



# 2012 Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame Ballot

Each paid member of the Panhandle Press Association will receive one Hall of Fame Ballot and may **vote for up to two nominees**. Please mark your choices and return to the addresses below by March 2, 2012. Winners will be announced during the annual convention at the Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday, March 30, 2012, in Canyon.

---

Jon Mark Beilue has covered the Texas Panhandle in two major roles at the Amarillo Globe-News: first as sports editor and now as a popular, general columnist. Beilue grew up in Groom and graduated from Texas Tech University. While sports editor of The University Daily at Tech in the 1970s, he covered Southwest Conference athletics and interviewed such sports figures as basketball legend Bob Knight. At the Globe-News, he worked as a sportswriter and assistant sports editor before serving as sports editor for 17 years. He also can be heard as a color man on area high school football radio broadcasts. Since 2006, he has written columns and news on issues, trends, and people on the front page and elsewhere in the newspaper, touching readers across the region with heartfelt observations and descriptions. He is a modern newspaperman whose breadth of knowledge also provides a link to the area's past.

---

Debbie Aylesworth first moved to Canyon in 1978 and has made a large impact on her community and the Panhandle. She worked at The Canyon News for more than 12 years, starting out writing announcements then moving up to ad sales. In 2006, she was named publisher of The Canyon News. She pursued any story that was of importance to the community, even if it was an unpopular choice. She has served on many area boards, and also was chosen as a spokesperson by Northwest Texas Hospital's Heart Hospital and the Go Red for Women campaign. While The Canyon News and the newspaper industry has faced many challenges in recent years, Aylesworth found a way to keep the paper going and motivate her staff. She believes in newspapers and what they do for a community. Aylesworth left The Canyon News in January to pursue another job opportunity in South Texas. While she has left the Panhandle, the work she did in Canyon and the surrounding area continues.

---

Alice Gilroy, the former long-time editor of The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, served in that capacity for more than 20 years covering the news in Floyd County. Gilroy embodies what it takes to be at the helm of a small town, weekly paper being fully committed to covering all the news accurately while doing her best to produce a newspaper its readers are proud of. Gilroy was very fair in her news coverage, doing her best to make sure Floydada and Lockney both received plenty of news and sports coverage. That can be a challenge when such a strong rivalry exists between two communities like Lockney and Floydada. Gilroy also made sure the newspaper was a leader in the community and supported local activities. Gilroy was not only a great newspaper editor, but she also had the heart to make sure the Hesperian-Beacon was always at its best.

**Please return your ballot in one of your company envelopes to:**

Jeff Blackmon, PO Box 67, Dimmitt, TX 79027-0067

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 2, 2012.**