

IN THE NEWS

Saddam defies judges as bombers kill 40
Saddam Hussein told his judges to "Go to hell" and threatened to stay away from his own trial after hearing more chilling, if at times barely coherent, evidence from witnesses on Tuesday.

Iraq ex-PM says survives assassination bid
Iraq's former prime minister Iyad Allawi said gunmen tried to assassinate him in Shi'ite Islam's holiest shrine on Sunday, forcing him to cut short an election campaign visit pursued by an angry mob.

Crime-torn Mexican 'FBI' investigates 1,500 agents
Mexico created an elite force of federal agents modeled on the FBI four years ago, but now one in five members of the agency is under investigation for committing crimes, the attorney general's office said on Sunday.

Bush may delay push for major tax overhaul
The White House may delay unveiling a broad proposal to overhaul the tax code until 2007 or later, despite earlier discussions of making it a major theme for next year, people close to the White House said.

September 11 panel leaders say US still at risk
The United States is still unprepared for another inevitable terrorist attack after not doing enough to improve communications for emergency personnel and bolster security at nuclear plants, the heads of the former September 11 Commission said on Sunday.

Florida lawmakers to consider Medicaid reforms
Florida lawmakers will meet this week to debate a sweeping reform package that would shift almost all of the state's Medicaid recipients to managed care programs by the end of the decade.

Congress returns in search of common ground
Members of the Republican-led Congress resume battle this week on matters from taxes to security and health care as they try to wrap up work for a year rocked by scandals, divisions over the Iraq war and public discontent.

Arctic, tropical islands unite in climate fight
On the surface, polar bears and coral atolls don't have much in common but when it comes to global warming they have plenty to link them.

Iran mourns victims of worst air crash in 3 years
Iran grieved on Wednesday for at least 116 people killed when a military plane hit a Tehran apartment block and burst into flames; the third air crash to kill more than a 100 people in the country in four years.

Powerful Republican proposes tough immigrant bill
The powerful chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee put forward a tough bill on Tuesday designed to curb illegal immigration, punish those who employ illegal aliens and give the government more powers to detain and deport them.

Venezuela delivers energy 'aid' to New York poor
Venezuela's "humanitarian aid" arrived in The Bronx on Tuesday, leaving some residents of one of New York's poorest neighborhoods happy to be able to heat their homes and others wondering if they were political pawns.

U.S. Rep. Blunt leaves opening for leadership race
A Republican leader in the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday said he would not stand in the way of elections for a new majority leader early next year if Rep. Tom DeLay's legal troubles were still brewing then.

Canada's Liberals promise complete ban on handguns
Canada's ruling Liberals, under pressure to clamp down on gun violence in big cities, will move to ban all handguns if they win the January 23 election, Prime Minister Paul Martin said on Thursday.

White House backs marshals' actions in shooting
U.S. air marshals who shot and killed an American Airlines passenger acted "consistent with their training" and an investigation will determine if any changes are needed in operating procedures, the White House said on Thursday.

Critics say Bush, Congress neglect hurricane victims
Senior Republicans and Democrats are accusing President George W. Bush and Congress of not fulfilling the promise to do "whatever it takes" to rebuild the Gulf Coast after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

U.S. House votes to extend terrorism insurance
The U.S. House of Representatives voted on Wednesday to extend and expand a program that guarantees the government will cover some losses from terrorists attacks, but the White House and Senate Republicans said they would insist on paring the program back.

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Hansford County recognized by state officials for contribution to local project

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) honored Hansford County/Morse Water Supply Corporation on December 1, 2005 at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission meeting in Amarillo for having secured a \$250,000 water system improvement grant from the agency for water system improvement.

ORCA honored Hansford County/Morse Water Supply Corporation as one of forty-one grant recipients from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission area recognized at the event. The recipients received a total of more than \$2.5 million in grants awarded by ORCA between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005. The funds supported a variety of local undertakings, including local infrastructure development (planning, capacity building, water, wastewater) projects, disaster relief, healthcare accessibility enhancements, medical facility improvements, and healthcare professional recruitment endeavors, to name a few.

"We commend the efforts of every recipient for their dedication to supporting their rural Texas community," said ORCA Executive Director, Charles (Charlie) S. Stone. "ORCA was created to assist rural Texans with building their own communities, and I applaud everyone who applied for funding to address the needs of their community."

ORCA's door is always open for comments and suggestions regarding the agency, and any rural issues of concern. Contact ORCA at P. O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711 Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 Email: orca@orca.state.tx.us Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us.

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the State's health, economic development, and community development programs targeting rural communities in Texas. ORCA's programs and services support health care delivery in rural Texas, and address rural community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvements, and disaster relief funds. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens.



L-R: Lonnie Clemmons of Morse, Judge Benny Wilson, and Danny Henson, Hansford County Commissioner, Precinct 4 (far right) accept a check from Mary Alice Smith of the Office of Rural Community Affairs. The grant money is for a water system improvement for the Morse Water Supply Corporation.

State gearing up for possible winter wildfire siege

State fire control leaders continue to gear up for what could be a long winter wildfire siege for the state's firefighters.

Additional in-state and out-of-state personnel and equipment resources, including six dozers and seven engines from Wisconsin, have been ordered and mobilized to strategic areas to bolster the state's firefighting arsenal. Critically dry fuels (vegetation) exist across much of the state, a fact evidenced by several large wildfires that have already occurred. With no significant change in the weather pattern in sight, fire control leaders are planning for the worst but hoping for the best.

Grasses, weeds and other vegetation in much of the state lie dead and dormant from a combination of drought and hard freezes, according to Mike Dunivan, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service. Areas hit by hard frosts earlier in the year are where the lion's share of the known large fires occurred, but essentially all of the state is now at risk, due to the presence of the dead vegetation, said Dunivan.

"Vegetation is critically dry in much of the state," said Dunivan. "Add winds and low humidity during the afternoon prime burning period, and you have a recipe for fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires. Most of the large wildfires that already occurred statewide resulted from this deadly combination of wildfire ingredients."

The fire analyst noted that the

Texas Forest Service sent an advisory to fire departments in Texas warning of the possibility of dangerous fire behavior during periods of dry, windy weather and the need for diligent use of fire safety practices and protective gear. Already this year, two volunteer firefighters suffered serious burns upon being overrun by wildfires, and another firefighter lost his life in an accident when the fire tanker he was driving rolled over.

"Now that most summer grasses and weeds have gone dormant, any wildfires that arise will have more fuel available to stoke the flames. Also, wherever dead grass, weeds and other fine-textured fuels are present, even short periods of dry, windy weather can cause a rapid escalation in wildfire risk and difficulty of control," Dunivan declared.

Unless the weather cooperates and brings significant moisture statewide and/or the public ex-

periences greater safety with all outdoor fire use, firefighters fear that additional wildfires are likely. Many wildfires result from careless burning of household trash, leaves and brush piles. The following are suggestions from the Texas Forest Service.

- Obey outdoor burning bans.
- Postpone all outdoor fires during periods of dry, windy weather.
- When outdoor fires are permitted, establish wide control lines down to bare soil before igniting your fire, and stay with your fire until it is cold to the touch.
- Dispose of smoking materials properly, either in an ashtray or crushed out in bare dirt.
- Avoid using welding or grinding equipment in or near dry grass and weeds.
- Avoid driving or parking in tall grass and weeds that could be ignited by the pollution control equipment on your vehicle.

NOTICE

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the deadline for information to be included in the December 22nd and 29th issue will be Wednesday, December 14th at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434 or CathyRSmit@aol.com. Information may also be faxed to (806) 659-3368.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED December 26th-January 1st. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 2, 2005.

WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 7. Southwest winds around 10 mph. Wind chill readings 6 below to 12 above zero.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 40. Southwest winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light and variable. Lowest wind chill readings 7 below to 24 above zero in the morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 19. West winds around 10 mph.

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 50. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

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

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

HANSFORD HOSPICE gives thanks to all who gave to the LIGHTS OF LOVE

Hansford Hospice Volunteers would like to thank the following for making donations to the Hospice Lights of Love. These donations enable Hansford County to provide Hospice Care for Hansford County citizens.

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Make checks payable to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman TX 79081. All gifts are tax deductible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Operation Christmas Greeting

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

Merry Christmas

from

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Steve & Celia Krug
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Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting, 723 Steele Dr., Spearman, Texas 79081.

Letters to Santa

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will print Letters to Santa from children in Hansford County in our annual Christmas edition, which will be published on December 22nd.

Letters may be mailed to: Santa Letter, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or dropped by the Reporter-Statesman office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. (There is a drop-slot located in the window to the right of the door.)

In order for your letter to appear in this issue, it must be in the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline will not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)



Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
cathysmith@antden.com

Several dear friends sent me the following article entitled "First Corinthians 13 - Christmas Version." I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. (The author is unknown.)

First Corinthians 13 - Christmas Version

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, sing in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things endures all things. Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust;

But giving the gift of love will endure.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26
Catherine :)

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

MEDICARE STRIDES FORWARD INTO NEW YEAR

When the confetti falls and toasts are made to the New Year on January 1, 2006, Medicare prescription drug coverage will begin. Prescription drugs have revolutionized healthcare. Many illnesses that previously required regular and expensive trips to the doctor or even surgery now can be treated by taking prescription drugs. Heart bypass surgery can cost \$60,000-80,000. It risks further endangering a patient's life, can be a traumatic experience, and requires substantial time for recovery. But the advent of many new prescription drugs has eliminated the need for many people to undergo serious procedures by lowering cholesterol before such surgery is needed.

Preventing the full onset of heart disease and other illnesses simultaneously improves an individual's health and lowers the total cost of treatment. Most health insurance plans help pay for such drugs. Yet, many people have found that when they retire and move from their employer's insurance coverage to Medicare, they lose their prescription drug coverage.

In Texas, 57 percent of the Medicare population - primarily anyone 65 or older - was without prescription drug coverage. They were forced either to pay out of pocket for drugs their doctors recommended or to wait until their condition worsened and required surgery.

Recognizing the need to change the status quo, President Bush and Congress discussed ways to provide our seniors with better healthcare options at more reasonable prices. Congress passed the Medicare Modernization Act and the president signed it into law. The centerpiece of this act, the Prescription Drug Benefit, more than doubles the number of people with drug benefit coverage, jumping from 43 percent of the Medicare population to 96 percent.

The new prescription drug coverage, referred to as Medicare Part D, increases the focus on preventive care and disease management. It is expected to reduce seniors' annual pharmaceutical spending by more than 50 percent. Under the act, insurance companies and other private companies are working with Medicare to negotiate discounts on drug prices. Those with the lowest incomes will not have to pay a monthly premium or annual deductible. Others will have an average monthly premium of approximately \$32 and an annual deductible of \$250.

Some critics claimed that the plans offered would not be affordable. But the increased competition has resulted in greater savings for consumers, making plan costs more reasonable. Monthly premiums are 13.5 percent lower than originally anticipated, with beneficiaries in Texas having access to at least one plan with premiums below \$20 per month.

Under current estimates, the new coverage will save a typical individual 44 percent on their out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs. Low-income individuals will save substantially more.

To maximize your benefits, take a moment to learn about your options and consider which plan will benefit you the most. There are a number of websites designed to help you compare. The place to start is www.medicare.gov. There you will find the different plans available in Texas, as well as the deductible and fees associated with that plan. You can even enter a list of drugs you take regularly, enter your dose of each drug and have the website create a list of plans that offer your drugs.

If you do not have internet access or you have trouble using the website, you might visit your local library, where a librarian can assist you in navigating the site. Consider consulting your local pharmacist; some pharmacies will look at your current prescriptions and help you with your choices. Alternatively, you can learn about the new benefits by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.) You can also obtain information from the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov.

The sooner you sign up for the prescription drug program, the sooner you can start exercising your program benefits. Those who sign up by December 31, 2005 will have their coverage start on January 1, 2006. Even people who already have coverage under their current plan should at least look into the new options to see if they can do better. Those currently holding a Medicare-approved discount drug card will see that card expire on May 15, 2006. And individuals presently eligible who fail to sign up before that date will see their premiums rise.

Begin to investigate your options now to avoid higher costs later.

HYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

Spearman Band Sells Decorated Christmas Cookies

Spearman Band and Jeanette's Sweet Creations - what a combo! The Spearman Band is now selling Home-made Hand-decorated Christmas Cookies by Jeanette. The cookies are a variety of snowmen, Christmas trees and Santa's. If you are interested in purchasing cookies, they are \$10 per dozen. You can order them from any band student, or call the band hall at 659-2584.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday night, December 10 in Follett at the Follett Community Center (on Highway 15 across from the school). Food and fellowship will begin at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite foods to share. Sponsor Training will be at 6:30, followed by Worship at 7 p.m. in the North Harvest Church at 342 S. Main. Training for sponsors will be held, and a nursery will be provided. Bring your friends, families, and new members.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

Operation Christmas Greeting To Begin

The Hansford Hospital and Manor Auxiliary has begun their yearly fund raiser, Operation Christmas Greeting. Instead of mailing greetings cards individuals may donate money to the Hansford Hospital and Manor Auxiliary. This money will be used to purchase needed equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the hospital or manor. Some items that have been purchased in the past are tables and chairs for the nurse's break room, a popcorn popper, chair and a side table for the manor. People who donate to Operation Christmas Greeting will have their names listed in the Hansford County Reporter Statesman. Persons wishing to contribute to Operation Christmas Greeting may do so by contacting: Sandee Smith, 723 Steele Drive, Spearman, Texas 79081

Hospice Lights of Love

The Hansford Hospice Lights of Love service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5th. The service will begin at the Manor, and will move out to the Gazebo for the lighting of the Lights of Love Tree. Each year the Hospice has this service in memory and in honor of those loved ones who have passed away. The service is open to the general public. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. In addition to the Lights of Love ceremony the general public has an opportunity to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one. A "Dove", the Hospice symbol, will be displayed on Christmas trees in Gruver and Spearman banks with your loved ones name on it. The donations made to this effort go toward the many good works performed by the Hospice volunteers throughout the year.

DeLaCruz Medical Fund

If you wish to contribute to help with the burial expenses for Phil DeLaCruz you may do so by sending to the following fund: Felix DeLaCruz Special Account, %H&H Credit Union, PO Box 1187, Stinnett, Texas 79083. Thank you and God bless you!

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Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

December 8
Birthdays - Stan TeeBeest, Reynaldo Garza, Lawrence Tindell, Scott Slater, Hershel Jones, Carmen Arjona, Jason Holton, Michelle Cook Kaman, Theresa Davis, Tim Weldon, Bruce Stinson, Morgan Lackey, LaVerne Parks

December 9
Birthdays - Clayton Smith, Grant Odom, Matt Overbey, Marlene Winger, J.H. Campbell Jr., Gail Vanlandingham, Elodia Flores, Melana Papay, Shawn Cook, Juan Garcia Jr., Elda DeSantiago, Maddie Rose Stork

December 10
Birthdays - Pat Barkley, Akiko Bort, Marilynn Hart, Harold King, Brent Pittman, Aaron Jackson, Kayla Pletcher, Donald Piatt, Kay Barnes, Lelia Bynum, Phyllis Collins, Linda Bartz, Bryce Reed Jarvis, Serina Diaz, Brent Wagner

December 11
Birthdays - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner, Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway

December 12
Birthdays - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Claudia Barton, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jana (Pittman) Ivey, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favela, Guadalupe Trejo, Freddy Walton, Marvin Wilkerson, Justin Boyd, Brandon Sauz

December 13
Birthdays - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marilyn Cline, Blythe Finley, Leah Smith

December 14
Birthdays - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr,

Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine

December 15
Birthdays - Dallas Henson, Harvey Proffitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez, April DeLaRosa

December 16
Birthdays - Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes

December 17
Birthdays - Bobbie Novak, Patsy Bevell, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guerero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassidy, Jimmy Taylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas

December 18
Birthdays - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Juanita Vera

December 19
Birthdays - Steve Bevell, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaither, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dosselt, Pat Dear, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton, Ruby Katherine Thornton

December 20
Birthdays - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittini Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans

December 21
Birthdays - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, M/M Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 22
Birthdays - M/M William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, M/M Dale Jones

Our Sympathy

LUDIE MAE LOVETT

PERRYTON - Ludie Mae Lovett, 88, passed away in Perryton, TX on Friday, December 2, 2005.

Services were Monday, December 5, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson officiating. Interment was in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lovett was born November 15, 1917 in Quannah, TX to G. A. and Willie Naron. She married Jack Lovett in Santa Rosa, New Mexico on July 15, 1939. She had lived in the Perryton and Spearman for over 60 years. Mrs. Lovett was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church in Perryton. She was active in both the Senior Citizens Center and the Museum of the Plains. She was also active in the B & PW.

Mrs. Lovett was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Lovett in 1993; a daughter, Carol Ann Sheets; her parents, G. A. and Willie Naron; 2 sisters and 5 brothers.

Survivors include 2 sons; Charles Mac Lovett of Perryton, TX and Thomas Michael Lovett of Greenville, SC; one daughter, Judabeth Bural of Canyon, Tx.; 3 granddaughters, Tess Strickland and Holly Thurman of Amarillo, TX and Carlee Montgomery of Dallas, TX; 5 grandsons, Tom Sheets of Lagovista, TX; Jeri Randall of Canyon, TX; Wayne Floyd and Travis Floyd of Booker, TX; Michael Dixon of Amarillo, TX and 18 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to First United Methodist Church of Perryton, 321 S. Baylor, Perryton TX 79070; Ochiltree Senior Citizen Center, 1200 15th Ave, Perryton TX 79070; or the Museum of the Plains, 1220 N. Main, Perryton TX 79070.

BILL KUEHL

SPEARMAN - Bill Kuehl former long time resident of Spearman passed away on November 15, 2005.

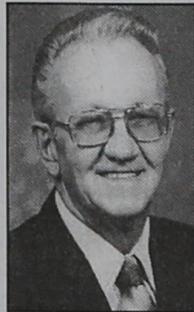
Bill was born in Thrift, Texas on June 23, 1925. He and his family moved to Pampa in 1927. Bill attended and graduated from the Pampa school system, and joined the Navy in 1943 serving his country in WWII. Bill received his honorable discharge in 1946. In 1948, he married Irene Hoggatt of Pampa and he was employed by Exxon in the same year. Bill and family transferred to Spearman in 1961 where he retired in 1983 after 35 years of service to Exxon. In 1995, Bill and Irene moved to Houston to be closer to family.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, August and Jewell Kuehl of Pampa. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Irene Kuehl; one child, Toby Kuehl and wife Cheryl of Omaha, Nebraska; three grandchildren, Derek, Mason and Alexa Kuehl, all of Dallas, Texas; brother Dick Kuehl and wife Janie of Booker Texas; Sisters Kathleen Cody of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mary Mitchell and husband J.L., of Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services will be held Friday November 18, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. located at Forest Park The Woodlands, 18000 145 S. Conroe, Texas 77384.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the American Lung Association.

Dad, your humor and smile will be missed by all of your family and friends.



FELIPE DE LA CRUZ

AMARILLO - Felipe De La Cruz, 44, of Amarillo died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount Blvd., with the Rev. Duane Builderback of Church of Restoration officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Mausoleum. Mr. De La Cruz was born Nov. 26, 1960, in Alice. He was an auto mechanic for 28 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Julio and Angelita De La Cruz; and two sisters, Maria Beanes and Sylvia Salinas. Survivors include two sons, Felipe De La Cruz Jr. of Amarillo and Felix De La Cruz of Fort Morgan, Colo.; a daughter, Stephanie De La Cruz of Amarillo; six brothers, Armando De La Cruz of Alice, the Rev. Julio De La Cruz Jr. of Edenburg, Santiago De La Cruz of Amarillo, Daniel De La Cruz of Childress, Arthur De La Cruz of Stinnett and Israel De La Cruz of Perryton; four sisters, Sulema Chapa of Amarillo, Sara Vela of Waka, Olga Jacques of Perryton and Chavela Pacheco; and four grandchildren, Amaya, Diego, Noelle, and Isabella.

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- Dec. 11 - 11 a.m. - Father Spannagel
- Dec. 18 - 11 a.m. - Morning Prayer
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Pastor - Bob Elder</p> <p>First Christian Church
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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
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Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Jim Medley</p> <p>Church of Christ
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Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
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Rev. Guillermo Morales</p> <p>First United Methodist
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Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
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High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
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Worship: 10:45 a.m.
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Worship: 11 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.
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Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
Jueves: Gracion - 8 p.m.
Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
Pastor - A.G. Martell
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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry</p> <p>Church of Christ
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>First Christian Church
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.
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Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - Paul Fiske</p> <p>Waka</p> <p>Waka Church of the Brethren
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by Dorothy Hudson
Out At The Lake

Lake Level—December 5, 2005—24.44 feet (-0.06)
There was not much activity at the Lake this week. Some of the regular fishermen were out, but no one reported what they were catching. One camper stayed at the hookups. Ramon suspected he was a hunter, as he was gone in the daytime. Jim would see an occasional eagle, but only one at a time.

Saturday was the start of pheasant season, and Jim, as usual, was busy with the Rotary hunt. This is their main moneymaker for the year. This year 37 hunters signed up with the Club at \$300 a gun. Only 35 actually came. They were split in two groups with 16 in a group under Jim and 19 that came together and were under Mike Schnell's supervision.

A group of ladies from the Catholic Church has fed the hunters the last two years, so I am sure they ate well. The birds were plentiful, the weather was cool and crisp, and a good time was had by all.

Janie Jeffries and her grandson Justin were delighted to see a spotted bobcat run across the road in front of their headlights last week as they returned from Guymon. It was near the locality of the Tim

Stedje's country home. Janie thought the cat looked lank.

To continue with the story of how the Oklahoma Panhandle was formed, we go back again to the Missouri Enabling Act of 1820, when the law was passed that all slave states would be below the latitude of 36 degrees 30 minutes. When the Kansas Territory was formed in 1854, the first thought was to draw the southern boundary on that line. That would have made part of Kansas border with Hansford County. Then someone remembered that land given to the Cherokee and Quapaw Indians extended above the line. Then the Senate and House of Representatives decided to use the 37 degree parallel instead. I don't know if they noticed they were leaving a little strip of land 34.5 miles wide at the top of Texas.

The Cherokees complained that the 37th parallel still cut off their land and asked for part of Kansas. It was finally found that the amount of the "Cherokee Strip" that rightfully belonged to the Cherokees was an area of 434,679.36 acres. The controversy was settled by selling the lands and giving the proceeds to the Cherokee Tribe.

Scribner's welcome Jerald Porter

Clay and Krystal Scribner of Spearman are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Jerald Porter Scribner. Jerald arrived on Thursday, November 10, 2005 weighing 6 pounds and one ounce. He is welcomed by a sister, Sydney and brothers, Alex and Jordan. Grandparents are Jerald Ray and Cindy Scribner of Spearman and Ann and Larry Parrish of Dumas.

Lozanos introduce Rylan Cole

Jennifer and Ramon Lozano of Spearman wish to announce the arrival of their son, Rylan Cole. Rylan was born on Monday, December 5, 2005 in Borger, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Rylan was welcomed home by his big brother, Corbin (6) and big sister, Lauren (3).

Proud grandparents are Jan Ellsworth, Gary Ellsworth and Petra Lozano, all of Spearman. Great-grandparents are Ellen Burch of Pampa and Peggy and Alton Ellsworth of Spearman.

Thank you

The Panhandle Crisis Center would like to thank all of you who purchased raffle tickets for our Magical Moments Christmas Tree Raffle. A special thank you is extended to all the members of the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, R. L. McClellan and Rev. Darel Evins for allowing us to share their spotlight and sell tickets during their wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner.

The winner was Julie Corbin of Perryton. Julie, her son, Colton, and her grandson, Kyler, were very excited when Larry and I delivered it. There were 3 boxes of ornaments and the tree is huge. Approximately \$2500.00 was raised through this effort and will be used by the Center through our many endeavors.

Donna Gilley Roberts, President of the Board, Panhandle Crisis Center

Thank you

The Gladiola Flower Club would like to express their appreciation to all of the hostess homes on this year's home tour, to all of the individuals who attended the tour and to the Hansford County Reporter Statesman for their coverage. There was a really nice turnout and the weather was wonderful. The proceeds from the tour go toward our annual scholarship fund. Thanks again for your support.

Thank you

The family of Flossie Boyd wishes to thank you for your thoughts, flowers, prayers, food and friendship during this difficult time. Our loss is made easier knowing that you care.

Harold Boyd, David Boyd and Family, Lynn Boyd and Family, Donald Burke Family

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

The third Sunday in Advent reflects the joy in the heart of Mary, the joy in the heart of the believer, the joy in all of the faith community as we expect our Savior. Our lessons are found in Isaiah 61:1-11, Luke 1:46b-55, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, and John 1:6-8,19-28. Isaiah declares "the spirit of the Lord is upon me...he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed...righteousness and praise will spring up before all the nations". Luke tells us of the Magnificat of Mary. Mary sings that God has "scattered the proud in their hearts", the way of Jesus brings moral revolution to a decadent world. Mary sings that God has "brought down the powerful from their thrones and elevated the humble", the way of Jesus brings social revolution to a corrupt world. Mary sings that God has "filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty", the way of Jesus brings economic revolution to a greedy world. Mary sings of the great favor God has shown her and blesses Him for keeping His promise to His people.

Paul exhorts the early faith community to respect their leaders, to live in peace, to admonish and encourage those weak in the faith, but to be patient with them.

Paul gives good sound advice for the well-being of the faith community but he closes asking the Thessalonians to pray for him. It is instructive that perhaps the greatest of the evangelists, needs the prayers of other lesser-known believers to strengthen him in his work for the Lord. You can give no greater gift than to sincerely pray for others.

The Apostle John writes of John the Baptist. It is significant that the Apostle John holds John the Baptist to be a prophet, four hundred years of silence was broken by the teaching of John the Baptist. The Apostle John writes to show that John the Baptist was the "witness" to the light of Christ who had come into the world. John the Baptist told the Pharisees that he was not Elijah, that he was not the Messiah, that he was sent to prepare the way. The Pharisees then wanted to know why he was "baptizing" if he was not Elijah nor the Messiah. In the Jewish tradition, baptism was used only as a means of "purifying" converts to Judaism. John the Baptist by "baptizing" was indicating that even the "chosen people of God" needed to be purified before the Lord. John the Baptist was the "voice crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord".

May the Holy Spirit open your eyes to appreciate the Light that has been given us and open your heart to the joy of Christ's presence.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is very short. Below-average temperatures and snow were reported. High winds caused soil erosion. Dry conditions allowed cotton harvest to make rapid progress. Gins operated around the clock. Yield reports were good-to-excellent. A few sorghum fields remained to be harvested. Sunflower and soybean harvests were complete. Soybean yields were fair to good, while sunflower yields were poor to fair. Wheat condition declined due to dry conditions. Wheat streak mosaic virus and High Plains virus were diagnosed in some area fields. Rangelands were rated poor to fair.

Fire danger was high. Cattle were in good condition; supplemental feeding continued.

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Instead of mailing greetings cards individuals may donate money to the Hansford Hospital and Manor Auxiliary. This money will be used to purchase needed equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the hospital or manor. Some items that have been purchased in the past are tables and chairs for the nurse's break room, a popcorn popper, chair and a side table for the manor.

People who donate to Operation Christmas Greeting will have their names listed the Hansford County Reporter Statesman.

Persons wishing to contribute to Operation Christmas Greeting may do so by contacting: Sandee Smith, 723 Steele Drive, Spearman TX 79081.

FUMC Chancel Choir Presentation

You are invited to join the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir on Sunday December 18th at the 11:00AM worship service for the compelling new musical for Christmas entitled "THE GIFT GOES ON."

Written and compiled by Dove Award-winning songwriter, Sue C. Smith and arranged and orchestrated by Dove Award-winner Russell Mauldin, this celebration of the birth of Christ is an experience that you

will never forget. Centered on one of the best loved Christmas songs of all time, this carefully crafted musical features a host of traditional carols, and an intimate moment shared with Mary and her Infant Son, a life changing invitation to all mankind to follow the true Christmas Star and a powerful moment of cradle side worship.

Once upon a silent night, God gave a priceless Gift in the form of a Baby. Over two thousand years later, He invites you to join the heavenly chorus and celebrate this Christmas because THE GIFT GOES ON still today!! The production will be directed by Trudie Gordon with Mary's solo being performed by Jackie Pearson, the male solo by Tindle Ramon and narrated by Randy Kirk. Please join us for this wonderful celebration.

FBC welcomes Bulgarian violinist Dr. Margaret Nikol

First Baptist Church is pleased to announce that Dr. Margaret Nikol, internationally renown Bulgarian violinist, is making a return visit to Spearman. She will present a concert of Christmas music and share updates about her mission to print and distribute Bibles in the Bulgarian language within her home country.

The daughter of a martyred Bulgarian pastor, Dr. Nikol was educated at the Moscow Conservatory of Music. She had an illustrious career as a concert violinist and served as concert mistress for the East Germany national orchestra before her miraculous escape to Western Europe, and ultimately to the United States, in the late 1980's. She has since become a United States citizen and currently makes her home near Houston, Texas. She travels internationally playing concerts and sharing her testimony about her work on behalf of Bulgarian pastors and Christians in the post Cold War era since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Her testimony is dramatic and inspiring, and her violin music is worthy of being heard in the finest concert halls in the world. We are privileged to have the opportunity to host her here in Spearman.

Dr. Nikol will be accompanied by Jenny McCloy of Morse, an accomplished pianist and a student of Billie Jo Forney of Borger. Miss McCloy is staff accompanist for the Borger ISD and currently serves as pianist at First Baptist Church, Morse.

Dr. Nikol will present her concert during the morning worship hour at First Baptist Church, Spearman at 11:00 AM Sunday, Dec. 11. The public is cordially invited to attend this rare and unique opportunity of music and worship. A free-will love offering will be taken for those wishing to have a part in Dr. Nikol's ministry to the Bulgarian people.

FPC presents The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Frank Phillips College Department of Theatre & Dance presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson December 8, 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m. with a special matinee performance December 10 at 2:00 p.m.

All performances are at the FPC Fine Arts Theatre. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

In this hilarious Christmas tale, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids- probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem- and the fun- when the Herdmans collide with

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Headlining the cast are: Bob Bradley - Jonathan Bertschinger, Grace Bradley - Ashley Sisson, Beth Bradley - Kenna Renteria, Charlie Bradley - Tyler Snow, Alice Wendleken - Danielle McCollum

The Herdmans: Ralph Herdman - Sean Haney, Imogene Herdman - Chenoa Burleson, Leroy Herdman - Gus Mast, Claude Herman - Cesar Trivino, Ollie Herdman - Kolten Tucker, Gladys Herdman - Jordan Sisson

Other cast members include:

Lindsay Rogers, Sabrina Henderson, Kaylyn Jaronski, Hillary Jameson, Erica Huff, Raven Rubalcaba, Soozee Kim, Austin Noland, Tiffany Nivens, Cally Burleson, Chloe Burleson, Cody Lane, Bethany Mikles, Misty Franco, Stormy Hatfield, Alyssa Black, Natasha Tolley, Bridgid Chandler, Brandy Munoz, Brianna Brantwein, Saraya De La Rosa, Betty Lakey, Becca Green, Vanessa Trivino, Mikayla Cauthon, Krista Sanders, Grete Kolpin, and Ashley Noland.

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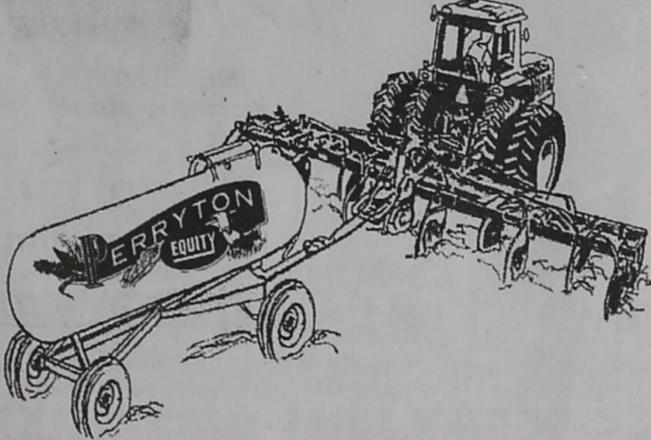
Kim Lackey enjoys her three daughters, Jeyla, Kennedy & Halle, thanks to the Gift of Life. Please give on December 17.

I never dreamed that Kim would require more quantities of blood to survive following the birth of her daughter Halle. Without the generosity of others who gave their time and means resources to save a life, my girls would be without their mother. I would also be without my best friend. Thank you for giving the Gift of Life. I hope to see you on December 17!
Amy Lackey Executive Director CBO
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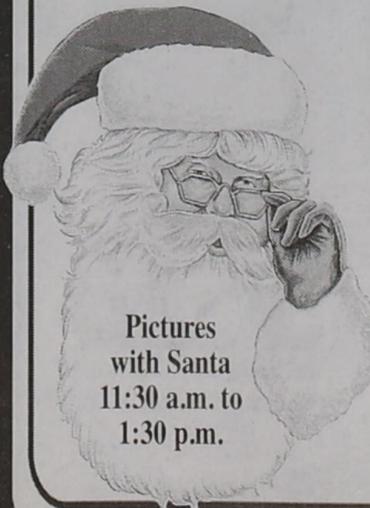


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Spearman Lynxette Basketball
Spearman 46 vs. Sunray 28
J. Short, 8; Vanderburg, 2; Rex, 3; Flowers, 5; Schneider, 8; Howard, 8; Hart, 10
Coach's Comments: We played well against a quality opponent.

Spearman JV Girls Basketball
Gruver Tournament
Spearman 47 vs. Panhandle 35
Reed, 2; Lang, 13; Pittman, 2; Bradley, 4; Kern, 10; Cazares, 5; Shields, 7; Smith, 4
Coach's Comments: This was a nice win. We played well and advanced to the finals of the tournament.

Spearman 33 vs Canadian 31
Gruver Tournament
Reed, 4; Lang, 14; Pittman, 1; Bradley, 5; Shields, 3; Hart, 4; Smith, 2
Coach's Comments: We were fortunate to hold on to this one. The Lynxettes finished 1st in the tournament.

Spearman JV 48 vs. Sunray 27
Brown, 2; Lang, 10; Davis, 4; Pittman, 9; Bradley, 3; Kern, 6; Cazares, 2; Shields, 2; Avila, 4; Hart, 6
Coach's Comments: We keep learning a little more every game. It was good to get to play against their zone as we haven't seen much zone this year. We had a good shut-down defensive quarter in the 3rd.

Spearman Lynxettes
Spearman 55 vs. Texhoma 24
L. Short, 7; J. Short, 7; Shields, 2; Vanderburg, 10; Flowers, 3; Schneider, 6; Howard, 6; Hart, 10; Lozano, 5
Coach's Comments: We played bet-

ter... just need to work on many little things.

Miami Tournament
Spearman Lynxettes
Spearman 59 vs Wellington 46
L. Short, 10; J. Short, 5; Shields, 4; Vanderburg, 2; Flowers, 13; Schneider, 9; Howard, 5; Hart, 5; Hart, 9; Lozano, 2
Coach's Comments: We defeated a team that was undefeated for the season and coming off a tournament championship in Wichita Falls.

Spearman 53 vs Wheeler 45
L. Short, 4; J. Short, 5; Vanderburg, 2; Flowers, 17; Schneider, 6; Howard, 4; Hart, 4; Lozano, 11
Coach's Comments: Hard fought victory to get into the finals of this tournament.

Spearman 39 vs Canadian 47
L. Short, 3; J. Short, 3; Flowers, 6; Schneider, 8; Howard, 3; Hart, 14; Lozano, 2
Coach's Comments: Hard fought game. 2nd place for the Lynxettes at the Miami Tournament.

Spearman JV Girls
Spearman 42 vs Texhoma 24
Reed, 4; Lang, 7; Davis, 1; Shields, 7; Hart, 4
Coach's Comments: We didn't give enough physical or mental effort in the first half. The second half was better. We are learning to adjust and adapt while the game is being played.

Spearman JV Girls
Spearman-28 vs. Wheeler-20
Reed, 2; Lang, 2; Pittman, 2; Bradley, 3; Kern, 7; Cazares, 4;

Shields, 6; Smith, 2
Coach's Comments: Good effort but we committed too many unforced turnovers, shot poorly from the line, and made some mental mistakes. We have things we can work on in practice!

Spearman JV Girls
Spearman 44 vs. Tulia 24
Reed, 2; Lang, 5; Davis, 1; Pittman, 5; Bradley, 6; Kern, 2; Cazares, 5; Shields, 5; Avila, 11; Smith, 2
Coach's comments: We played together during the 3rd quarter which made offense much easier. It was an overall nice job in the second half.

Spearman JV Girls
Spearman 51 vs Perryton 27
Reed, 9; Lang, 10; Pittman, 1; Bradley, 6; Kern, 8; Cazares, 4; Shields, 3
Coach's Comments: The girls did a good job in the 3rd quarter. We pressed well. Still need to be more aggressive and strong in the post. I am anxious to see how we handle being pressed. Will probably get our first chance to break a press at

Canadian Tournament.
Spearman Lynxettes Varsity
Spearman 62 vs Wheeler 44
L. Short, 3; J. Short, 21; Shields, 3; Vanderburg, 2; Rex, 5; Flowers, 5; Schneider, 5; Howard, 2; Hart, 14; Lozano, 3
Coach's Comments: We are excited to the year started... and happy with a win on an opponent's court.

Spearman 49 vs. Tulia 42
L. Short, 15; J. Short, 6; Vanderburg, 6; Rex, 4; Flowers, 3; Schneider, 7; Howard, 1; Hart, 5; Lozano, 2
Coach's Comments: We beat a good team. we did not shoot very well but made some big plays in the 2nd half. (Defense was a lot better in the later part of the game.)

Spearman 55 vs Perryton 40
L. Short, 8; J. Short, 7; Vanderburg, 4; Rex, 5; Flowers, 8; Schneider, 7; Howard, 4; Hart, 5; Lozano, 7
Coach's comments: We had our best free-throw shooting night of the year- and had moments where we played well. (Too many turnovers and missing some easy

shoots made the game a struggle.)
Spearman 36 vs. Stratford 48
L. Short, 4; J. Short, 2; Shields, 5; Vanderburg, 2; Rex, 5; Flowers, 8; Schneider, 6; Howard, 2; Hart, 2
Coach's Comments: Stratford got off to a Red Hot 1st quarter and we played catch up the whole game. We finally settled down and played better late.

Highland Park Tournament
Spearman Lynxettes
Spearman 44 vs White Deer 49
L. Short, 9; J. Short, 8; Vanderburg, 4; Rex, 7; Flowers, 5; Schneider, 3; Hart, 8
Coach's comments: We were beaten in most phases of the game. we hope to learn from this game.

Spearman 57 vs. Clarendon 35

L. Short, 8; J. Short, 10; Vanderburg, 4; Rex, 10; Flowers, 13; Howard, 4; Hart, 2; Lozano, 6
Coach's Comments: We played a real good first half. We had a good day shooting the ball and that help

Spearman 46 vs White Deer 36
L. Short, 8; J. Short, 9; Rex, 15; Flowers, 3; Howard, 4; Hart, 5; Hart, 5; Lozano, 2
Coach's Comments: We won a hard fought ball game. The girls competed and found a way to win this one.

Spearman 39 vs. Happy 23
L. Short, 4; J. Short, 7; Vanderburg, 2; Rex, 5; Flowers, 3; Schneider, 2; Howard, 6; Hart, 8; Lozano, 2
Coach's Comments: Lynxettes win the consolation title of this tournament

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Large Seed Supply Anticipated for Cotton with New Technology

by Kay Ledbetter

Now that Roundup Ready Flex technology cotton has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a Texas Cooperative Extension cotton specialist expects new varieties to begin entering the marketplace.

Dr. Randy Boman, speaking at the Farm and Ranch Management Symposium during the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, said as many as 55 new entries of cotton were tested at multiple locations by Dr. John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station cotton breeder. A large seed supply for many of the varieties is anticipated for launch in 2006.

With these new varieties and technology, producers need to be vigilant in seed selection, studying performance through demonstration plots and university data, before diving in, Boman said.

Look at the yield potential of a variety, but also consider adaptability, fiber quality (staple, micronaire, strength and uniformity), boll type (storm resistance) and disease and nematode tolerance, Boman advised.

High fiber quality alone can mean an extra \$100 per acre for a producer from a field with a two-bale yield, he said.

"Don't bet the farm on one variety," Boman warned. "Plant two or more varieties to spread the risk."

Newer producers also need to be aware of herbicide concerns when it comes to treating weeds in these new varieties of cotton, as well as traditional cotton, he said.

The new technology-based cottons such as Roundup Ready and Liberty Link refer to the type of herbicide which can be used to treat weeds. Roundup Ready cotton can be treated with the herbicides containing glyphosate, which are sold under a number of trade names. Liberty Link cottons can be treated with herbicides containing glufosinate, such as Ignite.

The two don't mix, Boman said. Small droplets of Roundup can physically blow onto Liberty Link and conventional fields, the same as Ignite treatments can physically drip to Roundup Ready and conventional fields, and can cause damage, he said.

Tank contamination also can sneak up on a producer, he said. Roundup and Ignite will pull any 2,4-D remnants from a tank and hoses, and the producer will set his own cotton back.

"Keep flawless records as to where your Roundup Ready, Liberty Link and conventional varieties are located, and make sure you apply the correct over-the-top herbicide to your field" Boman said. "Do not use a sprayer that has been contaminated with 2,4-D or other cotton-damaging herbicides for over-the-top treatments."

More cotton information is available through county Extension agents or on the Lubbock Center Web site: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu>, he said. Also, each Extension agent and gin manager has a copy of the Western Region Cotton Resource CD-ROM, which contains more information.

Monti Vandiver, Extension integrated pest management agent in Bailey and Parmer counties, discussed another type of treatment with producers - insect management.

Most important, Vandiver said, is to start the season with an integrated pest management plan.

Understand that foliar insecticides have to be applied in a timely manner, without skipping, because good coverage is essential to insect management, he said.

For producers using Bt cultivars, keep an eye on what is happening in the field, Vandiver advised. Do not plant the field and then walk away and not worry about the worms.

And finally, he said, don't worry about protecting late bolls which have little chance to mature, because it is not economical.

Dierschke reelected as Texas Farm Bureau President

Kenneth Dierschke was elected to his fourth term as president of the state's largest farm organization in a contested election during the last day of Texas Farm Bureau's annual meeting.

Facing a challenge from former TFB District 11 State Director Bob Reed, a rice farmer from Matagorda County, Dierschke was chosen by the Farm Bureau delegates.

"Agriculture's been good to me for a number of years," Dierschke said in his acceptance speech. "I'll work as hard as I can to give back to agriculture. First and foremost in my mind are the farmers and ranchers of Texas."

With the failure of the Texas legislature to address school financing in both regular and special sessions, and with the Supreme Court ruling the state must find another way to fund public schools, delegates positioned the organization's policy to participate in the upcoming debate.

Addressing property taxes, delegates provided additional flexibility for the organization to evaluate property tax rollback proposals. They favored lowering the current appraisal cap of 10 percent and lowering the current rollback rate of 8 percent. In addition, delegates recognized the need to protect against the abuse of agricultural tax treatments by strengthening requirements for wildlife valuation qualifications.

To strengthen the legislature's recent law regarding eminent domain to prohibit the taking of private property for economic development, delegates voted to

make that law permanent by supporting a constitutional amendment. In a related item, delegates supported a landowner having the option of selling development rights or an easement versus the loss of title of land through eminent domain for mitigation purposes.

In an effort to diversify the rural economy, delegates supported the use of sales tax receipts by community economic development corporations to develop and encourage businesses that will process or add value to agricultural products.

On the national front, delegates took a hard look at the upcoming farm bill debate and adopted a number of recommendations from Texas Farm Bureau's Farm Bill Advisory Committee. To that end, they supported continuation of the 2002 Farm Bill until its expiration and supported its structure in the 2007 Farm Bill.

In other Farm Bill related policy, delegates voted:

- To oppose any reduction in farm program spending in the next budget year and in the next farm bill.
- Supported funding for rehabilitation and maintenance for flood prevention sites through low interest loans and grants.
- Supported continuation of the Conservation Reserve Program and the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program.

Regarding other national issues, delegates supported the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as passed in the U.S. House of Representatives in September, 2005, and encouraged the Senate to follow the House

lead. They said the ESA must accommodate the needs of both endangered and threatened species and humans with complete respect for private property rights within the framework of the United States Constitution.

Following the convention's conclusion, the Texas Farm Bureau board of directors reelected Lloyd Arthur of Ralls as vice president of the organization and Albert Thompson of Martinsville as secretary-treasurer.

Three new state directors were elected to replace directors who had completed their maximum

three, two-year terms. Billy Bob Brown, a grain producer from Carson County, replaced retiring director Ralph Detten in District 1. Larry Pratt, a cattle and wheat producer from Young County, replaced retiring director Steve Cochran from District 3. In District 11, Tom Paben, a corn and cattle producer from Waller County, replaced retiring director Bob Reed.

Reelected to two year terms on the state board were Albert Thompson, District 5; Lewis Lehman, District 7; and Don Smith, District 9.



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Ross performs at National FFA Convention

When 51,000 people converged in Louisville, Ky., for the nation's largest annual youth convention, numerous activities as well as high-quality entertainment was essential to the event's success. Teagan Ross of the Elk City FFA Chapter was selected as one of a small group of young people nationwide to perform at the 2005 National FFA Convention, held October 36 through October 29.

Teagan sang on stage and brought excitement and spirit to the convention. Teagan had to submit an audition tape and was selected based on criteria evaluating quality of performance, stage presence, spirit and ability to relate to the FFA theme.

Teagan is the daughter of Jerry and Laurie Ross of Elk City, Ok. Her grandparents are Melvin and Nikki Swenn of Spearman, Texas and the late Patricia Ross and Jerry Ross of Claude, Tx. She is the great granddaughter of Lee Perkins of Spearman.

Only 75 participants were chosen from across the country to perform several times at the 2005 National FFA Convention.

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