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At A Glance

Spearman Merchant's Association Christmas Promotion Winner

This week's winner of the Spearman Retail Merchant's Association Christmas Promotion Drawing was: Patty Schnell.

Panhandle Crisis Center Seeks Gifts For Child Victims

Some special children in our community need your help. Domestic violence and sexual assault tremendously affect their child victims and this time of year can be very hard for them. Panhandle Crisis Center currently serves 80 child victims in our area and they need the very special people of our community to help them get new gifts for Christmas.

There are Christmas trees at Alco stores in both Perryton and Spearman with gift tags listing personal information about these children. The cards list such information about the children as their ages, sizes and Christmas wishes. Please pick up one of these tags, buy a new gift for the child and in Perryton return it to Alco or the Panhandle Crisis Center office at 317 S. Main. In Spearman, the gifts may be returned to Alco or you may take them to the First Christian Church. Please do not wrap the gifts and return the tags with them to make distribution easier. In keeping with the holiday spirit Dollar General stores in both Perryton and Spearman are collecting stocking stuffers for these families. Hardee's of Perryton also has a tree with tags for some of our adult victims as well.

These children deserve to have a Merry Christmas and you can make that happen for them. Be the bright light shining over their holidays and share your caring nature with a child.

Farmers Reminded Of USDA Programs

Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director, Carol Laney, reminds area farmers and ranchers of pending application deadlines for emergency assistance programs and announces recently developed new emergency programs.

Application deadlines for programs previously announced this year are:

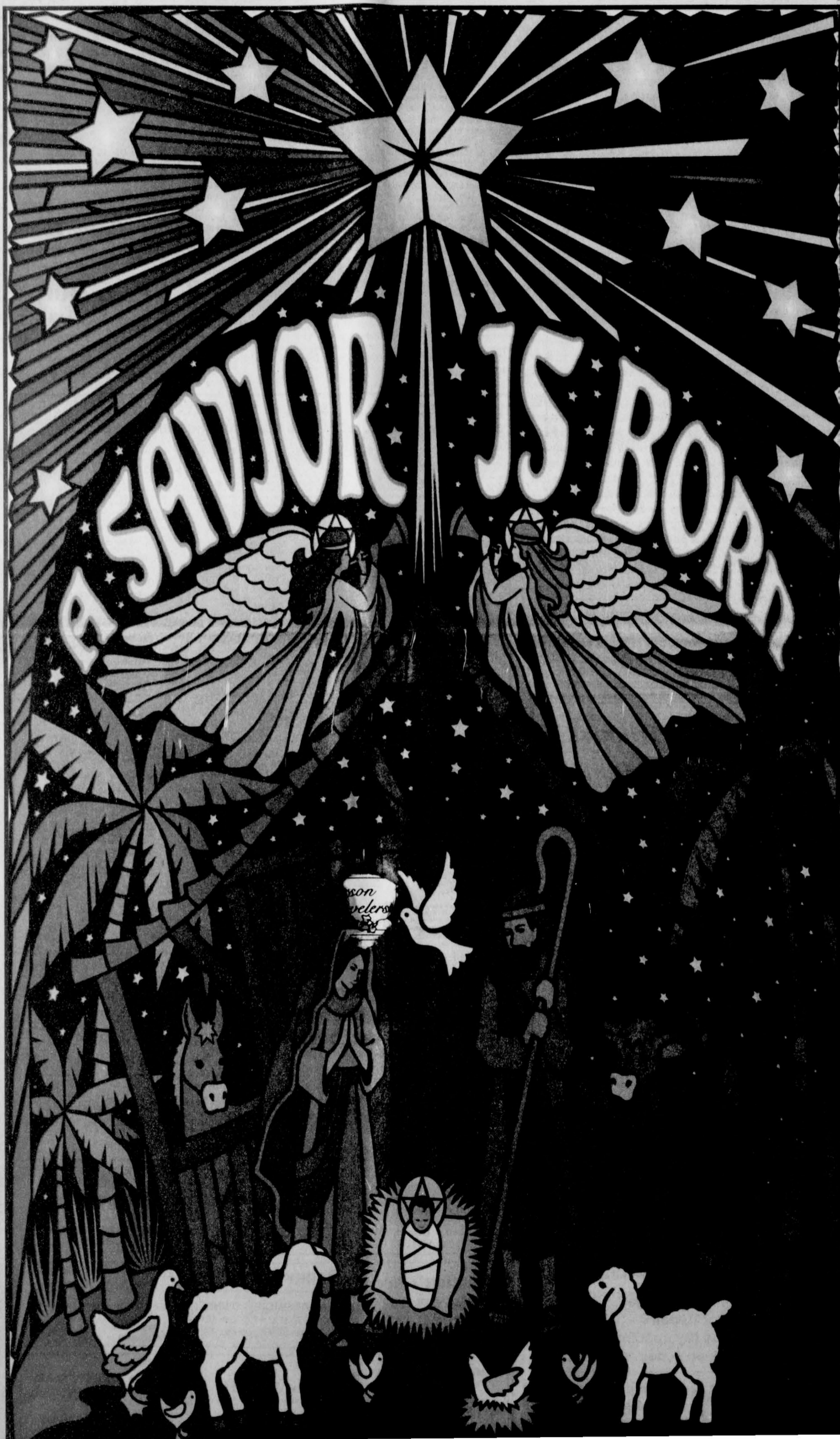
- 2000 Oilseed Program: \$500 million in payments is available to the more than 600,000 producers of the 2000 crops of certain oilseeds. Eligible oilseeds include canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans and sunflowers. Application deadline is January 12, 2001.

Local USDA Farm Service Agency offices will also begin accepting applications soon for the following programs:

- 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP): Funds will be made available to producers who have been affected by crop disaster. The signup period will begin January 18, 2001.

- 2000 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP): An estimated \$438 million is available to producers for grazing losses due to weather related disasters. The signup period will begin January 18, 2001.

Producers should watch for new program announcements released from their local Farm Service Agency office. County offices will receive national guidance regarding new program delivery prior to program sign-up dates. Please contact the RSA office at 659-3036 for additional information about current program eligibility. New program eligibility and application information will be available in January.



Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

Many of you have probably heard this story before, but I would like to share it with you anyway. It is a delightful story about the true meaning of Christmas.

I would also like to take this time to say a special thank you to each of you for your encouragement this past year. As I told you from the beginning, I am not a writer. I hope you enjoy the stories and anecdotes that I pass along.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you today and always!

[I have included the last of the "101 Easy Ways to decorate for Christmas" on page 4.]

The Story of the Candy Maker Who Loved Jesus

There was a man that loved Jesus so much that he decided to do something special for Jesus' birthday. Since he was a candy maker, he decided to use his talents to make a special candy to honor Jesus; so he designed the first candy cane.

If the candy cane is held upright, it is the shape of a shepherd's staff, which the shepherd uses as he watches over his sheep. Jesus is our shepherd. If the candy cane is turned upside down it becomes the letter "J" for Jesus.

The scriptures tell us that by Jesus' stripes we are healed. Jesus was beaten and stripes were put on his back when he was crucified in payment for our sins. So the candy cane was made with red and white strips to represent the blood of Jesus which washes away our sins and makes us pure and white as snow. One bold stripe represents our belief in one God who is Father of us all. The three fine stripes represent the Trinity; one God, who has revealed himself in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

There are a lot of candy canes in the stores today made with different colors but they are not TRUE candy canes unless they are red and white and have one bold stripe and three fine stripes.

True Candy Canes are Christian candy because they tell the story about Jesus.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



Unlucky Jim: A Christmas Story Of Unselfish Love

The very best stories are those worth retelling. The story of Unlucky Jim is a Christmas tradition in this column and definitely worth sharing again.

Unlucky Jim is a sad little story my mother read to me when I was small. It's about a little boy named Jim whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope or joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jim would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jim knew he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jim received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jim a special gift. Jim grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jim saw a

bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jim's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little red truck was still under the tree. As Jim reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jim there were only enough presents for one for each child.

Jim looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blond hair just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jim clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jim began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jim didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jim sat by his little sister's bed watching her play with her doll, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave Jim a neatly wrapped package and explained to him that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jim had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring him a present. To Jim's delight, the package contained the most beautiful red fire engine he'd ever seen.

Jim's unselfishness should be our model all year long. Christians celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether or not you're a Christian by faith, Christ's life of giving, sharing and caring is a good example for all men.

After years of searching, I found the book this story was remembered

from. The title is "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories." The author is Arthur S. Maxwell. The book was published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Tacoma Park, Washington, D.C. It contains the story of Unlucky Jim and about 20 others.

New Winter Hours

Cafe - 5 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Friday;
5 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday & Sunday
Club - 4 p.m. to midnight, Monday-Friday



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Every 2nd and 4th Friday

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Apostolic Faith Church
822 S. Dressen ¥ 659-2870
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve.: 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7:30 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Haney

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice ¥ 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's 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. Bernice ¥ 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice ¥ 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meet: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 8:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Rick Patrick
Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney ¥ 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 p.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland ¥ 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
(aired on KRDF-FM 95.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christ
Renditor Mass - Spanish
Rev. Scott Rael

Trinity Fellowship Church
717 W. 7th Ave. ¥ 659-2323
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service &
Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Dennis Alger

First Presbyterian Church
(Worships with Lutheran)
1021 Colter ¥ 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at
Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between
Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice ¥ 659-2252
(Worships with
First Presbyterian Church)

First United Methodist
407 S. Haney ¥ 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church
31 S. Endicott ¥ 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer ¥ 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor - Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th ¥ 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.;
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

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1105 S. Roland
Domingos:
Escuela-Dominal - 10 a.m.
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
Pastor - A.G. Martell
(806) 659-2153

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. 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
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gurfory

Oleo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
6 Miles West & 12 Miles
North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garrett
733-2651
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. 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.

Morse

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Christian Men's Fellowship
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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

December 11
 Birthday - Lidwine Carpiaux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans

December 12
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Doris & Danny Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tolleson, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Slough, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kauffman, Toby & Sally Thomas

December 22
 Birthday - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Sheppard, Deanna Kenny, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominguez

December 23
 Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Neil Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid

December 24
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Newell Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Zay Gilbreath, Mr. & Mrs. Marty Rasor, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Peddy, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dahl, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Beville

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

December 24
 Anniversary - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Fulkerson

Christmas Eve Worship Service

11:45 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Spearman, TX



Beta Fish Plants

The fish in the vase is a male Siamese Fighting or commonly known as a Beta Fish. He originated in rice patties of Southeastern Asia, where he feeds on the roots of the rice plants. A plant is emerged in the vase, and the Beta Fish gets its food from the roots of the plant.



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Our Deepest Sympathy

Eula Pearl Simmons Petree

Eula Pearl Simmons Petree, 94, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, in Amarillo. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Les Hall, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Edith Ford Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Petree was born in Emory. She was raised in Miami and graduated from Miami High School. She attended West Texas Normal College and earned a teaching certificate from Texas Tech University.

She moved to Hemphill County in 1929 and to Amarillo in 1992. She taught at Mendota School and later worked at The Toggery and The Fair clothing stores.

Mrs. Petree was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Canadian and was past president of the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Arts and Crafts Club.

She married Van William Petree in 1929 at Arnett, Okla. He died in 1980. Survivors include two daughters, Annette Lippold of Canyon and Marva Lee Hohertz of Spearman; a brother, R.L. "Bill" Simmons of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the building fund of First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1343, Canadian, TX 79014; Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. Seventh Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Donna Nell Murphy Broadhurst

Donna Nell Murphy Broadhurst, 88, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Gruver Cemetery with Jim Broadhurst officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Broadhurst was born in Plainview and was a longtime resident of Floyd County. She graduated from Spearman High School in 1931. She was a homemaker.

She married Walter Raleigh Broadhurst in 1932 at Clovis, N.M. He died in 1999.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Broadhurst of Amarillo and Jim Broadhurst of Friendswood; a daughter, Geraldine Dooley of Borger; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Joye R. Jack Hendrix

Joye R. "Jack" Hendrix, 74, longtime Hardesty, OK resident died Tuesday morning December 19, 2000 at the Southwest Medical Center in Liberal, KS.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning December 21, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Hardesty United Methodist United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Culvert officiating. Interment with military rites were in the Hartville Cemetery under the direction of the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

The son of Frank Alfred and Willie Mary (Clemmer) Hendrix, he was born on April 13, 1926 in Willow, OK.

Jack graduated from Spearman High School with the class of 1944. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and member of the Hardesty United Methodist Church.

He was united in marriage to Rosa Lee Reed on February 9, 1947 at Waka. They moved to Hardesty from Sunray in 1959.

Mr. Hendrix was manager of the Perryton Equity Grain Elevator in Hardesty from 1959 until his retirement in 1986. He had managed elevators in Waka, Perryton, Morris and Sunray.

His father, Frank Hendrix, his mother and stepfather, Mary and Leo Dacus and one sister, Eleanor Beth Novasad precede in death.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Lee; three daughters, Cynthia and her husband Billy DeArmond of Spearman, Shanna and her husband, Danny Medeiros of Liberal, KS and Rene and her husband Boots Avent of Stinnett; six grandchildren, Cling DeArmond, Shanna Lee Kinney, Michelle Keith, Wil Avent, Wes Avent, and Jody Avent; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Welch of Wichita Falls and Lee Marie Watson of Fairfield, VA; three brothers, Alfred Hendrix of Graham, TX, Dan Dacus of Lee's Summit, MO and Ted Dacus of San Antonio.

The Hendrix family suggests memorials be given to the Hartville Cemetery fund or the Hardesty United Methodist Church. Memorials will be accepted at the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

ESL/Spanish Classes Offered

The Community Resource Program is giving those persons interested in ESL, English Second Language, or Conversational Spanish I or II an opportunity to sign up for these classes. Mary Ontiveros will be the instructor. Classes will be offered if there is enough interest. For more information about how Community Education can serve you, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

Frank Phillips College Classes At Spearman High School

Many individuals in this area are working toward an Associates Degree or accumulating hours toward a Bachelors Degree. If there are specific classes that you would like to see offered at Spearman High School for either the Winter or Spring semesters, please call the Community Resource office soon as those schedules will be submitted to Frank Phillips College in the near future. Many classes are available through the teleconferences system at Spearman High School and Frank Phillips College also offers web-based classes. For more information, call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

Musical Jam Session At Golden Spread Senior Center

The Golden Spread Senior Center, 502 S. Brandt, is hosting musical jam sessions on the first Thursday night of every month from 7 - 9:30 p.m. All musicians and singers are welcome as well as those who like to just come and listen. And yes, toe-tapping and clapping are allowed. Come on down - you won't be sorry you came. Call Kathy at 659-3866 with any questions.

Frank Phillips College 2001 Teleconference Class Schedule

Listed below is the Frank Phillips College 2001 Teleconference Class Schedule. **Monday & Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.**, Intermediate Algebra; **Monday & Wednesday, 7 - 9:45 p.m.**, Psychology; **Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.**, College Algebra; **Wednesday, 7 - 9:45 p.m.**, Accounting. All classes will be held at Spearman High School via teleconference. For more information, call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Program at 659-3233. Registration will be Monday, January 8, 2001 from 5-7 p.m. at Spearman High School.

Area-Wide Singles New Years Eve Dinner & Dance

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide Singles New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza December 31. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. There will be live music by Sharla Lee Hayes and the Double Diamond Band. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. Photographer will be available at 6:30 for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 22. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For more information or tickets, call Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

Genealogy Society

The Spearman Genealogy Society meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Hansford County Library. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Morse Post Office Customer Appreciation Day

The Morse Post Office will hold their annual Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, December 22, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please join them for refreshments and fellowship.

Hansford County Genealogy Club Offers Class

The Hansford County Genealogy Club will present the PBS series *How to Research Your Family History* January 9th through February 6th at the First Christian Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be no charge to attend. For more information, call Nita Bynum at 659-2722 or 659-2842.

Christmas-in-April # Hansford County

Christmas-in-April # Hansford County is seeking referrals for possible projects for Saturday work days in April of 2001. Gifts and donations are also being accepted. Gifts to Christmas-in-April may be given in honor of someone, as a Christmas gift or memorial gift. Referrals and donations may be made to Beverly Cook, 659-2415.

Spearman Practice Livestock Show

The Spearman Practice Livestock Show will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 28th, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the Spearman County Barn. All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to attend. This will help you get ready for the county livestock show in February.

Gruver Practice Livestock Show

The Gruver Practice Livestock Show will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 21st, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gruver County Barn. All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to attend. This will help you get ready for the county livestock show in February.

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41. Use a child's Christmas pop-up book as a centerpiece. Just open the book up to a desirable picture and place the open book in the center of your table.
42. Hang a large December wall calendar on your wall. Count down the days to Christmas by gluing a brightly-colored bow on each passing day.
43. Tie five or six cinnamon sticks into a bundle using red ribbon. Create a bunch of these bundles and display them in a bowl or on a plate. Or, tuck bundles into nooks and crannies on shelves and table. They add a nice scent to your room.
44. Pull out your old toy trains. Run the track around the perimeter of the Christmas tree.
45. Paint the inside of a glass white to simulate milk. Display the glass along with a plate full of cookies and a hand-written Santa's wish list. It looks great if you take a bite or two out of one cookie.
46. For easy Christmas tableware, tie red, green, or gold ribbons to the stems of wine glasses or the handles of cutlery.
47. To make a decorative cookie plate, glue cinnamon sticks and whole cloves to the edges of a large plate.
48. Cut pictures from Christmas cards and Christmas wrap. Decoupage the pictures to the inside of a serving tray. Be sure to cover the entire surface of the tray. Once all the pictures are in place, cover the entire inside surface of the tray with one or two more layers of decoupage medium.
49. Screw small hooks into the ceiling and hang indoor Christmas lights from them.
50. Print your favorite cookie recipe on Christmas stationary (or print it on a white piece of paper and have it photo copied onto Christmas stationary). Roll each recipe up like a scroll. Tie the scroll with ribbon. Place the scrolls in a basket by your front door so you can give them to departing guests. You could also bake up a batch of cookies. Wrap each cookie separately in plastic wrap and attach one cookie to each scroll with ribbon (string the ribbon through a hole in the plastic wrap).
51. To add a lot of color to a room quickly, use red or green towels, blankets or even scraps of fabric as throws for your chairs, couch, tables, etc. Large pieces of polar fleece make great, cuddly throws.
52. Display colored glass ball ornaments or even beads in bowls instead of hanging them on your tree.
53. Wash and dry half a dozen small jars (it's better if they're all different sizes and shapes). Fill each jar 2/3 full of water and add a couple of drops of red or green food coloring to each jar. Place one sprig of evergreen in each jar and display the jars in a group on a table or line them up in a row on a shelf or window sill.
54. Use children's bath crayons (for coloring in the bathtub) to draw Christmas decorations on your mirrors and windows.
55. Spray paint the outside of large, clean coffee cans with gold, red or green paint and use them as cookie canisters. Once painted, you can dec-

- orate further by using decoupage medium to glue Christmas card cutouts to the cans, or use a hot glue gun to attach small plastic or wooden ornaments, tinsel, garland, whole spices etc.
56. Using a small brush, paint the tips of pine cones with gold craft paint. Place on a rack or piece of waxed paper to dry. Display cones in bowls or vases or attach a ribbon and hang them on your tree.
57. Spruce up plain red or green bath towels with Christmas ribbon attached using a hot glue gun or ironed on with fusible web.
58. Create an easy wall hanging using a piece of sheet music for a Christmas carol. Cut a piece of red poster board a few inches larger than the sheet music and glue the music to the center of the poster board. Use a hot glue gun to glue a small sprig of artificial holly to the top right-hand corner of the sheet music.
59. Create an inexpensive set of Christmas glassware. Purchase a set of glasses or mugs and paint holly leaves and berries on the outside of each glass or mug using red and green glass paint.
60. Dress up your dinner table: cover the table with a plain red, green or white tablecloth and sprinkle with red, green or gold cut-outs from your party decorations store. Or, make your own cut-out with specially shaped hole punches and solid colored wrapping paper.
61. Turn an old blanket chest into a treasure chest. Place the chest on the floor against a wall and open the lid (prop the lid up securely if it's prone to closing by itself). Line the inside of the chest with fiber fill to create the illusion of snow. Drape strings of beads and white indoor Christmas lights over the chest. Fill the chest with wrapped presents or wrapped empty boxes. Sprinkle with gold-wrapped chocolate coins.
62. Create personalized gingerbread men as place cards for your dining table. Use colored icing to decorate each gingerbread man with a guest's hair color and usual clothing. Using icing to print each person's name across the chest of the gingerbread man.
63. Paint a terra cotta flower pot gold using craft paint. Let paint dry. Glue on plastic or glass "gems". Let glue dry. Pipe white glue in a circle around the perimeter of each "gem". While the glue is still wet, sprinkle on gold sparkles. Let glue dry. Fill pots with flowers, nuts or candy.
64. Create an eclectic centerpiece using a large glass plate. Place a collection of containers on the plate. Use small bowls, vases, candle holders, flower pots, clean ash trays, etc. Fill each container with a different type of nut or candy.
65. Purchase inexpensive plain lampshades for your lamps. Use a hot glue gun to attach fabric bows (in Christmas prints) to the shades.

66. Trim door frames, window frames and the edges of mirrors with Christmas garland (secure with tape).
67. Place 1/2 cup of whole cloves on a plate. Apply white glue to the outside of a small terra cotta flower pot. Roll the pot in the cloves so that the outside of the pot is completely covered with cloves. You may have to press more cloves onto the pot in places. Let the glue dry. Tie a red ribbon around the outside of the pot - knot the ribbon. Tie three cinnamon sticks into the ribbon (knot the ribbon around the sticks). Tie the ends of the ribbon into a bow. Use the pot as a flower pot or fill it with potpourri.
68. Decorate with mittens, gloves, touques and scarves. String jute cord from one end of a room to another and clip knit items to the cord with clothespins.
69. Purchase small bells from your craft store. Tie each bell to a piece of ribbon between 6" and 18" in length. Gather all of the ribbons together and knot together at the top. Drape the bells over a door knob so that they ring when someone enters or exits.
70. Poinsettias are a beautiful way to add Christmas color to a room. But don't just stop at one. Create a stunning display using at least six plants - all different sizes. Group them together, larger plants in the back. Tie a large gold fabric ribbon around the whole group of pots. Sprinkle the plants with gold glitter.
71. Wrap a large empty coffee can in Christmas wrapping paper (leave the top open). Place and the floor, add some water and fill with evergreen branches. This looks wonderful on its own, or you can hang ornaments from the branches.
72. Replace your usual curtain valance with a large piece of Christmas print fabric, draped over your curtain rod.
73. Tie bows around door knobs.
74. Create an easy wreath. Tear Christmas print fabric into strips (or use ribbon, instead). Wrap a styrofoam wreath with the fabric or ribbon. Hang the wreath as is, or hot glue Christmas picks, ornaments, nuts, candies, etc. to it.
75. Wrap a table in Christmas wrapping paper.
76. Purchase cork place mats or coasters, Christmas print stamps and red/green/gold stamp pads. Then, stamp shapes onto your coasters and place mats. You can even stamp shapes onto your table cloths and napkins.
77. Cut pictures of people and objects from Christmas cards. Glue each object to a magnet sheet. Cut the pictures out of the magnet sheet. Stick the magnets to your fridge. Visitors can

- arrange your magnets into scenes.
78. Put some color into your bathroom. Display red and green glycerin soaps, bath gels and oils.
79. Use florist wire to wire Christmas picks to railings, banisters and door knobs.
80. Make a snowman. Better yet, make a whole snow family or even a whole snow village!
81. Wrap your front door in plain white paper and decorate with a large bow. Place red and green pens by the front door and have guest sign the door as they leave your home.
82. Cut pictures from Christmas cards and pin them to your curtains or bedspread.
83. Purchase inexpensive white bathroom accessories (soap dish, toothbrush holder, garbage can, etc.). Paint holly leaves and red berries on the accessories using craft paints. Or, use a hot glue gun to attach bows, sequins, beads, buttons, etc.
84. Create a red and green display in your kitchen using a collection of standard food items. Jars of olives, sun dried tomatoes, pickles, red peppers, cans with red or green labels.
85. Quick wreath: Use a glue gun to attach nuts or wrapped candies to a styrofoam wreath. Attach a large red ribbon.
86. Paint nuts gold with craft paint (use a variety of nuts of different shapes). Line a large bowl or basket with Christmas greenery (artificial or real), fill the bowl with oranges, apples and the gold nuts. Add a large red bow.
87. Display a large collection of photos from Christmases past. This makes a sensational conversation piece. Use a collection of odd frames or create frames using colored cardboard or craft foam. Instead of displaying each picture individually, you can create a collage. Use a large piece of red craft foam. Cut photos into interesting shapes (just cut around what's important in the photos). Glue the photos to the foam, overlapping them and leaving a 1" - 2" border of red foam showing. Cut holly leaves from green craft foam. Glue three leaves to each corner of the red foam frame. Cut small circles from left-over red foam (these are the holly berries). Glue them next to the

- holly leaves.
88. Make a Christmas bedspread. Trim the edges of a large piece of red polar fleece with pinking shears. Stitch a collection of mittens to one side of the fleece.
89. Put a Christmas screen saver on your computer.
90. Paint Christmas stars or bells on the outside of your bathtub or on your shower curtain using washable children's soap crayons.
91. Place a plate full of wrapped Christmas baking by the front door as parting gifts for guests.
92. Remove your mugs from their cup hooks and hang Christmas ornaments in their place. You can do the same thing with spoon racks or key racks.
93. Shred colored paper and use it to line a basket. Fill the basket with red and green scented votive candles.
94. Make a fresh flower garland using red carnations. You'll need a few dozen carnations. Cut the stems off just below the bud. String a length of double thread on a needle (make the thread as long as the garland you want to make). String the buds together by pushing the needle through the bud and out the top of the flower. Tie the ends of the garland together, if you wish. This garland should be stored in the fridge.
95. Decorate with giant cookies. Mix up your favorite sugar cookie or gingerbread cookie recipe. Roll out the dough. Instead of cutting into small cookies, cut out one tree shaped cookie using a knife. Don't bother using a pattern. A hand-cut shape has more charm. Transfer to a cookie sheet and bake. Cool. Cover with icing made of confectioner's sugar, green food coloring

- and water (no butter). While the icing is still wet, decorate your tree with peppermint candies, M&M's, jujubes, etc. Let the icing set. Your giant cookie can be displayed on a plate or you can wrap up a box in colored foil wrap and glue your cookie to the front of the box with dollops of icing. The box can be displayed lying down or standing on end.
96. Make simple Christmas puppets. Cut Santas, angels, snowmen, etc. from old Christmas cards. Paint craft stick red or green. Attach one cut-out to each stick using tape. The kids can play with these or, you can display them in a vase or a bowl. Just fill the vase or bowl with beads, nuts, candies, etc. and stick the puppets' sticks into the bowl.
97. Wrap your plant pots in red or green foil wrap. You don't even have to remove the plants first.
98. Create a display by your front door with unused boots. Assemble a group of boots and fill them with wrapped gifts or empty boxes.
99. Purchase an inexpensive glass vase (or better yet, three or four vases). "Paint" the vase with white glue and roll in red or green sparkles. Use the vase to display a large collection of white or red carnations.
100. To create an easy Christmas card display, purchase a large red bow that has a vertical ribbon attached. Hang the bow and ribbon and pin Christmas cards to the ribbon, starting near the top.
101. Paint fruit such as apples and pears with egg white and roll in gold sparkles. Air dry on a rack and display in a basket along with nuts.

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Need help wrapping?
Santa's Helpers will be at Dollar General this weekend to wrap gifts. Proceeds go to the 7th and 8th graders who will be going to Washington D.C. this coming April.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Only once in each lifetime is the experience of becoming a great-grandparent for the first time.

For Wanda and Ted Widener on December 7, 2000 was the date for this unique thrill when great-grandson Brice Lane McLaughlin arrived at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton.

His birth was announced last week, but their names were inadvertently omitted. Apologies to the Wideners.

Spearman radio station KRDF-FM marked its 37th anniversary last week. Spearman and community are fortunate in having the station here and appreciate all its community services.

So to George, Dwayne, Carolyn, Kaye, and announcers Gary and Leonard do stay with us another 37 years.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Marva and Bob Hohertz and family on the death of her mother, Eula Petree, 94, of Amarillo and Canadian. Her obituary is elsewhere.

Three-year-old Connor Odegaard was rushed by medicav to Amarillo late Wednesday after being taken to Hansford Hospital by ambulance. He was running a high fever and began having seizures.

He was diagnosed with RSV - a respiratory infection. He was improved enough to be brought home on Saturday. His mother, Shonda, had flown over with him and his father, Greg, followed by car.

He is improving but is still on oxygen.

The many friends of John Brown

were delighted to see him on Friday, out and about, beaming to report that he had finished all his radiation and chemo treatments and feeling fine. He was dismissed from the VA hospital in Amarillo on Thursday for now.

As a result John and Wanda hosted their annual all-day Christmas party for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren on Saturday in their home.

Their son, Bobby of El Paso was here and it was a joyous occasion for all. Many four generation pictures were made.

John, gaining weight and very optimistic, joins Wanda in expressing deep appreciation and thanks to all who have shown their concern. The calls, visits, cards and especially their prayers have been uplifting.

Three-year-old Beau Brown, son of Carla and Mark Brown, underwent a tonsillectomy on Thursday in Amarillo at BSA. The waiting room was filled with anxious kin-parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles. Stic Beau was calm and nonchalantly strolled to the car the next day. By Saturday, he was

filled with energy for his great-grandparents Christmas party.

Dale Randall was taken by ambulance to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo on Saturday morning. His wife Pat is with him.

Relatives report that he suffered a light stroke. Three weeks ago he had undergone surgery for three bypasses.

Twelve members of the Gamma Gamma Sorority, each being aware that she is five years older than she was 5 years ago, week before last took a scheduled trip to the hill country for a pre-Christmas outing.

Eight members drove to Fredricksburg and four flew down on Thursday. All day Friday they shopped in the many interesting and specialty shops. Friday evening they attended a show with many German songs and band numbers and folk songs as that area has a strong Germanic heritage. The band used some instruments that were unusual to the Panhandle.

On Saturday, the group toured the 16 historical homes open to the public. Several are now Bed and

Breakfast; on a weekend home; one had been an old store, now converted into a home.

Later they drove to nearby Johnson City for viewing the incredible light display.

The ladies participating in the tour, having come to the conclusion that they can't beat Father Time but have managed to drive a might close bargain with him, were Judy Nelson, Carolyn Gressett, Mary Ann Lasater, Charlotte Jackson, Judy Meek, Glenda Guthrie, Kathy Bryant, Sherrill Meek, Marva Hohertz, Dodie Beedy, Pat Dear and Verna Strawn.

On the day last week when the astronauts returned to earth after a most difficult and successful mission, Alex Rodriguez signed a contract to play baseball with the Texas Rangers. He will receive, for 10 years, 27 million dollars per year, yes - per year.

The astronauts spent years in scientific study, physical and mental training, and their accomplishments will affect the entire world for all of man's future. They will receive a standard salary and their publicity - a few paragraphs on the inside of the newspaper.

"A-Rod" is outstanding having become very accomplished in a game originally for children in parks - solely entertainment.

Where will the incredible salary come from? Not solely from gate receipts - but from TV contracts. How could any company expect to get its cost back? From the enormous audiences and the prospect of sales, of course.

This writer, an avid Ranger fan, watches and also listens to the radio broadcasts.

Ah - entertainment in America.

Christmas Greeting to All! And to that generation that has hung many a mistletoe - Keep in mind that "ining" years are crowding in - "declining" years, "reclining" chair, "defining" new no-no's; "refining" tales of youth; "resigning" to old age.

Dwayne Smith's weather report shows for the week of December 11 to 7 a.m. on December 18 the high temp was on the 15th at 62; the low was on the 12th at 7 degrees; moisture was one inch of snow on the 13th, moisture .02.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

City Gas Price Jumps

The City of Gruver will experience a jump in the price of natural gas on their December bill. While the price of gas was 6.53 for the first mcf and 4.53 mcf thereafter, the price has soared to 9.94 for the first mcf and 7.94 thereafter.

According to City Manager A.J. Ratliff, a home which had paid 92.60 for gas in November would pay 160.80 for the same 20 mcf in December.

Ratliff states that any drop in the price of natural gas will be reflected immediately. He also said that the high price of natural gas had made the city unable to lock in a contract price for gas and was forced to use spot market prices. He stated that the situation could be worse if the city were locked into a high gas price, and the gas price fell, leaving the city unable to take advantage of the lower price.

School Receives Van

Gruver Schools have recently purchased a gently-used 2000 white Taurus van which can be used for transportation of small groups of school personnel or students.

Reception Slated

Mark you calendars for a reception to be held in honor of A.J. Ratliff on Monday, January 22, 2001 from 4-6 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.

Varsity Teams to Compete in Post-Christmas Tourney

The Hounds and Lady Hounds will be competing in the Canadian Invitational Tournament December 28-30.

The Lady Hounds will open play against White Deer at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, December 28, while the Hounds will face Childress at 4:00 that afternoon. With a win the Lady Hounds will play at 2:15 p.m. on Friday or at 10:45 a.m. Friday following a loss.

The Hounds' second game will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday or at 9:00 a.m. following a loss.

The Gruver Junior Varsity Hounds, will be competing in the Fort Elliott Junior Varsity Tournament on January 13, 2001. Their first game will be with Miami at 1:45 p.m.

Class Entertains Elementary

"How Santa Got His Christmas Tree" was presented to the elementary on Monday by the theatre arts class of Gwen Parker.

Starring in the production were Santa - Brady Hart, Mrs. Claus - Sammie Stavlo, the elves: Friendly - Anthony Villalobos, Jingle - Chad Howe, Snowflake - Suguey Flores, Sneaky - Dustin Hamilton, Stinky - Isela Huerta, and Mechanical Toy - Andy Mendoza.

Christmas Festivities Slated

A triple treat will be offered to the public on Friday, December 22, beginning at 8:45 with a play, choral music, and band presentations in honor of the Christmas holiday.

"Twas the Night Before Columbus Day" will be the first presentation. Cast members include Narrator Chase Lamb, Sister #1 - Rachel Abernathy, Sister #2 - Ashleigh Sherrill, Woman - Carley Bryson, Man - Greg Ehrenberg, Sugar Plum # 1 - Beth Yanke, Sugar Plum #2 - Miranda Thoreson, and Santa - Ryan Abernathy. Stage manager is Holly Hart.

Following the play will be a concert by both the high school choir, all levels of the band will provide selections. The high school band sweetheart will also be crowned in the assembly.

All performances will be in the school auditorium.

Three Bandsmen Selected All District

Three members of the Houndsound Band have been selected to the all region band.

Chosen were Wesley Patterson, Elizabeth Duncan, and Kirby Johnson.

Graduations Held

Erin Derington, the 21-year-old daughter of Jim and Mandy Derington, graduated cum laude from the University of Texas at Arlington on December 16, 2000, from the School of architecture with a degree in Interior Design. She is now

employed with BauHaus interiors of Dallas.

Travis Ferguson, son of Doug Ferguson of Amarillo and Cindy January of Guymon; and Wylee Maupin, son of Wes and Mickey Maupin; graduated Saturday, December 16, from Texas Tech University. Both young men graduated with degrees in agriculture and

applied economics.

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

As you approach the hectic finish of the holiday shopping season, it might be of comfort to note that in a recent survey of adults showed that most of their fondest memories of Christmas were "little" ones. While the fancy

gifts are soon forgotten, the ones that touched the heart were remembered.

As advertisers bombard us with the notion that love can be bought, happiness has a price, it's good to remember the best gifts are not wrapped with satin ribbon but heartstrings, and more memories are made with gingerbread than Mastercard.

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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer? I am fine. I would like to have a computer for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? I like school. Mrs. Martin is my teacher. Please come to my house on Christmas. Mireya

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want some boots that my mama one time they were at a store and I liked them and they had flowers at the side and a zipper. I want a group of trays that has the spoons and pans to cook... (not real). Mrs. Martin is a silly billie and I like school. I am a good girl. See you at Christmas, Saira

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Is nose shiny? How are you? I'm great! How are the elves? How are the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I do not know the name of the game I want but it's a Tonka game and it is kind of like a computer but it only has one game. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Reese

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies? How did you get the beard? Where did you get the suit? How do your elves make all the toys? I would like to have a Barbie for Christmas. Thank you very much, Audrey

Dear Santa,
Santa was nice and he brought me some presents and I like Santa. I like the North Pole. I love Santa. I want a bike for Christmas and I want a bike for my sister and my brother too. I am going to get something for my mommy and daddy. See you at Christmas, Kyla

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I hope you bring me a new Furbie and a Hamster ('cause they are so cute)!! I have been pretty good. I like gym in school. You can come to our Christmas Concert if you want. I love you. Derreck

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Is his nose shining? Can I have a scooter? Is all your reindeer good? Will you buy me a new play truck with a trailer? I've been good! I'll be sleeping when you come. I love you Santa, Jace Lane

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Are they ready to fly? I want a train for Christmas. I have seen a Christmas movie. How are your elves? See you Santa Claus, Diego

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? Thank you for giving me the bike in the night. Thank you for coming to my house. Please bring em a Barbie and I like Santa Claus. See you at Christmas, Miriam
Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I think I want a beach ball again. I really want a Barbie House. I love Santa. Hannah

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? And the other reindeer, Prancer, Comet, Blitzen, Dasher, Dancer, Vixen, Cupid, and Donner? Are the elves working hard making presents? Could I have a new game called Mancala for Christmas? I've been really good. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will put cookies on the tree for the reindeer. Your friend, Nathan
1st grade - Pringle Morse

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a sled, a movie of 102 Dalmations, and I computer. Most of all I would like for my mom to have a happy and merry Christmas. Love, Chloe Pittman

Dear Santa,
I wish you were coming to our school. I hope you are coming to my house. I would like a doll house. I also would like a Barbie. Merry Christmas to all. Love, Yesenia Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I wish you would come to my house this year. I want a new puppy and a snowcone machine. Tori Boydston

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you? I want a computer. Ho! Ho! Ho! Love, Alberto Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I like you. You are nice. I like it when you bring presents. I want a tv, a scooter, and a snow cone machine. Ho! Ho! Ho! Love, Scott Spalding

Dear Santa,
I have been real this year! How are Mrs. Claus and you? I want a snow cone machine. Love, Katelyn Wilson

Dear Santa,
I am so happy that you are coming to our school. Are you being nice? We have been good this year. I like when you come to our houses. I love you Santa! Ho! Ho! Ho! Love, Mariana Mendoza

Dear Santa,
We have been good this year. Are we on the good list? I want a bike. Merry Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho! Love, Sury Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I love you. Is it cold where you live? I am good. I want a car for Christmas and a truck. See you later, Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want an Operation game, a puzzle and a TV, and a telephone for my room. I will put out cookies for you. And, I will leave out some carrots for the reindeer. I want a sled and some school stuff, and don't forget to bring something for my dog. That's all! Your friend, Ashley Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt/grass bike, a skateboard, new leggins, a new bike for my sister, and a car with a seatbelt for my sissy, a new blue truck and a trailer, and a gray and black spotted horse, and a new doll that can talk for my sissy. I would like a dinosaur - T. Rex, a candle for my momma and a new rope for my daddy with his brand on it, and a new saddle for me and my daddy and my mommy and sissy, too. I want a toy seal for sissy, and new cop clothes - a hat, and clothes. I will leave out cookies and milk for you. Love, Remington Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a checkers game, a ball that bounces, a dinosaur, a dinosaur puzzle, a dalmation that is a stuffed animal, and a Lego dinosaur. Also, I want a Dr. Remie car, a little blanket for me and a hoola hoop. I will leave you some cookies. I have been a good boy. I love you, Gerardo Monroy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a "Mary Can" girl doll, a Brittany Spears song, and a panda (I like pandas!). I want clothes like dragonfly socks, a cheerleader dress (I will wear shorts under it.), and that's all! I will leave you cookies for Christmas. (Do you like Oreos?) Your friend, Keila Bernal

Dear Santa,
I will be home for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you.

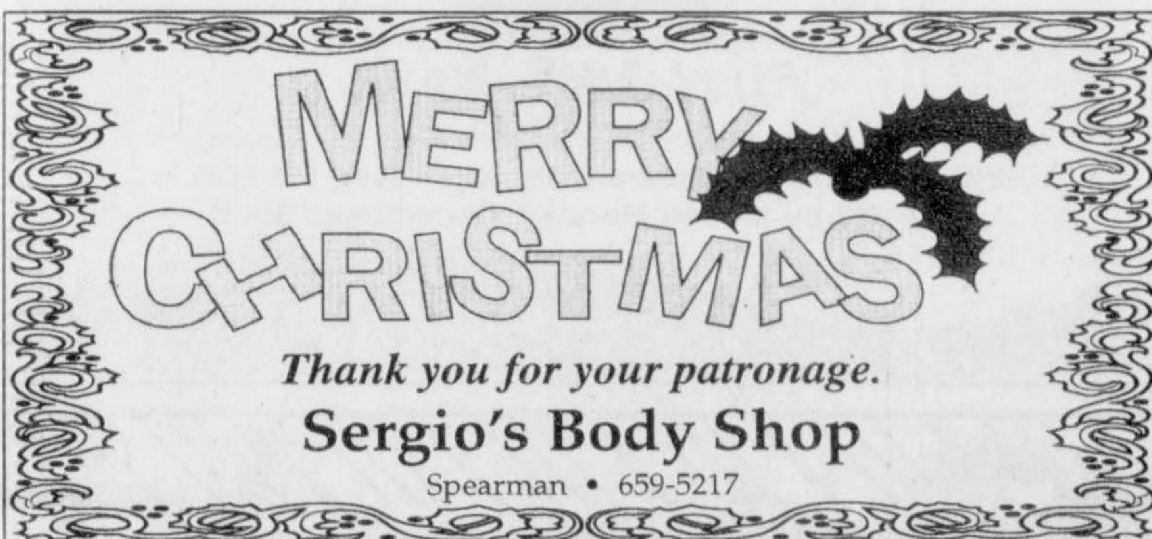
I want some new presents: a trampoline, a thirty flash, (that charges up the batteries), a lightning bolt football (it makes a lightning sound), a Powerwheels motorcycle that lights up, and a snowmobile (it has four wheels and you can ride on it.) I want a dog, because mine ran away. I want a plane for Christmas and sometime, I want to have a jet bike, and a Hot Wheels skateboard and a Hot Wheels helmet, and a Hot Wheels Pack.

We put our Christmas tree up, Santa. I love you, Cale Curry

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me an angel? Can you bring me a Computer? Can you bring me a swimming pool? Can you bring me some new clothes? Can you bring me a scrapbook? Can you bring me a goldfish? Can you bring me some paints? That's all! I have tried to listen to my mom. Thank you for my things. Your friend, Adilene Duran

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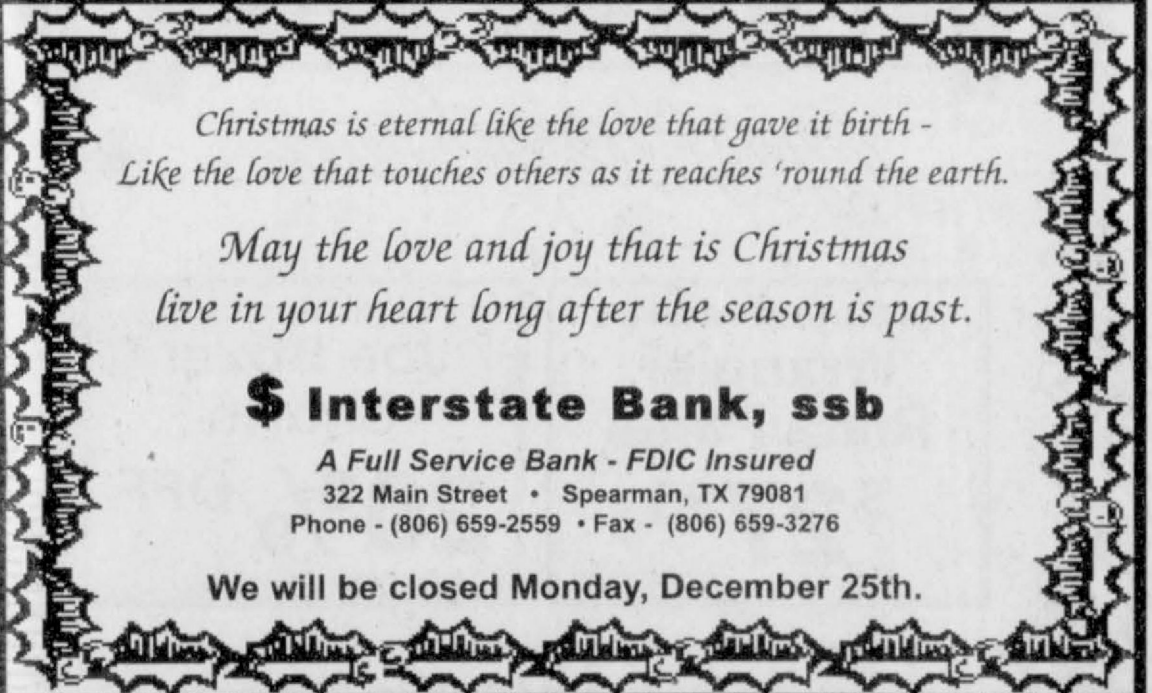
Dear Santa,
I want a new bicycle, and a million toys. That's All!!! I love you, Michael Renteria



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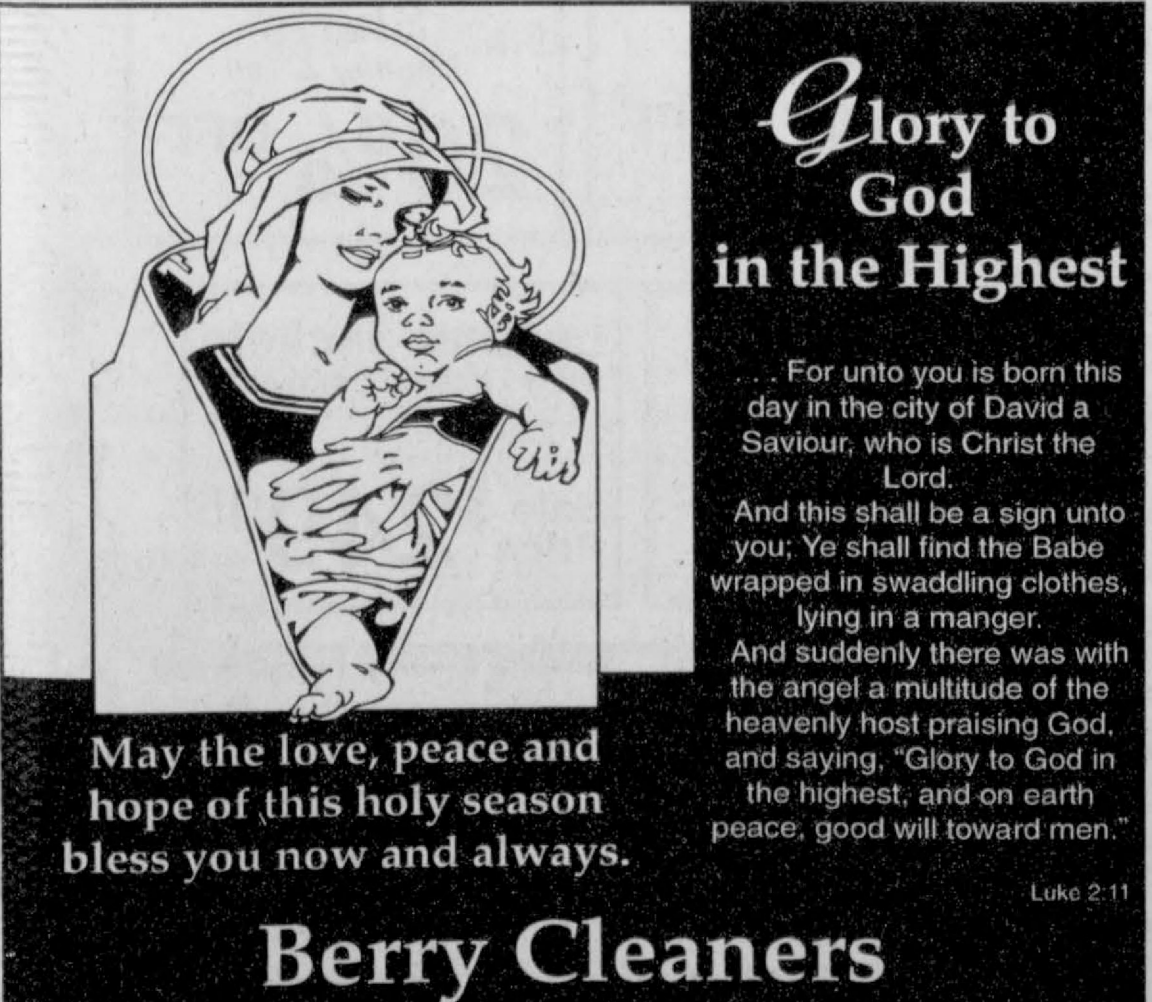


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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
Will you come to my house to put toys under my Christmas Tree? Santa, bring me Barbie dolls, angel dolls, and school papers, school teachers, a swimming pool, folders (for pretend kids), and that's it!
I have been a good girl.
I will put cookies and milk on the table for you, Santa.
I love you, Santa, Irasema Soto

Dear Santa,
I want an American Girl Doll.
I will give you some cookies and milk, I have been good at school and at home.
That's all!
Love, Laurcen Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like a ball and a real motorcycle. I want a train and a toy computer.
Love, Victor Barrera

Dear Santa,
Can you give me two dogs for me and my sister? I want a little toy for my brother. And a ring for my mom. Please bring my dad a present too.
Love, Stephanie Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a water gun. That's all I want.
Love, Daniel Dillon

Dear Santa,
I want a bracelet and necklace. I want a computer and a Rugrat game and a Baby Dill Rugrat doll that has a binkie and can talk. I want a real Dalmation puppy. I want a real cat and a toy clubhouse. And I want some toy dishes. And I want a fish and an octopus in a pond that they can live in. I love you Santa Claus.
Love, Rachelle Moreno

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie that can talk and I want a motorcycle that is huge and it's gold. I want you to be on it. I want a real soft little puppy with soft hair. And he is so cute with a leopard print ribbon around his neck. I want the Back Street Boys tape. Santa, I love you and I think you should be a very nice guy for giving all these toys to me. Thank you.
Love, Lori Dawn Watson

Dear Santa,
I am going to do a play about your elves. There's one grump. I want a real bunny and an American Girl doll for Christmas.
Love, Callie Stedje

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear and a book. I want some new shoes and clothes.
Love, Flor Soto

Dear Santa,
I want a toy for Christmas. I want a t.v.
Love, Ana

Dear Santa,
I want a Buzz Lightyear movie, some Power Rangers, a go-cart, a little robot dog toy, a toy bear, a computer, a kitten toy and a Santa Claus suit. I want a new bike and a cd player.
Love, Cesar Soto

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a scooter and a drum set. Please get my brother a game and my sister a pink blanket. She loves them.
Love, Korbin Irwin

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a toy monster truck. I want a computer and a cd player. I want a guitar and a blue Power Ranger. I want a blue motorcycle for the Power Ranger to jump on. I want a new Nintendo and some new games. I real blue motorcycle for me to get on and go fast. Then I'll put a bunch of gas in it. I want a toy car to play with and a toy man to ride in it. I want another motorcycle for my dad. I want a ring and a dress for my mom so we can go to a dance.
Love, Eddie Borunda

Dear Santa,
I want a lap top computer like Mrs. Brown's. I want a teddy bear. I only have one and a lion that is soft. I want a radio that you can have tapes and cd's in it.
Love, Alex Logsdon

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a real glove and some toy soldiers. We are making a play that has elves. One is a grump.
Love, Dallas Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger, a cowboy doll, a toy bus, and an airplane game. I want a toy horse and a toy elephant.
Love, Jesus Carrasco

Dear Santa,
I want a Brittney Spears doll and a Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer toy. Can you tell me the names of all the helpers that make the toys? I will give them presents. How many helpers are there?
Love, Paula Terrazas

Dear Santa,
I want a My Size Barbie for Christmas. I want an ice cream maker. I want Growing Baby.
Love, Bailey Keeling

Dear Santa,
I want some presents for Christmas. I want some books, and some toys.
Love, David

Dear Santa,
I want some new boots for Christmas. And a cowboy hat.
Love, J.J.

Dear Santa,
I want some little cars for Christmas. And I want a computer.
Love, Lalo

Dear Santa,
Can you give me some toys like a truck and a car? I only want that.
Love, Cesar

Dear Santa,
Can you come to my house? And give me my toys. I want a Power Rangers cassette, a bird, a little house, and a little Christmas tree.
Love, Yadira

Dear Santa,
I want a new Tigger for Christmas. I also want a new book and a Teletubby. And a balloon.
Love, Victoria

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a kangaroo toy, new shoes, a ball, and a hat.
Love, Maggie

Dear Santa,
I want a train for Christmas. And I want a Play Station.
Love, Effrain

Dear Santa,
I want a titanium Megazoid. And I want a titanium Moipher. That is all.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a C.D. player, a Page doll, and a game boy. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Ashlynn Miner

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a new shirt, a telescope, and a computer. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Ali Tyler

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie house, new crayons, and a little Barbie book. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Daniela Carrasco

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me Nintendo, motorcycle, and a bike. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Tadeo Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a bike, beads, and a coat. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Kaysha Bass

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie, a play jeep, an a Barbie house. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Clarissa Anaya

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Kitchen, a C.D. player, and a bed for me. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Viviana Huerta

Dear Santa,
How are your elves and your reindeer? Tell your elves and your reindeer I said hi. I would like to have a teddy bear with a picture of Brittany Spears on it. A Backstreet Boys Barbie, and a scotter. I hope you have a merry Christmas!
Love, Morgan Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a C.D. player, a Barbie house and C.D.'s. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Yesenia Monroy

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa! I would like to have a doll house and a Brittany Spears Barbie. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Love, Brittany Traylor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Christmas C.D., a games, and a play car. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Landrie Bunram

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a toy car, new desk, and new cars. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Fabian Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a C.D. player, play store and a game. Thank you for being so nice to me.
I love you, Betty Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I wonder what you do in Christmas. I would like to have a rock and roll radio house. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Love, Amy Flores

Dear Santa,
I hope Rudolph and your reindeer are doing good. For Christmas I would like to have a radio that is fixed like a house. I hope you have a merry Christmas!
Love, Fatima Barrera

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a good year! I would like to have a scooter, a poochie, and an internet computer. I hope you have a merry Christmas!
Love, Erik Lopez

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How is Rudolph? What time is Christmas? I just wanted to know if I could have a scooter, a skateboard, and a computer. I hope you have a merry Christmas!
Love, Gunner Wynn

Dear Santa,
I love you! I would like to have a poochie, a Barbie house, and a Barbie car. I hope you have a merry Christmas!
Love, Evelyn Pastrana

Dear Santa,
I love you! For Christmas I would like some little cars and some new clothes. I would also like some new shoes. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Love, Cesar Ortiz

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a computer and some roller skates. I love you! I hope you have a merry Christmas!
Love, Daniela Luciano

Dear Santa,
I hope that your elves are doing good work. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and a Barbie computer. I hope you have a merry Christmas!
Love, Marisol Ortiz

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? For Christmas I would like to have a Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer costume. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Love, Shelley Gibson

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a great year! For Christmas I would like to have a computer, dancing Debbie, make-up Mindy, and Super Nail Creations. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Madison McLain

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. How is Rudolph? I want a motorcycle.
Love, Rito Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I wish for my sister, Ryanne to be well. I wish for a Mermaid Barbie. I hope the weather is good. Would you get me a picture of a reindeer? Would you get me a movie called Inspector Gadget?
Love, Kaitlyn Howell

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I wish my mom to be happy. I wish you bring a present for me and my brother and I want a barbie too.
Love, Juliana Trejo

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. How are the reindeers? I want a motorcycle.
Love, Danny Bonilla

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? I want to ask you to get my mom a sewing machine and my dad a toolbox. I want a bebe gun.
Love, Wil McCloy

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I wish that everyone in my family gets a present and I wish I had a bow and arrow.
Love, Guadalupe Trejo

Dear Santa,
I would like a big pair of diamond earrings for my mommy and a toolbox for my daddy. I would like a big brown bear and how is Rudolph doing today Santa?
Love, Elizabeth Hart

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll, Nathan would like a dog. My Mom and Dad would like an oven
I would like a diamond bracelet for Christmas.
Love, Maci Forrest

I wish my Mom and Dad to be happy. I want a puppy. I want a baby boy.
Love, Gali Boyd

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want,
1. bow and arrow
2. B.B. gun.
3. pump up air plane
4. rocket
5. for my family to be happy.
6. for everyone to be happy.
Love,
Haden Victor Hart

Dear Santa,
I want a ring for my mom with a big diamond so she will be happy. I want some tools for my dad and for my other dad. Some ice cream. I want a necklis for my other mom and for me I want a dinasr.
Love, Quinton

Spearman

Dear Santa,
I am good every day and I am learning a lot.
I want a jack-in-the-box and a jet for Christmas.
You will need to use the front door to come in our house.
Love, Gregorio Torres

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would really like a toy robot and some toy guns. Please bring something for my brother Rolando and my sisters.
Can I ride in the sleigh?
Love, Jimmy Munoz

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year.
Can you remember to bring me a Barbie Cash Register and new clothes?
I hope you like my cookies and milk. To get down the chimney you will need to take the towel out.
Love, Halli Mans

Dear Santa,
You will need to come in the front door. Can you use a magic key?
I want a Tonya Space Station and a Commandor Game for the computer.
Love, Lonnie Born

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a Mortal Combat 4 for the Nintendo 64 and a Pokemon 2000.
Please tell Donner I like him the best.
I will work hard to be very very very good.
Love, Arik Mires

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Barbie and a Barbie car.
Please bring some thing good for my brother, Mom and my dad.
I live in a trailer. you can come in the front door.
Love, Paloma Mendez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie and a computer.
I will try to be good all year.
Please bring my Mother a new dress. Can you bring my little sister an umbrella?
My little brother likes cars.
Love, Tanya Carabajal

Dear Santa,
I have really been good most of the time.
I want a scooter and a car I can drive. Please bring something good for my sister, Sabrina. She will like Barbies.
Love, Jeb Cantu

Dear Santa,
I would like a real T.V. and a VCR. I think I have been good all year.
How far away is the North Pole?
How many elves work for you?
Is it a lot of trouble to wash your beard?
Love, Alexis Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and a cool motor cycle.
I have been good sometimes this year. How do the reindeers learn to fly?
Love, Devin Wells

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Dollhouse and a Barbie Cash Register.
My brother would like the boy cash register. My mom likes lipstick and my dad needs some tools.
Love, Adrianna Corralejo

Dear Santa Claus,
I wat scootr iev bin good My mom wats a glas Duk.
Your Friend, Paige Fox

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the great stuff you sent me last Christmas.
I have tried to be a good girl and I am learning a lot in school, at home and at church.
Sometimes my ears don't work but I am trying.
I would very much like to have the following, if you think it's ok.
Thank you!
Love, Emily
Butterfly Barbie
Purple Poochie
Barbie tape player
Barbie dress
Barbie panties
Dragon tails

Dear Santa,
If you have time to make these toys for me I would appreciate it.
I have tried to be a good girl.
I work hard at school and I try hard to listen and behave well at church.
So, if it's not too much trouble, could you please, if ou have time, would you please make some of these things on my list.

Thank you!
Love, Katy!
red gameboy with a game blue boom box with batteries
Hot Wheels skate board
Hot Wheels poster
trampoline
drumset
G.I. Joe dump truck
dalmation poochi
pokemon monopoly
thin socks
comic books
plastic baseballs
hiking compans
jeans
14 pokemon cards
hiking boots

Dear Santa, my mom wonce a rocking chair.

Dear Santa,
I really want a Rocking - Horse and a sleigh.
Thank you for bringing toys to all the good boys and girls. You are really nice.
Love, Denise Lopez

Dear Santa,
Don't forget about Jenny, my dog. How will you get in her house? Don't forget to leave her a present. I want a scooter. Is Rudolph real?
We are going to leave you cookies and milk! Last year you spilled milk on my stocking. Please be careful this year!
Love, Rebekah

Dear Santa,
I want anything for Christmas. Don't forget about my brother, Sawyer and my mom and dad. How are your reindeer doing? I've been very good! How are your elves doing? I bet they're working hard for all the children.
Love, Mabry

Dear Santa,
I going to leave cookies out for you. I hope you will like them. I

would like some marbles please. I would also like a charmander. Please also bring me digimon shark with black and blue stuff.
Thank you.
Love you, Mark

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. Thank you for my toys from last year. Don't forget about my sister. Don't forget about my mom and dad. Don't forget my grandmas. Be careful on your trip. How are the reindeer?
Love, Anthony Ochoa

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? What kind of presents are you going to bring me? I have tried being good! How are you?
From, Katy

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I want a scooter. How is the snow? How are the reindeer? Don't forget about my brother.
Love, Rene

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle, toys, pistol and a lot of toys. A baby doll for big sister and a bone for my doggie.
Thank you
Love, Amanda

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I haven't ever seen them! I want a ball for Christmas and a game! I would also like an airplane game and a bouncing ball.
I've been a good boy and a good friend!
Love, Raymond

Dear Santa,
?Como Stass?
Yo e hor una mona Barbie ye chico duck.
Gracias.
Love,
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Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? Are the reindeer ready to come? Would you please bring me a dream baby. I would also lik a poochee please.
Thank you
Love, Kylee Porter

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready for Christmas?
How are you and Mrs. Santa Clause?
I would like a baby puppy please. I hope you are ready for Christmas.

How are things at the north pole? Please bring me a dress up and a Dr. Set. and a purple poochee Dog.
Thank you
Love, Cassidie

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. I also want a pillow. I like your reindeer! I'm glad you are coming.
Love, Lehea

Dear Santa,
I wat a sckor and a ckapr be Caz you are nis to the chidriidn and I put you a note giv my mom a ckaich and my dad a Truck and a nvr sckor for my Bravr, a postr.
Your friend, Josue Briseno

Dear Santa,
I have ben rilly good This year I want a puppy you Can tawk to. And a barby Cash regester and sum moor benebabys and a play canpyouter That has lots of gamse.
With love
From Lauren Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want a col scoter
I wat a han bacs
I like you
I bin good
I wat fatbol team
I want roiblas
Your friend,
Christian Fisher

Dear Santa,
I have ben good I want a bisicol for Christmas. And a bribe.
With love, Diana Garibay

Dear Santa,
I wood like a bicke my bike hais a Flat Tiyer. I have bin very good And I'll leev you cookees and milk.
Your friend, Samantha Hargus

Dear Santa Claus,
I have ben good I wut a birbe one birbe and I sut clos and Nuyes
Your friend, Susana Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I ahve ben good. I want to see the raindeer. I want a basckball for me But for only me an a skooek to. I want a Americin doll and I will leva you milke And cookies.
With love, Malory Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope if you can breg a prasa For crisas a cprdr for me at Crisas and I him good at my Haees.
Your friend, Noemi Morales

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cat, I want a dog, I want a toy car, I want a nice mom I want a book I want a nice dad I want a cook bike

I want a scooter I want a cool dad.
Your friend, Marco Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a easy football Team and a scooter. I bin good.
Your friend, Justin Rindlisbacher

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope I Get a bicke and a remot Cincro car. I will leev you Cookees and milk.
Your friend, Edward Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,
I have ben good. I want a purple skooder and a bick. I want a Britne Spirs doll that sings ops I did itagen and a Barby stashin wagin. I want to see the riander. I bet Kate has babys on Christmas and get something I belev in you.
With Love From Chandler

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Miastt
And a Koby Bryot
And a Arney man two game.
I am goen to lev sam cooe
For you.
Your friend, Jeffrey Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you beuse you are nice to aotr childrin like me and i Bin good to and I want a Brbe fone.
Your friend, Cristina Vargas

Dear Santa,
i wuten a mkhrow hlkpter and a scootr, ninten sixte
luv Ignaico

Dear Santa,
i wood like a wene dog and a scine scinescrdr and a ril bulinero 20 2 pistol and a nif i hup you i wut a soprintio i wut a noo pupe
love Blaine Pack

dear santa i like you and i like a barbie wheth stikers and a tree and i will laev you some coockis and milk
love Veronica Frayre.

dear santa
i hop yu cum to nit. i wut u evaku-
vn luv Kassy.

Dear Santa
I wud like a play pola bare I will giv you sum milk and cookes like you for santa I wat you to come to nighte I wut a buch of preses I love you santa from Tylo to santa have a good day

Dear Santa
Hay is Mis. Clos I will leve you milf and cookey's and food for Dashler and Daser and Peranser and ViXsin Comitmit and Cyoopid and Doier and Blisin nad Eroodof.
Good luc on your trip
love Lexo Kay Batton

Dear Santa I wood like a shwowowo and a sooter for crismis.
Tyler Hamilton

dear santa
I wut a noow bick and a noow dog.
Derrick Hamby

dear santa
i want a compyuter for cerismas.
love livette Hernandez

Deer Santa I want a gold dosr 3 cuntrls a game dubll007 a gameboy corar 4 Roumbull Pack molldlkabab 4 by 64 puoce for my mom
love Sergio Ramos

Dear Santa I wot a ramogonjoltruck and a game boy-collr game the game boy collr game I wot sasvatra tow
Coby

Dear Santa,
I wut a Gapoe adn a pup and Doll and a cat and a Book.
Love Angelica Gutierrez

Dear Santa I have bein veary good we wel back sum cooees and poor sum mlck I wad like a ro-bodog and mawchy ples give me the thes presint
Gately

Dear Santa,
I want spotted puppy.
love Bill Johnson

dear santa
i like a suputano and dearsantato nitscuu
Alexis

dear santa
i wud like a babie dall and a prin-sus babie
how do you liek the elvss
I will Like a noow bike.
love Cassie Bowers

Der Senta Ciose I wont a like pool an a scooder a goidin won and a and a dog and a cat and my bruthers wont a gowcort and Colby wonts a scooder to and Caleb wonts a cun shrol mowder sickoole and a cun-shrol forweler and wut do you fend yoeer randir in kindergordin I got randir good but it was sireyool and I seded it on the and there is wet moor thags I wont a desing Devey and a sede piayer by Cassidy Odegaard

deir santa i wat a nel salon with a 101 and 40 nels nad a cat and a swimenpal and my friend is berenice
wat do fied yor ren deir and wiy do you wer a red sot i love you
Vicky Temple

dear sant claus i waud like a cihia face doll and a swimming pool. nad some stiff amlas. and a bike.
Iris Villa

dra sattes its fixny to be carismass end i wot for carismass is a bayb rabitys it is fun to get rabitys end cool end funny i like sattes he his eff they are funny way is it spssl end way is it sossy will i no theat it is coold end i like it fun funny coold end i love it it is Audrey Loya

der santa i yot my compod, barbie and pes can you can you pes can gimmi my barbie hos and i love santa and i liek my mom and i like my lido satr i yot my baby bird and the bird wat coc and a lido pig wos
Patricia Gutierrez

dear santa claus i waud like a doll and a swimming pool for christmas. how are your rain deer? and how are your elvs? i have my christmas tree up. katilyn is going to canida for the week i wish for her to be safe. thats, all that i want from you.
Tara Duke

i wat a dirt bik and a four wheeler.
Love, Kyler Cator

deer setu i wot a dirt bik
Love,
Harley Davidson

Dear Santa Clos I hav deen good, I wunt a sooter and Danse and Debey. How do you like the Norht Polle? and How do you fed the Ran deer? and How is Rood off? I hav a sorey to tell you. it is colld My buthers
frum Anna Sowder

santa i want to get a play hose and a numi to botfo liki a play hose to play weth may friend like victoria and wi kend bi santa paws and to play hose with victoris and wi wel play hose and santa paw and love you santa paws
Berenice Ortiz

deer setu i wot a ball and a pet dog and soom books and a gi joow and a wloof toy and a tv and a wig and a jeep and a toy bug and a tree beeny bebas and a toybox and soom mandms
Bryce Jarvis

dir Setclos yut I guy is a slay and a pokemon mow and a yojo and a horse berach and a bas for me and a bene baby derr i yot bot for my mom and sam bot for me and stes hal do you mak the slad do you haf too clen jr clos is it hord too ses is rudof ok and desr ok i love
Lauren Patterson.

Santa Clos well you breg we a jrbi and a poche and a bic and a gine pig and a noo scat bod an apet snee and a foot ball hrse and a hammit and a pet lynx and a grfid and dr. mris and a shoes cpodr and a pritr and 1000 bras to bit my sistr up and a lisrd and a bane with babes and a tlr with babes and a nesd pupits and clos and ges and bos desplay and saminams
Jace Clayton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dancing Debbie and fake finger nails, and another Brittney Spears Barbie. Also a Barbie house, and a new toy box.
That's all!
Danielle Gregg

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, a car, teddy bear.
Alfredo Rosendo

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a scooter to play with my friuends and then it will be my turn. Me and myu sister we will go to the dog pound and we will go home. Can you bring me a control notorcycle and to let my sister play with it and then when I go to sleep I am going to pu ti away and when I woke up I will play it again.
Jose Calderon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this yestr. I want a CD player. Eulises wants a TV with a VCR to watch movies. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Thank you,
Cynthia Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want the big Barbie for Christmas. I have been a good girl. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Love, Erynn Saenz

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a big Barbie. They are huge. They are my size, it is a butterfly barbie. You can wear clothes with her. I love that big Barbie.
Love, Kathryn Curry

Dear Santa,
I want a dog that dances with me. Could you bring me a kit to fix hari with. I would like a make-up purse. I want a drum. I will leave you some candy.
Thank you.
Love, Kyla Walker

Dear Santa,
I want a train. I want a remote controlled car. I have been a goody boy this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Nestor Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me candy. You are pretty. I want a cool car. I want the car to be red. I want a Christmas coloring book. I want a telephone. My phone is 659-5095.
Love, Luis Vela

Dear Santa,
I want a computer. Can you come in through the door? I am a good girl.
Thank you.
Love, Maria Pena

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a Disney castle with lots of pieces. A play ground with seven or eight dolls. I want a play station with one game.
Thank you Santa
Paige Pierson

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that will dance with me. I want a castle. I am a good girl. I will leave a glass of milk for you.
Love, Itzel Meza

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I need some dishes to cook with. I want a book that tells me how to cook. I have been a good girl.
Love, Celina Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a toy for Christmas. Could I have a present. I will leave you a cookie. I HAVE been a good boy.
Love, Clay Getz

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Thank you for giving me and my sister beads and a barbie. I want a new barbie toy box. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Amber Gregg

Dear Santa,
I want a water proof watch. I want the crocodile hunter game. I ahve been a good boy this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Love, Audy Reed

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like body glitter for one of my presents. My house says "Down Here Santa." My brother, Beau, has been good and he wants you to come to our house first. He wants a tractor. Beau is getting hsi tonsils out so please bring him a combine too. I love you.
Allison Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I would love to have a big Barbie for Christmas. I love my mother, my daddy and my teacher, Mrs. Howard. I am in kindergarten and I am trying to be good. I like pizza, do you?
Love, Alexandra Garcia

Dear Santa,
You are so nice. Thank you for your toys. I hope you have a good Christmas. I will have milk and cookies for you. I would like a baby doll. I am going to have a baby sister next spring so could you bring a toy ducky.
Love, Gracie Weaver

Dear Santa,
Do you have a Grandma? I have a nice one. I hope I get to see her at Christmas. I want a Barbie. I have been soo good. I hope you can find my house. I like school.
Love, Almarosa Briseno

Dear Santa,
You are nice. You are fat but I still love you. I like your toys. I want a Batman please. Are your reindeer going to fly with you on Christmas Eve? I love you Santa.
Love, Kagen Breeden

Dear Santa,
I love you! You are very nice. I like your toys. Do you have fun making them?
For Christmas, I would love a Barbie Doll house. The elves make pretty stuff. I will leave you cookies. What's your favorite?
Love, Crystal

Dear Santa,
Where does your elves live? Are you making lots of toys and having fun? I would like a green Game boy and a Pokemon game. Where does your mom live - Texas or the North Pole? Are you having adventures? How do you make the toys? Please call me at school 659-2565. Where did you find the reindeer?
Love, Andre Chavez

Dear Santa,
Santa I would likek to have a scooter and a big doll house. I've been a good girl all year.
Love,
Sami Harmon

Dear Santa,
You are fat and jolly but I still love you. My sister wants a toy car. I want a Barbie cake. Ramon, my brother wants a bike. Is Rudolph going to lead the reindeer with his red nose?
Love, Danielle Garcia

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I am a good girl at school. My mom is having a baby and I want a sister. I want a mermaid Barbie, also. I will leave reindeer food out on my lawn.
Love, Melissa Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I can't wait till you come. Don't get stuck in anybody'd chimney. Bring lots of toys. I want a Barbie. I love you, Yadira Villa

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a barbie jeep witha barbie to go with it. And a remote control car. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Brandee Corcoran

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a ball, an ironing board, and a water gun. I've been good all year.
Love,
Brock Schroeder

Dear Santa,
Santa I would like to have a pink barbie camera and a barbie key chain.
Love,
Anne Marie Comp



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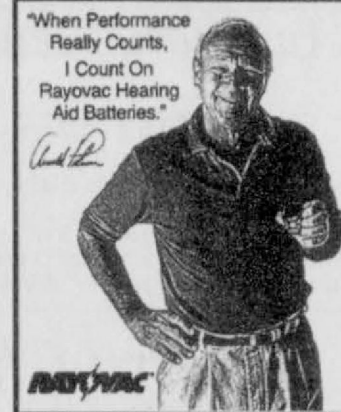
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Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined without charge in the offices of the City of Spearman, 30 S.W. Court and procured from Brandy Engineers, Inc., 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110-2217, 806-353-7233 in the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

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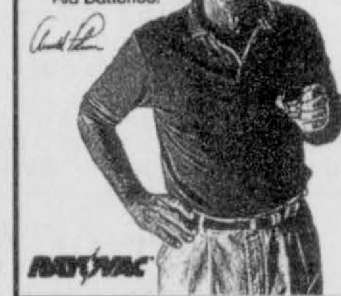
A Cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Spearman in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of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

Performance and Payment bonds will be required.

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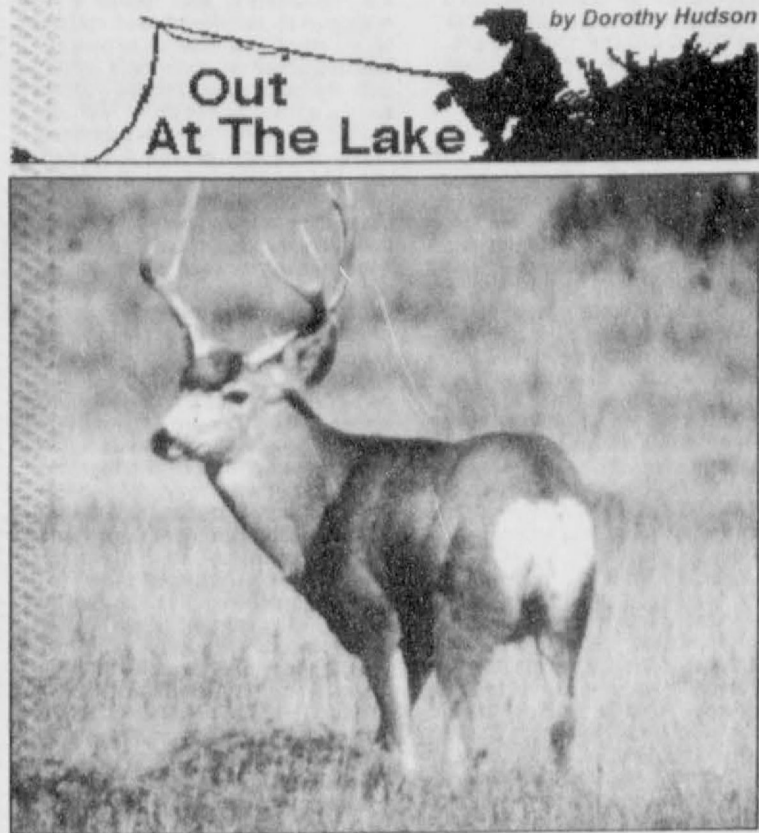
The Spirit of Christmas 4th Annual Community Christmas Dinner Where: The O'Loughlin Center When: December 25th • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. What: A free dinner will be provided for anyone in the community who would like to share in the Christmas spirit with food and fellowship. Sponsored by Friends of Spearman.

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by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--December 18, 2000--47.45 feet (2 inch drop)

At the Thursday afternoon PDRA board meeting on December 14, T. J. Bergin told me they had a real treat watching mountain bluebirds, house finches, and a cardinal bathe in a puddle of water formed from the melting snow on the roof. The ones sitting where they could see the view from the east windows were treated to flock after flock of geese returning to the Lake after eating up some farmer's wheat. Then a little doe walked by the window.

Changes made at this meeting were to raise R. V. camping fees from \$10 to \$12 a night and to do away with tax permits. The rates are \$30 for an annual visitors permit for a family or \$15 for an individual. The change starts on January 1, 2001.

Jim saw five eagles standing on the solid ice in Horse Creek while the ice in the middle was breaking up. He couldn't tell if it was causing fish to surface.

The Deringtons and other relatives made a trip to Arlington last weekend to see Erin graduate from the University of Texas Arlington. Erin is to be congratulated on getting her degree in three and a half years and

yet working part time.

A group of scouts camped at the Park this weekend.

Some of us have been discussing what bird book to buy when someone on your list has let it be known that would make a good gift. Favorites seem to be one put out by the National Geographic Society, Golden's Birds of North America, and Field Guide to Birds, Western Region by Donald and Lillian Stokes.

Amazon.com has been a wonderful way for me to get books, as I am not near bookstores. Now I have found the advanced book exchange on the internet. I can type in the author and name of some old book I would like to find, hit search, and if the book is available I may get up to 30 bookstores telling me the price and condition of a copy they are selling. First editions in good condition may be quite expensive, but usually there are some that are inexpensive. My treasure is one I have found by a man who lived on the Palo Duro Creek in 1880. I knew there was a copy of the book in the Denver Library, but I didn't expect to read that one. There was only one copy listed on the internet, and it was in Hamilton, Montana.

Chisum To Hold Town Hall Meetings

State Representative Warren Chisum will make two stops in Hansford County on Thursday, January 4, 2001. First, he will be at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. From there, Chisum will travel to Gruver and be at the Gruver Community Center from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

The state legislator has planned 24 town hall meetings in early January to hear from the voters and to provide an overview of what to

expect from the Texas Legislature.

"State government works best when the public participates," Chisum said. "I intend to spend more time listening than talking."

Chisum typically files several bills based on concerns brought to his attention at town hall meetings.

The Texas Legislature, which is required by the Texas Constitution to meet for 140 days every odd-numbered year, will begin the 77th Legislative Session on Tuesday,

January 9, 2001.

Chisum was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1988 and will report to Austin for his 7th term in 2001. He represents the 88th House District, which includes Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties

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The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Instead of mailing greeting cards, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greetings. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

Merry Christmas

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