

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

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Santa Claus Comes To Spearman

Santa Claus has paid at least two early visits to town this Christmas season. The first was to the Lyric Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 16. The second was at the First State Bank Christmas Cookout on Wednesday, Dec. 20. A third visit will be to the First National Bank on Thursday, Dec. 21.

At the Lyric Theatre, Santa was

part of an afternoon of free games, skits, a movie and candy. The movie and all the fun was a gift to the children of Spearman from the Moose Lodge, High School 3-D club, Lyric Theatre and various Spearman merchants.

The festivities opened with skits and songs done by the 3-D Club from Spearman High School. The members of the club are Stacy

Gardiner, Patty Puentes, Eugene Munoz, Armando Munoz, Chris Rodriguez, Jr. Tercero and Brandon Close. They ended their portion of the show with an anti-drug rap song.

A full-length feature movie followed the 3-D Club. "Santa Claus The Movie" was sponsored by the Moose Lodge.

At the end of the movie Mr. and

Mrs. Santa Claus made an appearance and handed out presents of bags of candy to each of the 300 kids at the movie. The candy and Mr. and Mrs. Claus were sponsored by Spearman Jack & Jill, Gillaspie Auto and Truck Center, Hickerson Jewelry, Hansford Hospital and Manor, Cates Men and Boys Wear, Rick's Chevron Service, FSB and Spearman Auto Supply.

If the smiles on their faces were any indication, all the kids enjoyed this early Christmas gift.

Santa's second appearance was at the FSB Christmas Cookout on Wednesday. Employees of the bank were out cooking and handing out hot dogs at 11 a.m. Wednesday. They stayed at it until 2 p.m. that afternoon.

Besides hot dogs, there were chips, cokes, hot coffee and cocoa and popcorn available. Santa was there, riding around in a mule-drawn wagon and listening to what children big and small wanted for Christmas.

For people who couldn't make it down to the bank, "to go" boxes were put together and delivered. One large "to go" order went to Hansford Manor for their lunch.

If you missed either of Santa's earlier visits you could still catch him at the First National Bank on Thursday, Dec. 21. He will be giving away candy and posing for free pictures from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus hand out presents of candy to anxious kids as part of a Christmas celebration at the Lyric Theatre.



Santa Claus made his appearance by mule-drawn buckboard at the FSB Christmas Cookout on Wednesday.

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NHS Chapter Helps Families

The National Honor Society chapter at Spearman High School used proceeds from its aluminum can project to provide food, clothing and toys to two families at a party held Wednesday, Dec. 20 in high school home economics room.

NHS members began shopping after Thanksgiving for items for

these families with proceeds raised from the sale of aluminum cans, irrigation pipe and other salvage aluminum donated to them by citizens of Hansford County.

The aluminum can and scrap aluminum drive is a year-round project of the club. The club requests that citizens continue to

support its project by leaving their cans at the two drops, at the high school and at the corner of 7th and Townsend.

In the two years of the project, the club has collected over a ton of aluminum cans and used all the proceeds for its community charity project.

The club expresses its gratitude to the public for its support of this project.

NHS members are Cam Butts, Michelle Cook, Sally Donahue, Laura Dyess, Nora Garcia, Maria Gomez, Daryl Hawkins, Bonnie Jarvis, Ross Jarvis, Laci Lasater, Cacy McGill, Kyla Nelson, Becky Rosales, Ginger Sasser, Haley Shieldknight, Jarrett Swan, Chris Volden and April Wilkerson.

Operation Christmas Greeting Updated

With Christmas only a few days away, Operation Christmas Greeting 1989 is winding down its annual fund raiser of the year. The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary is well pleased with the response from the county residents. This money will be used to purchase much needed equipment and items for the Hospital and Manor.

Members of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary extend their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have donated to Operation Christmas Greeting instead of mailing greeting cards.

- Adalyn Barnes**
Eva Boyd
Bruce and Freda Sheets
Max and Dorothy Baggerly
Pope and Margaret Gibner
John and Sammie Bishop
Dave and Helen Hand
Floyd and Allene Close
Irvin and Betty Davis
Pat, Charlotte,
and Chance Jackson
Roy and Ann Flowers
Carl and Peggy Archer
Dorothy Lusby
Virginia Cates
Steve and Celia Krug
Irwin and Susan Delk
Verna Gall Keim

Empty Stocking Fund

Hansford Manor's Empty Stocking Fund has grown rapidly, according to Jody Harnish. She said contributions received as of Wednesday totaled \$1,495. Area residents are encouraged to continue donating to the Empty Stocking Fund, she said, because the money is used to purchase necessities for Hansford Manor residents who could not otherwise afford needed items.

The Empty Stocking Fund, although collected during the Christmas season, helps manor residents all year long.

Donations can be sent to Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

Recent contributions to the Empty Stocking Fund have been received from:
Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Larson

- Mr. and Mrs. Pope Gibner**
Juan and Rosie Salazar
Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCloy
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oakes
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woolley
Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Anthony
Slim and Mary Cates
Pat, Charlotte and
Chance Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Holton
Steve and Celia Krug
Johnnie and Ethel Waggoner
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Archer
Irwin and Susan Delk
Evelyn Guthrie
Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Gibner
For Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tracy
by His Employees
James Lair
Mary Alice Gibner
Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Abston
Woodrow and Fern Fulkerson
Spearman Lions Club

WEATHER			
Day	High	Low	Precip.
Sat.	26	11	0
Sun.	32	3	0
Mon.	26	17	0
Tue.	28	9	0
Wed.	44	11	0

Hispanic Customs Described

by Jean Ann Behney

The Hispanic traditions celebrating Christmas have been described as "all the old beauties and ancient customs bursting into bloom for the greatest of days." Many of these holiday customs are practiced by Hansford County's own Hispanic population.

Romeo and Maria Reyes and their married daughter Batriz ("Bea") Fleming recently described both the Catholic and non-Catholic traditions local Hispanics carry on at Christmas. Pastor Reyes serves the Mision Bautista Hispana, Spearman's Spanish Baptist church, where his wife and their family members are also active.

While the evangelical (non-Catholic) Hispanics view Christmas as primarily a celebration of Jesus Christ's birth, Catholic Mexican Americans emphasize the role of the Virgin Mary and extol her virtues in many of their rituals.

"Catholics adore the images of the holy family," explained Reyes, "and in their main ritual dress up like Mary and Joseph to do a procession called 'Las Pos-

das.'" Las Posadas literally means "The Inns" and is a reenactment of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter on the eve of Christ's birth. The actors in the procession are ritually turned away from various homes before they are finally taken in, and there, a festive party ensues featuring a meal and a candy-filled pinata for the children.

The Posada also includes caroling and members of the procession carry lighted tapers. In Mexico, the Posada is often carried out within a family's own home, with the clay figures of Mary and Joseph being carried from room to room until they arrive at a special altar.

Another Hispanic tradition of local Catholics is the "Misa Gallo," or "Rooster Mass." Catholics gather at their church for a midnight mass and on the stroke of 12, a rooster crows to signal the beginning of Christmas day.

Both Catholic and non-Catholic Hispanics partake of a special feast on Christmas Eve. Items on this menu include tamales, fruit salad, sopapillas and punch or chanpurrado, a chocolate bever-

age. The tamales are made of pork meat, chili and other spices steamed in corn husks lined with cornmeal paste. According to Bea and Maria, it wouldn't be Christmas without these delicious tamales. They are accompanied by either a fruit salad made up of tropical fruits (guava, pineapple and a berry similar to cranberries) or a baked squash dish. "This fruit salad comes from the south of Mexico," said Maria, "and the squash from northern Mexico." The squash is baked, mashed or cubed, with brown sugar, cloves and peanuts.

Sopapillas are crispy cookies flavored with honey or cinnamon which are made by frying a flour-salt-oil concoction in oil. Bea's husband Wayne calls these "Mexican potato chips." Bea revealed, for although they are not salty, they are very, very thin and crisp. "The thinner you make them, the better," Maria asserted.

Another Mexican cookie, "biscochita," is familiarly called Mexican wedding cakes in the United States.

The festive Christmas meal symbolizes their heritage to the Reyes and Fleming families and their Hispanic friends. Another link with their Mexican origins is the decorative luminarias which can be seen all over Spearman at Christmas.

What is called a "luminaria" locally is technically a "farolita" in the old country, however. Over 400 years ago, little fires of pinon wood were laid up in criss-crosses, three before a home, to symbolize the three members of the holy family. These were called "Las luminarias," or "lights" and their light and fragrance played an important part in the Christmas celebration. Later, paper bag lanterns were imported to Mexico from Spain. These were called "las farolitas," or "little lanterns." What we see in this area is really "las farolitas," but we call



Pastor Romeo Reyes and his wife, Maria [right] and daughter, Batriz [left] sit in a pew at his church as they describe the traditions celebrated by local Hispanics.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher
 Billy Miller returned Friday from several days in Houston, where he and his two cousins held their annual reunion. Billy drove to Bridgeport and picked up Jim Hulme. They joined the other cousin, Val Selz, in Houston. Val, who owns a large retail store, was having an elaborate two-day open house for his customers. Billy and Jim graciously assisted him - Jim in duties of a host and Billy in personally disposing of the shrimp, ham and other delectable refreshments.

Relatives report that Newell Allen is recovering from knee surgery in St. Anthony's hospital. The surgery was on Friday and he expects to be hospitalized for several more days. They were all relieved that his condition was not so severe as the doctors had anticipated.

The first issue of the **Hansford Manor Gazette** is informative and promising. The "publishing" business is new for the able editors, Jody Harnish and Ronda Gibson, but they are proceeding with enthusiasm. The contents are varied - includ-

ing personal items, pictures, poetry and puzzles - and no doubt the residents of the Manor will eagerly await each issue.

If Ethel Ellsworth was not watching the services on T.V. of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo on Sunday morning, she'll be regretting it. Her cute little five year old great-grandson, Troy Sharp, was interviewed by Dr. Winfred Moore, much to the amusement of the congregation. Troy is the grandson of Betty Lou and Troy Mays.

Only those who have known the devotion and security of confidence, the understanding that transcends difference of opinion, and stays constant in an inconstant world, only those can really sympathize with Nellie Buchanan in the loss of her sister. Services were held in Stinnett Monday morning for Bonnie Parker, 51.

Doyle and June Jackson are at home after several days in Lubbock. They had gone down to be with her father as he underwent surgery. He is making good recovery and able to be at home.



Mrs. Thad Kyle Reid

Runyan, Reid Marry

Amy Melissa Runyan of Morse became the bride of Thad Kyle Reid Dec. 20 in an afternoon ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Gruver. Nick Howard, BSU director at Wayland Baptist University, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Atila Runyan of Morse. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Reid, also of Morse.

Decorating the church sanctuary and blending with the church's holiday decor, were two seven-branch candelabra with white votive candles and greenery tied with red ribbons. A unity candle was at the altar.

Proceeding the ceremony, Shalynna Harris of Morse sang "Household of Faith." Traditional and contemporary wedding selections were provided by Carol Pack of Spearman, who also played the Wedding March. Following the ceremony, Harris sang "Love Will Be Our Home."

Meredith Runyan of Morse served her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ursula Gentile of Portales, N.M.; Suzanne Nicholson of Paris, Texas; and Elizabeth Runyan, sister of the bride, of Morse.

Best man was Marvin Zeigelgruber of Morse. Groomsman were John Lieb, Charles Roper and Jerry Crowl, all of Morse. Stacy Poole of Morse registered guests.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white Victorian-

style gown layered with lace featuring a fingertip length veil and a cathedral length train. She carried a bouquet of deep pink roses mingled with red and deep pink mini carnations and baby's breath.

Her attendants were attired in teal tea length dresses of moire taffeta. They carried bouquets of deep pink roses combined with red and pink carnations and baby's breath.

Hostesses for a reception after the ceremony were Pam Roy of Burkburnett, Texas; and Kathy Poole, Carol Poole and Julie Jones, all of Morse.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will return on Christmas Eve to spend the holiday with their families, after which they will reside in Plainview, Texas.

The bride, a 1987 graduate of Spearman High School, is a junior at Wayland Baptist University. She is a member of Phi Beta Lambda sorority and is also a member of the Student Foundation of WBU.

A 1986 Spearman High School graduate, Reid is a senior at WBU. He holds membership in Phi Beta Lambda, a business organization, and in Alpha Chi Honor Society. He is presently employed as a lab assistant in the accounting department at WBU.

Obituary

Bonnie Parker
 Bonnie Parker, 51, of Stinnett, died Dec. 15 in Amarillo.

Born in Lonoke, Ark., Mrs. Parker had lived in Stinnett for 45 years. She was graduated from Stinnett High School in 1956 and from West Texas State University. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stinnett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Parker, on April 27, 1989.

Survivors include her father, W.C. Sharp of Sawyer, Okla.; two sons, Roy Don Parker of Canyon and David Alan Parker of Stinnett; a daughter, Kathy Erhart Parker of Amarillo; a brother, Harlon Sharp of Fort Worth; a sister, Nellie Sharp Buchanan of Spearman; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Norris Taylor, pastor, and the Rev. Bill Burkholder officiating. Graveside services were at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

Merry Christmas!

Editor's Note: The following is Jean Ann Behney's Christmas gift to Hansford County. She wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Our Texas Time

Windmills gladly spin our days away and send them off to winds, who kindly corner weeks at once and blow them into months.

These watch cirrus-solemnly and pile up, fearless, into years.

Those lament this loss of time who cannot trace its miles. We...we merely lift our eyes to Texas skies and smile.

Jean Ann Behney
Christmas '89

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
 I would like a new bike for Christmas and a precious moment and a tent I wish you a merry Christmas.

Audra Sanders

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a Nintendo and a gameboy and an Orange race car and I think You are really nice to bring us all a bunch of toys, and I wish You a merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Brace Scroggs

Dear Santa,
 I would like for you to bring me for Christmas Little miss dress up. My mom is going to get me some more Nintendo tapes and my mom said she would get me Make up. I really think your neat Santa.

Your friend,
Janee Watley

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Club News

Rainbows and Ranglers
 Five squares danced to the calls of Murry Beasley. "The Oklahoma Cowboy," Thursday night in the county barn. Visitors from Elkhart, Kan. were Cecil and Maudie Stewart; from Goodwell, Okla. were Lester and Peggy Miller; from Dalhart were Harry and Mary Reynolds; from Fritch were C.A. and Wilda Brown, from Borger were Morris and Ada Creel; from Booker were Tommy and Imogene Williams and Tom and Leone McGee; from Perryton were Ed and Lois Merydith, Ginnie Pilcher, Wayne and Glenda Bryant, Howard and Nancy Barkley, Jerry and Kaye Murphy, Myran and Janee McCarter, Kenney and Carolyn Limbocker, Janet Broxson and James and Norma Burris.

Members present were Joe and Wanda Archer, Alvin Byers, Benny and Joyce Byers, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Sonny and Marlane Nollner, Carol Short Worley Smith, Donald Newman and Delbert and Louise Timmons.

The next dance will be a "Plus" Dance on January 4 with Murry Beasley calling.

Lessons will begin January 18. Interested persons may contact anyone of the members.

Dahlia Flower Club

Mabel Edwards was hostess for the Dahlia Flower Club's Christmas Party Dec. 11. President, Marjorie Curtis conducted a short business meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered with "My Christmas Plans."

A letter from the Tucson Co-operative Warehouse was read to the group. Complimentary tickets from the Panhandle Transit were given to those present.

Wanda Wagner gave the program on Christmas decorations with a Southwest touch. Each lady made a beautiful wreath. Marjorie

THANK YOU

The family of Evelyn Kingsley wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, money, food and flowers in her trouble in the past two years.

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Hansford Happenings

A representative from the Pampa Social Security office will be in Spearman at the Hansford County Courthouse Thursday, Jan. 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The representative will be glad to help with Social Security matters. Almost all Social Security matters can be handled by telephone. Social Security has a toll free number, 1-800-2345-SSA, available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. For information on filed Medicare claims, call 1-800-442-2620.

Hansford County Activity Center is offering aerobics classes in both morning and afternoon sessions. Low-to-medium impact aerobics, circuit training with weights and floor exercises are being offered. Instructors are Judith Schaefer, certified YMCA instructor, and Wanda Archer, YMCA and NDITA certified instructor. Schaefer leads early morning classes 6:00-6:45 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Archer leads afternoon sessions 4:30-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information concerning aerobics classes, contact Judith Schaefer, 659-2468; Wanda Archer, 659-3519; or the Activity Center, 659-2591.

New voter registration cards have been mailed out. If you did not receive your new card, or received a card for someone who no longer lives here, please contact the Hansford County Tax Office. The cards are not valid until January 1, 1990, and are valid until December 31, 1991. If you have any questions or need further information please contact the Hansford County Tax Office at 659-2371 or come by the courthouse.

Hansford Activity Center will start men's basketball competition Jan. 22, 1990. Interested persons can call 659-2591 for more information, or go by the Activity Center.



by Rita Curtis Librarian

Library Book Notes

Collector of the Month

The collector of the Month for December at the Hansford County Library is Gina Davis, and her collectibles are rabbits.

"I started collecting rabbits, bunnies, and hares about 5 years ago," claims Gina. "With a few exceptions, most were gifts or were picked up on my travels. I try to find one wherever I go, whether it be Waka or California. Quite a few of my rabbits have come from right here in Spearman."

Included in Gina's rabbit menagerie are: a patina-look sculpture, a carved rock, a green Herend lidded box, Majolica pot pourri, wood and brass hinged box, lapis lazuli set in brass, Polymer hare in a boat, a set of the months of the year, Limoges of France hinged box, Bears, Bears, Etc., Ltd.

Edition, Easter globe, and many many more.

"You may wonder how I have a collection such as this with three small children," Gina continues. "I've had some broken, and it makes me feel a little like I felt the time I discovered eight years' growth of climbing wisteria laying on the ground next to my son Charles' hatchet--shock--but I pick up the pieces, glue them together, if possible, and put them right back, all the better for the wear."

If any of the bunnies on display have been repaired, they certainly don't show it. Like the Velvetene Rabbit, these bunnies are "real" because they are loved. The display is an enchanting one that everyone can enjoy and smile over.

Spiritually Speaking

by Lealand Grimmer
Apostolic Faith Church

We read in the 2nd chapter of Luke a most wonderful true story of Good News. There were some shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night, when a most wonderful thing happened.

In my mind's eye I can imagine how it was. I can see there on the hillside near Bethlehem maybe 4 or 5 miles away, some shepherds over looking the valley below where they had their sheep bedded down for the night. The night fairly dark, for there was no moon this night, but the stars seemed to be extra bright for some reason. The shepherds sitting around visiting about the events of the day or discussing their plans when they would have some time off, when suddenly their conversation was interrupted by a bright light in the heavens. As their eyes adjusted to the light they saw the Angel of the Lord appear before them, and they were afraid.

The Angel spoke to them in a voice that was reassuring, saying, "Don't be afraid for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

It was as if the Angel knew that the shepherds would go to Bethlehem that night after He left. After the Angel finished talking suddenly the Angel was joined by a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Having finished their message the multitude of heavenly host returned to heaven from which they came.

After the light from the heavens

had disappeared the shepherds began to talk and to say one to another, "Let us now go unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us." They had to decide who among them was to go and who was to stay to watch the sheep. Having made the decision who was to go, the shepherds made haste to find the mother and child. When they found them and Joseph, the babe was indeed lying in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. The shepherds began to tell all present what had happened on the hillside.

Those present wondered about it, but Mary kept all these things she heard in her heart and pondered them. Taking their leave of Joseph and Mary and the newborn son they returned to their flocks glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had seen and heard as it was told them. Wouldn't it have been a blessed time for us to have been transported back in time so we too could experience that wonderful happening.

The scripture tells us in the first chapter of Acts, that we in this generation are living in a blessed time also for we may be among those who will see the one who came that day as a babe born in Bethlehem, come back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Praise His name for that hope.

Hospital Notes

Thursday, Dec. 14-Louis Miesner, Spearman (High Plains, Amarillo); Thomas Allen, Spearman (St. Anthony's, Amarillo)

Saturday, Dec. 16 - Clara Hull Sunday, Dec. 17 - Elsie Watley, Juanita Boxford

Monday, Dec. 18 - Buster Schott

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Joe Garcia Jr., Andrew Bort, Lila Richardson

Panhandle Crisis Center Report

by Mary Frances Elzey

You readers familiar with us may skip this paragraph, and start with the next one. The PCC offers services to men or women who are victims of domestic violence, whether verbal or physical. We give counseling, support, and information to these victims, plus a shelter to those who feel themselves to be in danger at home. These services are free of charge. If you want information only, call us at the office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are also available for help at any time, 24 hours a day. Our number is 435-5008.

Last Friday saw the conclusion of our first series of parenting classes. We had grown so fond of each other, had shared so many experiences in our parenting travels, that we truly hated to break up. We separated with hugs and wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Maybe the best we have ever had, because of what we had learned in the parenting classes!

Our next series will begin on Friday, January 5. There's still time to call the PCC office to make a reservation.

Last Friday also brought a visit from the field monitor for the CTF (Children's Trust Fund) grantees. She found everything in good order with the outrageous paper work. You wouldn't believe the hours and hours of paper work - monthly reports, quarterly reports - mountains of 'em! Believe me, you won't find what happened at HUD going on here. At the same time (let me brag) through the years, our files have been found to be so well in order by both the Department of Human Resources and the Victims of Crime Act (our principal funders) that they recommend to newer Crisis Centers that they visit us to see how we do it.

Mrs. Horton also attended the parenting class last Friday night and was delighted with it. Every one of us, me included, wishes we had had access to such a series of classes many years ago. So you all come! Remember, these classes are available free of charge to everyone, regardless of income.

class, or creed.

The field monitor recommended that we develop a "brown bag" group - that is, one that meets at lunch time. The only problem is that we need 2 hours for each class. But if enough persons are interested in it, perhaps the "brown bag bunch" could meet twice a week. What do you think?

Those of you who know her will be delighted to hear that our new director, who will start with us in January, is Jackie Seals. She has an excellent reputation with the Department of Human Resources, where she served for several years. Some months ago she

retired from that position (I think the difficult hours finally got to her, but don't quote me), and has been attending school for further education in her field. But she so much missed us folk up here that she is eager to return. The PCC, delighted to receive her application, lost no time in hiring her.

Of course she, too, will undergo the probationary period of three months. I'll tell you if she passes!

Make this a merry, merry Christmas, everyone!

But if you need our kind of help, even during the Christmas season, the PCC is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Lookin' Back

10 YEARS AGO...

Sun. Dec. 16, 1979

Johnny Lee, manager of the Palo Duro River Authority has been busy with the U.S. Corps of Engineers out of Tulsa. They have been studying the dam site before presenting their recommendations to the Southwestern Regional Meeting in Dallas.

24 hour Prayer Service
659-2911

To put dates on this calendar, please call the Spearman Reporter Phone 659-3434.

DECEMBER CALENDER OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 *SHS Basketball Canyon Tournament Varsity Girls Perryton Tournament Varsity Boys *Flame Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	2 * "The Sharks" 7:00 p.m. SHS Auditorium
3 * Attend the Church of your choice	4 * Rotary Meeting *Jr. High Basketball Vs. Panhandle Boys There Girls Here	5 *Lions Club *SHS Basketball Channing There JV Girls, Varsity Girls Varsity Boys	6	7 *Pearl Harbor Day	8 Gruber Tournament *Jr. High Basketball 7th and 8th Grade *SHS Basketball PSU Tournament Varsity Boys JV and Varsity Girls Guymon There	9
10 * Attend the Church of your choice	11 *Jr. High Basketball Highland Park Boys There Girls Here *Rotary Meeting *Spearman Christmas Promo Drawings Begin	12 *Lion's Club *SHS Basketball Canadian Here JV & Varsity Girls & Boys	13 *Women's Division Exec. Board noon	14 *C of C Board *Jr. High Basketball Perryton 9th Grade Tournament	15 Perryton Here Varsity Girls & Boys *Perryton Tournament JV Girls & Boys *Chamber Membership Luncheon 11:30 - 1:30 Parish Hall	16
17 *Attend the Church of your choice	18 *Rotary Meeting	19 *SHS Basketball Nazareth There JV Girls, Varsity Girls & Boys	20 *Women's Division	21 *Winter Begins	22	23
24 *Attend the Church of your choice	25 *Christmas Day	26 *Lions Club	27	28	29 *SHS Basketball Canadian Tournament Varsity Girls Sudan Tournament Varsity Boys	30
31	*Rotary Meeting					

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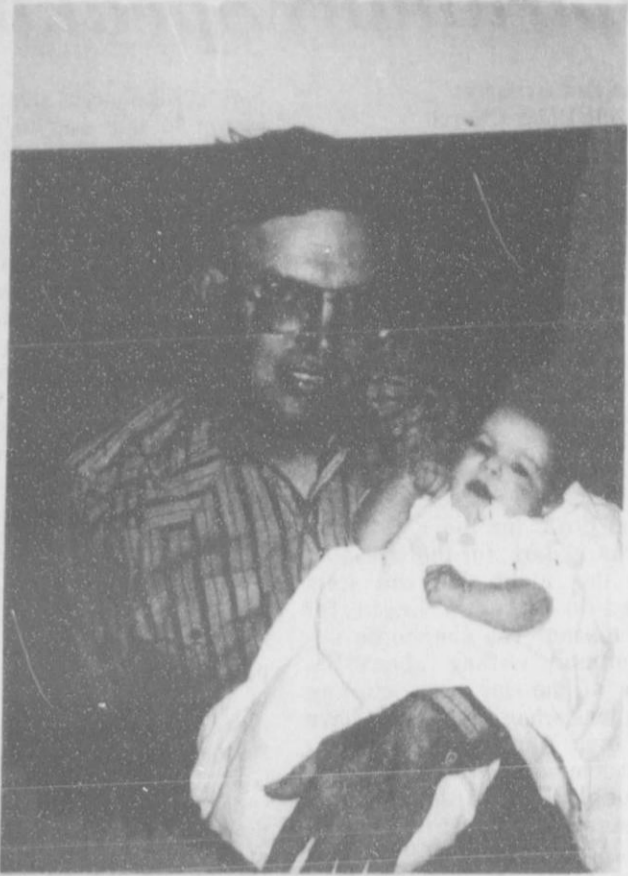
THANK YOU
The family of Luthera Dixon (or "Minnie") would like to express our gratitude for all the prayers, visits, cards and flowers while she was in Hansford Manor and hospital.

We also want to express appreciation to the nurses and attendants of Hansford Manor and Hospital and to Dr. Behney for your care of Mother during her illness. Your kindness will long be remembered.

Your many expressions of sympathy at our loss have meant so much to each of us. We are grateful to all of you.

Elvagene Dixon
Perry, Mary and Carlee Dixon
Suzanne, Neal, Alan and Robert Howell
Monty, Connie, Trae and Tarryn Dixon
Mike, Shannon and Andrew Dixon

Letter To The Editor



Jerry Womble and
Shawna Marie Corley

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 2 Jerry Womble, farmer/rancher from Morse, started his daily chores as most do. Then the most innocent, unexpected accident happened.

While driving approximately 10 mph in the pasture, beeping the horn for approaching cattle to be fed, the right wheel of his pickup fell into a hole (abandoned water well) approximately three feet deep and hit the metal casing, throwing Jerry forward. He struck the top of his head on the roof of the pickup cab, causing instant paralysis of his arms and legs.

His brother Bob happened to notice while plowing that the pickup hadn't moved in approximately one hour. Upon investigating, Bob found Jerry alert but unable to move.

Gruver ambulance was informed by two-way radio and they were

wonderful and responded quickly, removing Jerry in a very caring, capable manner. He was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital and placed in intensive care with a diagnosis of quadriplegia due to spinal cord injury.

We were praising God all along for no broken bones, but opinions and whispers were that he would never walk again. But God had a better plan for Jerry than man.

He entered Bivins Rehabilitation Center for physical therapy on Oct. 11. The same day our daughter, Sherry Corley, was having our first grandchild in Arlington, Texas.

After two months, due to hard work and endurance on Jerry's part, and with all the local county people and entire churches offering up prayers in Jerry's behalf, he was dismissed from Bivins Dec. 11, able to walk without assistance.

Jerry still has many hours of exercise to regain complete function of his hands, but we know with your continued prayer and ours that God will make him completely whole. Jerry was able to hold our granddaughter, Shawna Marie Corley, at six weeks of age for the first time, as this picture reflects. Neck surgery is being planned in a few months for release of pressure on the spinal cord.

We want to express our deepest thank-you for all the cards, prayers, flowers and words of encouragement. May God bless you richly in return.

Jerry and Jackie Womble

Dear Editor:

Thank you Spearman and Hansford County! We feel good about helping others. Because you have helped us with your donations of aluminum cans, damaged irrigation pipe and salvage aluminum, we can help others. Please continue to support us with your donations. Collecting aluminum and giving ALL proceeds to charity is a continuing project of our club.

If you have damaged aluminum pipe or salvageable aluminum, we will pick up anywhere. Please continue to leave your cans at the two pickup locations - (1) behind the high school and (2) at the corner of 7th and Townsend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

Spearman NHS
Michelle Cook, Pres.

Dear Editor:

Statistics are thrown at us all the time. To simply say that last Christmas and New Year's, 930 people died in highway accidents nationwide and that as many as 58 percent of those deaths might have been alcohol-related doesn't stir any deep emotions. Neither does the fact that each year more than 500,000 injuries are caused by alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents. They're just numbers.

I work in a place where the numbers are faces. Faces of children and young adults who were full of life one minute and now they're struggling to remember their names and recognize family members. At New Medico Rehabilitation Center of Texas, which specializes in helping head-injured individuals, our clients are learning how to talk, how to walk and be productive citizens again. It only takes a minute to buckle up and a resolve not to drink and drive. The accident survivors at New Medico say taking that minute is worth it.

Dr. Art Robarge,
Executive Director
New Medico-Texas
Lindale, Texas
(near Tyler)



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart played the harpsichord when he was only three and wrote a symphony when he was eight-years-old.

Children's Home In Its 15th Year

by Jean Ann Behney

The Spearman Children's Home, located at 405 S. Archer Street, was built by the Spearman Church of Christ as a satellite foster home for Panhandle children. Staffed by a local married couple affiliated with the Church of Christ, the home's young residents come from referrals out of Amarillo's High Plains Children's Home.

Now in its 15th year of operation, the Spearman Children's Home was originally designed for up to 10 children (at a time) of school age. Ernest Archer was an elder of the Church of Christ in 1974 when the home was opened and recalls that the "school age" limitation didn't last very long.

"We didn't want to break up brothers and sisters, so it wasn't long before there were little ones staying in the home as well," he recalls. According to Archer, the idea of establishing a church-supported children's home in Spearman was not the brainstorm of a single person, but something that the entire congregation of the church wanted. Other elders at the time of the home's inception were Ellzey Vandenburg and Edwin Pearcy. Bob Osborne was pastor of the church.

Gertie Archer donated the land on which the home was built. Jimmy DeArmand's uncle, Cecil Burch of Amarillo, constructed the large six-bedroom, three-bathroom house. Everything from food to furnishings was then provided by members of the Spearman Church of Christ and the operational costs of the home became a permanent part of the Church of Christ's budget.

"Originally we thought we could run it on \$25,000 a year," comments Archer. This money was to have covered utilities, the mortgage payment (the house has since been paid off), groceries and a modest salary for the house parents. Escalating prices in all areas have caused the cost of running the Spearman Children's Home to amount to approximately \$35,000 in 1989.

Church of Christ Pastor John Scott notes, however, that an endowment of \$250,000 from the estate of the late Catholene Gorman enables almost half of the home's costs to be covered by the interest alone from the trust fund established with Gorman's gift. "And we also have money coming in from various memorials," he adds. Scott says the local church has never wavered in its support, both financial and moral, of its children's home, and adds that Gruver's Church of Christ is a frequent contributor to the home, particularly with foodstuffs.

A tour through the Spearman

Children's Home reveals a huge well-stocked pantry and a walk-in closet newly organized by house mother D'Dee Ellis, with clean, pressed clothing of every conceivable size labeled and hanging neatly. The kitchen of the house is large and dominated by a long dining table and chairs. D'Dee's daily expenses for groceries and other supplies are billed to Spearman Church of Christ each month.

At this time, there are three boys living in the home as well as the four-member Ellis family, but there is bedroom space for up to seven more children. The most children who have ever resided in the home at one time numbers seven.

Archer and Scott have both noticed a dramatic change in the amount of red tape involved in operating a children's home in the past several years and point to this as the reason the house has not been full for some time. The Spearman Children's Home is regulated by High Plains Children's Home, which is also a Church of Christ-affiliated organization, but must also comply with stated and federal regulations, such as inspections.

Newly-installed house parents Dan and D'Dee Ellis took over their position from Billye and Dwayne Willingham. Past house parents have also included the Danny Kingsleys, Nordeen and Robert Cochran, David and Liz Bentley and the home's very first house parents, Hoyt and Frances Biles. Archer explained that although the requirements for the job do not involve specific professional degrees, the local Church of Christ looks at prospective house parents as male and female role models for the children.

"We want a married couple and we want them to be affiliated with Spearman Church of Christ," affirms Scott. "We want this couple to provide a Christian, family atmosphere for the children staying here."

In preparation for their new roles as house parents, the Ellises completed a first aid course. They also attend monthly meetings with house parents from other children's homes affiliated with High Plains Children's Home. "Our last meeting focused on handling a child's anger," com-



Residents of the Spearman Children's Home include houseparents Dan and D'Dee Ellis, their sons and three foster sons. They are [front row, l-r] Jo-Bob Wrinkle, Dusty Ellis, Tony Wrinkle, Daniel Ellis, [back row, l-r] D'Dee Ellis, Lonnie Hodge and Dan Ellis.

ments Dan. Other meeting topics include using positive reinforcement as a disciplinary tool. The use of corporal punishment is avoided at all times in the home.

The children served by Spearman's children's home can at any time be reunited with their birth families, which makes being their temporary family difficult, Dan believes. "You can have them go back just as you see progress," he says. "But then, you may get that same child back again, too." Because of its distance from specialized medical care, the

children living in the Spearman home do not have severe medical or psychological problems, D'Dee reveals. "But they haven't had what we would call a 'normal home life' before they come to us, either," she says. "We want to provide a secure, happy environment for them. The boys here now all seem happy and so are we."

"It is an important part of Christianity to care for needy people," summarizes Scott. "That is what we are doing with the children's home in Spearman."

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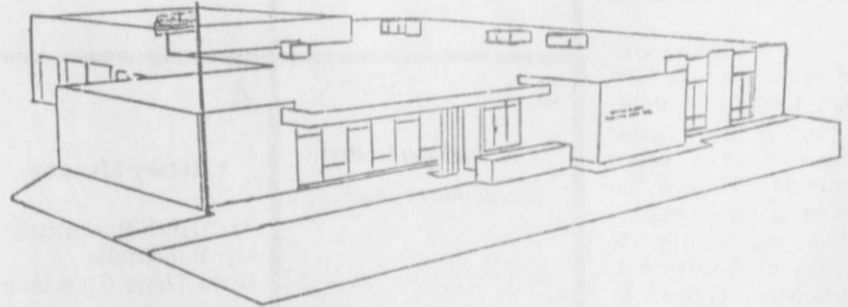
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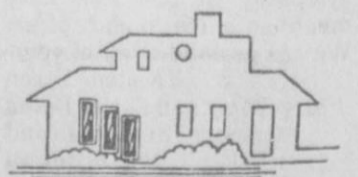
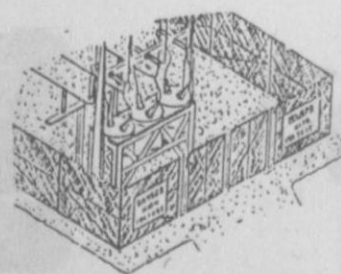
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Karen's Kozy Korner

by Karen Babitzke

HOLIDAY SPENDING-- HOW MUCH IS "NORMAL?"

Holidays are big business in America. The approaching holidays remind us that once again families will be spending extra money on holiday gifts. Some will be careful planners. Others may over-extend themselves. Still others may yet be paying for the excesses of Holiday 1988.

American families spent about \$37 million on Christmas gifts in 1988, up by 7 percent from 1987. The typical family spent about \$325. Age of household head and household income seem to make a difference in how much money is spent. Those 65 and over spent the least (\$220), while those between the ages of 35 and 44 spent the most (\$404). Households with income under \$15,000 per year spent \$178 on Christmas gifts, while those with incomes between \$25,000 and \$35,000 per year spent about \$359. Households with an income greater than \$50,000 spent \$514 on gifts.

Last season, retailers detected a trend toward making purchases with cash rather than credit. This was due to the changes in tax law which phased out credit card interest deductions. It is likely that consumers who spend cash for gifts will make more prudent choices and are less likely to engage in "deficit spending" than those who purchase everything on credit. As in seasons past, some retailers are offering shoppers an easy line of credit; no payments or carrying charges until February. This can work to the consumer's advantage if the full bill can be paid then. Otherwise, additional finance charges will mount up.

It is possible to plan ahead and keep the holiday gift-buying season from breaking the budget. If your family spends the average \$325 amount for gifts, then it is an easy matter to begin now to plan for Christmas 1990. By setting aside just \$27 per month for Christmas 1990, the goal of \$325 will be reached without causing further pain or damage to the household budget.

It is important for families to estimate the amount of money that is affordable for holiday

gift-giving and to budget carefully throughout the year for that expense. Too often gift-giving is forgotten when families draw up their spending plans and monthly budgets. That may be one reason many people tend to shop for Christmas gifts and charge them to plastic. They simply haven't planned in advance to have the needed cash on hand.

Apart from gifts, families should determine how much they can afford to spend on other holiday-related expenses, such as special foods, decorations, travel, entertainment, and contributions. The holiday season should be a joyous time, not one that results in a heavier debt load after the first of the year.

CHECK OUT YOUR EARNING RECORD

In 1988, the Social Security Administration introduced its Personal Earnings and Benefits Estimate Statement (PEBES) to the public. Here are some of the most common questions people ask about PEBES:

What does PEBES have to offer?

PEBES gives each worker a year-to-year breakdown of earnings under Social Security and estimates of future benefits.

I'm not sure when I want to retire.

Can my PEBES help me decide?

PEBES can help you make a realistic decision by providing estimates of your benefits if you retire at age 62, 65, or if

retirement is delayed until age 70. For me, retirement is 20 years away. Why would I want a PEBES?

There are several reasons. PEBES also estimates what disability or survivor benefits could be paid based on your earning history if you become disabled or died today. This is important to consider in your financial planning. In addition, you will want to check over your statement to make sure all your earnings are shown correctly.

How can I get my statement?

You can obtain a PEBES request form, SSA Form-7004, either by writing to the Consumer Information Center, Department 55, Pueblo, Colorado 81002, or by contacting a local Social Security office. After you complete the form and mail it, your PEBES will be sent to you.

What can I do if there is an error in the earnings shown in my statement?

You will need evidence of your correct earnings such as a W-2 form. Call the phone number shown on your statement, and the Social Security representative will help you.

Can I wait until I'm ready to retire to correct my record?

No. Earnings records are generally open to correction for only 3 years, 3 months, and 15 days after the year in question. It is recommended that you check at least every three years.

Basketball Roundup

VARSITY LYNXETTES

The Lynxette varsity defeated the Perryton girls Friday, Dec. 15 by a score of 25 - 19. Scoring for the Lynxettes were

Vonda Benson	9
Michelle Cook	8
Joy Gafford	3
Joy Lusby	3
Kyla Nelson	2
Laci Lasater	2

team suffered a loss to the Nazareth Swiftettes at Nazareth Tuesday, Dec. 19. Final score on the game was 27 - 55. Scoring for the Lynxettes were

Vonda Benson	8
Joy Gafford	8
Jill Lusby	4
Laura Pearson	3
Tamri Townsen	2
Mendy Lasater	2



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them luminarias.

Pastor Reyes enjoys seeing the Anglo adoption of this colorful Mexican decoration here in Spearman. "To some unfamiliar with Mexican history, it is a new way of lighting at Christmas!" he commented about this very old custom.

The Reyes family has a four-generation evangelical history, beginning with Pastor Reyes' grandmother, a Baptist missionary who worked near Durango, Mexico. Father Reyes was born in El Paso, Texas, where his father came after the Mexican Revolution to work as a typesetter for a Baptist publishing house around 1916. Pastor Reyes met his wife Maria at Baptist youth events which combined his El Paso church with Maria's. Maria's church was in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. She too had a strong Baptist background; her mother was the church treasurer and director of the women's mission group.

Once married, Romeo and Maria Reyes reared four children in El Paso and Pecos, and came to serve in Spearman 10 years ago. Daughters Bea and Sara Angelos live here. Bea met her husband Dwayne at Howard Payne Baptist University in Brownwood. She is currently a homemaker and the Flemings have three children. Sara, who has one daughter, is training to be a nurse at Borger's Frank Phillips College.

The Reyes' two sons, Arturo ("Art") and Hiram, have both pursued graduate degrees. Arturo became co-pastor of the First Baptist Church in Canadian after completing divinity studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Hiram recently began work on his doctoral thesis in the area of counseling at Fort Worth's Southwestern Seminary.

The Reyes family has always emphasized religion and education, but cultural traditions are equally important to them. Christmas is a time when they have a special family gathering to give testimonies about the Lord's work in their lives over the past year. "Our children are a great blessing from God," summarized Pastor Reyes with great feeling. "And Christmas is a time to praise the Lord!"

Obituary

C. H. Waggoner

WELLINGTON - C.H. Waggoner, 86, died Monday, Dec. 18 in Amarillo.

Born in Olustee, Okla., Mr. Waggoner had been a Wellington resident since 1979, moving from Vinson. He had lived in Perryton 30 years before moving to Vinson. He was a retired farmer. He was a Baptist. He married Edith LaCasse in 1940 at Wellington.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Milfred Waggoner of Midland and Wendell Waggoner of Golden, Colo.; a daughter, Zanda

Angel of Pikeville, Tenn.; a brother, Glenn Waggoner of Centerville; five sisters, Annie Atchison of Spearman, Edith Battles and Mabel Amerson, both of Wellington, and Hazel Settles and Oma Stinson, both of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Keith Bruce, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Independence Cemetery near Vinson, Okla.

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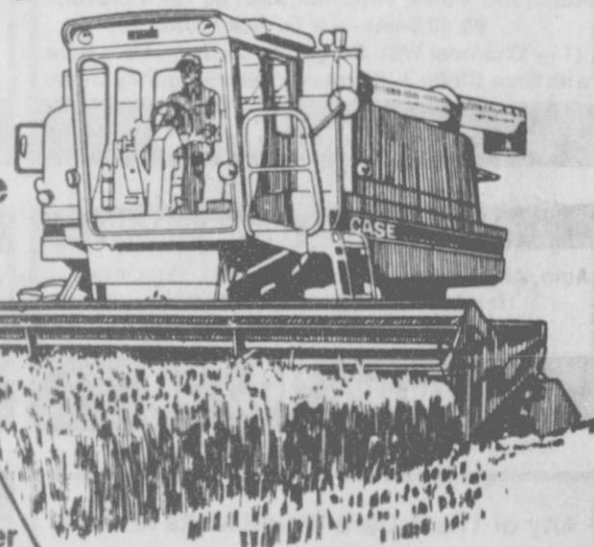


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Dear Santa,
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Michael Abbott

Dear Santa, I would like a 410 pump, car a 20, ag pump, car and race car.

Teddie Whitefield

Dear Santa,
I would like (3 things) I would like a Bat Man suit and his car. I would like a scaboard with the kneepads.

I would like a nintendow with the gun and taps. The End.

Jo-Bob Wrinkle

Dear Santa, I would like some Micro Mechins with the CarWash. And two more things. A train and a School bus with the school building and with the children. From - Steven Vasquez - to the North Pole. I like Santa.

Steven Vasquez

Frome-Steve-to-the-north pole

Dear Santa,
I would like 3 thing a pet cat, trampoline, and a new coat.

Natasha Burch

Dear Santa, I would like a toy keyboard and I want sum close I hope I want a lot of things.

Irene Vaquera

Dear Santa, I will like a toy gun and a toy Christmas tree and a toy track.

William Sharp

Dear Santa, I would like 1. a waupee cukshun, 2. and a train set and a 50 dollrs.

Evan Cudd

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintido, a tape jaws, and a hokytable.

Jeramy Mackie

Dear Santa,
I would like a Beach Blast Barbie and Barbie Doll House and the furnicher.

Lisa Michelle LaFarr

Dear Santa I would like a new bike for Christmas and a wrill piano and some books.

Tommie Dewberry

Dear Santa, I would like a barbie car, a barbie house and a barbie doll well that's all.

your freind. allwase Kathryn Murphy

Dear Santa, I would like a 10 spot and a jumping rope and a doll.

Camille Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like some Nintendo tapes, and a red rider bebe gun, and a tape recorder.

Josh Lackey

Dear Santa I want a new
1. Nintdo tape named Jaws
2. and a new bike.
3. and I want a new clothes.

Clayton Wilkerson

Dear Santa,
I would like a remate control car and a tensped bike and a starcom.

Kelsey Henton

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo and tapes. I want to see Rudolph. Merry Christmas to all. I want P.J. Sparkle and a USP e Dase. I want a Bouncin Baby. and a cat to and a kitten.

love santa Leslie Widener

Dear Santa for Christmas I wood like to have a skatebard and a nintendo game called top gun. and an ninja turtle.

Reagan Renner

Dear Santa,
I whont ninja tapes and how is yor reinbeer merry Christmas well by.

Chris Paul

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

Dear Santa,
I really really want a nintendo. I always wanted a walkmen. But if I do not get one that is fine. How is Rudolph the red nose Reindeer? I hope he is fine. I Love you Santa. Merry Christmas.

Amber Kristine Ramon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a stuffed rudolph, and a Nintendo, and your sleigh, and have every ninja turtle, and have a happy christmas.

Mickey Schoenhals

Dear Santa I want some car wheels and some control car and i want to have a white Christmas. I want to have fun at Christmas I never have fun at my house because my sister is to little and my cousin dosent come to my hose and I owly a nintendo dats all I can tell you.

Cesar Moreno

THE HANSFORD PLAINSMAN

Dear Santa,
Christmas is my best holiday because you get presents and because it snows and I like Santa Claus because he brings us presents kus I like to play.

Dusty Barber

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a nintendo tape and please bring my brother a little color T.V. and I all so want a pogo stick. But I wanted it so bad that I think my mom got it for me. So say hi to the reindeers for me because it is all most christmas

BYE BYE Brooke Lesly

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a Nintendo a chemistry set and a hard helement with lights and sirin and a crime fighting kit. Thank you.

P.S. Please if not fit wrap. Mark Mathews

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1989

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a nintendo and tapes Power Wheel and a green and blue gun like the one I had last year.

Richard Goehring

Dear Santa I want a remote control truck and a racing 500 track and a chemistry set and a microscop and a Nintendo and som Nintendo tapes a the micko machines city and ninja turtles and the parachute.

Aaron Thompson

Dear Santa,
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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa
I would like a nintendo My brother likes coloring books with colors. And my Mom would love a dress. My dad would like a pair of shoes.

Love Maria

Dear Santa,
My brother wants a computer, T.V., Typewriter, clothes, candy and thats all.

Love, Halee

Dear Santa,
This is my dad letter but he made me write it he wants houseshoes, cap with ear flaps, new socks, clothes, nike shoes, rotor tiller.

Love, Halee

Dear Santa,
I Love you so much! This year will you give me A trampoline, dinosaurs, ghostbusters, pee wee people, nintendo games some more too but you don't have to give all of those things to me! I wish I could see you. Please wake me up when you come. I made my brother a picture and Ed he's my dad coloring pictures my mom a lots of different things and my sister a picture and some of my other things of mine that are cute. I believe in you so much I can't tell you how much.

Love, Halle Del Beasley

Dear Santa,
My mother wants a ropers, jeans, a new baby, sweter, TV, new floor, a new car, candy canes, per fume and thats all!

Love, Halee

Dear Santa,
My sister wants some new clothes, a new brother, earrings, tapes, baking thing, telephone. I want a telephone to. And she wants games/anything except light switches and things like that stuff you play with or use, micro machine towns me to!

Love, Halee

Dear Santa,
I would like Batman, Joker, and the Batmobile.

Clint Edwards

Dear Santa,
I would like nintendo and skates. And I would like a doll and a real baby rabbit and a new bike.

Your friend Amanda Nicole Schneider

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a new bike. And a new car. and a new coat. a new friend and a new dog.

Your friend Glen Powers

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, and a dress. I like Santa for a friend.

Monica Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Trampoline, and a skateboard, and a gameboy, and a jungle-jim, for my little baby.

Love Sean

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo and a watch and a boll and a trampoline and a bike and a skateboard and a doll and a dress and I have been good I took a picture with Santa.

Love, Brenda

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a chemistry set and my brother would like a trampoline. My mom would like jeopardy game and dad I don't know about him.

Love Kirby

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline for Christmas and a doll. I have been very good. Will you give me a Merry Christmas? Abbey would like a make-up set. Zack would like Jio men.

Love Heather Muzzy

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bicycle and a watch. I have been good. I would also like new clothes.

Love, Danny

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a skateboard and a trampoline and a nintendo. My sisters want Baby Bubbles. My mom wants a goose. My dad wants some boots. And I want one more thing a chemistry set.

Love Kristi

Dear Santa,
I would like a T.V. and I would like some checkers and I also need some clothes.

Love Jeff

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a trampoline, nintendo. I have been very good this year bring my mom and dad something to, please. I would like to have the biggest present I believe in you.

Love, Lacey

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard and a B-B gun and a watch and a trampoline.

Love Cody

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo set for Christmas And I would like you to get my mom a chemistry set have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Love Cindy

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo and skateboard and I would like to get my dad a watch and my mom a watch to.

Love Angela

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo and a skateboard and a trampoline and some cleets and some legos.

Love Aaron

Dear Santa,
I would like a Batman suit, skateboard, trampoline, and a football suit.

Love Jeremy

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? How are you? I want a bike. My sister want's a Nintendo. My Mom wants a paddle. My Dad wants a tool box. My Grandma want a presents.

By for now! and Merry Christmas.

Tobi Barrera

Dear Santa I would lik a Nintendo and a Batman suit and the Ninja turtle parachute and all the ninja turtles esep! Lindro and Micheleglo. I have been a good boy and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and I wish santa a Merry Christmas. I want a bbgun.

Christopher Schmehl

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a tensped for Christmas and a Nintendo for Christmas and or you going to come at the nigte and put the presents under the Christmas tree happy Christmas.

Agustina Carbajal

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Nintendo, and a football, and five Nintendo games, I hope you have a safe trip and bring my mom and dad something I have been a good boy.

Love Jordan Brock

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some Nintendo games and a trampoline. My sister wants Micro machines, clothes, and a computer. My brother wants typewriter, T.V. My mother wants clothes. My dad wants nikes.

Love, Halee Beasley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Skateboard and a chemistryset, a watch and a football helmet, a batman suit, a game boy, a Small t.v. Bring Mom a new dress and a belt and bring Jason a baseball suit.

Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a watch and a trampoline. And bring my mom a set of cats. Bring my bother Saga tape. I have been a good boy.

love David



Postmaster Otis McMillan (center) and clerks Bill Turner and Jesse Ryan were dressed in Santa hats to greet and treat customers of the Spearman Post Office at their open house last Thursday.

Chamber Installs New Officers

New officers and board members were installed at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon, held Friday, Dec. 15 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Spearman Mayor Bob Pearson installed the new officers. They include Jackie Pearson, president; Lenis Simpson, first vice president; and Helen Melton, treasurer.

New board members include Clay Schnell, Brenda Pierson, Randy Kirk and Lenis Simpson. Outgoing board members were Dick Gillaspie, Larry Butler, Randall Sauer and Lynanne Maize. The new board members were welcomed by Don Townsen, who

commented, "I want to wish good luck and urge lots of cooperation from these people. I hope it doesn't rain on your parade."

Incoming President Pearson reviewed the chamber's activities of 1989, pointing out good cooperation between the communities of Spearman and Gruver, brought about largely by the two chambers of commerce. She cited examples of the chamber's hard work, such as the Centennial pageant "Life on the Palo Duro" and the start-up of the new Hansford County Activity Center.

Pearson gave an official goodbye to the chamber's executive director, Cora Queener, saying she was "sorry to see her go."

She also encouraged membership in the chamber of commerce.

Plaques were presented to LaQuita Evans of Gordon's Drug and to George Young of KRDF Radio Station, commemorating 25 years of doing business in Spearman.

Other business at the membership luncheon included the presentation of a going-away gift to Robert and Cora Queener. Karen Babitzke and Michelle Cook, on behalf of the chamber, presented the Queeners with a table cloth and a four-place table setting.

The membership luncheon was sponsored by Interstate Savings and Loan of Spearman.



Wishing You the Cool Side of Yuletide!

All of us wish all of you a holiday filled with love and laughter.

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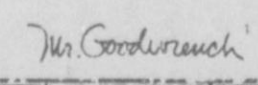
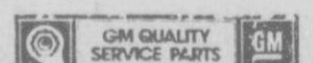
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Waterfield Announces For District 13 Rep

Amarillo-Rep. Dick Waterfield, a veteran state legislator from Canadian, announced his candidacy for the U.S. Congress, representing the 13th Congressional District.

Waterfield, a conservative Republican, has represented the Panhandle's 88th District in the Texas Legislature since 1986. During that time he has served on the Agriculture and Livestock and Human Services Committees, and is regarded as a leader in the bloc of legislators representing the agriculture and ranching interest.

In announcing his bid for the Congressional seat representing this District, Waterfield said he would devote his time and energy to improving the economic lot of people in the 13th District.

"I have decided to give up my seat in the Texas Legislature and seek this Congressional seat because I am convinced our people deserve better representation

than they now have in the U.S. Congress, and that I can give them that representation," he said.

"I will not spend my time agitating for a Congressional pay raise, now or in the future. I will not use the office to feather my own nest, I will, on the other hand, do everything I can to hold down, and reduce the tax burden on our people. And that includes voting to reduce the tax on capital gains. I believe a reduction in the capital gains tax will be of tremendous benefit to our farmers and ranchers, our small business owners, and homeowners generally. I cannot imagine anyone representing this District voting against a reduction in that tax, but the present incumbent did just that," Waterfield said.

Waterfield said he has visited with a number of voters from throughout the 13th District before making up his mind to seek the Congressional seat. He also visited with President Bush and U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, he said, and was promised their full cooperation and support in achieving his legislative goals in Congress.



Dick Waterfield

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I would like P.J. Sparkle and a Beach Blast Barbie and cool time Barbie.

Your friend
Amy Mahan

Dear Sant,
I would like to have some new colorracers for Christmas and a guitar and a battleship. I wish you a merry Christmas.

your friend,
Jake Coates

Dear Santa,
I Would like a new Bike and I Would like a Nintendo game and I Would like a Nintendo and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

your Friend
Aaron Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like a calculator watch

and a 57 Chevey and a new bike.
your friend,
Bryan Lee Shaner

Dear Santa,
I would want for Christmas. A watch and P.J. Sparkles and also the hot potato game. And I love you Santa! And I am glad there is a Santa! Have a great Christmas Santa!

Love
Your Friend,
Christian Cericeros

Dear Santa,
I would like a childs play house and a bicycle. You are a very nice man. I hope I get a few things I want. I like you very very very very much and I hope you like me just as much.

Love,
Stephanie Bynum

Dear Santa,
I would like a porsha a

lambegieny and a fourty four
MAG.

Your friend,
Ryan Gibbs

Matthew Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a nintendo and one game. I want a four wheeler I want some more trains for my set. Santa I like you because you make alot of toys.

Your friend
Brandon Hataway

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a four-wheeler a dump truck and a semi with a trailer.

Junior Ortega

Dear Santa,
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- Enough friends to give you comfort
- Enough wealth to meet your needs
- Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- Enough faith to banish depression
- Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.

