle Feeders. He also owned and operated the Palo Duro Grain Elevators in Gruver for many years. He served as vice president of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees in the late 50's and early 60's. Jack always regretted not completing his college education so he enrolled in West Texas State University in Canyon and received his college degree in 1979 at the age of 56. He later attended Western State

University Law School in San Diego, California. In 1985 he joined with others to become an organizing director of First National Bank, Spearman, and served as a director for many years. Jack was a member of the Southwest Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Grain and Feed Association.

Jack was a member of The Church at Quail Creek.

Jack married Bobbie A. Sanders on August 20, 1979. Jack was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Ann Johnson; a brother, Walter; and a granddaughter Jennifer Hart Tidwell.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie, of the home; a sister, Dorothy Hudson of Gruver; a brother Don, and his wife Donna of Mesa Arizona; four children, Jerry and wife Christine Hart of Morse; Ginger and husband Bill Pittman of Spearman; Kitty and husband Frank Edwards of Spearman; Doneta and husband Jon Skavlan of Plano; eleven grandchildren, Michael Hart, Janyth Davis, Bill Jack and Sally Pittman, Tonya, Trudy, and Haden Hart, Jocelyn Miller, Jentry Williams, Travis and Anna Skavlan and nine great grandchildren. The family appreciates the love and care of three special care givers: Carol Fernandez, Sonia Flores, and Nora Mauricio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Gruver Scholarship Fund % the Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S Fillmore St #700, Amarillo, Texas 79101, the Ussery-Roan Texas Veterans Home % Chris Crabtree, 1020 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, Texas 79124, or your favorite charity.

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### Mayhew, Gilbert Wed



Annie Mayhew and Brandon Gilbert were united in holy matrimony in a candlelight ceremony on November 22, 2008. The couple exchanged vows at First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Scott Curry of First Baptist Church and Rev. John Valentine of Fellowship Lubbock officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and Debby Mayhew of Gruver, Texas and the granddaughter of Mack and Patsy Bevell also of Gruver. The groom is the son of Rick and Katie Gilbert both of Lubbock, Texas, and the grandson of Therese Barney of Toledo, Ohio.

The matron of honor was Joni Patrick (college friend of the bride) of Fort Worth, Texas. Bridesmaids included: Shauna Mayhew (sister-in-law of bride) of Canyon, Texas, Brooke McMurry (cousin of the bride) of Amarillo, Texas, Emily Mayhew (cousin of the bride) of Douglasville, Georgia, Ashley Hill (college friend of the bride) of Amarillo, Texas, Kristen Holmes (college friend of the bride) of Houston, Texas, and Hannah McDowell (friend of the bride and groom) of Lubbock, Texas.

The best man was Tim Brown (friend of the groom) of Fort Worth, Texas. Groomsmen included: Ryan Highley (friend of the groom) of Lubbock, Texas, Michael Sitton (friend of the groom) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Richard Sitton (friend of the groom) of Houston, Texas, Michael Dale Bingham (friend of the groom) of Lubbock, Texas, Joe Don Long (friend of the bride and groom) of Lubbock, Texas, and Eric Barbee (friend of the bride and groom) of Lubbock, Texas.

Ushers included: Josh Mayhew (brother of the bride) of Canyon, Texas, Hunter Bevell (cousin of the bride) of Gruver, Texas, Nick Mayhew (cousin of the bride) of Douglasville, Georgia, and Juan Olguin (friend of the bride and groom) of Lubbock, Texas.

The flower girl was Autumn Barbee of Lubbock and the ring bearers were Braden and Caden Wylie also of Lubbock.

Music was provided by Anthony Artiaga of Lubbock, Worship Leader at Fellowship Church in Lubbock, Kathy Gillispie, Pianist at First Baptist Church Gruver. Hannah McDowell sang "Amazing Grace" as the bride came down the aisle and "Captivating" as the couple took communion and braided the cord of three representing their lives being intertwined with God.

Color theme of the wedding was black and ivory with floral arrangements of vivid fall flowers accenting.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father wearing an ivory and champagne A line, satin strapless gown with beaded lace on the sweetheart neckline and hem. The ensemble also featured a chapel train and a fingertip veil. The bride wore pearls belonging to her maternal grandmother and as a family tradition she wore a garter designed by her grandmother and worn by every member of her grandfather's family since the 1960's.

A reception honoring the couple was held in the Activities Center of the First Baptist Church following the ceremony.

The couple was blessed by numerous showers and festivities hosted by their friends and family in Lubbock and Gruver including a lovely Rehearsal Dinner hosted by the groom's parents at The Bunkhouse in Spearman, Texas.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Gruver High School, a 2004 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and is presently completing her Master's in counseling from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Annie currently teaches at Kingdom Preparatory academy in Lubbock.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Trinity High School and a 2004 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a degree in secondary education. Brandon is currently the Pastor at Fellowship Church Lubbock.

Following a wedding trip to Rome, Italy, the couple will be at home at 6808 88th Street in Lubbock.

### Bevill, McMurry Wed



Brooke Bevill and Andrew McMurry were united in marriage July 26, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Gruver, Texas. Reverend Scott Curry officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Tracy Bevell of Gruver. Grandparents of the bride are Mack and Patsy Bevell of Gruver and Don and Donna Hart of Sierra Vista, AZ, all of whom attended the wedding, and the late Mary Hart.

Parents of the groom are Dave and Claudia McMurry of Amarillo. Grandparents are R.O. and Freda McMurry of Dumas and Gordon and Jean Herr of Amarillo, all of whom attended the wedding.

Matron of honor was Rebecca Wann of Boy's Ranch, and maid of honor was Shea Lowe of Amarillo, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Erin Bickle of Grand Prairie, Holly McLean of Amarillo, Grace Guthrie of Canyon, and Annie Mayhew of Lubbock, all cousins of the bride; Sydney Clawson of Brentwood, TN, and Tessa Grotegut of Gruver, friends of the bride, and Sarah McMurry of Lubbock, sister of the groom.

Best man was Tyler Robinson of Austin, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Albert Lusby of Amarillo, Chris Cain of Rockwall, Jeff Sicking of Lubbock, Sean Svoboda of Waco, Blake Beedy of Canadian, all college friends of the groom; Matt Graves of Lubbock, lifelong friend, Braden Gibson of Dumas, cousin of the groom, and Hunter Bevell of Gruver, brother of the bride. Usher was Grant Dejean of Nashville, TN.

Flower girls were Caroline McMurry, niece of the groom, and Chloe Guthrie and Berkley Bickle, cousins of the bride. Ring bearer was Grason Derington, cousin of the bride.

Rozann Carter of Fort Worth read Scripture.

Music was provided by Anna Harris on the flute and Brianne Stedje on the harp. Kathy Gillispie, pianist at First Baptist Church, played the processional and recessional. Sydney Clawson sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" as the couple and their parents took communion.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore a long, strapless Italian silk gown. The Basque waist was highlighted with a dupion silk sash. For something borrowed she wore pearl and diamond earrings, something blue was an aquamarine ring that belonged to her maternal grandmother, and something old was her garter which has been used by all the brides in her grandfather's family since the 1960's. She also wore two brooches that belonged to her grandmothers on her sash.

A reception following the ceremony was held at the church, with a dinner and dance for family and out-of-town guests following at the bride's home. Reception attendants were Alex Wiecek, Whitney White, Allison White, Lisa Johnson, Nikki Chisum and Mary Hart.

A wonderful rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Alley Cafe in Dumas.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2005 graduate of West Texas A&M University. She teaches 1st grade for Amarillo ISD.

The groom is a graduate of Dumas High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by First United Bank in Canyon.

The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and will reside in Amarillo.

### Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We start to celebrate the season of Epiphany. The season of the revelation of God to man! The season of discovery! On the day of Epiphany (January 6th) we traditionally study the story of the three Magi searching for the baby, Jesus. The Magi represent the gentile (non-Jewish) world searching for the revelation of God. They follow a star (a symbol of God's light?) and when it leads them to Jerusalem, they consult the Jewish scholars at King Herod's court; learning that they should be looking for the child in Bethlehem. In Bethlehem, the Magi discover the child, Jesus, and offer him their gifts.

In this first week of Epiphany we study Genesis 1: 1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19: 1-7, and Mark 1: 4-11. Moses writes of the creation of the world. He writes that in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The word we translate as God is "Elohim"; this is a plural noun! Recall last week's lesson from the Gospel of John, the "Logos" was with God, the "Logos" was God, and nothing was created without the "Logos" (Word). We may discover from this that God the Father Almighty is present at creation, Jesus (the "Logos") is present at creation, and the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) is present at creation. We may discover here that God is One but perceived as three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Epiphany indeed!

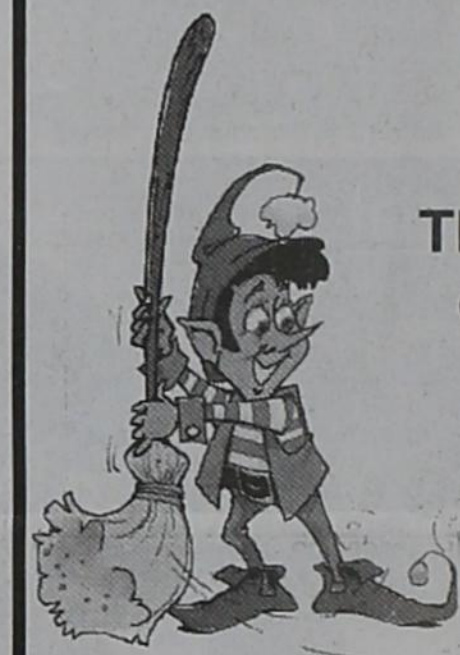
The Psalmist sings of the power of the "voice" of God while thinking of a Palestinian thunder storm. The "voice" of God is powerful flashing forth flames of fire, breaking trees, causing the ground to shake. The Psalmist discovers God in nature revealed!

Luke tells us of Paul in Ephesus. Paul finds a group of believers who know only the baptism of John the Baptist. Now these people followed the baptism of repentance. They confess their sin to themselves; confessed their sin to those they had harmed; and, then confessed their sin to God. Thus, seeking to amend their lives. Paul asks them if they know of the Holy Spirit and they say no. These Ephesians are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and when Paul places his hands upon them, they receive the Holy Spirit. These Ephesians have discovered the nature of God!

Mark tells us of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. We are told by Jesus that it was necessary for Him to be baptized by John the Baptist in the baptism of repentance; even though He is the Son of God. What do we discover here? Jesus' baptism by John is a moment of decision. It is the moment that Christ embarks on His ministry. It is a moment of identification. The "voice" of God identifies Jesus as his "beloved son". It is a moment of preparation; the Spirit of God descends upon Jesus. We discover God in Man! God has intervened in human history! God's plan of redemption is afoot!

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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 70320**

**APPLICATION** Sunray Co-op, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 70320, which would authorize continued operation of the Sunray Coop Gruver Branch Grain Elevator located at 108 North Highway 136, Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 6, 2008. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Hansford County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 15 Northwest Court, Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: An amendment application that is not subject to public notice or an opportunity for a contested case hearing is also being reviewed. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments.

Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:** (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[We] request a contested case

hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this applica-

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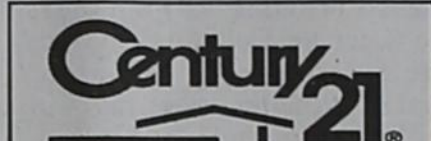
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will accept proposals until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009 for General Audit for Hansford County for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Proposals will be opened on Monday, January 12, 2009 at the regular Commissioner's Court meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
BENNY D. WILSON  
Hansford County Judge  
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The Spearman Lynx took second place at the Caprock Tournament held in Lubbock December 29-31, 2008. Jordan Ashmore was named to the All-Tournament Team. (Photos by Tami Hargrove, <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>)



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**RIGHT** - A porcupine is eating the bark off a tree at Lake Palo Duro.



January 5, 2009 - Lake level - 21.84 feet

December brought cold temperatures, off and on. Lake Palo Duro has been mostly iced over, for the last few weeks. Geese and ducks have been plentiful. I presume that when the shallow playa lakes become frozen, the waterfowl look for deeper water, that does not freeze as quickly. The wind and the geese seem to keep at least a portion of the lake from freezing. Canada geese are prevalent, but snow geese are here also. I have seen as many as six Bald Eagles, since the waterfowl have increased.

Fishing has been difficult, with so much ice. The last few warm days, opened the water, and a few have been fishing. I do not know of many fish caught, however.

The last two weeks have brought two separate hunters to our campground. Both were going to a public hunting area at Miller Lake, northeast of Gruver. One hunter was from New York, and the other from Austin. Each one camped two nights here, but a week separated their stay. Ironically, the Austin hunter, met the New Yorker, near Paducah, at another public hunting site.

We had three R.V. campers, in the park behind the dam, on New Year's Eve. That is unusual, this time of year.

Almost a month has passed, since I saw the "UFO", written about in the December 1, 2008 article. I had decided, that it was a figment of my imagination. Thanks to Sandy Foster of Gruver, and Will Jarvis of Spearman, who confirmed seeing it. I am relieved!

## TPWD Sets Panhandle Pheasant Scoping Meetings

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is asking for public input on possible changes to the traditional first weekend in December opening date for pheasant season in the Panhandle. A series of scoping meetings is set for January to give the public additional opportunities to comment.

"The purpose of this discussion is to gain feedback from hunters and landowners regarding the possibility of opening future pheasant seasons the Friday after Thanksgiving to afford hunters a three-day holiday weekend to enjoy pheasant hunting," said Vernon Beville, TPWD game bird program director.

The current pheasant season framework calls for opening the first Saturday in December for 30 consecutive days.

No immediate changes to the pheasant season framework are being considered in order to ensure the public has ample opportunity to weigh in on the discussion.

TPWD will present all rule change proposals to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for consideration in January. The Commission will determine which rule change proposals will be published in the Texas Register for public comment and only after additional public comment is received next spring will the Commission decide whether or not to take final action.

Any change to pheasant season could take effect Nov. 27, 2009 or be delayed until Nov. 26, 2010 to give hunters and outfitters ample time to make travel plans.

In addition to the following scoping meetings, the public is encouraged to participate in an informal online scoping survey available on the TPWD home page <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/> by clicking on the Public Comments link. Public input can also be made in writing to Vernon Beville, TPWD Game Bird Program Director, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744 or at one of the upcoming scoping meetings; locations and dates to be determined.

### Pheasant Scoping Meetings

Jan. 12, 2009 - Dimmitt - Dimmitt City Hall, 201 East Jones

Jan. 13, 2009 - Dalhart - First National Bank, 302 Denrock Ave.

Jan. 14, 2009 - Amarillo - Texas A&M University Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West

Jan. 15, 2009 - Spearman - Hansford County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 12 N.W. Court

## Farm Credit to Host Economic Outlook Conference

The Guyton Farm Credit Young Farmer Committee and Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma are hosting a free Economic Outlook Conference on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The public is invited to attend this event that will include information regarding the volatility in agriculture and how producers can prepare for transitions in agriculture. Farm Credit will provide lunch, so please RSVP as soon as possible to Sheri Johnson in the Guyton office at 580-338-3828 if you plan to attend. The day's agenda is as follows:

10:00-10:30 - Introductions and Presentations; John Grunewald, President and CEO of Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma  
10:30-Noon - Dr. David Kohl, agri-business consultant  
Noon-1:00 - Chicken Fried Steak lunch provided  
1:00-2:00 - Michael Entz, estate planning attorney  
2:00-3:00 - Justin Lewis, Vice President/Broker with KIS Futures, Inc.  
3:00 - Drawing for a John Deere riding lawn mower - must be present to win!

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### Thank You!

Thank you very much for your kind expressions of sympathy. We appreciate the prayers, beautiful flowers, cards and memorials in memory of Mother.

We appreciate the care she received by Dr. Mark Gamett, the Hansford Manor Staff and Hansford Hospital Staff over the last few years. She loved each one who had a part in her care.

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