

WILSONVILLE NEWS

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and
LAURIE LAWS

"Christmas Bells" was the theme on Wednesday afternoon at the Beaver City Assisted Living when Velma Holtze shared Christmas bells from her collection. She also shared Christmas poetry as well as let them ring and handle the bells. Probably the ones that drew the most comments were the three Christmas angels. Velma climaxed the time together by giving each of the seven women, including guest Katherine Atterbury from Arapahoe, a small gold bell. Katherine was in Beaver City to visit residents at the manor. She and Velma enjoyed the noon meal at the Senior Center.

Several families have enjoyed "The Living Tree" presentation in Grand Island again this year, including Bill and Kathy Lewis and Kenneth and Carla Holtze.

Dean and Margaret Brown attended the annual Christmas party given by Bob and Deanna Propes at their rural McCook home on Saturday evening.

Floyd Slay and nine friends of Mobile, Ala., arrived in McCook

via jet plane for a days hunting. They stayed at the home of Brian Holtze and in the Holtze hunter's cabin. Jim and Becky Hoitze enjoyed a shrimp supper and an evening of visiting with them on Thursday evening. Floyd is a brother-in-law of the Holtze's. They proved to be an interesting group including one writer of three published books and is working on his fourth. Most of them had never been in Nebraska and were astounded by the beauty, the wide open spaces and the heavens with so many stars. They expressed their feeling of how fortunate people are to live in such an area. They also expressed how much they realized that city people ought to be far more grateful to farmers in areas such as this for their ample supply of food. Maybe they are not a lot different than we are. We all take too much for granted and fail to realize how blessed we are.

Velma Holtze and Jim Holtze have visited Norma Jean Frandsen, who is recuperating from surgery, this past week. Jim also called in at the Ed Whitney home on Thursday.

I Help Others

All of the members were present for the December I Help Others club meeting hosted by Laurie Laws. Laurie reaffirmed the fact that Christmas is to be a time of fellowship shared by family and friends and that was what she wanted the afternoon to be. Following a short business meeting the women spent time visiting and sharing Christmas plans with some reminiscing about other Christmases as well. The women enjoyed a delicious lunch at a Christmas decorated table where each guest received their 2005 yearbook and a Christmas remembrance. Laurie will begin the year 2005 by hosting the meeting at Shirley K's on Jan. 12.

Crafty Woman's Clubbers

Wilsonville Woman's Club met Dec. 13 at the Baptist-Christian Church basement with only nine members present due to conflicts with school programs, etc. President Mary Wilson opened the meeting with everyone giving the flag salute. Sue Bethel read a short story "Grandma's Christmas Doll", had members share in a word exercise and closed her devotions with a Christmas poem

from the late Bruce Fetter's poetry book. Several cute Christmas songs were led by Nadeane Haag with Nancy Knutson being the only one present with a December birthday for the birthday song. Roll call was answered with each member telling his or her favorite Christmas carol.

A Christmas card greeting was read from Joan McLaughlin. Maxine Parrish was elected to fill the secretary's position left vacant due to the resignation of Laurie Laws who is dropping her membership. Gift ornaments placed by the tree were then exchanged. In lieu of a program this month the women busied themselves making favors for the residents at Beaver City Manor and Assisted Living. While working at this project the women enjoyed nibbling on Christmas cookies brought by all the members as well as hot cider or coffee furnished by hostess, Janet Trospen. Members ended the evening by exchanging cookies that were left over.

Christmas Supper

The Adult Sunday School Class from the Cambridge Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas sup-

per in the home of Kenneth and Carla Holtze on Wednesday evening. After a delicious supper the group busied themselves in the making of popcorn balls for the church's Christmas program.

United Methodist Women Christmas Meeting

The Wilsonville United Methodist Women met Dec. 16 with eight members and the Rev. Malchow present. President Lillian Lemaster opened the meeting with a prayer and the purpose and also presided at the business meeting. Mission coordinators, Leila Lang and Nadeane Haag gave reports. Some correspondence was read.

A cooperative program of Christmas poems, stories and carols was enjoyed by all, as was a cooperative tasty lunch of Christmas treats.

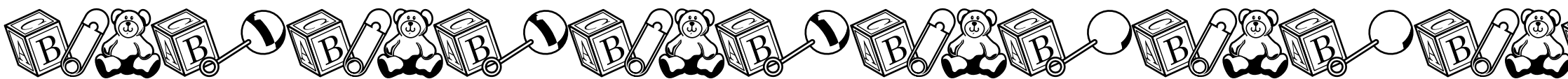
Santa Comes to Wilsonville

Saturday morning, Dec. 19, Santa arrived on Wilsonville's main street. Though the number of children is not what it used to be, those who were there were just as enthusiastic to see Santa as those

of years ago. A number of parents and grandparents were on hand to see the smiles and excitement on the children's faces. Like always, Santa was more than generous as he handed out well-filled sacks of candy to the old and the young. It is only fitting to give some credit for all of this to Santa's elves, better known as the village board and their helpers.

Death

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 23 in Holdrege and burial at the Wilsonville Cemetery, for 44 year old Rodwick "Rod" Palmer, son of Larry and Opal Palmer. Rod was born at Wilsonville and attended the Wilsonville Public Schools. He became an over the road truck driver and it was in this career as a young man he was injured in a truck accident, which forced him to spend the greater part of his life in convalescent homes. His parents and siblings, Grady, Lynna, and Dannette supported him with much caring and love through these trying years. He died at the Holdrege Care Center on Monday, Dec. 20.



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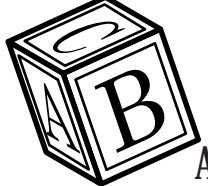


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