

Chamber Chatter

by Brett Whitford

Christmas is really drawing close, and shoppers are hurrying to get those Christmas gifts bought. Your Spearman Retail Merchants really have a lot to offer. Friendly, courteous service by people you know and trust and people who can call you by name. No long lines to check out and most places offer free gift wrap, something few people in larger towns offer!

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I have something I would like to share that I ran across and thought was interesting. It's the Story of the

Candy Cane. The legend is that the Candy Cane was invented by a Christian in England in the 7th Century.

At that time the government would not let the people celebrate Christmas. So a Candy Maker made a candy shaped like a Shepherd's crook to be a secret symbol of Jesus. The three small stripes represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The large red stripe is for the life of Jesus, that he gave up for us all! The candy was a double gift, a sweet treat and a symbol of Christmas.

May the joy of the holiday season be in us all. Happy Holidays from the Spearman Chamber of Commerce!

Until next time...Brett

SISD Sayso

by Richard Olsen

Parents driving around our school will notice a change in our west Townsend Street parking lot. Concrete parking blocks have been placed on the far west side of the parking lot allowing north-south parking parallel with Townsend Street and east-west parking within the lot.

Designated entrance and exit areas will allow a north-south flow of traffic through the parking lot to Townsend. The purpose of the change is to create a safer area to pick up and deliver students to and from our school and to relieve traffic congestion in this area.

The results of the TAAS test taken by our Seventh Grade students last October are expected this month. I will be mailing a letter in January inviting parents to visit with me and review their child's individual test results. Parents will be able to call the school to schedule an appointment.

A review of the results with the parents helps us in preparing the students for a successful completion of the exit-level test in high school. I urge all parents of 7th grade students to call for an ap-

pointment. Spearman Junior High will be hosting an 8th grade girls and boys basketball tournament January 3, 4, and 5 (Thurs. - Sat.) and a 7th grade girls and boys tournament January 17, 18 and 19th (Thurs. - Fri.).

We invite everyone to come out and watch some great basketball. While you're there, be sure to visit the concession stand sponsored by the 8th Grade Class. Goodies such as home-made pies, sloppy joes, hamburgers, baked potatoes and nachos will be offered along with assorted soft drinks and candy.

All the money made through the concession stand will go to the 8th Grade Class for their activities for the rest of the year. Any money left will go with them to the high school for use there.


I know the food will be excellent and the tournaments quite competitive. We hope all of you can make it to the tournament.

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Spiritually Speaking

by Larry Miller, pastor
Gruver First Baptist Church

Several years ago, the company I worked for transferred us to a large city on the west coast. We were young and only had one child, a small girl less than a year old. When we arrived in the city after a hard trip with a sick little girl, we learned the company had not found us housing, so we checked into a motel and began to look for a house.

We had no relatives nor friends within hundreds of miles, and were struggling to adapt to such a large and seemingly foreign city. I had to report to work within two days of when we arrived, so I left my young wife and infant baby in a motel, and by now, both wife and baby were sick. What I needed more than anything else was a friend and some help with my family!

It was at this point that I received the greatest earthly gift I have ever received! When I came home from work that first day, I was surprised to find my wife in a cheerful mood, and a table full of all kinds of hot food. A local church had discovered my family's needs that day, and by their love and gracious deeds, had turned a lonely and bitter experience into an experience we will never forget!

It was a simple gift, and rather inexpensive, but it met our greatest need!

Christmas is a time for gifts. We give and we receive. But the greatest gift ever given to man is the gift that meets our greatest need. When the angels announced to the shepherds, "...Fear not: for, behold, 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 savior, which is Christ the Lord," they spoke of God's gift to man that meets his greatest need.

No one will argue about man's nature to sin. We all know about our innermost tendencies toward jealousy, selfishness, anger, lust, and greed. The great need before a Holy and Righteous God is self-evident! **WE ALL NEED A SAVIOR!** Jesus Christ, born in a manger, is that Savior! God has given us Jesus to meet that need.

John said, "But as many as received him (Jesus), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

I hope this Christmas season, you can say you have received from God, the gift of Jesus Christ as Savior! He alone can meet your greatest need.

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The film was inspired by William Wyler's classic wartime documentary of the same name; his daughter Catherine is co-producer.

DPS warns

Each year, we observe several state and national holidays. Some of these holidays are more meaningful to us than others and from a traffic safety standpoint, some are more deadly than others.

"In the past, the New Year holiday is usually the most deadly period we have on Texas streets and highways," stated Major V.J. Cawthon, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "There are several reasons for this, but the main one is the fact that this is a celebrated holiday and much of that celebration includes alcohol," Major Cawthon added.

Many people have the misconception that as long as they remain under the legal limit of intoxication, they are not impaired as drivers. "Nothing could be farther from the truth. Even small amounts of alcohol begin to slow a person's ability to make quick, accurate judgements and reduce their reactions, both of which are vital to the safe operation of a motor vehicle," Major Cawthon said.

Once again, your Department of Public Safety Trooper will be highly visible with all available troopers working this holiday. They will be trying to remove as many intoxicated drivers as possible to make our highways a safer place.

"Please don't drink and drive," said Cawthon. "Together, we can make this a happy New Year for all."

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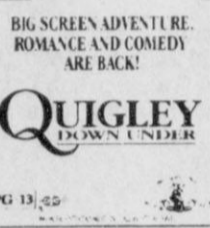
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ONCE UPON A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

There are traditions in every family. If you think there aren't any in yours, it's probably because you call them something else and don't think of them as traditions. Write down what you think are your family traditions.

Traditions are normally things that happen on some cycle. They usually evolve around an already-established event. So, if you're thinking about inventing a tradition, begin with holidays or other important family anniversaries.

Christmas is coming. If you have begun to chafe at the cost and hypocrisy of Christmas, here is an idea that will help restore Christmas to its proper place in your life and also give you a taste of the past.

Make a pact with your family that your 1990 Christmas will be entirely homemade. That means Christmas cards, decorations, gifts and all other necessities—even the firewood is split by hand—are all done by someone in the family.

It's more work than it sounds, but it's worth every minute when you see the family's faces on Christmas Day. You truly know the meaning of the Christmas Spirit when you celebrate a homemade Christmas.

SPICE UP YOUR COOKING

Eating less salt doesn't have to mean bland food. Be creative. Rediscover herbs, spices and other seasonings. You'll be surprised at how good a low-salt diet can taste.

- Try garlic, mushrooms, curry powder, onion or sage on chicken or turkey.

- Add some excitement to your fish dinners with lemon pepper, sliced onions and mushrooms, dry mustard powder, green peppers or dill.

- Try sliced apples for a different flavor with many meat dishes.

- Enhance the flavor of vegetables with lemon pepper, basil or thyme. Live on baked potatoes with pepper and parsley.

Your local grocery store carries a variety of salt-free herb blends. Experiment with some of these. After experimenting with different seasonings, you may not miss salt at all.

SAFETY FOR POT LUCK DINNERS

"Pot Luck" dinners can represent a public health hazard because a large variety of foods, mainly casseroles, are served—a high amount of handling of ingredients during preparations—and inadequate storage temperatures of the food.

In spite of these problems, pot-luck dinners do not have to be banned. Observation of the following health recommendations should offer a solution:

- Keep menus simple; avoid an elaborate variety of foods.

- Avoid serving low-acid foods such as creamed dishes, meat stews, cream-filled pies and pastries.

- Stress that food must be cooked thoroughly.

- Keep time between cooking and serving foods to a minimum.

- If prepared foods must be stored overnight, place them in small quantities in a reliable refrigeration unit.

- Keep hot foods hot (above 140 Fahrenheit) and cold foods cold (below 45 F).

- Use chilled ingredients in the

preparation of foods that will be served cold.

- Protect foods from contamination (insects, dust, humans) prior to serving.

- Use disposable ware as a sanitary measure.

- Do not include home-canned items.

- Use individual packets, closed containers or pump bottles to serve sweeteners or condiments.

- Provide adequate garbage containers lined with plastic bags.

- Because of timing and casual serving, it is most practical to discard any leftover as garbage at the end of the dinner.

People have a high regard for neighbors, friends, and co-workers and appreciate their efforts and good intentions. By following the above recommendations, pot luck dinners can continue to be successful without any unhappy aftermaths.

SINGLE LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS GREAT

People may be single temporarily or permanently through choice or circumstance. Each situation involves its own set of problems as well as advantages.

Census data shows that in the past two decades, the number of men and women remaining single during their early twenties has increased considerably. A variety of reasons contribute to this trend. One reason is that as more young adults work and establish separate households, many remain single longer. Other reasons have to do with changes affecting women.

Being single is more acceptable today than it has ever been. Even though society is less critical of singles, special challenges still confront single adults. All single persons must deal with employment, credit and housing in their daily lives. Being single poses some special problems in these areas.

In employment, single people are just as serious about their careers as married people. Nevertheless, singles are viewed as more mobile, more likely to change locations when they marry and more apt to leave jobs than married people, according to recent research findings.

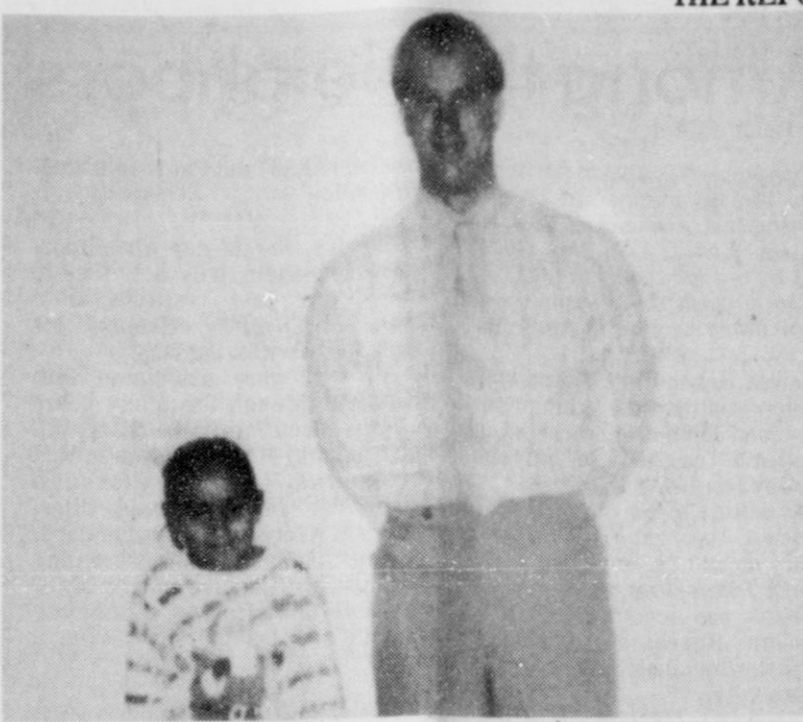
Single people, especially women, have been at a disadvantage when applying for loans and credit. Today, it is illegal to deny a person credit or loan on the basis of sex or marital status. Today, women's banks offer services to meet the special needs of women.

Many urban areas have housing designed especially for singles. This environment makes it easier for singles to meet other people. Like other social groups, singles often feel more comfortable among people like themselves.

Living with parents or grown children has advantages and disadvantages. It may be cheaper, provide a certain amount of comfort and familiarity, but it stifles the quest to gain independence and a sense of self.

Most single people need support systems to overcome loneliness and find fulfillment. Sources of support may include social organizations, religious groups and professionals in private or community services.

People who master the challenges of single life are likely to have feelings of independence and self-sufficiency.



(photo by Joy Henderson)
Monalisa Garcia receives congratulations from coach Shane Reagan for being the top money raiser in the Hansford County Heart Association's recent "Jump Rope for Heart" event.

Spearman chamber seeks award nominees

by JoAnn Morton
Editor

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for Spearman's Citizen of the Year and Citizen Over the Years according to Brett Whitford, chamber executive vice president.

Winners of the two special awards will be announced at the annual Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet, which is set for Saturday, Feb. 2, 1991.

In a letter addressed to local clubs and organizations, Whitford pointed out the deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 1991.

Anyone can submit nominations for the awards. Individuals, along with clubs and organizations, are invited to visit the chamber office to pick up a nomination form.

Some of the criteria used to choose the Citizen of the Year and Citizen Over the Years include:

- Voluntary contributions for the benefit of others over the past

year/years. Persons submitting nominations are asked to remember the award is not related to the nominees' employment.

- Nominee must live within the Spearman school district.

- Nominee may be of any race, age or sex and can have any or no religious or political affiliation.

- Contribution to community welfare, leadership ability and participation in community affairs.

Spearman's Citizen of the Year for 1989 was Pat Dear. The recipient of the Citizen Over the Years award was Virginia Head.

"We're looking forward to another successful banquet this year, and we're looking forward to seeing who will receive these prestigious awards," said Whitford.

"Remember, the nominations must be received in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce office no later than Friday, Jan. 18, 1991 at 5 p.m. to be accepted," he added.

Department of Veterans Affairs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - Has the Department of Veterans Affairs expanded its education benefits program?

A - Since October 1, 1990, VA education assistance has been ex-

panded to include vocational, technical, correspondence and apprenticeship training for reservists and national guardsmen. Limited flight training is also available for members of the reserve forces and veterans with Montgomery GI Bill eligibility. To receive flight training benefits, students must hold FAA unlimited private pilot certificates.

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Holiday Happenings

Spearman Chamber of Commerce will host an open house Friday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by.

Community Bible Church of Gruver will have a children's musical at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Spearman will conduct Midnight Mass Monday, Dec. 24. Christmas Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Hansford County Activity Center will host a New Year's Eve dinner and dance Monday, Dec. 31. Dinner will consist of steak with all the trimmings and will be served at 7 p.m. The Vera Brothers Band will provide dance music at 9 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$35 per couple for both the dinner and dance, and \$20 per couple for the dance only. Dinner-dance tickets are available in advance from Sharron Swan at the chamber office or from any board member including Stephen Poole, Kitty Edwards, Sharron Cook or Robbie Dewberry. Dance-only tickets will be available at the door.

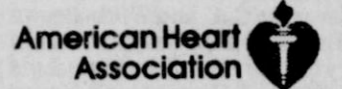
Hansford Happenings

A trust fund has been established at First National Bank of Spearman for the benefit of David Ochoa Jr. of Spearman, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Donations to the trust fund, which will be used to help defray medical expenses, will be accepted at First National Bank.

A representative of the Pampa Social Security office will be at the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman Thursday, Jan. 10, 1991 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to assist residents with Social Security matters. No Social Security visits are scheduled for February or March.

Rainbows and Ranglers Square Dance Club will start "beginning" and "plus" square dance lessons Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1991. Lessons will be held at the Spearman county barn on Tuesday nights. A one hour "plus" workshop will begin at 7 p.m. Regular lessons begin at 8 p.m. and last until 10 p.m. The public is invited to join the group.

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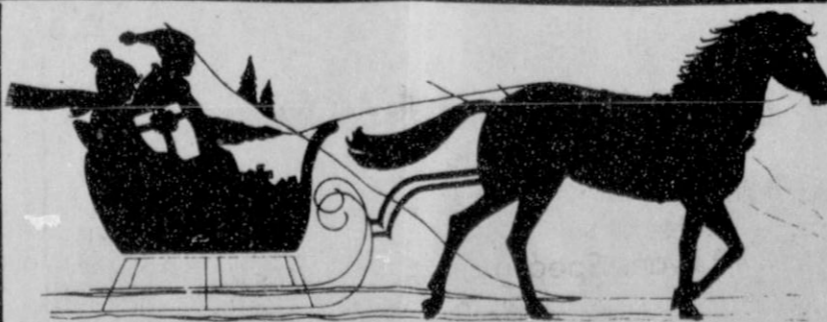
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Club News

RAINBOWS & RANGLERS

The Spearman Rainbows & Ranglers square dance club will host a benefit dance at the county barn at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

Proceeds from the dance, plus an additional \$500 in donations from dancers during the last year, will be presented to the building fund for the new activity center. Club members feel that since the building could be used by the club, especially for large district dances, they would like to contribute to its construction.

Beginner square dance lessons will begin Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. at the county barn. Club caller Murry Beasley will teach. The first three lessons are free of charge. After the third lesson, the cost will be \$2.50 per person per lesson.

A drawing for a dinner for two will be held during the third lesson. Tickets for the drawing are available free of charge from any club member and can also be obtained by attending the Jan. 8 lesson.

RAINBOWS & RANGLERS

Six squares danced to the calls of Murry Beasley Thursday night in the county barn.

Visitors from Frith were Shorty and Leola Albert, from Goodwell were Lester and Peggy Miller; from Guymon were Ross and Robba Bryan and Tommie Anderson; from Pampa were Claude and Georgia Sadler; from Elkhart were Cecil and Maudie Stewart; from Borger were C.A. and Wilda Brown and Jim and Ethyl Gray; and from Perryton were Ed and Lois Merydith and Howard and Nancy Barkley.

From Booker were Tommy and Imogene Williams, from Spearman were James and Margaret Lair;

from Dalhart were Bob and Larl Enns, and Harry and Mary Reynolds; from Perryton were Ginnie Pilcher, James and Norma Burris, and Carolyn Limbocker.

Members present were Worley Smith, Carol Short, Donald Newman, Delbert and Louise Timmons, DuWayne and Martha Thurman, Ronnie and Vicky Bullard, Marlane Nollner, Joe and Wanda Archer, Charles Bartz, Alvin Byers, Benny and Joyce Byers, and Rusty and Judy Tindell and Becky Lusby.

The group's next dance will be Saturday, Jan. 26 with Jimmy Gouge calling

Beginners square dance lessons start Tuesday, Jan. 8 in the county barn from 8 - 10 p.m. A Plus workshop will be held for an hour before the beginner lessons, from 7 to 8 p.m.

HANSFORD COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

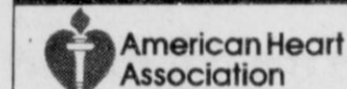
Joyce and Joel Lee Lackey hosted a Christmas party for members of the Hansford County Shrine Club Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Members voted to donate about \$1,600 to the Shriners' Crippled Children's Fund, and to donate \$400 to the Foster Children of Hansford County Fund. This fund was begun by Spearman resident Dallas Trospier as an Eagle Scout project.

Newly elected club officers include Billy Britt Jarvis, president; Cecil Biggers, vice president; and James Lair, secretary.

A total of 33 Shriners and their wives attended the party.

Volunteer.



Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Don Knox was able to participate in a limited manner in pheasant hunting last weekend at Hart with his son David. Don was pleased that he bagged the limit.

Gloria spent the weekend in the home of her brother in Amarillo.

Selma Reneau left Thursday for Denton to attend the graduation of her son John. He received his master's degree in physical therapy from T.W.U.

He will go to Houston for his internship, then return to Amarillo where he will be employed at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Selma was accompanied by her son Gene Reneau of Amarillo and her sister Ingeborg Sogn of the Oslo community.

It is good to know that Pope Gibner is back at home after having minor surgery at St. Anthony's hospital earlier in the week.

During his absence Jerry and Juanita Gibner of Albuquerque stayed here with Margaret. Keeping her entertained during this time was 4½ year old Jeremy, grandson of Jerry's, who came with them.

The weekend for Eva Adkinson was a mixture of sadness and gladness. She was glad for the presence of her grandson, Staff Sgt. Leonard Pearce with his wife Rhonda, daughter Jessica, and son Keith Simon, who were her guests for the weekend.

The sad part is that he has received his deployment orders and will be leaving Clovis Air Force Base in the next few days - destination unknown, as well as length of time.

A recent issue of the Amarillo newspaper carried an interesting article with pictures of a tea and reception held at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center last Sunday. It was in honor of those high school students who participated in the Christmas Card Art contest sponsored by the "Circle of Friends."

Spearman readers were proud to learn that the drawing submitted by John Holt was one of the winners. John, freshman son of Jan and Larry Holt, was one of the seven winners out of 1,500 participants.

His was a winter scene and will appear on Christmas cards next Christmas by the Center and the proceeds will be used to help patients and their families.

Hollie and Earl Riley enjoyed a pre-Christmas pleasure when their granddaughter, Jamie Smith of Taos, N.M. visited them last week. She was accompanied by her

mother, Anne, and Pat Northcutt of Amarillo.

Monday was the day when many paused in their daily activities to sadly pay last respects to a departed friend by attending last rites for Emmett Sanders.

All who were associated with Emmett through the many years always found him to be thoughtful and helpful. He was admired and respected for his thorough knowledge of land, land titles, mineral interests and ownerships. Always he was quiet, unassuming and low key. He gave generously of his time and effort to community affairs and his passing leaves a void.

Bobby Smith is a patient in High Plains Baptist Hospital after suffering a heart attack and being rushed to the hospital by ambulance early Friday morning. He is undergoing tests and the prognosis is undetermined at this writing.

Now, is it a coincidence or is there a connection between his attack and the fact that Friday was Bobby's 40th birthday? That awareness could be traumatic if a man reflected that though his years have doubled since he was twenty - his fun has halved! Or, perhaps Bobby, being concerned about disappearing American Wild Life, was doubly concerned that wife, Dixie, to prove there is still wild life in Spearman, would have a 40th birthday party for him.

Whichever or whatever, all join in wishing Bobby a speedy recovery and many happy returns on his birthday.

Anyone who has not driven around and seen the colorful Christmas decorations in Spearman and Gruver has missed an impressive sight. At one time the local chamber of commerce would give prizes for the best decorations - it would be a difficult choice this year.

The many friends of Ruby McCullough of Sunset, Texas are looking forward to seeing her at the Thriftway Grocery this weekend. Ruby will be spending part of the holidays in the home of her daughter, Nancy Babbs, in Gruver but has agreed to spend some time over here. Ruby is still missed after her many years at the store.

Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Dec. 12, 1985
Spearman High School Student Council members are Ginger Pearson, Paige Pittman, Keith Slater, Jesse Lozano, Cathy Poole, and Kevin Nelson.

10 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1980
One and one-half inches of precipitation ahead of seven inches of snow promises the start of a wheat crop that could be the best ever in Hansford County. That was the word at press time from both the financial community and agricultural authorities.

15 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1975
The West Texas State University Speech Team entered the forensic tournament at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls recently. Cloetta Benge of Spearman was the only WT entrant who advanced to the finals. In the final round of competition, she placed 1st in poetry interpretation.

THANK YOU

I wish to say Thank You to all the friends who prayed, sent cards and came to see me while in Hansford Hospital.

And a special Thanks to Drs. Sangalang and Ridge and to Kaye McFarlin, Vera Dominguez, Rita Weaver and all the nurses - You were great.

Thank You and Merry Christmas.

Don Schmehr



The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ellyez Vandenberg invite you to attend a reception celebrating their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary. The reception will be held Sunday, December 30, 1990, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Vandenberg in Spearman. No gifts, please.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Greer of Ft. Worth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lana Kim, to Michael Chris Goff, formerly of Spearman. They plan a Saturday, Dec. 29 wedding in Ft. Worth. The bride-elect is employed with James P. Roe accounting firm. The prospective groom is the assistant manager for Hillard Auto Park of Ft. Worth. The couple plans to make their home in Arlington, Texas.

Trospier heads fund for foster children

by JoAnn Morton
Editor

Christmas, everyone agrees, is for children. And at this time of year, many live by the old adage "Tis better to give than to receive."

One Spearman High School student is making it possible for Hansford County residents to take both those thoughts to heart, and give for the sake of children.

Dallas Trospier, 16 year old SHS junior, has set up a special fund at First State Bank for the benefit of children who have been residents of Hansford County but are now residents of either Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or Girlstown, U.S.A. Dallas calls the fund the Foster Children Fund of Hansford County.

Dallas, an Eagle Scout, opened the fund the summer before his sophomore year of high school and earned an Eagle Project Award for putting over 300 hours of work into the effort. He said, "It took a lot of time and work, but it's worth it."

The fund is supported entirely with contributions, he said, and explained, "It's used to buy Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, clothes, school supplies, personal items, things like that." Donations have been received from civic groups and clubs, from families and individuals and as memorial gifts. Not all contributions are from local residents, however. "One man down in South Texas read about it in the paper and called me. Then he sent a check in the mail," Dallas said.

He will maintain the fund himself

"... probably until I'm 18, then I guess it will pass on to the troop. Bob Farr, the Scoutmaster, has really been a lot of help," he commented.

Although altruism seems to be easy for Dallas, he has encountered difficulty with the project. "I thought it would be easy at first ... just go open an account and accept donations. The hardest part of it was when I had to go and meet with civic groups and clubs to explain the fund to them and ask for donations. There I'd be, in front of a group of about 50 people, and they would have a thousand questions. That was a little tough," he admitted.

Dallas pointed out that even though the fund is used for kids who are residents of Boys Ranch or Girlstown, the gifts are purchased on an individual basis rather than making donations to the place of residence. "The kids really appreciate it, too. They know the money comes from here in Hansford County and they know the people here care about them. They send thank you cards that say so," he said.

He added that donors can be sure their contributions are used wisely and for a good purpose.

Residents who are interested in donating to the Foster Children Fund of Hansford County can do so at First State Bank of Spearman, or contributions can be sent to Dallas Trospier, 404 S. Endicott, Spearman, TX 79081 and to Bob Farr, 809 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

Scholarships offered

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - The Cargill Foundation will again sponsor 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each for high school seniors from U.S. farm families.

The Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural America is open to all high school seniors who graduate next spring and come from families that derive at least half of their income from farming. Candidates must enroll full-time next fall at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

The program was established in 1986 to recognize and encourage the academic achievements, ac-

complishments and talents of rural youth.

Gladys Tripp, program administrator, said the National FFA Organization will manage the selection process, which is based on academic records, leadership, extracurricular accomplishments and financial need.

Information and application forms can be obtained at any Cargill office or high school FFA department. Students can also request forms from the Cargill Scholarship Coordinator, National FFA, P.O. Box 5117, Madison, WI 53705-0117. Application deadline is March 1, 1991.

Hansford County Activity Center

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

Dec. 31

Dinner 7 p.m. Dance 9 p.m.

\$35/couple Dinner & Dance

Tickets available from any Activity Center board member, or from Sharron Swan at the Chamber.

\$20/couple Dance Only

Tickets available at the Door Only

Dance to
VERA BROS. BAND

Palo Duro Players

Will Entertain

During Dinner

Party Favors, Hats, Etc.

Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray.
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest word
That any friend could say.
Or perhaps you sent some food
To help us through the day.
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts
More words cannot repay.

The Family of
William E. Innis



photo by Joy Henderson

Enjoying a recent Christmas party are Brownie Scouts in Troop 73, including (l-r) Elizabeth Duncan, Elizabeth O'Connell, Brandi Griffin, Mia Rodriguez, Annie Houghton, Alicia Alvarez, Lisa Johnson and Lucy Villa.

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I want a remote car and a Barbie car and a ConPuter.
Jennifer De LaCruz

Dear Santa claus,
I Want a Computer Roller Skater and a GoGo Walking PoP.
Audrey Winegarner

Dear Santa,
I wot a Computer Merry Christmas!! I hop you have happy Christma I have Been computer this year.
Chad Scarberough

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and oasw I want sume more prize and I LOVE Santa and Mrs. Claus.
Tanner Beedy

Dear Santa,
I want 22 ninja turtles. plis. I Bin good Tis uer. Merry christmas!! remote control car.
Tony Wrinkle

Dear Santa,
roller skates, A robot like my sister, Barbie, Be happy Santa. Santa I love you.
Tammy Backus

Dear Santa,
My name is Priscilla. I want a barbie car that i can rida a ronde the bloke. Ive bin good. Plesse brig it for me. if you brig it plesse brig it at my house.
Priscilla Reichen

Dear Santa,
barn bike a play gun Squish-ball Typhoon
Love,
Marty Miesner

Dear Santa,
Babi Dool, Babfol, Babi rabi.
Love,
Rachael Moore

Dear Santa,
bike, pool table, a tim ropin rop.
love,
Marty Eakin

Deas Santa,
I Wat a mows grip
I Wat a Caktr
I Wat a Osicl Flores
Love,
Bont

Dear Santa,
I woet traplen
I woet a Bade hors
I woet maieic nrstry.
Love,
Sara K Olsen

Dear Saata,
I wud like a Baby doll and a cichn plys with prity much and with the babys doll Baby rill.
love,
Alexa

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is: Squish-ball, Leonardo Stuffed toy, Turtle bean bag, Mini pool table And a Typhoon, plus Leonardo Costume.
love,
Aaron Benson

Dear Santa,
I want a p. k ckr, p.j., trampoline, clothes, Miss Masic, Hair, Little.
Lupita

Dear Santa,
B.K. Tenes, Debldad dragnz, Tnanagm w Tnagmwn, Debl dragen, BasBol.
Love,
Bobbx Lujan

Dear Santa,
I Want a pol tadle.
I Want a ntndoe.
I Want a turtle bean bag.
I want a lunch box.
I want a omoale.
Love,
Nicholas Benton

Dear Santa,
I wot a barbies and dress and dresseing dazul.
Love,
Monica Cantu

Dear Santa,
I Want a dollle spris.
Love,
Misti Hand

Dear Santa,
I Realy really want a nice room for the rest of my life. And I want a nice and neat library of Books. I look at my sisters room and I Sometimes I feel sorry for myself. But most of all I want Jared to come for Christmas.
Love,
Erin Boxwell

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I wat TURTLES and I wat a Legos.
LOVE
Matt Dunnihoo

DEAR SANTA,
Babbe alive, Splisspis Bebbe, Bowt, Staft Mows, cat, dolls.
LOVE,
Kim LaFarr

Dear Santa Clus I want to see if you can bring me a little kichen Doll
Diana Flores

Dear Santa,
I have my stockings up waiting. My Christmas Tree is up ready to put presents under. I would like a T.V. for Christmas. Please, bring my family a present, too. I Love you, very much.
Also, I would like a toy turkey, and a Baby Alive. Santa, If you can't bring me these things, just bring me whatever you can.
I will be home for Christmas. I will leave you some candy cane cookies.
I Love You,
Alicia Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a doll, some shoes, a dress, and a saw. Arnoldo wants a car.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I Love You,
Noemi Borunda

Dear Santa,
I was very good this year. I want a baby who cries, and you can give it a bottle. Santa Claus, I Love You, and I will not peek when you put presents under the tree. I don't know if my dad will be home, but bring him a bicycle.
Also, I would like a dog with a collar that walks. Please, bring Travis a little blue outfit with a rocking horse on it. I would like a bike, Santa, and Travis might need a tricycle. I will be home for Christmas.
Love, Kandace Boyd

Dear Santa,
What will you bring me? And, what will you bring the other boys and girls? I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave Rudolph some red hots.
I would like a remote control car and an airplane. We had fun at Thanksgiving. We will be at home Christmas.
I Love You,
Brandon Casdorpf

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, today? Are you having a nice Christmas?
I want a Baby Alive, Go Go- my walking pup, magic nursery, shoe skates, and that baby that wiggles. I have been a nice girl this year. Also, I would like a flannel board with shapes to play with. I will leave out a sugar cookie and a glass of milk for you.
I Love you, Santa
Molly Etheredge

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing my toys. Thank you for the chocolates, too. I would like for you to bring me a train, a car, and food for my mom and dad and Ceasar and Michael.
I will be at my house for Christmas. I have been a good boy, Santa.
Your friend,
Raul Garcia

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want an Alf and some books for Christmas. Also, race cars and a motorcycle guy, and some colors, a radio, and some stamps (like you stamp on a hand). I would like some tapes.
We will be at home Christmas.
I Love You,
Clint Linde

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year, and so has Pellon, Victor, and Gabriel. Charlene and Liz have been good, too. I love you, Santa. I would like some of your clothes, so I could look like you, Santa. I would like to go to your house with my family one day. I like you so much.
I would like a Ninja Turtle toy for Christmas. I would like a new box for Christmas. I would like a horse. I am going to give you cookies and milk. I would like to see the rooms where you keep your toys. I would like to give you my Pilgrim hat. Would you like to eat with me?
I Love you Santa,
Eric Lopez

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I will be in Colorado visiting my family. I'm doing fine, how are you? I would like a bike. My brother also wants a bike. My dad and mom would like some pants.
I am also leaving you some cookies and milk. I want some cars also. I like you very much.
With Love,
Ramon Magallenos

Dear Santa,
I will be at Nacadoches for Christmas at my Nanny and PahPah's.
I would like two cars, one for my brother and one for me. Also, I want a radio, a box of new shoes, and a little bitty Christmas tree for my bedroom, and a new jacket, and a new book. Please bring T.J. a little football, and a microwave for my mom, and a calendar for my dad.
I Love You,
Christie McDowell

Dear Santa,
I want a car. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. We will have some socks hanging for you to fill with candy.
We will leave some cake on the table for you, too. I will leave you a fruit, a peach, too. That's all!
I Love You,
Chris Perez

Dear Santa,
I will be at home for Christmas. I want a Barbie and Barbie clothes for Christmas. I want a dress, new shoes, and a skirt, and jeans and a T-shirt. Please, bring my baby sister a toy. And, that's all!
I Love You,
Carrie Stewart

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bunch of Bas Ball Cards and a bunch and I Want a Camra and I Want a Bunch of Foot Ball Cards and a bunch and I Want a Fitted Cap of Dofun and a Cub Cap The New muv of the Ninja Turtle.
By
Love,
John Brock

Dear Santa Claus Bik.
Love,
Jason Bian

Dear Santa Claus, TURTLES, BOOK ABOUT TURTLES.
Love
Coy Herrington

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year, and this is my list of what I want:
1. Please send me a hover board.
2. Please bring me a color T.V., about a 27 inch
3. Please bring me a stereo.
4. Please bring me a microscope.
5. Please bring me a baseball collection.
6. Please send me a 7-day-a-week subscription to the New York Times.
7. Please bring me a dog house for Adolph.
Love,
Mark Mathews

Dear Santa,
green red frind I wat a big pawwesar mutcan RanDers.
Love Santa,
Jared Shufeldt

Christmas list
1. chalk bord
2. skates (pink white)
3. bible cover
4. close (10 size slim) (8 shirt)
5. baby close
6. tapes
7. pet
8. bike (fix) (paint)
9. play house
10. books
11. tape holder
12. pocket rocker
13. cartoon tape
14. cashregestr
15. play phone
16. socks (1 pair)
17. bows (10)
18. play tea set
19. cook stuff
Lacey Miesner



May your stocking be filled, your heart be warmed with all the joys of Christmas.

Brett & Brenda Whitford
Christen & Addam



Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for your patronage.

Farm Bureau of Hansford County

Box 578
659-3133

FRIENDLY Greetings



TO YOU

We wish to all our friends the merriest Christmas ever! Thank you for your valued patronage.

Lady Fair & Kids' Stuff

We will be closed
Tuesday, December 25th
& Wednesday, December 26th

"... join us for our Holiday Open House on Friday, December 21st, from 9 'til 3 p.m. at First State Bank."



"... the Christmas season is a wonderful time to renew old friendships ... a time to take a little extra time to say hello to our friends and neighbors, and to wish you and your family the best of holidays.

"... please join us on Friday, December 21st, for our Annual Holiday Open House at First State Bank."

Santa will be here from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

FSB
First State Bank

Holiday Hours:
Monday, December 24 Bank closes at 1pm.
Tuesday, December 25 Bank will be closed all day

One N.E. Court 659-5565

MEMBER FDIC

DEAR SANTA, 🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣

Dear Santa,
I Love You.
Danny Robledo

Dear Santa,
I am in 1st grade How are you doing I hop you are doing fig. I am hifg fun nxt yr I will bi in 2st gid I wata dol fr cismus and my brtr wats a nitdo four cismus I rot tis latr to Santa four the bys and grls to reid I hop you reid it som.
Sarah George

Dear Santa,
I cant wate un til I see You. I love you Santa. You or my best frind I hope I can see You Santa. Santa You or my best frind Im a Dear Santa I hope you I wot a brabc doloe do hwos.
Stephanie Kirby

Dear Santa,
I Love you. My Name is Clara Shieldknight. I Like Presn and I Like you and I can do my Number and I can do my liter and do my Culer my Frevert Culer and do my 123 and do my ABC you ar my Frevrt Prsun and I Like you I LOVE YOU and I on my hand Pres I Love you
Clara Shieldknight

dear Santa,
I Love you and I hop you kan hep ur radrs at nit en I hep hap you to and I hep uraf to b-s.
I Love you ad hap rims.
T.J. Vasquez

Dear Santa
I Love santa very much. I wuta ben bag char. I wut you to hov the best cresmus Im ver estda bot the hladas. Merry cresmus. have a Happy cresmus my sedd wuts to get a tow I am very
Happy cresmus
Linda Fay Lane

Dear Santa
I Love you Santa or you goenge to bring us tose. Whit will i get for me.
Brenda Flores

Dear Santa
I wut a ben bag har I wut You to hav the best cresmus Im very estda a bot the hladas my sedd wuts to get a tow
Randa Morris

Dear Santa
I in 1st gad How are you do Frind I hope I can se ya
Joe Burch

Dear Santa Claus
I love you I hope that I get a pepit love Laura Gillaspie
Amber Moore

Santa,
I em at School With the Bestist Bestist Bestist Bestis Bestist Bestist Bestist techr I wot a now Ni-ja Trots I wot wun av the now wus
Kris Cummings

Dear Santa,
We weth you hav a mere crismesmes we weth you hav a mere crismesmes we weth you hav a mere crismesmes en a hap na yr I like your prezens Setaclaz I wesh i ckaud sea you on ckresmes ev that nit waz afannit.
Amber Elliott

Dear Santa,
I Love you by Bethanie put your name
frst gev me the Preses of cas and to me I Love you
Bethanie Flores

Dear Santa
Wot wil i git fr me Wil i git a bu hastur I Love or you riliz gon to git avsta you wil you git a buhuv mae i see you my stuf fr you.
K'Lyn Hataway

Dear santa
Wot wil i git fr me. Wil i git a bu ha S tur
Christopher Vela

Dear Santa
Wot wil i git fr me. I Love You red light green light
Frum
Shae'La Pearson

Dear Santa Clau
I wat a Bes is wmc Plu
Lov Amanda Thompson

Dear Santa Claus,
I Lova You
Fromas
Brett Widener

Dear saita claus,
Rachael

Dear santa Claus
I Love You
Jake Burch

Dear Santa Claus,
Rufof Red
Love Erasmo Macias

Dear Santa Claus
Dave Luis Favela you RuDof Red motorcycle toys
Luis Favela

Dear Santa Claus
Dev Brok, Bat man
Love
Robert Close

Dear Santa Claus
I love You
Amber Moore

Dear Santa,
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wwwwwwwwwxxxxxx.
Lisa Powers

Dear Santa Clas,
hapmy mathemagics
Kim Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I what a PottERY CRAFT Wheel pottery craft clay and paint kit. A Magic Nursery doll My Pretty Ballerina and extra clothes to Please
Stephanie Bowling

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some Air Jordan shoes with turquoise and purple. I would alos want a M.C. Harner tape. My favorite sport is football.
Your friend,
Jordan Brock

Dear Santa,
I want a dragon that flies and rocks. I want a playhouse and a pistol. I want a BB gun, too. I love you and I'll hug you.
Jeffrey Brock

Dear Santa,
I wut a relf I en and a nentendow pAn and. The seurus I can hav Onle one te
I love you
Clint Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I can't wait til Christmas. I want a baby doll that really eats and an Ice cream maker and a pair of roller skates. I want a tape player, too. I am 6 years old and I live in Spearman Texas on golf course road.
Love,
Stephanie Kirby

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I can't wait til christmas. I want a pepsi Dispenser. And a Ice Cream maker. And a tasty Bake Oven. And a cassette player. I am 8 years old. I live in Spearman, Texas on Golf course road.
love Natasha
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo tape. I want a truck and a car. Also I want like Candy.
Thank you,
Hugo Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want basket ball set and a base ball. I have been good.
I Love you,
Tyrel

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa, I want a walkman and a pogo stick. I love you and I hope you have a safe trip. I wish you a good Christmas.
Love, Kirby

Dear Santa,
I want a video game for Christmas like tenagmuatan ninga turtles. Have a nice trip and Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
David

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been bad. I want a wood cup please. I want a bear please. I want a picturure of you please. I hope you have a safe trip, Santa Claus.
Your rad,
Felix DeLaCruz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Turtle Collector Case and a Party Van, and a Foot Mutant Lowrider. I wish you a safe way back here. I've been good this year. I wish you a Merry Christmas. I'm going to give you some sprinkled chips ahoy and some milk.
Love, Clayton

Dear Santa,
I would like a electric minicar. It is red. A red four wheel drive tractor, A black bat jet, A picture of your reindeer! Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.
Love, Donnie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Wal-Mart truck. I want a foot ball. I want a fire truck.
from, Robert Gilmore

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo and a Batman set and I need shoes.
Your Friend, Colton

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a nintendo for Christmas this year because it is at Walmart on sale this year. My Mom and Dad saw them this year.
Your friend,
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
I want rattle me bones sweet sixteen makeup Lap Desk and magnaldoodle. Merry Christmas I love you.
Your friend
Kasie

Dear Santa,
I have been good. And I want a puppy! I have been waiting for Christmas!
Love, Mikala!

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I live close to Stinnett.
Amber

Dear Santa,
I am a good little girl. I wish you a Merry Christmas hohoho.
Love August

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a teddy bear.
from, Andrew

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl. I want a turtle.
Maricella

Dear Santa,
I have been good. And I want a duster for Christmas. I am Evan.
Love, Evan

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a doll with clothes and a baby crib. I want some toys but especially doll house. Some clothes for my brothers and toys. Also some things for my parents. Some candy too. I love you Santa Clause.
Love, Cendi Gomez

Dear Satna,
I am a good and bad girl. I would like a new puppy for cesmos.
Dear Deanna,



(photo by Joy Henderson) Entertainment at the Dec. 13 "Gruver Bucks" drawing was provided by the Children's Choir, under the direction of Connie Burgoon. Choir members include (l-r) Autumn Bateman, Kathy Slough, Amanda Taylor, Davida Nash, Jill Odom, Nicole Shearer, Scotty Houghton, Kristin Evans, Trevor Shearer, Annie Houghton and Josh Nash.

DEAR SANTA, 🐣🐣🐣

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Danielle I'm five years old. I'd like a Hungrey - Hungrey Hippo game and a Magic Nusery Baby Doll for X-mas. Thank you.
With Love,
Danielle

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl through the year. I would like a sewing machine, Magna doodle, and Melvin. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will be home from Grandma's before you come. I love you Santa!
Love Mindy

Dear Santa Claus,
Well this is only my 2nd Christmas but it's getting better and better. I have been a very good boy this year at least on weekends. This year Santa I would like a choo choo train, rocking chair and a cowboy hat. Don't forget to get your milk and cookies by the fireplace. Have a Merry Christmas.
Casey Robert Cator
17 months

Dear Santa,
I would like to have for Christmas a New Kids on the Block Barbi and some clothes. How are you doing. I'm doing fine. How is Rudolph? I'm going to leave some milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Julie Bravo

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo for Christmas. My sister wants a Barbi swimming pool. My brother wants a stereo.
Love,
Jennifer Whitefield

Dear Santa,
I would like Go-go the walking dog. Please bring me Little Miss Magic Hair. If you can please bring me Baby Sparkles and a Magic Nursery Baby. How is it at the North Pole?
Your friend,
Chelsey Villines

Dear Sant,
I would like a Little Miss Make-up and the movie The Little Mermaid and Black Beauty. I thank you for giving me the sucker.
Your friend,
Misty Pearson

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Your friend
Ariel Rauda

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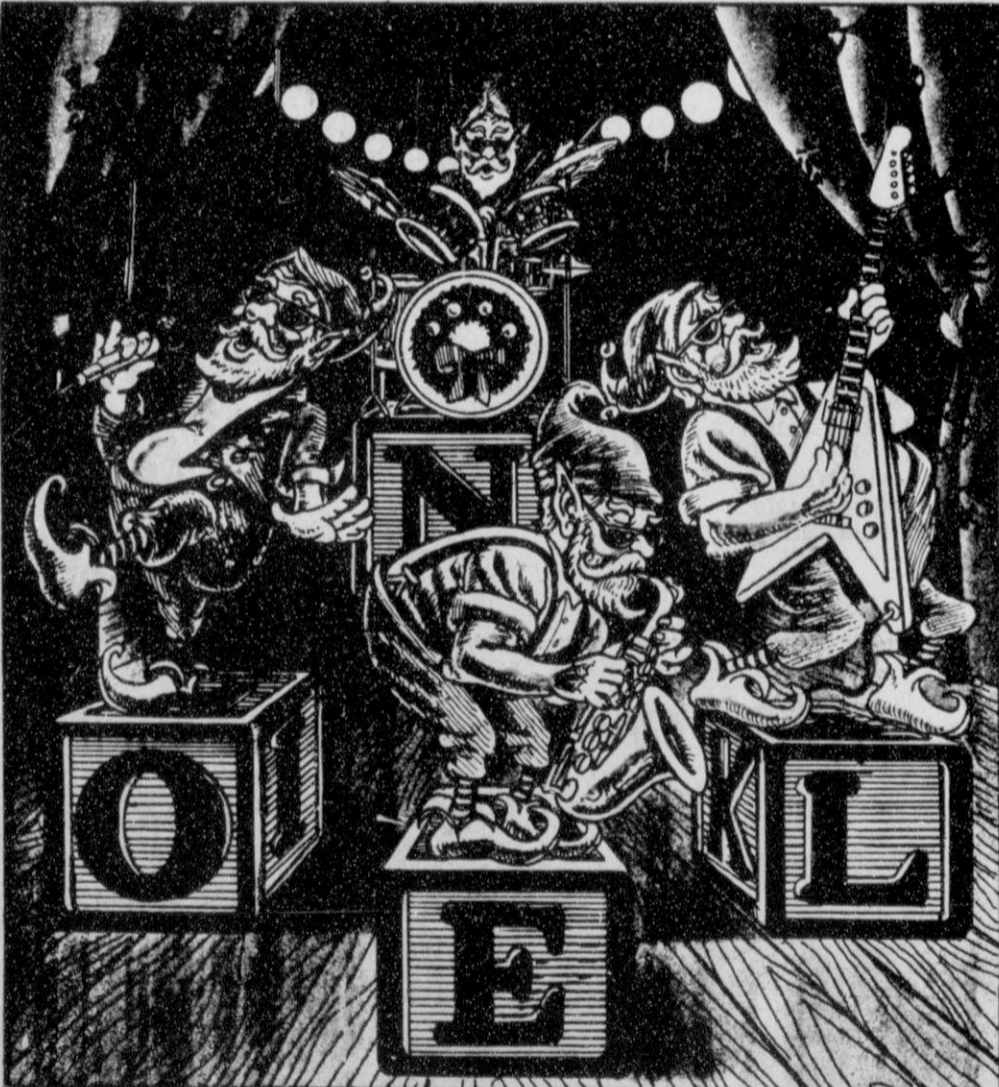
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Love, Evan

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a doll with clothes and a baby crib. I want some toys but especially doll house. Some clothes for my brothers and toys. Also some things for my parents. Some candy too. I love you Santa Clause.
Love, Cendi Gomez

Dear Satna,
I am a good and bad girl. I would like a new puppy for cesmos.
Dear Deanna,



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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HELLO

May Santa bring you many things and joy and peace surround you.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the happiness of this holy season remain within every heart and every home.

Dr. Charles Ridge

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659-3395



Silent Night

May the true joy of Bethlehem warm the hearts of all our friends and neighbors.

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Starting the holiday season off with a afternoon kindergarten class at Spearman Thanksgiving pageant was Mrs. Howard's Elementary School.

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I would like a telescope, gocart and a new Game Boy Game. Say hi to Rudolph. My brother wants a rifle.
Love,
Dustin Beck

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and the dog Go-Go. And say hi to the reindeers for me. One of my sisters would like a play set.
Love,
Ashlei Barrera

Dear Santa,
I want to hav a china doll and nice clown for Christmas Santa I want a Santa doll My brother will want a turtle My sister will want a necklace
Your Friend
Trudi Booth

Dear Santa,
I want you to eat the cookies we put out for you because I believe in you I Like the presents you give me.
Your Friend
Travis Burgess

Dear Santa,
I want a turbow football. A train and the Micro train But most Of all I want. A Four wheeler.
Your Friend
Kyle McLaughlin

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ok. I hope Rudolph and all the other reindeers are ok. I want a lot of books. A stuffed panda.
Your Friend
Jenn Schnell

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much, and I think you are sweet for giving boys and girls presents every Christmas. Please bring me something special I will leave you cookies and milk like I always do.
Your friend
Ashley Healey

Dear Santa,
For Christ mas I would like a 49ers Foot ball suit, bike and some baseball cards. I hope you have a good year.
Your Friend
David Sharp

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo. I want Kidsister to. I want my own calender. I will leave you a coke. I love Christmas. I can't wait any longer. I love you. You make Christmas so much fun. Christmas is fun.
Your friend,
Maranda Fight

Dear Santa
Will you bring me Now Born baby Doll and will you bring me a baseball Set and a Teddy Bear.
Your Friend
Desiree Wattier

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy for Christmas and with a ninja game. You are the BEST! You make my Christmas the best.
Your friend,
B.J. Hughes

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Go Go puppy, New Kid on the block doll. which will be Jordan I hope you like what will be on the table, which will be cookies.
Your Friend Adriane

Dear Santa,
Santa guess what I want for Christmas a magic nursery baby. I hope you bring the girl, the girl with all the curls because I got curls in my hair.
Your Friend,
Kim Rea

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of black chaps and a pair of black boots a black vest and a black hat. then I would like Robocop.
Your Friend
Jacob Harbour

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of books for Christmas and lots of other things too. I wish you can bring Rudolph and all of the Raindeer.
your friend
Kelcee Beezley

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and you are wonderfull. We will leave cookies by the door and my daddy would like a duck for Christmas, my mother would like a whiteblack cow.
you are nice
Glen Powers

Dear Santa,
I wish you were here because I want a bike for Christmas. Have a good Christmas. Merry Christmas.
Your Friend
Brandie Nava

Dear Santa,
Will you come to my house on Christmas day so I can see you. Will you bring me all th toy's I want to have, I will like it when you come.
Your Friend,
Angela Pipkin

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is a Flashsuit teenage Mutant ninja suit and snow.
Your friend,
Juan Reza

Dear Santa,
I want all the Ninja Turtles and six pairs of pants and two pairs of shoes and three pairs of shirts. How are you doing Santa?
Your Friend,
Edwardo Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy, a computer and a basketball game time and magic shoes. My brother wants a bulls jacket and a bulls basketball and a Michael Jordan T-Shirt. Will you say hi to Rudolph for me?
Love,
Timmy Bynum

Dear Santa,
My toys I want Dear Santa please get me a ATM suit. And a microphone and a radio. I want one of those sparkle suits and a lot of other things for Christmas. I LIKE YOU.
Your friend,
Brandon Colt Clyburn

TO WHOM IT MY CONCERN.
I want a gameboy a cat and another cat for my Mom. a T.V. VCR and a dune buggy. And a baby brother.
Your Friend
John Gage

Dear Santa,
I would like a snowmobile for Christmas and a covercraft for Christmas. Clete would like a barn and some horses, Clancy would like a bigfoot tht makes sounds.
Your friend,
Clayton Vanderburg

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ice Cream Maker. And my sister would like a nintendo. And my other sister would like a doll. Santa you are very sweet to people. Can you tell Rudolph hi. I love you very much because you get us a lot of stuff. I hope you get what we want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Brenda Carbajal

Dear Santa,
My name is Tessa Dawn Thoreson and I am 3 yrs. old. I have been a good girl most of the time. I want a real rabbit, telephone, Baby Alive and a Baby Sparkles. Me and my Mama want a new Jeep! I love you Santa and I will see you Christmas!
Love, Tessa

Dear Santa,
My name is Keilee Renee Goodheart and I am 5 years old. I have been as good as Jentry and Brianee. I want a Jeep, four-wheeled roller skates, Baby Alive, and a gym bar. I want a ball for my dog, Mia. I want a new house for my Mama, a real baby boy for my Daddy and a girl baby for me! I will be looking for you Christmas so I can pet Rudolph. I love you!
Love, Keilee

Dear Santa,
My name is Jentry Elise Edwards and I am 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me Lil' Tykes Playhouse and Grandma's house, Baby Alive, bandaids, and a snocone machine. My sister, Jocelyn wants a "game boy." She's been good but not as good as me! If you have room you can bring my Mama and Daddy a new car. They have been good, but they have spanked me this year! Tell Rudolph hi and I will leave you some cookies and milk by the fireplace.
Love,
Jentry

P.S. I would like to pet Rudolph and ride in your sleigh. I could help you deliver gifts.
Dear Santa Claus,
My Name is Brianne Nicole Burkhammer and I am 6 yrs. old and am in Mrs. Howard's class. I have been as good as Jentry. I want a desk, trapper keeper, Baby Nursery, tinkert toys and a sno cone machine. I want a telescope for my sister Kristal and a new purse for my Mama. Please bring my dog, Shotzee some dog bones. My sister hasn't been as good as me! I will see you Christmas and I hope your reindeers don't get sick and you too!
Love,
Brienne

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a radio and some tapes and super mario brothes three and my sistr Lynette a nursery doll.
I Love you Santa,
Lexie Woodward

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a train collection. Frist I need some race cars. Next I want a bike. Then I will give you some milk. Last I want a car.
Your pal,
David Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Please Bring me all of the football cards, especially Joe Montana for the 49ers. I will have cookes and milk waiting for you. And all the basketball especially Michael Jordan rookie card.
Your friend,
Brady Woolley

c/o Grandma Mae & Pop Pop Woford
Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon. We just moved to Kitzingen, United Germany. I wanted you to have my new address so that you wouldn't be confused on Christmas night when you are so busy. My address is USMAC-KTZ, Box 447, APO NY 09031.
Santa, I want to ask you to bring me a new gun, one chicken and baseball cards. Santa, I have lots of nice toys but they are lost on a ship somewhere on the ocean. Could you ask your reindeer to keep a watchful eye for these lost toys.
I promise to be good as I can until Christmas. I'll leave cookies and milk for your snack.
Thank you,
Brandon

P.S. Santa, if you can't find a tree just put my gifts under my pillow. I don't think the tooth fairy would mind since I've never lost a tooth.
Dear Santa:
My name is Lauren Jade Hartwick. We had to move to a new place and I didn't want you to have any problems bringing me all the new toys you have for me for Christmas. I live at USMAC-KTZ, Box 447, APO NY 09031.
Santa, I was kinda hoping you could bring me a jeep and a new car, plus a stroller for my new baby doll that I can tickle her hands and feet, then she giggles. I also want a new shopping baby cart since my old one is being held ransom by some moving company. Just a few more things I could use are some Barbies and clothes and furniture for the new Barbie house that I saw my daddy try to buy at the PX, But they said he couldn't have it because I needed to tell you my new address.
Well Santa, I'll be looking forward to your visit.
Merry Christmas
Lauren

Dear Santa:
I'm Britt. I just learned to make sentences and I can tell my mom and dad everything I want them to know, but since I'm asleep right now my brother and sister will be telling my mom what I want for Christmas. My address is Kitzingen, Germany. Since we just moved I thought this would help you find me on Christmas night.
Lauren thinks I would like a Rocking Horse and a motorcycle, and another motorcycle for her. Britt would like some dollars for Lauren and some for Britt, too. I would like a wallet, a police car, a shot gun and a bird. Brandon thinks I want a toy dinosaur, a motor boat, another motorcycle for Brandon, a steering sled (make that 3 of them), one for each of us. Brandon also wants you to send snow so we can have a white Christmas.
Have a good evening,
Britt Hartwick

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gameboy and a Mario brothers three Nintendo tape. I will have cookies and milk waiting for you. Please bring my brother Michael Raphal and Michaelangelo. Would you bring my mom a new watch and please bring my dad a new cap for work? My dog needs a new bandana when he goes with my dad to work.
Love,
Nicole Lozano

Merry Christmas

We hope all your wishes come true.

from the Spearman Post Office Gang

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Merry Christmas to All!

Please accept our sincere thanks for your valued friendship and patronage.

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PEACE

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Happy Holiday

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Ron Antaek
Dallen Scroggs

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Blessings of peace and a very Merry Christmas to one and all.

MAIN STREET STORE

Merry Christmas from Fave, Kathy & Judy

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. And my name is Sally. Please bring me a new kids on the block stage. And some books too. My brother wants a game boy case. And a Bart Simpsons telephone. And we both of us want Dr. Mario. And I want a new kids on the block sleeping bag.

Love,
Sally Pittman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Dr. Mario for my Nintendo and Thank you for Mario 3 and that Remoutcatrol train and Please bring me the pizza thrower yuo probahly like our outside lights thats like a Christmas tree Please bring me a forddy niner jersey and please bring me the ole ninja turtles and thank you for my Nintendo you gave me last year.

Love,
Micah Edwards

Dear Santa,
Please will you give me a Nintendo tape the Name of it is teenage mutant Ninja turtles.

Love,
Johnny Lopez

Dear Santa,
Wiii you please bring me a Nintende and a Nintende tape and a Ninja turtles.

Your pal,
Martin Robledo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Go-Go Dog. I am 7 years old. My name is Michelle Laughlin. My brother would like airplanes, trucks and cars. His name is Mark. I will have cookies and milk waiting.

Love,
Michelle Laughlin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trian for Christmas I will have cookies out for you. I hope you don't fall off the sled so you can give all the good little boys and girls a present.

Your pal,
Andrew Cummings

Dear Santa,
Please bring me the New Kids Stage and the New Kids dolls to. And the nursery baby to. And I will have cookies and milk waiting for you. And am 8 years old. And I went baby shivers.

Love,
Kayla Taylor



(photo by Joy Henderson)
Candace Casdorff gives Santa Claus her list of "most wanted" Christmas items. Santa's visit to Gruver was sponsored by Alpha Mu Psi sorority.



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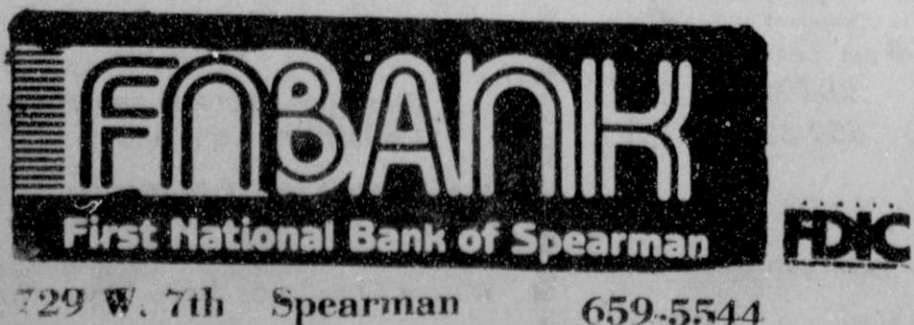
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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a New York GIANTS football jersey. Would you bring me some football shoes? May I have the Nintendo game spy vs spy? I will have candy and milk waiting for you. my name is Jared Lee Freeman.

Love,
Jared Freeman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a nintendo and Dr. Mario and Supr Mario Bruthrs three. And teenage mutant Ninja turtles. And a new bike and there's more but lets git on with it. I'll have choklut milk waiting for you and there's one more thing I need to tell you I wont a t.v.

Your friend,
Wayne McCubbin

Dear Santa,
I like you very much to Santa.

Your pal,
Sergio Vargas

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring a tv for Christmas? I will have some cookis and milk for you Santa. I like you Santa.

Your friend,
Isela Huerta

Dear Santa,
I will have some milk and cookies for you. I have been a good girl. I am 8 years old. Please bring a magic nursery baby. And a new game for my Nintendo. And a new kids on the block tape. And a new kids on the block poster.

Love,
Natasha Kirby

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys and some new nintendo games. Bring my mom some clothes and some shoes and I have been a good boy so has my sister.

Your buddy,
Lester Mendias

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a box of sky box and if you are a nice Santa then I want Michael Jordan rookie card but I want them all. This Year overflowed my stocking.

Love,
Cary Cates



Jessica Volden proudly displays the skates she won at the first Hansford Activity Center skate drawing.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To friends and customers, old and new, warm "thanks" and best holiday wishes.

McClure Paint & Supply

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Happy Holiday

Peace, joy, and all the blessings of Christmas be yours this holy season.

Hansford County
Appraisal District



A VERY MERRY Christmas

We wish all our good friends a holiday of caring and sharing.

J.G.'s

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Ross Jarvis, Spearman High School senior, was selected for second chair in the second tenor section of the TMEA Region I All-Area Choir. Jarvis was one of four SHS Chorale students who travelled to Canyon Saturday, Dec. 15 for the All-Area audition. He will go on to audition for All-State Choir Saturday, Jan. 5, 1991 in Midland. If he is successful in this audition he will perform with the All-State Choir at the Texas Musical Educators Association convention in San Antonio Feb. 9, 1991.



Holiday season can be stressful

We have incorporated the expression "holiday blues" into our language in order to refer to a feeling, tone or mood that some people experience around Thanksgiving and especially Christmas. The holiday season can be stressful and less than jolly for many people but it need not be. The Scott & White Department of Psychiatry offers several suggestions to help people make the most of the holidays.

First of all, we should think about what aspect of the holidays is important to us. Is it getting together with family members, exchanging gifts or spiritual experiences and contemplation? A person who values spiritual reflection may want to turn down a few social engagements in order to leave time for their first priority, while a person who values holiday get-togethers with family and friends may want to make sure that these activities are scheduled during the holidays. We may find that our priorities change from year to year or that life has re-arranged them for us because, for example, of the loss of a loved one.

Handling a recent loss whether

due to death, divorce or break-up can make holidays especially difficult, but they can be dealt with by remembering the loved one in some special way, such as giving a donation to a favorite charity in the person's name, or by scheduling time with other family members or friends.

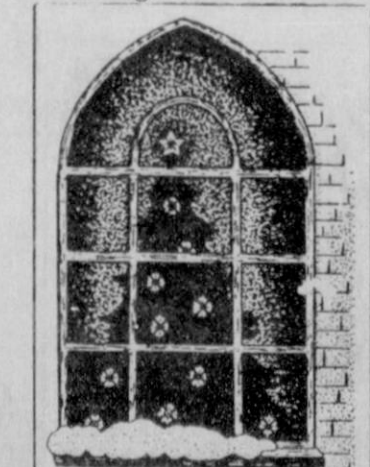
Holidays can be especially stressful. They often include extra work, such as gift buying, shopping, cooking, decorating, baking, wrapping, and card sending, in addition to one's usual job and/or household duties. Practicing sound management skills in the home, such as delegating tasks to other family members and allowing adequate time, as well as eating wisely and scheduling time for exercise during the holidays can help us feel more relaxed and in control of things that we want to do during this busy season.

Again, we may need to set priorities according to what we value and want to do. We can assign food to be brought by other family members instead of doing it all ourselves. We can have bakery

children instead of having them all "homemade" by mom. Cards can be printed instead of signed. Our gift or card list may need to be pared down. Most families and friends would settle for a less than picture perfect holiday in order to have everyone relaxed.

Holidays can also mean stress which results from negative encounters with "difficult" relatives or friends. Staying in the present (not reviving old rivalries or hurts) and remembering that we can only be responsible for our own thoughts and behavior, not that of others, can help make interactions with others smoother. It also helps to remember that the holiday time, when expectations and emotions may be at peak levels, last only a short time and that a peaceful holiday season can be a reality.

Finding out what aspect of the holiday season we value most, setting priorities, using good time management skills, practicing "diplomacy" in difficult relationships and continuing wise health practices are all ways to ensure that our holidays are more peaceful and relaxing.



Merry Christmas

Joy and peace finds welcome in every heart and home.

Spearman
Chamber
of



Season's greetings to our friends and patrons. We wish you joy and peace.

B.J.'s
Petal Patch
733-2236



Christmas cheer in full measure to friends and patrons. Thank you for letting us serve all of you during the past year.

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Tips given to avoid waistline disaster

FORT WORTH - Holiday meals can result in waistline disaster, but Julia Campbell, a dietitian at Texas Christian University, says the dinner table spread doesn't have to wind up on your hips. She shares these weight-saving tips:

*Don't skip meals - Eat breakfast on the day of a holiday meal. If you go to the meal extremely hungry, you will tend to overindulge.

*Small makes beautiful - Watch the size of food portions you put on your plate. Frequently we take too much to start with and keep on eating despite being full.

*"Chew the fat" - Remember this is a social time, so be social. Don't just keep eating. Put down your fork once in a while and talk to the people you are with.

* Eat your vegetables - Cover about a third of your plate with meat and the rest with vegetables. They're lower in fat, have more fiber and help fill you up.

*A small piece - Ask for a little portion of dessert. None of us wants to deprive ourself of holiday sweets. You can have a small serving and be just as happy. Besides, you'll consume far fewer calories. Campbell says to remember that

fat found in those holiday desserts contains almost twice the calories as proteins and carbohydrates. While fat has nine calories a gram, protein and carbohydrates only have four.

Depending on your body's metabolism, the dietitian notes that you should consume about 15 calories for every pound of proper body weight, which can be determined by the following height formula:

Normal, five-foot females are allowed 100 pounds, according to Campbell. For each additional inch of height, she says to add five pounds. Average-sized, five-foot males should weigh 106 pounds, plus six pounds for each additional inch. Small-boned people should deduct 10 percent from the average figure to determine proper weight, while large-boned men and women should add 10 percent.



Turkey requires safe cooking

According to health officials, improper thawing of turkeys and careless food storage are two of the most dangerous mistakes cooks can make during the holiday season.

During the recent Thanksgiving holidays, several food poisoning outbreaks occurred in Texas, particularly in Austin and El Paso.

Barbara Keir, director of the Public Health Nutrition program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH), said that turkey should be thawed in the refrigerator, or under running water (at 70 degrees or below).

"Some people make the mistake of thawing the turkey at room temperature, allowing the surface to warm before the inside meat can thaw. That allows dangerous bacteria to reproduce and cause food poisoning," Keir said.

She added that thawing in a microwave oven is safe only when the food will be immediately cooked. When thawed, the turkey should be rinsed thoroughly and dried, inside and out.

Leftover meat should be cut off the bone and refrigerated. A safety rule is to freeze any portions to be kept beyond two days of refrigeration.

Keir suggested the following hints for ensuring against salmonella poisoning, perhaps the most common form of food poisoning in the home.

* Prepare turkey stuffing immediately before cooking. Dry ingredients can be mixed in advance, but eggs, oysters, butter or other

moist ingredients should be added at cooking time.

* Cook the stuffing separately. Stuffing cooked in the turkey cavity may prevent thorough cooking.

* When fully cooked, dense portions of the turkey, such as the thighs, should have reached at least 180 degrees Fahrenheit, measured with a meat thermometer.

* Never leave a turkey, the stuffing, or gravy unrefrigerated for more than two hours.

* If the cook uses a microwave

oven, the turkey should be rotated to ensure uniform cooking.

* Cooks should wash hands, cooking surfaces, utensils and all foods thoroughly.

Best Wishes

and thank you for shopping with us.

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Jesus' exact birthdate unknown

FORT WORTH - Despite the Dec. 25 celebration of Jesus' birth throughout the centuries, a Texas Christian University religion professor says the exact date of his birth is unknown.

"Nobody knows, and the Christian community has never really claimed to know," said Dr. Eugene Boring.

While historians do not doubt that Jesus was born, Boring explained that by the time people became interested in knowing exactly when the birth occurred, the information was so woven into church theology that it was irrecoverable.

Boring noted that New Testament stories about the birth were not written for biographical or historical purposes but were written to communicate the Christian meaning of Jesus' birth.

"While in my business one is hesitant to say 'everybody' and 'always,' hardly any Bible scholar or early church historian would think that we know what time of the year Jesus was born," he said.

In the past well-intentioned people have sought to explain the biblical birth accounts through reason, Boring said. "They have thought that Jesus could not have been born on Dec. 25 because there was mention of shepherds being in

the fields, and shepherds aren't in the fields in December" he said.

Boring suggested that when early Christians became interested in celebrating Jesus' birth, they sought to celebrate the event rather than the actual date. The Saturnalia, a Dec. 25 festival in the Roman world at that time, celebrated the rebirth of light and warmth following the winter solstice.

After Christianity became the legal religion in the 4th Century under the Roman emperor Constantine, Boring said the church was looking for ways to promote its faith.

Considering the strong paganism still present, Boring believes the church made a good tactical move in adapting the Saturnalia festival to a Christian holiday rather than trying to stamp out the event.

"The church was saying what had been celebrated was the birth of life and light," he said. "The fulfillment of that was Jesus. All the things that the pagans had looked for had happened in Jesus."

The Bible scholar noted that the adoption of Saturnalia as a religious celebration is a good illustration of the church's taking

over the things that are already in its environment in order to interpret the meaning of the Christian faith.

"The majority opinion down through the centuries has been not to insulate the church from the so-called secular world but to take over those things from the secular world and re-interpret them," Boring said.

Boring conceded that present-day Christmas celebrations have embraced the secular, but he doesn't believe experiencing the spiritual meaning of Christmas requires disposing of the season's worldly images of stables, mangers, presents and Christmas trees.

"Every expression of faith, every symbol is first of this world before it can ever represent God, transcendence or religious faith," he said.

"Jesus, the wise men and shepherds ought not to be displaced by Rudolph, Santa Claus and Christmas trees," Boring said. "But Christians ought not to feel bound to oppose those secular elements and say we simply need to be religious. Christians need to embrace it all."



Spearman Junior High School students from Read Cates's sixth grade class earned special recognition from the Hansford County Chapter of the American Red Cross for raising money to benefit the Red Cross National Disaster Relief Campaign. Approximately 63 sixth grade students took to the streets for the second annual door-to-door collection of donations from Spearman residents. The group began collecting Wednesday, Dec. 5 with a goal of \$500 and finished Wednesday, Dec. 12, exceeding the goal with a total of \$700 in contributions. Cates pointed out that the yearly collection helps teach the youngsters value lessons in giving and helping others.

Safety hints given

HOUSTON—Dry Christmas trees, faulty electrical wiring and unsafe travel can make for a dangerous holiday season.

Dr. Kenneth L. Mattox of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says that common accidents can be prevented if precautions are taken inside and outside the home.

"Many accidents such as burns and electrocution occur during the holidays," said Mattox, a professor of surgery at Baylor and chief of staff at Ben Taub General Hospital. "Children especially need close supervision."

He suggests parents set aside extra time to make their home safe for young children. Each year more than one million children are treated for burns, many of them preventable.

Dry Christmas trees are one of the biggest hazards. Faulty electrical wiring and outlets can burn the trees by setting off sparks. Mattox advises that the base of the tree be watered regularly.

Twinkling Christmas tree lights also pose serious injury to curious children. "We see toddlers with burns on their mouth as a result of chewing on light cords," Mattox said. "They do not know the lights

are not a toy."

Another common holiday accident is food poisoning caused by the salmonella bacteria. If left unrefrigerated all day, traditional holiday foods like turkey can become contaminated by the bacteria and cause an upset stomach, diarrhea and even death.

The car trip home after the holidays can also be dangerous. Travelers should be well rested and avoid alcohol when driving.

Mattox offers these holiday safety tips:

-Turn off Christmas tree lights before going to bed or leaving home. Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher.

-Wash and thoroughly cook fresh meats, fruits and vegetables to prevent salmonella poisoning. Refrigerate uneaten foods.

-Buy toys that specify the ages for which they are considered safe.

Some food bargains to be offered

by Mary Mahoney
COLLEGE STATION--Escalating oil prices are driving the cost of some foods higher in December, but food retailers still will offer some real bargains to consumers during the holidays.

"Imported produce and refrigerated products will be among the first grocery items to go up because of increasing transportation costs," said Dr. Dick Edwards, food distribution economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"But the good news is the retailers will hold a four-pronged marketing campaign for the holidays."

"Early in the month, they will have special prices on such baking items as flour, brown sugar, powdered sugar, yeast, chocolate chips, chocolate squares and chopped nuts," he said.

The second big push by food retailers will be directed toward party supply items.

"December will be the top sales

month for dips, sour cream, cheese, chips, crackers, vegetables for dips, drink mixers and wine," he said. Delicatessens will be discounting their party trays of cold cuts, cheeses and shrimp.

"The third sales thrust will center on the Christmas meal," Edwards said, "and meat items will be the most advertised."

He said turkey at 59 to 69 cents per pound will be quite common. Ham and roast beef, two other meat items popular for the Christmas meal, will be discounted by 25 percent to 30 percent.

Medium-sized frozen shrimp for dips and finger foods at parties will be priced around \$3.50 per pound during this advertising campaign.

"The final December sales effort will revert to party items as consumers stock up on favorite foods and drinks for the New Year's celebrations," Edwards said.

Regardless of the hectic holiday pace, other meals also must be prepared in December. With balanced nutrition a concern of

many food shoppers, there will be abundant supplies of broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, sweet potatoes and squash coming to the produce sections.

Citrus supplies from Florida and California also will be increasing and prices will be coming down, Edwards predicted. Frozen and canned vegetables will be marketed aggressively to reduce large stocks on hand. Watch for special discounts on private or store brands of canned foods, he suggested.

Fresh apple prices will continue downward in December, along with such companion products as apple sauce and apple juice. Those who like to make apple pies, fritters or stewed apples can add these menu hits quite economically if they watch food advertisements, Edwards said.

At the meats counter, roasts will be popular sale items.



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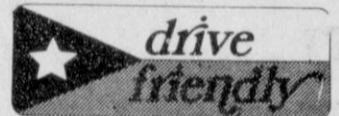


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Lynxettes drop two

The Varsity Lynxettes dropped a pair of games this week. They lost to Perryton on Friday night, 35-45. On Tuesday night they traveled to Borger and lost a heart breaker, 34-37.

In the Perryton game the Lynxettes could not get their shooting on track. In the first quarter Laura Pearson was the only Lynxette to score. She scored 5 of her team high 11 points that quarter.

On Tuesday in Borger, the girls played much better, according to assistant coach Richard North. He did indicate however, that team shooting was down. Despite this, the Lynxettes were ahead at the

halfway point of the game. In the second half it was the aggressive play of the Borger post player Melinda White that put Borger ahead in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter the 3-point shooting by Borger kept them in the lead till the end.

VS. Perryton, Fri.
Score: Sprm. 35 - Per. 45
Scoring: Bonnie Thompson-3, Mendy Lasater-5, Gwen Benson-4, Michelle Garnett-1, Joy Gafford-2, Cindy Melton-5, Tamri Townsen-2, Laura Pearson-11, Kyla Nelson-2.

At Borger, Tues.
Score: Sprm. 34 - Borg. 37
Scoring: Lasater-4, Lusby-6, Garnett-4, Gafford-1, Townsen-7, Pearson-6, Nelson-6.



Troy James displays the fruits of his seven hours of tournament racketball playing in Borger. One of the trophies is the second place award in Division A singles. The other is the consolation winner trophy for Division A doubles. His partner in the doubles was Danny Holcombe of Borger.



Enjoying holiday refreshments at the Spearman Post Office are (l-r) Mae Wofford; Nina Hendricks, HCR 3 carrier, and Otis McMillan, postmaster.

JV girls sweep two

The J.V. Lynxettes swept two games to win the Perryton J.V. Tournament on Friday and Saturday. On Tuesday they traveled to Borger and lost, 24-31.

PERRYTON TOURNAMENT
Game 1 vs. Sanford-Fritch
Score: Spm. 40 - S.F. 24
Scoring: Cook-4, Tigrett-2, Crawford-3, Townsen-10, Greene-3,

Sanders-6, Jarvis-6, Leib-6.
Game 2 vs. Perryton, Sat.
Score: Sprm 27 - Perr. 16
Scoring: Cook-3, Crawford-1, Townsen-6, Sanders-2, Leib-7, Jarvis-3.

At Borger, Tues.
Score: Sprm. 24 - 31
Scoring: Cook-1, Crawford-2, Townsen-4, Sanders-1, Leib-4, Greene-10, Jarvis-2.

9th girls lose by one

The frosh Lynxettes won one and lost two this week. They lost a close, one point game to Booker in their opening game of the Perryton Tournament. They won their second game of the tournament to finish 3rd overall.

On Monday the frosh hosted Panhandle and lost by only a three point margin. The game got away from the freshman in the third quarter. They could only manage to score 1 point to Panhandle's 6 points.

PERRYTON TOURNAMENT
Game 1 vs. Booker, Fri.
Score: Sprm. 20 - Book. 21

Scoring: L. Lillard-2, T. Pearson-6, N. Strawn-2, T. OQuin-3, C. Pearson-8.

Game 2 vs. H. Park, Sat.
Score: Sprm. 28 - H.P. 23
Scoring: Lillard-2, T. Pearson-2, Strawn-2, OQuin-12, C. Pearson-8.
vs. Panhandle, Mon.
Score: Sprm. 21 - Pan. 24
Scoring: Lillard-1, Strawn-3, Latta-2, OQuin-15.

Junior high Lynxettes take two

The Jr. High Lynxettes hosted Stratford Monday night and won both games. The 8th grade won by 4 points, 31-27. The 7th grade won by 6 points, 33-27.

8th Grade vs. Stratford
Score: Sprm. 31-Strat. 27
Scoring: Kiki Kelp-6, Mandi Lair-4, Molly Blackman-2, Ashley Shieldknight-11, Lyndee Cook-6, Mika Pipkin-2.

7th Grade vs. Stratford
Score: Sprm. 33 - Strat. 27
Scoring: Crystal Boyd-2, Lacie Baker-1, Carrie Burton-2, Kelly Shieldknight-3, Kara Townsen-14, Tiffany Bruning-11.

Junior high Lynx split

The Jr. High Lynx teams split against Stratford Monday night. The 8th grade lost and the 7th grade won.

8th Grade vs. Stratford
Score: Sprm. 31 - Strat. 41
Scoring: Schnieder-2, Wilkerson-12, Moore-1, Gracia-16.

7th Grade vs. Stratford
Score: Sprm. 27 - Strat. 12
Scoring: Blan-4, Tigrett-6, Collins-11, Sanders-2, Pittman-2.

Varsity Lynx lose two

The Varsity Lynx lost two tough games against 3A opponents this week. On Friday they hosted Perryton and lost 44 to 49. On Tuesday the Lynx were in Borger, where they lost 58-83.

In the Perryton game, the Lynx were ahead at the half by one point, 21-20. They could not hold their lead in the second half as Perryton out scored the Lynx in the third quarter. The Lynx could only make up two of those points in the 4th quarter.

"We made Borger play hard all four quarters," said Coach William Neff, about his team's effort against Borger Tuesday night. The Lynx certainly stayed close after the first quarter, trailing Borger

only by 3 points, 21-24. They stayed close into the second quarter but by the half the Borger team had outscored the Lynx by over 2 to 1 to take a commanding 48-31 lead. They increased that 17 point margin in the second half to win 58-83.

vs. Perryton, Fri.
Score: Sprm. 44 - Perr. 49
Scoring: Dallas Trosper-4, Cody Pipkin-6, Brian Beck-2, Khris Kelp-4, Alan Howell-3, Tim Kizziar-10, Joel Shields-7, Shawn Tanner-8.

At Borger, Tues.
Score: Sprm. 58 - Bor. 83
Scoring: Trosper-5, Pipkin-10, Beck-6, Kelp-5, Howell-2, Jarvis-2, Kizziar-8, Shields-12, Tanner-8.

JV Lynx win one

The Lynx J.V. went 1-4 this week. Their one win came in their second game of the Perryton J.V. Tournament. They beat West Texas, 42-37.

PERRYTON TOURNAMENT
Game 1 vs. Sanford-Fritch
Score: Sprm. 38 - S.F. 46
Scoring: Chad Riggins-2, Darian Hawkins-4, Mark Eakin-6, Chris Strawn-12, Mike Hager-4, Wesley Dyess-2, Brady Reed-8.

Game 2 vs. West Texas
Score: Sprm. 42 - W.T. 37
Scoring: Boyd-2, Hager-4,

Dyess-5, Reed-2, Hawkins-6, Jones-3, Strawn-10, Eakin-8, Riggins-2.

Game 3 vs. Canadian
Score: Sprm. 32 - Can. 42
Scoring: Dyess-3, Hawkins-8, Shields-2, Strawn-12, Eakin-5, Riggins-2.

At Borger, Tues.
Score: Sprm. 43 - Bor. 54
Scoring: Riggins-3, Hawkins-2, Eakin-2, Strawn-13, Reed-2, Dyess-8, Hager-5, Jones-2, Williams-2, C. Townsen-4.

9th boys beat Booker

The freshman Lynx went 2 for 5 this week. They beat Booker in their third game of the Perryton Tournament on Friday. Their second win came against Stratford here on Monday.

PERRYTON TOURNAMENT
Game 1 vs. Sanford-Fritch

Score: Sprm. 27 - S.F. 31
Scoring: Cook-2, Thompson-8, Mayfield-4, Womble-5, Swink-1, Lasiter-3, Schnell-4.

Game 2 vs. W.T., Fri.
Score: Sprm. 23 - W.T. 27
Scoring: Cook-2, Thompson-9, Mayfield-5, Womble-2, Archer-2, Lasiter-2, Schnell-9.

Game 3 vs. Booker
Score: Sprm. 28 - Book. 21
Scoring: Cook-2, Thompson-2, Mayfield-6, Womble-4, Archer-9, Swink-2, Lasiter-1, Schnell-2.

Game 4 vs. Borger, Sat.
Scoring: Cook-3, Thompson-8, Mayfield-5, Archer-4, Swink-1, Lasiter-8, Schnell-8.

At Stratford, Mon.
Score: Sprm. 33 - Strat. 32
Scoring: Cook-2, Thompson-15, Archer-8, Lasiter-2, Schnell-6.

Hospital notes

Thursday, December 13
Admissions: Opal Scroggs
Dismissals: Rose Arnold
Friday, December 14
Admissions: Fronye Close
Dismissals: None
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On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

I knew it, I knew it, I knew it! There was bound to be a big unexpected problem happen this week. First off, my 40 year old freezer called it quits and we had appointments to have one huge beef and two hugh hogs butchered. We were lucky enough to find two humongous freezers to take this one little bitty freezer's place. But that meant M.H. and I were giving each other a freezer for Christmas instead of nice easy lounge chairs.

Then with Christmas less than a week away and after I made plans (finally) for most of the kids to be here on Saturday, the 22nd, I began the four hour chore of cleaning my stove. I got up early Sunday morning to re-assemble the burners, scrape out the ashes, etc., then proceeded to start breakfast. Thirty minutes later, I checked to see why the toast wasn't burning. No broiler heat - the light was on, so why wasn't the toast done?

I fussed and fumed, flipped all the switches again and then waited another 10 minutes for the toast to get ready. Still not working! I flipped the switch back and forth to "bake." No light - no nothing. Everyone ate breakfast with stove-top toast.

I've been like a grizzly bear trying to figure out how I can bake pies, turkey and dressing, ham and sweet potatoes. Shall I call all the kids and cancel our big dinner (they have already informed me they didn't have time to help do the cooking) or get out my DQ coupons

and have hamburgers? Now here on Monday, my hands stiff and sore, cuts and scrapes and chemical burns to treat, I can hardly write, but B. Mc will be here to my rescue (I hope), the skies are cloudy with a hope for moisture and things will look brighter.

I always have to stop and give myself a good swift kick to remind myself there are others worse off than myself and I should be praising and thanking God for my blessings then go on about trying to help others. Anyhow, Happy Holidays with a Better New Year.

Those known sick include Tom Spivey, who did have heart surgery last week. We were able to visit briefly with him on Friday and he confessed he thought he would be all right but he had the "heebee jeebies." Now I know what the "heebee jeebies" are but I never knew how to spell it.

Congratulations are in order to Ralph and Beverly Mireles on the birth of Lindsey Michal Mireles on December 11 weighing 8 pounds and 5 ounces.



Gruver City Park lighted for holiday

by Joy Henderson

For a few years now, Doris Armes and her crew have been working hard to add extra touches to the Gruver City Park and make it more beautiful for us to enjoy. In addition to flowers to brighten the park during the summer and fall seasons, we now are able to enjoy the lights on the trees and gazebo.

This year, families were asked to "Adopt a Tree" by donating money to purchase strings of lights. Those donating or adopting trees in honor or memory of loved ones include Gerald TeBeest and family in memory of Pete Cluck; Janet and Kenneth Irwin in memory of Pete Cluck and in honor of Ralph Bort. Mrs. H.E. McClellan contributed in memory of Herb McClellan; the Hix Spiveys in memory of Ward and Elizabeth Spivey; the John Armes family in memory of Johnny; and June Barkley in memory of Dayton Barkley. June Barkley also contributed in honor of her children - Rick and Peggy, Dave and Regina, Julie and Randy, Callie and Larry. She also contributed in honor of her grandchildren Cody, Bailey, Kyler, Lacy, Lindsay, Whitt, Tanner and Dayt.

Those contributing in honor of Mrs. J.F. Cator were David and Marian Tomlinson and family and Don and Janie Evans and family.

Other contributors include Xsi Psi Kappa Sorority, Alpha Mu Psi Sorority, Gruver Lions Club, Panhandle Marketing, Gruver

Ford, Gruver Lumber, Hansford Supply, Gruver Farm Supply, Grotegut Seed, G&G Foodliner and Gruver Cablevision (Sonny and Skeeze Riley and Pat Morley).

Other individuals and/or families are Mrs. Harley Alexander, who adopted five trees; A.J. Ratliff; the Jack Weldons; Delbert Williams; David Armes family; T.J. and Charlotte Bergin, Dean and Cluck and family; Pauline Hale; Charles and Linda Gregg; and Tasha Haight.

Others are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nash, Don Ross family, Randy Brown family, Corky Chapman, Tommy and Carla Gumfory, the James Dormans, the John Robinsons, Charles and Florence Kruse, Steve and Charmaine Gross, Mrs. J.F. Cator, Jim and Geneva Edleman, Dave Barkley, Polly Jones, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, George C. Lowe, Clifford George, E. A. Williams, J.C. Harris, Danny Fiel and Delano and Barbara Cluck.

A special thanks goes to those who donated their time in helping to wire the trees and fixing the wiring on tree stands, decorating the gazebo and hanging lights. A list of those includes Danny Fiel, Dale Red, Mary Jo Robinson, Joe and Jody Robinson, Mary and Jack Weldon, Haley Kimbel, Ron Dunning, Victor and Donna Taylor and Charlotte Bergin. Thanks goes also to A.J. Ratliff and the Chamber of Commerce and all those who donated money to have their tree lit.



(photo by Joy Henderson)

Winners in the Thursday, Dec. 13 "Gruver Bucks" drawing included (l-r) Tiffanie Crane, 50 Bucks; Linda Walters, 100 Bucks; and Dee Renteria, 50 Bucks.



(photo by Joy Henderson)

Participants in the recent "Jump Rope for Heart" event to benefit the Hansford County American Heart Association included Kaylee Holt, Miranda Thoreson, Krystle Deeds, Wesley Miser, Charlie Stavlo, Kallie Cluck, Dusty Echardt and Lundy Tolleson.

Jumpers raise money

by Joy Henderson

\$4,333.00.

The Hansford Unit of the American Heart Association recently conducted a "Jump for Heart" fund raiser.

The boys and girls were under the leadership of Coach Shane Reagan and they were able to raise

Those participating were from Kindergarten through 4th grade and those volunteering were Kaylee Holt, Miranda Thoreson, Krystle Deeds, Wesley Miser, Monalisa Garcia, Charlie Stavlo, Kallie Cluck, Dusty Echardt and Lundy Tolleson.

NHS attends ballet

by Gretchen Lowder

The Gruver National Honor Society (NHS) traveled to Amarillo Sunday, Dec. 9 to attend "The Nutcracker," a production of the Lone Star Ballet and the Amarillo Symphony.

The 12 students left late Sunday afternoon for Amarillo, many of them never having seen a ballet before. The majority of them, however, were impressed by the production and said they would love to attend the ballet more often.

"I loved it," said Meredith Runyan, senior at GHS. "I had never been to one before and I just thought it was great." Other students felt much the same way about the production. "I never realized that so much could be expressed through dance," said one student. "The Nutcracker" wasn't

just a good ballet, it was a good story."

Mike Burnam and his wife Pat Burnam, English teacher at GHS, who volunteered to go as sponsors, took the students out to eat following the performance. The sponsors seemed to enjoy the ballet as well, and were pleasantly surprised at the students' reactions. "I think having the experience of seeing the production was well worth the trip," said Pat Burnam. Of the students she sponsored, Burnam said, "I would take this group of students anywhere, anytime."

The students returned home last Sunday night. The majority seemed to enjoy the ballet and hope to attend again very soon. The students agreed that seeing "The Nutcracker" was a cultural experience they wouldn't have wanted to miss.

Brownies earn patch

This year Brownie Scout Troop 73 has been organized and is under the leadership of Linda Walters and Elida Rodriguez. The Brownies of Gruver began with four little girls from K-3rd grade and have increased their membership to eight girls.

Lessons and projects this year have been on Caring and Sharing, for which they earned their patch. After the school year began the girls conducted a fund raising project by selling nuts and nut candy. Also, for a Christmas project, the girls sent cards to the military per-

sonnel from Gruver who are stationed in Saudi Arabia. On January 8 the Brownies will begin their annual Cookie Kick-off.

The girls are now on their Christmas break, but when they begin their meetings in January, they will be studying safety. They welcome any new members. They meet on Mondays from 4 to 5:15 p.m. at the Church of Christ fellowship building. Interested persons can call Linda Walters at 733-2578 for information or to place cookie orders.

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PUC approves landmark \$1.2 billion consumer package

On November 28, the Texas Public Utility Commission approved an agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone and 24 other parties which will boost the Texas economy and provide customer benefits worth more than \$1.2 billion during the next four years.

Originally called Texas First, the negotiated settlement was the culmination of nearly two years of intense discussion among PUC staff, Southwestern Bell and the 25 intervening groups. It represents a turning point for telecommunications in Texas.

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Under the terms of the settlement, our Texas customers will receive the largest telephone rate reduction in the history of the PUC. This agreement benefits every telephone customer in every community of Texas. It also provides us an incentive to modernize our statewide network without increasing your basic telephone costs.

Highlights of the agreement

- ▶ A one-time credit to all residential and business customers beginning with bills received in December.
- ▶ A four-year cap on basic local telephone service rates.
- ▶ Rate reductions on several monthly service items, including Touch-tone.
- ▶ Reduction in residence service connection charges.
- ▶ Reductions in Southwestern Bell's long distance, WATS and 800-service rates.
- ▶ Reduced access charges to long distance companies, with flow-through of resulting savings to many long distance customers.
- ▶ A Lifeline program for eligible low-income customers providing a \$7.00 monthly discount.
- ▶ Elimination of party-line service with no associated rate increase for existing customers.
- ▶ Elimination of monthly mileage charges now paid by rural customers who live outside the base rate calling area.
- ▶ Expanded optional toll-free calling to 52 cities around Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.
- ▶ A flexible earnings range for Southwestern Bell in Texas.
- ▶ Opportunity for customers to share in profits earned by the company over the next four years.

When do benefits begin?

The benefits of the agreement have already begun! The one-time credit should appear on your December bill. The reduction in Touch-tone monthly charges and long distance should begin in days. And, you can count on your basic local service rate not to increase for the next four years.

Other more complex changes will, obviously, take a little more time to complete. The elimination of party-line service and mileage charges for customers outside the base rate calling area as well as installation of new central office equipment will take place throughout the next 48 months. Don't worry. We'll be providing you specific information well before the effective dates.

What does this plan mean to our community?

The agreement gives our community an even stronger sense of certainty. We know that we can count on the benefits of the approved program and plan accordingly. That goes a long way in helping us compete with other areas for new businesses. After all, with a first class telecommunications network in place, we increase the opportunities for economic development and jobs creation.

In these times of fluctuating economic conditions, residence and business customers can receive the benefits of low telephone rates and count on four years of basic local telephone service without an increase in rates. For our eligible low-income customers, a new Lifeline service could provide a \$7.00 monthly discount.

Thank You

The Public Utility Commission took a giant step forward when it approved this landmark case. And, I'm sure their actions were in no small way due to the overwhelming public response throughout the entire two year process. Through literally thousands of letters, calls and resolutions, communities all over Texas made it clear they wanted this enlightened plan implemented.

Bringing modern telecommunications to all communities of Texas is a job Southwestern Bell proudly accepts. We intend to keep you posted as we move further into the implementation of the program. And, if you need more information - Let's Talk!

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GHS choir performs Christmas songs

by Gretchen Lowder

The Gruver High School Choir showed its talent Thursday, Dec. 6 by performing Christmas songs at Gruver State Bank.

Citizens of Gruver gathered Thursday to participate in the "Gruver Bucks" drawing which was held in the bank. Merchants from several businesses had the drawing to give away two \$50 gift certificates and one \$100 gift certificate to be spent at certain businesses in the local area.

People who attended the event said they were very impressed with the choir and enjoyed hearing the Christmas songs. Choir members also seemed to feel good about their performance and had many positive things to say about the experience. "It was fun, and now we're not so nervous because we've got our first performance over with," said Holly Venneman. "We worked really well as a group."

The group put a great deal of work into the three songs that were

performed, including "Christmas Star", "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" and "Holly Jolly Christmas." "Working so hard on something that has to be done together just seems to bring out the best in you," said one choir member.

The choir, which has not had enough interest in past years to develop a class, has increased greatly this year. "We need more people to join, but it is a beginning," said Janelle Haefner, choir member. "In a couple of years we hope to build the program," she added.

The young choir is under the direction of Todd Parker, first time choir teacher and three year band director for GHS. "Mr. Parker is a good choir director even though it's his first year," said Henry Zapata, choir member.

Although the choir is young, members have already had a productive year and are anticipating growth in the choir program in the future.

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Obituary

Emmett R. Sanders
 Emmett R. Sanders, 66, died Thursday, Dec. 13.
 Born in Hansford County, Mr. Sanders was a lifelong resident. He was a graduate of Spearman High School, where he was senior class president and valedictorian. He was a graduate of the University of Texas and attended the University of Texas Law School.
 He was employed by Hansford Abstract Co. for almost 50 years. He was a realtor, operating Emmett R. Sanders Realty, and also was engaged in oil and gas leasing.
 He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the board of directors of the Stationmaster's House Museum, a board member of Hansford County Library, First United Methodist Church and Texas Association of Realtors. He was also active for many years as a volunteer for the Adobe Walls Boy Scout Council and was a member of the Elks Lodge in Perryton.
 Survivors include a daughter, Kellie Rhea Sanders of Amarillo; a son, Alan Roger Sanders of

Houston; two brothers, Dr. Roy Sanders of Las Vegas, Nev. and Dr. J.C. Sanders of Chanute, Kan.; and three sisters, Lorine Lester of Clayton, N.M., Wini Steffen of Burdett, Kan. and Evelyn Sanders of Arvada, Colo.
 Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 17 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Holt Cemetery.
 The family requests memorials be to the Stationmaster's House Museum or to Hansford County Library in Spearman.



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