

## COME TO THE GAME

### Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

1/5-1/7 JVB @ Perryton JV Tourney  
1/5 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) vs Childress  
1/5 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) @ Childress  
1/5-1/7 9G @ Perryton JV Tourney  
1/6 JVB (5), VB (7:30) vs. Stratford  
1/6 JVG (7:30), VG (6) vs. Bushland\*  
1/9 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) @ Bushland  
1/9 7G (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) vs Bushland  
1/10 JVG (7:30), VG (6) @ Highland Park\*  
1/13 JVG (7:30), VG (6) vs Fritch\*  
1/16 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7) vs Highland Park  
1/16 7G (5), 8B (6), 9B (7) @ Highland Park  
1/17 JVG (7:30), VG (6) @ River Road\*  
1/19-1/21 Spearman JH Tourney

### Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/5 7G (6), 7B (5), 8G (5), 8B (6) vs Booker  
1/6 VB (8) vs. Borger  
1/6 (JVB (5:15), VG (6:30) vs. West Texas\*  
1/9 7G (6), 7B (5), 8G (5), 8B (6) @ West Texas  
1/10 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Sunray\*  
1/13 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Canadian\*  
1/16 7G (6), 7B (5), 8G (5), 8B (6) vs Sunray  
1/17 JVG (4), JVB (5:15, VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Stratford\*  
1/19-1/21 Spearman JH Tourney



### Weekly Update

Texas, December 26- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 0.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.03/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.23/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 17.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 7.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 8.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 21.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

Texas, January 2- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 4.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.08/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.25/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 19.9 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 0.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has decreased 4.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 20.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Average gasoline prices are moving up as we enter the New Year, a trend that has held since 2008," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "The biggest problem with that trend holding true this year is that we're starting 2012 about 20-cents per gallon higher than 2011, breaking yet another high price record and setting up an ugly year for motorists," DeHaan said.

GasBuddy analysts will also be releasing their 2012 projections in the next two weeks to the media and various organizations, and early indications show this year may see the highest ever recorded prices at the pump, with real potentials for some areas to see close to \$5/gal gasoline if conflict arises in Iran over several key issues.

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.

### Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

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

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

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

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

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

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1iRx9MLgT>

## Water Conservation Artwork Contest Winners Announced



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Byanca's artwork titled "Even Something as Small as a Drop of Water Has an Impact!" features a smiling water drop with a rainbow background. Byanca will receive a certificate of recognition, a \$50 cash prize, and her artwork will be featured on the cover of the 2012 North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Water Conservation Calendar. Byanca was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman last school year when the entries were submitted. The calendars are free to the public and are

available now at water utility offices in towns throughout the district.

Other winners in this year's contest were:

K.D. McCloy - artwork titled "Don't Waste Water by Throwing it Down the Drain". K.D. is the son of Marty and Molly McCloy and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

Hilda Salas - artwork titled "Please Save Water". Hilda is the daughter of Hilda Salas and Martin Salcedo and was in Mrs. Spillers' class at Dumas Intermediate School.

Yolitzin Hernandez - artwork titled "If You Want to Have Water in the Future". Yolitzin is the daughter of Carla and Everado Flores and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

## Xcel Energy Statement on Emission Rule Delay

submitted by Wes Reeves

On Dec. 30, the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit issued a stay of the Jan. 1 implementation of a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emissions rule known as the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR).

CSAPR gave power generators in 27 states less than six months to dramatically lower emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, which regulators say are drifting to eastern cities.

Xcel Energy is a national leader in clean energy investment. Prior to the CSAPR rule, plans had been made for investments in emission control technologies for our Texas-based coal-fired power plants. However, we opposed CSAPR because it left little time to make those investments before Jan. 1, and the company's only viable compliance option would have raised electricity costs in Texas by 7 percent on average. This compliance option called for reducing operation of Texas-based coal-fired power plants and depending on older, more expensive natural gas-fired plants. Moreover, this option would have imposed unprecedented strain on the Xcel Energy generating system, and we were concerned that it could have harmed the reliability of our electricity service.

Last October, Xcel Energy joined the state of Texas and several other states and utilities in filing suit against EPA to block the rule. We are pleased with the court's ruling that stays implementation until the court has a chance to review the merits of the case. This is expected to take place sometime in 2012.

## Hansford County Ends Burn Ban

The Hansford County Judge lifted the burn ban in Hansford County effective December 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

With volunteer firemen busy with their jobs, we ask your cooperation to avoid fire runs that are not necessary. Before igniting any fire (does not include cooking fires or campfires), please contact the Sheriff's Office at 659-4140 or 733-2901. After your call, the appropriate fire department will be paged to inform the volunteers if they need to respond.

As always, anyone starting a fire will be held liable for any damage to property resulting from your action. Also, be advised that there are certain rules set by the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) that need to be followed, regardless of Burn Ban Status  
Benny D. Wilson  
Hansford County Judge

Skyler Olivas - artwork titled "Be Water Wise". Skyler is the daughter of Princely Olivas and Ramon Castillo and was in Mrs. Spillers' class at Dumas Intermediate School.

Brandi Cogdill - artwork titled "Save Our Little Creatures". Brandi is the daughter of Ronnie and Sam Cogdill and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

Caden Riggins - artwork titled "Water Conservation is Cool". Caden is the son of Chad and Mendy Riggins and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

Ashley Quiroz - artwork titled "Don't Leave Water Dripping". Ashley is the daughter of Maria Castillo and Armando Quiroz and was in Mrs. Singer's class at Dumas Intermediate School.

Brizeth Pena - artwork titled "A Happy Shower". Brizeth is the daughter of Refugio and Isabel Pena and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

Lauren Wilborn - artwork titled "Don't Litter in the Water". Lauren is the daughter of Chad and Melinda Roberts and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

Bailey Baker - artwork titled "Save the H2O and You'll be a Star". Bailey is the daughter of Bart and Rhonda Baker and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

Addison Boggs - artwork titled "Stop Water Dripping". Addison is the daughter of Eric and Holly Boggs and was in Mrs. Singer's class at Dumas Intermediate School.

Elisa Briseno - artwork titled "Save Water. Don't Waste it!". Elisa is the daughter of Jesus and Sandra Briseno and was in Mr. Wilkerson's class at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman.

All of these students will receive certificates of appreciation, a \$25 cash award, and will have their artwork featured inside the annual Water Conservation Calendar. In addition, each student will receive copies of the calendars to share with friends and family.

The free water conservation calendars serve as a colorful reminder throughout the year of ways that each of us can be more responsible for our water resources in the little every day actions that we can take. The calendars are available at the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District offices at 603 East 1st Street in Dumas, and also at water utility offices in towns throughout the district. You can also request copies of the calendar by calling the district office at 806-935-6401.

The district would like to thank all of the students who participated in this year's contest.

The district also appreciates the parents and teachers who encourage their students to enter this contest each year. It is an excellent way to encourage students to think about ways that they could conserve water and get a water conservation message to others through their art.

## 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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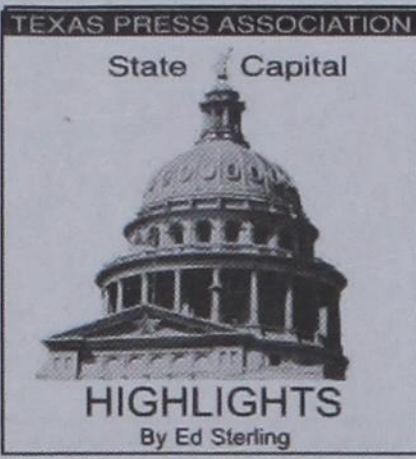
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Virginia Trindle  
Margaret Evans  
Thomas and Rita Reed  
Nell Patterson  
Bailey Patterson  
Nan Nicholson  
Butch and Irene Baker  
John and June Patterson  
Mary Fern Terry  
Pedro and Elena Vargas

Burl and Nellie Buchanan  
Don and Lynanne Maize  
Estelle Jackson  
Irvin and Betty Jean Davis  
David and Mary K. Harbour  
Nordeen Cochran  
Granville and Muriel Boyd  
Mary Alice Gibner  
Doc and Susan Pearson  
Charlie Ball  
Roy & Ann Flowers  
Steve and Celia Crug  
Brad and Gyene Spivey

\$1000.00 from Operation Christmas Greeting will help purchase another salt water aquarium for Hansford Manor. This colorful attraction is a real asset to the décor and a popular viewing spot for residents as well as guests. Thanks to everyone who helped make this purchase possible.

Judy Nelson, Hospital Auxiliary President





# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

## Revenue estimate shows budget surplus on horizon

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 12 presented Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus with the annual estimate of state revenues.

Spending was set by the Texas Legislature at \$81.1 billion for the 2012-2013 fiscal biennium, and Combs' estimate shows the state will have \$82.7 billion available for general revenue related funds, an amount that would yield an ending balance of \$1.6 billion, on Aug. 31, 2013.

Combs attributed the positive ending balance to a better-than-expected economy, increased tax collections, and in particular, increased oil and gas severance tax revenues because of accelerated activity in the Eagle Ford Shale formation and the Permian Basin.

Combs noted, however, "While Texas continues to recover, events now unfolding throughout the world are of great concern" — such as the recession in Europe, economic slowdowns in China and India and gridlock in Washington, D.C.

And yet, while the state is projected to reach the end of the two-year budget cycle with more than one billion dollars unspent, fiscal analyst Dick Lavine with the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities called for the state to reform its revenue system.

"When the Legislature returns in 2013, even with the comptroller's revised revenue estimate, it will face three problems," Lavine said:

1. The Legislature still has no way to cover the \$10 billion structural deficit it created by the 2006 tax cut;

2. Before it can even write the next budget, the Legislature must first cover an estimated \$4.8 billion in authorized but unfunded Medicaid expenditures; and

3. Texas will have more people and higher costs. "Any one of these three problems dwarfs the revenue growth forecast by the comptroller, leaving the state with a shortfall, not a surplus," Lavine said.

## Garland lawmaker sentenced

An Austin state district judge sentenced State Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, to five years of deferred adjudication for the third-degree felony of double-billing his campaign account and Texas taxpayers for travel

expenses and pocketing the money, the Austin American-Statesman reported Dec. 19.

Driver "paid hotels and airlines with donated political funds and then submitted the same expenses to the state, taking the taxpayer money for himself," the report said, and the court ordered Driver, who has served as a state representative since 1992, to pay a \$5,000 fine and \$63,746 in restitution.

## Jobless rate drops again

Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 16 reported the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 8.1 percent in November, down from 8.4 percent in October.

Texas has experienced positive annual job growth during the last 19 months, with annual growth rates above 2.0 percent for the last six consecutive months.

To help put that 8.4 percent unemployment rate in perspective, the civilian labor force in Texas grew by more than 21,000 in November, and now stands at 12.3 million workers, the agency reported.

## DPS to increase watchfulness

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be stepping up enforcement efforts to ensure safety on

the roadways and seek out impaired drivers during the period from Dec. 20 through Jan. 1, the agency announced Dec. 19.

Additional troopers will be on the road targeting drunk drivers in locations where alcohol-related crashes are most likely to occur. This effort is funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for targeted DWI enforcement over various holidays throughout the year.

All available troopers will also be on patrol across the state during the Christmas and New Year's weekends to enforce traffic safety as part of Operation Holiday.

## Association's assets frozen

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 19 announced his office secured an asset freeze and temporary restraining order against the Texas Highway Patrol Association and two of its affiliate organizations.

Last week, Attorney General Abbott charged the organizations with illegally soliciting charitable donations and falsely claiming, in part, that donors' contributions would benefit the families of fallen state police officers.

Named as defendants are the THPA, the Texas Highway Patrol Museum, THPA Services, Inc. and several senior THPA officials.

## Border Guard funding to be cut

Federal funding of the 1,200 National Guard personnel assigned to duty along the U.S.-Mexico border will cease on June 30, the Obama administration announced recently.

If Texas Gov. Rick Perry and the governors of New Mexico, Arizona and California wish to keep their National Guard units in place for border security, shifts to state funding will be required.

## Jan. 1: opening day for list of new laws

AUSTIN — One way to kick off the year 2012 is to look at all, or in this case just a few, of the bills that contain language taking effect as new state laws on Jan. 1.

Thanks to the website legis.state.tx.us, Internet-using citizens have easy access to a list of 21 such bills. Here are brief statements on a random handful of them:

- HB 843 by Geren/Davis, amends the Tax Code to require the assessor for a taxing unit to deliver a property tax bill by electronic means, if on or before Sept. 15 the individual or entity entitled to receive a tax bill and the assessor enter into an agreement to have it delivered that way.

- HB 1111 by Hartnett/Harris, amends the Property Code to require a justice court, if a tenant files a sworn pauper's affi-

davit, to provide to the tenant with a written notice containing certain information relating to the initial deposit of rent the tenant must pay. The new law also specifies that a tenant's failure to pay rent during an appeal of an eviction case for nonpayment of rent when it becomes due is the failure to pay such rent under the rental agreement.

- HB 1127 by Gutierrez/Van de Putte, amends the Property Code to require the following notices to contain a prescribed statement regarding the rights or relief that may be available to a tenant, debtor, or owner, as applicable, who is serving on active military duty: a notice to a defendant in a citation for a suit filed by a landlord seeking to recover possession of the premises, a notice in regard to the sale of real property under a deed of trust or other contract lien served on a debtor in default under that trust or lien, and the notice required to be given to a property owner by a property owners' association before the association is authorized to take certain enforcement action against the owner.

- HB 1456 by Orr/Deuell, amends the Property Code to include a contractor or subcontractor of a property owner or property owner's agent among the parties entitled to a mechanic's, contractor's, or materialman's lien on the property based on the contractor or subcontractor providing labor and supplies for the installation of landscaping for a house, building, or improvement under a written contract with the owner or owner's agent.

- HB 2510 by Lavender et al./Eltife, amends the Business & Commerce Code to specify that an incandescent light bulb that is manufactured in Texas and remains in Texas is not subject to federal law or federal regulation under the authority of the United States Congress to regulate interstate commerce. Among the bill's requirements is that an incandescent light bulb manufactured and sold

in Texas must have the words "Made in Texas" clearly stamped on it.

- SB 14 by Fraser et al. and coauthored or cosponsored by all Senate and House Republicans, amends the Election Code relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification and provides criminal penalties.

- SB 265 by Zaffirini/Carter, amends the Human Resources Code by requiring child-care employees and operators to receive the required training only from knowledgeable individuals with relevant expertise. And, the training must be targeted and relevant to the age of the children who will receive care from the individual receiving training.

- SB 516 by Patrick/Carona/Uresti/Fletcher, amends the Tax Code relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran. State Comptroller Susan Combs said the surviving spouses would have to apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district.

## Redistricting legal brief posted

In a Dec. 29 legal brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. solicitor general said the Texas Legislature's House and Congressional redistricting maps are discriminatory and in violation of the Voting Rights Act. It was the latest in a series of legal briefs by interested parties in the redistricting case, Perry, et al. v. Perez, et al.

On Jan. 9, the high court will hear arguments on merits from the plaintiffs and defendants.

## Tree death count is estimated

The Texas Forest Service reported last month that 100 million to 500 million trees across the state died as a result of unrelenting drought. That is 2 to 10 percent of Texas' estimated 4.9 billion trees.

## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Happy New Year! We are back. Our month off was restful with the ability to stay at home, but the museum stayed busy with delivery of things we ordered before we left.

So, we now have a shelf to put together, books to read and new merchandise to put in the gift shop. We also now have shopping bags with our logo on them in bright colors of yellow, green, blue, and orange.

Ann and Dorothy have left for their southern respite and it will be quiet around here without them, but we will be busy with new exhibits and writing grants. It is also time for our membership drive, annual report, and taxes. Fun continues! The museum is in great shape and we are almost ready to begin our expansion - thanks to each and everyone of you.

In the next weeks, I will be reporting on the annual report and the goals the board will be setting for 2012. Stay tuned.

### HISTORICAL MUSINGS

In my last column before vacation, I wrote about

Mrs. Alfred Wolf's balloon ride over Higgins. She was trying to set an endurance record for women. Our local internet detective, LVK, researched her and discovered that she did set the endurance record on that flight. She also was the first woman to cross the Alps in a balloon in one day in 1962.

For more than 50 years she set records for women. She wanted to fly a balloon from Center City Philadelphia to celebrate the anniversary of the first balloon flight in America, and she did.

She wanted to fly a balloon shaped like the Liberty Bell for the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, and she did.

She wanted to fly a blimp, and she did.

She wanted to participate in a balloon race in the Netherlands, and she did that, too in a Navy surplus balloon she described as "mostly mildew and patches."

A fearless woman who survived a crash landing in a balloon and another in an airplane and was still piloting balloons and airplanes in her 80's.

Balloons were her joy, her escape. She fell in love with them the day she took

her first ride over Zurich in 1951, when her husband was stationed in Europe with the Air Force. In ballooning, she floated in a world of silence, borne aloft by a gas bag filled with hydrogen and with a motion so easy she had to watch a feather tied to the center of the gondola to see if she was going up or down.

When she set the endurance record, she stated she wanted to do "a deed for capitalism" to counter the effects of the Sputnik when it seemed the Russians were doing everything earlier, faster and higher than Americans. For more than 50 years, with her balloon records and her love of parties and people, Mrs. Wolf was a symbol in Philadelphia of spirit, independence, daring and grace.

It is nice to end one year and start a new one remembering that a great lady once visited our area in her balloon on her way to making her mark in history.

I hope you will all enjoy this year with a bit of history, heritage, and heartfelt fellowship.

## 2011 IN REVIEW

### ACROSS

- Presumptuously daring
- He has final say at the plate
- Where to get pampered, pl.
- Scoundrel
- Needlefish
- Diver's lung
- Independent African ruler
- Big Island necklace
- Type of paint
- \*Deposed despot
- \*Atlantis was the last one
- Right-angle building extension
- Another spelling for #16 Across

- It can be wringed?
- Greed or sloth, e.g.
- Diamonds or hearts, e.g.
- Nervous twitching
- \*They were super
- \*Royal beau
- Autumn color
- Witness
- Polynesian kingdom
- Like a new car
- Employ
- Homework assignment
- \*Pitched at Occupy Wall Street
- 6th sense?
- Reminiscent of the past

### DOWN

- Big talk
- "Rome" in Italy
- Matured, as in wine
- Like Elvis's famous shoes
- Official messenger of news
- Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
- Legendary West
- Rainbow-producing device
- Jazz singing
- Stroke on a green
- Cain's unfortunate brother
- Original home of the Saxons

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# Happy Birthday!

**January 5**  
**Birthdays** - Brice Lewis, Kent Remmel, LaNetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, Scotty DeWitt, Becky Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Stinson, Rick Cazares, Jacinda Perez, Kent Remmel

**January 6**  
**Birthdays** - Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valorie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kenton, Lesa Moffett  
**Anniversary** - M/M Arnold Stork

**January 7**  
**Birthdays** - Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriguez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin  
**Anniversary** - M/M Howard Nash

**January 8**  
**Birthdays** - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Amanda Schneider, Destiny Fisher  
**Birthdays** - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vandenberg, 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 9**  
**Birthdays** - 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 10**  
**Birthdays** - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Chad Riggin, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather  
**Anniversary** - M/M Melvin Bradley

**January 11**  
**Birthdays** - Imogene Williams, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, 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 12**  
**Birthdays** - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgearld,

**January 13**  
**Birthdays** - 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 14**  
**Birthdays** - 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 15**  
**Birthdays** - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babbitz, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta  
**January 16**  
**Birthdays** - 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 17**  
**Birthdays** - Johny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar  
**January 18**  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

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**  
**Birthdays** - Debbie Coates, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey, JoAnn Kell  
**Anniversary** - Greg & Shonda Odegaard

**January 15**  
**Birthdays** - 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  
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**January 19**  
**Birthdays** - 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**  
**Birthdays** - Johny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

**January 21**  
**Birthdays** - Johny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

**January 22**  
**Birthdays** - Johny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

**January 23**  
**Birthdays** - Johny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

# Our Sympathy

**FRANKLIN DELANO GAINES**  
 HAMILTON - Franklin Delano Gaines died on Sunday, December 25, 2011 at Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, Kansas, at the age of 77.

He was born on April 21, 1934 in Peabody, Kansas, the son of Robert W. and Freda L. (Boling) Gaines. He was raised in the oil field camps of Butler and Greenwood Counties. While still very young, he determined that higher education would be his route to business success.

After graduating from Eureka High School, Frank continued his education via the financial aid he earned through football and academic scholarships. An Associate's degree from Butler County Junior College led him on to graduate from Washburn University, and later to getting his law degree at Washburn and passing the Kansas Bar Exam.

His first business success was a young attorney who practiced law in Augusta. Frank served in the Kansas Legislature as a Representative for six years and a State Senator for twenty years. His many long and varied careers included working as an attorney, independent oil operator and drilling contractor, rancher, and banker. In 1983, Frank was united in marriage to Beverly Hertlein in Spearman, Texas.

Frank is survived by his wife, Beverly of Hamilton; sons, William and wife, Deana Gaines of Eureka; Shelby and wife, Alyson of Seattle, Washington; daughter, Betheny Winkler of Eureka; grandson, Sebastian Summers; brother Richard and wife, Betty Gaines of Spearman; and sister, Beverly and husband, Chuck Martin of Eureka. He was preceded in death by his son, Franklin Delano Gaines, Jr.; grandson, Jacob A Winkler; brother, Robert J. Gaines; and sister, Elizabeth Gaines.

Funeral services were at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, December 31, 2011 at Koup Family Funeral Home in Eureka with Pastor Mark Demas of the Hamilton United Methodist Church officiating. Interment followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the Hamilton United Methodist Church, the Greenwood County Historical Society, or Unite 2 Fight Paralysis.org. Contributions may be sent in care of Koup Family Funeral Home at P.O. Box 595, Eureka, KS 67045, which was in charge of service arrangements.

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**GLEN MACKIE**  
 SPEARMAN - Glen Mackie, 81, of Spearman died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012.  
 Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Brent Womble officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Mackie was born April 4, 1930, in Pampa. He was a graduate of Spearman High School and was all-district tackle in 1945. He was a farmer and rancher, and loved working with cattle.

He was preceded in death by Norma Jean Mackie. Survivors include three daughters, Cathy McCoy and husband Mike of Perryton, Lynna Renner and husband Phillip and Michele Davis and husband Mike, all of Spearman; a son, Glen Ray Mackie and wife Laura of Spearman; a sister, Joan Roberts of Norman, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081.

**MARY B. AGUILAR**  
 BOISE CITY, Okla. - Mary B. Aguilar, 73, of Boise City died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Cimarron Mortuary in Boise City. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Boise City with the Rev. Mike Wheelahan as celebrant. Burial will be in Boise City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Cimarron Mortuary of Boise City.

Mrs. Aguilar was born April 2, 1938, in Cuero, Texas, to Poncho and Katerina Barron. She married Manuel P. Aguilar in 1960 in Kenedy, Texas.

Survivors include five sons, Frank Barron of Yoakum, Texas, Ernest Cuellar of Cuero, Johnny Aguilar of Albuquerque, N.M., and Manuel Aguilar III and Mike B. Aguilar, both of Boise City; and five daughters, Maria Puebla of Spearman, Texas, and Margaret Gonzalez, Cynthia Barco, Teresa Puebla and Diana Baldonado, all of Boise City; 27 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials be to help with expenses, in care of the mortuary, Box 277, Boise City, OK 73933.

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<p><b>Spearman</b></p> <p><b>Apostolic Faith Church</b>              822 S. Dassen • 659-2870              Sunday School: 10 a.m.              Worship Service: 11 a.m.              Sun. Eve. 6 p.m.              Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m.              Pastor - Jack Cornell</p> <p><b>First Assembly of God</b>              401 N. Bernice • 659-2295              Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.              Worship: 10:40 a.m.              Evening Worship: 6 p.m.              Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.              Wed. Youth: 7              Pastor - Brad Smith</p> <p><b>First Christian Church</b>              (Disciples of Christ)              29 S. Bernice • 659-2036              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 10:50 a.m.              Minister -</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>              123 N. Bernice • 659-5557              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.              Evening Worship: 7 p.m.              Men's Bible Study - Wed. 7 a.m.              Children's Choir - Wed. 6 p.m.              Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m.              Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.              Pastor - Jim Medley</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              121 S. Haney • 659-3244              Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 10:30 a.m.              Evening Worship: 6 p.m.              Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b>              901 Roland • 659-2166              Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.              Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English              Sun. Mass: 11:30 a.m. - Spanish              Rev. Gregory Bunyan</p> <p><b>First United Methodist</b>              407 S. Haney • 659-5503              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.              Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday              High School: 6 p.m. Sunday              Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.              Pastor - Toni Bailey</p> <p><b>Grace Presbyterian Church</b>              (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)              1101 Bernice • 659-2033  <b>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b>              1101 Bernice • 659-2252              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.              (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)              Pastor - Cecil Biggers, PLM</p> <p><b>Union Church</b>              31 S. Endicott • 659-2644              Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.              Worship &amp; Kid's Church: 11:00 a.m.              Wednesday Evening Worship and Bible Study Service: 7 p.m. Wed.              Pastor - Steve Hinshaw  <a href="http://www.unionchurchonline.org">www.unionchurchonline.org</a></p> <p><b>Fellowship Baptist</b>              1102 S. Archer • 659-2783              Sunday School: 10 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.              Sun. Evening Spanish Worship: 6 p.m.              Sun. Evening Spanish Worship: 7 p.m.              Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed.              Pastor - Philip Hudson</p>	<p><b>Primera Mision Bautista</b>              502 E. 7th • 659-3991              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.,              Evening 6 p.m.              Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.              Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.              Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.</p> <p><b>El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.</b>              1105 S. Roland              Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.              Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.              Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.              Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.              Pastor - A.G. Martell              (806) 659-2153</p> <p><b>Gruver</b></p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>              402 E. Broadway • 733-2411              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 10:50 a.m.              Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday              Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday              Pastor - Scott Curry</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              209 King • 733-2760              Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.              Worship: 10:20 a.m.              Evening Worship: 6 p.m.              Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.              Minister - Gaylord Cook</p> <p><b>First Christian Church</b>              510 King • 733-2960              Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.              Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.              Youth: 7:30, Sunday              Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.              Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.              Pastor - Gary Gumfory</p>	<p><b>Gruver United Methodist</b>              Broadway &amp; Garrett              733-2651              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 8:30 &amp; 10:50 a.m.              Eve. Worship &amp; UMY: 6 p.m.              Pastor - George Price</p> <p><b>Spanish Cristo Redentor Church</b>              Hwy 15 806-659-2166              Gruver, TX              Sun. Mass: 1:30 p.m. - Spanish              Rev. Gregory Bunyan</p> <p><b>Oslo</b></p> <p><b>Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b>              6 Miles West &amp; 12 Miles              North of Gruver              339-7646              Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.              Worship: 11 a.m.              Pastor - Arlen Lloyd</p> <p><b>Morse</b></p> <p><b>Morse Baptist Church</b>              733-2757              Pastor - Gary Stevens</p> <p><b>Waka</b></p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>              300 Rogers Ave.              202-7126              Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.              Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.              Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.              Preacher - Ed Jenkins</p>
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday

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

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

### Winter Landfill Hours

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

### Gruver Elementary Register Tapes for Education

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

### "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.

### Gruver Community Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Gruver on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 2-7 p.m. at the La Casita Room at Gruver State Bank. Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a MASH t-shirt! Photo ID or Donor Card Required to Donate. MUST BE 17 YEARS OLD TO DONATE BLOOD. For appointments, please call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800. Find us on facebook \* Follow us on Twitter \* www.thegiftoflife.org. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region... Give the Gift of Life!

### Gruver Jr. High/Elementary UIL Awards

The Jr. High and Elementary would like to invite you to our UIL Awards Assembly this Friday, January 6th at 8:30am in the Auditorium.

### Cross Country Rings

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

### Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

Need help applying for SNAP benefits? We can help! High Plains Food Bank is providing application assistance for Texas SNAP benefits (Food Stamps) in your area. Telephone application assistance is available. If you need to apply for benefits, please call us today at 806374-8562 or 1-800-774-8564.

### Don't Text and Drive Decals

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

### Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors

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

### Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild

The Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild of Perryton, Texas would like to invite you to their meetings. The Day Guild meets the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 9 a.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. The Night Guild meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. Annual dues are \$15. (To receive only the newsletter \$7.50/yr.) Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Cynthia Shattles at 806-435-2765 or Marilyn Robins at 806-624-2691.

### Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

### Fire Department Donations

Persons wishing to make donations to the Fire Departments in Hansford County may do so at the following addresses: Spearman Fire Dept., Box 37, Spearman TX 79081; Gruver Fire Dept., Box 947, Gruver TX 79040 or Morse Fire Dept., Box 28, Morse TX 79062.

### SPWA Seeks Volunteers

The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association is seeking the next generation of volunteers to continue the work of restoring and maintaining the windmills of the SPWA. If you have an interest in windmills and their upkeep, and/or maintenance of the park, you are needed. For information, call Dwayne Mitchell, 270-0291 or Don Reed 330-0745.

### Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild

The Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild of Guymon, Oklahoma meets four times a year -- the last Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church Disciple Center located at 9th & Quinn streets. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Members bring a carry-in luncheon, which is served at noon. The afternoon program begins at 1 p.m. Programs include trunk shows, demonstrations, workshops, door prizes and much more.

### O'Loughlin Center Hours

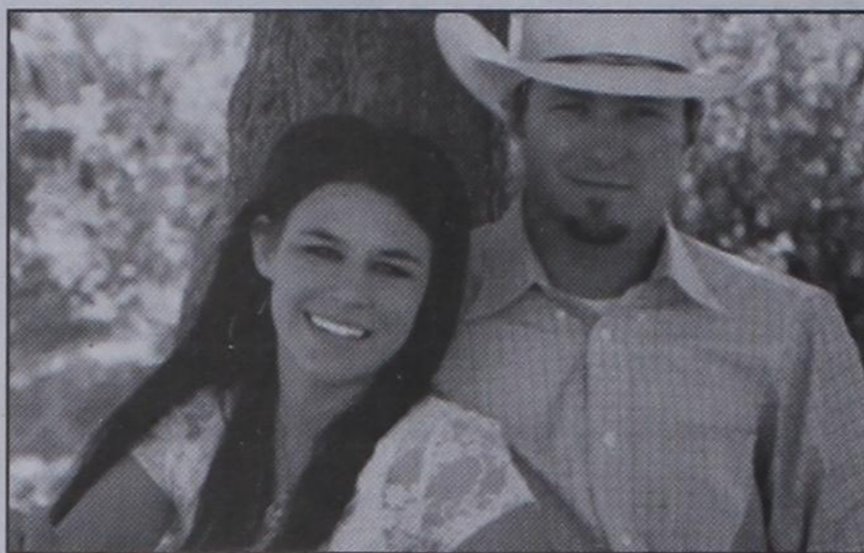
The O'Loughlin Center is open for the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). For more information, contact The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, PO Box 733, Spearman TX 79081. (806-659-3030)

### Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 12 noon in the Perryton Menonite Church, 2821 S. Ash. The next meeting will be October 9th. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### 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.



## Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fullen of Eastland, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelby Begnaud, to Chase Michael Farrar.

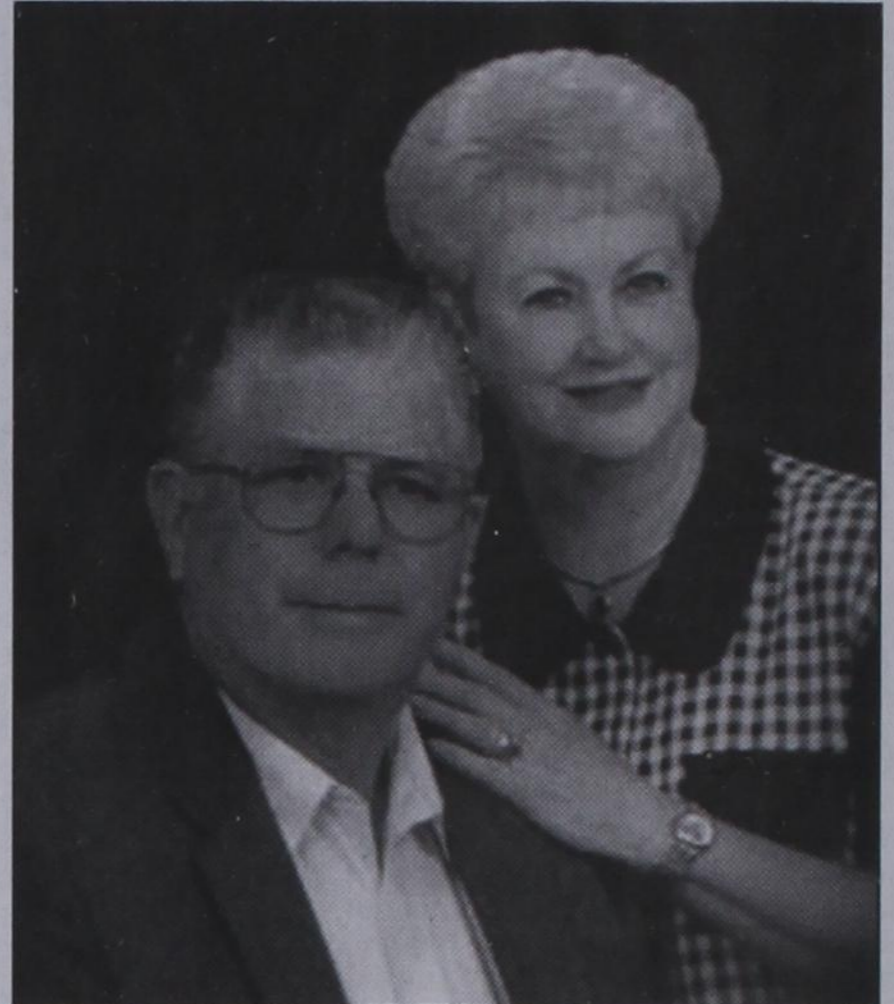
Chase is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Farrar of Spearman, Texas.

Grandparents to the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholson of Eastland, Texas. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson of Spearman, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Farrar of Saginaw, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hale of Brookville, Indiana.

The couple plan to wed on April, 7 2012 in Eastland, Texas.

Shelby attended Ranger Jr. College, and is currently employed at The Hansford Agency of Spearman.

Chase graduated from Ranger Jr. College in May of 2011, and is currently employed at Bennett Construction.



## Golden Anniversary

Robert and Sonja Ragsdale of Stratford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at First United Methodist Church in Stratford. Their children hosted the event.

Mr. Ragsdale married the former Sonja Guffee on Nov. 23, 1961, at First Baptist Church in Floydada. They previously resided in Dumas, Sunray, Spearman and Anchorage, Alaska, and have resided in Stratford for 38 years.

Mr. Ragsdale is a retired farmer. Mrs. Ragsdale is a retired Stratford Independent School District teacher. They belong to First United Methodist Church in Stratford.

Children of the couple are Rhett Ragsdale and wife Tracy of Canyon and Richard Ragsdale of Stratford. They have two grandchildren, Reid Ragsdale of Stillwater and Ryan Ragsdale of Canyon.

## Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards & flowers during my recovery.

Charles R. Ball

## Rhett Laubach to Speak in Perryton

Would you like to be a better communicator? Leadership Perryton has a speaker with the answer. Foster Testing, Wright Trucking, and Leadership Perryton will host Rhett Laubach of Edmund, OK on Thursday, January 12th as he presents an entertaining, thought provoking, and high energy session on "Civility at Work" at Frank Phillips College Allen Campus, Perryton, TX. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and the session will begin at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will be free of charge with the sponsorship by Foster Testing and Wright Trucking.

Rhett wash ere last year and we wanted him back. His topic will be "Civility at Work" which is full of tips and strategies on speaking with confidence and listening on purpose. With communication skills as the second most critical trait you need in the workplace, the lessons he has can change your life. These also can be used with personal and community relationships.

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This is a great way to learn to start the new year with skills to help personally, on the job, and in the community. Individuals, business owners and community people are invited. Come spend a short time with ideas that will last a lifetime. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Rhett Laubach. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 806-435-6575.

## You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Heather Ford

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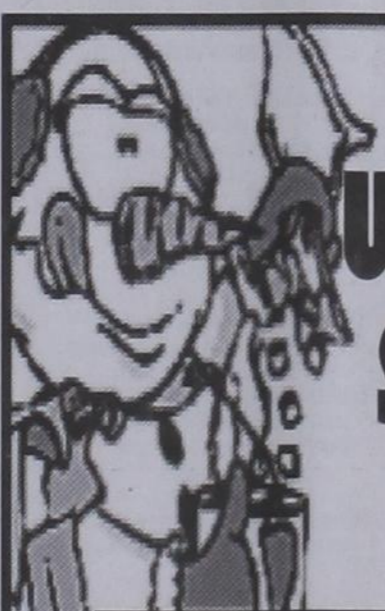
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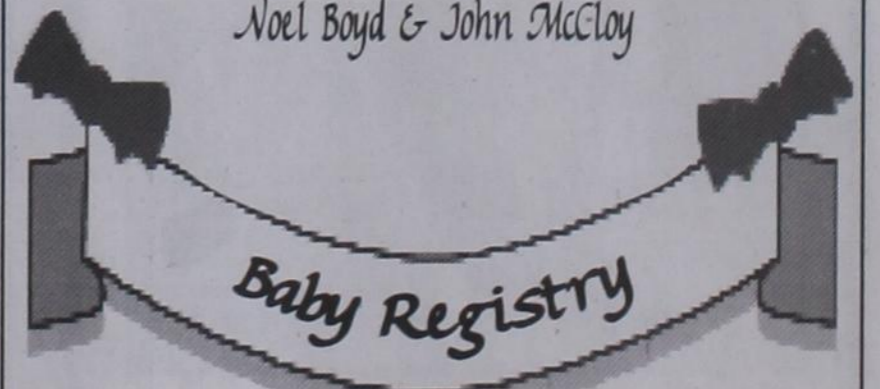
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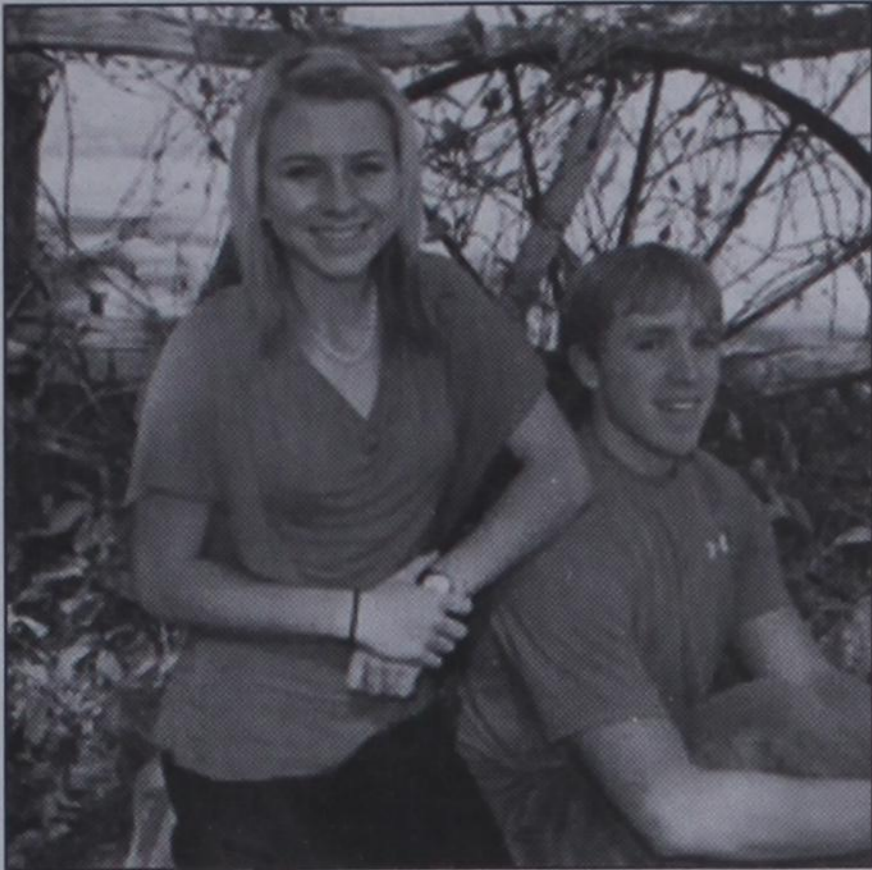


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# October Students of the Month



The October Students of the Month at Spearman High School are seniors, Sarah Snider and Jeffrey Thomas.

Sarah Snider is the daughter of Jimmy and Jean Snider. She has one older brother, Jordon Snider. Sarah is a member of the Spearman Lynxette Varsity Cross Country and Track teams, Student Council, National Honor Society, and a member of the First Assembly of God Church. Sarah is currently serving as the Senior Class President, Student Council Vice-

President, National Honor Society Vice-President, has been voted Class Favorite for the past three years, is a member of the 3 Time State Champion Spearman Lynxette Cross Country team, was the 2011 Regional Champion in the 800 meter run, was named Academic All-District in Cross Country and Track, qualified for the State Track and Field Championship in the 800 meter run in 2011, and she set a new school record in the 800 meter run. She was also named the Top Student of the Year in Anatomy and

Physiology and Video Technology. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys reading, hanging out with family and friends, church activities, drawing, running 5K's with her mom, riding dune buggies with her dad, and baking. Her future plans include attending college and running track while studying business management in hopes of becoming an entrepreneur. Sarah states the best thing about Spearman is, "I love that Spearman is a small, safe, and dependable community that makes a person feel at home. The community always comes together when help is needed and support is always shown with a smile and a pat on the back." The best thing about Spearman High School is, "The faculty and teachers are always encouraging us to pursue our dreams. They are hardworking and sincerely care about the students' future." Sarah's most influential teacher during her school years is Coach Kenny Eudy.

Jeffrey Thomas is the son of David and Suzanne Thomas. He has three older brothers, John, Mark, and Bryan, and two sisters-in-law, Brianne and Emily. He also has one niece Alyssa.

Jeffrey is active in Spearman Lynx Varsity Football and Track and First Baptist Church Youth. For the past two summers, Jeffrey has participated in World Changers, a Lifeway Student ministry in Casper, Wyoming. Jeffrey has received a Gold medal in the VASE art competition, and has been named Academic All-District in football and track. In his spare time, Jeffrey enjoys playing sports and lifting weights, going on mission trips with his youth group, and hanging out with his friends. He plans on attending college at Texas Tech University and majoring in communications. Jeffrey states the best thing about Spearman is, "I really appreciate the support and encouragement I have received from the people of Spearman." Jeffrey says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "the helpful teachers and the great friends." Jeffrey's most influential teacher during his school years is Coach Lee Brandon.

Congratulations to Sarah and Jeffrey on being named the Spearman High School October Students of the Month.

## Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

After the start of a new year we come to a season of revealing light, Epiphany, as we study Genesis 1: 1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19: 1-7, and Mark 1: 4-11.

God creates all that there is, a seeming orderly, light-filled moment, (e.g. "Then God said, 'Let there be light; and there was light'". As you read this passage notice that God first speaks and something comes into being, then God assesses his work and pronounces it good. Notice also that as God created living things, he ordered them to multiply. God creates man and orders them to multiply and manage the earth. God's creation is a participation. God creates and his creation assists. Learn from this that creation is a continuing process and we are a part of the process. In science we are taught that there was a Singularity; and, the singularity expanded and within it time and space, stars and matter were born. Our universe is a part of this singularity, and we live within it. Science does not tell us what this Singularity is or how it came into being or from whence it came. The spirit of Epiphany, of discovery, leads us to God.

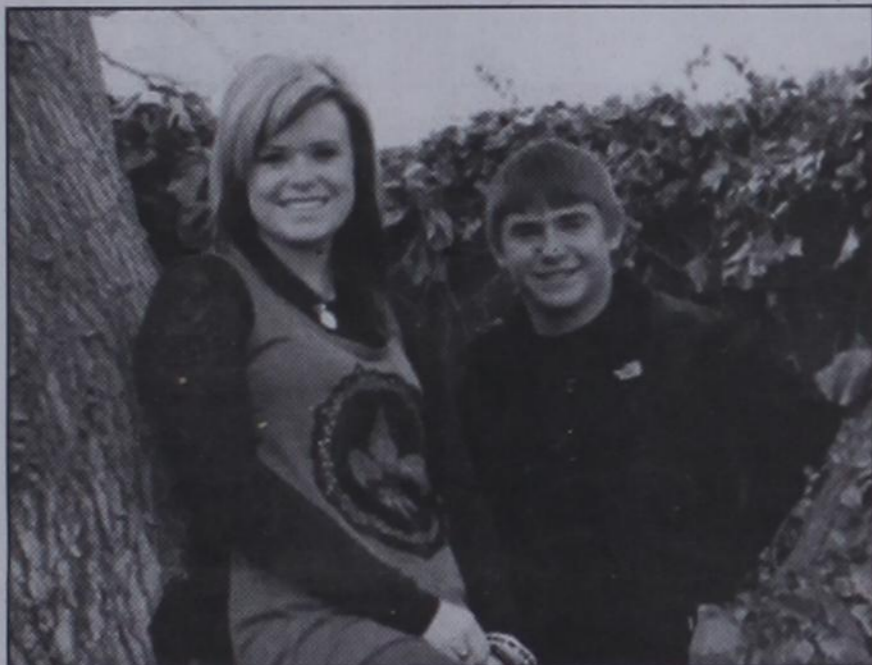
The Psalmist takes up a song of praise to the Lord, praise to the voice of the Lord. The voice of the Lord "does" things. To behold the power of the Voice of the Lord is scary, but to the believer it gives assurance and comfort.

As Paul comes into Ephesus he meets some early Christians who were evangelized by Apollos. Now Apollos knew only the baptism of John the Baptist, so Paul's question of these believers is, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit?" They knew nothing of the Holy Spirit. Consider that the message of John the Baptist was 'Repent!', judgment is coming; whereas, the message of Jesus was 'Repent! The Kingdom of God is here'. Learn from this that the Disciple Life is a process. We are first called by God to believe and are baptized, but our Christian experience does not end there. You see, being a Christian is a way of life and each day we are becoming a little more Christ-like. Your life as a Christian is not over when you say, "I believe". Today, Paul might ask, "If you know the Holy Spirit, how are you continuing to live in the power of the Spirit?"

Mark in his very simple manner tells of John the Baptist. John dresses like Elijah in a simple camel's hair tunic with a belt at the waist. His diet was locusts and wild honey (the word translated 'locusts' can also be translated carob beans). John's messages was "Repent!" His message resonated with a people wanting a relationship with God. John's message was effective because he lived it. Yet, John the Baptist pointed to another, "The one more powerful than I is coming after me...". When Jesus comes to be baptized by John, he is making a moment of decision to start his ministry on this earth. Jesus is identified as the Messiah. Jesus hears the Voice of the Lord indicating God's approval of him, And the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. Herein we discover the nature of Jesus the Christ.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to live the disciple life and become more like our Jesus.

# November Students of the Month



The November Students of the Month at Spearman High School are seniors, Lexi Batton and Justin Rindlisbacher.

Lexi is the daughter of Stephen and Tammy Batton. She has one older brother, Tate Batton. Lexi has been active in Spearman Lynxette Basketball and Track, National Honor Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, UIL Academics and Student Council. Lexi was named Academic All-District in basketball her sophomore and junior years, and her freshman, sophomore

and junior years in track. She was named All-District Honorable Mention in basketball her junior year and received the Krista Kirkland Award her junior year, as well. In UIL Creative Writing, she placed 4th during her junior year. In her spare time, Lexi loves playing basketball, attending Texas Tech football games, hanging out with friends, reading, listening to music, writing, and being with her family. Her future plans include attending Texas Tech University and earning her Master's Degree in nursing. She would eventually like

to work as a nurse in the neo-natal unit and then eventually become a nurse practitioner. Lexi states the best thing about Spearman is, "The community supports everything we are involved in and you know everyone." The best thing about Spearman High School is, "The teachers are all great to us students, and I love how successful we are in every aspect." Lexi's most influential teachers during her school years are Mrs. Kristi Ramon and Mrs. Kristin Shieldknight.

Justin is the son of Rene Griffin. He has two younger sisters, Nikki Rindlisbacher and Meca Griffin. While in high school, Justin has been active in Spearman Lynx Varsity Football and Track, National Honor Society, and Future Farmers of America. Justin has been named Academic All-District for four years in football and three years in track. He was named 2010 All-District Honorable Mention running back, 2011 All-District Free Safety and All-District Running Back. He was also recently named by

the Associated Press Sports Editors All-State Honorable Mention Defensive Back, as well as Honorable Mention Academic All-State. In his spare time, Justin enjoys hanging out with friends, anything that has to do with sports, being outdoors, hunting, and fishing. Justin's future plans include joining the United States Marine Corps. Justin states the best thing about Spearman is, "I like how it is a small and safe community." Justin says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "I like how you know everyone." Justin's most influential teacher during his school years is Mrs. Karla Flowers.

Congratulations to Lexi and Justin on being named the Spearman High School November Students of the Month.

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by Sandy Cross

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Last year, we had one student audition for and make the high school all-region band. This year, we had nine students audition, and seven of those made the all-region band! This band is comprised of the top musicians from our region in schools 1A-3A!

Damian Pierce, Oziel Rey, Brett Wills and Fatima Barrera all made the concert band. Zoe Cantrell, Emily Robinson and Hannah Speck all made the symphonic band, with Emily and Hannah earning the opportunity to advance to Area auditions in Lubbock! Each of these student put forth a tremendous amount of work every single day to make this band!

Please take time to congratulate them on this wonderful accomplishment! Both the high school and middle school All-Region clinic will take place at WTAMU January 13-14, with the concerts being held on Saturday afternoon. It would be well worth the drive to Canyon to listen to these top notch bands and support our local students who are representing our school across the state and making a great name for Gruver High School!

### School Board Members Honored

January 2012 is School Board Recognition Month, a time when districts across the state show their appreciation for the pivotal role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

More than 7,200 locally elected school board members serve—without pay—in the 1,034 school districts located throughout the state.

"The people who make up these boards volunteer their time because they care about their communities and their schools. Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) designates January as School Board Recognition Month to emphasize the importance of the service these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and students of Texas," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"These community ser-

vants focus on ensuring the success of their local school district and serve as strong advocates for our kids. In a time of financial uncertainty, they are willing to step forward to meet the critical challenges facing our public schools, working to balance the district budget while still providing excellent educational experiences for each child," Crow said.

"We hope every community will express appreciation to our local board members for their dedicated commitment and offer support to the school board as it tackles the important task of governing. Local trustees work closely with parents and educators to develop sound education policies in their district and set high standards for student success. We applaud them for shouldering enormous responsibilities and making the time to care about the future of Texas schoolchild-

ren," he said. TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 4.9 million public school students.

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**2011 Football**

## Super Team Defense

AMARILLO GLOBE NEWS

<p><b>Jace Lang-Swan, Spearman</b></p> <p><small>Position: Defensive back Class: Senior Size: 6-0, 180 Statistics: Snagged three interceptions, caused and recovered three fumbles, and had 47 tackles to earn AP Class 2A honorable mention all-state honors. Also rushed for 795 yards and 15 TDs at quarterback.</small></p> 	<p><b>Marc Ortiz, Spearman</b></p> <p><small>Position: Defensive line Class: Senior Size: 6-0, 265 Statistics: Named the District 1-2A Division II defensive MVP after notching 14 sacks and 57 tackles during the regular season. Helped lead a ferocious defense that held teams to just 208 yards a game.</small></p> 
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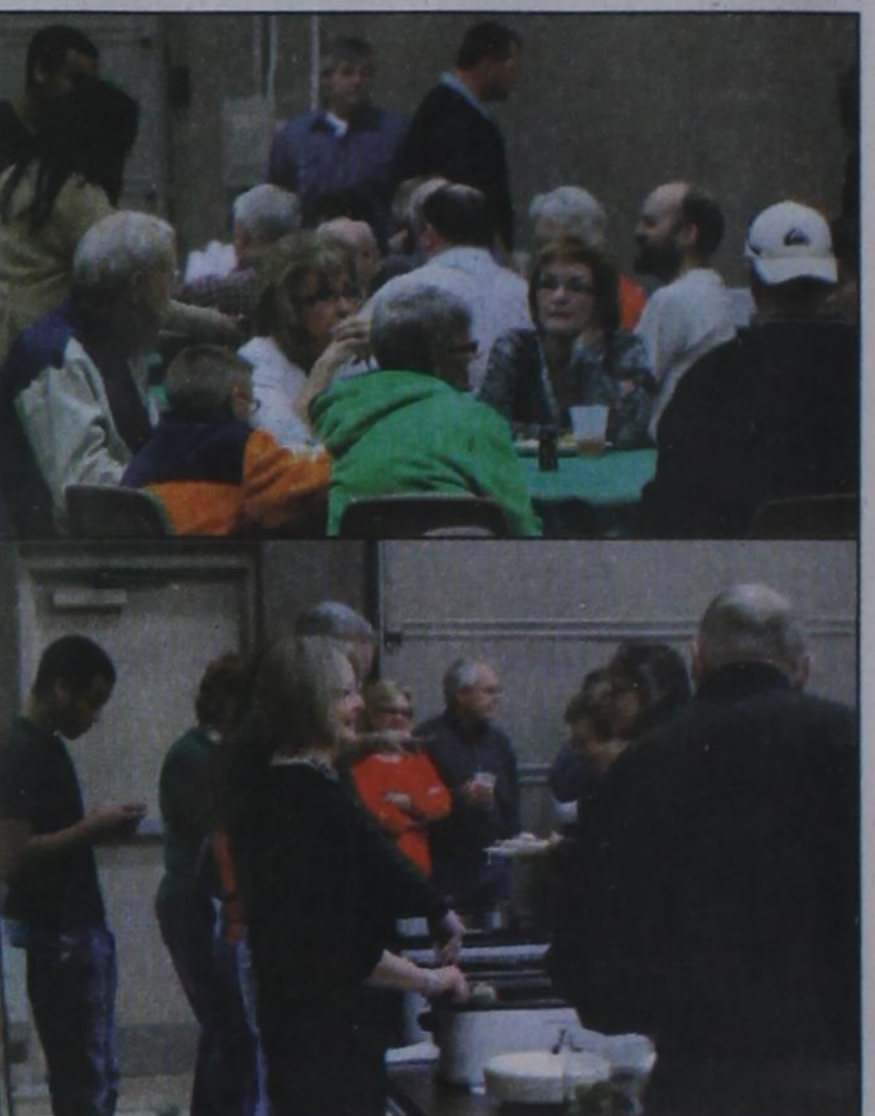


### Spirit of Christmas

On December 25th, the 15th Annual Spirit of Christmas Dinner was held. About 125 people were enjoyed a full Christmas dinner at the O'Loughlin Center, with several others going by for take out.


Thank you is expressed to all who cooked the delicious food and those who helped. A special thanks goes to Toby and Sally Thomas for all the work they did Christmas morning. We also thank those who gave monetarily.

The following pictures were taken by Shalaun Johnson, Colene and Orville Brummett's granddaughter-in-law.



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\*Picture taken in MooreCounty in 2011 of All-Tex Epic. Field average 4.1 bales per acre, average loan 57.3, turnout 37.0%.

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