

# Holidays can difficult for those missing loved ones

by Melyn Johnson

Holidays are difficult time to face for those who recently have lost loved ones. Christmas seems to be the hardest-and Christmas will soon be here.

A friend, Zane Gray, the new pastor at the Community Bible Church, shared some thoughts

about death and his feelings when he and Jane lost their grandson. A friend of theirs sent them a letter that helped the Grays through their hard times and I will copy the letter for anyone else who is facing Christmas without someone they

miss. First, Zane's story. "Several months ago I lost a grandson. He died at the age of four months. I had held him in my arms and prayed over him, doing all I could do, yet he died anyway. "He was not sick, he was

share with him all the things that only two terrific grandparents like you can share. He will have many exciting things to tell you, too.

"Maybe something like this: 'Jochebed, Hannah, and Lois were so good to me when I came. They cared for me so tenderly and gentle, and they even taught me to walk. I must admit, I sure was a cute kid taking my first steps! Later, I learned to climb a tree and guess who taught me? That's right- Zaecheus!

"David taught me to sing praises unto God, and you should hear him play his harp. David really had an exciting life. He killed a bear and even a lion, but more than that he killed a giant called Goliath. David only used his shepherd's sling and a stone and of course, his faith in God. He became a king, too. I'll introduce you to him after a while, okay? Peter is another man you will want to meet. He told me lots of interesting stories when he was teaching me how to fish. And do you know what else?

"I know how to make a tent. A really nice man named Aquila taught me. He is a friend of Paul. I'm sure you have read his writings! There are so many kind people here who loved me and trained me: I want you to meet

healthy. He laughed, he cried when he was hungry, he cried when he was wet, he did all he was supposed to do. At first we thought he had Sudden Infant Death Syndrome because he would just quit breathing. After many weeks in and out of the hospital with the best doctors, they said it was not S.I.D.S. and there was nothing wrong with him. Yet he died.

"I had promised God I would tell all my children's, children's, children about Jesus Christ and what He had done for each one of us as well as for the whole world. Yet my grandson died before I could tell him."

"I was bitter. I cried. I hurt. I know it destroyed my daughter and son-in-law.

"Then God sent someone with a letter to me and I praise him for this woman and her husband and children."

The letter Zane received is quoted direct and Zane shares this letter in hopes that it may help some other person through their hard times.

"Your heart must ache when you remember little Matthew Jordan and long to hold him in your arms once again. Someday, some golden day, you will be able to sit down with that special little guy and

them all! Another one I want you to meet is Joseph, the carpenter. He taught me things about being a carpenter. You know, carpenter stuff like he taught Jesus, the Master Carpenter.

"Jesus is the Master Carpenter who rebuilds broken lives that were destroyed by sin. Only he doesn't use a hammer and nails or saw. But then you already know that, that's why you are here. Come on, hold my hand and I'll introduce you around, but first let's go see Jesus."

". . . When Jesus saw it, . . . said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14.

"We rejoice with you knowing Matthew Jordan is in very good hands and is waiting for you."

As we rush around this busy Christmas season, complaining about the time it takes to buy, wrap, and deliver all the Christmas gifts, remember those who are wishing someone they loved were here this Christmas. You and I might think about taking one of our "busy" afternoons to do something special for those hurting this season instead of complaining about all we have to be joyful for.



The high school band is practicing for the upcoming Christmas concert to be held in the High School Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 18 [today] at 2 p.m.

## Eight Spearman men named outstanding

Eight Spearman men have been named Outstanding Young Men of America for 1988. They are: Kevin Bynum, Eddie Gage, Dick Gillaspie, Richard North, Reynaldo Ortega, Tindle Ramon, Mark Schoenhals, and Verlan Winegarner. The men were chosen by the Board of Directors for Outstanding Young Men of America, (OYMA), an awards program now in its twenty-sixth year, after being nominated locally.

The OYMA program, based in Montgomery, Ala., is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in such fields of endeavor as community service and professional leadership and achievement. As recipients of this award, these eight Spearman residents will have their complete biographies appear in the annual awards publication, **Outstanding Young Men in America**.

Kevin Bynam has been bookkeeper at Golden Spread Sales for 12 years. He and his wife Ronda have two sons, Josh, 8, and Timmy, 5. Bynum is a 1977 Spearman High School graduate and the current president-elect of the Spearman Rotary Club. He is also the director of the Chamber of Commerce, director of the Panhandle Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society and a member of the Union Church.

Eddie Gage is the principal of Spearman Elementary School this year, after a two-year stint as assistant principal at the junior high school. He and his wife, Carmelita, who teaches Spanish in the Gruver school system, have a six-year-old son named Josh. Gage's memberships include: lifetime member of Phi Delta Kappa, a professional organization for educators; the Regional Committee for Drug-Free Communities in School; the Regional Committee for Administrative Leadership; the Spearman Rotary Club (current service chairman); the local PTA; the Classroom Teachers Association; and the Spearman Church of Christ. Gage earned bachelor's and master's degrees at West Texas State.

Dick Gillaspie is part-owner of Spearman's Gillaspie Chevrolet with his father-in-law Jimmy Shieldknight. He and his wife Leann have four children: Laura, 5, Mindee, 4, Caleb, 22 months, and Collin, 7 weeks. Gillaspie earned an associate's degree at Amarillo College and lacked a few hours for his bachelor's degree at West Texas State. His memberships include the Spearman Lion's Club, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce (he is on its Board of

Directors), and the First Baptist Church of Spearman.

Richard North teaches health at the junior high and physical education at the elementary school in Spearman. He attained his teacher's degree at Southwest Oklahoma State in Woodward, Ok. He worked at Farmers National Bank in Euik, Ok. for two years before coming to Spearman. He and his wife Rhonda have a three-year-old, Lindsay. North's memberships include the Texas Girls' Coaches Association and the First Baptist Church of Spearman where he is a Sunday School Teacher and a Trustee. This year he coached the Texas State Champion Cross Country Team.

Reynaldo Ortega is a 1980 Spearman High School graduate and presently is employed by Spearman Cable TV. His wife, Julie, and he have a five-year-old kindergarten named Jordon. He is president of the Spearman Jaycees.

Tindle Ramon is assistant cashier at First National Bank of Spearman. He and his wife Kristi, a college student, have two daughters, Amber, 6, and Nicole, 3, and a brand new son, Ryan. Ramon is a Goodwell, Oklahoma high school graduate and earned a degree in biology and chemistry at Panhandle State (cum laude). The Ramons are active members of the

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These Spearman High School Band members were named to the Panhandle Honor Band. Back Row [l-r] James Macias, 10th chair, trombone; Jeremy Willingham, 6th chair baritone; Maria Munoz, alternate trombone; Loudee Bradley, 5th chair

trombone; Monica Blackmon, 6th chair bass clarinet; Front row [l-r] April Graham, 1st chair timpani; Beverly Burton, 1st chair alto clarinet; Maria Gomez, 2nd chair malets; Jennifer Reimer, 3rd chair trumpet and Karen England 2nd chair alto clarinet.

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## Contest winners named

Results from the Spearman Reporter/Hansford Plainsman recipe contest are in. Joyce Johnson was named winner of the vegetable recipe contest, and Marva Hohertz and Sharron Swan were named to honorable mention because of the close number of points of each of the three.

Johnson's winning recipe was for "Veggie Bars." Hohertz received honorable mention with a "Vegetable casserole" entry. And Swan was also named to honorable mention with a recipe for "Indian corn."

There were 15 entrants in the contest. Karen Babitzke, Hansford County Home Economist and qualified assistants accepted positions as judges of the recipe contest. Johnson will receive an engraved skillet for her efforts. Hohertz and Swan will each receive a token of appreciation from the Reporter, too.

We at the staff of the newspaper express our appreciation to those who participated in the contest.

Many readers have tried and enjoyed the recipes that were sent in and published.

The three winning recipes will be reprinted on page four of this edition.

## Church presents

### 'living nativity'

Members of the First Christian Church are presenting a living nativity scene for another holiday season. Adults and youth members of the First Christian Church will be in front of the church on Tuesday, Dec. 20, Wednesday Dec. 21 and Thursday Dec. 22 acting out the nativity scene.

They will also have live sheep and cattle on hand to complete the scene. The public is invited to come by from 6 to 8 p.m. any of the three evenings to enjoy this Christmas scene.



The Victorian Christmas tree at Prairie Garden Flowers captures the magic of the holiday season for Brady Woolley, son of Joey and Lyn Woolley, and Gentry Edwards, daughter of Frank and Kitty Edwards.

## Church has carole services

The First United Methodist Church will present a service of "Caroles and Candles" tonight at 7 p.m. The program will feature candle lighting, singing of Christmas caroles, and the telling of the story of the birth of Jesus. First United Methodist minister Todd Dyess will preside.

All are invited to come and join in on this special holiday event. A nursery will be provided.

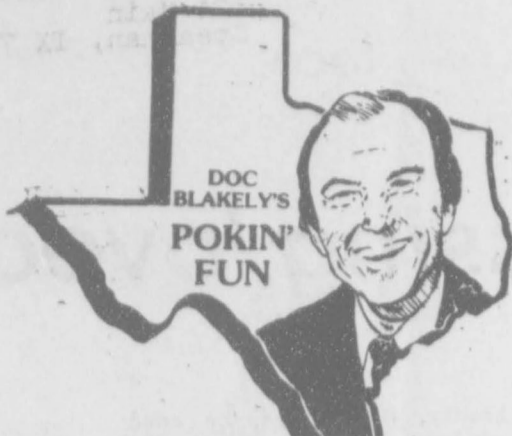
## Greeting fund gains donations

For the past twelve years, members of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary have asked that you send them the money you normally spend on cards and postage and let them use it in their program of hospital and manor furnishings and equipment. This is the only fund raiser of the year for the Auxiliary and your response in the past has been greatly appreciated.

Donations may be mailed to

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**DOC BLAKELY  
BE IT RESOLVED**

What moves people to make a New Year's resolution? Generally, I think it's an indecision about some habit although I'm not sure of that.

If you have the habit of smoking, you may resolve to give that up for the New Year. So you can fly someplace that is less than two hours away.

The airlines have been mandated by law to have the entire flight declared no smoking if it is two hours or less flying time. The flight attendant warns everyone that it is illegal to disconnect the smoke detectors in the restrooms. All non-smokers who have been doing that just for kicks...give it up. Take up smoking.

How often have you resolved to lose some weight? That's one of my favorites. I once went on a watermelon diet and lost 37 pounds. My bladder fell out.

This year, I resolve to lose weight the sensible way. I've saved a little money and I'm just going to hire someone to lose it for me.

Real fat fellow, I want him to suffer a lot. Then I'll have him go around with me and I'll say, "Between the two of us, we've lost 50 pounds."

Then the next year, I'll hire him to gain weight, stand next to him, and I'll look even thinner.

How about resolving to save more money? I saw a book for sale on the subject, read a few pages,

and immediately saved \$20. I didn't buy it.

Want to have better health? Resolve to hand out with sicker people. Become a politician.

Want to travel more? Resolve to open a parachute in a hurricane.

Want to learn another language? Resolve to speak teenager.

Half the language is "Y'know." Want to become more cultured? Sleep in a vat of yogurt.

Clean up that clutter in your workshop? Why not just resolve to landscape it with railroad ties?

How about that lawnmower that won't start? Resolve to let it rust in peace.

You remember that memory course you resolved to take last year from what's his name? Forget it.

I looked up the word "resolve" to see just what it is we are all supposed to do as a New Year's resolution. Webster says it means to "define or make clear...as in a fictional plot."

Seems clear to me that we need to make up stuff to do that we have no intention of doing. Therefore, my resolution is to continue to tell the truth as I see it.

Like these two guys at a New Year's Eve party, talking about their boss. "He resolved to quit because he has a drinking problem," said one.

"Yes," replied the other. "He seldom buys."

# Trauma systems could avert many deaths

Of every 10 Texans who died yesterday from critical trauma, as many as three or four could have survived, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Dr. Robert Bernstein, Texas Commissioner of Health, said that the reason why so many trauma victims die is not always because treatment is beyond the scope of modern medical expertise and equipment. Rather, it can be because Texas lacks a uniform system by which the best medical resources are readily available to all victims who need them.

Trauma is loosely defined as any injury—a cut, wound, burn, or internal damage—caused by accident or intent (as in homicide or suicide attempts). Most trauma is treatable at home with first aid, or at a general hospital. But about 5 to 8 percent of trauma cases, those involving life-threatening injuries, require specially trained staff and advanced technology.

Dr. Bernstein said that the key to saving more lives of trauma victims is the establishment of "trauma systems" statewide, a concept which is nationally recognized for its effectiveness. Simply stated, a trauma system is an arrangement among available resources to coordinate emergency health care. Resources include emergency medical services, local hospitals, and specialized hospitals. Each has clearly outlined responsibilities for trauma cases.

Such systems ensure that victims receive the treatment warranted by the degree and complexity of their injuries—as quickly as possible. And each part of the system knows its own role in rapidly stabilizing and treating the victim. That includes transferring the victim, if necessary, to a hospital—commonly referred to as a trauma center—which is able to comprehensively treat seriously injured persons.

According to Dr. Bernstein, several studies, spanning three decades, show that where trauma systems have been instituted in other states, deaths from critical trauma have been reduced by 30 to 40 percent. In Texas, traffic fatalities alone could be dramatically lessened. If, for instance, trauma systems had been in place last year, and succeeded in saving the lives of 35 percent of the 1,508 reported killed on our highways, 528 victims could have been spared.

TDH will ask the 71st Texas Legislature in January for authorization to create trauma systems throughout the state. "We all must realize, however, that there are some very real problems which must be solved before trauma systems can work in Texas," Dr. Bernstein said.

He explained that state and local

economics present the main hurdles to creation of comprehensive trauma systems. Critical trauma treatment is the costliest kind of medicine, since it requires the broadest range of equipment and specially trained personnel around-the-clock. These hospitals must be able to handle any of the many types of life-threatening injuries. In addition, treatment often entails long hospital stays and rehabilitation services.

Compounding the expense of maintaining state-of-the-art equipment and full-time staff, a trauma system must also be able to accept patients who may be unable to pay for treatment. "Certainly any legislation authorizing creation of trauma systems must contain a mechanism to help reimburse participating hospitals and personnel of uncompensated care," Dr. Bernstein added.

## Obituary

### Michael Rue Sanders

Michael Rue Sanders, 43, died Sunday, Dec. 11, in Amarillo. Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Russ Gibbs and Rev. Scott Turner officiating.

He was born in Alexandria, Louisiana. He was a graduate of the University of Texas Law School and a member of the American Bar Association, and the Panhandle Bankruptcy Association, the Clarendon Lion's Club, and the First Baptist Church in Clarendon. He lived in Clarendon since 1971 and was in the process of moving to Amarillo at the time of death.

He is survived by his parents Rue and Ann of Spearman and one sister Julie Adams of Spearman and his grandmother, Mrs. Ora Sanders also of Spearman.

### Dick Hudson

Spearman resident for many years, Dick Hudson, died in Spiro, Ok. Friday morning, Dec. 16. He is survived by his wife, Francis, two daughters Toni and Terri and two sons Richie and Stan, and two brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 17 in Spiro, Ok. at the First Methodist Church. Friends wishing to send cards or letters may send them to 622 N. Boston, Spiro, Ok., 74959.

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# Texas Supreme Court rule affects teachers

School districts in Texas may no longer force teachers to sign a "blank contract" as a condition of employment for the ensuing school year, according to a landmark decision handed down by the Texas Supreme Court recently.

In a unanimous 9-0 decision in a case involving 26 teachers and the Lumberton Independent School District, the Supreme Court ruled that teachers on continuing contracts have the right to know what their salaries will be before the first day of school.

The suit was filed and funded jointly by the Texas State Teachers Association and the Association of Texas Professional Educators. The Court's decision will affect half of the state's teachers.

The decision also set another precedent by ruling that teachers under continuing contracts hold a "vested" right to the local salary supplements which are provided by most school districts with local funds.

TSTA President Charles Beard hailed the decision as a great victory stating that for the first time teachers will no longer have to start school without knowing what their salaries will be.

"This new ruling will force local school boards to adopt budgets by Aug. 1 of each year and teachers will then have the opportunity to seek employment in another district if they are unhappy with the

wages being offered," Beard said.

In the past, most districts required teachers to accept "blank contracts" which did not specify wages. State law also prevented teachers from resigning from a district after Aug. 1 unless the district was willing to release the teacher. State statutes also require teachers to accept contracts within 30 days of the date of offer or be considered to have refused such offer.

In drafting the opinion, Justice William Kilgarlin said that a school district may not lower wages after the first day of school.

In the Lumberton case, educators were asked to sign contracts in April of 1985 for the following year. The contract stated that their salary would be "the State of Texas Minimum Foundation Salary plus local increment." No specific dollar amounts were set until Aug. 26, 1985, the day the school year began, when the trustees set the salaries at the same rate as the previous year. One month later, however, the trustees voted to decrease those salaries because the state decreased its share of the payment. Faced with raising local taxes or reducing teachers' salaries, the trustees opted for the latter alternative.

The far-reaching opinion reversed earlier decisions by the lower courts, including the Texas Court of Appeals.

# Frank Phillips College offers skills tests

All students entering Texas Higher Education beginning in the Fall of 1989 must take a basic skills assessment test (writing, reading, and math). Students who need to build their skills will be placed in a complimentary remediation program. However, students who have earned 3 college level credit hours from a Texas Higher Education institution prior to the Fall of 1989 will be exempt from taking the TASP test.

The Texas Academic Skills Program is the result of House Bill 2182, which has signed into law by the Governor following the 1987 Legislative session. Since the bill was passed, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency, and approximately 4,000 higher education faculty members have been working on recommendations for the test design and program guidelines. At their July 1988 meeting, the Coordinating Board imple-

mented guidelines for TASP. A final version of the test and further guidelines will be available in the Spring of 1989.

In short, TASP is designed to enhance and increase the success and retention of Texas Higher Education students and to insure the integrity and quality of Texas Higher Education programs by identifying, assessing, and providing basic skills necessary to be successful in college and in the work place.

Each student who plans to enter a college for the first time in the Fall Semester of 1989 must take a Certification Form of the TASP examination on days prescribed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and shall be scored by National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (approx. 3 weeks turnaround). Students will be charged \$24 each time they take the test.

The TASP test dates for 1989 are:

- March 4, 1989
- June 10, 1989 [also ACT Test Date]
- July 29, 1989
- September 30, 1989
- November 18, 1989

Frank Phillips College will be one of the official testing centers for the TASP test. The college will be a clearing house for information about the TASP program for its service area. As the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provides the college with guidelines, these will be disseminated through the area schools and through the press. Frank Phillips College will be working with high school officials, potential students, and the community to insure that the students possess the basic skills necessary for college and life.

**The Bunkhouse**  
Best Wishes from  
Pat  
Cindy  
Cathy  
Myrtle  
212 Main Spearman

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Pizza Hut, the police department, and the elementary school for their help.

Thank you to Thriftway, Jack & Jill, and the laundromat for letting me put up signs.

Thank you to the newspaper for running my ad and letter to the editor.

And a special thanks to the person that returned my son's flight jacket.

Sheila LaRochelle

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## Spearman service businesses are affected by busy holiday season

Spearman businesses that provide services are as affected by the holiday season as stores selling toys and perfume.

Penny Baker of "Penny's Photos" is hard at work on family photographs that have been taken for Christmas presents. She runs a Christmas special every year in October. This gives her plenty of time to make her deadlines and also affords her the opportunity to do outdoor portraits in one of her favorite local backyard settings. It also lets customers plan their gifts before they get caught-up in the holiday rush.

Local beauty and barber shops find December a good month to run specials on their services and

beauty products, as people want to look their best at holiday parties and family get-togethers.

Wardrobe Cleaner's owner, Oscar Donnell, reports that his business increases dramatically before, during and after holiday time. He also notes that "people who come in are in a happier mood." Dan Desimone of Berry Cleaners is also very busy and agrees that "Everyone is quite pleasant." Customers are currently bringing in both heavy winter clothing ("lots of sweaters and coats") as well as their dressiest apparel.

Ann McClure of McClure's Paint

and Supply reveals that Spearman residents want to dress up their homes as well as themselves at Christmas. "We put in six carpets last week!" she says. "And night before the Thanksgiving holiday we were also very busy. "People want to have their homes looking good before they have all their company come," McClure comments.

The Sears Catalogue Store does a brisk business at this time of year too. The majority of customers there this season were ordering sweaters, boots, Fisher-Price riding toys for toddlers, and the "Nintendo" electronic unit and its games.

## Commodities to be distributed

USDA surplus commodities will be distributed Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the County Judge's office located in the Hansford County Courthouse.

Eligibility to receive commodities is based on income and size of household. Proof of income is required for new applicants.

Those receiving AFDC (Aid to Dependent Children) Food Stamps MAO (Medical Assistance Only) and SSI (Supplemental Security Income) are automatic; eligible upon proof of receipt.

## Two local women receive WTSU degrees

Two Spearman women are scheduled to receive degrees from West Texas State University at commencement exercises to be held Thursday, Dec. 22 in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Tammy J. Welch and Glenna Sue Woolley will each receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

The commencement address will be delivered by Jess Benjamin Latham, III, Amarillo businessman and 1970 graduate of West Texas State.

Following the address, WT officials will confer degrees upon 53 master's and 318 baccalaureate candidates. The graduates represent seven states and 57 towns and cities.

## The Wind and the Tumbleweed Engage in a Dialogue

by Jean Ann Behney

The unstable whims of the northwest wind

Toyed with an earthly soul,  
Pushed him, helpless, 'cross the land

And cornered him 'gainst  
A barbed wire fence.

"My home is the unreachable blue,"

Wind puffed and panted proud,  
"And yours but my poor playground."

My power makes all bow down."

"How know you if you've pinioned me here?"

Unhumbled Tumbleweed cried,  
"Or if I, wanting, cling to this life,

After your gift of a ride?"

Wind roared at such audacity  
And blew with still more force,  
But Fence allowed no further move

As, pressed against his Champion,

Our Tumbleweed blessed  
The unreachable blue.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

From the bottom of my heart, thank you! Two months ago I asked many sustaining members to help raise \$54,551 before the end of the year. Many of you responded with cash gifts totalling \$14,391. Let me share with you where your dollars have been spent in order to continue our Scouting program.

**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT:** Through volunteer and professional efforts this Fall we added 2,768 boys and 195 leaders to the Scouting ranks.

**NEW LEADER TRAINING:** This Fall we trained 373 adult Scouters. In order that our youth might have a more meaningful Scouting experience.

**NEW PROFESSIONAL STAFF:** On November 15, Jim Nelson filled our last vacancy as Assistant Scout Executive. We now have a ten person Professional Staff to assist and train our 2,356 volunteer leaders throughout the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

**DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION:** The "Drugs a Deadly Game" series continue at regular weekly meetings of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

**YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING** - has been conducted for over 2,400 young people in 1988 through the "Child Abuse Let's Talk About It" series. "Yell and Tell" is the main focus of the Youth Protection Training along with the understanding that it is NOT ACCEPTABLE to be abused.

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD** - is currently underway throughout our 25 county Council territory. Our Scout Membership has collected 27,000 pounds of food for local food distribution agencies to be given to the needy through the holidays.

The Scouting Program is rich in heritage and tradition throughout the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. Thank you again for your financial contributions in order to continue the legacy of Scouting here.

We still need to raise \$40,060 in 1988. I would sincerely appreciate your considering another gift that will be counted in the 1989 Campaign but allow you a 1988 Tax advantage. If you have not made a financial commitment to Scouting this year, I am urging you to do it this holiday season. I am sure you will agree that work we are all doing, is VERY WORTHWHILE.

I hope this statement of condition of the Golden Spread Council finds you and your family safe and in good health over the Holiday Season. Thank you for considering this request. Merry Christmas!

C. Warren Fatheree  
Council President

## Club News

### MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum Auxiliary Ladies have arranged an "old toy" display at the Museum. The children are encouraged to stop by during the Holidays to see just what their parents and even older people played with in their childhood. See the vast difference.

The Museum Board has purchased the Womble property adjoining the present museum site. On this, the Board hopes to erect a replica of Old Fort Zulu. Some might remember pictures, showing the Fort built of logs placed in a vertical position.

Money is needed for this project. At this time of the year many people are looking for a way to reduce their income tax. What better way is there than a substantial donation to the Museum for the erection of Ft. Zulu? Donations are tax deductible. Help Hansford County erect a replica of the first permanent settlement north of the Canadian River. It was a trading post and being on the Dodge City Trail it became a United States Post Office--another first for Hansford County.

The Cator brothers--Bob and Jim--built this building. The present Cator families are their descendants. This would be a great way to honor them and at the same time see for yourselves how the first settlers lived more than a hundred years ago. Check with your accountant and discover how much you can give for this worthy cause. It might put you in a whole different income tax bracket.

### GIRLSCOUT NEWS

19 Girl Scouts and Cadets, accompanied by Myrna Biggers and Gloria Carlson, met at Dr. Larry Behney's home for stargazing on Dec. 9.

The scouts had a chance to view constellations, planets, and the Milky Way through Dr. Behney's eight inch Celestron Telescope. The Girl Scouts were working on one of two badges relating to astronomy.

All those attending also stayed after the viewing for hot chocolate and brownies.

*Santa Claus is coming to town...*



... and will be in the lobby of the First National Bank Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22 and 23 to visit with all his Hansford County friends.

Bring the kids to see Santa and receive a complimentary picture of your child on the jolly old elf's lap. There'll be treats for the kids, too. Santa will be here from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days!

You are also invited to our Open House Thursday and Friday. Come by for a cup of coffee or spiced tea, cookies and a neighborly visit. This is our way of saying "Thank You" for your patronage over the past year.

From our families to yours, the Board of Directors and staff of the First National Bank extend warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year...

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Mon., Dec. 26 and  
Mon., Jan. 2, 1989



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**NordicTrack Fitness Features**

**Nordic track preferred over bikes and rowers**

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The same consumers reported using their NordicTracks an average of four times per week. The average time on the machine was more than 20 minutes, which is considered by experts to be the proper workout schedule to achieve cardiovascular fitness.

Since the popularity of cross-country skiing is a relatively recent phenomenon, the inference is that most people make their purchase decision after being dissatisfied with bikes and/or rowers.

"In addition, another survey showed that people remain satisfied with their NordicTracks for a long time," said Jim Bostic, NordicTrack president.

According to Jack Kelly, professor of physiology at Minnesota's St. Cloud State University, "cross-country skiing burns more calories than most other exercises because it uses the body's large muscle groups (including arms and legs), for long periods of time.

**AgriDirections**

**The Federal Budget: Now What For Agriculture?**

President-elect George Bush and the 101st Congress will face the same economic dilemma that ballooned under the Reagan administration the past eight years, the budget deficit. Since the election, the financial markets have served notice that rhetoric is no substitute for action in dealing with America's red-inked balance sheets.

Bush has vowed to master the federal and trade deficits without raising existing taxes. He has also said he thinks the dollar, as well as interest rates, can remain stable at current levels. He plans to regain control of the nation's finances by exercising a "flexible freeze" on current program spending and spending cuts in other areas while continued economic growth contributes increased revenues. If public pressure isn't sufficient motivation, the Gramm-Rudman Act requires that the next budget deficit be lowered to \$100 billion.

Farm programs would seem to be in the spotlight for spending cuts. Indeed, outgoing director of the Office of Management and Budget, Joseph Wright has said that farm program

spending is one of the few places where the Bush administration can make cuts. However, farm program spending is already on track for smaller outlays under the provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill, noted Joe Christopher, wheat specialist with Linco Futures, Inc.

"You can look at the prices we reached this year on the Chicago Board of Trade and see that less is going to be spent on deficiency payments. It would be easy to lower the target price a lot more to save," he said. "It's going to be hard to realize savings by adjusting loan and target prices, though, because the 1985 Farm bill already had yearly reductions in loan and target prices written into it." The amount of those reductions is limited in the law. Eventually, Christopher said, the loan rate goal will be at or below the world price for grain with target prices just above.

Christopher feels savings are more likely to be realized by stricter enforcement of provisions in the law such as limits of payments to individual farmers or to farm corporations. "I think we'll see more

targeting of farms where the need is," he said. "When a farm is incorporated 10 different ways, USDA is going to look a little harder and say, 'wait a minute.' We may also see a reduction in the maximum allowable payments."

Another place the government may be able to save money in farm programs is the farmer-owned reserve. In this program, farmers are paid storage fees to withhold grain from the market. Release of these stores is controlled by the government. By further reducing reserves, storage payments to farmers can be reduced. "I don't think the government really wants to be in the grain storage business any more," said Christopher.

One feature of the 1985 farm bill that Christopher expects to remain is the Export Enhancement Program (EEP). By subsidizing exports, the USDA has regained much of the international market lost to subsidizing competitors, notably the European Community (EC). EEP has proved an effective weapon in combatting EC trade barriers. Because of this, said Christopher, "EEP is a fact of life. It was successful in (reducing EC tariffs on) soybean oil. There is a cap on EEP spending next year where it had a blank check before, but that will just mean that the government will be more judicious about what countries are targeted for the subsidy."

*AgriDirections is a monthly column provided by the Chicago Board of Trade, 141 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.*

**Winning holiday recipes from local cooks**  
**First place**

**VEGGIE BARS**  
*From the Kitchen of Joyce Johnson*

Take 1 package Crescent Rolls--roll thin and spread on jelly roll pan - 10 X 13. Bake in a 375 degree oven 5 to 8 minutes (until very light brown).

Mix together 2 ounces cream cheese and 3/4 cup Miracle Whip. Spread on cooled dough.

1 package Hidden Valley vegetable salad dressing (dry) and mix together with the following:

- 3/4 cup each chopped very fine:
  - green pepper
  - broccoli
  - onion
  - cauliflower
  - mushrooms
  - carrots
  - cheese (American)
- Spread mixture on the cheese spread. Press down. Chill. Cut in squares.

**Honorable mention**

**VEGETABLE CASSEROLE**  
*From the Kitchen of Marva Hohertz*

- 1 can whole kernel white corn (drained)
  - 1 can french cut green beans (drained)
  - 1 can cream of celery soup
  - 1/2 cup sour cream
  - 1/2 cup chopped celery
  - 1/2 cup chopped bell pepper
  - 1/2 cup grated cheese (sharp)
  - 1/2 cup dry onions (in jar)
- Mix all of the above and pour in greased casserole. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

- TOPPING**
- 1 roll Ritz Crackers (crushed)
  - 1/2 cup grated cheese (sharp)
  - 1 stick melted butter
- Melt butter, stir in cheese and crackers. Mix well. After baking 30 minutes add topping and bake 15 minutes more. DO NOT SUBSTITUTE white corn and dry onion.

**Honorable mention**

**INDIAN CORN**  
*From the Kitchen of Sharron Swan*

- 20 oz frozen corn (thawed)
  - 1 bell pepper, chopped
  - 1 cup celery, chopped
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 2 tsp salt
  - 1 tsp black pepper
  - 1 tsp mustard seed
  - 1/4 tsp turmeric
  - 1/4 cup wine vinegar
  - 1/2 cup salad oil
  - 1 small jar pimentoes
- Add ingredients to thawed corn. Mix Well and refrigerate several hours or overnight before serving.

**Bureau gives tips for buying jewelry**

To add a little sparkle to the holiday season, you may have decided to put jewelry on your gift list. Before you buy, the Better

Business Bureau urges you to shop around to compare price and quality.

Just remember, a diamond by any other name may not be a diamond. For instance, cubic zirconia is a simulated diamond that is made in a laboratory. Yet, some sellers advertise these stones as "CZ diamonds," which may be confusing to consumers. Another deceptive term is "faux" genuine diamond. It literally means "fake" genuine diamond.

Also, be sure you know the difference between diamond points and carats. Just how big is a .25 point diamond? While some may think it's 1/4 carat, it's actually

1/400 carat...about the size of a grain of salt! To make it look bigger, the diamond may be set in glass.

When buying a diamond, ask for a written statement of its weight in carats and, if possible, a statement of its quality (color, clarity and cut).

Pure gold, designated as 24-karat, is generally too soft to be used in jewelry. To make it more durable, gold is alloyed with other metals such as copper, nickel or palladium. And so, 18K gold is 18 parts gold, 6 parts other metals; 14K gold is 14 parts gold and 10 parts other metal.

To make sure you're getting the real thing, look for a manufacturer's trademark. Anything less than 10K (42% gold) cannot carry a karat designation.

"Gold-filled" or "gold-plated" jewelry has a metal base that is coated with karat gold. Gold-filled jewelry contains more gold and may be expected to wear better than gold-plated pieces. "Gold-electroplated" items contain a very small quantity of gold; "gold-washed" jewelry contains even less.

Some stores advertise 40-60% off its selection of jewelry. Before you buy, find out if the merchandise was ever sold at regular prices and for how long. Also, compare prices with other jewelry sellers. Some stores may simply inflate their prices and then lower them to make you think you're getting a bargain.

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Sealed Bids Must Be Received No Later Than December 21, 1988 at 5 p.m.

Envelope must be marked "bids for rocker/recliner" and delivered to Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Texas 79081.

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**High School Lunch Menu**

- MONDAY
- STEAK FINGERS
- MASHED POTATOES/ GRAVY
- SALAD BAR
- PEARS
- HOT ROLLS
- MILK
- TUESDAY
- TACOS
- PINTO BEANS
- SALAD BAR
- SOPAPILLA/HONEY
- MILK
- WEDNESDAY
- TURKEY CHOW MEIN:
- TURKEY
- CHINESE VEGETABLES
- FRIED RICE
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- MILK
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- MASHED POTATOES/ GRAVY
- GREEN BEANS W BACON
- PEARS
- HOT ROLLS/BUTTER
- MILK
- TUESDAY
- TACO/TACO SAUCE
- PINTO BEANS
- GRATED CHEESE CUP
- LETTUCE/TOMATO
- SOPAPILLA/HONEY
- MILK
- WEDNESDAY
- TURKEY CHOW MEIN:
- TURKEY
- CHINESE VEGETABLES
- FRIED RICE
- EGG ROLL
- PEACHES
- FORTUNE COOKIE
- MILK
- THURSDAY
- CHARCO BURGER
- FRIES
- LETTUCE/TOMATO
- PICKLE/ONION
- VANILLA PUDDING
- MILK
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**Pointers For Parents**

**Enjoy Family Time During The Holiday Season**

Here's one way your family can spend quality time together during the holiday season: gather around the fire and read a good old-fashioned Christmas story aloud or have a sing-along. Here are two new children's books from Crown Publishers that may add to your good times this holiday.



Suggestions for quality family time during the holidays: a sing-along or reading a Christmas story aloud.

• *The Raffi Christmas Treasury*, an illustrated collection of all the songs from Raffi's Christmas Album, can be shared in two ways. First, enjoy the complete text and colorful watercolor renditions of "Must Be Santa", "Frosty the Snowman", "Every Little Wish", and eleven other favorites, then turn to the separate section of musical arrangements for a family sing-along.

• *Twelve Gifts for Santa Claus* is the fanciful tale of how an elf decides that 12 good deeds would be a special Christmas surprise for Santa. Willie's surprises don't turn out quite the way he planned, but his deeds are still gifts for Santa and a lesson about sharing the gift of happiness for both Willie and the reader.

Both the Christmas books are available at bookstores.

**Holiday Hints**

**Cheese Convenience Rescues The Holiday Hostess**



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**Cheesy Ham Spread**

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**Free Booklet**

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It's called The Texas Linked Deposits Program.

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My co-worker just got a check from the Texas Treasury for money she had left in a savings account she thought she had closed. She says there was a list in our newspaper with names of people who had money or items that have been turned over to the state, but I didn't bother to check for my name. How can I find out if my name is on the list? How much will it cost me to get my money if I have any coming?

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## Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Francis Kilgore is now measuring the miles to Dallas now that Richard and Mrs. Kilgore and their son and two daughters have moved there from Amarillo. The final moving stage was Wednesday.

Richard is being transferred by Maxus Corp, his employer.

He will be joining fellow Spearman resident and classmate, Ken McClellan. Ken is also with Maxus and was recently transferred to Dallas.

Spearman is fortunate in taking next to the final step in claiming all of the Winegarner brothers as citizens. Rolan Winegarner arrived in October. He joins brothers Norlan, Arlan and Verlan—only Galon is not yet in the fold.

Rolan came here from Campo, Colo. and is with the Utility Department of the City of Spearman.

He is a sports enthusiast and his hobbies are skiing, volley ball and fishing.

He lives at 213 South Hazlewood and is a member of the Methodist Church.

Friends and former class mates of Shirley Beck Beggs will be relieved to learn that she is out of the hospital. Recently she had surgery for a throat malignancy. Her prognosis is reasonably good and she is with her husband and two sons at their home in Paris, Tex.

Her mother, Marie Beck, returned recently from being with her. To those wishing to send her cards, her address is Shirley Beggs, Rt. 6, Box 76 G-8, Paris, 75460.

The report from Floyd Bennett at High Plains Baptist hospital is that the surgery was successful, as such and his therapy is progressing as scheduled.

The surgery was very delicate as he had extensive damage to his nerves, neck, muscles and spine—a recurrence of results of an injury he received in a fall at Frontier Feed

Yards in 1982.

Mrs. Bennett has been with him, but has returned home for awhile as it is not known how long he will be hospitalized.

It is indeed a pleasure for your neighbor to receive cards and letters expressing appreciation for this column—many who have moved away and are interested in knowing where and how former classmates and friends are.

Any who cares to assist in keeping every one in touch with every one is welcome to call 659-3468 with any item of activity.

### Scoring 52 to 30

## Lynxettes win at Canadian

The Spearman Lynxette varsity basketball team chalked up another win on their record when they defeated the Canadian varsity girls at Canadian last Tuesday, Dec. 13. The Lynxettes managed 52 points while holding Canadian to 30.

Leading scorer for the Lynxettes was Krista Kirkland with 21. Heather Murrell and Joy Gafford each added 10 points to the score. Londee Bradley added eight, Ginger Pearson two and Laci Lasater one.

Cleveland scored the highest for Canadian with nine points. Bivins scored seven. Lindy gave five to the Canadian effort. Burns, McNeese, Hoggatt and Taranto all made two, and Purser added one.

### Varsity boys

## fall to Wildcats

The varsity boys basketball team of Spearman, traveled to Canadian Tuesday night to play the Canadian Wildcats. And after scoring nearly 100 points against Channing last week, the Lynx could only muster 27 against the Cats.

The Lynx only scorer in the double digit Tuesday was Pat Shields with 11 points. Slaid Jones managed seven points for the Lynx, Carson Womble and Ron McCown each gave three. Shawn Cook made two and Haskell Garrett made one.

Canadian had three players in the double figures. Stephenson lit up the scoreboard the most for the Wildcats with 13 points, and Walker and Lloyd were next high scorers with 12 each. Patton contributed six, Forrest five, Cervantes four, and Farageza added two.

## UTEP play time named

Last week in the Hansford Plainsman an article was published about the talented grandsons of Spearman residents John and Doris Wilde and Mrs. Eva Adkison. In the article it was mentioned that Daron and Arnie Adkison played for the University of Texas at El Paso. Being a part of UTEP this year meant earning a chance to be in the Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La., due to the team's 10-2 season this year.

At the time of the article, the date or station the game was to be aired on was unknown. Reports show the game will be aired on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. on KCIT-TV for local fans interested in the game.

### FUND, from p.1

Mary Fern Terry, P.O. Box 225, Spearman, Texas 79081.

We wish all of our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of sending cards, we have donated to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary.

- Steve and Celia Krug
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- W.E. and Loydell Sparks
- Ray and Beth Phelps
- Granville and Muriel Boyd



Wilbur Hull  
Vocational Director

## Hull named as director at school

A graduate of Spearman High School, Wilbur Hull, has been named vocational director of the Round Rock I.S.D. Hull had been in a similar position in Seguin, Tx. before assuming his new job at Round Rock.

Hull earned a bachelor's degree in business from North Texas State College and a master's degree in vocational-technical education from Southwest Texas State. He learned more about industrial trade from working at a Spearman auto dealership as general manager.

As Hull begins his new job at Round Rock, as also begin new programs at Round Rock I.S.D. The school district has added a course in graphics communications. This reflects the school's and Hull's view of gearing education more towards high technology.

Hull will also join others in the school district in attempting to add courses such as those in health technology, such as technician's and nurses' aids. Hull says about moving into advanced technology, "Everyone is always saying 'we have to change', but the basic skills are always taught. To be skilled at a trade, you have to learn to use the hand tools. Sometimes we're so grasping for high-tech, but that's something you have to build to philosophically."

"The toughest blow for us has been the State Board of Education's decision to do away with the (former) funding level for the middle schools," Hull said, "but because of local support, I think it (programs) will survive." Hull also reports of other problems in the vocational schooling, "for a while, bashing vocational education was the fun and 'in thing to do', but it has survived, although it has lost some programs across the state."

Hull is the son of Floyd and Ruby Hull of Spearman.

### EIGHT, from p.1

First United Methodist Church, where they work with high school youth.

Mark Schoenhals has worked for ten years at Hansford Implement, where he is co-manager. His wife, Margy, is a registered dietician at Hansford Hospital and the Manor. The Schoenhals have three children: Amy, 10, Doran, 8, and Mickey, 7. Schoenhals is a graduate of Shattuck High School and attended Oklahoma State. He is active in the Spearman Jaycees, where he has been treasurer and director and won the "Key Man Award" in 1983 and the "Jaycee of the Year" in 1986. He has been a lay leader and choir member at the First United Methodist Church of Spearman for many years. In 1986, he was "Choir Member of the Year."

Verlan Winegarner is a junior high school social studies teacher in Spearman. His wife, Brenda, attends Panhandle State and is student teaching this fall. Winegarner is a West Texas State graduate and has been teaching ten years. He is vice president of the Spearman Jaycees, a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he sings in the choir, and also affiliated with the Hideout.



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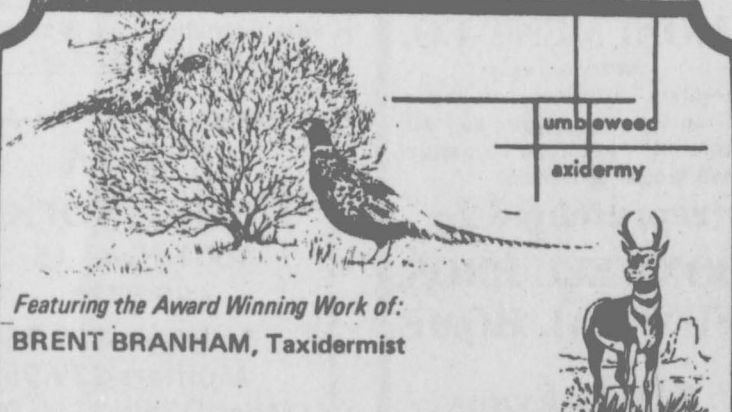


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