

Opposition boycott as Venezuela heads for elections Most of Venezuela's main opposition parties are boycotting legislative elections on Sunday that could allow President Hugo Chavez to consolidate his self-proclaimed socialist revolution.

Rage, remorse, but some hope

in Africa on AIDS Day Rage and remorse marked World AIDS Day in Africa on Thursday as the continent worst hit by the global crisis remembered millions of deaths in a pandemic that even new drug treatments are doing little to slow.

Germany wants to make contact with Iraq kidnappers The German government wants to get in touch with the gunmen in Iraq who kidnapped a 43-year-old German woman and have threatened to execute her, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said on Thursday.

Iran says nuclear talks set to resume

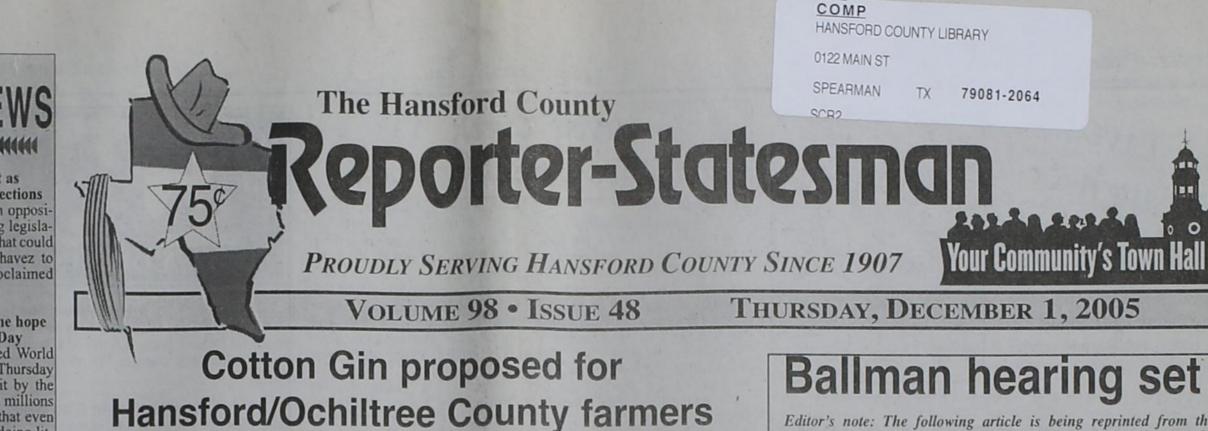
Iran said on Wednesday talks on what it says are civilian nuclear plans would begin within days with EU states, but Germany said Tehran would first have to try and dispel fears it really wanted to build the bomb.

US set for 1,000th execution on Friday

Barring an unlikely intervention, a convicted killer will die by lethal injection in the dead of night on Friday in the 1,000th execution in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated three decades ago.

White House concerned at reports of planted Iraq stories The White House expressed concern on Thursday at reports that the U.S. military has secretly paid Iraqi newspapers to run dozens of pro-American articles written by a special military task force.

Calif. court declines to stay gang leader execution



Editor's note: The following article is being reprinted from the Borger News-Herald. It was written by Nancy Young, Editor of the Borger News-Herald.

A hearing has been set for 84th District Attorney Clay Ballman to inswer a petition for his removal from office.

Judge Bill McCoy of Odessa was assigned to preside over the removal uit of District Attorney Ballman, and he has set a Jan. 9, 2006, date in the 84th District Court in Stinnett for the hearing.

84th District Judge William D. Smith recused himself from the court proceedings surrounding Ballman.

Ballman was arrested May 12 for DWI. He filed a guilty plea to a first offense misdemeanor driving while intoxicated charge in a charge of venue hearing in Oldham County on July 22.

He was assessed a \$2,000 fine, \$586.16 in court costs, drivers license suspension for 180 days, complete an alcohol education class and four

He was assessed a \$2,000 fine, \$586.16 in court costs, drivers license suspension for 180 days, complete an alcohol education class and four days in jail.

Georgina Greene reported by cell phone on May 12 to the Borger Police Department that she was struck by a white Chrysler while traveling on Ocla. She reported she followed the vehicle and Borger Police offiers extricated Ballman from the vehicle.

Greene's mother, Betty Holland, presented a petition with 803 signatures to the 84th District Clerk's office in late September asking for Ballman's removal from office based on Chapter 87 in the Texas Local Government Code. It states a public official may be removed for "intoxcation on or off duty.'

Greene filed a second petition for his removal in November. In her petiion, she included a statement of the events on May 12.

She said he was dragged from the vehicle by officers after the back vindow was broken by an officer to unlock the doors.

Holland said she questioned a district attorney's effectiveness in prosecuting DWI cases when he has been convicted of DWI. She added that she believed he has received special treatment.

Telephone calls placed to Judge McCoy in Odessa regarding the case had not been returned at presstime.



Thursday, Dec. 8th

7 p.m.

O'Loughlin Center

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Spearman



80-06 days in jail.

Cotton bales wait to be taken to the gin on the Bob Williams' farm, east of Spearman on Hwy. 759.

ton-producing state since 1878, currently producing almost two times more cotton lint than the next closest competitor - California. Cotton contributes more cash receipts to the Texas economy than any other field crop and is second only to cattle in total agricultural cash receipts.

The Texas High Plains contributes more cotton to the Texas economy than any other region in the state. Eight of the top en cotton producing accounted for 38.5% of all upland cotton produced in Texas acres of cotton. This year Moore in 1995 (lexas Agricultural County farmers planted 55,000. Statistics, 1995). In 1996, the top Due to the high volume, the Moore ten upland cotton producing counties in Texas were in the Texas High Plains and accounted for 54.6& of upland cotton production in Texas (Texas Agricultural Statistics, 1996). Cotton production has increased dramatically in Hansford and Ochiltree Counties. Ochiltree County planted around 8,000 acres of cotton in 2005 and Hansford County planted about 4,400 acres of cotton. Local farmers are also faring better with their cotton crops than other crops. Due to genetics and evolution, cotton plants use less water than in the past, and require less irrigation than corn or wheat. With the price of natural gas rising, this helps cut costs and in turn increases revenue. The high cost of fuel still hinders cotton production in Hansford and Ochiltree Counties, though, since the farmers are forced to haul their crops to Moore County, or cotton gins in the south plains area. A group of local farmers and investors are trying to help with hauling costs. Bob Williams of Dumas and Mike Skinner of Spearman are interested in building a cotton gin in the Hansford-Ochiltree County area. This small group are working on plans for building, financing and managing a state-of-the-art cotton gin to be possibly located in the Waka/Farnsworth area. Williams and Skinner have been talking to gin owners and operators, and have received some tentative financing, investors and a loca-

investors to participate as partners.

The facility, which will be simibe built and operated by professionals with cotton gin experience. keting personnel to help farmers or Mike Skinner at 659-1706. market their crops.

The Moore County Gin began operation this year. Before it was built, investors met with farmers to explain that they needed a commitment from local farmers of 20,000

Texas has been the leading cot- tion. They are, however, open to 502 S. Brandt, in Spearman. Some other options and prefer local of the topics that will be covered are: production, acres required, feasibility, physical plant, investment lar to the Moore County Gin, will opportunities and financing, mar-

For more information you may They also have plans to hire mar- contact Bob Williams at 935-2505

keting and gin management.

The California Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to stop the execution in two weeks of former street gang leader and convicted killer Stanley "Tookie" Williams, whose supporters say has turned his life around in prison as an antigang activist and author.

Schwarzenegger names

Democrat top aide California's Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger named a Democrat in a same-sex marriage as his chief of staff on Wednesday in an apparent political shift on the heels of a major electoral defeat.

Iraqi rebels launch brief assault in Ramadi

Insurgents launched a brief assault west of Baghdad on Thursday, firing mortar rounds and rockets at a J.S. base and local government buildings, the day after Washington unveiled its new strategy for victory in Iraq.

Manufacturing growth slows in November

The pace of growth in U.S. manufacturing slowed in November with an easing in the expansion of new orders, according to a survey published on Thursday.

Retailer bargains drive Nov sales

Holiday bargains like laptop computers for under \$400 drew U.S. shoppers out in droves in November, retailers reported on Thursday, but mall-based stores that held back on the discounts had quieter cash registers.

Investors bet on Google, Apple pullbacks

Investors in two of the year's nottest stocks -- Google Inc. and Apple Computer Inc. -- suffered some pain this week but several big holders said it wasn't enough to make them want to sell.

Judge deals RIM blow in BlackBerry case

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. was dealt another legal setback in a key patent infringement case on Wednesday, raising pressure to settle or face a possible shutdown of its U.S. mobile e-mail service.

Partial face transplant raises ethical concerns

The world's first partial face transplant has given hope to people dis-figured by burns or accidents but raises psychological and ethical issues for the recipient and donor family, medical experts said on Thursday.

Scientists question age of

WEATHER ORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds around 15 mph. FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy - warmer. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest after midnight.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening - then mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s.

County Gin is behind in production.

Investors are needing a similar commitment from Hansford and Ochiltree farmers. Anyone interested in cotton production is invited to attend a general meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. in The O'Loughlin Center,

KACV Holiday Challenge Drive

affiliate premieres "John Bayless: Christmas Rhapsody" Saturday, December 3rd at 8:30 p.m. as the ous, and always want to do more kickoff for the Holiday Membership Drive. The program also shows Sunday, December 4th at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 7th at 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

The program includes 11 selecof recognizable holiday favorites. Some of the show includes video illustration to enhance the spirit of the performance.

The show was produced and recorded by KACV in a digital format, which increases the clarity of the images. Locations were the during the drive including "Transhome of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Oeschger and the First Presbyterian Christmas Church. Each of the selections is introduced by Bayless. Many of his comments reveal his fascination with the holiday season and provide insight into his professional Definitive Anthology", career.

recorded numerous albums and is a recognized soloist. In spring 2006 he will release a new album based Performances: Michael Buble", on Elton John songs.

During the pledge drive, KACV asks viewers to make membership contributions to the Station to help offset programming costs. Thank you gifts tied to specific programs are offered to those making donations. Individuals pledging during the "Christmas Rhapsody" show will receive a DVD of the show. The DVD includes two bonus tracks and is only available through KACV.

dollars raised from on-air funds by recruiting local sponsors to match cumulative donations made during the course of the drive. The fundraiser will premiere special pledge and holiday programs from acy. Saturday December 3 through Sunday, December 11. Viewers who donate during the drive double KACV-TV at 371-5479 or visit the the value of their donations web site, www.kacvtv.org

KACV-TV, the area's local PBS because of the matching donation from the drive's sponsors.

"Our members are very generfor the station," said Missy Macon, KACV Membership Coordinator. "The Holiday Membership Drive gives them a chance to do exactly that because whatever amount they give during this drive will be doubled in value by the sponsors' matching contributions. This gives tions, many of which are medleys the station twice as much funding to buy quality programs.'

Sponsors for the Holiday Challenge Drive are AIG Annuity Insurance Company, John Chandler Ford, and the Gilliland Family Foundation.

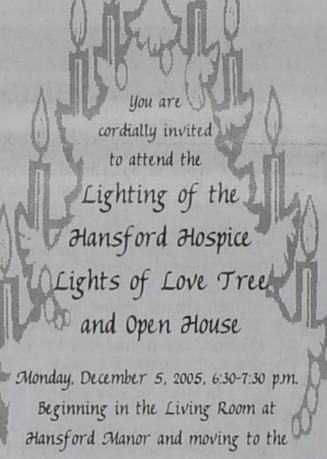
A variety of programs will air "Hugo Eve" Loewenstern: That Alto Man", "Great Performances: Barbra Streisand: My Name is Barbra", Doo Wop Cavalcade: The "Great Performances: Cream Reunion A native of Borger, he has Concert", and "A Lawrence Welk Family Christmas"

> Other programs include "Great 'Jim Brickman at the Magic Kingdom: The Disney Songbook" "The Holiday Table", "Lidia's Family Table Favorites", and "Sewing with Nancy: Very Easy Vintage Quilts"

Amarillo Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and Arctic Glacier are providing support during the drive. Tacos Garcia, Schlotzsky's, and Johnny Carino's are also providing additional support.

Funds raised during the Holiday The station will maximize the Membership Drive will be used to purchase programming for the station and to help cover the costs of producing local programs. In addition, funds are used for outreach services promoting children's liter-

For more information about programs, call Missy Macon at



Hospice Gazebo at Hansford Hospital. Refreshments will be served.

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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ancient lootprints Scientists cast doubt on Wednesday on the age of footprints discovered in Mexico which suggested humans had arrived in the Americas 30,000 years earlier than previously thought.

MTV makes AIDS film and offers it for free

The MTV music channel, whose inception in 1981 coincided with the first reported case of AIDS, has made a film and released it to broadcasters for free on Thursday to educate young people about the epidemic.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Colder. Highs in the upper 30s. SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of snow in the evening. Lows around 20.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16. TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. **TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly** cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

DEADLINE NOTICE

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit. For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail me at cathysmith@antden.com.

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tours Set

The Gladiola Flower Club is making plans for the Annual Home Tour, Sunday, December 4, 2005 from 2-5 p.m. This year's homes are: Glenda Ujhely, 902 Maple; Chad Wilkerson, 706 Wilmeth Dr. Fred Shieldknight, 7 miles S. FM 760, 1 mile W. County Road CC and Mrs. Kenneth Evans, 7 miles S, FM 760, 1 mile W, County Road CC. Tickets will be \$5 each, and will be available at each home on the day of the tour. Proceeds are for the scholarship given each year by the Club.

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by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friend Sheri Benton sent me the following prayer, entitled "Good Morning, Lord." I would like to share it with you now, in honor of Sheri. She will be retiring as Hansford County Librarian at the end of this year.

This morning when I wakened And saw the sun above, J softly said, "Good morning, Lord, Bless everyone J love."

Right away I thought of you And said a loving prayer, That He would bless you specially. And keep you free from care

I thought of all the happiness A day could hold in store, I wished it all for you because No one deserves! it more.

I felt so warm and good inside, My heart was all aglow. I know God heard my prayers for you, He hears them all, you know.

IFESTYLE

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott Museum Happenings

November 30 from 1 pm to 4 pm, a needlecraft demonstration our canyons and making the landclass - open to everyone. The disappearing needlecrafts such as sewings of rugs and decorative tory of holidays, please share them pieces from pieces of cloth called yo-Yo's" will be demonstrated.A "Tatting demonstration" will also be available . Refreshments will be serviced and opportunities to try your hand at creating will be available.

will be our reception for EttaLu Ruf Sherman. This reception will also be our Christmas reception . Please plan to join us .

Our traveling exhibit from Exhibit USA and TexasHELP 'Aprons strings: Ties to our Past" is still here and is appropriate for the last Thursday in November as a this

season. With families gathering for family celebrations, this exhibit will allow grandmother or an aunt or uncle to recall the time longer Christmas shopping season. thanksgiving dinner with her best apron on. Plan to bring the family in to enjoy past and present memories. Special groups or times can be arranged by calling us at 806-852-2123.

HOLIDAY HISTORY

the excuse to spent time browsing through our collections for information on any topic I desire. At this time of the year, I like to investigate for stories about past holiday celebrations and practices. The problem is that there is very limited information. We have some newspaper coverage and some photos mainly of Christmas. As to information on Thanksgiving, I have found only two historical facts. One : a turkey shoot was held on Saturday, Nov to increase it's popularity. The 22, 1930 in Follett, Tx south of the turkey trot was not a graceful depot.I was unable to find out the dance, as couples danced around in winners in the next issue. Two: circles bobbing their heads like Some of the worst snow storms strutting tom turkeys. Alas, it was occurred around Thanksgiving in soon replaced by the ever so popu-1911 and lasted the whole winter . It was this winter that farmers built www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/turkey/his sleds under their wagons to deliver tory) food to stranded farmers. An enormous amount of livestock and

wildlife were lost that year. Snow drifts of fifteen to twenty feet were said to be common. Filling scape look flat.

If you have sources for local hiswith the museum. Family and organization celebrations are especially needed. Please share your history with us.

Here is a Timeline for Thanksgiving history: 1620: the Mayflower Compact, 1676: first December 4 from 1pm to 4pm Thanksgiving Proclamation, 1782: Continental Congress Proclamation, 1784: Ben Franklin makes his case for making the Turkey the National Bird. 1789: Washington proclamation for Thanksgiving Holiday. 1863: Lincoln's proclamation declaring national day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving and Christmas This was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. Franklin Roosevelt tried to change it to the Next-to-last Thursday to create a The Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move it back to its original date. In 1941, Thanksgiving was finally . sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the fourth Thursday in November.

Lastly, it is appropriate that I In writing this column, I have end this column with some facts on Turkeys. Turkeys did not become a common meat to the Thanksgiving dinner until about 1800. In 1975, Americans ate 8.3 pounds of turkey per year and in 1995, Americans ate over 18 pounds of turkey per year.

The "turkey trot" was a dance made popular in the early 1900's . Conservative members of society thought the dance was demoralizing and tried to get it banned at public function, which only served lar "Fox Trot" in 1914. (source: Have a good Thanksgiving!

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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.

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Hospice Lights of Love

The 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. Refreshments will be served.

FNB, Accolade Home Care provide services

Accolade Home Care will be at the First National Bank in Spearman on Monday, December 5, 2005 from 9 a.m.-12 noon. They will provide the following free services - blood pressure, weight, pulse, oxygen saturation. For more information call Linda Todd (806)282-5867 or Teresa at (806) 659-5544. Everyone is invited!

Motorcycle Toy Run

A toy run benefiting Toys for Tots, Bib Brothers Big sisters, Panhandle Crisis Center and area children and families will be held December 4. Bikes will meet at 1 pm at the United Supermarket, with a police escort ed drive down Main Street to the Expo Center. All Bikes Are Welcome. Entry fee is (1) toy or game per person, all donations are appreciated. For more information contact: (Day) 434-0714, (Night) 648-1703 or 648-1995.

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. Food and fellowship will begin at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite foods to share. Sponsor Training will be at 6:30, followed by orship at

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 :)

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.)

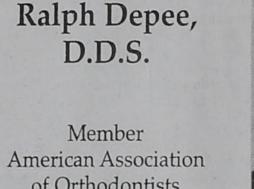
In order for your letter to appear in this issue, it must be in the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline will not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)

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2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolfcrk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com



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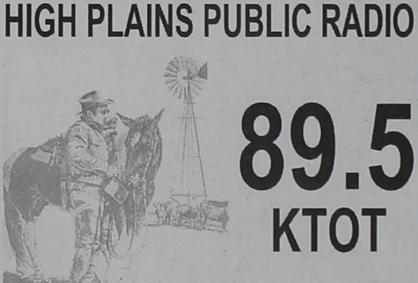
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Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

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 servic



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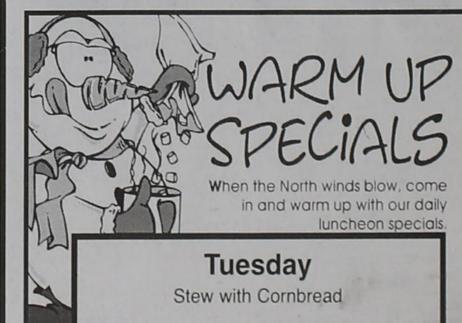
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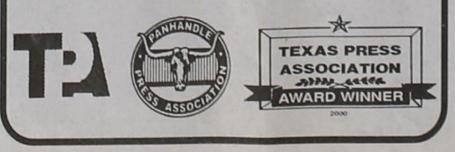




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Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

December 1

Birthday - Georgia Davidson, Robert Stayton, Peggy Archer, Peggy Debra Dennis, Ellsworth, Bill Martin, Brian Paul, Shane Vela, Eleen Wright, Sha Lynn Harris, Lynn Vela, Jennifer Neff

December 2

Birthday - Audrey Beasley, Don Dillow, Paul Stavlo, Mike Close, Sharon Freeman, Kristin Dunnihoo, Ginger McClellan, Dora Womble, Jana Price, James Terry, Amanda Gaines, Blare Title, Christi Cooper, Cecilla Favela, Frances & Jeffrey Davis

December 3

Birthday - Shell Haynes, Bethany Harris, Lila (Mike) Hergert, Kevin Harris, Francisco Lozano, Jewell King, Alvin Auld, Mark Taylor, Jenny Neff

Anniversary - M/M Elbert Dorton, M/M John Haynes December 4

Birthday - Chris Spivey, Lynn Stedje, Denise Ferguson, Heather Gikas, Kristy Easley, Imogene Baker, Joyce Duncan, Tim Fletcher, Amber Newman, Kristina Christian, Aleta Jackson

Anniversary - Kent & Tammy Benton, Crockett & Melinda Tidwell

December 5

Birthday - Martha Haden, Billy Dearmond, Mike Skinner, Dale Randall, Arbeta Nobels, Gwen Smith, Norman Scroggs, Susie Oakley, Beatrice Comp, Cory Marrs

Anniversary - Alfonso & Carrie Ceniceros

Tindell, Scott Slater, Hershel Jones, Carmen Arjona, Jason Holton, Michelle Cook Kaman, Theresa Davis, Tim Weldon, Bruce Stinson, Morgan Lackey, LaVerne Parks

December 9

Birthday - 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

Anniversary - M/M Don Knox December 10

Birthday - 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 Anniversary - M/M John Sprigg, M/M Mark Irwin

December 11

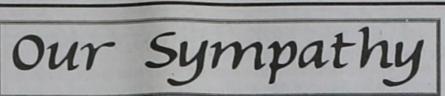
Birthday - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner, Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway

Anniversary - M/M Jess Wood, Irene & Butch Baker December 12

Birthday - 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, Marvin Walton, Freddy Boyd, Wilkerson, Justin Brandon Sauz

Anniversary - M/M Jon King, M/M John Lopez, Charles & Melanie Elliott

December 13 Birthday - 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, Marylin Cline, Blythe Finley, Leaha Smith Anniversary - M/M Kurt Bynum



IFESTYLE

DOROTHY WELLS CHEVALIER

Dorothy Wells Chevalier, 84,, of Spearman died Tuesday, November 22, 2005. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on November 25th in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Medley officiating. Graveside services and burial occurred in the Coffeeville Cemetery in Coffeeville, Mississippi on November 26th. Arrangements were made by Boxwell Brothers Funeral home of Spearman.

Dorothy May Wells was born and raised in Water Valley, Mississippi and was a resident of Spearman, Texas for 50 years. Before settling in Spearman, Dorothy lived with her husband and daughter in Archer City, Texas; Franklin, Louisiana, Orange, Texas and Robert lee, Texas. Dorothy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening, and music and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Spearman.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Robert Archer of Spearman; grandson, Matt Archer of houston; granddaughter, Andrea Claire and husband, tony Claire of Dallas; and great-grandchildren, Trent Claire and Amy Claire. She was preceded in death by her parents, Horace and Calista Wells, and four sisters, Ruth Wells Benoist, Louise Wells Norris, Bonnie Wells Harvey and Jane Wells King.

BILLY JOE KUEHL

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 were held Friday November 18, 2005, at 10 a.m. at Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home and Cemetery.

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.

AFTON ADAMS

Afton Adams died on November 21, 2005 at the age of 91. She was born October 13, 1914 in Rosie AR. Her parents were James Maunz and Emma (Wheeler) Maunz.

Afton was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William (Bill) Adams, one brother, Fritz Maunz of Wichita, KS, three sisters, Essie Blakely of Hugoton, KS., Emma Rice of Kokomo, IN and Opal Maunz who died at the age of 6.

Afton and Bill lived on a cotton farm in Beedeville, AR before moving to Hugoton, KS in 1969. Afton loved working in the yard and garden. Her hobbies were quilting and working jig saw puzzles. After the death of her husband, Bill, in January 1971 she continued to

live in hugoton, KS until October 1995. She then moved to Perryton and lived there until August, 2002. She has spent the past three and half years

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ing grandmother and great-grand-mother as well as an entertaining aunt to two generations of nieces and nephews.

Marilyn recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by traveling to Australia. For every member of her family and many of her friends, Marilyn made

a personal quilt, and an elaborate Christmas stocking reflecting the interests of each person. Marilyn made friends wherever she went, as she felt that no one was a stranger. She will be remembered and missed by friends all over the world.

Marilyn is survived by her children, Douglas Alexander, Deanne MacDonald, and David Hogan; her sisters, Donna Cruce Deupree and Katherine Bea Herring, one grandson and two-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for December 10th in Denver, CO. Time and place to be announced. Please send family condolences in care of Kathy Herring, 11636 Elkhead Range Road, Littleton, Co 80127.

FLOSSIE BOYD ÷

Flossie Boyd, 73, of Gruver passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2005.

Services were Monday, November 28th at 10:30 AM at the First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Reverends Scott Curry and Darrel Evins, officiating. Burial was in the Gruver Cemetery with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boyd was born in Davis, Oklahoma on May 22, 1932 to A. K. And Maggie (Sanders) Dixon. She married Harold Boyd on March 25, 1947 in Perryton, Texas. Mrs. Boyd was a lifetime resident of the area and was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gruver.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Burke, in 2001; her parents, A. K. And Maggie (Sanders) Dixon; a brother, Floyd Dixon; three sisters, Wanda Wilson, Mary Summers and Dereatha Dixon; and a grandson, Chad Boyd.

Survivors are her husband, Harold Boyd of Gruver; two sons, David of Spearman and Lynn of Gruver; two sisters, Betty Herndon of Liberal, KS and Sandra Chronister of Davis, OK; 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, 108 E. Broadway, Gruver, TX 79040 or the Gruver Library, 504 King, Gruver, TX 79040.

WALTER D. COATES

Walter D. Coates, 75, passed away in Tyler, TX. Hospice of East Texas on Tuesday, November 29, 2005. Services will be Friday, December 2, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. at Bullard Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Kim Beckman and the Rev. David Tarr officiating. Services are under the direction of Boren-Conner Funeral Home, Bullard. Visitation will 6:00 to 8:00 pm Thursday.

Mr. Coates was born on September 25, 1930 in Raton, New Mexico. He served in the National Guard. He lived in the Spearman area for a number of years retiring from Periam Oil Company after 30 years of service. He moved to the Tyler/Flint area in 1990. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, also a Deacon having received an Honorary Deacon plaque for his services.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Ruth Coates, brother, Frank Coates, a son, Ronald Coates and a great- grandson, Ryan Wheat.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth of Tyler; 3 sons, Duane and Doris Coates of Oklaunion, TX, Donald and Pat Coates of Haltom City, TX, and Billy and Cindy Coates of Longview, Tx; 2 daughters; Carolyn and Jimmy McLeod of Spearman, Tx and Barbara Goodknight of tyler; 6 sisters, Garland Harris, Ethyl Ferris and Sue Woodruff of Shamrock, Tx, Elsie Glazner of Wheeler, Addie Adkins of Pampa and Eula Kuhlman of Blanchard, Ok; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

December 6 Birthday - Ryan Ramón, Kruse, Penny Coleen Ed Dear, Mrs. Brummett, Gaither, Cecelia Johnny Mayleea Castillo, Randall, Harnden, Carolyn Kelli Cummings, Lisa Keetch, Mary Venneman, Chevy Smith, Jerald Ray Scribner, Jenna McElroy

Anniversary - Burl & Nellie Buchanan, Bill & Ginger Pittman

December 7

Birthday - Sheldon Atwood, Brenda Bayless, Del å, Janell Haefner, Bret Hobbs, Cynthia Williams, Emily Williams, C.L. Pierce, Sue Bowling, Carlee Dixon, H.E. Jenkins, Thane McCloy, Zach Gallimore, Dusty Hodge, Beth Dudley, Beverly Antalek

Anniversary - M/M Willard McCloy

December 8 Birthday - Stan TeeBeest, Reynaldo Garza, Lawrence

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Birthday - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Grover, Eddie Sandra Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine Anniversary - M/M Don Maize, M/M Chris Stork December 15

Birthday - Dallas Henson, Harvey Profitt, 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

in the Hansford Manor in Spearman, Texas.

She is survived by three children, one son, Billy Ray Adams of McCrory, AR; two daughters, June Bigham of Bella Vista, AR and Sylvia Janzen of Perryton, TX. She leaves behind nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Hansford Manor Activities or to ones favorite charity

Cremation will be by Boxwell Funeral Home in Spearman, TX. No services are scheduled at this time.

MARILYN LEE GRAGG

Marilyn Lee Gragg, originally from Spearman, Texas dies of a coronary November 20, 2005 at her winter residence in Port Isabel, Texas.

Marilyn was born February 9, 1936, to Birdine and Cecil Crawford in spearman, Texas. Marilyn attended school in Spearman and Gruver, where she was a top student and basketball player. Marilyn was always popular for her beautiful smile, her sense of humor and quick wit, characteristics she carried with her for the rest of her life.

During her busy life, she earned a living as a restaurant owner, a clerk for the Federal government in Denver, CO, a coil truck driver in Gillette, Wyoming, and a owner of three successful tourist shops in Pismo Beach, CA. During her career as a coal truck driver, MArilyn was featured in Hal Holbrook's PBS documentary, "A Portrait of AMerica", as a representative of the modern pioneers of Wyoming. After her husband's death in 2002, Marilyn went on the road with a Recreational Vehicle. At the park in Port Isabel, TX Marilyn taught arts and crafts, quilting and line dancing

While pursuing her many careers, Marilyn found time to be a loving and energetic mother and sister, an outstanding cook and hostess; a lov-

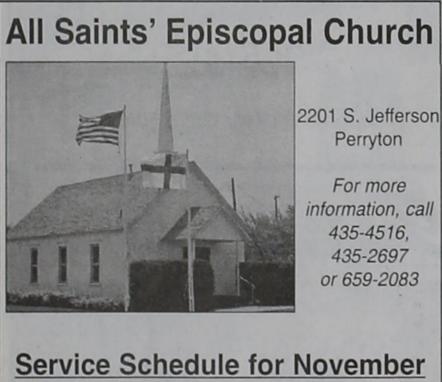
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m. Children's Choir - Wed, 6 p.m. Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney · 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m. Minister - Leonard Harper

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First United Methodist 407 S. Haney · 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m.. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Derrel Evins

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice · 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church) Pastor - Beverly Cook

Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Dr. Timothy Minor

Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - James Washburn

Primera Mision Bautista 502 E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m. Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

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> **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

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. Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - George Price

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Five State Honor Band

LOCAL NEWS

Words from Faith & Grace by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In Advent we await the celebration of Christ's birth and we await the elebration of his second Advent (His return).

Our Advent Wreath is a perfect circle which reminds us of the perfec-tion and everlasting nature of God. Its evergreen weaving represents eter-nity/eternal life. If we add holly as the evergreen or to the evergreen its berries represent Christ's blood shed for us and the sharp thorns remind us of Christ's suffering for us. There are five candles on the advert wreath.

The first candle represents "Hope." The hope that we have in the promises of God to redeem us, the hope we have in the promise of Jesus o return for us.

The second candle represents "Peace." The peace that Christ gave us when we trustee in Him and the peace that He will bring into being at His

The third candle represents "Joy." The birth of Jesus gave joy to His nother, joy to those who trust in Him, joy to all who enter His Kingdom. The fourth candle represents "Love." God in love gives us everything

we need to live a life of hope, joy, and peace. The light of all these candles grows as each is lit on its Sunday in Advent, to remind us that Christ is the light of the world. The center can-dle is the "Christ" candle and, when lit on Christmas day, represents Christ's actual presence.

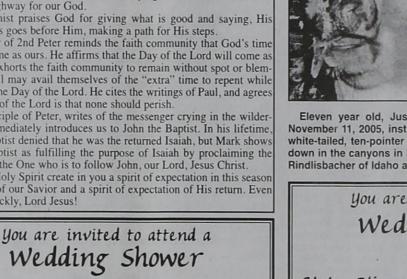
This week we study Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85, 2 Peter 3: 8-15 and Mark 1:1-8. Isaiah tells us of the Voice crying in the wilderness, make traight a highway for our God.

The Psalmist praises God for giving what is good and saying, His ighteousness goes before Him, making a path for His steps

The writer of 2nd Peter reminds the faith community that God's time s not the same as ours. He affirms that the Day of the Lord will come as thief and exhorts the faith community to remain without spot or blemsh so that all may avail themselves of the "extra" time to repent while waiting for the Day of the Lord. He cites the writings of Paul, and agree that the will of the Lord is that none should perish.

Mark, disciple of Peter, writes of the messenger crying in the wilder-ness and immediately introduces us to John the Baptist. In his lifetime, John the Baptist denied that he was the returned Isaiah, but Mark shows John the Baptist as fulfilling the purpose of Isaiah by proclaiming the greatness of the One who is to follow John, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit create in you a spirit of expectation in this season of the birth of our Savior and a spirit of expectation of His return. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!



honoring Michelle & Shane Hill on Saturday, December 10th at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church 29 South Bernice - Spearman, TX



Michelle & Shane Hill - 12/10

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Eleven year old, Justin Rindlisbacher, bagged his "first deer November 11, 2005, instructed by his Grandfather, Jim Russell. The white-tailed, ten-pointer field dressed at 187 pounds and was taken down in the canyons in Hutchison County. Justin is the son of Todd Rindlisbacher of Idaho and Rene' Griffin of Spearman.





Sara Barnes and Aleisha Sweat made the Five States Honor

Band , and will participate in a clinic and concert on December 10th in Guymon, Oklahoma.

The Spearman Band would like to congratulate all the students that Auditioning were: Christina Hunter, Wendy Gaytan, Alejandro Rios.

Haley Smith, Sara Barnes and Aleisha Sweat. Two students placed in the ensemble and will traveling to Guymon. OK December 10th for a clinic and concert. Those two students are Senior, Aleisha Sweat, 17th chair Clarinet and Junior, Sara Barnes, 1st

Alternate Clarinet Way to go Band!

As we shift from one fund-raiser into another, the Spearman Band would like to thank all those in the community who purchased band cards

We are now completing our band card sale. If you are still interested in purchasing a one, please call Spearman High School at 659-3865. Musically Yours, Amber TeBeest



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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 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

HOLIDAY NEWS

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 complied 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

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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

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.



Cotton Gin Meeting

All persons interested in cotton production in the Hansford-Ochiltree area are invited to attend a meeting on **Thursday, December 8, 2005**, at **7 p.m.** at the **O'Loughlin Center**, 502 S. Brandt, Spearman.

> Topics to be covered include: 1. Production 2. Acres required 3. Feasibility 4. Physical plant 5. Investment opportunities and financing 6. Marketing. 7. Gin management

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NEWS

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atters by Merry Sparks

My, My the Holidays!! What a wonderful time of year. The Residents love holidays and this is a special time of the year that is traditionally spent with families and friends. We appreciate the volunteers that come to give of themselves so much especially through the fall and winter seasons because we realize that all of you are extremely busy yourselves. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts Gardens are appreciated also as to all of you.

We have enjoyed the Union Church and the Church of Christ bringing services to the Manor on the last two Sundays.

We have had many unexpected volunteers this past month. One was Eugene Haith from North Carolina. He came to play his guitar and sing and play the harmonica a couple of times over the last two weeks. He is very, very good and we enjoyed him very much. He was in this area visiting a new grandchild and came to the Manor to offer his services. Kudos to him! We appreciated it.

The Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce have been hosting bingo on Monday nights throughout the month of November. We also have had many extra volunteers on hand to help them. Many thanks go out to all of you!

The Auxiliary hosted the birthday party on the 18th by serving many, many pies. Steve Mathews played his keyboard for entertain-

ment. He is wonderful and the Residents as well as the rest of us enjoy listening to him play just as long as he will play. I am sure we wear him out but we do appreciate him. I cannot say enough times how appreciative we are of the auxiliary. They are so faithful to be here every Thursday afternoon to host bingo as well as hosting all of our birthday parties. Prairie they provide corsages to the birthday honorees every month also.

The schools are also very helpful. The kindergarten children came to visit on the 21st. They sang , watched a film and had refreshments before they had to go back to classes. Thank you to the teachers, helpers, and schools for sharing your children with us.

We had another great day with babies and toddlers on the 23rd. Several mothers brought their children to share with the Residents. Thank you to one and all!

There was a fun afternoon on the 25th in a discussion circle about Thanksgivings past. Many customs

were discussed as well as tales of duck hunting and funny incidences that had happened during their lifetimes.

Our D.O.N., Lelia Bynum along with Anne Snow, our administrator and other department heads have been working for several months on many new things at the Manor to improve the quality of the Resident's lives. I hope that many of you have been by and noticed the continuing changes. One change that you may not have visually noticed is that we are cross training several CNA's with the activities department so that the front line care givers who are here 24/7 will be equipped to intervene in boredom and loneliness during hours that activity personel are not traditionally on duty such as late at night and week ends.We even had some group activities on Thanksgiving Day!! Wow !! I appreciate Lelia for this effort and give her many Kudos along with Anne for supporting this effort.

I have only skimmed over the surface of what is going on at the Manor and have left many things out on purpose. We have not skimped on any of our recurring programs but continue to have a variety of new things to do.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is very short to short. Above-average temperatures and soil erosion caused by high winds were reported. Cotton harvest continued; reported yields were good to excellent. Peanut, soybean and sunflower harvest was complete. Wheat was rated fair to good. Dryland crops needed precipitation. Dryland wheat grazing was severely limited. Wheat streak mosaic and High Plains viruses were diagnosed in some fields. Rangeland conditions were poor to fair. Fire danger was very high. Cattle were in fair-to-good condition. Supplemental feeding continued.



9th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

Where: The O'Loughlin Center When: December 25th • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. What: A free dinner will be provided for anyone in the community who would like to share in the Christmas spirit with food and fellowship.

Everyone is invited to join us on this special occasion!

Rides will be available to and from the O'Loughlin Center. Call 659-3550, 659-3584 or 659-3434 and leave message, if you need transportation.



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268-4746 or 432-264-7781. TFN(9-16-04)B FOR SALE: 730 Gibner Dr., Spearman - 3BR, 2B home, attached garage, large lot. Call 659-3944.

TFN(7-7-05)P4x FOR SALE: 810 Womble, Gruver - 1700 sq. ft., detached garage, 4 ½ lots. Call 806-733-2402 after 5 p.m. TFN(8-11-05)B

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AUTOMOBILE

FOR SALE: 1998 Dodge Ram SLT 1500 extended cab pickup. 659-2255 or 330-0762 5(12-1-05)B FOR SALE: 2003 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab pickup. 659-2870 5(12-1-05)B

LEGAL/ PUBLIC NOTICE

JOB OPENING The City of Spearman is accepting applications for a Maintenance Worker II position which in the Utilities Department. A high school diploma or equivalency and two to four years related experience and/or training in gas, water and/or wastewater is preferred, but not required, bilingual beneficial. A Texas drivers license will be required.

The City has an excellent fringe benefit program which includes retirement, group hospitalization insurance, vacation, holidays, and sick leave.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 30 SW Court, until position is filled. The City of Spearman is an EOE.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford The County Commissioners' Court will hold a public hearing on the proposed regulation of speed on that portion of County Road 24 north of its inter-section with FM Road 760, continuing North to where County Road 24 crosses Palo Duro Creek, all located in Hansford County. The hearing will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 in the Law Library at the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas.

1(12-1-05)B



Movies beginning Dec 2

AEON FLUX

PG-13 - Charlize Theron

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PG-13 -- Meryl Streep & Uma Thurman

YOURS, MINE & OURS

PG -- Dennis Quaid & Rene Russo

JUST FRIENDS PG-13 -- Ryan Reynolds

HARRY POTTER/GOBLET OF FIRE PG-13 -- Daniel Radcliffe

WALK THE LINE PG-13 Joaquin Phoenix & Reese Witherspoor

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AUCTIO - Tues., Dec. 6, 2005 · 10 a.m. · Spearman, TX -

Two Auction Rings Part of the Day · Storm Date - Sat., Dec. 10th

SELLERS: A.F. Cook Estate & Others

LOCATION: From Farnsworth - Take FM376 souoth 14 mi., to FM 759, west 6 mi.; From Perryton - Take Hwy. 70 south 15 mi., to FM 759, 18½ mi. west; From Spearman - take FM 759 9 mi. east

– Absolute, No Minimums, No Reserve –

TRACTORS

JD4840, pwr. sh., 3919 hrs., pto, 3 wheeler pt., du. hyd., 18:4X42 duals; 1970n Case 580 Const. King tractor, FARM IMPLEMENTS Behlen Model 300 129 Aireation backhoe, bucket, dsl.; IHC 450 Flex-King XL 9-5 sweep plow w/ motor, w/lateral tube, new; Chrysler Farmall, 3 pt., pto, Lp.; Ford 8N disc, 3 pt., post hole digger; Case drills, 12X14 on transports (56'); Wheatland 900, propane; Case propane

ROLLING STOCK

ice truck, 500 gal. dsl. tank 12 V. drill; 2 JD DR drills; JD DRA drill transfer pump; 1959 GMC bobtail truck w/ lift; 1957 GMC bobtail

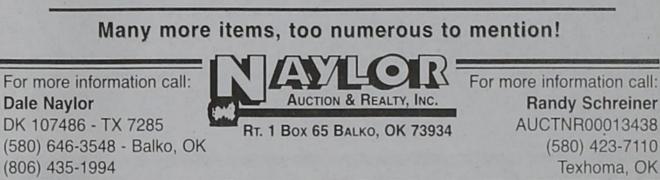
1949 Dodge Grain truck; 1948 pipe trailer; 2,000 gal. water tank 1992 CIH 9270, pwr, sh., 20.8x42 Dodge grain truck; 1948 GMC on skids; 325 gal. trailer mounted duals, 1318 hrs., 4x4; 1992 truck; 1962 Chev. C 10, 4 sp.; 1956 JD8650, 20X38 duals, 3 pts., pto, GMC, auto; 1979 Husky 30' goose-2646 hrs., w/JD 8' dozer, 4X; 1980 neck, dual tandem trailer; Honda 3 mounted on old Dodge truck; 2 21

pickers, fert. attach; Flex King 60' w/bucket, front end loader, blade, rodweeder; 4 IHC 7100 deep hole Crustbuster 40' double offset disc; fer pump; 12 v. transfer pump; 2 930 Wheatland Comfort King, Krause 32' chisel w/harrows; Big fert. transfer pumps; Wilton 12 Model 600 grain cart; 8 1/2' pad- Machinery drill press, heavy duty; dle scraper; 21' 3 pt. triple bar tool Electric over hyd. shop press; bar; JD 208 B disc drill; Eversman Pumper airlift jack; Steel band saw; 1979 IHC 2275 tractor truck, Fuller V ditcher; 3 pt. 10" blade; 21' crust-10 sp.; 1982 Timpte 40' grain trail- buster springtooth; 3 pt. 9 shank er, super hopper; 1973 Chevy C65 deep ripper; 9' packer; 8' drag tandem truck, harsh hoist, mower, Bush Hog; 15' service American 24' bed, air brakes, 5 sp., mower; Eversman 4012 land tiller; 1 lost Waterman 10X8 water 10:00x20's, Shurlock rollover tarp, plane; 2 15' Krause model 808 26K miles; 1973 GMC tandem oneways; Krause 21' chisel frame truck, spicer 565 trans., 22' Maybar w/ sweeps & harrows; Krause 21' bed, 27K miles, 10:00X20's; 2001 chisel w/ harrows; roller packer; 3 F250 Ford 4X4, ext cab, auto, air, pt. 6 row lister; 13 row bullets; 21'3 V10; 19832 F350 Ford 1 T. dsl., 4 pt. packer; 4X* JD 3 pt. tool bar; 21' sp., wench, service bed; 1989 roller packer; 6 old oneways; 4 sec. Chev. Silverado pickup, auto, air, harrow, mounted on tool bar; old racks; Large lot tires; 10 10:00X20 dsl.; 1981 GMC 1500 pickup; 1975 binder; 4 row knife sled; 3 pt. 1 row truck tires on buds; Tire changer; C30 1 T. Chev. flatbed, 4 sp. serv- moldboard; Dempster high wh.

propane tank; 1,000 gal. water tank on skids; 1,000 gal. water tank Mayrath augers; 60' Speed King 80 auger, pto; 2 12 Volt grain augers; Behlen Model 300 129 Aireation 1,000 watt 120/24 generator Screen drum seed cleaner; EZ roll wire roller; Gas powered fert. trans-

Champion dual piston air compressor; 2 portable transfer pumps; a fram wench; Coats 3 Star machine; Portable air compressor; Rotovalves; Alem. irrigation tubes; Lot Briggs motors; Lot smooth electric fence wire; Lot elect. fence posts; Barbed wire; EZ roll spools; Used Leroy blocks, parts; New Dempster parts; Fert. fill hoses; Flex-King parts; Parts washer; Pick-up stock Texaco Super 3 oil; Chains, boomers, shovels, rakes, hoses, pipe fittings, bearings, seals, nuts, bolts.

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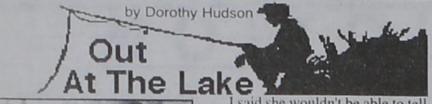
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NEWS

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman



Jim took this picture of a big buck.

Lake Level--November 28, 2005-24.50 feet

Not many fishermen have been out, according to Jim, but some big blue catfish have been caught. Charley Laxton caught one weighing 21 pounds and then a second one weighing 20 pounds. Rondall Thompson of Hooker caught one weighing 18.5 pounds.

A few weeks ago a friend of our daughter Nancy spent the night with us as she traveled from North Carolina to Santa Fe, New Mexico. As she left, she looked at her map and asked me why the Oklahoma Panhandle was there instead of being a continuation of the Texas Panhandle. "Is it different coun-

said she wouldn't be able to tell where the border was, as the country was the same. Much of the Clark Monument story swirled in my head and I couldn't tell her in a concise fashion with dates why the Oklahoma Panhandle was no longer a part of Texas. This is what I should have said:

Neither the Oklahoma or Texas Panhandles were part of the United States until 1845 when Texas gave up its status as a Republic and became a slave state in the Union. This created a controversy because the northern boundary of Texas extended up into Wyoming. The Missouri Enabling Act of 1820 had said no slave state could exist above the 36 30' parallel. Texas was deep in debt, so a compromise was worked out where for 10 million dollars, Texas sold to the U.S. all its land above the 36 30' parallel. At that time both Panhandles were considered to be part of the Great American Desert and not worth much.

Next week I will explain how the Oklahoma Panhandle -- a strip 167 miles long and 34.5 miles wide -- came into being.

Hansford County Library Booknotes

by Sheri Benton

As I sit down to write my last Booknotes column for the Hansford Reporter Statesman, I can't help but wonder where the last fifteen years have gone. It seems like only yesterday I began my career as the librarian at Hansford County Library, and now the time has come for me to turn it over to someone else. I leave the library in very capable and caring hands. Maria Carbajal will be taking over as Director, and Liz Miser and Kay Bowles will be sharing the Assistant Director's position. Margaret Ruttman will continue to fill in all the gaps as our part time assistant.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the library board first for hiring me fifteen years ago and then for the support I have received from them throughout those years. These dedicated people care about our library enough to serve on the board - many of them for quite some time - and to do whatever is necessary to maintain our excellent level of service to this community. Those serving on the board are Myrna Biggers - Chair, James Cunningham Vice-Chair, Kim Brock -Treasurer, Wanda Jones - Secretary, Mary Alice Gibner, Susan Kidder, Wanda Archer, Shonda Odegaard and Jo McLaughlin - Thriftshop Manager.

The library board and staff with help from the Twentieth Century

know that a lot of work went into making it a huge success. The board gave me a plaque in appreciation of my fifteen years of service to the library. My staff made a great scrapbook for me, gave me a beautiful clock and then had a very moving video presentation covering my tenure at the library. All in all, it was on these people, clubs and businessa wonderful afternoon, and I want to say a heartfelt thank you to those who held the reception as well as the many, many friends and family who attended.

There are so many other people in our community who have supported our library in various other ways. Some that immediately come to mind are Ron Antalek, Bill Pittman and his family, Bill Porter, and the library could not exist as it Steve Benton, Cindy Blackman, does without the funds this project Mike Ladd, Sandy Drake, Cathy Smith, Carolyn Cummings, Chris Deakin, Kathy Boyd, Patti Schnell, Lyn Woolley, Kyle Nollner, Joe Archer, Justin Boyd, David Boyd, Hank Sutterfield, Ed Hansen, Robert Patrick and others too numerous to mention. The library would not be what it is today without the continuing support of the Twentieth Century Club, Lions Club and Rotary Club. Many local businesses support our library including B & B Sales, CO's Supply, Deakin Electric, Hansford Reporter Statesman, Five Star they did provide the matching dona-

reception for me on November 13.1 Equipment, First State Bank, First National Bank, Celebrate, Gordon's Drug, Cates Men and Boys, John Hutchison Law Office, Dollar General, Brock Insurance and Lowes. No matter what program I had going on at the library or what problem came up if I needed funds or whatever, I could always count es to come to my rescue.

I also want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who staff our Thriftshop. They work every Tuesday and every Saturday, and receive no compensation and little thanks for their efforts. If you have ever had a garage sale, this would be like having one every week! It takes a tremendous amount of work, provides. Current volunteers include Jo McLaughlin (Manager), Marian Upchurch, Sara Dossett, Pauline McGee, Nina Hendricks, Claudine Laxton, Lorene McGuire, Bill Porter, Betty Pugh and Margaret Novak.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the wonderful endowment that the library now has thanks to Stinson Gibner and Enron who matched local denations two to one providing over \$120,000. I know that Enron has become somewhat of a "dirty" word in today's news, but

tions that were promised to our library. Stinson had the original vision and set everything in motion so our library and our community owe him a tremendous debt. I would also like to extend my personal thanks to Stinson who has not only a great mind but a great heart as well.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to say a final "thank you" to the library staff. It has always been a "labor of love" for me, and I feel secure in saying that the other staff members consider it one as well. You don't work for a small public library for the money, folks, you do it because you want to serve your community and your fellow man. I know that Maria, Margaret, Liz and Kay will take good care of all my library patrons and that makes my leaving somewhat easier. I will miss each and everyone I have gotten to know throughout my fifteen years as Director of the Hansford County Library, but I know that I am leaving you with the best staff that you could possibly have to take care of your library and information needs.

If I have omitted anyone's name that I should have included, please forgive me - my memory is just not what it used to be! I will end by saying what I have been saying for fifteen years now and what I have known since I was a kid growing up in Abilene - take advantage of what your public library has to offer, it's the best bargain in town!

It's A Boy, It's A Boy!

