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Lynxettes Share Medals

submitted by Suzanne Thomas

Meet is Grayson Hughes - a very special little boy who was diagnosed last fall with leukemia. He is five years old. Grayson is best friends with my great-nephews, Jacob and Joseph Lane. He has fought long and hard this past year against this disease and the treatments that make him so very sick. His friends and family have rallied around him and his parents, taking meals and holding fundraisers to help defray the costs of dealing with this disease. This spring they took part in a half marathon to raise money and awareness to help fight leukemia.

When I heard about the half-marathon, I found out our Spearman High School Cross Country team and felt that they would want to do something special for Grayson. I spoke with Coach Starla Whiteley and shared Grayson's story. She, in turn, shared his story with the girls. They came together and sent a special care package to Grayson, filled with Spearman Cross Country T Shirts, pictures, gifts,

sweet letters of encouragement and even some of the medals they have won over the past four years! I know they don't want special recognition for what they did, but I think they deserve to be recognized not just for their great achievements but also for the special young women that they are. They touched the hearts of a special little boy and his family and for that I am most grateful.

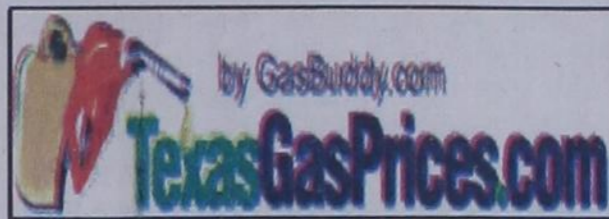
If you would like to know more about Grayson and his family, you can follow his blog at

www.whenskiesaregray.com I know they deeply appreciate the love, support and especially your prayers.



Spearman High School Girls State Champion Cross Country Team: (L-R) Coach Starla Whiteley, Gately Garnett, Shelby Hanna, Tylo Farrar, Sarah Snider, Gena Hargrove, Cynthia Mendoza, Brooke Walker, Malory Martin and Cynthia Mendoza.

Grayson Hughes with Cross Country Medals he received from SHS Cross Country Team



Weekly Update

Texas, June 25 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 6.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.20/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 7.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.45/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 26.3 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 24.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 21.7 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 14.0 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The national average has now dropped to its lowest level since February 4," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Gasoline can be found as cheap as \$2.73 per gallon today in Taylors, SC. While this certainly isn't going to be the price of every station, a majority of gasoline outlets are featuring prices that have come down significantly in the last month, similar to that of the sentiment of Chicago Cubs fans," DeHaan said.

Texas, July 2 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 5.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.14/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 6.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.37/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 26.7 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 24.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 24.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 19.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Oil prices rose significantly last Friday, reversing a downward trend," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "It was the largest single day jump in recent memory. In some areas of the country, specifically the Great Lakes, gas station margins are fast approaching negative territory, meaning price hikes can be expected there. Other regions may see prices stabilize or jump higher as well. One thing is for sure - the yellow brick road won't be leading us to cheaper pumps for much longer, something many Americans will undoubtedly tie to the upcoming holiday," DeHaan said.

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

Crisis Center Receives Donation

Panhandle Crisis Center is excited to announce that it has exceeded its capital campaign fundraising goal for the construction of a new shelter by over \$9,000. On June 20, 2012, Randy and Janice McLain provided the Center with a \$20,000 donation after members of the community accepted the fundraising challenge extended by the McLains on April 13th. Because of the generosity of many individuals and businesses in Ochiltree, Hansford, and Lipscomb counties, PCC's dream of a new shelter is now becoming a reality.

According to Executive Director Cindy Smith, at the time the McLains offered to the matching opportunity, 82% of the funds needed had been raised, and \$45,000 was needed to complete the shelter project. According to Smith, the challenge reenergized the campaign, causing numerous community citizens, businesses, employees, families, and one local foundation to donate. Some donors who gave at the beginning of the campaign unselfishly contributed a second time due to the matching opportunity. The United Supermarket UCrew volunteered their time and resources by conducting a fundraiser for the Center on June 15th, which raised \$5,074.



A donation presentation was held on June 20, 2012 from Randy and Janice McLain who provided a \$20,000 donation following a matching challenge. Also pictured is Executive Director Cindy Smith (on right) accepting the check.

Smith emphasized, "We are blessed to have a caring community that has remained dedicated to our mission of helping, sheltering, and supporting victims of family violence and sexual assault. On the

behalf of our board of directors and staff, I would like to thank each contributor for supporting this campaign and making an incredible investment in the future of the victims and their children."

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Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for June 26, 2012: Hail destroyed approximately 5,000 acres of cotton and from 2,500 to 3,500 acres of corn in Deaf Smith County. Soil-moisture levels varied from very short to surplus, with most counties reporting mostly short to adequate. Most corn was in good condition. Sorghum was mostly fair to good. Cotton varied from poor to excellent condition, with most reporting good to fair. Wheat was being harvested and in from very poor to excellent condition with most reporting fair to good. Rangeland and pastures continued to improve, but were still in very poor to excellent condition, with most reporting poor. Cattle were reported to be in good condition.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for July 3, 2012: The region was dry with triple-digit temperature highs. Corn was mostly in good condition. Sorghum was mostly fair to good. Cotton made good progress because of the heat and was rated mostly good to fair. The wheat harvest was nearly over. Dryland crops were beginning to show signs of stress. Producers with irrigation were hard pressed to keep up with water demands. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor to excellent condition, with most counties reporting poor. Cattle were in good condition.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the mid 90s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the mid 60s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs around 90.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the lower 60s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the lower 90s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the lower 60s.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1vettWMyD>

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

June 25, 2012

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
A good week. I journeyed to Levelland for the Texas Plains Trail strategic planning meeting.

Walker's "strip" and cleaned him out so he had to move his cattle. Well, I was "laid-off", so I decided I would go over in the Pan Handle and look for a job.

The meeting was also interesting in that I received three versions of the Pancake Story with Ms. Polly at the Polly way station outside of Higgins.

The map that accompanied the letter has Port between Sayre and Cordell, OK.

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
Time for art exhibit change. Everyone has enjoyed Mike Winnette's feather art and we are looking forward to the art of Dallas Mayer and Anna Mayer, Hooker, OK.

In last Tuesdays mail, we received a letter from the grandson of A.H. Roden with the copy of a letter that Mr. Roden wrote to Will Rogers in 1932 about his adventures as a "cowpuncher" in and around Higgins.

Peg Herriage is home for the summer and is inventorying all our art work. We have spent several Wednesday's locating paintings, pictures, and photographs.

ATTENTION PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND 4TH THRU 8TH GRADERS. Do you need something to do before returning to school?

Another discussion that is occurring with the team is the difference in a picture and a picture. Is a picture also a photograph?

HISTORICAL MUSINGS
This is the introduction of Mr. Roden's letter to Will Rogers:

Calling all 5th thru 8th graders, join us for a fun filled four day in August for a night at the museum historical adventure.

"I'll tell you how I got to Higgins, Texas - for there by hangs a tale. I had spent the major part of the winter of '98 and '99 working for "The Figure Four" outfit in the West end of the Kiawa (Kiowa) country.

Continuing the story of A.H. Roden:

He had left his horse with the Blacksmith for a new shoe. When he picked up his horse and had paid him, his "frozen assets" were now \$3.85.

a minute, and I'll write him a note and I know he'll give you work." So he rustled up a lead pencil about one inch long, went to a homemade "desk" in one corner of the shop and fished out a sheet of paper with his name and business printed on it.

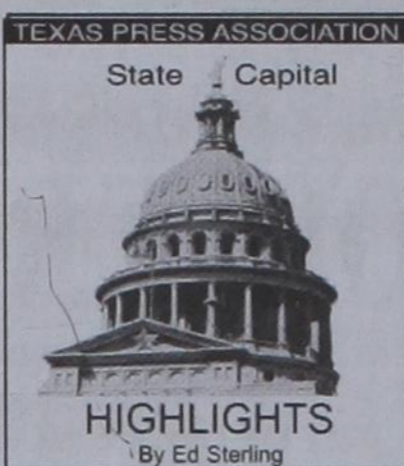
After he left and had gone a distance, A.H. could not resist reading the letter which read: Dear John: Give this puncher a job. He is a good lad, -can do anything. I may see you before a great while.

But on the last line at the very bottom of the page, he wrote in very small letters, in Parenthesis (Berry P-). When he had finished reading this recommendation he thought: "this guy's name is not LEWIS but what difference does it make to me.

A.H. meets Walter Carr who is working on the Ewing Ranch on the North side of Canadian river. He was feeding some of John Griffith cows. Carr offered him a job to help him with his cattle and he stayed.

Years later about 1913, he was reading a paper from Anson and the headlines read "BERRY PURSLEY KILLED WITH HIS OWN GUN. -J.J. Lewis, one-time blacksmith of Wood, OK.

More next week.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Ruling on health law prompts responses

AUSTIN — Texas public officeholders reacted quickly to the U.S. Supreme Court's June 28 ruling on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Gov. Rick Perry said the majority opinion penned by Chief Justice John Roberts would be "a stomach punch to the American economy."

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, chair of the State Senate Health and Human Services Committee, said, "The health care system is nowhere near ready for the massive influx of patients who will be forced to buy coverage, especially given our existing health care workforce shortages."

However, Gilberto Hinojosa of Brownsville, newly elected chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, said, "Today's decision on The Affordable Health Care Act by the Supreme Court is a vindication of President Barack Obama and a slam in the faces of Republicans who offer no alternative to this country's broken health care system.

Hinojosa said that since its passage, the health care law "has improved the lives of Texans of all ages and walks of life" and gave as examples young adults gaining coverage through their parents' plan, coverage for preexisting conditions, savings on prescription drugs and preventive services with no copays.

Republican leaders in Congress said they would call votes this month to repeal the act in its entirety. Initial reactions aside, how states and individuals adjust to the court decision will come to light as more parts of the act are scheduled to take effect periodically over the next eight years. To wit,

the federal government is to pay 100 percent of the costs for those who are newly eligible for Medicaid for 2014 through 2016. And, in 2017, the federal government's share of Medicaid payments to states will begin to decrease but will not fall to less than 90 percent.

ment effort is to save lives and make travelling in Texas safer for residents and visitors during the July 4th holiday," said DPS Director Steve McCraw.

Briefly, here is what the court ruled:

1. The act's "individual mandate" requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance exceeds Congress's authority to regulate commerce and thus is unconstitutional.

2. The act's "shared responsibility payment" or penalty on individuals who do not purchase health insurance is a tax that does not violate the Constitution. The penalty is to be assessed and collected by the Internal Revenue Service.

3. The federal government may not withdraw existing Medicaid funding from states for failure to comply with the requirements set out in the act's Medicaid expansion.

Medicaid is the program for pregnant women, children, needy families, the blind, the elderly and the disabled, in obtaining medical care.

Cities rank high in growth

Texas had eight of the 15 most rapidly growing large cities between Census Day, April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2011, according to population estimates released June 28 by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Round Rock, with population 104,664 and a 4.8 percent population increase, was ranked the second-fastest growing city in the nation.

Austin was third, with a 3.8 percent increase and population 820,611. Fourth place Plano posted 3.8 percent growth and a population of 269,776. Fifth place McKinney grew 3.8 percent and was counted at 136,067 residents. Sixth place Frisco grew by 3.8 percent with its population listed as 121,387. Seventh place Denton increased by 3.4 percent with population listed as 117,187. Thirteenth place McAllen grew at 3.0 percent with population 133,742. And the last Texas incorporated municipality in the top 15 was 14th place Carrollton, which grew 3.0 percent and had a population of 122,640.

DPS to increase patrols

The Texas Department of Public Safety last week announced DWI patrols for a nine-day period from June 30 to July 8 would be increased.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY
ACROSS
1. *#34 Down did this
6. Pre-1947 British rule over India
9. *George Washington chopped one down as a lad
13. *Popular feeling
14. Australian bird
15. ___ two shoes
16. Without illumination
17. Greed or sloth, e.g.
18. "April showers bring May flowers," e.g.
19. *British soldier
21. *Pre-Independence Day "state"
23. Used for soaking
24. "Dirty Jobs" host
25. NHL's rival, 1972-1979
28. Deceptive maneuver
30. Lay to rest
35. Abrupt stop
37. 18-wheeler
39. Eagle's nest
40. Not active
41. Deteriorate
43. Colloquial "aren't"
44. Ivan and Nicholas, e.g.
46. Pi times square of radius
47. Short spaces of time
48. Type of food
50. John Galsworthy's Pottysley story
52. Grazing land
53. Effected by the moon
55. Member of the Benevolent Order
57. *"Born on the Fourth of July" star
60. Three-tiered Roman gateway
64. Gain knowledge
65. Follows soh
67. Death ___ in "Harry Potter"
68. Tapestry
69. H1N1, e.g.
70. Two in eighteen
71. Orange part
72. "___ the season"
73. Tent anchor
DOWN
1. Rider's prod
2. European sea eagle
3. Like old West
4. *Declaration of Independence, e.g.
5. Roundabout road
6. None of this for the weary
7. Friend from Provence
8. Snowbird
9. Type of list
10. Multicolored horse
11. Jumpy
12. Cyclops had one
15. Major source of lead
20. Bullying, e.g.
22. Be obliged to pay
24. Deep regret
25. *Between red and blue
26. Shakespeare: "Thou call'st me dog before thou ___ a cause..."
27. Islam's Supreme Being
29. "Will be," according to Day
31. *East India Company ware, pl.
32. Bay window
33. Kind of pie
34. * ___ Ross
36. Type of seabird
38. Often symbolized by light bulb
42. Like a beaver
45. Form of civil disobedience, pl.
49. Post-Soviet union
51. *"Independence Day" invaders
54. Blue and white pottery style
56. Brightly colored snake of southeastern Asia
57. Wrap up in cerecloth
58. One in a million
59. Russian mountain range
60. Therefore
61. Highest volcano in Europe
62. Like those who will inherit earth
63. Gaelic
64. Around
66. He stung like a bee?

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July 5
Birthdays - Sydney Clawson, Kent Benton, Mrs. George Rook, Mack McLain, Linda Walker, Jamie Davis, Tom Dortch, Dawn Bridges, Connie Gibson, Dixon, Blayne Schrader, Alfonso Martinez, Melanie Elliott
Anniversary - M/M Bill Benners, Mike & Kathy Brown, M/M Anthony Wilkerson

July 6
Birthdays - Alan Biggers, Scott Attwood, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, Cody Benton, Jill Hall Smith

July 7
Birthdays - Pat O'Connell, Steve Benton, Brenda Sue Bowling, Greg Meisner, Steve Lesly, Virginia Reyes, Magda Rivera, Brian Sparks, Justin Bowman, Daniel Ward, Karen Pierce, Mattie Davis, B.J. Hughes, Reid Swan
Anniversary - M/M Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnie Fuller

July 8
Birthdays - Buddy Hart, Birna Nickles, Aaron Bent, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loretta Espinosa, Kathy Lindsey
Anniversary - M/M Rodney Clawson, Leo & Phyllis Cummings, M/M Rod Fulce, M/M Greg Miesner

July 9
Birthdays - Edith Smith, Donna Farris, Johnny Jo Roach, Sally Swan, Kyle Kirk, Sean Travers Baker, Donna Custard, Sharolyn Finley, Darlene Hoel
Anniversary - M/M Richard Booth, M/M Dewey Taylor, M/M Jimmy Finley, Joanna (Moore) & Wayne Pierson, Kevin & Ann Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bagwell

July 10
Birthdays - Steven Greever, Donna Sheets, Lorene Kunsleman, Carolyn Shields, Cathy Gafford, Mitch Gillian, Belinda Francis, Felex Lopez, Jolynda Vasquez, Justin Bass, Jerrill Key, James Sursa
Anniversary - M/M Randy Kirk

July 11
Birthdays - Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, Zeke Henson

July 12
Birthdays - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jenie Kirkland, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irlbeck, Charlie Spencer, Madison Schel, Conlon Meek, Melinda Tidwell, Mandie Hunter
Anniversary - Harold & Joyce Crooks

July 13
Birthdays - Mary Schroeder, Ron Clark,

Gary Burke, Rounder Jackson, Clay Schnell, Claude (Junior) Crossland
Anniversary - Allen & Margie Alfred

July 14
Birthdays - Scott Bullard, Jo Alice Clawson, Shelly Logsdon, Albert Baker, Linda Jarvis, Carrie Pearson, Rebecca Rosales, Butch Baker
Anniversary - M/M Roy Stinson, Betty & Kenneth Redwine, Tim & Charollette Bynum

July 15
Birthdays - Julie Imke, Carol Pack, Chris Jenkins, Sonya Nitschke, Maude McClellan, Ryan Renick, Julie Stork, Hazle Britt, Clarence Zabel, Samantha Baker, Kayla Schrader, Nelva Snow, Galen Coates
Anniversary - Alvin & Becky Byers, M/M Jack Jackson, M/M Bob Gillispie, M/M Richard Shad, M/M Jerry Hayes

July 16
Birthdays - Dave Barkley, Dorothy Hudson, Maria McCall, Clinton Tindell, Mary Ann Kenney Peters, Jay Pack, Pam Fairfield
Anniversary - Hal & Sara Shufeldt

July 17
Birthdays - Holly Meyer, Debbie Tolleson, Wesley Jarvis, Michael Dodd, Dennis Nelson, Marie Jones, Dr. Tom Latta, Charlie Garcia, Cody Baskin, Karl Bynum, Julie Baca, Veronica Rosales, Kevin Quillin, Denise Smith, Michael Lusby, Coley Griffin
Anniversary - M/M Willie Wilkerson, M/M Dick Thompson, M/M Jim Fowler

July 18
Birthdays - Trixie Holt, Lisa Salmans, Maria Vela Acevedo, Linda McCoy, Cris McClellan, Greg Meek, Sonny Patterson, Shanda Denee Graham, Kathryn Murphy
Anniversary - Jim & Laquita Evans, Scott & Marla Bullard, Tracy & Angela Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Deakin, Kim & Steven Francis

July 19
Birthdays - June Barkley, Joe Lopez Jr., Ronnie Williams, Vincent Garcia, Blake Beedy, Mark Avila, Pauline Nava, Opal Petree, Amber TeBeest
Anniversary - Ray & Judy Martin, Joey & Lyn Woolley, Don & Carolyn Savage, M/M Corky Chapman, M/M Arlo Shearer

July 20
Birthdays - Elaine Rogers, Arlo Shearer, Vic Schuman, Virginia White, Thomas Reed, Cal Nava, Mary Barnes, Meli Floyd Burgess, Bruce Bailey, Neale Estes, Sylvia Herara, Cheryl Wall, Braxton Crane
Anniversary - Rick & Jan Howard, M/M Eric Brown, M/M Joe Archer Sr., M/M Mike Garnett, M/M F.W. Thomas

Our Sympathy

BILLIE JEAN LOWE MCCUTCHIN



LEVELLAND — Billie Jean Lowe McCutchin, 83, of Levelland died Monday, June 25, 2012, in Lewisville.

Services will be at 4 p.m. today in George Price Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Levelland, officiating. Burial will be in Levelland Cemetery. Arrangements are by George Price Funeral Home of Levelland.

Billie was born April 1, 1929, in Canyon to Curtis Vern and Ruby Combs Lowe. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from the University of Texas. She married Sonny B. McCutchin on Oct. 14, 1951, in Spearman. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1993. Billie was a member of First United Methodist Church in Levelland. She was a loving mother, grandmother and wife.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosemary Enderle and husband Dennis of Juneau, Alaska; a son, Rob McCutchin and wife Bridget of Coppell; and five grandchildren, Reese Farrow, Curtis Farrow and wife Rachelle, Holly Enderle, Brittnee McCutchin and Lauren McCutchin.

The family suggests memorials be to Hockley County Meals on Wheels, 1202 Houston St., Levelland, TX 79336.

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STELLA HOLLIS CUMMINGS

SPEARMAN — Stella Irene Hollis Cummings, 89, of Spearman, Texas went to meet her Lord on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 2:35 P.M. She was born on November 2, 1922 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

She married her husband, Wayne Crockett Cummings, on June 11, 1945 in Waco, Texas. They met while Wayne was serving his country, guarding the Alcoa Aluminum Plant in Tennessee. They met on the Market Square in Knoxville, Tennessee. Wayne was transferred to Waco, Texas and sent for Stella. They were subsequently married, and lived in White Deer, Miami and Pampa, Texas before moving to Spearman. He preceded her in death in February, 1971.

Stella was a special blue-eyed spirit with a kind and loving heart. She loved her Lord, her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. She cleaned houses and offices in town for many years, and she worked in her church, the First Assembly of God in Spearman, Texas.

After an illness, she moved from her home to Hansford Manor where she made many new friends and renewed old friendships. She enjoyed the Gospel singing and her birthday parties.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne C. Cummings, her parents, Lewis Carel and Mollie Williams Hollis, son Leo Irving Cummings, and great granddaughter Jasmine Cummings.

She is survived by her daughter and husband, Joyce and Billy Pierce of Childress, Texas; sons Wayne Edward Cummings and wife Carolyn of Spearman, Texas; David Lewis Cummings of Dumas, Texas; stepdaughter and husband, Theola and Larry Jeffers of Aurora, Colorado; daughter-in-law Phyllis Barclay Cummings of Spearman, Texas; sisters Marie Hollis Wright of Georgetown, Tennessee and Bertha Hollis Owens of Alabama. She is also survived by brothers Julius and Annie Hollis of Canyon, Texas; Ralph and Seba Hollis of Amarillo, Texas and George and Julie Hollis of Addison, Texas.

Stella is also survived by one granddaughter, Kelli and Kevin Danford of Dumas, Texas, and four grandsons, Kevin and Janet Cummings of Spearman, Texas; Kris Cummings and fiancée Misty Sharp of Grand Prairie, Texas; Kasey Cummings of Benbrook, Texas; and Dean and Teresa Cummings of Watkins, Colorado, plus four great grandchildren, Jayce, Kaitlyn, Corrie and Dee.

Special extra daughter, Angela Gaither, of White Settlement, Texas and special friend, Nina Hendrix, also survive her.

Services were held for Stella Friday, June 29, 2012 at 2:30 p.m., at the First Assembly of God in Spearman, Texas, with Pastor Brad Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements are with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman, Texas.

Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of God, 401 N. Bernice, Spearman, Texas, 79081.

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Medical Fund for Francis Scroggs Pond

A Medical Fund that has been set up at FNB for Francis (Scroggs) Pond, she has been Diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemotherapy in Amarillo (and possibly surgery in Dallas in the near future).

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.

Farmer's Market

The local Farmer's Market will begin July 11th and will be held every Wednesday afternoon. Anyone interested is asked to contact Linda Venneman at 806-898-0969. los.borunda@gruverisd.net.

Golden Spread Senior Center Radio Auction

Donations are now being accepted for the Golden Spread Senior Center Radio Auction. The Radio Auction will be held: July 14, 2012 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on KXDJ 98.3. Remember to join us the week of July 10th for pre-bidding and tune in on July 14th for the GSC Auction! Pre-bidding and viewing will be: July 10th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 11th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 12th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 13th, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. Call The O'Loughin Center at 806-659-3300 for more information.

Rushing Wind Emmaus

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet Saturday, July 14 at the Waka Christian Center starting at 6 p.m. Friends and families are welcome to come to the potluck dinner followed with a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided and training will be available for new sponsors.

SHS Class of 1981 Big Ol' Birthday Bash in Lieu of a Class Reunion - (Yikes - we are turning 50!)

The SHS Class of 1981 is holding a Big Ol' Birthday Bash in lieu of a Class Reunion on Saturday, October 13th. Festivities will be out at the River Breaks Ranch, www.riverbreaks.com, (just a few miles outside of Amarillo) beginning around 5-6ish. There will be fun, great food, and lots and lots of visiting. The cost will be around \$40ish per person. Sorry, we don't get the AARP discount yet! A block of rooms is reserved at the Drury Inn, Amarillo, TX (800-325-0720). More information to follow. Please send RSVPs, regrets, emails, phone numbers and old fashion addresses of classmates to Bonnie & Hunter Novak, novakh@ptsi.net, P.O. Box 403, Guymon, OK 73942. River Breaks Ranch - Amarillo, Texas www.riverbreaks.com

Gruver Gym Hours

The Gruver Gym will be open in June and July for the following hours: Monday - Girls Night (JH-HS Girls) 7-9 p.m.; Tuesday - Boys Night (JH-HS Boys) 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday - Adult Night (HS-"Old") 7-9 p.m. (closed July 4th); Thursday - Elementary Night 6-8 p.m. (closed July 5th). 3-on-3 Tournaments, \$30/team (4 players max/team) will also be held on the following dates: June 22nd-23rd - Men & Women Divisions; July 13-14 - Elementary-JH Turney Boys & Girls. Email entries to wade.callaway@region16.net with "3-on-3 Turney" in the subject line. There will be 1 adult supervisor and 1-3 student workers each night (3 for elementary nights). All participants will need a signed release (students 17 or under will need parent/guardian signature). Out of town guests are welcome with signed release.

Second (Indianhead) Division Association, Inc.

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and our annual reunion in Reno, Nevada from August 23-26, 2012, visit our website at www.2ida.org or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

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

Firefighters Wanted

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

Hansford Hospice

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

Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

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

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.

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.

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.

Our Sympathy

JAMES "JIM" DALE THOMAS

AMARILLO - James "Jim" Dale Thomas passed from this life on June 23, 2012.



Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, June 29, 2012, in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with Jim McKee of Hillside Christian Church officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

He was born in Lockney, Texas, on February 12, 1948. Jim graduated from Lockney High School in 1966, and served in the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, Calif., from 1969 to 1971. Upon honorable discharge, he moved to Dallas, where he married Janie Munroe from Plainview, Texas, on August 7, 1971. Jim graduated from University of North Texas in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was licensed as a real estate broker in Texas and California, a certified property manager and insurance adjuster.

Jim's professional career started at Henry S. Miller Companies in Dallas, and in 1985 he started his own real estate company, Multiplex Realty Resources. As much as he loved commercial real estate sales and management, his first love was golf. In 1991, the family moved to California, and Jim attended the Professional Golfer's Career College in Murrieta. When Jim started looking for a course to manage, the one that made the most sense to him was Southwest Golf Center in Amarillo, which he leased and managed from 1994 to 1999. It wasn't the most desirable course available, but it was close to home and he wanted his children to work with him. After the lease expired, he joined Prudential Ada Realtors as a broker associate. In 2007, he and Janie moved to California again, and he worked for Euclid Management Company as a Certified Property Manager. He and Janie returned to Amarillo in 2010.

His legacy extends far beyond his career. Jim was a family man and a loyal friend. He remained friends with someone everywhere he had lived, and his character and fun memories remain with them. His family knew his good heart, his optimistic attitude and can-do approach to everything he attempted.

He is predeceased by his mother, Dorothy Belle Rodgers Thomas, who died on June 24, 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Munroe Thomas, son, Clinton James, and wife, Sarah Thomas, of Lewisville, daughter, Grayson René, and husband, Tyson Edds, of Temple, and two grandsons, Dawson Lane and Canyon Russell. He is also survived by his father, WL Thomas Jr., of Canyon, his brother, Billy Arnold, and wife, Barbara Thomas, of Pampa, his sister, Judith Ann, and husband, Dennis Nelson, of Spearman, his sister, Brenda Jo Thomas, of Canyon, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his maternal aunt, Mildred, and husband, Richard Adams, and Jim's first babysitter, Betty Cargill Davis, of Amarillo. He was an important member of Betty's family as an infant and toddler.

Jim and Janie are members of Hillside Christian Church in Amarillo.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675, or to a favorite charity.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

WESLEY NEWTON DANIEL

SPEARMAN - Wesley Newton Daniel died on June 22, 2012 in Spearman, Texas. He was 86 years old.



Wesley was born on Valentine's Day, 1926 in Plainview, Texas to Rev. Newton S. Daniel and Thelma Linkenhogor Daniel. He had three younger brothers—Hugh B. (retired Methodist minister, now residing in Bushland, Texas), Sam (of Seward, Alaska) and Philip (of Friday Harbor, Washington).

Wesley graduated from Lefors, Texas High School in May, 1944. Two days later, he shipped out to boot camp. During World War II, he served his country in the Seabees, the construction battalion force of the U.S. Navy, in Guam and with the occupation forces in Japan. It was during this time that he made the decision to enter the ministry. In San Diego before he received his orders, he ran into a friend. Wesley remembered, "The moment I saw him in the chow line, the Lord told me to talk to him about Christ." However, circumstances didn't permit a private moment even though they spent the evening together and then his friend shipped out before they got together again. Some time later, Wesley received the news that this friend had been killed in a kamikaze attack—"That afternoon I laid on my bunk, so sorry I hadn't followed God's nudging. And this is when I made a deal with God—'Lord, get me out of this mess and I'll be that preacher you want me to be.' I didn't tell anyone of my decision until I made it home and could tell the folks. Since then, I tried to fulfill my part of the bargain I made with God."

Upon returning to the States, Wesley entered McMurry University in Abilene. From there, he attended and graduated from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. It was at McMurry that he met the love of his life, Mary Beth McCollough. They were married in Panhandle, Texas on December 23, 1949. Together they gave a lifetime of ministry to the United Methodist Church in the Northwest Texas Conference, serving in Becton-Lakeview, Union Bower, Quitaque, Lefors, Seagraves, Spearman, Littlefield and Plainview.

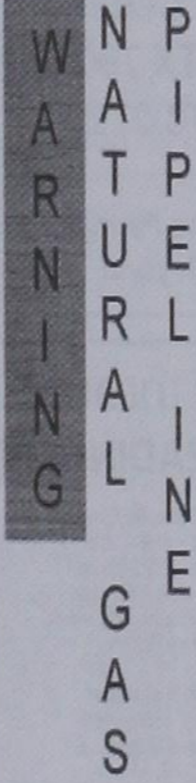
Wesley is predeceased by his parents and an infant son Jay Newton who died on December 15, 1952. In addition to his wife Beth and three brothers, Wesley is survived by his six daughters: Thel (and James Lemons of Freeburg, Illinois), Debi (and Craig Bryant of Houston, Texas), Lyn (and Joey Woolley of Spearman), Beckee Baker (of Spearman), Kim (and Haldon Messamore of Sudan, Texas) and Buzz (and Donnie Williamson of Lubbock, Texas). Survivors also include 11 grandchildren, their spouses, and 14 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church, Spearman, Texas on Monday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Toni Bailey officiating.

Please send memorials to the Faith Promise Fund of First United Methodist Church, 407 S. Haney, Spearman, TX 79081.

The family would like to thank the community of Spearman and, in particular the members of Spearman's Methodist Church. When Wesley and Beth returned to live there in 2008, you threw open your arms and embraced them with support, concern and the truest form of agape love. You have blessed our family immeasurably.

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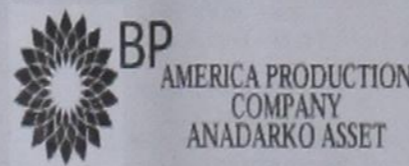
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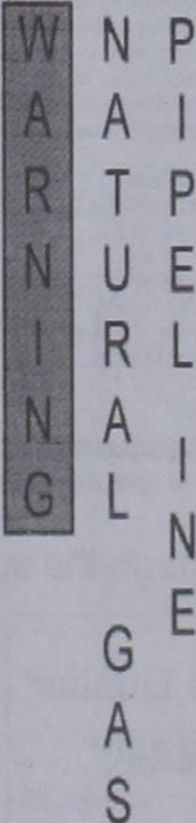
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Our Sympathy

EUNICE FRANZ

CLAYTON, N.M. — Eunice Franz, 75, died Sunday in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church in Clayton with the Rev. Jay Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Clayton Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton.

Ms. Franz was born Oct. 8, 1936, in Spearman, Texas, to E.A. "Dutch" Lester and Lorine Sanders Lester. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Clayton.

Survivors include a son, Marvin C. Franz Jr. of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Morgan Franz and Trey Franz, both of Amarillo; a sister, Jackie Warden of Amarillo; and a brother, Ray Lester of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer M, Clayton, NM 88415; or Harrington Cancer Center, Development Office, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online guest book at www.hassfuneral-home.com.

J.J. "JAKE" KEIM JR.

PERRYTON — J.J. "Jake" Keim Jr., 85, died Monday, June 11, 2012.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Dan Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Keim was born Nov. 25, 1926, in Waka. He attended grade school in Waka and junior high and high school in Perryton. He graduated in 1943 and attended Texas Tech University. He married Martha Lollis on March 19, 1948, in Dalhart.

He served in the Army in the Philippines during World War II, was active in the Jaycees and received the Jaycee of the Year Award two years in a row.

He moved to Canadian in 1958 as the manager of a lumber company, served on the church board, chamber and rotary boards. He was active in Boy Scouts, little league and taught Sunday school.

He moved to Perryton in 1964, served on the church board, YMCA, United Fund, chamber board and was a member of the Industrial Foundation for more than 20 years. He enjoyed playing golf and fishing.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Gary Keim and wife Kathy of Runaway Bay and Lex Keim and wife Patty of Mustang, Okla.; a daughter, Nanette Fullinwider and husband Lance of Coppell; a sister, Shirley Lowe of Gruver; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a charity of choice.

ILENE BENTLEY PAVILLARD CARTER

AMARILLO - Ilene Carter, 84, of Amarillo died Friday, June 29, 2012.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today in Schooler Funeral Home, Brentwood Chapel with the Rev. Mike Nuthman, pastor of Hillside Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Ilene was born April 18, 1928, in Burneyville, Okla., to Hughie Isaac and Bessie Edna Bentley. She graduated from Amarillo High School in 1945, where she met the love of her life, Jim Dan Pavillard. They married in 1945 and had three children — Kay Kesterson and Dan Pavillard and wife Cindy, all of Amarillo and Debra Stein and husband John of Dallas.

Although Ilene had many interests, none were more important to her than family and motherhood. With three children, nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren, "Gammy" was the cherished matriarch and crown jewel of her large family. Her amazing strength, wisdom, quick wit and support were her greatest gifts to her loved ones.

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State University, Ilene obtained a master's degree in Spanish education from Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico. Her professional teaching career began with seven years at Gruver High School, followed by more than 35 years with Amarillo Independent School District in the homebound department. Her caring wisdom touched and changed so many young lives. Always the devoted mentor, her passion for education reached well beyond the covers of a textbook.

An accomplished woman, Ilene was much more than stunningly beautiful. With her many talents, she enriched her life and others with her passionate love of the arts. Blessed with a golden voice, music always put a smile on her face. She loved languages, literature, painting and traveling.

Whether her role was Cub Scout den mother, Parent-Teacher Association or Adelante Club president, classroom teacher or just "Mom," Ilene excelled. As Ilene, Mother, Mom, Sister or Gammy, her loved ones will miss her terribly. Her family is blessed to have shared the joys of her life and love and are forever grateful for the many wonderful memories.

Ilene was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Joe Kesterson of Amarillo.

Survivors include all of her immediate family and two younger sisters, Lona Chilton of Amarillo and Maurine Bray of Laguna Vista.

The family suggests memorials be to Amarillo Adult Literacy Council, 2219 S. Van Buren St., Amarillo, TX 79178; or Meals on Wheels, 219 S.W. Seventh Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

Sign the online guest book at www.schoolerfuneral-home.com.



DON E. GILLISPIE

CLAUDE — Don E. Gillispie, 77, of Claude died Saturday, June 16, 2012.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Claude with Roger Morris officiating. Private burial will be in Claude Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers of Claude.

Don was born Oct. 15, 1934, in Spearman to Samuel and Mary Gillispie. The family moved to Lubbock when he was 3 years old. He graduated from Lubbock High School and Texas Tech University, majoring in agricultural economics.

Don married Nancy Bagwell in June 1956 in Claude. They made their home in Lubbock, where he was employed by Pioneer Natural Gas. He was a very involved parent in Scouting, Little League baseball and church activities. In 1973, the family moved southeast of Claude, where he was a stock farmer. He was a former member of the Claude School Board, director of Stake Plains Soil Conservation District and a member of the First Baptist Church of Claude.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Mary Gillispie.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Gillispie; two sons, Charles Gillispie and wife Kristi of Claude and Joe Gillispie and wife Susan of Lubbock; a daughter, Cheryl Sherrer and husband Mike of Amarillo; seven grand-

children, Michael Reed of Denver, Johnathan Reed and wife Alexis, Danielle Sherrer and John Tyler Sherrer, all of Amarillo, Matthew Gillispie, David Gillispie and Brian Gillispie, all of Lubbock; a great-granddaughter, Abbi Fewell; and a sister, Martha Gillispie of Lubbock.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be to Panhandle Cancer Cure Foundation, 1000 S. Coulter St., Amarillo, TX 79106; or Claude Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 189, Claude, TX 79019-0189.

Sign the online guest book at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

TERRI DAWN STRICKLAND

FRITCH — Terri Dawn Strickland, 52, of Fritch died Monday, June 18, 2012.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Fritch Church of Christ with Richard Kasko officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Fritch.

Mrs. Strickland was born in Plainfield, N.J., to Don and Sue Hartranft. She married Randy Strickland on April 7, 1989, in Fritch.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Sue Hartranft Deakin of Gruver; a son, Trey Hartranft of Fritch; three daughters, Amanda Hale of Fritch, Melisa Fulton of Farwell and Cassi Strickland of Borger; a brother, Donnie Hartranft of Amarillo; two sisters, Cindy Browning of Las Vegas, N.M., and Debbie Dempsy of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

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DORIS BARRETT WILDE BATEMAN
 HOLDENVILLE, Okla. — Doris Barrett Wilde Bateman, 84, of Holdenville died Wednesday, June 20, 2012.
 Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Calvary Baptist Church in Holdenville with the Rev. Roger McElroy, pastor, officiating and Arnie Adkison and Daron Adkison assisting. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Hansford Cemetery in Spearman, Texas, with Arnie Adkison and Daron Adkison officiating. Arrangements are by Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home of Holdenville.
 Mrs. Bateman was born Oct. 3, 1927, in Pampa, Texas, to J.B. and Allie Poore Barrett. She loved her family, and enjoyed sending cards, singing and making baby quilts.
 Survivors include two daughters, Vicki Adkison of Holdenville and Barbara Webb of Fort Worth, Texas; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Floyd Barrett of Las Cruces, N.M., and Raymond Barrett of Pampa.
 The family suggests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church, 622 S. Hinckley St., Holdenville, OK 74848; or American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

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In the eighth week of the Season of Pentecost, we learn that the believer is called not to be popular but to be faithful and that our greatest strength as believers is our own 'weakness'. We study Ezekiel 2: 1-5, Psalm 123, 1 Corinthians 12: 2-10, and Mark 6: 1-13.

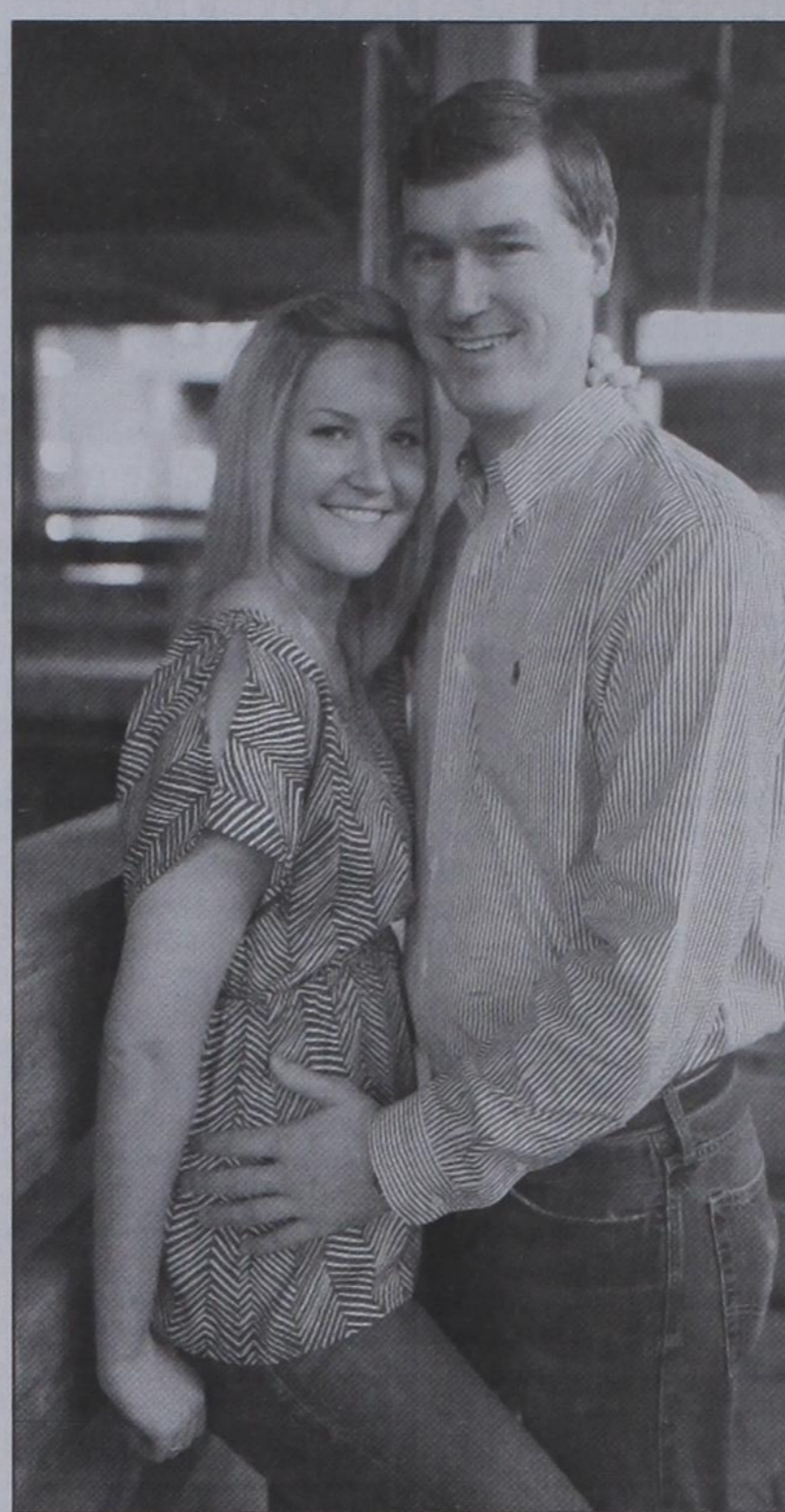
The call of Ezekiel is such that he cannot stand before God but a spirit enters him and allows him to stand. Ezekiel is charged to deliver God's word to the people of Israel who have rebelled against God; Ezekiel must deliver God's word regardless of whether the people will listen or not. He is not called to be popular, but faithful. Consider Christian that we as believers are all "ministers" of God; we too are called not to be popular but to be faithful. Yet, if we share the steadfast love of God through Jesus Christ with all whom we meet, then our "ministry" will be fruitful.

The Psalmist sings a song of 'ascent', of 'going up' to God's temple. He lifts his eyes up to the Lord; thus disregarding the distractions of this world. He holds his hands in supplication to his 'Master' expecting His mercy. God, in His steadfast love, extends his hands in favor to the believer. Consider this song as a primer on prayer; it works.

Paul is speaking to the struggling Church at Corinth. There are those teaching at Corinth who are teaching a gospel of religious ecstasy; pretending to have 'advanced' knowledge. Paul responds with a description of his own 'ecstatic' experience, but he does not dwell upon details. Rather he tells the Church at Corinth of his 'thorn in the flesh' which keeps Paul from being too proud. When God does not remove this 'thorn' after three appeals from Paul, Paul realizes that his strength is in his own weakness. It is through weakness, insults, hardships, and calamities that Paul's ministry for the sake of Christ is made. Consider that when we rely on our own 'advanced' knowledge and our own 'piety' we fall flat, but when in our acknowledged weakness we rely on the Holy Spirit, we are strong.

Jesus returns to his hometown with his disciples. On the Sabbath, he teaches in the synagogue. The people of his hometown are offended! Is this not the carpenter? Is this not the son of Mary? Where does he get this Kingdom of God stuff? Jesus could not be accepted as a prophet, or more, in his hometown. Yet, when he leaves and goes to the surrounding villages teaching, more miracles are accomplished. Note that he then sends the twelve out on their own, two by two, and instructs them to speak of the Kingdom of God. They went out and proclaimed that all should repent, healed the sick, and cast out many demons. Consider that when we, disciples, rely on Jesus The Christ, we are strong.

May the Holy Spirit abide in you that you may be strong in your weakness and faithful to your 'ministry'.



Engagement Announcement

John and Sue Sterna of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Sterna of Irving, to Collin Gillaspie of Irving, son of Dick and Leann Gillaspie of Spearman.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Tilden, the late Mr. Ralph S. Tilden Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sterna. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Elnora "Kid" Gillaspie, the late Mr. J.N. Gillaspie and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shieldknight.

In 2007, Lauren graduated from Amarillo High School and Collin from Spearman High School. Both graduated from Texas Tech University in 2011.

The couple plans to wed Oct. 13 in Hillside Christian Church in Amarillo.

College Corner

OPSU Dean's Honor Roll

Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK recently announced their 2012 Dean's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "Fs" or incomplete courses and have between a 3.50 and 3.99 GPA for the semester.

Included on the Dean's List from Hansford County were: Erin Tijerina of Gruver and Christy Lang of Spearman.

OPSU President's Honor Roll

Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK recently announced their 2012 President's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "Fs" or incomplete courses and a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Included on the President's List from Hansford County were: Madison Schad of Gruver and Chelsie Hicks and Landon Miller of Spearman.

Angelo State University Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2012 spring semester was recently announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

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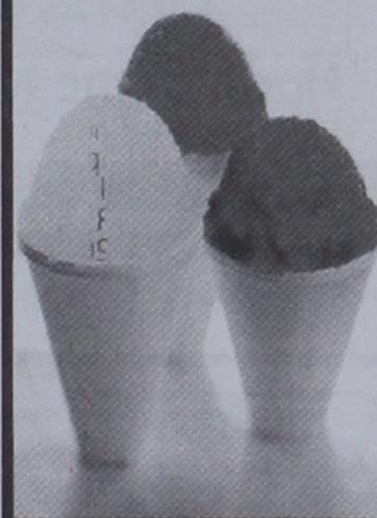
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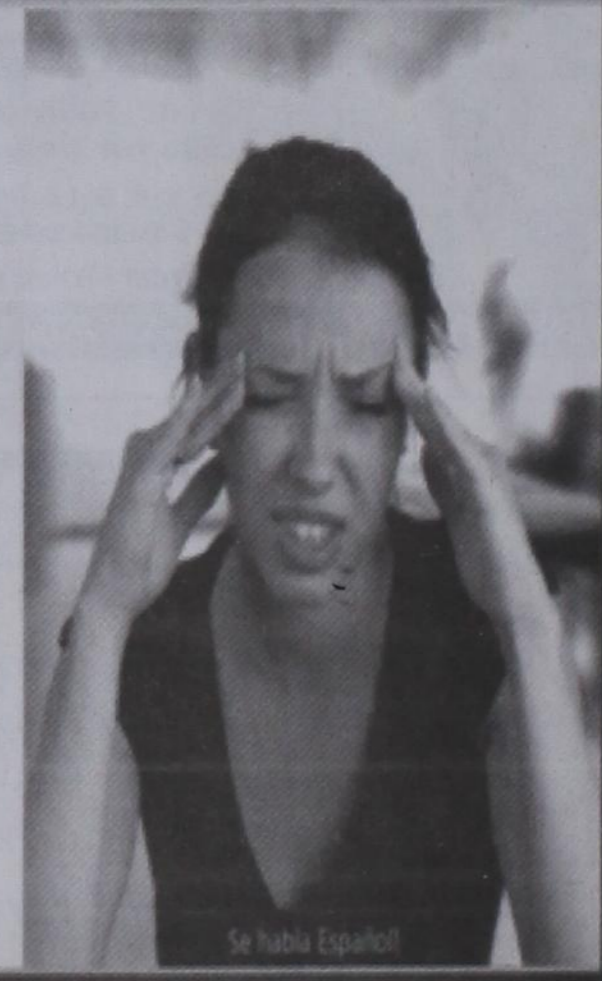
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Benny Wilson
Hansford County Judge
3(7/4/12)B

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Unified Transportation Program

The UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 6:15 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and revisions of the 2012 UTP and the 2013 UTP. Additional information will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please go to http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: <http://www.txdot.gov>, using search engine keyword: UTP; by email at: TPP_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: TxDOT TPP Division UTP, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until 4 PM on August 20, 2012.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the 2013-2016 STIP; TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions.

The 2013-2016 STIP may be viewed online at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips/html> or at any TxDOT District Office no earlier than Wednesday, July 11, 2012. Locations of these offices can be found at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/. Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Joe Clark at (325) 676-6821 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs. 1(7/4/12)B

Aviso de Reunión Pública

Departamento de Transporte de Texas Revisión del Programa de Transporte Unificado 2012 y 2013, Programa de Mejora de Transporte Estatal 2013-2016

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) llevará a cabo una reunión pública para solicitar comentarios públicos y aportaciones para el Revisión del Programa de Transporte Unificado 2012 y 2013 (UTP, por sus siglas en inglés), y el Programa de Mejora de Estado de Transporte 2013-2016 (STIP, por sus siglas en inglés).

Las reuniones públicas se celebrará el **Jueves, 12 de Julio de 2012 6:00 p.m. (CST) a 7:00 p.m.** en los siguientes lugares:

- Distrito de Abilene, 4250 Clack N., Abilene TX 79601
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Empezando a las 6:15 p.m.

Representantes de TxDOT harán una presentación breve sobre el propósito y revisión del UTP. Información adicional estará disponible y representantes de TxDOT estarán presentes para discutir el proceso del desarrollo y para contestar preguntas. Se proveerán formas para recibir comentarios, por escrito. A las personas interesadas se les urge asistir. Para más información, por favor vaya al www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm o llame gratis a la línea de información (800) 687-8108.

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Programa de Mejoras al Transporte Estatal

El STIP es un mecanismo utilizado por el TxDOT y la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA, por sus siglas en inglés) para financiar proyectos para los próximos cuatro años e incluye todos los proyectos financiados por el Gobierno Federal.

La enmienda de 2013 - 2016 STIP se puede ver en línea en la siguiente página de Web: <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm> o en cualquier Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT no mas antes que el Miércoles, 11 de Julio de 2012. Ubicaciones de estas oficinas se pueden encontrar en http://www.txdot.gov/local_information/. La reunión será informal y se invitan a todos los ciudadanos interesados a participar y expresar sus opiniones sobre el programa.

Las personas con necesidades especiales de comunicación o alojamiento pueden llamar a Joe Clark en (325) 676-6821 de asistencia. Las solicitudes deben realizarse a más tardar tres días antes de la reunión. Se harán todos los esfuerzos razonables para dar cabida a las necesidades. Escrito comentarios podrán presentarse al Departamento de Transporte de Texas, Atención: Lori Morel, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704, o por correo electrónico a Lori.Morel@txdot.gov por 5:00 p.m. el 13 de Agosto de 2012. 1(7/4/12)B

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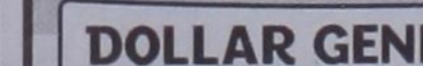
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Farm Service Agency Now Accepting Pollinator Habitats in Continuous CRP

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Pollinator habitats are areas of permanent vegetation located in an agricultural landscape: field edges, field middles, odd corners, or any agricultural location that is suitable for establishing pollinator habitat.

"Pollinators provide a very important ecological service," said Hargrove. "Approximately three quarters of all flowering plants rely upon external assistance to pollinate their flowers," he said.

In addition to agricultural crops such as fruits and many vegetables, these plants include seed producing wildflowers, fruit producing shrubs and nut producing trees which provide a source of food for many wildlife species. Studies indicate that birds, bees, bats, and other pollinators are in significant de-

cline across the country and around the world. Nearly 80% of the crops grown in the world require pollination. In the United States, insects pollinate crops that produce \$40 billion worth of products annually.

Participants of newly enrolled pollinator habitat practices are eligible to receive a \$150 CRP Sign-up Incentive Payment (SIP) per acre. The SIP is a one-time payment issued to CRP participants after the contract is approved. The following practices qualify for the \$150 SIP:

- Pollinator Habitats;
- Wetland Restoration & Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain) practice which restores the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use and;

- Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds practice which provides food and cover for quail and upland birds in cropland areas

The SIP for all other continuous sign-up practices remains unchanged at \$100 per acre.

Continuous CRP sign-up allows participants to submit offers for selected CCRP practices to enroll in CRP at anytime instead of waiting for a General CRP sign-up period. Partici-

pants and offered lands must meet certain eligibility requirements to be accepted into the program.

For more information about the continuous conservation reserve program, please contact the Hansford County FSA office at 806-659-3036, ext. 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

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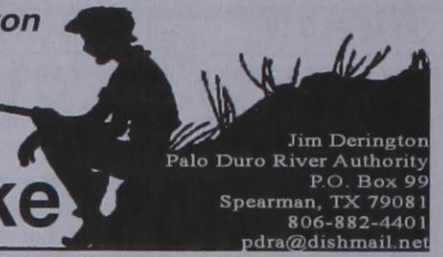
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July 2, 2012 - Lake Palo Duro level - 28.18 feet

Saturday afternoon brought some much needed rain to the lake. It rained again during the night, for a total of .65 at the office. Last week's heat and wind dried everything out, and the lake level dropped .05-.07 feet per day. This week should be better.

Eight campers were in the park behind the dam this weekend, but none camped on the lake side. Verlin and Audrie Behne camped, and had family visiting from Florida, Nebraska, and Kansas.

The Fourth of July holiday is on Wednesday. Usually we have a long busy weekend, with a lot of campers at the lake. Going by our lack of camping reservations, we are not expecting quite as many this year. I'm sure the extreme heat is keeping some away.

If you are planning to come fishing or driving near the water's edge, please be careful. The lake level has receded and several in recent weeks have become stuck in the mud. Keep your vehicles in the areas that are mowed or regularly driven on.

I saw two rattlesnakes

today. Perhaps the "cool" weather brought them out. Please be on the lookout for them. We usually don't see too many here, but we all need to be thinking about that possibility.

I am seeing a lot of deer, but not many fawns. Many of the does are near the lake, and I presume the fawns are hiding in the weeds. Maybe I'm just not out at the right time. I have seen several bucks. They are growing this year's antlers. It is fun to watch the progression from stubs not much bigger than their ears, to mature antlers.



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