

SPENCER CITY STAR DECEMBER 2022

Vision Statement: "The Good Neighbor City" where the quality of life is available to all!

Mission Statement: To promote the existing peaceful atmosphere while providing quality services to our community through public awareness, public safety, communication, and beautification, utilizing economic development to enhance a positive future.

Christmas in Spencer's Early Days

Celebrating Christmas and the holidays is a long tradition in western culture. How people did it though has changed through the years. This article is about Christmas in Spencer, OK from around 1900 to 1930.

The biggest difference between modern Christmas celebrations and those in the early 1900s is the ability to buy decorations and artificial trees. Although manufactured decorations were available in large cities, most were not sold in rural areas like Spencer. Or if they were, they were unaffordable to people who lived in farming communities.



Instead, Christmas decorations were all or partially handmade, like these ornaments from our history museum.

Stringing popcorn for decorations was common. It was inexpensive and a fun family activity. Mistletoe and pine cones were also used, with ribbons added for extra flair.

Mistletoe came to be a part of the holiday season because it's one of the only flowers to bloom in Winter. It's also hard to find when leaves are on the tree, but easy to

spot when the leaves have fallen. Pine cones most often drop during the cold months, making it simple to find a fresh cone to bring inside.

As far as getting a Christmas tree to decorate, if you didn't have a cedar or pine tree on your land then you were unlikely to find one for sale. The answer for many people was to get a tree branch and decorate that. We tried to find some old photos, but imagine a cut branch in a pail of water covered with ornaments, beads, ribbons, and of course, strings of popcorn. Pine branches were best, but any type would do.

Today we can buy artificial trees, ornaments, strings of LED lights and much more, with most shipped from factories located overseas. Maybe we should save a few dollars and bring it home by crafting decorations as a family again?

Jim Scanlan for the Spencer Historical Society



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INVITATION

Join Us on Monday, December 12, 2022

Holiday Open House 6:00PM-8:00PM

Spencer Senior Citizens Center

The Spencer Chamber of Commerce
invites all its members*
and their guests
to join us for our

ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

at the
Senior Center
(behind the Fire Station)

Refreshments
Tree Lighting
Carols
LOTS of Door Prizes!

Monday, Dec. 12 6:00PM

Business Casual

*You can pay your dues at the door

Come visit us at Spencer Senior Center
Visítanos en el Centro para personas mayores de Spencer
8306 McCoy Drive, Spencer, OK 73084

AFTER SCHOOL MEALS Served Here

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Las Comidas Después de la Escuela se Sirven Aquí



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Esta institución es un proveedor que brinda igualdad de oportunidades.

Our newest program, **Kids Cafe**, has officially started and will be ongoing at least through Summer 23'; happening every **Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday** (excluding holidays) from **4:00-5:30 p.m.**
Located @ the Senior Center, 8306 McCoy Drive, Spencer, OK 73084

This **FREE** after-school program is for **ALL** children (18 and under).
NO requirements or paperwork are needed to sign-up.

Have further questions? Please call Spencer City Hall @ **405-771-2908**, and we will be happy to assist you!

Spencer Challenge

This challenge is for City of Spencer employees while raising money for a local charity.

Congratulations to Silva from the Fire Dept who put in over 100 miles!

Spencer employees walked a total of 403.3 miles or approximately 806,000 steps in 3 weeks!!



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday December 3rd

THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY MARKET IN TOWN

CANDLES, UNIQUE GIFTS, BAKED GOODS, ORNAMENTS, PHOTO WITH SANTA, JEWELRY, WREATHS & MUCH MORE!

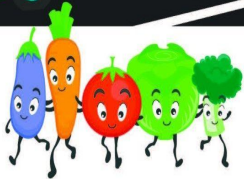
STARTS 10AM

5201 Palmer Ave, Spencer OK

FOR MORE INFO CALL: 405-438-9080 or 405-850-1972
OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK - THE HOMESCHOOL IN SPENCER

Monthly Schedule

OKC Mobile Market



1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS



9:30 - 10:30 am | Almonte Library | 2914 SW 59th St
11:00 - 12:00 pm | Northcare | 2617 General Pershing Blvd
1 - 2:00 pm | Del City Library | 4330 SE 15th St



2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS*



9 - 10:00 am | Rockwood Baptist Church | 2515 S Grand Blvd
10:30 - 11:30 am | Tabitha Baptist Church | 1219 NE Grand Blvd
12:30 - 1:30 pm | The Diversity Center | 2242 NW 39th St

*The Nov. 29th Friday date will be canceled in observance of Thanksgiving.
The Dec. 23rd Friday date will be canceled in observance of the holidays.



LAST SATURDAY*



9:00 - 10:00 am | Truevine Ministries | 3701 Spencer Rd
10:30 - 11:30 am | Capitol Hill Library | 327 SW 27th St
12:00 - 1:00 pm | Tulakes Clinic 7202 | Lyrewood Ln
1:30 - 2:30 pm | Ralph Ellison Library | 2000 NE 23rd St

*The Saturday distribution date will be moved to Nov. 19th in observance of Thanksgiving.
Saturday distribution will occur on Dec. 17th instead of the 31st due to New Year's Eve.

YOUR COUNTY. YOUR WASTE?

Illegal dumping is costly. It threatens our environment. Let's all take responsibility.

#StopIllegalDumping



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