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IN THE NEWS

Merkel set to be Germany's first woman chancellor
 Angela Merkel is set to become Germany's first woman chancellor on Tuesday, but must avoid infighting in a coalition with former leftist foes to implement reforms designed to revive Europe's largest economy.

Israel's new middle way
 Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, rarely one to wait for others to act first, made a series of preemptive political strikes Monday that laid the groundwork for a new centrist party and may cement his position as Israel's premier hawk-made-moderate.

US troops kill Iraqi civilians
 U.S. troops firing a car bomb attack killed at least three civilians including a child north of Baghdad on Monday.

GM announces cutbacks
 By announcing plans to cut 30,000 workers and close multiple US factories, General Motors Monday sent a warning that ripples beyond the automotive industry: Working-class jobs with generous benefits are slipping away.

Ex-DeLay aide pleads guilty in corruption case
 An ex-aide to former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay pleaded guilty to conspiracy on Monday in defrauding Indian tribes of millions of dollars and lavishing gifts upon a member of the U.S. Congress.

Canada probes report of CIA prisoner plane landing
 Canada is investigating reports that a plane used by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to transport prisoners for interrogation landed at a Canadian airport last week, the foreign ministry said on Monday.

Nike plane with CEO lands safely after problems
 A Nike Inc. corporate jet carrying Chief Executive William Perez and other executives landed safely at an Oregon airport on Monday after a landing gear problem forced it to circle over Portland for hours.

Guns, roads killing police
 The FBI reported Monday that 139 police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2004, with guns and traffic accidents claiming the most lives. Of the total, which is seven deaths more than in 2003, 54 were shot to death and 48 were killed in traffic accidents.

Mardi Gras pushes ahead
 The major reason for pushing ahead with Mardi Gras despite the devastation Katrina brought to New Orleans is that it normally is a \$1 billion-a-year enterprise — and right now, this battered city has little besides tourism to look to for revenue. Plans are moving forward for a shortened Mardi Gras season that would include six days of parades rather than 11, culminating on Fat Tuesday on Feb. 28.

Israel sets March election
 Israeli officials set an early parliamentary election for March 28 on Tuesday, a day after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon rocked the nation's political system by quitting his rightist Likud to found a centrist party.

Polls point to Sharon victory
 Ariel Sharon is on course to win Israel's election, in opinion polls indicated on Tues. In initial polls for the prime minister a day after he left his rebellious right-wing Likud to establish a centrist party.

Car bomber kills 18 in Iraq
 A suicide car bomb blast killed 18 people, including 10 police, in the northern city of Kirkuk on Tuesday, and mortars landed near the U.S. ambassador to Iraq during a ceremony in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

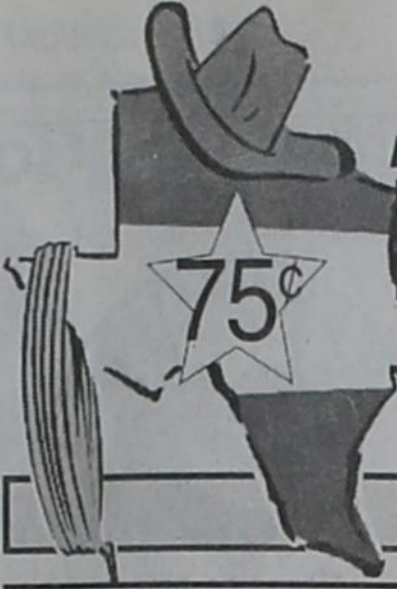
Man held over deadliest N.Ireland bombing
 Police have arrested a 35-year-old man in connection with Northern Ireland's bloodiest single attack, the 1998 Omagh bombing that killed 29 people, a police spokesman said on Tuesday.

'Dirty bomb' suspect charged
 "Dirty bomb" suspect Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen held in a South Carolina military brig for more than three years, has been charged with conspiracy to commit murder and aid terrorists, the Justice Department announced on Tues.

Iraq debate 'disturbing'
 The bitter battle in Washington over whether to quickly withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq is disturbing, but has not damaged U.S. military morale, a senior American Army general in Baghdad said on Tuesday.

DeLay in court for key hearing
 U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay went to court on Tuesday for a hearing to determine whether he will face trial for criminal conspiracy and money laundering in a case that has derailed his once high-flying political career.

Musicians fear New Orleans jazz traditions will die
 Philip Frazier, who leads the New Orleans jazz group ReBirth Brass, was one of the lucky ones. His house and tuba survived Hurricane Katrina mostly intact.



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Thanksgiving

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
 2 Corinthians 9:15

"Therefore I will give thanks to You... and sing praises to Your name."
 Psalm 18:49

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
 Colossians 3:17

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."
 Hebrews 13:15

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.... Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil."
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

Thanks
 Be
 To
 God

Happy
 Thanksgiving

WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 70. Northwest winds around 10 mph.
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Light and variable winds.
 THANKSGIVING DAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
 THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
 FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.
 FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.
 SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.
 SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
 SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
 SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
 MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

DEADLINE NOTICE

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be **CLOSED** November 22nd-25th for the Thanksgiving holiday. For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail me at cathysmith@antden.com. 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.

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour



The Samantha and Chad Wilkerson home, located at 706 Wilmeth.

The Gladiola Flower Club will again host their annual Home Tour on Sunday, December 4th, from 2-5 p.m. There will be four homes featured on this year's tour, including the homes of Glenda (Swan) Ujhely, Kenneth Evans, Chad Wilkerson, and Fred Shieldknight. Tickets are \$5 each, and will be available at each home on the day of the tour. Chad and Samantha Wilkerson have just recently purchased this beautiful home at 706 Wilmeth from Mr. and Mrs. Mike Huffaker. The home was built in 1929 for Mr. and Mrs. Glover; then Ralph and Johanne Blodgett bought it and added a den-living room. The Huffaker's bought it in 1997 re-doing, the living room all of the bedrooms, the basement, back sun porch, the master bathroom and the guest house. Even going through several owners it still retains the 1920's charm. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, living room and basement. nA wonderful house to raise a family in.

Live,
Laugh &
Love

by Catherine R. Smith
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Proclamation of Thanksgiving October 3, 1863

This is the proclamation which set the precedent for America's national day of Thanksgiving. During his administration, President Lincoln issued many orders like this. For example, on November 28, 1861, he ordered government departments closed for a local day of thanksgiving.

The holiday we know today as Thanksgiving was recommended to Lincoln by Sarah Josepha Hale, a prominent magazine editor. Her letters to Lincoln urged him to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival." The document below sets apart the last Thursday of November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise."

According to an April 1, 1864 letter from John Nicolay, one of Lincoln's secretaries, this document was written by Secretary of State William Seward, and the original was in his handwriting. Fellow Cabinet member Gideon Welles recorded in his diary on October 3 that he complimented Seward on his work. A year later, the manuscript was sold to benefit Union troops and since then has disappeared.

By the President of the United States of America.
A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

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 :)

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

Museum Happenings

November 30 from 1 pm to 4 pm, a needlecraft demonstration class - open to everyone. The disappearing needlecrafts such as sewings of rugs and decorative pieces from pieces of cloth called "yo-yo's" will be demonstrated. A "Tatting demonstration" will also be available. Refreshments will be served and opportunities to try your hand at creating will be available.

December 4 from 1pm to 4pm 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 this

Thanksgiving and Christmas season. With families gathering for family celebrations, this exhibit will allow grandmother or an aunt or uncle to recall the time 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

In writing this column, I have the excuse to spend 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 22, 1930 in Follett, Tx south of the depot. I was unable to find out the winners in the next issue. Two: Some of the worst snow storms occurred around Thanksgiving in 1911 and lasted the whole winter. It was this winter that farmers built sleds under their wagons to deliver 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 our canyons and making the landscape look flat.

If you have sources for local history of holidays, please share them with 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 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 the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. This was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. Franklin Roosevelt tried to change it to the Next-to-last Thursday to create a longer Christmas shopping season. 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 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 to increase its popularity. The turkey trot was not a graceful dance, as couples danced around in circles bobbing their heads like strutting tom turkeys. Alas, it was soon replaced by the ever so popular "Fox Trot" in 1914. (source: www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/turkey/his tory)

Have a good Thanksgiving!

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.
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National Hospice Month

November is National Hospice Month, and the Hansford Hospice



Volunteers encourage everyone to join us in honoring and celebrating this unique system of medical care, caregiving and support. End-of-life issues are receiving more attention in the news, and more families are faced every day with making difficult choices around illness and loss. Hospice care addresses all symptoms of a disease, with a special emphasis on controlling a patient's pain and discomfort. Hospice also deals with the emotional, social and spiritual impact of the disease on the patient and the patient's family and friends.

Helping a seriously ill loved one through the Holidays

Caring for a loved one with a serious disease can be both a deeply rewarding and stressful experience, especially during the holidays. The burden of trying to make the holidays a special and happy time can be overwhelming for the family, and not necessarily what the ill relative wants, according to an expert in such matters at the University of California, San Diego.

"For the person coping with a serious illness, having some control over what happens around them can be a gift itself," said Matthew J. Loscalzo, MSW, director of patient and family support services at Rebecca and John Moores UCSD Cancer Center. "Trying too hard to make the person happy can add stress, not take it away. Caring and respectful communication is always the safest way to bring out the best in people."

Loscalzo suggests asking the person who is sick specific questions about how they would like to spend their time: "What do you feel physically capable of doing? Is there anything we usually do that you would prefer that we not do? How do we use this time so that it is most meaningful at this time in your life?"

Holidays are often times of reflection. It may be that the ill person will want to talk about their illness, their fears, or even death, and will bring it up. Others don't want to burden family members so may try to maintain a false cheerfulness. In either circumstance, it is most important that the caregiver create a comfortable atmosphere for these talks to take place or not.

"Tell your loved one you are willing to talk about anything on their mind, whenever they are ready, but that they need to let you know when and how," said Loscalzo. "You may also want to tell them that you do want to talk about any concerns they may have, and that talking about deeply personal concerns will make you feel closer to them."

As a final note, Loscalzo said that while it is important to create the opportunity for pure communication, this will likely not dominate the holidays.

"No one can stare at the sun or illness for long periods of time," he said. "Small pockets of time, perhaps 15 or 20 minutes, are what most people need or want for talking about issues. That leaves plenty of time for celebrating the holiday and the time you have together."

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. Temperatures dropped when a strong cold front passed, but warm conditions soon returned. High winds caused some soil erosion. Cotton harvest was 65 percent complete; yields were good to excellent. Peanut harvest was almost complete. Soybean, sunflower and sorghum harvests continued. Wheat was rated fair to good; Wheat streak mosaic and High Plains virus were diagnosed in some crops. Rangeland conditions were poor. Dry conditions caused fire risk. Cattle were in good condition as supplemental feeding continued.

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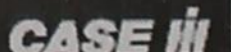
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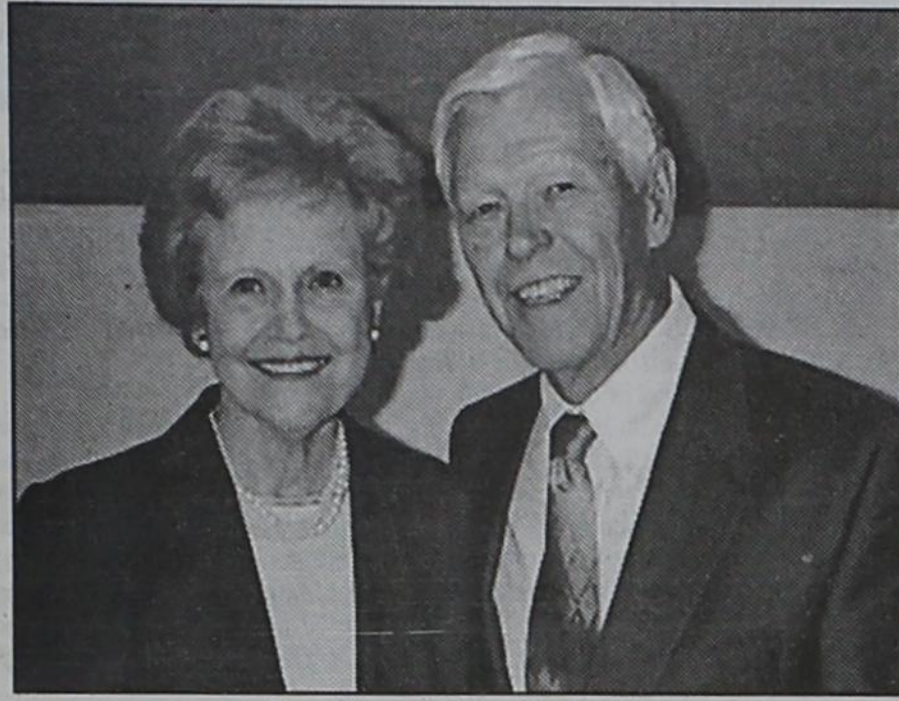
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Baggerlys and PTCI Honored at OPSU Banquet



Dorothy and Max Baggerly



Chris Purdy

The Panhandle State foundation held their annual appreciation banquet on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Approximately 140 people attended including the honored guests, Foundation Board of Directors, OPSU professors, university staff and several scholarship recipients.

The Foundation banquet marks the beginning of the annual fund drive, honors this year's scholarship recipients and inducts new members into the foundation's Distinguished Contributor Honor Roll. The 2005 inductees were Mr. and Mrs. Max Baggerly and PTCI. The special entertainment provided by OPSU's Neon Voices and the OPSU Jazz Band was highly applauded.

Mr. Steve Baggerly presented the Distinguished Contributor plaque to his parents, Max and Dorothy Baggerly. The Baggerlys' have a long-standing commitment to education, and most recently, they purchased the naming rights of one of the OPSU apartment buildings in honor of Bob and Kathryn Sexton. Their love of education and their support of OPSU are acknowledged by their induction to the Panhandle State Foundation Distinguished Contributor Honor Roll.

Mr. Chris Purdy both presented and accepted the Distinguished Contributor plaque for Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its members. This local company is owned by the community it serves and realizes its responsibility to support its neighbors.

PTCI has been consistently involved in supporting Oklahoma Panhandle State University in numerous ways.

OPSU athletics, campus clubs, the CIS program and the OPSU Rodeo are all continually assisted by financial support from PTCI. The association does not stop there; PTCI employs many OPSU graduates. The Panhandle State Foundation recognizes PTCI's time, interest, commitment, and financial support to the Foundation, OPSU, and its students by inducting it into the Distinguished Contributor Honor Roll.

It is worth noting that the Baggerlys were long-time Spearman residents having moved here in 1955 from Beaver, Oklahoma. They were very active in the community. They were charter members of the First Presbyterian Church, both serving as elders and Dorothy was organist. Max was a charter member of the Rotary Club, served as member and President of the school board and the hospital board for many years.

Children, Steve, Karen and Camille, attended Spearman Schools. In addition to their service to the community they were owners of B and B Sales Company until 1990. At that time they sold to Sonny Kell and Judy Tindell and then moved to Amarillo where they now reside.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

Our first Sunday in the season of Advent sees our altars and hangings in blue [traditionally Advent is a purple season, but we use blue to distinguish this season from the passionate purple of Lent]. Advent starts our new church year as we consider the coming of the great gift of God to all peoples, our saviour Jesus Christ. Our lessons are found in Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80, I Corinthians 1: 3-9 and Mark 13: 24-37.

Isaiah calls for God to come down in His power to restore His people, to forgive their sin. The Psalmist sings to God for forgiveness of His errant people, to let God's hand be on the One at His right hand and thus to restore His people.

Paul praises the Corinthians and others of the early faith community. He rejoices that they have been blessed by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. This faith community lacks no spiritual gift, but Paul reminds them that God is faithful and he prays that Christ will strengthen them to hold on until the Day of the Lord Jesus.

For a greater understanding of our gospel lesson, read the parallel passages in Matthew 24:36-44 and Luke 21: 25-36. Jesus is prophesying about the destruction of Jerusalem and the coming of the Day of the Lord. He talks of signs and tells the disciples that "they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory". Jesus tells them that "this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place". Some have concluded that Jesus was wrong, the Day of the Lord has not come! We interpret this in the context of the entirety of Chapter 13, in which we believe Jesus is talking of the destruction of Jerusalem and the woes that will befall the Roman Empire. There were wars and rumors of wars; the Parthians swept through the eastern Roman Empire; their were massive earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Tacitus, the Roman historian, said at the beginning of his history that everything that was happening seemed to prove the gods were seeking, not salvation, but vengeance on the Roman Empire. As to the Day of the Lord, Jesus tells the disciples that only God knows when this will occur. But Jesus as ever gives the disciples some practical advice, "Keep Awake! For you do not know when the Master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn. Therefore, do not worry so much about when the Day of the Lord will be; rather, be prepared! My answer to those who ask, "Are you ready for His coming?" Is truthfully no, but I hope that the Master will find me at work for his Kingdom using such gifts as I have. In years past, many Christians who thought they understood prophesy quit their jobs, stopped working and waited on mountain tops for Jesus to arrive. Jesus did not come on their predicted day; sadly, some lost faith due to their reliance on their own ability to know the Day of the Lord.

May the Holy Spirit calm your fear of the Day of the Lord and strengthen you to walk with the Lord daily in humility, so that you will not be surprised at his coming.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Preparing for Flu Season Nothing to Sneeze At

by Linda Anderson

In spite of wide-spread news reports, avian influenza isn't a problem in this country yet, said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist. Avian influenza - also known as bird flu' - could have the potential to become the next pandemic, according to recent reports.

But ordinary flu is a problem in this country, and protecting yourself and your family from this disease is a more immediate concern.

And the most important first step in protecting against this annual outbreak is to get a flu shot, Rice said.

"The Centers for Disease Control says the flu shot should be available in most communities," she said. "October and November are the best times to get vaccinated. The vaccination is recommended for all people who are at high risk of complications of flu." Those at high risk include people with chronic diseases such as diabetes or emphysema, the elderly over 65, nursing home residents, or people in close contact to others at high risk, such as home care givers, children and health care workers.

A nasal flu vaccine is available in some areas too, Rice said. This type may be more expensive than the more traditional shot and is not recommended for everyone.

"It's for healthy people age 5 to 49," Rice said, "and who are not pregnant."

To find out where flu shots are available locally, Rice recommended visiting the Web at <http://www.lungusa.org>.

Other practices can help lessen your chances of getting or transmitting the flu too, she said.

The importance of washing hands can't be stressed enough, Rice said. "You can get the flu by touching things with the flu virus on them and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth," she said.

Use tissues when you sneeze, and stay home if you get sick. Symptoms of the flu include high fever, headache, tiredness, sore throat, dry cough, nasal congestion and body aches, Rice said.

"The flu is spread by coughing and sneezing," she said. "Most people can infect others by one day before the symptoms appear and up to five days after. Stay away from other people during these times."

Nausea and vomiting may also occur with the flu, but these are more common among children than adults, she added.

Get medical care if you think you have the flu, Rice said.

"If you truly have the flu and get to a physician within two days of the onset of symptoms, you can shorten the duration" of your case, she said, because this is when anti-virals can be used to treat the flu.

"In spite of the similarity of symptoms, the flu" is much worse than a cold," Rice said. "You know you're really, really sick (when you have the flu). It's really important to go to the doctor within two days of the onset of symptoms or the anti-viral is not going to do much good."

If someone in the family catches the flu, some precautions can help keep the disease from spreading to the other family members.

For one, be sure to wash dishes in the hottest water available, preferably in a dish washer, Rice said. And keep the sick person as isolated from the rest of the family as possible. Make sure the care giver washes his or her hands thoroughly after visiting the sickroom.

For more information on this and other health issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Health.

HANSFORD COUNTY EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2005

- Nov 23-25 SISD, P-M CISD & GISD Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 28 9th Lynx vs Boys Ranch, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 29 SISD JV & Varsity Lynx & Lynxettes @ Texhoma, 4, 5, 6:30 & 8 p.m.

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Psalm 45:1

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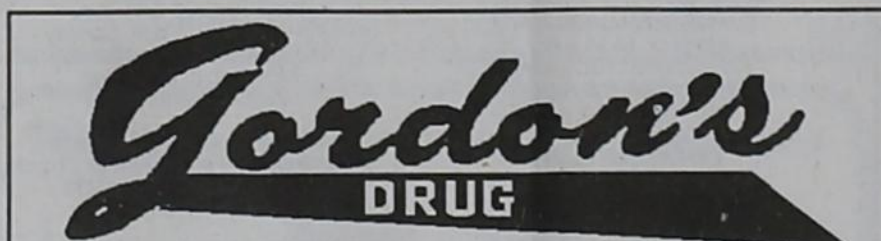
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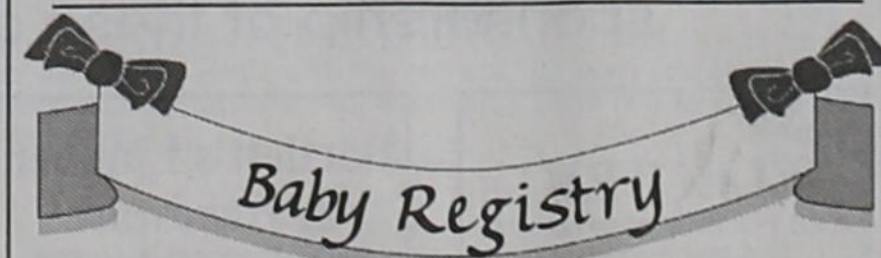
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- Katy Hipps and Jeremiah Shrode - Dec. 11th
- Christina Kasko & Rhett Ruttman
- Elissa Petersen & John Holt



- Crockett & Melinda Tidwell - 11/19
- Britt & Lindsey (Smith) Savage - 11/26

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Spearman Jr. High participates in District Academic UIL

Spearman Junior High participated in the District Academic UIL competition. Individual results are as follows:

Katelyn Kizziar - 1st Spelling
 Jose Mendoza - 3rd Spelling
 Andi Linn Scarborough - 3rd Spelling, 3rd Modern Oratory
 Nikki Boyd - 6th Oral Reading
 Sutton Garnett - 4th Oral Reading
 Bryce Jarvis - 5th Maps, Graphs & Charts
 Morgan Ashmore - 6th Maps, Graphs & Charts
 Sawyer Sutterfield - 3rd Maps, Graphs & Charts
 Seth Salgado - 5th Maps, Graphs & Charts

David Salazar - 1st Maps, Graphs & Charts
 Tate Batton - 3rd Maps, Graphs & Charts
 Rosa Ortiz - 4th Maps, Graphs & Charts
 Anna Sowder - 2nd Calculator
 Chandler Short - 5th Calculator
 Yesenia Romero - Tie 1st Calculator
 Laura Hernandez - Tie 1st Calculator
 Leslie Hernandez - 6th Calculator
 Jose Ibarra - 2nd Calculator
 Edgar Castillo - 5th Calculator
 Gately Garnett - 2nd Ready Writing

Brody Hargrove - 5th Ready Writing
 Nikki Boyd - 5th Ready Writing
 Zack Hughes - 4th Ready Writing
 Jessica Pinon - 2nd Modern Oratory, 6th Impromptu Speaking
 Cameron Meddock - 6th Science
 Chance Pack - 6th Science
 Derrick Zimmerman - 2nd Mathematics, 1st Number Sense
 Margarita Ibarra - 4th Number Sense
 Morgan Ashmore - 6th Number Sense
 Cody Benton - 6th Number Sense

Gruver FFA competes at Top O Texas District LDE

by Weston Born

The Gruver FFA competed at district competition on November 12th. Teams competing were the Jr. Creed, Jr. Chapter Conducting, Jr. Quiz, Sr. Creed, and Sr. Quiz. The teams all advanced to Area competition held this past weekend November 19th.

Jr. Creed- Lynn Vela- 1st Top O Texas District, 1st Area 1, State Qualifier
 Jr. Creed- Miles Messer- 4th Top O Texas District
 Jr. Quiz- Alfredo Bonilla, Roberto Mendoza, Miles Messer, Sarah Mireles, and Payton Mitchell- 1st Top O Texas District, 8th Area 1
 Jr. Chapter Conducting- Jesse Bucknell, Jordan Hicks, Roberto Mendoza, Miles Messer, Matt Salazar, Lynn Vela, and Taylor Williams- 2nd Top O Texas District, 9th Area 1
 Sr. Creed- Tanner Sherrill- 1st Top O Texas District, 11th Area 1
 Sr. Creed- Victoria Vela- 6th Top O Texas District
 Sr. Quiz- Jimmiee McCloy, Travis McDowell, Stephen Salazar, and Victoria Vela- 1st Top O Texas District, 9th Area 1
 Lynn Vela will be competing in Huntsville at Sam Houston State University on December 13th. All teams did a wonderful job and look forward to our Spring contests.

Gruver 1st Grade performs Thanksgiving play



Mrs. Holland's and Mrs. Gibson's first grade classes performed their Thanksgiving plays on Monday morning, November 21st.

The following students did an outstanding job: Blaise Davis, Brittney Grimes, Macy Haight, Sarah Olmos, Wyatt Poer, Jazmin Ramirez, Clarrisa Soto, Liza Tarango, Meny Terrazas, Abigail Trejo, Kennedy Venneman, Braxton Crane, Leslie Germany, Paola Gonzalez, Ramiro Hernandez, Randi Jines, Amber Johnson, Haley Kincaannon, Tania Ortiz, Jasmine Puebla, Jessica Ramirez, Kylie Thomas, Tate Tyler



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Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector launches Internet vehicle registration

Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector, Linda Cummings announced that Hansford County will have new office hours and will be offering a new type of service for the residents.

The new office hours for Hansford County tax offices will change to accommodate the new service. Beginning December 1, 2005 the hours will be 8AM through 4:45PM. This change will allow processing and reconciliation time for the new service.

On approximately December 1st residents of Hansford County will have another way of renewing their vehicle registration. Motorists can pass the lines and the stamps and head straight to their keyboards. Online registration renewal will be available at www.texasonline.com.

"This new web site gives our customers one more way of interacting with us," said Linda

Cummings, Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector. "Residents will be able to renew their registration when it's convenient for them, day or night."

This online service is limited to vehicle owners who have received a Registration Renewal Notice from the Texas Department of Transportation. The registration **must be** due within 90 days but **cannot** be expired. Current liability insurance coverage is also required, and there **cannot** be any traffic warrants or other questionable notations on the motor vehicle record. Emissions compliance is also required where applicable.

Motorists who renew via Internet will be asked to enter a minimal amount of information, including their address, their vehicle insurance coverage, 800 number for insurance, and their credit card they will use for payment. The Hansford County Tax Office

will then process the information to ensure that all requirements are met. It will take tax office staff approximately two business days to process an approved online transaction and mail the renewal sticker to the customer. Site users will pay a nonrefundable \$2 service fee and a \$1 mail-processing fee for the service.

The website also allows registered vehicle owners to change the recipient address from their registration renewal notice. There is no fee charged for this service and it is available to all registered vehicle owners regardless of their county of residence.

"We're excited to be part of this innovative program," said Cummings.

For more information, please call the Hansford County Tax Office at 806-659-4120.

Panhandle residents have opportunity to dump unwanted chemicals

Panhandle residents have three opportunities in December to get rid of unwanted pesticides, home chemicals and used motor oil.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Department of Agriculture are joining together to sponsor a Texas Country Cleanup.

Don't Dump Them! cleanup events are scheduled daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The locations and contacts are as follows:

- Pampa, Dec. 5, Gray County Show Barn, 12125 E. Frederic, County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty, 669-8033;

- Dumas, Dec. 7, old Texas Department of Transportation

Warehouse, 601 W. 1st at Hwy. 87, County Extension Agent Dennis Beilue, 935-2594;

- Hereford, Dec. 9, Bull Barn, 3820 County Road 6A, County Extension Agent Rick Auckerman, 364-3573.

The waste collection is free and open to all Texas residents.

Pesticides, paints and thinners, antifreeze, household batteries, aerosol cans, photographic chemicals, mercury thermometers, used motor oil and filters, lead acid batteries, herbicides, gasoline, other automotive products, cleaners and pool chemicals are among the items that will be accepted.

No plastics will be accepted at these collections. In the past, triple-

rinsed plastic containers were taken, but will not be collected at any of these locations.

No wastes will be accepted from chemical dealers. Also, no tires, radioactive materials, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, herbicides containing 2,4,5-TP, or pesticides or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol will be accepted.

For information on how to safely transport and handle waste materials, call the TCEQ at (512) 239-3150 or visit www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/agwaste.html. washingtonpost.com

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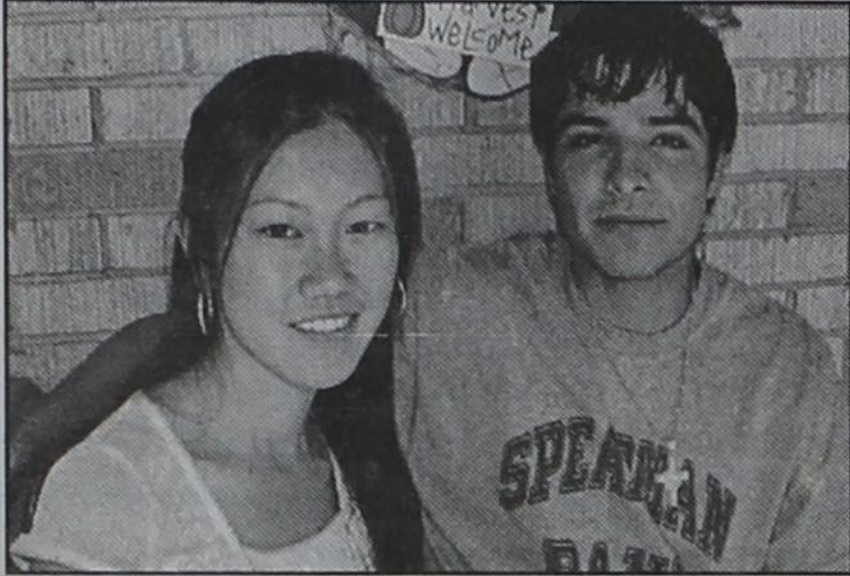
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Gruver Chamber of Commerce Christmas Events

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Hansford County Students of the Month



Alejandro Rios is one of the Students of the Month for Spearman High School. He is in the twelfth grade and is the son of Victor Ignacio Rios and Isabel Cristina Rios. Alejandro has one sister, Adriana, and two brothers, Victor, Jr. and Daniel.

Alejandro participates in band and in UIL Literary Criticism. He has been in the All-Region band and also in the 5 States Band. He placed 6th in UIL Literary Criticism. He has been on the All-A Honor Roll and is a member of the National Honor Society.

We asked Alejandro what his hobbies and interest were and he told us, "Sleeping and eating. When I'm not doing either of those I'm listening to music or watching TV. It's great exercise."

What he likes best about Spearman is that he knows nearly everyone in town. As far as what he likes best about Spearman High School, "It's the block scheduling because without it my life would be much more stressful." The teacher that has influenced his school years the most has been Mr. Murdock.

According to Alejandro his future plans after graduation from SHS are to attend a university and someday he hopes to become a doctor but for now he's just going to go with the flow and see where it goes.

The other SHS Student of the Month is known by two different names. Some of you may know her as Joanne Tang and some of you may know her by her given name of Si Li. Whichever name you use she is still the very personable and friendly twelfth grade daughter of Qian Jun and Hui Zhu Tang. Si Li is "big sister" to brother, Jerry.

It's very interesting that Si Li starts off with her extracurricular activities by sharing these thoughts, "Due to the fact that I work all the time I have very little to participate in extracurricular activities. However, I have participated in Speech and Debate, Band and other various UIL activities like Social Studies, Computer Applications, etc." Having said that these are her accomplishments with so little time: Texas Recognition of Excellence Award- Mathematics, Award of Excellence in Science and Math from Pantex; Five States and All-Region Honor Band; member and secretary of the National Honor Society; member and Assistant Director of Hansford Heroes; Texas Bluebonnet Girls State; Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership; All "A" Honor Roll and other various school awards in Biology, Geometry, etc. (As she puts it.)

According to Si Li her hobbies and interests are, "Working, if it's considered a hobby? Anyway...on my own time I enjoy EATING!!! As long as I have food, I'm perfectly content. Also, just relaxing...reading, listening to music, watching TV, etc."

She was most influenced by a teacher in New York. Mrs. Ashley was her fourth grade teacher. What she likes best about SHS is the caring and talented staff members. She adds an "of, course" with a little smiley face. We asked Si Li what she liked best about Spearman and her response was, "After living in Spearman for five years, I have discovered that this town has many great qualities. But if I had to choose just one, I would have to say it's friendly atmosphere."

After graduation Si Li plans to pursue her undergraduate degree at the University of Texas in Austin. She hasn't decided on a major but she is leaning towards a degree in medicine or business.



Sheldon Atwood the October Student of the Month for Gruver High School. He is a senior and the son of Scott Atwood and Frances Atwood. His brother is Shane Atwood. His grandparents are Phyllis and Harve Atwood of Gruver.

Scott's extra-curricular activities include football, power lifting, track, golf, Nitro, Youth and RA's. Sheldon received the Principal's Scholar Award, received honorable Mention All-District Linebacker for 2004, was a regional qualifier for UIL Science and is a member of the National Honor Society. When Sheldon isn't busy with sports he enjoys playing guitar or writing and listening to music. What he likes best about Gruver is that there is always someone to go to if he ever need anything. As far as Gruver High School he likes it's halls and classrooms. Mrs. TeBeest is the teacher that has influenced him the most. The future for Sheldon would include playing college football and one day becoming either a football coach or a psychiatrist.

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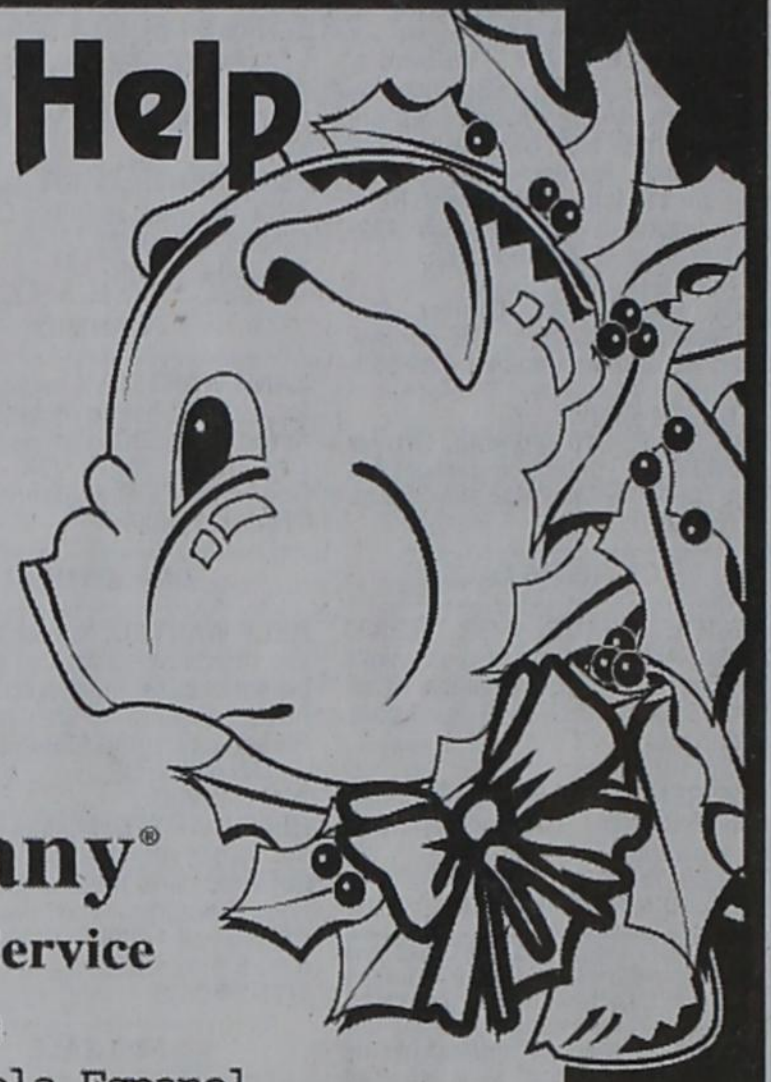
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