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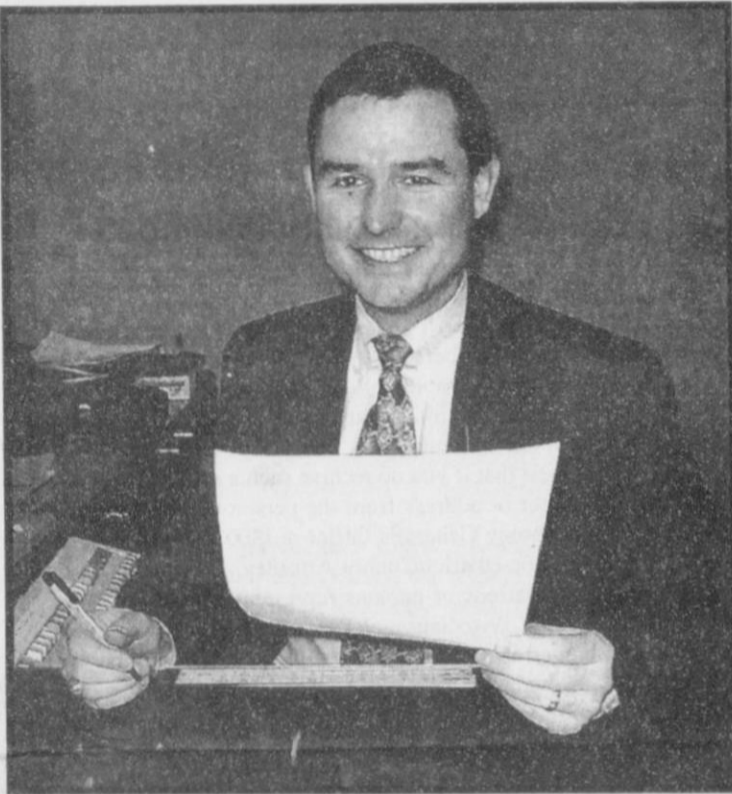
### NOTICE

This our last issue for 1998. We will not publish on Thursday, December 31st. The next issue of the Reporter-Statesman will be published on Thursday, January 7, 1999.

Our office will be closed from Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 4th.

We wish for you and your family a very merry Christmas and the happiest of new years.

Gary, Cathy & Clayton Smith



Bret Burgin

### Bergin Named VP

First State Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Bret Burgin to Vice President of lending. Bret has been with the bank since 1990 and is serving as a commercial loan officer.

Bret graduated from Texas A&M with a BS Degree in Animal Science. He is involved in many civic organizations some of which are Spearhead Corp., Lions Club, Spearman Fire Department, Hansford County Stock Show Board, Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team, Extension Service Advisory Council, President of United Methodist Men, Pastor-Parish Relation Committee, and is on the Administrative Council of the Spearman Methodist Church.

He is married to Paige, and they have one daughter, Jacie.



The Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center held their annual open house on Thursday, December 17th. They also held the drawing for the quilted wall-hanging. Kathy Bryant is pictured as she presents the wall-hanging to the winner, Lucille Schad of Gruver. Lucille was especially pleased to win the wall-hang as her daughter, Debbie Etheridge of Dumas, had seen it when it was being pieced together and fell in love with it. Lucille gave it to her for Christmas the day after winning it.

### SISD Begins Superintendent Search



Mark Sheets (Center) is pictured above with Tom Jarboe and Bert Grimes, members of the Superintendent Search Committee for Spearman I.S.D.

The Spearman ISD Board of Trustees has selected the Texas Association of School Boards to assist with the selection process for a new superintendent. Willard Murrey, superintendent, has accepted the superintendency of Medina Valley ISD.

The TASB Superintendent Search Service assists boards in recruiting and receiving applicants for the position of Superintendent. The search service consists of 18 members throughout the state, all of which are retired school personnel. Each school district

being represented is assigned someone who will be in charge of that particular search, giving it individual attention.

The representative chosen for Spearman is Bert Grimes of Petersburg, who will be assisted by Tom Jarboe of Friona; both are retired superintendents.

One of the first objectives is to acquire a profile for the prospective superintendent. In an effort to do this, Mr. Grimes and Mr. Jarboe conducted a community meeting on Monday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the high school

auditorium. The community meeting provided an opportunity for members of the community to provide their input in order to assist in identifying the desired professional and personal characteristics of the new superintendent.

TASB representatives also met with the Rotary and Lions Club, school staff, administrators, students and school board to build the desired profile of the new superintendent. The collected information will be utilized in the selection process.

*the Spirit of Christmas*

### Community Christmas Dinner

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

Sponsored by Friends of Spearman.

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



# Happy Birthday!

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

**December 24**  
**Birthday** - Glendon Eting, Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn Edwards, Sandee Smith

**Anniversary** - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Fulkerson

**December 25**  
**Birthday** - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean Womble, John Cass

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Red Byrd, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Shook

**December 26**  
**Birthday** - Jennifer Dahl, Glenda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris Perez

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. L.T. Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Womble, Eugene & Judy Yarbrough, Cari & Brandon Baker

**December 27**  
**Birthday** - Lance Sparks, Sue Close, Jesse Renteria Sr., Shane Abel, Lynn Vernon, Ruth Skinner, Edna Grimmer, Judy McCloy, Julie Deakin, Nicole Burgess, Chad Knowlton

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Younger, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Blodgett, Mr. & Mrs. David Tuner, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Todd Parker

**December 28**  
**Birthday** - Autumn Gruver, Delbert Williams, Billy Dave Hand, Frank Edwards, Billie Haden, Jennifer Wells, Kenneth Bullard, Ann Flowers, Fred Mayfield, Pauline Mayes, Tina Breedon, Joyce Vanderberg, Mary Hart, Verna Jean Boone, Samantha Cummings, Debbie Hornsby

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Everett Tracy, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy McLeod, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Shapley, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Deeds, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Holt, Annetta & Charles McIver, Larry & Robbie Butts

**December 29**  
**Birthday** - Bray Armes, Erin Bergin, Tony Cazares, Amy Tolleson, Cecilia Trejo, Jerry Williams, Mrs. W.T. Woodward, Sharon Rhea, Deanna Martin, Del Baskin, Julie Barkley, Thomas Reyes, Robert Elliott, Ed McIntyre, Deann Rosales, Martin Rasor, Brittany Taylor, Connie Wood

**Anniversary** - Don & Gwen McLain, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Papay, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Spivey, Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connell, Mr. & Mrs. John Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Harris, James & Karen Schnell

**December 30**  
**Birthday** - Kelly Blasingame, Julie Meyer, Edith Pipkin, Kim Younger, Angela Van Buskirk, Robert Cochran, Fern Robinson, Robert Black, Traci White, James Red, Sammie Goehring, Kelley Ogilvie, Joyce Simon

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Behne, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Renner, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Josephson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Thoreson, Mr. & Mrs. Van Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Ferguson, Doug & Linda Cummings

**December 31**  
**Birthday** - Lera Beasley, Scott Houghton Jr., Justin Pressley, JoAnn Schneider, John Gaither, Jerry Ross Jr., Hazel Stumph, Rick Morris, Helen Boyd, Seth Redwine, Andrew Vela, Billy Joe Boyd, Ray Brandvik, Heather Gammon, Lucy Gilmore, Delfino Parra, Kare Thompson

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Rojas Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cluck, Mr. & Mrs. John Gaither, Michael and Patricia Quillin, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Arrington, Mr. & Mrs. Marlon Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page, Mr. & Mrs. James Smith, Jim & Marlene Miller

**January 1**  
**Birthday** - Teresa Boyd, Kenneth Stewart, Daylynn Brummett Johnson, Bill Jackson, Virginia Trindell, Carolyn Cummings, Andy Francis, S.B. Sheets, Alberto Rosalez, Rhonda Ross, Willie Salgado, Craig Vinson, Bertie Frazier, Elizabeth Sumner, Melba Olsen, Audrie Behne, Carl Baumgardner

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Connelly, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Fairbanks, Mr. & Mrs. I.W. Ayres, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Ramsey

**January 2**  
**Birthday** - John Armes, Dean Cluck, Chelsea Reid, Silvia Holgin, Troy Smith, Lynetta Woodward, Dwight Gillispie, Brian Dillow, Rebecca Dillow, Nelda Winn, Olivia Salgado, Garrett Martin

**Anniversary** - Lupe & Debbie Trejo

**January 3**  
**Birthday** - Altha Fisher, Elmon Jacobs, Brandon Close, Daryl Hergert, Lois Shieldknight, Charles Bartz, Martha Villalobos, Betsy Ward, Joe Morris, Rodger Ferguson, Lorraine Schick

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Wilbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Lowe

**January 4**  
**Birthday** - Marlene Davis, Emma Lou Collins, Allen Mires, Denise Ware, Janie Kunselman, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Lori Haight

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago

**January 5**  
**Birthday** - Brice Lewis, Kent Rempel, Lynetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, Scotty DeWitt, Becky

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Stinson, Rick Cazares, Terri Hart, Jacinda Perez, Kent Rempel

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Blan

**January 6**  
**Birthday** - Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valorie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kentron

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Stork

**January 7**  
**Birthday** - Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriguez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Baylee Garland, Dorothy Nolner, Kimberly Irwin

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nash, Mr. & Mrs. Crockett Tidwell

**January 8**  
**Birthday** - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Lena Langston, Amanda Schneider

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

**January 9**  
**Birthday** - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blan

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensingier, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Lex Logsdon

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# Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
I would like to address a problem that I had recently with the Spearman Ambulance Service.

I called the Spearman Ambulance at 3:00 p.m. for my husband and requested that our paramedic be called. I got no answer. The ambulance arrived with only a driver. He put oxygen on my husband and took his blood pressure. The police chief and another man arrived at this time. The driver informed me that there was a personnel problem, and the Gruver ambulance was being called.

After fifteen or twenty minutes, I became concerned for my husband's welfare and I asked the driver to call our paramedic, again he didn't answer.

At this time a member of my family called her. She came as a friend of my family and did not interfere with what was being done to my husband.

The Gruver ambulance finally arrived after about forty minutes and put him in their ambulance and started an I.V.

If my husband had had a life-threatening emergency, could he have survived an hour's wait? What has happened to our ambulance service since the change in leadership has occurred?

We have used the Spearman Ambulance Service several times. We used it twice last December. The service at that time was very professional, and everyone was considerate. There is no comparison between last Monday and our previous experiences with the ambulance service.

My husband has been diagnosed with a heart attack and has been in intensive care and receiving blood transfusions.

I realize the ambulance crews are volunteers, and we owe them a big Thank You! Thank you, Gruver!

Wanda Stewart

## Sheriff's Association Of Texas Policy On No Telephone Solicitations

submitted by Gary Evans, Hansford County Deputy

We, at the Sheriff's Association of Texas, would like to bring to your attention that the Sheriff's Association of Texas never solicits by the telephone for its membership. All of our contact with you will be by mail! If you receive a telephone call asking you to join our Association, make a donation or buy an advertisement, please know that it is not from our Association.

We would request that if you do receive such a call, please attempt to get a phone number or address from the person calling and promptly call the Texas Attorney General's Office at (800) 252-8011 or contact your local Sheriff or District/County Attorney. It concerns us deeply when other organizations or persons represent themselves or use the name of the Sheriff's Association of Texas for their own purpose.

Please remember, all of our contact will be by mail unless you have contacted us and requested we return your call. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact us. We would be happy to speak with you. We never telemarket and we never sell your name!

## It's A Girl!

Chet and Toni Pittman wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Leann Pittman on December 5, 1998 at 12:45 a.m. at Memorial Hospital in Guymon. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Lucy and Frank Pittman and Melvin and Elaine Majers, of Morse. Great-grandparents are Erlis and Ethel Pittman of Spearman, L.J. and Fanny Norman of Granite, OK, Rosalie Cator of Gruver, Louise Williams of Macon, MO, and Mildred Magers of Kirksville, MO. Great-great-grandmother is Sylvia Steele of Kirksville, MO.

She was welcomed home by three-and-a-half-year-old brother Paxton and two-year-old sister, Eva Jo.

## Let us replenish the seed of faith through... DAILY BIBLE READING, PRAYER & REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE



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### The Jesus Video

The Hansford County Jesus Video Project steering committee organized believing God would have us to move closer to fulfilling the great commission found in Matthew 28 by distributing the movie Jesus to every home in our county and school districts.

After prayer, the date for handing out these videos was set for January 24, 1999. That meant that the training had to come on January 17, 1999. However, we had no funds with which to purchase the videos and other needed supplies in order to be effective. We then issued a plea for money. Trusting God to provide these funds by the proper date, so that we could proceed with the current plans, we laid our request for donations before you, the people of Hansford County. We knew that if, in fact, we were within God's timing, He would provide the contributions. If the contributions were to fail, we would accept that we were not within God's timing, commit the dates to prayer once again, and follow a new leading from God.

Well, God's people responded!! You have given of your money, for which we are truly grateful! Thanks to you, we are very close to reaching our minimum goal of \$12,000.00 Please remember us as you are making your Christmas memorials and honorariums, and year end contributions!

And so that brings us to a new aspect of our project. You have given of your money, now would you give of yourself and your time? We need volunteers who are willing to attend training and participate in a prayer walk on the 17th of January, distribute videos on the 24th, and follow up 3-4 weeks later. We are trusting God for a minimum of 100-150 volunteers participate with us. The more volunteers we have, the smaller the area you will have to cover, and follow-up will be accomplished more completely.

Each steering committee member has a sheet. Please contact one of us to put your name on the list quickly so that the committee can get an accurate count of volunteers and begin dividing up the county and school districts accordingly. We needed your money-you continue to give. We now need you-please volunteer!

\*Tax deductible donations are currently being accepted. Please make checks payable to: Jesus Video Project of Hansford County. Mail to: Dan Carter, 621 S. Endicott, Spearman, TX 79081.

\*\*Volunteers are welcomed. Contact any steering committee member. Jim Deakin, Carla Conley, Dan Carter, Lois Shieldknight, Rev. Beverly Cook, Virginia Trindle, Danny Hendricks, Alton Ellsworth, Sonny Kell, Mary Brock, Nona Schell, Leann Gillaspie, or Mike Martin.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship & Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Youth Service: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Children's Choir: 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - James Brown

**First Assembly of God**  
401 N. Bemis • 659-2295  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
Kids Church: 10:35 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.  
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday  
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
29 S. Bemis • 659-2036  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Bible Study  
Worship: 6:30 p.m. Sun.  
Senior Minister - Joseph Weeks

**First Baptist Church**  
123 N. Bemis • 659-5557  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Dismissal Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Meeting: 8 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Rick Patrick  
Min. of Youth/Education - Brian Foster

**Church of Christ**  
121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship: p.m.  
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.  
KRDF Radio Program  
Living With Christ: 7:50 a.m. MF  
Minister - Willie Tolison

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
901 Roland • 659-2792  
Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - English  
(9:00 a.m. Service on KRDF 98.3 FM)  
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### In Gruver ...

**First Baptist Church**  
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor - Scott Curry

**Church of Christ**  
209 King • 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
510 King • 733-2960  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30, Sunday  
Young Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sunday  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gurnbury

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
6 Miles West & 12 Miles  
North of Gruver  
339-7700  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor - John R. Chandler

**Gruver United Methodist**  
Broadway & Garrett • 733-2651  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
Pastor - Jerry Moore

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

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# Laugh and Live

by Gary C. Smith

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## The Doll And A White Rose

**Editor's Note:** The following was story submitted by Jeff Smith. He found it on the internet and wanted to share it.

I hurried into the local department store to grab some last minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. I would be in here forever and I just had so much to do. Christmas was beginning to become such a drag. I kind of wished that I could just sleep through Christmas. But, I hurried the best I could through all the people to the toy department.

Once again I kind of mumbled to myself at the prices of all these toys. And wondered if the grandkids would even play with them.

I found myself in the doll aisle. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a little boy about 5 holding a lovely doll. He kept touching her hair and he held her so gently. I could not seem to help myself. I just keep looking over at the little boy and wondered who the doll was for.

I watched him turn to a woman and he called his aunt by name and said, "Are you sure I don't have enough money?" She replied a bit impatiently, "You know that you don't have enough money for it."

The aunt told the little boy not to go anywhere that she had to go get some other things and would be back in a few minutes. And then she left the aisle. The boy continued to hold the doll.

After a bit I asked the boy who the doll was for. He said, "It is the doll my sister wanted so badly for Christmas. She just knew that Santa would bring it."

I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it. He said, "No, Santa can't go where my sister is. I have to give the doll to my Momma to take to her."

I asked him where his sister was. He looked at me with the saddest eyes and said, "She has gone to be with Jesus." My Daddy says that Momma is going to have to go be with her.

My heart nearly stopped beating. Then the boy looked at me again and said, "I told my Daddy to tell Momma not to go yet. I told him to tell her to wait 'till I got back from the store."

Then he asked me if I wanted to see his picture. I told him I would love to. He pulled out some pictures he had taken at the front of the store. He said, "I want my Momma to take this with her so she don't ever forget me. I love my Momma so very much and I wish she did not have to leave me, but Daddy says she will need to be with my sister."

I saw that the little boy had lowered his head and had grown so very quiet. While he was not looking I reached into my purse and pulled out a hand full of bills.

I asked the little boy, "Shall we count that money one more time?" He grew excited and said, "Yes! I just know it has to be enough."

So, I slipped my money in with his and began to count it. And, of course, it was plenty for the doll. He softly said, "Thank you, Jesus, for giving me enough money." Then the boy said, "I just asked Jesus to give me enough money to buy this doll so Momma can take it with her to give to my sister. And He heard my prayer."

"I wanted to ask him for enough to buy my Momma a white rose, but I didn't ask him, but he gave me enough to buy the doll and a rose for my Momma. She loves white roses so very much."

In a few minutes the aunt came back and I wheeled my cart away. I could not keep from thinking about the little boy as I finished my shopping in a totally different spirit than when I had started.

I remembered a story I had seen in the newspaper several days earlier about a drunk driver hitting a car and killing a little girl and the mother was in serious condition. The family was deciding on whether to remove the life support. Now surely this little boy did not belong with that story.

Two days later I read in the paper where the family had disconnected the life support and the young woman had died. I could not forget the little boy and just kept wondering if the two were somehow connected.

Later that day I could not help myself and I went out and bought some white roses and took them to the funeral home where the young woman was. And there she was, holding a lovely white rose, the beautiful doll, and the picture of the little boy in the store.

I left there in tears, my life changed forever. The love that little boy had for his little sister and his mother was overwhelming. And in a split second a drunk driver had ripped the life of that little boy to pieces.

## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

**JTPA Funds Available For Texas Panhandle Residents**  
Need training to get a job? You may qualify for Job Training Partnership Act which includes free college or on-the-job training. Contact Pat Rinehart at the Texas Workforce Commission, 103 W. 4th Street in Borger, or call (806) 274-3242 for an appointment. JTPA programs in the Panhandle of Texas are made available by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission as administrator for the Panhandle Workforce Development Partnership.

### Christmas Card Fund

The Hansford County Hospital Auxiliary began their annual fund raiser on December 1st. The Christmas Card Fund is money that is donated instead of mailing Christmas Cards and is used for equipment and supplies that are not funded in the budget for the hospital and manor.

**Holiday Hours For Golden Spread Senior Center**  
The Golden Spread Senior Center will be closed on December 24th and 25th for Christmas and December 31st and January 1st for the New Year's holidays.

### Toys for Tots

The High Country Chevy Dealers Ad Association is working with the Marine Corps to gather Toys for Tots. They are in need of new unwrapped toys. Local donations may be made at Prairie Motors, Inc. All toys will be kept and distributed locally by the Spearman Lions Club.

### Bethesda Outreach

Bethesda Outreach has now been in operation for one year and we are having good results from the program. We are endeavoring to expand our ministry. If you are having a hard time with your finances, are out of work and need temporary help with food, this distribution is at present being held at the Trinity Fellowship church on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. You must be there by this time to receive groceries. We as a community are here to help you and especially through this holiday season. Bethesda is now receiving coats for all ages to help others during the winter months. If you would like to be a part of this community outreach with your personal help or your finances, whether with a one time gift or a monthly pledge you may contact us at Bethesda 659-2671. We also have a prayer line that you may call at either of the following numbers: 659-2671 or 659-1743.

### Holt Community Afghans For Sale

The Holt Extension Club has 12 Holt Community Afghans for sale at \$35.00 each. For more information, or to purchase an Afghan, call Ruth Ann Jones at 659-3486.

### Genealogy Class

If you would like to learn more about your roots, come learn the basics on how to begin tracing your family history. You will gain an overview of methods used, research techniques and recording of information. If you are in the process of tracing your history and have come to a block, this class will be useful to you. Members of the Spearman Genealogy Club and the Community Resource Program will sponsor the class. The class will be held on Monday, January 11, 1999 from 7-9 p.m. at Spearman High School. The cost for the class will be \$10.00. For more information, call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Nita Bynum at 659-2842.

### Coffee Memorial Blood Drive

A Coffee Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Monday, December 28th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Spearman. Coffee Memorial Blood Center would like to remind everyone of the increased need for blood during the holiday season, and would like to encourage everyone to donate. Free t-shirts will be given to each donor.

### GED Preparation Classes

If you need help in preparing for your GED test, GED preparation classes will be held beginning January 18th to assist you. For those participating in the class, the GED test will be given on Monday, March 15th (GED testing may be rescheduled due to student scheduling conflicts). Class will be offered on Monday nights for 8 weeks from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Practice tests will be given to help with your study plan. These classes will be a Partner in Education project with Brown, Graham & Co. in Spearman. Students needing more information should call Cindy Blackman, 659-3233, Glenda Guthrie, 659-2584, or Myrna Biggers, 659-1766. There is no fee for the Partners in Education GED class.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed Thursday, December 24th-Friday, January 1st. We will not print a December 31st issue. Our next issue will be the January 7th issue. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 4th. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.

## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising for the Hansford County Reporter Statesman is Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline may be published at a later date.  
Catherine Smith, Editor

I have what I believe to be the world's best mother-in-law. Sandra Ritchie is an exceptional woman of enormous compassion and grace.

She recently sent me this poem.  
I thought that it was very appropriate for the Christmas Season. Perhaps with the turmoil and upheaval in the world it is more appropriate now than ever.

### Wait

Desperately, helplessly, longingly I cried; quietly, patiently, lovingly God replied. I pled and I wept for a clue to my fate, and the Master so gently said, "Child you must wait."

Wait? You say, wait? My indignant reply. Lord, I need answers, I need to know why! Is your hand shortened? Or have you not heard? By faith, I have asked, and am claiming your Word.

My future and all to which I can relate hangs in the balance and you tell me to WAIT? I'm needing a "yes," a go-ahead sign, or even a "no" to which I can resign.

And Lord, you promised that if we believe we need but to ask, and we shall receive. And Lord, I've been asking, and this is my cry, I'm weary of asking, I need a reply!

Then quietly, softly, I learned of my fate as my Master replied once again, "You must wait."

So, I slumped in my chair, defeated and taut and grumbled to God, so I'm waiting...for what?

He seemed then to kneel, and His eyes wept with mine, and He tenderly said, "I could give you a sign. I could shake the heavens and darken the sun, I could raise the dead and cause mountains to run. All you seek I could give, and pleased you would be. You would have what you want, but you would not know Me.

You'd not know the depth of My love for each saint, You'd not know the power that I give to the faint. You'd not learn to see through the clouds of despair, You'd not learn to trust just by knowing I'm there.

You'd not know the joy of resting in Me, when darkness and silence were all you could see.

You'd never experience that fullness of love as the peace of My Spirit descends like a dove. You'd know that I give and I save...(for a start), but you'd not know the depth of the beat of My heart.

The glow of My comfort late into the night. The faith that I give when you walk without sign. The depth that's beyond getting just what you asked of an infinite God, who makes what you have last.

You'd never know, should your pain quickly flee, what it means that "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Yes, your dreams for your loved one overnight would come true, but, oh the loss, if I lost what I'm doing in you! So, be silent, My child, and in time you will see, that the greatest of gifts is to get to know Me.

And though oft' My answers seem terribly late, My most precious answer of all is still, Wait.

Author unknown

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## Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The ProRodeo National Finals in Las Vegas was of much interest to many in the community. Danny and Delinda McLaughlin were there one fun filled weekend. They enjoyed their lodging at the Monte Carlo hotel and the many places for sight-seeing. They were especially interested in the performances of Denny McClanahan of Canadian.

Returning on the plane to Amarillo, they found they were in the company Phillip and Lynna Renner, Sonny Windom, Kathleen, Omar and Sharon Sutton, Phil Sanders, Cheryl Hill, Mike and Sandi Pearson, Judy and John Anders.

On Tuesday morning an automobile accident on FM Highway #281 east of Spearman, just over the Ochiltree County line resulted in only minor injuries. On an S curve some trees have grown in the barrow ditch, obscuring the view.

Mrs. Barry (Kelli) Beck with four-year-old Haley and two-year-old Travis were in their van and were turning in to pick up their mail when they were struck by a Schwan's Ice Cream delivery van.

Kelli was brought to Hansford hospital, treated and released. The children, securely buckled in, were not injured. The truck driver was uninjured also.

Both vehicles had to be towed in to Spearman.

Martha Haden and Billy Ray Haden of Amarillo flew to University of Texas Arlington to attend the graduation exercises on Saturday, the 12th.

They watched with pride as Jimmy, the son of Martha and Billy, graduated *cuma sum laud*.

His degree is a BBA in finance. He has put in many long days and nights as he worked and also attended school. He has been working for the Sprint Telephone Company of Dallas and will continue his employment with them.

Billy Haden had to savor the occasion by long distance as he had just been dismissed from Northwest Texas hospital following successful brain surgery.

Now, Billy has no *cuma sum laud* degrees but he feels he should pass on to Jimmy some vocabulary advice from his vast association and appreciation for the fair sex (don't ask how he learned).

His advice-you may call your lady a kitten-but don't call her a cat; you may call her your little mouse-but don't call her a rat; you may call her a chick-but don't call her a

hen; you may call her a vision-but don't call her a sight. Billy-such advice is invaluable!!

At 4:30 A. M. Sunday morning in the icy weather, Danny Knox started the long drive back to his home in Evanston, Wyoming.

He had driven down last Wednesday to spend several days pheasant hunting with his dad, Don Knox. They report excellent results.

Hansford Hospital patrons are dismayed to learn that two of their favorite and capable employees will be moving.

Robbie Dewberry has taken the position of Accountant/Systems Manager at the 50 bed hospital in Eastland, Texas. That is on Highway #20 near Breckenridge.

In addition to this being a promotion, it will offer him an opportunity to do some college work to finish his degree.

Terri, a nurse here, will also be accepting a position as soon as school is out here in the spring. She hopes to complete training in emergency and surgical nursing which will be available.

Robbie has been working in Eastland during the week and filling in at Hansford Hospital on the week-ends until a replacement will be available. He will continue to serve on the Spearman school board until his term is up in May.

Their sons, Ryan, an 8th grader, plans to enter high school in Eastland. Tommy, who will be a senior, plans to finish here. He will be residing with his great grandmother, Helen Pracher.

All the neighbors congratulate the Dewberys on the advancement of their careers and wish them the best of luck.

The Plain Spoken column in the Amarillo Globe-News on Sunday was about the death last week of Rudy Bolt. He was an Amarillo veteran of-WWII and was in the brutal, inhuman Bataan Death March of prisoners of war of the Japanese.

He frequently referred to his good friend, Leroy Sheets of Spearman, who was with him and died in the march. Mr. Bolt named his son for Leroy.

Francis Cudd, sister of Leroy, who seldom has time to read the paper that early, somehow was drawn to the item which revived such sad memories. Leroy's brothers still in Spearman are Daniel, Claude Jr, Branch and S. B.

With the current military situation in the near East, several families with sons in the military are concerned and apprehensive.

Sgt. Alan Beeson, son of Jim and Linda Beeson, currently serving in Kuwait with the HHC Armored Battalion 2nd Brigade from Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

Alan has been in Kuwait since August 18th. He received the Secretary of Army Accommodation Medal in October, 1998, and has received four Army Achievement Medals since being in Kuwait.

Alan's wife, Shellie, and four year old son, Dillon, live in Jesup, Georgia. He was expected home on December 17, but due to Desert Fox, his tour in Kuwait has been extended indefinitely.

Alan was with the 2nd Armored Cavalry during Desert Shield and Desert Storm from 1990 through 1992. During that time he received two Certificates of Achievement Awards and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He reenlisted in June, 1996.

Alan is a 1988 graduate of Spearman High.

Chris and Miranda Lopez, with daughter Jordan, is expected in Spearman to be here Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Loomis.

Chris has been stationed at the Naval Sub Base in Bremeton, Washington. As of this writing, they are visiting his parents, Paul and Adela Lopez, now of Little field.

His unit is not expecting to see active duty in the Iraq situation. Chris is a graduate of Spearman High.

Nina and Don Hendricks have

two grandsons in the service. Don Hendricks, son of Rick Hendricks, is stationed at Benning in the army. There is a report that they are being readied for overseas duty.

Scott Bullard, the son of Vickie and R. W. Bullard, is Chief on the Aircraft Carrier Enterprise which is in action in the Persian Gulf. It is in the news almost daily.

Scott's wife and two children are still in Abilene.

Deep is the sadness of the many, many friends of Martha Latham with her passing Saturday morning. Her detailed obituary is elsewhere in the issue.

Martha has lived here since her marriage. She touched many lives, and her gentle influence was felt by all and will be from now on.

Sincere sympathy is extended to all of her family, especially to Orvill and their sons.

Dwayne Smith reports for the week ending December 28th the highest temperature was 67 degrees on December 14th; the lowest on December 21st at 7 degrees; inch snow on 21st - trace.

The older weather forecasters are wrong more often than the younger ones of course - they have had more experience in being wrong.

Next week your neighbor will be in a state of fascination by three genius'; the intelligence, personality, beauty, brilliance of three baby great-grandsons - Peyton, Zack, and Kord.

May the true meaning of Christmas be with all - especially with those whose hearts are burdened with grief.

After this column was finished comes word of the passing of our beloved brother, Wilson, (J.W.) Buchanan

The physical quality of his life had deteriorated this past year and he was in a nursing home in Dumas. After a seemingly pleasant day, he was in bed when his tired

heart just stopped.

Memories come crowding in-of childhood at Hansford and some of his daredevil escapades; of his cowboy days and his accidents, or his youthful orneriness. As a young man while attending a bull fight in Juarez with Spearman friends, he entered the ring on a bet and rode the bull, much to the chagrin of the bull fighters. The

incident was used in a novel by the writer of western books.

During the times when local amateur rodeos were frequent and well attended, he announced for them and I was the secretary; so many funny and some scary incidents come to mind.

He was a devoted son, brother, husband, and father and will be missed always.

## Gladiola Flower Club News

by Verna Brown

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, December 17th in the home of June Jackson for our annual Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed the evening with a delicious meal followed by visiting and having a gift exchange.

President Virginia Trindle had a short meeting and installation of officers. She also presented pins to Dickie Allen, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Estelle Jackson, Jo Larson, and Gwen Smith for 50 years of membership.

The new officers for 1999 are: President - Jo Larson, Vice-President - Estelle Jackson, Secretary - Denise Carter, Treasurer - Gwen Smith, Flower Chairman - Betty Davis, Historian - Margarette Evans, Project Chairman - Virginia

Head, Yearbook Chairman - Judy Martin, Virginia Trindle and June Jackson, Program Chairman - Verna Brown, Rose Cummings and Kathleen Sutton.

Flower winners for the year were: Home Grown - Virginia Trindle, Specimen - Virginia Trindle, Borrowed - Margarette Evans, Potted Plant - Rose Cummings.

Members present were: Dickie Allen, Charlise Baker, Myra Berner, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Denise Carter, Rose Cummings, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Virginia Head, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Jo Larson, Judy Martin, Eloise Renner, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton and Virginia Trindle.

The next meeting will be March 18th.

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May the love, peace and hope of this holy season bless you now and always.

## Glory to God in the Highest

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:11

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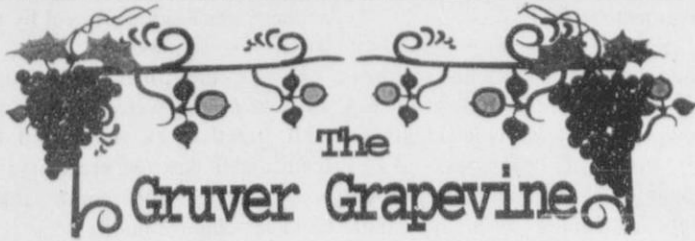
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and  
Happy New Year  
from all of us at  
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by Harletta Carthel

**Ice Causes Problems**  
Icy road conditions resulted in a one-vehicle accident early Sunday morning. A 1989 Dodge pickup driven by Larry Thomas of Morse was unable to negotiate a turn at the intersection of County Road 11 and Highway 15 and collided with a metal fence. Thomas sustained a broken nose and facial lacerations. His son Allen was not injured in the wreck. Thomas' vehicle sustained \$500 damage.

Poor road conditions were also responsible for the closing of Gruver Schools on Monday.

**Get Well Wishes**  
Ida Hendricks had hip replacement surgery last week in Amarillo. She is in Baptist St. Anthony's and may possibly be in rehabilitation at St. Anthony's by press time.

Aubrey Rasor has experienced some problems following his recent heart bypass surgery and may undergo more surgery this week.

Olene Cluck has been ill with pneumonia-type symptoms. She entered Hansford Hospital on Monday morning.

Senior basketball player, Charlie Stavlo, sustained a cracked bone in his foot during the Sunray

basketball tournament but is scheduled to return to action in early January.

Carol Tolleson also broke a bone recently in her foot and is sporting a walking cast.

Dan Ralston sustained severe injuries to his hand in a roping accident.

Daryl Winn of Booker, the father of Kimberly Irwin, had a tumor removed recently. His prognosis is good.

**Teen Retreat Slated**  
Teenagers of the Gruver community will leave for a Christian teen retreat which in Hardesty on Wednesday evening, December 30 and return on Saturday morning, January 2. Known as "Sledge Hammer", the session will provide both lodging and meals. The retreat is sponsored by the Gruver Church of Christ. For teens wanting to take part in the event or for more information, please call Davin Winger, 733-5259, or Mike Wilhelm, 733-2545.

**Cazares Comments**  
Cody Cazares, 1998 GHS graduate and special assistant to Rep. Bill Redmond of New Mexico, was featured on a segment at KRDF which discussed the impeachment investigation.

**Roundball Roundup**

Due to the closing of Gruver schools on Monday, the complete scoring statistics were unavailable for Tuesday night's junior varsity and varsity games with Canadian. Junior high teams were idle this week.

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Junior Varsity Girls  
Gruver 10, Canadian 38

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Junior Varsity Boys  
Gruver 55, Canadian 39

In a very physical game with numerous fouls, the Wildcats took an early lead in the first quarter. The Hounds evened the score in the second quarter then took a commanding lead, often of twenty points or more, in the remaining quarters.

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The Lady Hounds, who previously lost to the Lady Wildcats by a margin of 18 points in the Fritch tournament, fell to the strong Canadian team by 19. Sammi Stavlo was high point with 10 while Janae Watley scored 7.

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Hounds 45, Canadian 37  
Although the Hounds fell to the Wildcats earlier in the season in the Fritch tournament, there was no

stopping the Hounds Tuesday night. Jim Potts was high point with 16 while Jason Pool added 10 more. Garrett Pool, who was injured in the Memphis game during football season, was able to play in his first game of the season.

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The Hounds and Lady Hounds will be competing in the Stratford Tournament December 28-30. The Lady Hounds open the tourney with a 12:00 p.m. game with Dumas on Monday, December 28 while the Hounds began play later at 4:30 p.m. in a game with Vega.

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Both the junior varsity and varsity boys and girls will play Berger at Berger on Saturday, January 2.

**Winners Announced**  
Winners have been announced in the Gruver Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest. J.W. and Rhonda Ward, Rodney and Jo Alice Clawson, and Tony and LaNetta Shapley will each receive \$50 in Gruver bucks for their displays. There are many homes in Gruver adorned with lovely Christmas lights and decorations. Thanks to all who have made the season brighter in Gruver.

**Two Hounds Chosen All-State HM**

Congratulations to junior Bray Armes and senior Luke Johnson who were selected to the prestigious all-state football team, honorable mention list.

**Tests Rescheduled**  
Due to the closing of school on Monday, semester tests which were to be taken have been rescheduled. The tests will be given on Tuesday, January 5.

**Former Residents Excel**  
Three former residents were listed as high point individual on their respective teams in basketball games Friday. Sherry Fiel of Friona, Buffy Adkins of Happy, and Kelly Gilbert of Shamrock, all spent their younger years in Gruver.

**In the News Last Year**  
Six inches\*of snow blanketed the

Gruver area on December 23, followed by 12 inches on December 24.

**Ten Years Ago**  
Dear Santa,  
I've been thinkin' but I didn't think up much.

I would like a new box of crayons, a football, a jump rope, a basketball, and a Teddy Bear., I love you, Chad TeBeest

**Twenty Years Ago**  
Dear Santa, My dad wants a shotgun to shoot a deers head, a house in the country, and some pigs. I want a pickup, trailer, and a cow pickup. Kasey wants a doll that wets...but don't let her have a truck cause she's been crying and moaning. Love, Max Davis



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**2nd Six Weeks Honor Rolls**

**Spearman ISD**  
**ALLA's**  
**1st Grade**

Caleb Odegaard, Alicia Baez, Leanna Espinosa, Fernando Flores, Zoey Graham, Zack Hughes, Whitney Maestas, Marlee Reynolds, David Salazar, Jesus Mendoza, Andi Linn Scarborough, Brandee Noble, Jeremy Robinson, Rosa Ortiz, Jessica Manry, Rico Link, Austen Strawn, Suttan Garnett, Ashton Comp, Preslee Baker, Nicolas Garcia, Tate Batton, Mary Beth Hargis, Christian Patrick, Cassidy Taylor, Andi Travis

**2nd Grade**

Cha'tae Avila, Hunter Cox, Destiny Fisher, Bond Pittman, Victoria Renteria, Brett Winegarner, Ashley Brown, Cade Carter, Tyler Schnell, Dylan Sumner, Chasity Thomas, Ashley Close, DeeDee DeLaRosa, Kegan Garnett, Hailey Tindell

**3rd Grade**

Blayne Baker, Amy Boyd, Lizet Comacho, Alicia Francis, Dane Harbour, Claribel Hernandez, Clara Kern, Kendall Schneider, Colby Odegaard, Victor Villa, Wendy Gaytan, Austin Benton, Crystal Bridwell, Callie Cazares, Kasia Hunt, Kylee Howard, Jesse Moreno, Natalie Quintero, Kyla Reed, Michael Rodriguez, Elliott Sheets

**4th Grade**

Francisco Briseno, Brynrr Garnett, Collin Gillaspie, Emily Hood, Zach Nollner, Rhett Renner, Tyler Boynton, Jamie Brown, Stuart Martin, Clayton Smith, Tarin Rice, Nicolas Avila, Saylee Flowers, Jordanna Lozano, Aaron Maestas

**5th Grade**

Britta Vanderburg, Daryl Noble, Maribel Moreno, Melissa Lesly, Jessica Brown, Lorena Briseno, Sumit Bhakta, Abby Winegarner, Jena Cherry, Andrew Correll, Daisy Fraire, Jacob Jones, Brian Close, Callie Hargis, Jarick Howard, Adriana Pinon, Steven Vaquera, Jeff Whitworth, Lynette Woodward

**6th Grade**

Jeffrey Brock, Tracy Brown, Jessica Freeman Wayne Gibson, Caleb Gillaspie, Macy Harbour, Dana McLaughlin, Melissa Quillin, Jessica Shrode, Cayla Smith, Mark Thomas

**7th Grade**

Ashlee Flowers, Tatum Rice, Russell Sheets, Claudia Vaquera

**8th Grade**

Lance Baker, Kevin Beedy, Brianne Burkhammer, Adam Cherry, Jessica Crossland, Garrett Griffin, David Pipkin, Nicole Ramon, Kallie Smith, Lance Smith, Jeffrey Swan

**9th Grade**

Erin Boxwell, John Brock, Laura Camacho, Matt Dunning, Cheryl Gibson, Laura Gillaspie, Stephen Haney, Art Maestas, Marty Miesner, Clara Shieldknight, Brady Woolley

**10th Grade**

Randy Duffy, Jacob Harbour, David Holt, Nicole Lozano, Chelsea Nollner, Kara Pipkin, Sally Pittman, Jenn Schnell, Adrienne Simpson, Chelsey Villines

**11th Grade**

Dusty Barber, Halse Beasley, Jordon Brock, Stephanie Bynum, Tommie Dewberry, Cindy Goodman, Kelsey Henton, Brooke Lesly, Jeremy Mackie, Lacy Miesner, Amber Ramon, Reagan Renner, Mickey Schoenhals, Camille Smith, Syd Woodington

**12th Grade**

Brittini Beedy, Kristin Beedy, Mia Burrell, Kristi Carbajal, Betsy Holt, Leslie Holton, Jennifer Laxson, Gale Mayfield, Landon Miller, Holly Pipkin, Doren Schoenhals, Julie Scroggs, Lisa Swink, Mandy Vernon, Brandi Willis

**"A" Average**  
**1st Grade**

Katryna Ceniza, Ethan Haney, Kyle Spencer, Britanie Vasquez, Edgar Lugo, Joey Duby, Blanca Valterria

**2nd Grade**

Sabrina Cantu, T.J. Worley, Destiny Fisher, Bond Pittman, Victoria Renteria, Brett Winegarner, Ashley Brown, Cade Carter, Tyler Schnell, Dylan Sumner, Chasity Thomas, Ashley Close, DeeDee DeLaRosa, Kegan Garnett, Hailey Tindell, Isaac Saldivar, Addam Ferguson, Calli Adamson, Chase Farrar, Tayshia James, Brenda Ortiz, Alyssa Boynton, Kacee Breeden, Fabian Frayre, Monica Gomez, Dalton Sparks, Elena Vargas

**3rd Grade**

Justine Rosales, Dustin Walsler, Marcus Ochoa, Heriselda Perez, Amanda Bain, Sandi Carbajal, Janica Ceniza, Maverick Graham, Mariela Ortega, Miriam Mendoza, Kim Bergan, Amy Brown, Jessica Diaz, Lisa Espinosa, Christy Lang, Tyler Rex, Jeremy Frost

**4th Grade**

Wilhma Macias, Griselda Fraire, Sharon Haney, Kaylee LaClair, Kelcee Rex, Cesar Macias, Karina Hernandez, Tiffany Gable, Jessica Jarvis, Ashley Rayl, Anthony Renteria, Noemi Rodriguez, Raquel Arjona, Aimee Rook, Bryan Thomas, Jessica Riley, Ryan Ramon, Megan Evans, Lance Huddleston, William Martinez, Laura Gomez

**5th Grade**

Javier Frayre, Alejandro Rios, Courtney Worley, Melody Henson, Corey Rex, Travis Sander, Rafael Lopez, Jarry Francis, Holly Baker

**ALLA's, 1B**  
**6th Grade**

Deremy Fleetwood, Ashley Hernandez, Linzi McCubbin, Amy Powers, Kathleen Reed

**7th Grade**

Jentry Edwards, Diana Flores, Keilee Goodheart, Michel Huffaker, Garrett Martin

**8th Grade**

Travis Brown, Lucy Villa

**9th Grade**

Monica Cantu, Jimmy Gayton, Tashiana Schumann

**10th Grade**

Timmy Bynum, Cary Cates, Denise Paschel, Angela Pipkin, Ty West

**11th Grade**

Kathryn Murphy, Stephen Salgado

**12th Grade**

Krista Dement, Quentin Shieldknight

**Gruver ISD**  
**Honor Roll**

**Pre-Kindergarten**

Javier Bernal, Amy Flores, Yesenia Monroy, Evelyn Pastrana, Heriberto Ruiz

**Kindergarten**

Shane Atwood, Jesus Balderrama, Justin Bass, John David Bergin, Cambry Cooper, Makenzie Crane, Lesley Garland, Gatlin Guthrie, Mary Hart, Hunter Hertel, Matision Jones, Jack Karlin, Zach Logsdon, Colton Moffett, Luiz Munoz, Dania Ramos, Sammie Sanchez, Noe Tarango, Shelby Williams

**1st Grade**

Gabby Barrera, Mariela Barrera, Mary Barron, Diana Bernal, Lauren Christy, Carmen Dahl, Keith Dillard, Blake Fitzgearld, Katie Gibson, Parker Grotegut, Luli Hernandez, Edaena Huena, Kendra Janzen, Brienne Jordan, Reagan Karlin, Shelby Keeling, Alonso Martinez, Caleb Miller, Drew Mireles, Joani Ortiz, Gage Parker, Valerie Perez, Gaby Santillan, Leah Smith, Megan Stedje, Jorge Tarango, Lorenzo Tarango, Arturo Trejo, Jaqueline Villa, Hudson Williams, Leigh Anne Winger, Mattie Yanke, Molly Zimmer

**2nd Grade**

Caleb Abemathy, Sydney Clawson, Cody Dahl, Jordan Hicks, Nataly Lopez, Miles Messer, Lindsey Mireles, Mallory Reid, Devlin Reynolds, Matt Salazar, Brandon Traylor, Lynn Vela, Dani Wheelock

**3rd Grade**

Bayley Garland, Chandler Miner, Whitney Moffett, Maydeli Ortiz, Tanner Sherrill, Seth Thompson, Emily Williams, Abbi Yanke

**4th Grade**

Rebecca Abernathy, Conrad Curry, Mason Fletcher, Bonnie Frick, Roman Gaspar, Kellyn King, Britney Montgome, Charlie Slough, Justin Thompson, Victoria Vela, Austin Zimmer

**ALLA's**  
**5th Grade**

Sheldon Atwood, Lauren Bergin, Lindsey Clift, Laci Fitzgearld, Rachel Holt, Samantha Myatt\*, Stephen Salazar, Reid Winger

**6th Grade**

Valerie Burnam, Blythe Finley, Laina Grotegut, Brittanie Osbourne, Mark TeBeest\*, Ben Williams, Lance Williams, Ryan Winger

**7th Grade**

Teal Armes, Carley Bryson, Courtney Goad, Jenny Hart, Garrett Miner, Cassie Myatt\*, David Puebla

**8th Grade**

Christi Clift, Samatha Johnson\*, Ashleigh Sherrill\*, Amy Watley

\*Denotes Principal's Honor Roll - These students had 95 or better in all subjects.

**9th Grade**

Sara Bass, Kaylee Holt, Brittany Morris, Evan Schmidt

**10th Grade**

Monalisa Garcia, Holly Hart, Jessica Moore, Brooke Salmans, Gisela Soto, Richard Stewart

**11th Grade**

Kyler Barkley, Dallas Henson, Janie May, Annie Mayhew, Lacie Osbourne, Mary Puebla, Nikki Stewart, Janae Watley

**12th Grade**

Fernando Bohn, Jennifer Duggan, Luke Johnson, Holly McCloy, Jeff McClure

**ALLA's, 1B**  
**5th Grade**

Timber Barkley, Matt Messer, Sarah Mireles, Allison Reid

**6th Grade**

Ryan Renick, Mary Watkins

**7th Grade**

Kalee Crawford

**8th Grade**

Julie May, Wesley Patterson

**9th Grade**

Sarah Moore

**10th Grade**

Brooke Bevell, Chad TeBeest

**11th Grade**

Becky Cassidy, Brenda Soto

**12th Grade**

Clayton Henson, Melissa Johnson, Jennifer Lopez, T. J. McClure, Wesley Miser, Jason Pool, Erika Salmans, Jason TeBeest

**Pringle-Morse CISD**  
**Superintendent's Honor Roll**

**3rd Grade**

Tarryn Dixon

**4th Grade**

Trudy Hart, Elizabeth Martin, Jimmilee McCloy, Marcus Wilson

**5th Grade**

Tonya Hart, Tyler Lane, Jessica Schmidt, Tabatha Shields

**8th Grade**

Sarah Martin, Ross Womble

**ALLA Honor Roll**

**4th Grade**

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Blane Tolleson

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Sara Barnes, Pedro Bonilla, Maria Mendoza

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Trae Dixon

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Brennan Eudy

**A-B Honor Roll**

**4th Grade**

Samuel Mendoza

**6th Grade**

Kaley Barnes, Bailey Reid, Guadalupe Rivero

**7th Grade**

Brittany Vera

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 9.87 km to widen shoulders, surface end treat, structures and rehabilitate on SH 136 from FM 2535, South to SH 15 covered by CSR 791-1-12 in Hansford County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., January 6, 1999, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Kenneth Petr, Area Engineer, Borger, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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4-D-12046 4-76-0238-01-026, etc.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the 1999 Sealcoating of approximately 60 blocks of street will be received by the City of Spearman, P.O. Box 37,

Spearman, Texas 79081, until January 8, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. at which time will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Plans and specifications may be examined without charge in the offices of the City of Spearman, 30 S.W. Court and procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc., 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110-2217, (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost \$50.00 per set, NONREFUNDABLE.

A Cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Spearman in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Performance and Payment bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City of Spearman reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to A.J. Ratliff, City Manager, City of Gruver, will be received at his office

in the City Hall until 3:30 p.m., January 8, 1999 for the construction of approximately 38 blocks of street sealcoating entitled:

### SEALCOATING - 1999

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City of Gruver  
A.J. Ratliff, City Manager



The "Sledge Wagon" has been cruising the streets of Hansford County to remind teens of the Christian retreat for Hansford County teens December 30-January 2. Mike Wilhelm and Tony Swink of Gruver used a 55 gallon barrel and irrigation pipe to create the eye-catching vehicle.

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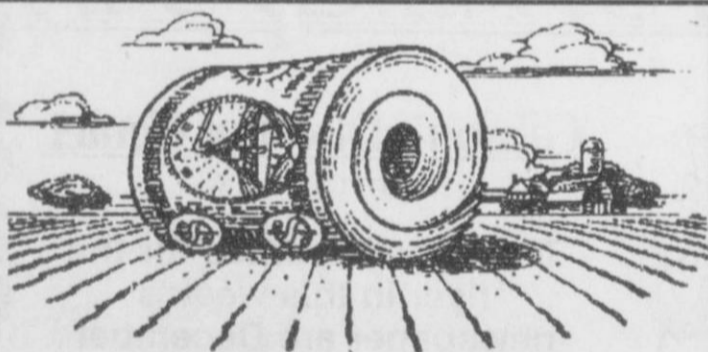
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Dear Santa,  
I want a brown teddy bear with a red tie and a new suitcase. I would also like the unicorn Beanie Baby, Jasmine the Barbie, and some real money. I would like for you to bring me a Texas Tech shirt, also. Please say "hi" to Rudolf. I will leave some carrots for the reindeer.  
Love,  
Savannah

Dear Santa,  
I want a 500CC Jet Ski for Christmas. Say "hi" to Rudolf. I have been very good this year. Say "hi" to Dancer also. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.  
Love,  
Trent

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a white horse with black feet, a real puppy, a wagon, Barbie doll, a doll, a Dalmatian Beanie Baby, a brown doll, a teddy bear, a play Santa, a play octopus, a new stocking, a play white bunny, a play Christmas tree, a pink crayon, a box of crayons and a Santa suit.  
Love,  
Tiffany

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a toy truck and a pull wagon. I would also like to have a bike. I have been a very good boy this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love  
Roulan

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Barbie, a pink teddy bear, a toy fish tank, a toy pink rabbit, a toy lion, a watch with a pony on it, a Beanie Baby rabbit, a cat. I would like to say hi to the reindeer. I would also like a sled. I will leave some milk and cookies. I also want a Barbie car.  
Love,  
Natalie

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a trans metal, toy cars, race cars, new games, truck, a Beanie Baby, roller blades, a big basketball, a toy dozer and a football. I have been very good and I will leave milk and cookies for you.  
Love,  
AJ

Dear Santa,  
I want a real rabbit, a horse, and a fish. I would also like a small lion and an alligator. Say "hi" to the reindeer. Please bring me a truck that I can drive, also, and five shirts and a little dog.  
Love,  
Jorge

Dear Santa,  
I want a big black and red toy truck for Christmas. I also want a fire truck. I have been a good boy at home and school. My sister wants a doll. I will leave you milk and cookies. Have a safe trip. Tell Rudolph "hi". I hope you get all of your toys done.  
Love,  
Juan

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch and a wild rag for Christmas. I also want a Santa Claus suit to dress up in, and also some fish. The thing that I want most is a Texas A&M football and shirt. Please tell the reindeer "hi". Happy Christmas and Happy New Years. Have a good night giving out the toys.  
Matthew Jarvis

Dear Santa,  
I regally would like a sled. Also for Christmas, I would like a swinging Barbie. Mrs. Howard said I have been very, very good at school. Please bring my sisters some pretty clothes and my mom and dad something. I'll wait up for you.  
Love,  
Melissa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kali and I have been a good girl. I would like a Beanie Baby, a Barbie doll, a bike, a chalk board, I would like a real live pet dog. I would like a new coloring book and some crayons, a ring, some clothes for my Barbie doll and some clothes for me. I would like a toy Santa too!  
Love,  
Kali

Dear Santa,  
I want a B.B. gun. I want a four wheeler. I want a speed boat. I want some neat Leggo's. I want a real Border Collie. I want some snow boots and I want a real horse. I want a new football and I want a basketball and goal, and I want some food for my horse, a watch, and a goat and some new clothes.  
Love,  
Dayl Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck, a Beanie Baby, a toy motorcycle, a chalk board, a book and some hot wheels. I have been a good boy. How are you, Santa? I would also like a basketball.  
Love,  
Michael

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy truck to drive. Make it red, black, and big. I also want a Texas A&M watch please. I want a brown horse. I will take care of my horse and I will be very careful. I will leave you some pizza and hot chocolate. If you get tired you may take a nap on my couch. Please make it snow.  
Love,  
Martia

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me puppy, roller blades, and TV. Thank you!  
Love,  
Katie Gibson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me American doll, game boy pocket and doll clothes. Thank you!  
Love,  
Mattie Yanke

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me drums, guitar, and roller blades. Thank you!  
Love,  
Leigh Anne Winger

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me American doll, computer, and TV. Thank you!  
Love,  
Lourdes Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me drums, Nintendo 64, and motorcycle. Thank you!  
Love,  
Parker Grotogut

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me night vision, go-car, and football. Thank you!  
Love,  
Reagan Karlin

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me Playstation, go-car and laster-tag. Thank you!  
Love,  
Caleb Miller

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me Barbie, American girl doll and bike. Thank you!  
Love,  
Mariela Barrera

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me game boy pocket, and night light. Thank you!  
Love,  
Luis Lora

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me puppy, Barbie, and TV. Thank you!  
Love,  
Shelby Keeling

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me go-car, Playstation, and B.B. gun. Thank you!  
Love,  
Joani Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me computer, roller blades and TV. Thank you!  
Love,  
Edaena Huerta

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me computer, trampoline, bike, robot. Thank you!  
Love,  
Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me American doll, computer, and clothes. Thank you!  
Love,  
Diana Bernal

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Super Nintendo. I also want a surprise. Bring me a lamp. I have been good. I love you.  
Merry Christmas,  
Cesar Soto

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. I want a teddy bear. I want a train. I want a toy sheep. I want a pink bow for my hair. I want a real dog. I want a toy pig. I want a doll that has a horse and a baby. I want some books that have pictures of presents. I want a new jacket. I want a toy camel. I have been good.  
Dania Ramos

Dear Santa,  
I want a cowboy hat. I want a red baseball hat. I want some new cowboy boots and a picture of my boots. I want a remote control truck and I want a Nike hat. I want a picture of a dog since I gave my dog away. I love you, Santa. I want a toy pick-up with a horse trailer. I love my daddy and mommy and I love my sister.  
Merry Christmas,  
Justin Bass

Dear Santa,  
I want some Power Rangers in space. I want a real motorcycle, a remote control truck. Please bring a remote a control truck for my brother, too. I want some new clothes. I have been a nice boy. I will leave some chocolate cookies (if my brother doesn't eat them). I will write a note for you to eat the cookies. I love you.  
Merry Christmas,  
Jose Luis Salazar

Dear Santa,  
Let this be a good Christmas. Make good toys. Let your reindeer have some magic still so they can fly. I want my size of roller blades. I want some ramps to go with them. My brother wants a new remote control car. I want my dad to feed my dog. I want a trampoline. I want a toy 4-wheeler. I want a toy dirt bike. And I want a toy motorcycle.  
Merry Christmas,  
Shane Atwood

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are going to come soon. I will leave oreos and some milk out. I want a Barbie and a doll. I have been a good girl. I love you.  
Mary Hart

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas. I already have a little bike but now I need a big one. I also want a go-cart. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Merry Christmas, Santa,  
Colton Moffett

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# DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want a bicycle. I want a new backpack. Please bring a baby doll for my sister. I want a doll too. I want a house for my Barbies. I need some new scissors.  
Merry Christmas,  
Chrys Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want an angel Barbie. I want a crawling Tommy doll. I want a little Barbie house. (Folding, Pretty House) I want a Barbie make-up set with real lipstick. I want a trampoline. I want a little Barbie.  
I love you, Santa,  
Matison Jones

Dear Santa,  
I want a big tee-pee for Christmas. Please bring me some new cars. I also want some bears. And a little Santa Clause. And a truck and a river. I have been good.  
Love,  
Tadeo

Dear Santa,  
I want some new colors to color pictures. Also, please bring me some markers. I want some skates for me. And I want a kitchen and tee-pee. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Keila

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that skates for Christmas. I would also like a teddy bear. And a baby doll. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Fatima

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bicycle for Christmas. I want a doll too. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Betty

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that skates for Christmas. I also want some skates. Also I would like some toys and puzzles. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Yesinia

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some soldiers for Christmas. I also want a teddy bear and some Power Rangers. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Erik

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a train for Christmas. I also want a little toy horse and a little toy car. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Javier

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that skates for Christmas. I also want some skates for me too. Also could you bring me a little car for my little cousin? And a teddy bear for me. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Amy

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a doll. It is a baby doll with pampers. I also want a music Barbie. Please bring me some music songs, a Barbie puzzle, and a new dress. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Evelyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a new teddy bear for Christmas. I also want a new baby doll. Please put some candy in my stocking and some gum. And bring me some new videos. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Viviana

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new teddy bear. I also want an elephant and a monster. Also bring me a dinosaur. I want a stuffed animal and a giraffe. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Heriberto

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Christmas tree. I also want a teddy bear and some new cars. Please bring me some new Power Rangers also. I have been good.  
Love,  
Rudy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some new books for Christmas. I also want some new puzzles. Bring me some clowns and butterflies. I have been very good this year.  
Love,  
Daniela

Dear Santa,  
I would like some toys for Christmas. You are nice. I want a doll. How are the elves? How are the reindeer? I've been a good girl. I would like a stuffed animal. I love Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Lexi

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter and a baby that blinks. If I can, I would like a baby sister. I hope you fly safely! I'm trying to be as good as I can be! I'm having fun in school. How are your elves?  
Love,  
Jessica

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike and I want a toy reindeer and I want a Christmas bear. How do your reindeer fly? I also want my dog to have puppies. I have been good! I wish that you will get my brothers a go-cart.  
Love,  
Tori

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. I'm going to leave you some cookies when you come. I want a stuffed bunny. What have you been doing? Have you been getting the reindeer ready to fly?  
Love,  
Amy

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy for Christmas. I also want a truck. I want a motorcycle. I want to see the reindeer fly. I'm going to be a football player.  
Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Tony

Dear Santa,  
I want toys. I want to sit on your lap. I've been good this year. I would like to talk to you on the telephone.  
Love,  
Susana

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck for Christmas. Also, I would like a car. I have been very good this year! Have a Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Everardo

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. Do you really have a reindeer named Rudolph? Will you come to my house first on Christmas Eve? What are your elves names? Please bring me a four wheeler with a real motor.  
Love,  
Blayne

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog for Christmas. I want a big dog that's a boy. I will name him Bandit. I am really good Santa. How do you and your elves get all of those toys made? I will leave water or milk and oreos out for you.  
I love you!  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a guitar and a piano. I want for my Daddy and my brother to come home. I want for Dedra to come to church. Merry Christmas! I love you, Santa Claus.  
Stevie Couch

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I want my brother to get hot wheels. I want a puppy, and I want a go-cart and I want a remote control pickup. I've been good! I want to get my brother a go-cart too! That's all I want!  
Your friend,  
Shyloh

Dear Santa,  
Where do you live? What are the names of your reindeer? Everyday after our last recess we eat snacks. For Christmas I want a video game. The racing video game.  
Your friend,  
Matt

Dear Santa,  
How do you make a long list of all of the girls and boys? How can your reindeer fly? I want a Barbie car for Christmas. Please get my brother a go-cart. I have been good because I have not been tattling. I love you, Santa!  
Amanda

Dear Santa,  
You are nice! I would like a lot of new toys. How about a car and some monster trucks. Where do you live? I will leave you some milk and cookies. I even want a fish.  
Love,  
Miguel

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle and a dog and a Christmas party and a gingerbread man. I have been a good boy, so I want a computer too, and a t.v.  
From,  
Sergio Enriquez

Dear Santa,  
I want a little Robot and a train. How does Rudolph's nose glow? I want a little tractor, and Nintendo 64. I want a little perrito (that's puppy in Spanish). I want a little play castle and that's all.  
Love,  
Austin Muñoz

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I want my own box of Kleenexes, a stuffing bear Winnie the Pooh, swimming Barbie, my size angel Barbie, and a drawing pad. Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Nikki Boyd

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Turbo cop and a basketball goal and a dinosaur suit.  
From,  
Joel Kern

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a loader and a tractor and some cake and an ABC puzzle and some lunch.  
Thank you,  
Joel Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a train. I am a very good boy.  
Love,  
Jose Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie jeep and some posters of the Back Street Boys and the Hanson movie and for the Spice Girls to come to Spearman and to my house. Are you really real?  
From,  
Channing Burgess

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I want a My Size Barbie and a swimming Barbie and an exercise Barbie. I want a Spice Girls movie, and a jeep.  
Love,  
Dedee Vaquera

Dear Santa,  
Please come to my house and bring me some presents. I want a cheerleader dress and a little Barbie car and a little doll like Santa Claus and a doll house and some stickers. Thank you for coming. We are learning the letter E. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Leslie Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring Power Rangers and a little monster toy and a motorcycle (a little one). I want a little football game that has batteries. I want a little robot too. How do the reindeers fly? I want a little computer for me. Thank you.  
Love,  
Roy Moreno

Dear Santa,  
Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas! I want a tiger and a house and a duck and a Power Ranger and a Spiderman and some Ninja Turtles and an elephant and a book. I want a clock timer. I love my mom.  
Goodbye.  
From,  
Alberto Camacho

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want one of those little trucks you can get in and a picture of Mr. Haney and Power Ranger and a space toy and new snow boots and new Christmas gloves. That's all. Merry Christmas!  
From,  
Gabriel Jacques

Dear Santa,  
How are things going at the North Pole? I am in kindergarten. I want a magic hat like Frosty's. I want a train that makes a loud whistle. That all nothing else.  
Love,  
Garrett

Dear Santa,  
I really want a Bugs Life. I leave good cookies and milk for you. I'll leave a turkey for the reindeers. Please leave some cereal for my mom and dad.  
Love,  
Seth

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog named Bullet. I want it to be a house dog. My name is Allysa and I have been a good worker at school. Please bring a white Barbie, a zebra toy and a ABC puzzle.  
Love,  
Allysa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring us a Christmas tree. I would like 5 things of playdough. Also a ABC talking frog, so I can learn to spell. I would like some books like a library.  
Love,  
Roland

Dear Santa,  
I want a black mountain bike and a cowboy hat. I live out in the country. Look for the country road Y. I have been really good. Thank you so much.  
Love,  
Cody

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I have been so good, Mrs. Stinson says. I want to read books so please bring lots of books. I want a Barbie too. Please bring a real cat, a brown cat. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Jessica

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a Barbie please. I want a purple cheerleader dress for my sister. Please bring a surprise for my Mom. Bring my dad a ball so he can play with us.  
Love,  
Jaqueline

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, the Christmas Barbie. I want a baby kitten. I will take good care of it. I will name it Candy. Also I want a doll house. Thank you for bringing toys to all the boys and girls.  
Love,  
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sawyer. You have always been so good to me. Thank you very much. This year I want a trampoline, a tree-house, and two dogs. That's all.  
Love,  
Sawyer

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie. I want a fake puppy. I also would like a real necklace. I live in Spearman, in a red brick house. The number is 718 Cotter Dr. Please remember my brother and sister.  
Love,  
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,  
I've been so good. My baby brother wants a fire truck so he can play. I want a desk to do my work and a lamp. Please bring my mother some perfume. My father needs a baseball.  
Love,  
Edgar

Dear Santa,  
Please come to my house. I hope you have fun giving everybody toys. I really need a computer so I can type. I'll type you a letter. Don't forget my baby sister and other sister.  
Love,  
Ramon

Dear Santa,  
Bring a motorcycle to my house. One for my brother and one for me. How's Rudolph? Have a nice day!  
Love,  
Jesus

Dear Santa,  
I hope that Rudolph is taking care of his mom and his dad and his sister. Donner is a good daddy to take care of his family. I want for Christmas a play horse and I would like a play cow.  
Love,  
Molci

Dear Santa,  
I hope Rudolph isn't sick. I want a drawing pad with paint brushes and with colored pencils and pens. I will leave you some cookies and milk and a note. Please put my present under the Christmas tree. And love you.  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph's nose glowing? Santa Clays says Yee haw! Ride 'em to the North Pole! I want a toy.  
Love,  
Guadalupe

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I want a puppy and a bike. I want to pet Rudolph some day.  
Love,  
Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I hope all the other reindeer are not sick. I would like a Barbie car. And I would like a goldfish Beanie Baby. I like the name of Rudolph. And I wonder if Rudolph has a good day. I hope he has a good night dream  
Love,  
Gabi

Dear Santa,  
I've been so good. How is Rudolph? I want for Christmas a baby puppy. And I want a spaceship.  
Your friend,  
Haden

Dear Santa,  
I hope the reindeer don't get sick. Bring me a truck with a control. Bring us a Christmas tree please. I hope the reindeer are cool.  
Love,  
Rito

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. I want a baby doll for Christmas, a play computer (one for little kids) and a whole bunch of money for us to buy a house. Braxton wants a bouncin' Tigger, and a rabbit. I want a stamper hair deal that makes your hair a different color - like a rainbow. I love you.  
Makenzie Crane

Dear Santa,  
I hope Rudolph's not sick. I hope the other reindeer aren't sick. How are you Santa? I hope you're not sick, Santa Claus! I hope your wife is doing fine. I want a talking Bubba. And I want a Happy Meal Baby.  
Love,  
Brenna

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie. I would like some dishes to play with. I hope you are feeling fine Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Juliana

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck and a car. How are the reindeer? Don't let the reindeer fall sleep.  
Love,  
Telb

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a remote control truck, a train, a plane, a little school bus.  
I love you,  
Jesus Balderrama

Dear Santa,  
I want a Santa Claus and a present. I will leave you some cookies I have been good.  
Love,  
Daniela Carrasco

Dear Santa,  
I hope the reindeer are not sick. Can you bring me two presents? I want you to decide what to bring.  
Your friend,  
Danny

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy. I want an art farm for Christmas, a real race car that you can get in, a train that can really go and a train, a Talkboy, and some new tin to put on our clubhouse, and a Banjo Kazooie Game. We will be at our house for Christmas and we will leave out some cookies and milk.  
I love you,  
Jack Karlin  
P.S. We want a Nintendo Skiing game and Mario Cart game.

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. I want a big, big, big Pooh Bear for Christmas! Could you take John August (my cousin) some cars and trucks? He likes to play with them. That's it! We will be at Nannaw's house. I will leave you some milk and cookies out for you.  
Love,  
Lesley

Dear Santa,  
I am going to leave milk and cookies out for you. I will be at home on Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a train set with a train and tracks (a lot of tracks not just one), some play money, and some scissors and glue, a dog bone for my dog, and a rubbermaid lunch box. I've been good.  
Your friend,  
Gatlin Guthrie

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please I want an Oilers helmet. Please bring me some toys. A semi-truck, a teddy bear, a shirt, a ball, a bike.  
I love you,  
Ruben Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a train, a tractor, a coloring book, a puzzle, a teddy bear, a new glue, and a new truck. I have been good. That's all!  
I love you,  
Luis Muñoz

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some clothes, a few wrestlers, and some paint to go on my home-work table. Could make my sister, Alex, not be mean to me? Santa, will leave you some cookies.  
Love,  
Zach  
P.S. I want an art pad, too!

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. I want a Barbie dress, because I don't have any. I want a puppy, because I have one kitty named Katie. And, that's all.  
I love you,  
Sammie Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I've tried to be good and I was this year. I want a big airplane with a remote control I've seen one before). I want a small soldier. I don't know what else I want. Please, bring me what you think I need. I will leave cookies and milk on the table for you.  
I love you,  
Payton Thoreson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new water bottle, cars, a ball, and a Christmas tree. I want to put flowers outside, so bring me some. Santa, I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Fabian

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a train, a toy truck, and a stuffed animal cat. I want a "Winnie the Pooh" book, and a globe of the planet earth. My daddy a real truck. Please bring me some markers.  
Love,  
Noe

Dear Santa,  
I want a train, please! I want a football, a kick-off stand, and I want a little puppy that we are not going to sell. I want a new tractor, please Santa! Santa, you will have to use a ladder to get off of the roof, and we will leave the door unlocked!  
Love,  
Hunter

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pocket knife, a butcher knife, a shotgun, and a B.B. gun. I want a beanbag chair that is an alligator. I will leave you some milk and cookies on Christmas Eve.  
Love,  
John David

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rock tumbler that polishes rocks, Barbie dolls, baby dolls, and a little Christmas tree that glows in the dark. I want bubble bath! My sister, Madison, wants a doll. Madison likes books. I love you, Santa!  
Love,  
Shelby

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with a little kitchen, and I want a little bear. Santa, could I have a little Barbie, too. Santa, I have been a good little girl!  
Love,  
Merisa

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a bicycle. I also want a pink teddy bear. I want a little house for my dolls. I want a doll, too. I will leave you some cookies.  
Love,  
Angelica

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a Game Boy, a doll, and a computer. I would also like a toy telephone.  
Love,  
Valerie

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Spearman, Texas



# DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,  
Could you bring me a book, a new pencil, and some new gloves? I also want a bean bag chair, a new baby and it needs to be big. I will leave you some cookies on the fireplace.  
Love,  
Cambry  
P.S. I want an angel.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me and Mason new backpacks. I will leave you cookies. Santa, please bring me some toys. I want a ball, too. I love you, Santa!  
Love,  
Landry

Dear Santa,  
I want a jet pack, white and yellow Addidas tennis shoes. I would also like a real reindeer and a rock that is painted. I really need a computer because ours doesn't work right.  
Love,  
Hudson Williams

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I would like an Easy-bake oven, an American Girl doll, and some clothes to go with the doll.  
I love you, Santa.  
Molly Zimmer

Dear Santa,  
I would like a sled, a dirt bike, and a jet pack. I have been a very good boy. I would like to see you and your reindeer on the roof, please.  
I love you,  
Arturo Trejo

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I would like a big drum, a big white monkey, and a virtual boy. I would also like a remote-control Dodge pick-up and a new bike.  
I love you,  
Keith Dillard

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer because mine doesn't work anymore. I would also like a doll. My brother would like a truck. I also want a teddy bear and bike.  
Love,  
Gaby Barrera

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I would like a new bike and a Beanie Baby. I would also like my two front teeth!  
Love,  
Blake Fitzgearld

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, a Barbie house, a real horse and a computer. My brothers would like a Nintendo.  
Love,  
Jaqueline Villa

Dear Santa,  
I wot a bor decor I wot a cor.  
Love  
Jenny Baesa

Dear Santa,  
I wot sum cowboy's. I wot nuw mikl jordin shoues. I hoep you elves have ben workign to bring toy's to all the boys and girls.  
Love  
Tate Batton

Dear Santa,  
I would like a special car, a toy horse, and a jack-o-lantern that says "Boo!" I love you very much.  
Love,  
Ramon Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer, a baby doll, a deer and a wagon. I am going to leave cookies for you by the Christmas Tree.  
I love you,  
Noemi Bernal

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be very good. I would like a watch, a Barbie, and a toy teddy bear.  
I love you,  
Carmen Dahl

Dear Santa,  
I would like a trike baby and a doll like Abby Yanke's. Thank you for coming to see me last year. Travis will tell you what he wants himself.  
Love,  
Megan

Dear Santa,  
I want a laser tag game and jet skis. I would also like a jet pack. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Jorge Tarango

Dear Santa,  
I want a telescope. I want a swimming pool and I want a winter jacket. I want a computer and not a plastic one please. I want your reindeer named Rudolph. I want a gingerbread man that I can eat. I want a wishing well in my front yard full of water. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Brieanne Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I want a real horse. I want a tickle me Elmo. I want shoes, Dr. Martins. I want sand art and some clothes. I want a tweety bird watch. I want some good books. I want a ring with my birthstone in it. I want a puppy and a kitty. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Kendra Janzen

Dear Santa,  
I want a big computer and a trampoline. I want a jack-in-the-box and a basket. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Gaby Santillan

Dear Santa,  
I wot a nik mittni like nikmitti.  
Lo love you.  
Rosalea

Dear Santa,  
I hup you come to my hus and put the presis undr the crismismis htee. and I hup you bring my presis.  
Veronica Davila

Dear Santa,  
I wut my hole famule of cismis inate is focism  
Love  
Mariana Sheppard

Dear Santa,  
I wut sum luto bos in a box.  
Miguel Briseoo

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. I want a swimming pool and a guitar. I want a computer and I want a horse. I want a key chain. I want a puppy and kitty. I also want a giga pet. I want a dictionary. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Kaylee Patterson

Dear Santa,  
I want a piano. I want some money. I also want a nice brother. I want a real kitty and a real puppy. I have been a very good girl. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Lauren Christy

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote-control car. I want some K-nex. I want a slinky and a train set. I want a ball and a Nintendo game. I want a movie and some puzzles. I want a magic set. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Gage Parker

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a big bike, and some clothes. I would like some Barbie clothes. I want the movie "Mulan". I want a Barbie horse. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Leaha Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I want rollerblades and a doll. I want a little kitty. I also want a little puppy. I want fingernails and polish to go with them. I want a trampoline. I want a cute shirt. I want a ball to play with. I have been a very good girl. I want a stuffed bear. I want some glitter and a fun game. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Mary Barron

Dear Santa,  
I want three games for my Nintendo. I want a computer and some small soldiers toys. I want a big swimming pool. I want a lunch box and a lot of candy canes. I want shoes and a baseball. I want some pants and shirts. I want a toy truck. I want some disks to go with the computer I asked for. I also want a printer. I want a hot wheel car. I want a jacket. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Lorenzo Tarango

Dear Santa,  
I loveb it when i saw you at alco. I want aet bb kobear an a kuvr an a brbkr an a breklos an a brbe  
Marta Chavez

Dear Santa,  
I want a telescope. I want a puppy and a new backpack. I want a baseball and a baseball bat. I want a hat to keep my ears warm. I want a puzzle and a computer. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave the light on for you and have a glass full of milk and some cookies waiting. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Joel Soto

Dear Santa,  
I want a cat. I want a train that will go around our Christmas tree. I also would like for my whole family to be there. I want to have lots of presents under our tree. I want lots of clothes and a big tent filled with goodies. I want a Disney game. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Devin Sibley

Dear Santa,  
I want a soccer ball. I want a car and a bike. I also want a boat so my family and I can go to the lake. I want a jack-in-the-box. I want a big bear, a big snake and a rabbit. I also want a big Christmas tree. I want a toy Santa. Merry Christmas, Santa.  
Love,  
Alonso Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station. I want some games to go with it. I want a baseball bat and a baseball. I want a hockey stick. I want a dirt bike. I want a basketball and a soccer ball. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Drew Mireles

Dear Santa,  
I want a Beanie Babys, a CD player, Playstation roller skates, sega, and Santa I will live you some cookies and mike and Youru Friend  
Leanna

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation and a Gocar, a cd player, how is Rudolph, a Nintendo 64, in a Roller skates, in a sega.  
Your frind,  
Fernando

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sega, a Cd player, a playstation, a watch  
your friend  
Ethan

Dear Santa,  
I like you Sata. I went Cd player weth sedes.  
Your frand  
Amber Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a play hourse. I want a Beanie Bayays I want a C.d I want a Playstation I will lev milk and carrt did my mom seeyou  
Christmas is Fun  
Your friend  
Marlene Reynolds

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph I been pretty good because i wate a CD liki Lee Ann Rims and I wnte you to mke my Granddad betr I will bee soue to leve you some cookes and milk.  
Your friend  
Whitney Maestas

Dear Santa,  
I have ben good playstation singing ape I will leev cerrets and cookeis and cofi.  
Your frind  
David Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I wut Playstaten and Nintendo 64 and Sega and I will lev you sum coos and milck and a cert for the rair.  
Your feried  
Zack Hughes

Dear Santa,  
I wont remote cntrl car.  
Your f  
Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want a Beanie Baby, Baby doll, CD player, roller skates, I have been good, and I want a Pooh to I will live you some cookies and mike how is Rudolph  
Your friend,  
Andi Linn Scarborough

Dear Santa,  
I want some Beanie Babies and a baers. I want a tv and toys. I want a reindeer. I want Christmas. I want a cat. I want you.  
Your friend  
Alicia

Dear Santa,  
I want a beanie baby, sega, CD player, Playstation, Nintendo 64, and a Berbie. I'll live you some cookies and milk.  
Your frind  
Brandee Noble

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller skates. I bind so so good job I will liv you food and milk and i will liv your elves are so so osome  
your friend  
Jesus Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a Rudolph and I want a CD player.  
your friend  
Kyle Spencer

Dear Santa,  
I waet a Playstation. I waet a Rudolph. I waet a gan. I waet a boll., I waet a watch. I waet a Roller.  
Your friend  
Katrena

Dear Santa,  
I ned sum jest ins dacs and sum clos. I have den so good this yir and my mom.  
Love,

Dear Santa,  
I wat a gotcrt I wat my papobac fam hvin and a elf and a car aril car  
Skyler Sumner

Dear Santa,  
I hav a lidr for you. kn I hav trucks.  
love  
Joey Duby

Dear Santa,  
Ma i have a robot. I have ben good.  
Love  
Christian Patrick

Dear Santa,  
I wot sum ntndo and I wont mikljors houes and I wont a swimming pull and a bike.  
Love  
Manuel Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I loved it when I saw you at Alco. I want a teddie bear adna little bitty cosy stufed puppy.  
Love,  
Mary Beth Hargis

Dear Santa,  
I wont a diwry and a fodr album and I wont my grem mo to fill good up there.  
Love,  
Cassidy Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I wut a huplignn at gus to gesmes I em god to dae. I lack the Cphdr. I wut a redor. I wut a buck.  
Love,  
Blanca Valtierra

Dear Santa,  
I hav ben bvery good all the yea. Thk you for the touys last yer. I likt the baby  
Luv  
Charity Burton

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## Chamber Accepting Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 1999. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, January 21, 1999. This year's theme will be "Windmills and Beyond."

### Business of the Year Nomination

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Citizen of the Year Nomination Form

This is the 36th year to confer this award. This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment make this individual uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 1999.

## New Year's Greetings

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## Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--December 21, 1998--44 ft. .05 in., temp.40°

Jim's picture this week is of Sybil and Billy Miller of Spearman. As is their habit, they have brought ear corn and nuts for the squirrels, green wheat cut for the ducks, and a variety of seeds for the bird feeders in the Park. If a prize was being given for the person that had enjoyed the Lake and Park the most over the years, Billy and Sybil would tie for it. Sybil, born in Spearman in 1925, is a third-generation Hansford countian, and Billy was about 9 years old when his family moved to Spearman as his father, Bill Miller, had become the Editor of the Spearman Reporter in 1932. Many thanks to them for all the food they have brought to the animals and birds at the Park.

Not many people were out this week. Jim checked on the Eagles and saw 4 on Friday on the Gibner side. He reported seeing mountain blue birds, finches, bob whites, and flickers.

The Amarillo Sunday News-Globe had a feature on Kenneth D.

Seyffert and Peggy Acord earning Audubon lifetime achievement awards for their dedication to birds in the Texas Panhandle. Kenneth has been observing, recording, and writing about bird life in the 26 counties of the Panhandle since 1963, making over 2,600 field trips in that time. Palo Duro Lake is part of his beat. He has always been gracious to answer any questions we send his way. In the article he mentioned that birders have recorded seeing 422 species of birds in the Panhandle and 613 in the state.

Word just came to me of the death of Wilson Buchanan, a 10 year veteran of the Palo Duro River Authority Board. My four years on the board, he was the senior member. It was a pleasure to serve with him, and I have fond memories of that time. He had not only a wide experience in water management and legislative matters, but he was the one of us that knew the Park Area, because he had lived on both the Gibner and Lasateer ranches and cowboied over the whole area.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## Our Holiday Wishes

We'd like to take this chance to wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

The holiday season is always a busy time for us. Help make this a safe holiday:

- Take precautions with lights inside and outside your home.
- Drive cautiously because of the crowds.
- Slow down on snow and ice.
- Please, don't drink and drive.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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## Farm Bureau Convention

by Danny Womble, President of Hansford County Farm Bureau

The Annual State Texas Farm Bureau convention was held in Lubbock November 29th through December 2nd.

Farm Bureau is an organization created for the purpose of promoting agriculture. They are involved in a wide range of activities such as providing ag curriculum for the classroom and actively lobbying to and working with legislators.

One of the main topics on the agenda concerned a proposed increase in dues for the purpose of taking a more active role in the education of grade school and high school students, especially in the urban areas. Farm Bureau administrators felt additional people are needed to insure that students will be more aware of the issues and concerns of agriculture. The proposed dues increase of five dollars did pass.

Those attending from Hansford and Hutchison counties were: Doyle and Irene Jackson, David and Mary K. Harbour, Aubrey and Melton Rasor, and Danny Womble.

We were especially proud of Steffany Simon of Gruver, Miss Hanford County Farm Bureau, who was crowned Miss Texas Farm Bureau.

As winner over 12 other district finalists, Simon will be an official representative of the state's largest farm organization during 1999. She received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Simon, 18, is the daughter of Russell and Joyce Simon of Gruver. She is a freshman; mass communications major at Texas Tech University. Simon was very active in high school, participating as a cheerleader, a secretary of the National Honor Society, and a member of the student council.

I feel Farm Bureau is an excellent organization working to preserve agriculture and the values, ideals, and lifestyle associated with it.

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