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Spearman Police Chief Warns of Counterfeit Money

by Spearman Police Chief Robert Baker

Counterfeit \$20 bills have been circulated in the Pampa area recently and could very well be passed here in Spearman. Be on the lookout for the following serial numbers on the \$20.00 bills: IK39433040 D, GL21070748 A and GF33185798 A.

Also note that the paper may feel wrong to the touch and the color is off. Examine the suspicious bill in front of a light and look for the vertical security band at either in of the bill.

If you suspect you have been given a counterfeit bill please try to get a description of the person that gave you the bill and/or a description of the vehicle and license plate number.

Please call the Police Department immediately at 806-659-3707 to report the bad bill.

HCHD Embarks on Renovation and Addition Project

Hansford County Hospital District (HCHD) is pleased to announce progress on plans for the renovation of Hansford Hospital with the implementation of 14 Wellness Environments Patient Rooms, the consolidation of its medical clinics, and the addition of space for Central Supply and Housekeeping between the hospital and Hansford Manor.

While the architectural plans are not yet complete, financing for the renovation has been arranged through a combination of self-financing and low-cost borrowing. This project will transform HCHD into a state-of-the-art facility.

Jonathan Bailey, CEO of HCHD says, "This project will dramatically increase Hansford County's patient experience. For the clinic, consolidating the three buildings into one building for all our doctors and providers will make the Federally-certified Rural Health Clinic operate more efficiently, from the perspective of saving costs and making it easier for our patients to access clinic services. Combining the clinics will deliver better customer service by centralizing the reception area. If you can't get into one physician the receptionist will be able to help make you an appointment with one of the other providers

without having to make another phone call. We will have separate waiting areas for sick and well children, procedure rooms so that we can expand our services, and better overall communication among our providers."

As for the patient rooms, Bailey remarks, "For our patients who stay overnight, we have elected to utilize the Wellness Environments Patient Room. These hotel-like patented patient rooms reduce patient anxiety, increase patient safety and maximize staff efficiency. Patient healing occurs in the patient room and we will have some of the nicest patient rooms in the Panhandle."

As for being able to accomplish this project, Pablo Chapa, Regional Vice President with Wellness Environments who helped arrange the financing for the project remarks, "Hansford County Hospital is a very well run and conservative hospital. Their financial strength is far superior to most Critical Access Hospitals that we see and it is a testament to Jonathan Bailey, their CEO, Scott Beedy, their CFO, the Board of Directors and the entire organization

The financial resources to renovate the 50-year-old hospital are credited to

Medicare's Critical Access Hospital Program. This program, enacted in 1997, reimburses small rural hospitals based on actual costs of providing services to Medicare patients, rather than using national average cost, which is the traditional Medicare reimbursement method.

"This is a huge benefit to small, rural hospitals," said Bailey. "One very sick patient can run a small hospital's annual patient care costs way over the average reimbursement. That's why so many rural hospitals closed in the 1990's. Congress enacted the Critical Access Hospital program to preserve access to medical services for millions of people who live in rural areas and small towns."

Medicare covers approximately 70% of the hospital's patients and therefore a majority of the cost of building and renovation will be paid for by Medicare reimbursement.

HCHD Board President, Ginger Pittman, stated, "This is an opportunity to make sure the Hospital is here for our grandkids and great-grandkids. The hospital building doesn't meet current code requirements for fire safety. It's a great opportunity to take advantage of federal dollars to bring the building up-to-date."

COME TO THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

12/16 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) at Gruver
12/28-12/30 VG, VB @ Caprock Tourney

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

12/16 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Spearman
12/28-12/30 VG, VB @ Gruver Holiday Tourney

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain and light snow. Lows in the upper 20s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light rain and light snow in the morning - then a slight chance of light rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 50s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain and light snow. Lows in the lower 30s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1XwhiVZt8>

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 22nd and December 29th issues will be Friday, December 16th at 12 noon.

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

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 806-659-3434, 806-584-4879, or reporter@spearmanreporter.com

5-States Honor Band

Several of the Spearman, Gruver and Pringle-Morse Jr. High and Spearman and Gruver High School band members traveled to Guymon for the 5-States Honor Band Auditions on Saturday, November 12, 2011.

This honor band is comprised of the top musicians from the Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and New Mexico. It is very difficult to make this band, as it is not divided into small and large schools. These students went up against 5A and 6A schools and still took the top chairs in most of these sections.

We are extremely proud of all the hard work and dedication each one of these students put into making this band!

The honor band clinic and concert was held at Guymon High School on Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in the Guymon High School Auditorium.

Gruver High School 5-States Honor Band Members: Flute - Serena Diaz - 7th Chair, Yesenia Monroy - 9th Chair, Vanessa Garcia - 10th Chair; Clarinet - Hannah Speck - 3rd Chair, Fatima Barrera - 6th Chair, Rachel Teal - 12th Chair, Rocio Terrazas - 13th Chair; Alto Saxophone - Irasema Soto - 1st Chair, Riki Jines - 3rd Chair; Tenor Saxophone - Nikki Beasley - 3rd Chair; Trumpet - Oziel Rey - 1st Chair, Damian Pierce - 3rd Chair, Brett Wills - 4th Chair; French Horn - Zoe Cantrell - 2nd Chair, Madi Teal - 3rd Chair; Baritone - Karen Tarango - 3rd Chair

Spearman High School 5-States Honor Band Members: Flute - Gena Gillespe; Alto Saxophone - Juan Garcia; Trombone - Joseu Brisenio, Jose Carbajal

Gruver Jr. High 5-States Honor Band Members: Flute - Lizi Tarango - 1st Chair Flute, Brittney Grimes - 2nd Chair, Amber Johnson - 4th Chair, Clarissa Soto - 6th Chair; Oboe - Aneth Jiminez - 1st Chair; Clarinet - Mattie Mayfield - 4th Chair, Randi Jines - 5th Chair, Aby Garcia - 6th Chair, Christina Ayala - 7th Chair, Abigail Trejo - 10th Chair, Michelle Valverde -

14th Chair, Lizbeth Trejo - 17th Chair, Kaycee Anderson - 2nd Alternate; Alto Saxophone - Kennedy Venneman - 1st Chair, Katy McLennan - 3rd Chair; Trumpet - Nick Rivera - 3rd Chair, Trenton Finley - 4th Chair, Ady Garcia - 5th Chair; French Horn - Antolina Mendoza - 2nd Chair, Maddie Book - 5th Chair; Trombone - Ramiro Hernandez - 5th Chair, Meny Terrazas - 6th Chair, Adam Casdorff - 9th Chair; Tuba - Ulyesses Valverde - 3rd Chair, Lalo Barrera - 2nd Alternate; Snare Drum - Blaise Davis - 2nd Chair

Spearman Junior High 5-States Honor Band Members: Flute - Daniela Enriquez, Daniela Garcia; Clarinet - Angela Mendoza; Bass Clarinet - Sidney Hawkins; French Horn - Fermin Dominguez - 1st Alt.

The following Pringle-Morse students earned a chair in the junior high 5-States Band Concert: Ryanne Howell, 3rd clarinet; Abby Holguin, 12th clarinet; Getsy Chavira, 19th clarinet; Carlee Johnson, 1st alternate clarinet; Makayla Wheelock, 1st bass clarinet; Lupita Melendez, 3rd bass clarinet; Tyree Mikles, 9th trumpet; Griffin George, 2nd trombone; Trace Patterson, 8th trombone; David Hamm, 2nd alternate trombone; Ella Speck, 1st baritone; Haylee Miesner, 5th baritone; and Chase Rannals, 2nd tuba. Twenty-one students from Pringle-Morse auditioned for the band.

Middle School All-Region Honor Band

Several students traveled to Panhandle on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 to audition for the TMEA Middle School All-Region Honor Band, with over 950 students competing. It was a long night for everyone, but the results were great!

The all-region clinic/concert will be held at WTAMU on January 14, 2011. The public is invited to attend the Symphonic and Concert Band performances by students from 29 schools in the region.

Gruver had 20 students make the band and had several make 1st chair in the top band.

Concert Band: Flute - Clarissa Soto - 6th Chair, Lizi Tarango - 8th Chair; Clarinet - Randi Jines - 16th Chair; Trumpet - Sarah Olmos - 7th Chair; Trombone - Adam Casdorff - 11th Chair, Meny Terrazas - 8th Chair; Tuba - Lalo Barrera - 7th Chair

Symphonic Band: Clarinet - Mattie Mayfield - 5th Chair, Abigail Trejo - 7th Chair, Lizbeth Trejo - 13th Chair; Alto Saxophone - Katy McLennan - 2nd Chair, Kennedy Venneman - 1st Chair; Tenor Saxophone - Tania Ortiz - 1st Chair Tenor; Trumpet - Trenton Finley - 5th Chair, Ady Garcia - 1st Chair, Nick Rivera - 10th Chair; French Horn - Maddie Book - 6th Chair, Antolina Mendoza - 3rd Chair; Trombone - Ramiro Hernandez - 8th Chair; Tuba - Ulyesses Valverde - 6th Chair

Pringle-Morse CISD junior high had 8 students selected for the TMEA Symphonic Band.

Symphonic Band: Bass Clarinet - Makayla Wheelock - 1st chair, Lupita Melendez - 4th chair; Trumpet - Haylee Miesner - 13th chair; Trombone - Griffin George - 6th chair; Baritone - Ella Speck - 5th chair; Tuba - Chase Rannals - 8th chair

Concert Band: Bass Clarinet - Ryanne Howell - 7th chair; Trombone

Community College Partnership

Three area community colleges recently got together to announce the beginning of what has been termed a unique partnership. Frank Phillips College, Amarillo College and Clarendon College announced a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that has been signed by all three colleges that outlines this unique arrangement. The objective of the MOU is to ease and improve the student transfer process, align programs and program offerings, provide additional options, and leverage resources all toward the ultimate goal of helping students earn a college degree.

"The signed agreement is just the first step in getting all three institutions headed in the same direction," said FPC President Dr. Jud Hicks. "We have meetings setup beginning in January to discuss and work out the details of this partnership. The end result is that this will be good for students and good for higher education in general."

Hicks went on to say that the planning that will be going on after the first of the year doesn't mean that students can't take advantage of this agreement beginning this upcoming spring semester.

"We want students to visit with our advisors right now so that students help define this agreement," Hicks said. "The agreement doesn't mean much if we don't address the needs of the students."

Practically speaking, one such scenario would be for students who want to be in a program not offered by FPC to begin their college course work at FPC with the intent of getting as many hours as possible from the local community college and then to transfer those hours to one of the other col-

leges within the partnership. The transfer of hours is just one component of the agreement; in addition, each college will work with each of the other colleges to provide student advising, to work through student financial aid, and to address numerous other issues to help insure that the student has a seamless transfer to the next institution.

"For example, students can earn 15 to 18 hours of college credit from their local community college and then transfer to one of the other community colleges to complete their degree," said Dr. Hicks. "We feel like there are barriers to students being able to start college and then additional barriers to complete. This agreement is designed to help remove some of those obstacles."

"The MOU compliments the recent expansion of several programs at FPC," according to Shannon Carroll, Chief Academic Officer for FPC, "including work force related programs (Pump & Engine and Instrument & Electrical) and in the agriculture area with such programs as the Beef Cattle Enterprise and our collegiate FFA program."

Each of the three colleges offers signature programs in addition to strong academic transfer classes and some traditional programs in nursing, welding, and cosmetology. For questions and assistance please contact Krista Wilkinson, Coordinator of Student Experience, (806) 457-4200, ext. 742 at the Borger Campus or Cassie Laxton, Allen Campus Director, Perryton, (806) 648-1450.

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.

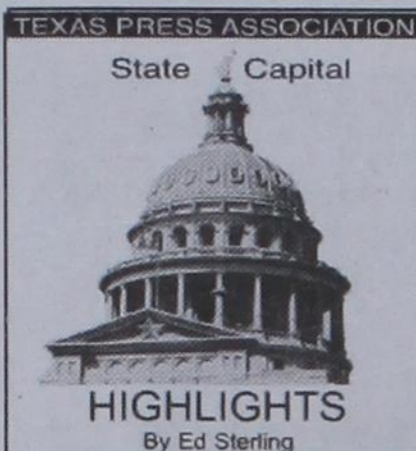
Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting Chairman Judy Nelson, 130 Nelson Road, Spearman, Texas 79081. Checks should be made to Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and marked Operation Christmas Greeting. Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

U.S. Supreme Court to hear redistricting arguments

AUSTIN — Ongoing disagreements over the legality of 2010 Census-based redistricting maps drawn by Texas lawmakers state earlier this year continued last week.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Dec. 9 issued a stay of the filing period for candidates in the 2012 state Senate, state House of

Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives elections. The stay extends the Dec. 15 filing deadline, pending further order of the court.

On Jan. 9, the high court will hear oral arguments from Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who is acting on behalf of the State of Texas, and the other interested parties in three redistricting lawsuits.

Abbott asked for the intervention to prevent a set of maps redrawn by a San

Antonio-based, three-judge U.S. District Court panel from taking effect.

During the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, a number of Democratic lawmakers warned that the state House and Senate maps and the U.S. Congressional maps would not satisfy the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965, a federal law that holds states with a history of racial discrimination to additional scrutiny.

On votes reflecting Republican majorities in the state House and Senate, the maps were passed and signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry in mid-June. In the summer, after required preclearance of the maps under the Voting Rights Act was denied by the U.S. Department of Justice, a series of federal court pleadings and appeals was set in motion.

Voters generally want the fairest set of maps possible, and the court wrangling is meant to address those interests. Meanwhile, the amount of time is shrinking during which voters can learn about candidates and make informed choices before the party primaries.

Panel to study employment issues

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the state Senate, on Dec. 7 issued interim charges to the body's Economic Development Committee.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Mike Jackson, R-Pasadena, is charged with evaluating the state's return-to-work programs for the unemployed, evaluating the financing mechanism for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, and reviewing the imple-

mentation of SB 1048, legislation relating to the fostering of public-private partnerships for qualified public infrastructure projects costing up to \$50 million.

Magazine: Texas tops on jobs

The governor's office reacted on Dec. 7 to Forbes magazine's rating of Texas as the "Best State for Jobs" in a five-year forecast.

"Texas" tax climate, pro-business climate and economic development incentives were noted as reasons to relocate or expand a business in the Lone Star State," the governor's office noted.

Sales tax revenue up again

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced Dec. 7 that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.07 billion, up 12.2 percent compared to November 2010, and that state sales tax revenue has now increased for 20 consecutive months.

For the sake of comparison, here is a list of comptroller-issued state sales tax revenue estimates for five previous Novembers: 2010, \$1.84 billion; 2009, \$1.70 billion; 2008, \$1.98 billion; 2007, \$1.80 billion; and 2006, \$1.73 billion.

10 processing centers to close

Postmaster General Patrick Donohoe in a Dec. 5 news release said 252 U.S. Postal Service mail processing centers will be closed as part of a \$3 billion-by-2015 cost-cutting plan to keep the Postal Service in business.

According to the Federal Register, processing centers targeted for closure are in Abilene, Austin, Beaumont, Bryan, Dallas, Tyler, Lufkin, McAllen and two in Waco.

Next-day service is a thing of the past, and postal customers should expect the closures to result in mail pieces taking a minimum of two days to reach their destination, Donohoe said in a

PBS-TV interview last week. The processing center closures may take effect beginning in March.

Increased mailing costs are part of the picture. The cost of a first-class stamp is slated to increase by a penny on Jan. 22.

Parks budget needs boost

Burn bans and state park closures due to wildfires, record heat and drought

have resulted in less traffic and less revenue at the state-run recreation venues.

So, Texas Parks & Wildlife has a \$4.6 million budget deficit to fill.

The agency's director, Carter Smith, is appealing to the public to make online donations at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/helpparks and adding a few dollars as a donation when renewing a motor vehicle registration.

Christmas 2011 Birth of a New Tradition

It's time to start a new Christmas Tradition. Who says a gift needs to fit into a shirt box? Instead of giving the traditional gifts, give gifts that will be used and appreciated. Spending locally will also benefit your community.

Everyone gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local hair salon or barber?

Gym memberships are appropriate for all ages. Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the hundreds of dollars on a flat-screen TV? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are many owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates.

It shouldn't be about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town businesses, and helping them keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a local shop?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

Could your computer use a tune-up, and there is always some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

Are you looking for something more personal? Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip.

And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre. Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice big tip.

Christmas doesn't need to be about draining your pockets. Christmas is about caring, and encouraging small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we could not imagine.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the fourth week of the Season of Advent, we learn something of obedience in faith as we study 2 Samuel 7: 1-16, Psalm 89: 1-12, Romans 16: 25-27, and Luke 1: 26-38.

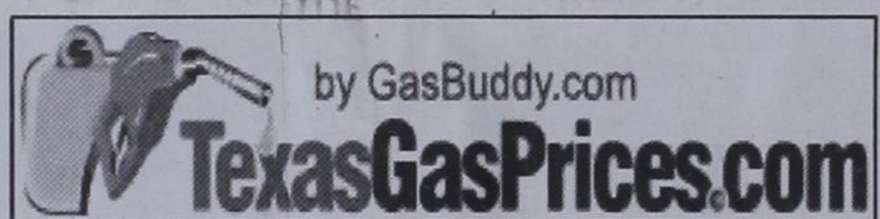
King David is concerned because he now lives in a house that is nicer than the tent (tabernacle) that contains the Ark of the Covenant. David wants to establish his new kingdom by building a Temple for the Lord. Nathan initially tells David, do it! But God tells Nathan to forbid David from building a temple. God goes on to show that David's accomplishments and David's victories are a result of God's favor. God explains that God's actions for David reflect what God wants for all his people. God promises David that his 'kingdom' will last forever. David did not build a temple but he believed God's promises. So it is, dear Christian, we cannot always accomplish what we want, what we desire; but, we can accomplish all things through Christ who strengthens us and guides us.

The Psalmist sings a song of God's faithfulness. Verses 1-4 show us God's faithfulness to his servant, David. Verses 15-18 (which aren't in this week's lessons) answer the question, "Who is this God?" Verses 19-26 link the Kingdom of God with David's kingdom. We believe that connection to be, Jesus The Christ.

Paul writes a doxology to the Church at Rome, in which he appeals to the Eternal God to bring about the obedience to faith. He praises God for the revelation of the 'mystery' that enables believers to stand firm in faith. The 'mystery' is not magical, but is the Good News of Jesus The Christ. Paul's teaching of the gospel is of obedience founded upon faith and on a surrender of self to God's will based on love.

Luke tells us of the Annunciation. The angel, Gabriel, is sent to a small town in Galilee to a young Jewish girl named Mary who is betrothed to a man named Joseph. Gabriel greets Mary, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." Gabriel tells Mary that she will bear a son, to be named Jesus. This Jesus will be great and called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end". Gabriel also tells her that her elderly cousin, Elizabeth, is also pregnant; for nothing is impossible with God. How is it that a teen-ager from a nothing town is favored by God? How is it that this young woman transforms from a peasant girl to the Mother of God? How is it that this young person can have such obedient faith in God? Could it be that in the birth of any child there are three partners--the mother, the father, and the Holy Spirit? Mary heard the Word of God; she believed; she acted upon it. Dear Christian, can we do anything less? Can we learn to be obedient in faith?

As we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus, as we wait for his return, may the Holy Spirit which dwells in you enable you to be obedient in faith, as was Mary.



Weekly Update

Texas, December 12- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 0.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.08/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.28/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 29.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 14.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 15.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 32.2 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Gasoline prices remain in limbo across parts of the U.S. while oil prices continue to swing in different directions as traders digest changes in market sentiment," according to GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "The national average remains subdued close to levels that we saw last week, but prices may soon move slightly higher as they follow a rising trend in wholesale gasoline prices," DeHaan added.

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.

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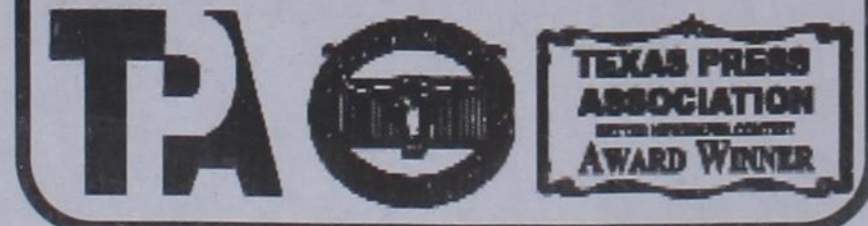
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 - Equal
 - Camel's relative
 - *Baseball great Gehrig
 - ___ the tail ___ the donkey
 - IRS threat
 - Unit of electrical resistance
 - Los ___, CA
 - *Moldable material that had huge commercial impact
 - *Location of famous fall
 - *___ Francisco, site of 1906 Great Earthquake
 - *Buddy Holly hit, "___ On"
 - *Mary ___, businesswoman extraordinaire
 - *Belushi famously chanted this in "Animal House"
 - Bivouac
 - Big bang theory's original matter
 - *The "Fab Four's" original number
 - *Movie "___ Recall"
 - Spanish earthen pot
 - Robin Hood's companion
 - Vegan's protein
 - choice
 - What you pay to pass, pl.
 - Doctor's order
 - Incision
 - Pearl maker
 - *Colorful building block
 - One from Laos
 - Not yet final or absolute
 - Rangers and Flyers field of play
 - *It carried Gagarin into space
 - *Chilly conflict
 - Can be used intermittently
 - The Jackson 5's "___ Be There"
 - Nose of a missile, e.g.
 - Cleverly funny
 - Customer's dread
 - Complete list of Catholic saints
 - Type of list
 - Marines are this and proud?
 - Swedish money

- DOWN**
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 - Twelfth month of civil year
 - *Nihilistic cultural movement
 - Awry
 - Knocks on the door, e.g.
 - Farm Labor Organizing Committee
 - Expression of amazement
 - Ballroom dance based on Cuban folk dance
 - Under a window
 - ___-perspirant
 - *One small step for man?
 - Half the width of ems
 - *JFK to John-John
 - ___ and out; on and ___
 - The day before
 - Typically filled with cheese or meat
 - *___ Protocol, a framework for climate change
 - Bronze, e.g.
 - Hollers
 - Encircle
 - Rolled out for guests, pl.
 - Coral reef Island
 - *Subject of "The Godfather"
 - *Demoted planet
 - Scotch ingredient
 - "Ill at ___"
 - Latin for "region"
 - Lookout man
 - Home of 2016 Olympics
 - According to the clock

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 - Henry ___
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Happy Birthday!

December 15
Birthdays - Dallas Henson, Harvey Profitt, 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
Birthdays - Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Lozano, Colton Cator
Anniversary - M/M Byron Kenney, M/M George P. Odom, M/M John Purvines

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

December 18
Birthdays - 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
Birthdays - Steve Bevell, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaitner, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dossert, 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
Birthdays - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittini Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans, Haylin Derington, Pete Wall
Anniversary - Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Catherine Smith, M/M Dale Jones, Brian & Gina Gillispie

December 21
Birthdays - Lidwine Carpioux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dal-lasene Reynolds, Eddy

Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans, Elaine Bain
Anniversary - M/M Wayne Cummings, Doris & Danny Hendricks, M/M Bob Tolleson, M/M Kenneth Slough, M/M Steve Duncan, M/M Roy Kaufman, Toby & Sally Thomas

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Sympathy

LOTTIE EDNA TAYLOR SMITH
 SPEARMAN - Lottie Edna Taylor Smith, 79, died Thursday, December 1, 2011.



Memorial services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 4, 2011 at Hansford Manor in Spearman with Rev. Gary Smith, minister of the First Christian Church of Stratford, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, 519 Evans St., in Spearman.

Mrs. Smith was born May 5, 1932, in Pender County, NC to Ruby Humphries and Isaac James Taylor. She was one of twelve children - Clayton Taylor, Robert Taylor, Pete Taylor, Paul Taylor, Bud Taylor, Charlie Taylor, Frank Taylor, Louise, Betty Ruth, Evelyn and Marie.

She married Jerry Sandlin Smith on December 23, 1949, in Halifax, VA. They lived in Magnolia, NC, moving to Dunn, NC in 1964. Mr. and Mrs. Smith owned and operated Jerry Smith Insurance and Realty in Dunn for several years. Mrs. Smith moved to Wilmington, NC in about 1999. She moved to Tennessee to be closer to her son, Al in 2004, and moved to Texas to be near her son, Gary, in 2006.

During her lifetime Lottie had many interests including Bingo, golf and duplicate bridge (Gold Life Master certification). She was very active in bridge clubs in North Carolina.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, in 1994, a grandson, Jeremy Leon Smith, and her son, James Albert "Al" Smith, both in 2006. She was also preceded in death by her second husband, Donald Houser, in 2008.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Catherine Smith of Spearman, TX; a daughter-in-law, Chameal Smith of Riddleton, TN; six grandchildren, Jennifer and Dave McNulty of Sandwich, MA, Elizabeth Smith of Boston, MA, Heather and Dan Rountree of Hendersonville, TN, Kittrell Smith of Memphis, TN, Cameron Smith of Mexico, and Clayton Smith and his fiancée Jill Hall, of Granbury, TX; a step-grandson, Stetson Holder of Hartsville, TN; and six great-grandchildren, Meghan and Katherine McNulty of Sandwich, MA, Logan Smith, Gavin Smith both of Lafayette, TN, Jackson Earps of Lebanon, TN, and Milo Hall of Granbury, TX. She is also survived by many special friends and caregivers at Hansford Manor in Spearman.

The family requests memorials be made to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 626, Stratford, TX 79084.

ELMO "RUE" SANDERS

SPEARMAN - Elmo "Rue" Sanders, 90, of Spearman died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011.



Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in First Baptist Church of Spearman with the Rev. Russ Gibbs officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Rue was born Nov. 15, 1921, and on a farm southeast of Spearman. He graduated from Spearman High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon.

In 1942, he was drafted into the Air Force to serve his country in World War II. He was tail gunner on a B17. He was sent to Dalhart, which was his last stop before going overseas. He and Anne McClellan Sanders were married Aug. 23, 1943, right before he left. On his 13th mission overseas, he injured his knee and was sent home just before D-Day, June 6, 1944.

When back in the States, Rue and Anne lived many different places: Laredo, California, Denver, Alexandria, La., and finally back in Spearman, where he farmed and ranched.

He enjoyed building furniture and flying air planes. In 1956, he bought a Piper Tri-Pacer airplane. In 1959, he started building a Stits Fluter-Bug, which took him four years to complete; he flew it for many years and really enjoyed it. He also had a Bonanza. His flying was his true passion in life.

He loved his wife, children and grandchildren dearly and was well thought of by his friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rex Sanders in 1976 and Ora Sanders in 1991; his wife, Anne Sanders in 2001; a son, Mike Sanders in 1988; a daughter, Julie Adams in 1997; and a brother, R.E. Sanders in 1986.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Brooke Wilkes of Gruver and Amanda Cassady and husband Keith Cassady of Spearman; and two great-grandchildren, Cole Wilkes and Blaine Staggs.

RICKY D. SLOAN

BORGER - Ricky D. Sloan, 54, of Borger died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery. Arrangements are by Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Ricky was born March 22, 1957, in Oklahoma City to Leon and Della Sloan. He married Sherry Hope on Nov. 9, 1975, in Borger.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry; two sons, Michael of Amarillo and Casey of Borger; a daughter, Brandy Sloan Cooper of Gruver; three brothers, Larry of Borger, Danny of Jones, Okla., and David Graham of Oklahoma City; and three grandchildren.

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Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

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

Winter Landfill Hours

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

Gruver PTO Angel Tree

The Gruver PTO Angel Tree is up at City Hall. Angels may be picked up anytime from 8 to 5, Monday through Friday. We have LOTS in need this Christmas season and want to thank the community in advance for their generosity and commitment to our kids. Gifts need to be returned to City Hall by Friday, December 16th, so we can deliver to students before their Christmas break.

Ali Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund Bake Sale

A Bake Sale will be held on December 16th during the Gruver vs. Spearman basketball game. All profits will go to the Ali Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund. If you would like to donate a baked good, please contact Stephanie Tyler at 806-736-0019 or stephannityler@hchd.net.

Gruver Elementary Register Tapes for Education

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

Knights of Columbus selling Beef Tenderloins & Pork Loins
The Knights of Columbus are taking orders for Beef Tenderloins and Whole Pork Loins. They will be cooking on December 18th. The meat will be fully cooked, vacuum sealed and delivered to your desired destination. These make wonderful Christmas gifts and Christmas meals. For more information, or to place an order, please contact any Knights of Columbus member: Lenny Pecha 659-5957, Richard Wagner 659-3743, or Buster Davis 733-2568 or 736-0448.

Santa to Visit Green Country Equipment December 15

You are invited to come take a photo with Santa Claus on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 1-5 at Green Country Equipment. Photos will be mailed.

Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for the Hansford County 4-H Livestock judging team at 6PM, Monday, December 19, 2011 at the Spearman County Barn. If you are interested in competing on the livestock judging team but cannot make the meeting, please call the Extension Office at 659-4130 or email the office Hansfordtx@tam.u.edu before the meeting. You have to be a member of 4-H.

Martial Arts Performance

On January 7th Carmichael Simon will be performing explosive Martial Arts drills for stunt work, tricks such as par core and specialty kicking and martial arts dance groove (Freestyle). Carmichael Simon is an innovator in Martial Arts, Actor and Dance Choreographer for top artist such as Usher and Justin Beiber. Carmichael appeared on the popular T.V. Show "W.M.A.C. Masters, a television show that was hosted by Bruce Lee's daughter Shannon Lee. Carmichael also played Liu Kang on the Live Tour "Mortal Kombat." Contact Master Baca at 806-654-4874 for more information.

"Back in Control" Parenting Workshop

S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you a "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. at the TPC Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Participants must pre-register! Call Janice James, MA, QMHP at 359-2005. 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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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.

Our Sympathy

EDITH DOVE (KEENUM) SEIBER



Edith Dove (Keenum) Seiber was born on February 12, 1916 in Lewis County Tennessee. She was one of ten children, five boys and five girls. The family came to Texas in 1925 in a covered wagon and stopped in Keller, TX, then moved to Hill County and she went to school in Blum, TX. She married Austin James Keenum on July 27, 1933 and they moved to Waco, TX, where they both worked at the Bluebonnet Bomb plant during WWII. Edith helped place the dynamite in the 500 and 1000 pound bombs. When the family moved to West Texas, she became a farmers wife until she went to the Littlefield Nursing School in Littlefield, TX and became an LVN. In 1959 they moved to Hale Center, TX where she worked at the Hale Center Hospital until her failing eyesight caused her to retire. She had been going blind since she was in her 40s.

She began crocheting and making little tooth pillows for her family and friends. She also was known far and wide for her habit of giving peppermint candy to anyone and everyone who came close to her. Edith loved Country music and the gospel sermons by Carl Jones of the Burleson Church of Christ that her niece, Janie Jones, sent to her weekly. She would record the music and sermons using a CD player and a cassette recorder by her chair. She spent many hours recording tapes that she gave to family and friends. She wore out at least eight recorders and four CD players. She was a longtime member of the Hale Center Church of Christ and for the last year and a half, she attended the Spearman Church of Christ. She loved to hear the songs sung by all her friends. She loved people and always wanted a hug when she met them. Austin passed away on January 9, 1983 and an adopted daughter Patsy Graca in 2003.

She is survived by three children, a daughter, Mary Mayfield of Spearman, TX, two sons, Tommie Keenum and wife Betty of Abilene TX, Alan Keenum and wife Linda of Dallas, TX, one brother, Woodford Seiber of Hohenwald, Tennessee, nine grand children, nine great grand children, four great-great grand children and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Due to her failing health, she was moved to the Hansford County Nursing Home in Spearman on July 7, 2010. Her health kept going downhill and after a bout of pneumonia several weeks ago, she never seemed to recover. She passed away at around 5:15 AM on Thanksgiving Day, November, 24, 2011. She loved the Lord with all her heart so we know that she is in a better place and is at peace. The family requests that you make a donation to your favorite charity or to the Lubbock Children's Home in her name.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2011, in the Hale Center Church of Christ. Burial followed in the Hale Center Cemetery under the direction of Abell Funeral Home & Flower Shop of Hale Center, TX.

Cargill to Award 350 Scholarships to Class of 2012

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Scholarship guidelines and the application are available at www.cargill.com, keyword scholarship, and at www.ffa.org. The application signature page requires the signature of a local Cargill employee. Applications are due by 5 p.m. EST on Feb. 15, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2012.

Gruver Cemetery Association Begins Roadway Project

The Gruver Cemetery Association has voted to begin work on the roads within the cemetery. Roadways will be added to the new section on the east side of the cemetery, and the roads within the older section will be repaired and improved. The project will begin within the next few months and will be completed in the Spring of 2012.

Any donations or memorials will be appreciated, as the Gruver Cemetery Association begins this major improvement project.

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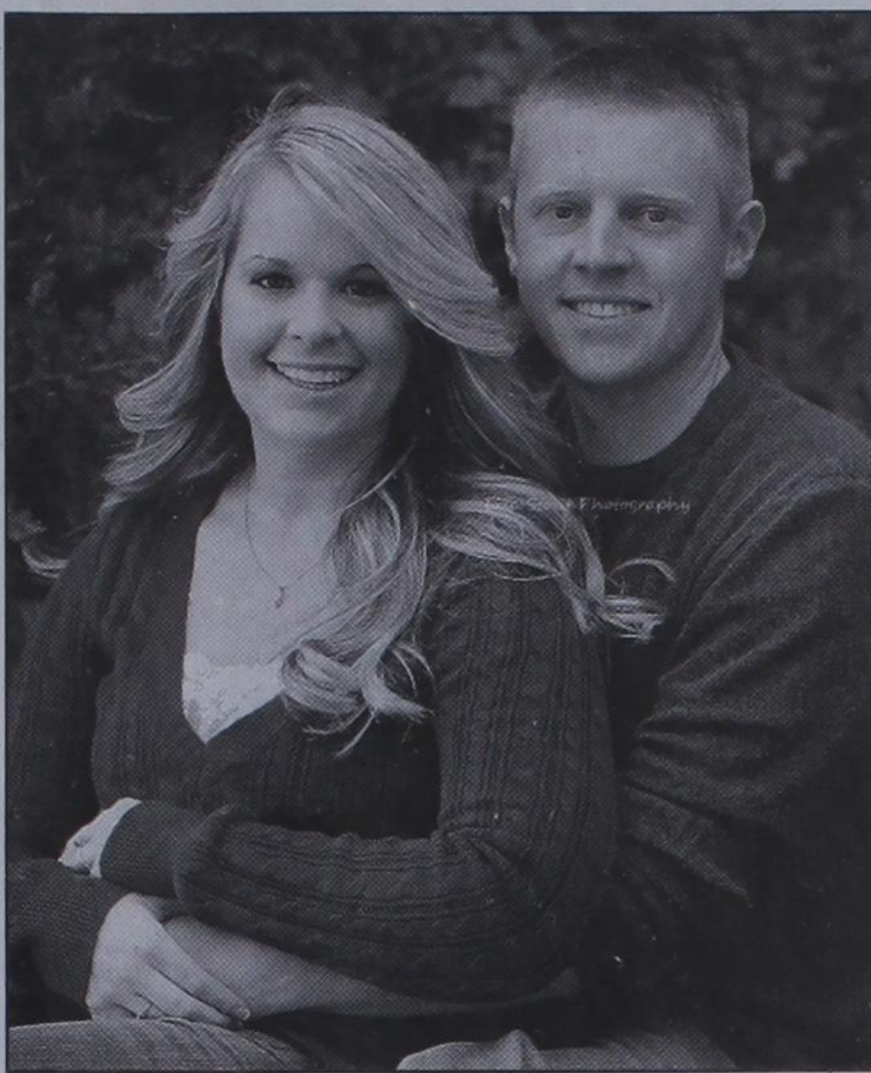
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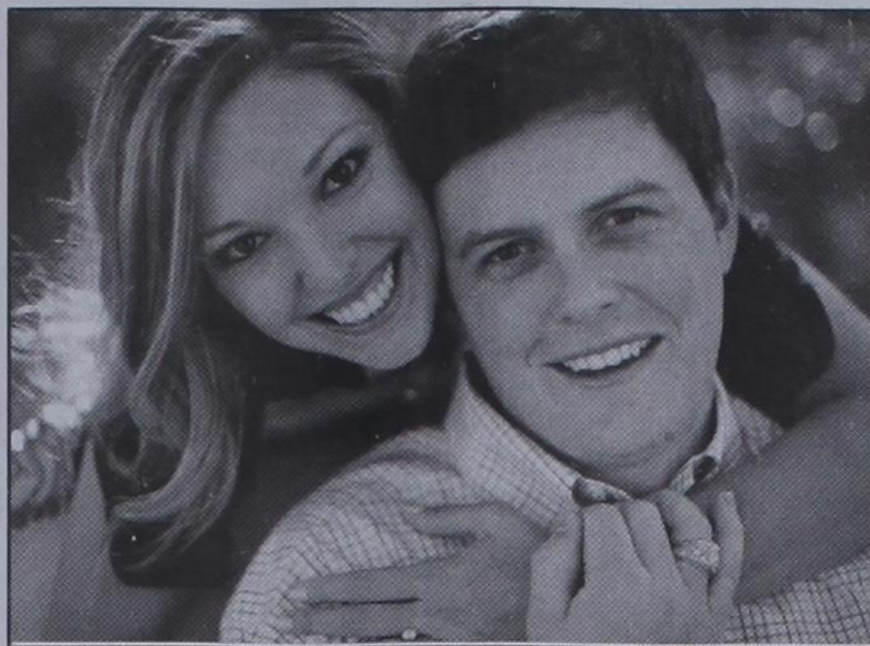
Engagement Announcement

Gary and Patricia Goad of McPherson, KS wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Goad to Tanner Wilkey, both of Sterling, KS. Courtney is the granddaughter of Al and Marie Twitchell of McPherson, KS.

The couple are planning a winter wedding in 2012 at Sandals La Toc, St. Lucia.

The Goad family has maintained their connections to Gruver, Texas. Courtney was a Gruver student from 1995-2001 when she moved and graduated from Sterling, Kansas in 2004. She has a BSW from KSU in 2008 and a MSW from KU in 2010. Courtney works at Horizon's Mental Health Clinic as a therapist.

Tanner graduated from Sterling High in 2000, graduated from North Central Kansas Technical College in 2001 with a carpentry/cabinet making degree. Tanner returned to farming and ranching with his father. Houston, Texas.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Clay Ford of Fort Worth, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Michelle, to Garrett Ray Martin.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Byron Ford of Lockney, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marr of Plainview, Texas.

Garrett is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Scot Meek Martin of Spearman, Texas. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Martin of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. John Japp of Casper, Wyoming.

The couple plans to wed March 10, 2012 at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth.

The bride-elect graduated from Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth in 2004. She is a 2008 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. Heather is employed as a first grade teacher in Spring Branch Independent School District in Houston, Texas.

The prospective groom is a 2004 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree, Cum Laude, in Petroleum Engineering. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Garrett is employed as a Reservoir Engineer by Devon Energy in Houston, Texas.

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USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, James Douglass announced that farmers and ranchers in Texas now have a more efficient, timely option for receiving important FSA program eligibility requirements, deadlines and related information.

"FSA is now offering free online communications through our GovDelivery electronic news service," said Douglass. "News will now be sent via e-mail right to your home or farm office or to your Smartphone - allowing you to receive immediate notification of farm program news that is pertinent to your agricultural operation," he said.

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When: December 25th • 12:30-2:00 p.m.
What: A free dinner will be provided for anyone in the community who would like to share the Christmas spirit with food and fellowship.

Everyone is invited for this special occasion.

Rides will be available to and from the O'Loughlin Center.
Call 659-3030 and leave message if you need transportation.

Gruver Basketball Tournament Results
by Coach Wade Callaway

After having lost to Boys Ranch on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, the Hounds turned around and faced the Roughriders in the opening round of the River Road Tournament on Dec. 1st. and fell again, this time 47 to 41. Korbin led in both scoring and rebounding with 14 and 10. Later that day Houndball ran up against White Deer and finally got off the schneid with a 53-32 victory. Three Greyhounds finished with double-digit scoring: Kramer King (16), Beau Blankenship (11), and Korbin Irwin with 10 points. Reese Clark led in rebounding with 5.

The next day Gruver faced off against Fritch and collected their second win in a row with a 42-28 win. King had another solid game with 17 points and Irwin pitched in 10 again. Clark had 8 rebounds and Blankenship dished out 6 assists. In the Consolation Championship versus Sunray the Hounds overcame a slow start and nipped the Bobcats at the end 37-34. Irwin led in scoring and rebounding with 12 and nine and was named to the All-Tournament team for his efforts.

At Beaver, OK on Tuesday the Greyhounds saw a 10-2 first quarter lead dissipate into 31-28 loss. Beau Blankenship led the Hounds with 12 points.

In the opening round of the Claude Tournament yesterday (12/8/11), Gruver prevailed with a hard-fought 34-29 victory.

LHB Update

by Coach Rod Been
The 2011-2012 Lady Hound Basketball team would like to invite you to be part of a special night of hoops and hope! The girls have decided to host a PLAY4KAY event on Friday, December 16th. The Kay Yow Cancer Fund

was officially founded on December 3, 2007, from the vision of the organization's namesake, Kay Yow. Coach Yow was the former North Carolina State University head women's basketball coach. Kay Yow was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987, and passed away on January 24, 2009, after facing her third bout with the disease. Before her death, she joined forces with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and The V Foundation for Cancer Research to form the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to being a part of finding an answer in the fight against women's cancers through raising money for scientific research, assisting the underserved and unifying people for a common cause.

We have come up with several fun ways to be involved in evening which we hope will not only send valuable funds toward cancer research, but also raise awareness of women's health issues.

First - At the gate, each person may choose for their entry fee to go to either GHS, or The Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

Second - Each person will be encouraged to buy a \$1.00 pink piece of paper to craft your very own airplane to launch at the half-time of the Varsity Girls' game. The one plane that lands closest to the center of the "STAR" in the center of our court will win \$100!!!! (Courtesy of Gruver State Bank) There will be two launches: 1st launch ~ 8th grade and below; 2nd launch ~ everyone else.

Third - Fans may buy a \$1.00 chance to be chosen to shoot a free throw at the halftime of the Varsity Boys' game. The first person to be drawn AND make a free throw will win a commemorative basketball with the signatures of the LHB and HOUND-

BALL players!! There will be two separate contests....one for Gruver fans, and one for Spearman fans!

All in all we are excited about this night of basketball against our Hansford County rivals; but more importantly, we are excited about our two great communities coming together to help in this fight against a disease that affects us all. Thank you and look forward to seeing you at the game!!

North Plains Tourney
Claude, TX
GIRLS

Third Place Game
Gruver 11 25 39 49
Tulia 6 16 25 35
G—McLain 21, Felderhoff 14, T—Richardson 8, Hoelting 5.
Panhandle 15 21 35 46
Gruver 7 12 23 30
P—Baker 10, Pool 9.
G—McLain 13, Miner 6.
Gruver 10 30 44 56
Miami 6 21 29 40
G—Bass 21, Gibson 14.
M—Bell 10, Carr 9.

BOYS
Third Place Game
Claude 4 16 27 39
Gruver 10 21 36 48
C—Skarke 10, Justice 9.
G—Blankenship 13, King 9.

River Road Tourney
BOYS

Second Round
Sanford-Fritch 0 6 13 28
Gruver 11 27 34 42
SF-Cunningham 12, Valle 10. G-King 15, Irwin 10.
Sunray 12 22 26 36
Gruver 7 17 28 39
S—Wilkins 18, Dooley 8. G—Irwin 14, King 8.

All-Tournament Team:
Korbin Irwin, Gruver; Malik Swinson, Boys Ranch; Josh Bonner, Boys Ranch; Daniel Salinas, Borger; Jamon Hearon, Borger; Cole Ward, Clarendon; Adam Topper, Clarendon; Latigo Collins, Pampa; Derrek Pollard, Pampa; Cole Engle, Pampa.

Nazareth Tourney
BOYS

Consolation Game
Spearman 4 10 18 29
Whitharral 17 22 31 33
No scores reported.
12/6/11
Canadian 7 14 26 39
Spearman 16 24 28 34
C—Chidester 18, Merket 6. S—S. Hanna 12,

Walker 6, Martin 6.
Records: Spearman 6-4.
12/9/11
Lockney 5 16 25 40
Gruver 16 24 37 51
L—Reyna 17, Williams 8. G—McLain 21, Bass 10.
Gruver 10 30 44 56

Miami 6 21 29 40
G—Bass 21, Gibson 14.
M—Bell 10, Carr 9.
Panhandle 13 22 38 46
Gruver 8 18 27 38
P—Hall 12, Berry 9.
G—S Irwin 13, Blankenship 11.

Cargill to Award 350 Scholarships to Class of 2012

Cargill will award \$350,000 in scholarships to U.S. high-school seniors who live in communities where Cargill has operations and plan to enroll in post-secondary education next fall. National FFA has administered the Cargill Community Scholarship Program for more than 20 years.

Through the program, Cargill will award 350 national scholarships of \$1,000 each. In addition, each recipient's high school will receive a \$200 grant from Cargill. National FFA will process the applications and select the scholarship recipients, although students do not need to be

FFA members to be eligible for Cargill's program. Students are chosen based on academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and community activities.

"We are pleased to join FFA in recognizing outstanding students and supporting their educational goals," said David Jones, location manager for Cargill. "We recognize that our continued success depends on the growth and health of our communities and partners, including our local schools and young people."

"FFA prepares young people to lead, grow and achieve future success in

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Scholarship guidelines and the application are available at www.cargill.com, keyword scholarship, and at www.ffa.org. The application signature page requires the signature of a local Cargill employee. Applications are due by 5 p.m. EST on Feb. 15, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2012.

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 Benny Wilson
 Hansford County Judge
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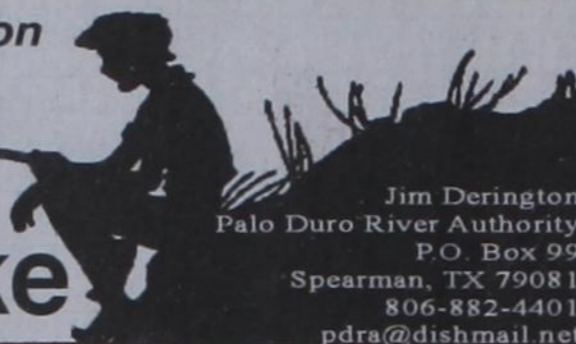
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ABOVE: Geese at Lake Palo Duro.

LEFT: A lone porcupine, crossing Horse Creek

December 12, 2011 - Lake Palo Duro level - 31.60 feet

Winter is upon us in Hansford County and the Texas panhandle. The cold days and frigid nights have caused the lake to freeze, in some areas. The creeks are frozen, while most of the main lake is open. Geese and ducks are plentiful here. They occupy the whole lake on nice days, but congregate in the more sheltered areas, when the cold wind blows.

Bald eagles are easily spotted now, during the day. They perch in the trees in the lake, so bring your binoculars. Ramon has also seen them behind the dam. Most of them are immature, but we do have at least one pair, with white heads. I counted eight eagles, this afternoon at 3:00 PM.

I am sending two pictures this week, if space allows. One shows a lone porcupine, crossing Horse Creek. The other shows geese on the lake, and believe me, I didn't get them all in the picture.

I was involved with the Rotary Club pheasant hunt, last weekend. This was a challenging year, with only

eighteen hunters, and a poor pheasant forecast. The club did plant some birds though, to make it a little more interesting. One group got their limit on Saturday, and the other group got over two birds per hunter, so they were

pleased. We did get some wild birds up, too. Sunday was slow, but we did get a few birds. This hunt did bring in several thousand dollars, that will support many local projects. We were pleasantly surprised with the end results, when many factors worked against us this year. This would not happen without the landowners permission to hunt, and many material, financial, and volunteer contributions. Thanks to everyone involved.

Let's Ring in the New Year at The O'Loughlin Center

The O'Loughlin Center will Ring in the New Year with a New Year Party! The party will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, Spearman. The cost is \$50 per person.

There will be lots of prizes with hourly prize drawings (need not be present to win) for the fol-

lowing: 8 p.m. - Happy New Year Basket donated by Gypsy, Lamps & Beads; 9 p.m. - 12 Months of Health, One Year O'Loughlin Center Membership; 10 p.m. - Wine of the Month for 2012, donated by the O'Loughlin Center Board; 11 p.m. - Exotic Meat for a Year, will include Elk, Prong-

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Merry Christmas!

Holiday greetings on this holy night!

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