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I love where I live

I love living in a small town. That's certainly not a secret. That doesn't mean I don't see the advantages to living in the city, I just prefer where I am.

Why is that? Well, I was greeting Terry, a local nursing home resident the other day, and watching his big smile and it occurred to me how happy he was. He has a great life in spite of a speech impediment. He comes downtown and everyone tells him hello. Dozens of people save aluminum cans for him, and he gets a little money that he "earns himself".

He is delighted when people call him by name, and loves to sit on the sidewalk with the patient guys from McMikel's Cabinet shop, watching the world go by. Have you ever known of a small town that did not have one or more person who had some sort of disability who made regular visits downtown? I go from town to town, and everywhere business owners save bottle caps, or have a treat waiting for these people. They are watched over and watched after and bring a great deal of joy to the people they visit.

This week's paper has a story about "Red Dog", a town dog in Blossom who has recently died after years of wandering up and down Front Street, getting tidbits and scraps. People saw that he had his shots and medical care, good food and lots of love.

That's just not possible in a high traffic, busy city.

Detroit had a much beloved dog several years ago, and Bogata has several "homeless" cats that are properly cared for by business owners.

When Grace Hearron was Postmaster at Talco, she heard a strange noise coming out of the outside mail box. Someone had dumped a little puppy in there. Did someone call Animal Control? No, the puppy was removed, named Zippy (short for Zip Code, I'm sure) and given a home.

Every town has its people and animals that need a little personal, extra care.

It may be someone who is not quite up to the task of dealing with the day to day world, or some creature that has been dumped off. But, in a small town, we can watch over them, help them and see that they have a great life. It's one of the joys that having a small population makes possible.

Look around, is there someone or something you can make extra happy this holiday by showing them some patience and attention? I guarantee it'll make you as happy as them!

Merry Christmas

No notices to be sent in December

Just a reminder, during December there are so many renewals that post cards telling people their paper is due will not be sent.

If you think your paper is due this month, just call 652-4205 or 632-5322 and ask, or renew now while they are on sale.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA is the name of this Santa, After Sept. 11 this Santa was released by Possible Dreams. It is absolutely perfect for this year, since it shows the classic American Santa Claus holding the U.S. Flag. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Paper will not publish next week

So that all of us here at Thunder Prairie Publishing can celebrate the holiday with family and friends next week, there will be no paper published.

We will resume publication the first week of January, 2002.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Local man recovering after horse falls on him

According to Johnny Dawson, Jr., his son, Johnny Dawson III, is showing signs of improving after his accident.

Dawson, aged 45, was about to rope a calf on the ranch he was working on last Monday, December 10th, when the calf fell and the horse fell over the calf. The

horse fell on Dawson, who was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Sherman, where he has been in ICU since.

He suffered a serious head injury and severely bruised lungs.

His father reports that he is off of the ventilator, and responding to questions, and that his pneumonia is better.



EVERY home is decked in its holiday finery for the upcoming Christmas festivities. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Papers on sale now, save money, give the perfect gift

This year, when you are looking for an easy, yet great way to fill your Christmas gift list, think about your local newspaper. As usual, the Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are on sale NOW for \$2 off the yearly price. Regularly \$20 for an entire year, during the last two weeks of November and through December the paper will only be \$18 in Lamar, Red River or Titus Counties, and only \$20 everywhere else!

These newspapers have been around serving local people with the best in news, photos and advertising for many years. The Deport Times began in 1908, as a matter of fact! And though times have changed, one thing hasn't,

that's the fact that people love to see their kid's pictures in the paper, they love to read humorous columns (that have won numerous state-wide awards) they love to clip the recipes out of the cooking column, and they love to keep up with upcoming events and what their friends are doing. Everyone enjoys feature stories and photos of local people.

Any of these papers are a great gift for old and young alike. Young families look forward to the school news, photos and sports, retired people enjoy those recipes. Everyone enjoys knowing what is going on in THEIR own town, somewhere far from home.

So use the handy coupon on the full page ad and send in your subscriptions today!

First Place

Christmas Memories...



My memorable Christmas

I was raising my son on a secretary's salary, working in Dallas full time and The Colony part time.

I got notice at Thanksgiving that the landlord wanted to raise my rent, yet again, so I had to move. My co-workers told me that a man in the installation department had a pickup and would probably help me move the heavier things.

While moving, this man asked my son what Santa was going to bring him and his mother for Christmas. Scott told him what he wanted but said that Santa didn't bring his mother anything for Christmas. This man told Scott, "everyone should get something for Christmas!"

After production meeting the following week, this man came up to me and handed me a really big

furry Christmas stocking with something inside. He said it was for me and that I was not to look inside until Christmas.

That man is now my husband, James. Who could resist someone with a heart that big!

Sunny Whitney



CHRISTMAS MUSIC-Circle of Friends, a group that loves music, performed for the residents of Deport Nursing Home Monday, to the delight of everyone. (Staff Photo by Mike Francis)

Tips for successful holiday mailing

The Postal Service reminds customers of packaging and mailing tips for the holiday season.

International mail should be mailed as soon as possible. Parcel Post should be mailed no later than the second week of December. Priority Mail by the third week of December, Express Mail by December 21.

Whenever possible, customers who receive door delivery are welcome to give their holiday and other mail they are sending to their letter carrier, rather than placing it in a collection box or making a special trip to the Post Office. Customers who receive curbside delivery may leave their mail in their receptacle for pickup.

Print addresses clearly. Include all address elements. Include both "to" and "from" information on packages, and only on one side, no extra writing, tape parcel with shipping tape or tape that won't come off in transit; cushion contents appropriately.

Never guess a ZIP code. No ZIP is better than the wrong one.

Select a box that is strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.

Package contents with shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or styrofoam peanuts.

Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure sensitive tape, nylon reinforced tape, paper tape or glass reinforced pressure sensitive tape. Do not use wrapping paper, string, masking tape or cellophane tape. Put the delivery and return addresses on only one side of the package.

Take packages that weigh at least 1 pound into the Post Office for mailing. Do not put boxes into your neighborhood mailbox or expect your mail carrier to pick them up for you.

Remove batteries from toys. Wrap and place them next to the toys in the mailing box.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

We moved to Hillsboro a few years ago and were pleased to learn the store director of Brookshire's was Brian Burks. It helped to combat homesickness to be able to talk about Deport with him.

Later, we moved to White Bluff, a resort north of Whitney, on Lake Whitney. It was apparent that we needed a Brookshire's. The rumor of one became a reality this week with Brian as our store director. Imagine how proud we were when he and his store managers were introduced at our White Bluff covered dish dinner on Tuesday night. Of course I told my friends that we were from the same area.

The store opened Wednesday and it was a great day for Whitney area residents. I hear that the Hillsboro people are not thrilled about losing Brian.

We know Kenneth and Janette Burks are proud of Brian and his family and we are, too.
Dave and Kay Kay German

Trustees set next meeting

The Board of Trustees of Prairiland Independent School District will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. in the administration building at Pattonville on Thursday, December 20.

Subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda below:

Approving the 2000-2001 audit; public comments for campus AEIS report card; consider campus/district improvement plans for 2001-2002; consider school lawyer firm; consider approving Buddy Freeman to renew loan of tag truck; consider amending school calendar; consider Region

VIII ESC Resolution and Interlocal Agreement for commodity processing; consider architect for building program; personnel.

In Executive Session, leave of absences, principal and other items will be discussed.

Non-action items include teacher/student recognition-state volleyball champs; Supt. Evaluation, electricity bids, repair/renovation grant, TEA audit, topographical survey; class size waiver, health insurance, reimbursement, rent house, tax survey.



Remember the Reason we Celebrate Christmas

Thursday, December 20, 2001




Season's Greetings
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Celebrate
Christmas

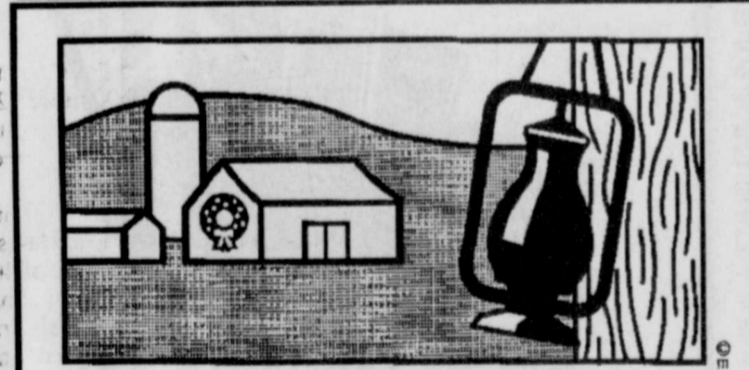


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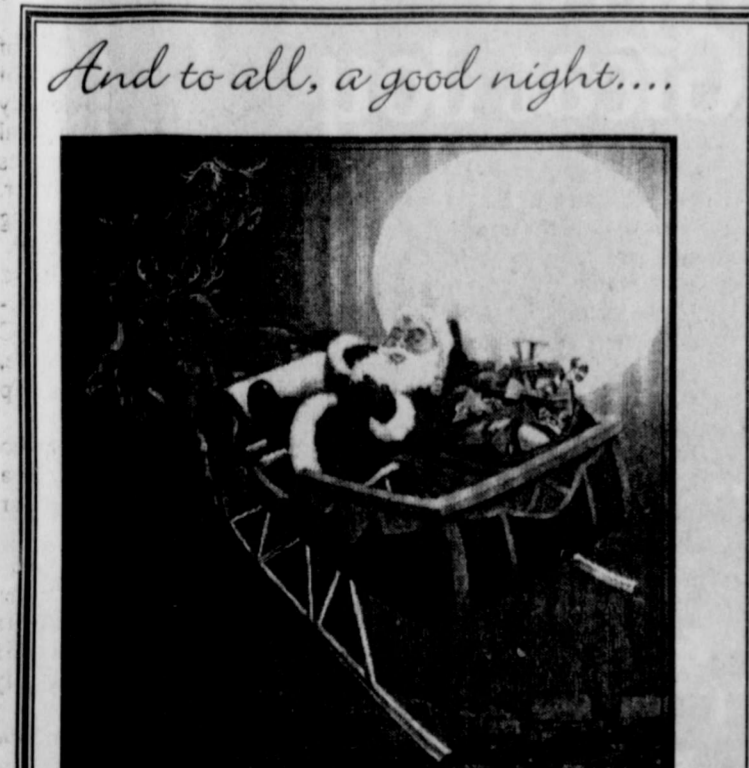
HOLIDAY GREETINGS
 We're putting on the dog to say,
 Hope your season's purr-fect in every way.
 And to all our best friends far and near,
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Service Awards announced

First Federal Community Bank recently awarded the following employees with service awards. Awards were presented at the company's annual Christmas celebration held at the Paris Golf and Country Club.

James Vaughan, vice-president and Branch Manager of the Clarksville location received an award for 20 years of service to the company. Vaughan and wife Pam have two children. James is also active with the Clarksville Rotary Club, the Courthouse Restoration Project, the Red River County Crimestoppers and the Red River Industrial Foundation.

Kim Poteet received an award for 15 years to the company. Poteet, a Staff Accountant joined First Federal Community Bank in 1986. Kim and husband Ralph have one child, Taylor. Kim is active with the YWCA of Lamar County and is also active with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lamar County, is a member of the Leadership Lamar County Class of

2001 and an active member of the First Christian Church.

Susie Bristow, Becky Brown, Susan Coston and Garry Davis were all presented awards for 10 years of service to the company.

Susie Bristow is a Customer Service Representative and Loan Secretary at First Federal's Loop Branch. She and husband Chad have two children, Derek and Bailey.

Becky Brown, assistant vice-president is Internal Auditor for the bank. She and husband Chad have two children, Claire and Grace.

Susan Coston is a Loan Secretary with the bank. She and husband Bubba are active members of the community and have two children, Alyssa and Jeff.

Garry Davis, Assistant vice-president over Loan Administration, is an active member of the Noon Optimist Club. He and his wife Karla have three children, Mark, Kerri and Jill.

The following financial institutions will be closed Tuesday December 25th for Christmas

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Deport Locals

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Happy birthday to Kenda Pickering, Charity Huddleston, LaVeda Young, Casey Ross, Houston Elrod, Ina Hedrick, Gay Fields, Joy Read, Gail Rhoades, Buddy Berry, Ray Jeffers, Eddie LaRue, Carol Ridens, Marijo Bono, Misti McMikel, Tom Foley, Raymond D. Smith, Jr., Claudia Whitney, Alma Scaff, Brandi Stripland, Conner Chipman, Dalton George, Zachery Kincaid, Amanda Barnard, Carole Caldwell, Fresia Benfer, James G. Smith, Milton Allmondinger, Anthony LaRue, Jayne Westbrook, Wayne Couch, Sr., David Singleton, Sydney Chipman, Melanie Taylor, Lindsay Anderson.

Happy anniversary to Kristi and Ranedy Boren, Pat and Travis Farris, Robbie and Clarence Wright, Ashley and Jeremy Day, Cindy and Bert Filkins, Edna Earle and Luther Wright, Beverly and Russell Ham, Susan and Scott Scholz.

Donny and Dawne Darden had Thomas and Nanalee Nichols as dinner guests on Saturday night.



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Sweet Holiday Wishes

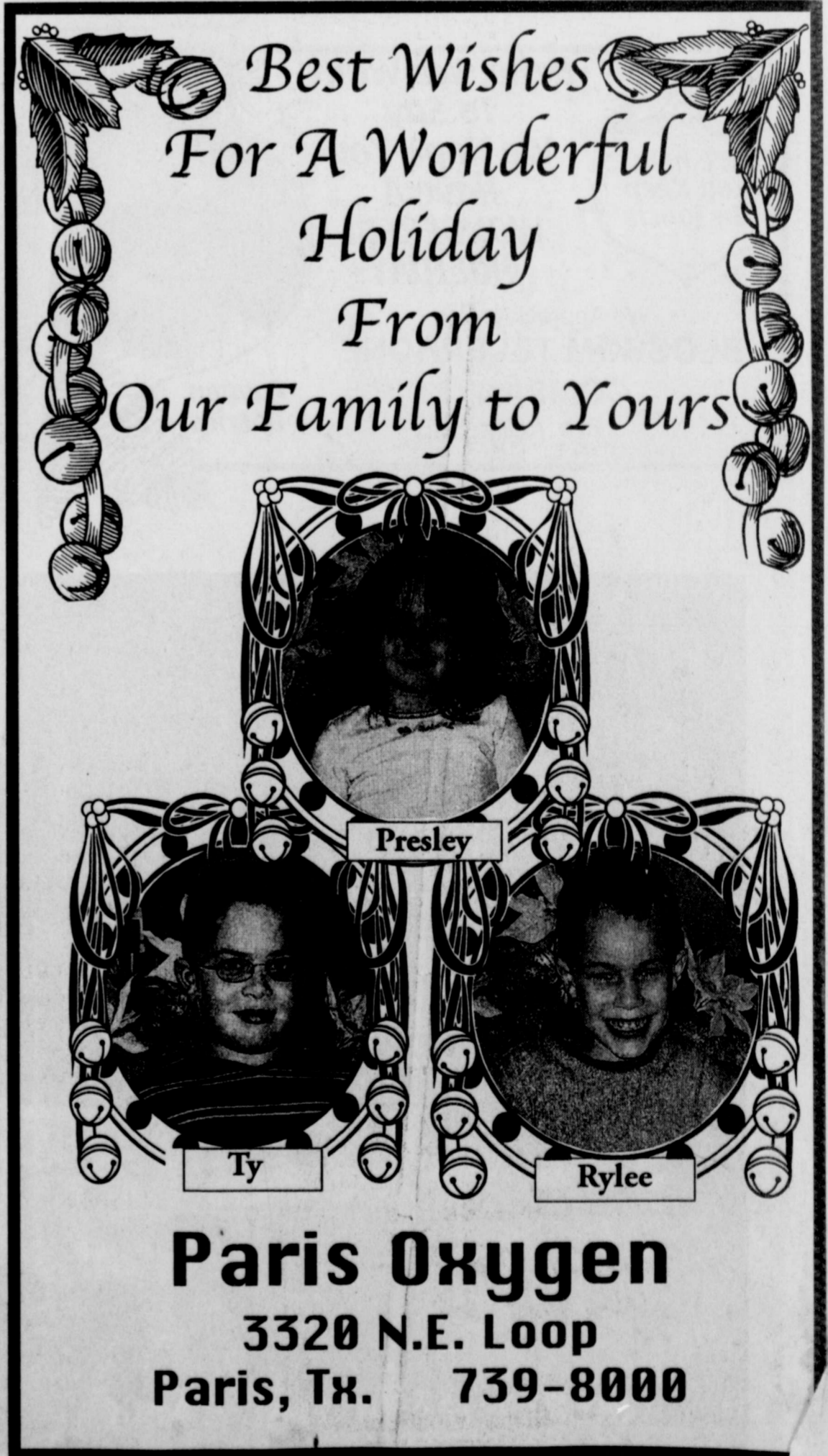
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wood, married 50 years

Woods to celebrate golden anniversary

Paul and Alice Wood will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary December 27, 2001 with a reception hosted by their children, Robert Eric Wood and his wife Vicki of Arlington, Maryland, Elaine Robison of Lewes, Delaware and Grant Evans Wood and his wife Susan of Wayland, Massachusetts.

The Woods were married December 27, 1951 in the Central Presbyterian Church, Paris, TX. She is the former Alice Ann Evans.

He graduated from Deport High School, Deport, TX and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Texas A&M College. He then completed U.S. Air Force Pilot training and flew 100 combat missions as part of the United Nations military forces in Korea. After serving four years in the Air Force, he went to work for Chance Vought Aircraft as a Design Engineer.

While at the company he contributed to the development of the Navy F8U aircraft, the Air Force Dynasoar spacecraft, the NASA Apollo Space Suit and the Army Multiple Launch Rocket System. He is a retired project manager for Loral Vought Systems.

She attended Paris High School, Paris, TX and Vocational Nurses training. She worked as a surgery room nurse at Irving Community Hospital and as the office nurse for an Irving surgeon. She is now retired.

In addition to their children, they have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They have traveled the world over, seen its sights and made lots of friends.

They have lived in Irving for 48 years and are members of the St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Irving.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, celebrating 65 years

Lee's to be honored on 65th anniversary

Frank and Edna Jaynes Lee were married on December 23, 1936. They have four children, Ollie Lee, Ruth Johnston, Ruby Lee and Anita Bowling. They have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

They are celebrating their 65th anniversary on Sunday, December 23, 2001 by having a reception in their home from two o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon. All family and friends are invited to attend. Your presence will be the only gift desired.

Bocky Norman cookie club held Friday night

The Bocky Norman Cookie Exchange Club met at the home of Juanita Sparks Friday night.

Attending were Juanita Taylor, Juanita Sparks, Nanalee Nichols, Sunny Whitney, Dawne Darden and Patsy Norrell. Mary Barnard and Sue Cross were unable to attend, but sent their cookies ahead of time.

After a meal the group enjoyed comparing recipes and visiting. They arrived bearing 7 dozen of one kind of cookie, and left with seven dozen different varieties, a unique ornament or package decoration, and a recipe booklet.

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Janice Bivins Gentry

Janice Gentry announces for District Clerk

Janice Bivins Gentry is announcing her candidacy for Red River County District Clerk.

Mrs. Gentry is a life-long resident of Red River County, residing in the Maple community with her husband, Tim, and their two children, Faith and Samuel. She is the daughter of Pop Bivins and the late Bonnie Bivins.

Mrs. Gentry is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently employed by the Lamar County District Clerk's office. She

Restland Cemetery receives donations

Cunningham Restland Cemetery has received the following donations:

In memory of JoDell Cooper from Rickey and Linda Anderson, Velma Cox, The Baker Family, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy and Taylor Ladd, Canard and Deloris Norwood.

Donation to Restland Cemetery by Donnie Lewis and Charlie Baker.

has worked in that office for 10 years. Previously she worked in the Red River County District Clerk's office for seven years. She feels that with 17 years experience working with the Clerk's offices, that she is very qualified to be the next District Clerk.

Mrs. Gentry urges everyone to participate in the election, to take time out of their busy schedules to go and vote and would appreciate everyone's consideration in electing her as District Clerk.



Have a Sparkling White Christmas
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Fire Belles to publish cookbook

The Blossom Fire Belles have collected the best recipes from group members, family and friends and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook. They will begin selling their one-of-a-kind cookbooks on November 2 for \$8.00. They may be purchased from any member of the organization or at area businesses.

All proceeds will go to help the firemen and community. The cookbook contains 334 well loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. Recipes include the contributor's name, enabling you to find the recipe of family and friends. For more information, contact Angie Taylor or Mary Crouch at 982-6235 or 982-5816.



THE PRAIRILAND JUNIOR VARSITY girls played a close game of basketball against the Chisum Lady Mustangs last Friday at Prairiland.

TIME OUT TO SAY "THANKS!"
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 Melissa, Cody, Megan, Deb,
 Cortney, Gary & Durwood

Council has full agenda for December meeting

The Blossom City Council met in regular session last Thursday night to take care of a full agenda. Council heard from Steve Ekstrom of TxDOT, concerning the Council's decision to withdraw from the \$74,400.00 Enhancement Project Grant.

According to Ekstrom, if the City withdraws from the program, the \$74,400.00 that has been approved will be gone. Ekstrom stated that it would be a shame to just say goodbye to the money after so much work had gone into the project.

There are nine counties in Ekstrom's district and only 1 of 3 get funded, stated Ekstrom. If the council agrees to stay in the program, the decision not to take the money could be made at a later date, up to six years or about 2007.

Ekstrom agreed to wait until after the holidays for the Council's final answer before filing the necessary paperwork.

Council heard from Ginny Minter from Malnory McNeal & Co., concerning the City's audit. Minter reported that the City received the highest marks given on their audit report.

Council also voted to purchase a 2000 Model Class "A" Pumper Truck for the City and Volunteer Fire Department.

Council agreed to elect Mike Blackburn as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lamar County Appraisal District.

Virgie White and Clay Minton were reappointed as Commissioners of the Blossom Housing Authority.

Bills were paid and minutes approved. Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss their agreement with the City Administrator.

Yuletide Greetings

Sending our best to our many friends!
Allen, Bobbi, Bryan, Brennan Gifford
Marti & Jason Chumbley

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

We hope your holiday is piled high with good things.
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Brian Exum Tina White

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To Dexter Baker from Yuba Sparks.
To Helen Jefferies and Rosa Kelley from Marvin D. Lee.
To the Robert Brysons from the Paul Mazy's.
To Mrs. Hubert Griffin from Mrs. Claude McFtridge.
To Judy Day from Mrs. James Day.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herman Philley from Geraldine Philley Griffin.
To Delbert and Mary Ballard from Mary Woodall.
To L.E. Clement from Dorothy Bailey.
To Christine Kelley for her birthday from Alice Hightower.
To Brad Hudson from Norma Hudson.
To Everett Guest from Martha Jayne Anderson.
To Woodrow Womack and Montez Moss from Emma Harrison.
To Donny and Dawne Darden and Luanne Sparks from J.A. & Juanita Sparks.
To Mary Alice Enox from Fairlee Westbrook.
To Christine Lytal from Austin Westbrook.
To Jayne Anderson from Martha Porterfield.
To Donal and Nelda Haire and Norris Haire from Mrs. Frances Mathews.
To Allen Huddleston and Randy Huddleston from Bonnie Huddleston.
To Tammie Bassano from Larry & Brenda Gibson.
To Ricky Norwood and Teresa Smith from Canard and Deloris Norwood.
To Randy and Kristy Boren, Buster and Louise Crossland, Bobby and Judy Ellington from Keith & Peggy Parsons.

To Kathy Holt, Donna Blount, Ollie Howe and David Slaton from Mervin & Colleen Slaton.
To Tina Roberts, Dorothy Lynn and Lynn and Liz Howard from Eddie & Sue Sheppard.
To Kathy Stout from L.C. & Jerry Nell Stout.
To Mike Scaff from Alma Scaff.
To Alma Barnard from Dan & Mary Barnard.
To the Tim Byrd family from Dale & Ruth Gray.
To John W. Whitney from Geron, Glenna, Laney & Lexie Jackson.
To Howard W. Sparks from Elvis Wright.
To Davine Smith and Carolyn Smith from Silas & Juanita Taylor.
To Misty Jones from Rita Malone.
To Ruby Rodgers and Bernice Thomas from Gilbert & Melissa Arriaga.
To Lessie Parker from Marla Crump.
To Ray and Sharon Loveless and Doris McLeod from Kim Loveless.
To Vada Mae Hoover from Christene Kelley.
To Kay Read from Ida Lou Read.
To Mrs. H.D. Pomroy from "Elmo & Granny" Trapp.
To Mona and Randall Childress, Charlie and Jenita Baker from Weldon & Joyce Smith.
To Kenda Blackburn and Kim Allen from Kenneth & Ruth Ann Allen.
To Mrs. Edna Towers and Mickey Keener from Bill & Ruby Blevins.
To John D. Ball from Ruth Jones.
To Ike and Ann Jewett from Tony & Karen Ballard.

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Darrin & Monica
Chandler, Trent & Madeline Rebecca



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To Joe Ballard and Jack Ballard from L.C. Ballard.
To Pat Nobles from Charles & Ann Nobles.
To Ruby Wright and Margie Parks from George Parks.
To Staci Chaney from Peggy Risinger.
To Robin Wright and Benny Wright from Vernon Wright.
To Nell Poteet from Joyce Williams.
To Hattie Hobbs from Virginia Rhodes.
To Wayne and Floy Williams from Jimmy Wade Regan.
To Kay German and Dicky King from Jimmie King.
To Fred and Talana Weir from Rick and Sharon Connot.
To M.G. Ralson, Mary Morehead, Arthur Grant from H.W. Reaves.
To Kay Preston and Barbara Maurischat from the James Holts.
To Drew Osborne from Louise Osborn.
To Melody Horton, Benette Russell, Benjamin Holland, J.D. and Jane Polk and Kathryn Little from Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holland.
To Ruth Reynolds from Pat and Kenneth Jeffery.



JOLLY GREETINGS

Let the season bring us a glimmer of the fun, excitement and wonder that it held for us as children.

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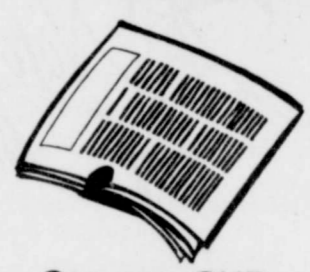
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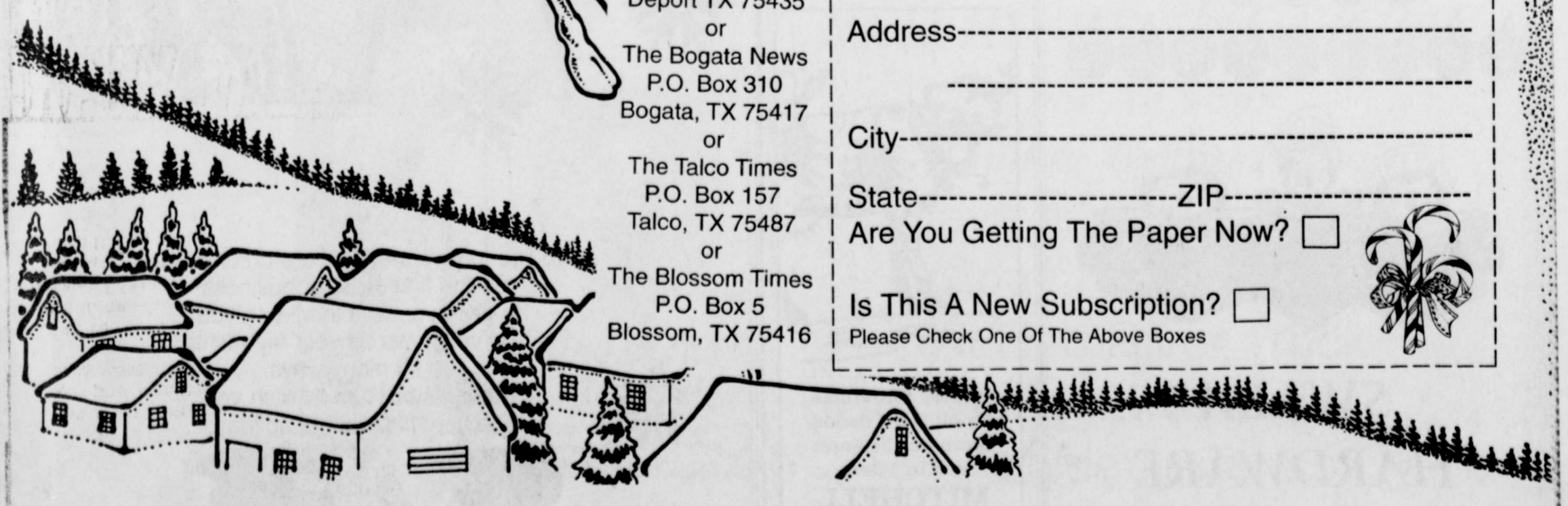
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Thursday, December 20, 2001

Third Place



A Stocking FULL of Good Wishes For You and Yours
Dwayne & Virginia Rhodes

My most memorable Christmas

In looking back over the years, I can remember many Christmases, some happy and some sad. But one stands out in my memory as very special.

It started out like it would be a sad holiday, as we were locked in the depths of the Great Depression. I was the youngest child in a family of six children. We mostly lived off what we raised on the farm. But there had been a terrible hail storm that year. It had ruined almost everything we had. I was about six or seven years old.

I started thinking about what Santa would bring me that Christmas. My older sisters and brothers told me that Santa wouldn't bring anything because there was no money. I wondered why. I thought Santa was supposed to bring toys to poor people, just like he did everyone else. But it still worried me a lot.

I think there was a party every night that week in the neighbor-

hood. The neighbors were like us. They were all trying to make Christmas a happy time. There were parties where the young folks could play games and the older folks could sit and talk.

When we came home from a party on Christmas Eve night, my mother went into the house first to light the lamp. Then she called back to us that Santa had already been there.

I ran in and I saw a big rag doll with a pretty dress on. And a doll bed that was painted red, all for me. The bed had a pretty little patchwork quilt on it. It was made out of scraps from our dresses. So was the doll's dress. I picked up my doll. And I embraced it, I looked up at my mother. There were big tears in her eyes. It didn't take me long to figure out that my mother had made me the doll and the bed things and my father had built the bed and painted it. I

named my doll Dinah. But when I said it, it came out "Diner". I loved the rag doll, I played with it more than I did any of my other dolls.

My mother had the doll pattern. When that doll got worn or dirty, she would make me another one. The neighbor's children came to play dolls with me. They liked the rag doll best, too. That was my most memorable Christmas because I realized just how much my parents loved me. There are a few of my friends still around that played dolls with me and my "Diner". One girl is living in Bogata now.

Lucille Preston Knowles



Public Notices

CITY OF DETROIT SEEKING BIDS FOR A STANDARD EQUIPPED LOADER/BACKHOE

The City of Detroit will receive SEALED bids at City Hall, 190 E. Garner, P.O. Box 180, Detroit, Texas 75436 for the following equipment: The loader/backhoe shall be between 70-80 horse power, with a 18" to 24" rear bucket, 82" wide front bucket, 2 wheel drive, 4 post Props Cab, wobble Stick backhoe control, with the longest finance period, lowest fixed rate, with nothing to low down payment. The loader/backhoe shall meet all OSHA and EPA requirements in effect on the date of bid opening and shall be furnished with lead free paint.

SEALED bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2002. The bids will be formally opened at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council meeting, City Hall, 190 E. Garner, Detroit, Texas, the same day and will be considered at that time.

The SEALED bid envelope should be marked on the outside "Loader/Backhoe".

The City of Detroit reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any information in bidding, and to reward as may be advantageous to the City.

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION AND SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY OF MJC WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION/SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 10497 in Lamar County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connec-

tions on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with (title of subdivision service extension policy stated in the tariff/policy) (the "Subdivision Policy") contained in MJC Water Supply Corporation's tariff/ Special Utility District's policy.

MJC Water Supply Corporation/ Special Utility District is not required to extend retail water or sewer utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy include: Evaluation by MJC Water Supply Corporation/ Special Utility District of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's water supply/sewer service system and payment of the costs for the evaluation;

Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply/sewer service capacity;

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Payment of costs of any improvements to MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's system that are necessary to provide the water/sewer service;

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MJC Water Supply Corporation's Special Utility District's tariff/policy and a map showing MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's service area may be reviewed at MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's offices, at P.O. Box 6008, Paris, TX 75461, or phone 903-784-3576 for more information; the tariff/policy and service area map also are filed on record at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the TNRC, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

A Note of Thanks

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THIRD PLACE in the Miscellaneous Division of the Deport Christmas parade went to Jayci Chaney and Krysta Kelly. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Remember The Reason For The Season

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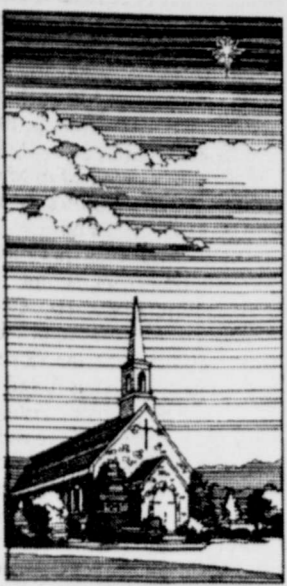
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Our Christmas "Statement!"

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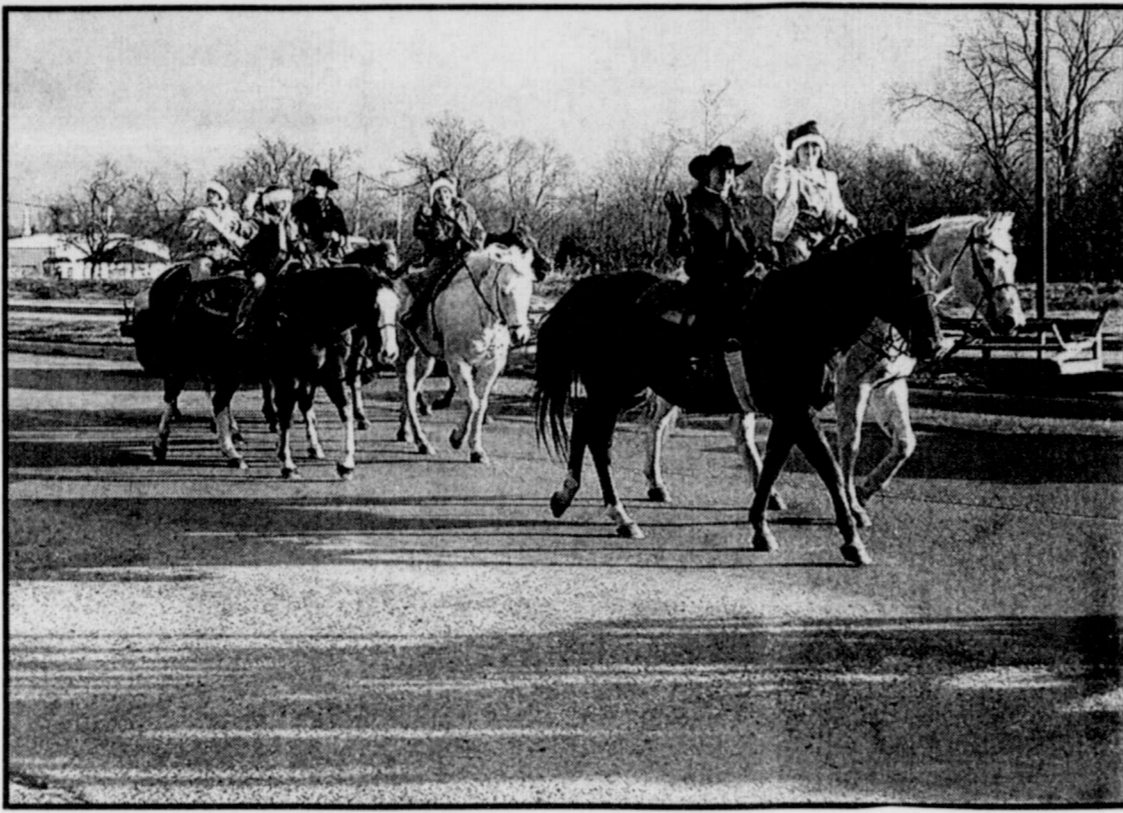
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Maple Springs
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Church



A GROUP OF horses and riders participated in the Blossom Christmas Parade on Saturday. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



Away In A Manger

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Carol Sessums
Duane Bryson
Elaine Townes
Vickie Tabb



BLOSSOM FIRE DEPARTMENT drove their truck in the Blossom Christmas Parade on Saturday. Several area children and adults enjoyed the ride and distributing candy. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Blossom gift subscriptions...

- To Randy and Lesa Clarkson from Mary Ann Williams.
- To Lloyd D. Willard and Juanita Garrett from Dorothy J. Myer.
- To John Wright and Anthony Wilkins from Durwin Wilkins.
- To Holly Ables from James and Sharon and Mark Dunagan.
- To Dimple Thomas from Jack Thomas.



Editor's Quotes

Worry is like a rocking chair. it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

Share The Faith

May you and your loved ones find inspiration as we celebrate the blessings of this wondrous season.

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Margaret &
Richard
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THIRD PLACE in the Auto Division of the Deport Christmas Parade was won by the Deport Fifth Grade, Danci Smith and Ryan Ford. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

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Jim Whitledge stands beside the marker he made for "Red Dog"

Red rests in peace

By Thomas Nichols

Although Red Dog is gone, his memory lives on in Blossom.

Red Dog came to adopt the community of Blossom back in 1991 after catching a ride into town with Loyd Sessums. Loyd had gone out on the Prairie to check on his cows when he saw Red wandering the country side. After a brief introduction, Loyd decided he would go back to town and leave his new acquaintance to roam. After a glance in his mirror he noticed his new found friend racing down the road in an attempt to catch up.

Loyd just couldn't leave the dog behind in that state, so he stopped and called out "Well, come on and ride if you want to!"

Once in town and settled in at the Sessums local gas station, the newcomer soon gained the name of just plain old "Red Dog".

He visited up and down the streets of Blossom every day and

soon people started to give Red hand outs.

The Blossom Superette and Blossom Feed Store found him treats, from dog food to nice meat scrapes and bones from the Superette meat market.

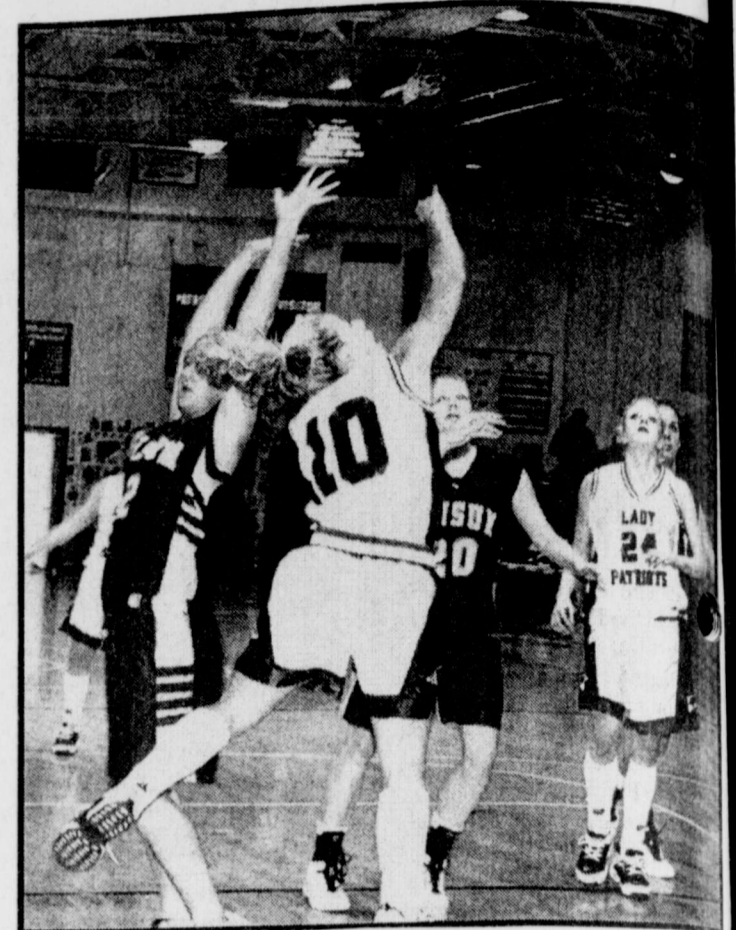
Red Dog was much more fortunate than most dogs. He had total freedom, and yet the love of everyone he knew in town.

Recently, though, Red developed cancer in a front foot, and even though his friends doctored and cared for him he succumbed to the disease. Fittingly, it was at the home of his old friend, Loyd Sessums that he died.

His friends dug him a grave and laid him to rest within sight of the Sessums home.


Another friend, Jim Whitledge, carved his name on a redwood cross with the simple words "Red, We Love You".

It's a fitting marker for a simple creature that brought joy to many.



MEGAN GRAHAM goes up for the shot in basketball action with the Lady Mustangs in last Friday's game.

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THIS JV LADY PATRIOT was determined not to give up the ball to this aggressive Lady Mustang, who ended up on the floor.

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year 2002*



Blossom's Red Dog



CATCHING SOME ZZZs this little Santa Claus is all worn out from making all those toys, and catching a little rest before the upcoming big night. (Staff Photo by nanalee Nichols)



Best Wishes From Our Staff

Ed and Lee Lindeman, James Brown, Charles Malone, Jeff Nichols, Billie Taylor and Virginia Atkins.

Clarksville Funeral Home

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Clarksville, Texas

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Christmas drama set at Lake Chapel

Lake Chapel House of Prayer will present "Behold the Lamb", a Christmas drama, on Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Free admission and everyone is welcome.

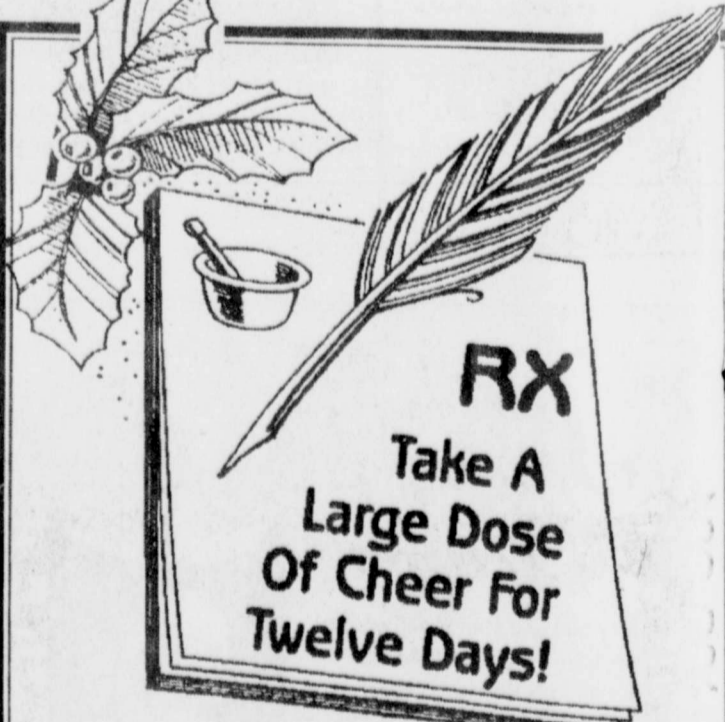
Lake Chapel is located six miles north of Mt. Vernon on Highway 37.



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Thursday, December 20, 2001

Dogs chew Pats

The Prairiland Patriots took a beating from the Avery Bulldogs on December 14 at Avery with a score of 45-73. The Pats had two in double figures with Chance Bankhead coming out on top with 14, adding two three-pointers in the final quarter and D.L. Loveless enjoying 11 points. Others scoring were Stoney Musgrove with 7, Blake Smith 4 and Spur Norwood 3. Jared Gage, Scotty Nichols and Shawn Steinkamp each had a basket.

Avery came out in the first quarter with 21 points while the Pats shot only 6. With another 9 from the Patriots in the second and Avery shooting 20 more, the half-time score came up to 15-41 at the buzzer.

The Bulldogs slowed some in the third quarter, hitting only 14 to the Pat's 8, to make it 23-55. A burst of momentum in the final stanza allowed the Pats 22 points, but not enough to take over the lead at the game's end.

Lady Pat JV inched by Chisum

The Lady Patriot JV squad faced the JV Mustangs on December 11 at home and lost the slight margin of one point, 32-33. The young Pats outshot Chisum in the first quarter 8-4 as Chisum came back in the second with 11 points to the Pat's answered with 8 more to make it 16-15 at halftime in favor of Prairiland.

The ladies took the 2-point lead at the end of the third quarter 24-22. They amanged another 8 points in teh final quarter, but Chisum came back adding another 11 to the boards to take the win by one.

Amanda Nichols was high for the night with 12 and Whitney Brooke had 9 with 5 from Racheal Murdock. Johnna Patterson, Mallory Price and Whitney Turner each had a basket.

The girls fell hard to Chisum in the second game of the

week on December 14, 31-53 with the Lady Mustangs hitting 16 to the Lady Pats 9 in the first and 18-8 in the second quarter. Score was 17-34 going into halftime.

Twelve points in the third, aided by 6-7 frees shots at the line brought the girls a little closed, but they still remained 16 points behind, 29-44. Chisum held the ladies to only two points in the final quarter as they shot 9 to make the score 31-53.

Nichols was once again top, with 10 points. Price and Leslie Davis each added 8, while Murdock and Patterson had a basket each and Turner added one.

Third quarter had them still trailing 21-28, but strong with strong determination, the girls came back in the final quarter hitting 16 points to make up the difference and take the lead 37-36.

PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthdady to Glenna Baugh, Robert Baugh, Claudia Whitney, Betty Boren, Gail Rhoades, Betty Robbins, Lyncel Zant Beck, Bob Underwood, Wayne Couch, Jane O'Neill, Molee Huddleston, Homer Briggs, Sidney Townsend, Vivian Neeley, Madilyn Sims, Donna Crossland, Merita Head.

Happy anniversary to Randy and Kristi Boren, Edd and Elizabeth Fry, Rick and Lynda Zant, Paul and Ophelia Payne, Preston and April Boles, Ken and Betty Robbins, Chuck and Teri Ann Burge, Larry and Brenda Gibson, Kirk and Debbie Ingram, Brad and Tammie Bassano.

Lora Gibson was honored on her second birthday with a family party at the home of her grandparents, Granvel and Helen Gibson. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gibson. Her snowman cake, punch and ice cream were served to guests after pictures and videos were made and she opened her gifts.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Finley, who died in Paris on December 12. He was the uncle of Randy Boren.

Many attended the Christmas concert of the Prairiland Band on Thursday, December 13 at PHS.

Tammy Ross Ray received her BS degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology on December 14 from Texas A&M University at College Station. Her parents, Bill and Iva Mae Ross of the Jennings community and other family members attended ceremonies. Tammy is a graduate of Prairiland High School.

Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Virginia Reed and Peggy Parosns enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at Magel's in Paris Wednesday.

Sympathy is extended to the

family of Lala Belle Pomroy who died in Richardson Friday, December 14. She grew up in the Clardy community and was the mother of Jon Don Pomroy and Peggy Wylie.

Elois Sparks returned home in Deport Saturday from Heritage Care Center in Paris.

Leah Boren, Peggy Parsons and Lois Kennett of Paris spent the weekend in Rowlett with Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty. They attended the wedding and reception of Clay and Jessica Caird Courville in Dallas Saturday night, visited with Susan Barnard Courville of Houston and other family members. Sunday they attended church, visited and ate lunch with Evelyn Player Haddock, Joey and Terri Gillispie and Jared, Vickie and Glenda Haddock in Rockwall.

Susie Bristow was presented an award for 10 years of service at First Federal community Bank in Paris. She is the wife of Joey Bristow and mother of Derek and Bailey.

Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah attended a Christmas dinner and party Monday given for Tire City Discount Center employees and their families in Paris. Liz Irwin catered th emeal.

Ruby D. Blevins, Sandy Ring and Heather Anderson shopped in Paris Saturday.

Margaret Fowler, Melanie Moore, Kristi Boren and Cheryl Tesch were among those attending a Christmas party and shower given by the Deport School Staff for Carol Dorsey Tuesday in her Spanish Oaks apartment.

May all the joy that Christmas brings be yours now and in the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Auto sales burglary is Crime of the Week

You can earn up to \$1000.00 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

Sometime during the night of Friday, December 7, unknown suspects forced entry into the office and shop areas of North Main Auto Sales at 2074 N. Main in Paris. Once inside the business, the suspect stole tools, several car stereos, cash and caused a lot of damage to the business. This felony crime resulted in over

\$18,750.00 in stolen and damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by December 17, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at (785-8477).

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Blossom Letters to Santa.....

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle for Christmas and a Sailor Moon movie, all the Britney Spears CD's, Back Street Boys, Cristina Aguilera, hit clips and a car phone.
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a bunny because they are so cute, also another dog because my other dog bites me sometimes. I hope you can afford to buy these things for me.
God bless you, Santa.
Love,
Mark Thomas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some walkie talkies and oh please let us have a good trip to Tennessee to get my cousin. I hope she has fun.
Love,
Cathie House

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy and an Easy Baker and a hit clip pen for Christmas, please.
Love,
Lorena

Dear Santa,
If it isn't too much trouble I would like a Crash Bandicoot at the Wrath of Cortex, PS2, the Mummy Returns on DVD, the Mummy on PS2, Dr. Doolittle 2 on DVD and Game Cube. How do the reindeer fly? Do you know how Rudolph's nose lights up.
See ya then,
Tyler



Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler so I can ride it at my house, a bike because I wrecked my old one, a skateboard and some roller blades and a dirt bike.
From Dakota Naxiou

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, skateboard, fishing pole, new dog, cat, bird, computer, X Box and game cube.
Your friend,
Justin

Dear Santa,
These are a few things I want, hopefully a puppy, a dirt bike to ride and finally a Nintendo Game Cube.
Your friend,
Tommy Procella

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a stroller, a baby bed, a playpen and a doctor kit for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Hilary Adams

Dear Santa,
I want my teacher back at school. Please bring her back.
Love,
Kacey Blount

Dear Santa,
I want Chrystal Verson and a Play Station 2, a game cube and X box and a Robo Robot and a Battle Bia.
Your friend,
Jordan Chapman

Dear Santa,
May I have a hit clip. I'm not asking much. Please put it under the tree. I'm going to ask for a solid white horse with a saddle and blanket and a brush for the horse. Please put it in a pasture in my front yard.
Love,
Lauren Bowen

Dear Santa,
I want a Pokemon gam. I want a Game Cube, I want a Pokemon toy.
Love,
Edgar

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a scooter, some CD's of Tobey Keith, Pull My Chain and Mariah Cary Glitter, some blue jeans, turtle necks and shoes, some dolls, the Nutcracker Barbie and glam and jam Barbie, some movies, the Grinch and Mary Kate and Ashley Holiday in the Sun.
Your friend,
Rayla Thomas

Dear Santa,
I would like lots of presents for Christmas. I really want a Game Boy Advance and Nintendo 64, a monkey bike and Jimmy Newtron boy jinas an dspang bob square pants and rugrats all grown up adventure game. But I really want a X Box and a game cube.
Your friend,
Cesar

Dear Santa,
I would love you to bring me a super skater and lots of other thing. I have been good. Do you all wear red? I hope you have a good trip.
Love,
Cheyenne Duke

Dear Santa,
I have been good. For Christmas I want Pokemon cards, DVD player, roller blades, candy, DVD's, CD's, skateboard and a good Christmas.
From Dalton Ginn

Dear Santa,
I wish you can bring me a chalkboard and playhouse, a wooden playhouse and a door with a wooden door and roller runners, a newborn baby, car set with it, stroller, Kelly doll, dog, a real dog, kitchen set, doctor set and Diva Star and swing set.
Love,
Courtney Sessums

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy, telescope, bobby pens that glow, new backpack with no wheels on it, Bugs Life movie and a bike, candy and something for my birthday on the 25th, a tricycle, CD player, and a Barbie jeep.
Alicia Kay Brown

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie grand hotel and roller skates that turn into a shoe and please give me a real cat and puppy and lava lamp, and CD's and shoes and Mary Kate and Ashley movie.
Love,
Alivia Stanphill

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like some books and a bike. My dogs Cricket and Scooby would like a bone. I have this game and I let my brother play free some times.
Justin James

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a game cube, a game memory card and 2 more things, a game cube controller and a camoflodge vest. But I am not going hunting for anything. I just ride my four wheeler with them on. They keep me warm on winter days. I have a dog named Krissy Kringle Hunold.
Love,
Chase Hunold



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Thursday, December 20, 2001



Blossom Letters to Santa.....

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a bike. Thank you,
Love,
Jaime

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Brittany Spears CD for Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Riley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a car and a doll and a cat for my sister.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good this year. I would like a diva star for Christmas.
Love,
Chelsey

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a hula hoop. Thank you.
Love,
Trinity

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a big truck and a train and a car for my brother.
Love,
Luis

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a sling shot. Thank you.
Love,
Trenton

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a dress up kitty cat. Thank you,
Abigail

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a kitty and a new bike and some flowers for mom.
Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a soccer ball for Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Aaron

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me Pokemon toys and ash for Christmas, also a sailor moon doll for me.
Love,
Trenton

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie and a kindergarten baby for Christmas.
Love,
Tisha

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a nail design and a circus horse and Pooh clothes for my brother.
Love,
Bailey

Dear Santa,
I would like a new shirt and a puppy dog for Christmas, also a baby doll for Shelby.
Love,
Dalton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Sugar Plum Barbie and play-doh and a Santa ring for mom.
Love,
Macy

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hamster and a CD player and CD's for my sister.
Love,
Whitney

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a new cart and a four wheeler and a kitty for Jennifer.
Love,
Laremie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an angel and earrings for Christmas and a necklace for my sister.
Love,
Courtney

Dear Santa,
Please bring me makeup and earrings for Christmas and a new car for my mom.
Love,
Levi

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a four wheeler and a bulldog, also a new truck for my dad.
Love,
Britt

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dirt bike and a four wheeler and a bike for my brother.
Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. There is something special that I would like to have. Please bring me a DVD.
Your friend,
Tyler P.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real dog and a teddy bear and some hot wheels for Justin.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a puppy and a Pokemon for Christmas and a Digimon for Ty.
Love,
Rylee

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. There is something I would like to have, please bring me a dog.
Your friend,
Cruz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real dog and a doll and a new cat for Shelby.
Love,
Emilee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a shark head and a rock for Christmas and a DVD set for Tyler.
Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Would you please bring me new clothes and a lava lamp and toys.
Your friend,
Bailee Ballard

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a cat.
Your friend,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. There is something special that I would like to have, a game boy and a Power Puff game to go with it.
Your friend,
Haley

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a bracelet.
Your friend,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a game boy.
Your friend,
Julio

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a new necklace.
Your friend,
Kristen

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Thomas the Train for Christmas.
Your friend,
Josh

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. There is something I would like to have, please bring me new earrings and tennis shoes.
Your friend,
Madelyn

Dear Santa,
I wish I could get Amazing Alley. I want the brown headed one and a hit clip.
Love,
Jessica Stewart

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like you to bring me skate shoes.
Your friend,
Ian

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of shoes that turn into skates, a deer hunting game, a four wheeler and a X box, a pogo stick that folds up, a bike, a game boy, color, playstation game, Pokemon game that goes with my game boy, also a computer.
Thank you,
John

Dear Santa,
Please bring me art stuff for Christmas this year.
Your friend,
Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a cowboy suit for Christmas.
Jason

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Talking Ash.
Your friend,
Dakota

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**The Allen's
John, Phebe,
Zachary, Dustin
and Hollie**

Dear Santa,
My name is Garrett and I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a go cart. Thank you very much. With love your friend, Garrett

Dear Santa,
My name is Chelsey and I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like hit clips. Thank you very much. With Love, Chelsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Lessli and I have tried to be good this year. I would like a Barbie car for Christmas. Thank you very much. Your friend, Lesli

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica and I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie jeep, hit clips and a Barbie car. Thank you very much. With love, Your friend Jessica

Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon Brewer and I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a toy car. Thank you very much. With love, Your friend Brandon

Dear Santa,
My name is Angel and I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a gameboy color. Thank you very much. With love, Your friend Angel

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. So for Christmas I would like a baby doll, candy, dishes and coloring books and colors. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Cedar

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. So, for Christmas I would like a puppy dog, candy and dishes. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Melody

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year so for Christmas I would like a car, books and candy. I will leave cookies and milk and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Shelbi

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like dishes, candy and a puppy dog. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, MacKenze

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a big truck, puppy dog and candy. I will leave milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a truck and football. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Houston

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a tractor and Blues Clues. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Cole

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a ball, big truck and Barney tape. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Jarred

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a doll, hair bows, purse and tricycle. I will leave you milk and cookies and hay for your reindeer. Love, Destinee

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a princess movie, babydoll, Barbie doll and a horse. I will leave milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Anah

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a shirt, shoes, pants and panties. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like to have a sword, cowboy rope, Buzz Light Year pony and a Buzz Light Year toy with batteries. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Haskell

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a T-Rex dinosaur, horse, truck and boots. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Bud

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like to have a teddy bear, puppy dog, blue toy truck and a cowboy hat. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Payden

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like to have a sword, apples, dog and a talking dinosaur toy. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Mystin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like to have a horse, cowboy hat, dinosaur toy and a remote control car. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Brian

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like to have a toy car, 4-wheeler, toy traffic light and a race car. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Randall

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a pink horse, race car, baby doll that cries and a puppy dog. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Beth Ann

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a remote control truck, rocket, teddy bear and toy boat. I will leave you milk and cookies and plenty of hay for your reindeer. Love, Allen

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so for Christmas I would like a pony, baby doll, flower Barbie and clothes. I will leave you plenty of milk and cookies and hay for your reindeer. Love, Tawny

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like roller runners. Thank you very much. Love, James

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like a lava lamp for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Kaitlin

Dear Santa
How are you? I would like a Nutcracker Princess. Thank you very much. Love, Bailey

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a basketball goal. Thank you. Love, Carsen

Dear Santa,
I would like a lava lamp for Christmas. Thank you, Love, Logan

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I would like a fast bike. Thank you very much. Love, Merari



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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a remote controlled airplane, game board, police truck and 18 wheeler. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Dustin Womack

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a jeep, 22 rifle, German helmet and German Shepherd puppy. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Garrett Plemons

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a tennis shoe skates, art set, jamming glam tour bus, real make up. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Alecia Bailey

Dear Santa,
I would like a ballerina chest, a robot cat that meows and a toy elf for Christmas.
Thank you,
Michelle Taylor

Dear Santa,
I would like a Super Nintendo, a Vietnam Black Ops 2 and 007 Tomorrow Never Dies movie.
Thank you,
Tyler Plemons

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, four wheeler and Playstation 2 for Christmas.
Thank you,
Cody Malone

Dear Santa,
I have had a great year. I would like a four wheeler and an air pellet pistol, a race car remote controlled monster truck. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Casey Heskell

Dear Santa,
This has been a great year for me. I would like a Shrek movie and a bracelet and baby doll.
Love,
Macey Mabry

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a BB gun, race car, dirt bike and a scooter.
Love,
Lee Don Burnett

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie jeep. I will leave you something good to eat. Thank you very much.
Love,
Ally Huddleston

Dear Santa,
I would like a Mario Party 3, Nintendo game cube and Luigi's mansion.
Thank you,
Jacob Cannon

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter, ballerina chest and a cowgirl doll for Christmas.
Thank you,
Magan Upton

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a play dog and Barbie and play bear and floating Baby with smelly hair and moving baby.
Love,
Kaitlyn Watkins

Dear Santa,
I would like a Grinch movie and a doberman pincher and a moving baby and ro-bo baby and baby doll.
Love,
Magen Bove

Dear Santa,
I would like a big TV, an Uncle Cracker Cd and Cody teddy bear for Christmas.
Thank you,
Blake Holley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Kitty Magic, scooter and Techno Cat.
Thank you,
Rachel Witherspoon



It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best... along with our thanks.

DEPORT POST OFFICE

Joe Thompson
Drucille Rollins
Elvin Bell
Carole Ninemires

Merry Christmas, Friends

Dear Santa,
I would like a little army people, BB gun, air pistol, 18 wheeler, airplane. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Wesley Willis

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle, puppy, teddy bear, bat and ball. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Dana Young

Dear Santa,
I would like a Playstation 2, Scooby Do Cyberchase game and a computer.
Thank you,
Conrad Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like a power remote robot and Max Steele action figure.
Thank you,
Aaron Wisdom

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard, four wheeler and ball.
Thanks,
Dusty Brodie

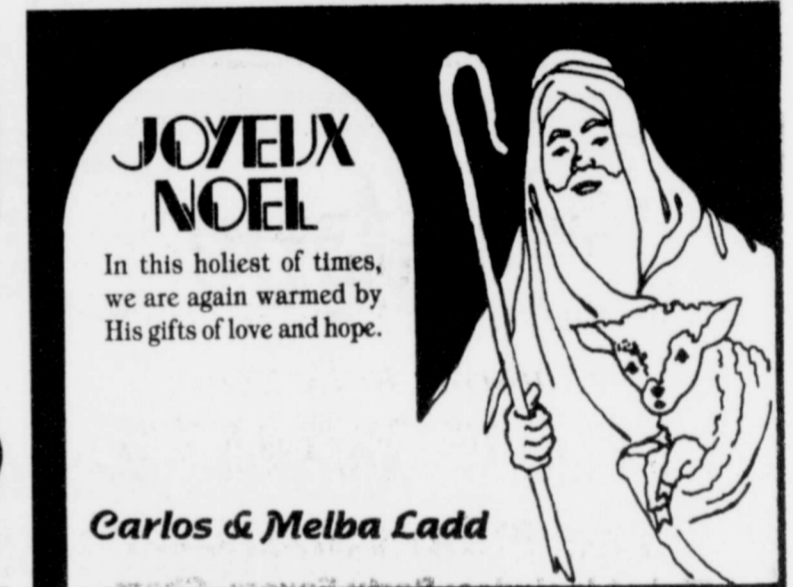
Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler, a farm set and fishing pole.
Thank you,
Jared Bolin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a tennis shoes skates, rainbow bear, the Grinch movie, real make up, earrings, a ro-bo baby. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Janet Smoot

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a scooter, dirt bike, 18 wheeler, chevy. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Justin Arnold

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun, roller blades and a trampoline.
Thank you,
River Cole

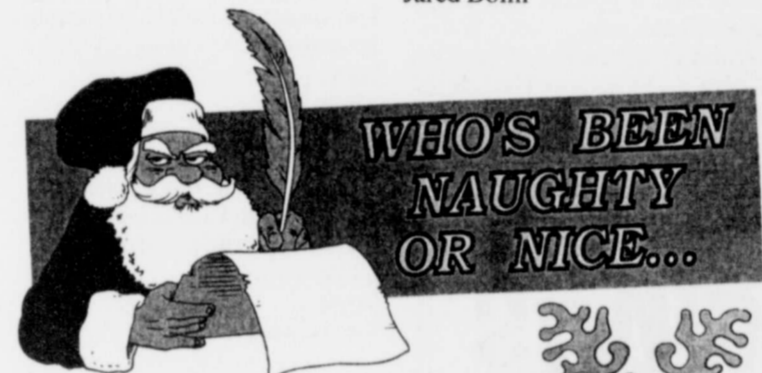
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I would like a four wheeler, a farm set and fishing pole.
Thank you,
Jared Bolin



Carlos & Melba Ladd

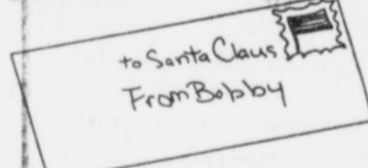
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like an art set, Jamming Glam tour bus, 4 wheeler, real make up. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Bethany Prichard

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a remote controlled airplane, Bugs Life movie, train simulator, remote controlled 18 wheeler. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Dakota Davidson



Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Jamming glam tour bus, play kitchen, doberman pincher and ro-bo baby. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Tessa Steffenson

Blossom Letters to Santa.....



Dear Ho Ho Dude,
My name is Sarah and I am 2 years old.

Dear Santa,
I hope you understand, I might want 5 things. I want some gooze, dineochi, a toy snake, beaver and buthead the Christmas movie and some Legos.
Your friend, Brett House.

Dear Santa,
I want a Magic Barbie Key House. I also want a teddy bear and teddy dog. Pleae bring mom and dad something nice. Don't forget my sisters, Jaci and Lindsay.
Your friend,
Kortni Johnston

This Christmas I would like a baby doll, and a grovery cart. my brother, Josh, would like a basketball goal and a white Christmas. My sister, Kalsea, would like a tire for her bike and a nutcracker Barbie.
Thank You
Love,
Sarah White

Dear Santa,
I hope you get my letter very soon.. Or Christmas Eve night. I will leaveout cookies and milk and leave out some carrots for the reindeers, adn that's all. I just want to see you.
Your friend
Krystal

Dear Santa,
MI am proud that Chrismas is almost here. I hope I get everthing I want.
Love, Katie Smelley

Dear Santa
Please bring me a big tractor that I can ride on. I would also like to have a trailer to hook to my little tractor. I've been pretty good this year
Love,
Parker Graham
2 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a piano, and a bike and a toycar and a CD player and a scooter, and a game boy.
Your friend, Dakota Filkins

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler for Christmas and a dirt bike.
Love, Levi Frazier

Blossom Santa Letters, Mrs. Wright's Second Grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a CD player so I can play music. I also want a sleeping bag so I can camp outside and a tent, a new treehouse so when it is warmer I can play outside. I also would like a few games so I can play.
Love, Justin Wise

Dear Santa,
I have not been a very good boy. But I hope you give me what I want. I want some Pokemon cards and a Nintendo game cube. And watch out if little kids are good or bad.
Your friend, David Cantera.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a game boy, and a color and a slithering Take. I would also like a Jack knife, truck and a Tony Hawk Skate Board.
Your friend, Tanor Hearn

Dear Santa,
Mi want a breakable doll and a radio and a lava lamp and a hipclip and a Furby and some earrings.
MLove, Angelicca Humphrey

Dear Santa,
I would like soem skate shoes and a police car too. I go to sleep when you come to my house. I also would like some pants and a shirt. If you wish to bring a gift for my sister and brother, that's okay.
Your friend, Benjamin rocha

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart, pool table, a pocket knife, a remote control jet ski and that's is all I want for Christmas.
Love, Blake Lyon

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. This is what I want for Christmas. A Barbie hotel and a Mary Kate and Ashley poster and Aaron Carter CD and a microphone.
Your friend, Sara lane

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Pleae bring me a lap top computer. and Blowpens, and leapfrog learning book.
Love, Morgan Caldwell

Dear Santa,
this year for Christmas I would like to have a pair of rollerblades. I want a bike too. I also want a remote control truck. I would also like to have a go cart. I have been a pretty good boy this year.
Brian Graham

Dear Santa,
My name is Shelby Beth McCoin. I have a sister. Her name is Emilee Paige McCoin. We live in Blossom, Texas. It would be nice if you would bring a few toys to play with, if you have time. But we would love to see you.
Luve, Shelby McCoin

Dear Santa,
My name is Chance and I have tried to be good this year. I would like a bike for Christmas. Thank you very much.
With love,
Your friend Chance

Dear Santa,
I wish I could go to a party with chips and dip and a lot of pizza and a lot of cokes. Please bring me chalk, rocket, pocket knife, hip clips and some dragon ballz action figures.
Love, Christopher Stanford

Dear Santa,
I have been nice soem of the time. I want a four wheeler for Christmas. I would also like a hair braider and a new born baby. I will leave you soem cookies and milk on the piano bench. I will try to be nicer next year.
Love, Keleigh Burchinal

Dear Santa,
My name is Shelby and I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like hit clips. Thank you very much.
With Love,
Your friend Shelby

Dear Santa,
I wish you would give me a new scooter and a game boy. Also a bicycle. Love, Dylan Spencer

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody and I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a truck. Thank you very much.
With love,
Your friend Cody Crossland

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like headphones, a microphone and a Cd player. Thank you,
Maycee Hagood

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like headphones, a baby born and Easy Bake Oven. Thank you,
Kayla Rodgers

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like clothes, a CD player and baby born. Thank you,
Karley Tucker

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like an umbrella, skateshoses and Harry Potter dragon. Thank you,
Skylar Ragan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like an Easy Bake oven, tape recorder and umbrella. Thank you,
Chelsey Kelley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Pokemon cards, a dog and remote control 4-wheeler. Thank you,
Joshua Owens

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like camping stuff, an art set in wood and jewelry set. Thank you.
Sydney Ragan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of skate, makeup, a big Barbie doll and a baby doll and also a big four wheeler. I will leave you 7 cookies and a glass of milk.
Love,
Laci Wilson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of skates and truck and trailer. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
David Murdock

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Banshee, a dirt bike and working tools. I will leave you a bone and some milk under the tree.
Love,
Cotton McMikel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a plow tractor, horse, bike, skates and a remote control bulldozer. I am going to leave some cookies and a bowl of water on the roof for the reindeer so they wont' have to come in my house.
Love,
Andrew Rick

Dear Santa,
Please bring me skates, a play horse, a four wheeler and a puppy. I will leave chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Love,
Ethan Moore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a telescope, binoculars and a lava lamp. I will leave you cookies and milk on a plate.
Love,
Trent Evans

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle, a four wheeler, dog, cat and a book. I will leave you candy on the fireplace.
Love,
Earl Filkins

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a four wheeler, a play horse, a skateboard, a teddy bear and a horse to ride. I will leave the reindeer some glittery reindeer food.
Love,
Seth Greer

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tractor chomper, a horse for my sister, a ring for my mom and a pocket knife for my dad. I will leave chocolate chip cookies and milk on the table and carrots for the reindeer.
Love,
Tanner Day

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Barbies and baby dolls. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Hannah Dotson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Batman and Superman toy. I will leave you some milk and M&M cookies and Cheetos for the reindeer.
Love,
Cobie O'Neal

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a stick horse, rocket tops, a book, a Barbie horse and a wagon for my horse. I will leave you chocolate cookies on the fireplace.
Love,
Katelyn Sims

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Yamaha Banshee, a big toy sword, Suzuki dirt bike, a black cat and a four wheel drive four wheeler. I will also leave your reindeer some cookies on the roof.
Love,
Bradly Winton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me skates, clothes, a bike, new shoes, some animal books and some rain boots. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk in the kitchen.
Love,
Karen Lumsden

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler, a big box of tractors and trailers and a blue bike for Christmas. Thank you,
Wesley Watkins

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, a ball and a duck toy for Christmas. Thank you,
Savannah Smith

Dear Santa,
Thanks for everything you brought me in the past. I will leave you cookies and milk and cheese too, just in case the commercial is true. I would like a football, helmet, electric heating blanket and a trick bike for my brother Joshua. I would like a bike, the Barbie jeep, the Barbie Bride and Ken, an electric heater, socks and boots size 4 and a purple comfoter or bedspread. I like brownies, candy and fruit. If I get a video, I would like to have Dr. Doolittle part 2, the Nutty Professor, The Klumps 2 and any of the Mary Kate and Ashley movies. But most of all I'd like to have the video series on the life of Jesus and an Angel Bible cover to tote my bible in. Thanks Santa and have a Merry Christmas too.
Michelle Nichols



Dear Santa,
I want a 440 4-wheeler, a computer and printer, clothes, shoes, diamonded ring, a gold necklace, french vanilla or white diamonds perfume, school supplies, a jacket, socks, hat and I need \$50 to take my cat to the vet. He has a broke tail. I wish all my classmates Merry Christmas and I hope they get a lot of good stuff.
Wendy Chumley

Dear Santa,
I would like a football, helmet, trick bike, skateboard, 4-10 gun, work gloves, skill saw, tools, electric blanket and heater, socks, shoes, fishing stuff and videos. For my little sister Michelle, a bb gun, fishing stuff and Sunday School dresses and an angel Bible cover. and a lot of candy and fruit.
I hope that all the kids at school get something good too.
Joshua Porter

Dear Santa,
I would like a CD player, scooter, horses, bicycle, crayolas, shoes, yellow jacket, TV car, potato man, Lego's and a live horse outside.
Love,
Kelby

Dear Santa,
I want a baby and some baby clothes, Easy Bake Oven, one little cotton candy machine you can hold it, toy kitchen, some computer games, or you could just give me some stuff. Please give my grandma and grandpa some stuff too. Thanks, Santa, you're the best. For the cotton candy maker, it takes 30 seconds to make, all you do is put something in it and push a button.
Peyton Brooke Chapman

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spider paintball gun, paintballs and some CO2's
Thank you
Caleb Norwood

**A Message To The Many
Who Love & Respect
Thelma Ladd Warren**

*Currently "Miss Thelma" is in
Deport Nursing Home*

*She is recovering from recent problems
with her health. She remembers all of you
fondly and regrets that she will be unable
to send greetings to you during the holi-
day season. Please accept this message
as her best wishes to all of you.*

*We treasure and appreciate your love and
concern for this special lady.*

**Melba & Carlos,
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*As snow is blanketing
the ground,
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wishes, too...
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of you!*

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Thursday, December 20, 2001

Deport Letters to Santa....

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and have been good. Please bring me a CD player, skateboard and a bicycle. Would you please bring both of my brothers bicycles, too. I will leave you some milk and cookies and your reindeer some apples.

Love,
Dakota Womack

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new bike, a race car with no wire, 100 blocks, some snow and a Monster Truck with no wire with a remote control. I will leave some Reindeer food and Magic Reindeer Dust in my front yard.

Love,
Jeremy Hunter

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new pink Barbie shoes, a Barbie car, a Barbie doll and some Barbie clothes. I will leave you cookies and milk by the Christmas tree.

Thank you,
Love,
Lorie Plemans

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, my own TV and a notebook. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies in the living room.

Love,
Josh Haskell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a rescue hero command center, a new bicycle and a monster truck. I will leave you some sugar cookies and a big glass of milk on the table.

Love,
Emory Robinson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me one green truck, two green tractors a two green trailers. I will leave you gingerbread cookies and milk in the living room.

Love,
Hunter David Cole Harris
P.S. I have a special present for you.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me ice skate, a hockey table, toy truck, race car and trampoline. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and a glass of cold milk on my able.

Love,
Colton Strain

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a CD player with headphones, a my size Barbie and some clothes with long jeans that will fit me. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love,
Kaitlynd Borden

Dear Santa,
This year please bring me new clothes, a baby doll, a Flying Barbie doll, and new toys.

Love,
Billie Jo Patterson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a CD player, a few CD's and a lot of candy. I will have cookies and milk for your long ride back to the North Pole.

Love,
Megan Kindle

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some clothes for my teddy bear, a swimming Barbie doll, a big back full of stories, a new Christmas ornament for the tree because one broke, and a new computer game.

Love,
Kasey Bowling

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy monster truck, stuffed animal horse and lots of new movies. I will leave some hay for the reindeer.

Love,
Kelby Cole
P.S. I would also like a new train set.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go cart, a game boy and a remote control car. I'll leave some extra cookies for the reindeer.

Love,
Zachary Tyler Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pink and green twin bay stroller.

Love,
Emily Willis
P.S. I love you!

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a GI Joe, golf clubs, a horse, a golf suit, a race track and an airplane with no wings that has a helmet inside. I will leave you cookies and milk

Love,
Jordan Freeman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control boat, a remote control truck and a toy motorcycle. I will leave you some vanilla cookies and whole milk in the living room.

Love,
Ty Clinkenbeard

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a school box, mail box, a talking worm, a poster, a Pikachu walking and talking doll, and a Pikachu monopoly game. I will leave cookies and milk by the stockings.

Love,
Cody Chavers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me and my sister a huge cotton candy machine. I will leave you cookies and milk and put them on the table by the tree, also share with Rudolph.

Love,
Kerri Anderson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a bike, a ball and teddy bear. Thank you.

Love,
Mikala Nelson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like saddle bags, a CD player and Harry Potter game. Thank you.

Hunter Bratcher



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like skateshoes, Easy Bake Oven and a CD player. Thank you,

Love,
Kim Nichols

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like skateshoes, an umbrella and Easy Bake Oven. Thank you,

Loryn Gibson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to warm up with Patrick Swayze and dance with mikhail Baryshnikov.

Love,
Cindy

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. For Christmas I would like a gel pen arts set, a baby stroller and a scooter. I will leave you fudge and coke. I will write a note to you. Please don't forget to give Prissy a surprise. I will not light the fire!

Love,
Laney Jackson



Have a Merry Little Christmas

Margaret Parks and Sandra Sifford

Wishing you and your loved ones a wondrous season filled with all the trimmings and hopes of a prosperous new year.

Thank you for your kind patronage. Your friendship really makes us feel like celebrating.

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MEMBER FDIC Here's hoping your Christmas yields big returns! We value your business and your friendship.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a guitar because I want to be a musician when I grow up. I would like a new mouse for my computer, some bell bottoms, red sparkley dress, some dress shoes, and a piano because I want to be a musician when I grow up.
Brooke Glover

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie and the Nutcracker doll, a Mystery Date, a stuffed animal bear, a Mary Kate doll, bracelet, necklace, a CD like Christina Agelara, Dream Street, Back Street Boys, Britney's new CD, Destiny's Child and a good Christmas. I hope I have a good Christmas and a very good Christmas.
Love,
Tiffany Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and a pair of roller blades for Christmas. I have been good. I'm doing good in school and my brother has been good too. I haven't been fighting with my brother. One more thing, I want a new football.
Brandon Matthew Graham

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike a CD player, CD's, rubber bands, pretty dress and clothes and a Diva Star Nickie, please a lava lamp, a Barbie Grand Hotel, roller skates, food, and a real puppy.
Love,
Jessica Whitson

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy and game to play, a computer, CD player, bow and arrow, shoes with skates on them, roller blades, remote controlled car, punching bag, Pokemon card, a VCR and some tapes, motorcycle, a Game Boy and my sister wants a cat.
Jeff Halliday

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a Gameboy Advance, Harry Potter Gameboy Advance disc and maybe a few more like Rocket Power and Rugrats. I would also like a Harry Potter Obstacle toy, Harry Potter Potion Maker and anything that is Harry Potter. I also want a go-cart that has a top that looks like a lime green convertible. I also want a microphone that you plug into the TV.
Your friend,
Allison Ensey

Dear Santa,
It is hard being good all the time, but I try, after all I am only two years old. Wave to my Granna and Papa when you fly over Blossom and leave them something. Bring me anything and I will like it.
Love,
Jake Ensey

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I would like a Barbie cash register and karaoke machine. Hope you have a good flight.
Love,
Allie Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I don't know if I have been good or bad so I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas if that's OK. I want a pair of street jets, a bike, and the last thing is a TV.
Love,
Jaci Sikes

Dear Santa,
I have been good. May I have a TV, and the Princess Diaries CD and the movie of it and a Mary Kate and Ashley movie and CD's and my own computer. Let me have a good Christmas and a baby and Kelly doll and a puppy.
Love,
Taylor Davidson

Dear Santa,
I helped my mom with the dishes this year. I am good with math and like to study. I want for Christmas, Clone CD player, CD's, a Wrestle Mania 2001 game for Nintendo 64 and a Game Boy Advance with 1 or 2 games.
Love,
Juan Cortes

Blossom Santa Letters

Dear Ho Ho Dude,
My name is Sarah and I am 2 years old.

This Christmas I would like a baby doll, and a grovery cart. my brother, Josh, would like a basketball goal and a white Christmas. My sister, Kalsea, would like a tire for her bike and a nutcracker Barbie.
Thank You
Love,
Sarah White

Dear Santa
Please bring me a big tractor that I can ride on. I would also like to have a trailer to hook to my little tractor. I've been pretty good this year
Love,
Parker Graham
2 years old

Blossom Santa Letters, Mrs. Wrieth's Second Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a game boy, and a color and a slithering Take. I would also like a Jack knife, truck and a Tony Hawk Skate Board.
Your friend, Tanor Hearn

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart, pool table, a pocket knife, a remote control jet ski and that's is all I want for Christmas.
Love, Blake Lyon

Dear Santa,
this year for Christmas I would like to have a pair of rollerblades. I want a bike too. I also want a remote control truck. I would also like to have a go cart. I have been a pretty good boy this year.
Brian Graham

Dear Santa,
I wish I could go to a party with chips and dip and a lot of pizza and a lot of cokes. Please bring me chalk, rocket, pocket knife, hip clips and some dragon ballz action figures.
Love, Christopher Stanford

Dear Santa,
I wish you would give me a new scooter and a game boy. Also a bicycle. Love, Dylan Spencer

Dear Santa,
I hope you understand, I might want 5 things. I want some goooze, dineochi, a toy snake, beaver and butthead the Christmas movie and some Legos.
Your friend, Brett House.

Dear Santa,
I hope you get my letter very soon. Or Christmas Eve night. I will leaveout cookies and milk and leave out some carrots for the reindeers, adn that's all. I just want to see you.
Your friend
Krystal

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a piano, and a bike and a toy car and a CD player and a scooter, and a game boy.
Your friend, Dakota Filkins

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a CD player so I can play music. I also want a sleeping bag so I can camp outside and a tent, a new treehouse so when it is warmer I can play outside. I also would like a few games so I can play.
Love, Justin Wise

Dear Santa,
Mi want a breakable doll and a radio and a lava lamp and a hipclip and a Furby and some earrings.
MLove, Angelicca Humphrey

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. This is what I want for Christmas. A Barbie hotel and a Mary Kate and Ashley poster and Aaron Carter CD and a microphone.
Your friend, Sara lane

Dear Santa,
My name is Shelby Beth McCoin. I have a sister. Her name is Emilee Paige McCoin. We live in Blossom, Texas. It would be nice if you would bring a few toys to play with, if you have time. But we wold love to see you.
Luve, Shelby McCoin

Dear Santa,
I wish you would give me a new scooter and a game boy. Also a bicycle. Love, Dylan Spencer

Dear Santa,
I have been nice soem of the time. I want a four wheeler for Christmas. I would also like a hair braider and a new born baby. I will leave you soem cookies and milk on the piano bench. I will try to be nicer next year.
Love, Keleigh Burchinal

Dear Santa,
I want a Magic Barbie Key House. I also want a teddy bear and teddy dog. Please bring mom and dad something nice. Don't forget my sisters, Jaci and Lindsay.
Your friend,
Kortni Johnston

Dear Santa,
MI am proud that Christmas is almost here. I hope I get everthing I want.
Love, Katie Smelley

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler for Christmas and a dirt bike.
Love, Levi Frazier

Dear Santa,
I have not been a very good boy. But I hope you give me what I want. I want some Pokemon cards and a Nintendo game cube. And watch out if little kids are good or bad.
Your friend, David Cantera.

Dear Santa,
I would like soem skate shoes and a police car too. I go to sleep when you come to my house. I also would like some pants and a shirt. If yo wish to bring a gift for my sister and brother, that's okay.
Your friend, Benjamin rocha

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Pleae bring me a lap top computer. and Blowpens, and leapfrog learning book.
Love, Morgan Caldwell



Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming fast and all I want is some more Biunickols and some Biunickols cards, Playstation 2 with Toni Hawk proskater.
Love, Michael Enox

Dear Santa,
I am good. I stayed on green for a week. How are you? Are you doing good or bad? Yes, are no, which one? I want a dirt bike, a gokart and a skating shoes.
Love, Brandon Justice

Dear Santa,
i want a lego programer kit with the peices. I want a Metubot with metal and medowatch I want all the pokemon cards. I want the Sounds of Power Rangers, time force and a pokedex.
Love, Cole Clemmer

Dear Santa,
To night it is snowign. My family and I would like four books about you and your reindeers. I like when its is snowing, because we got to make four snowmens and snowwomen.
Love,
Joaquina Cortes

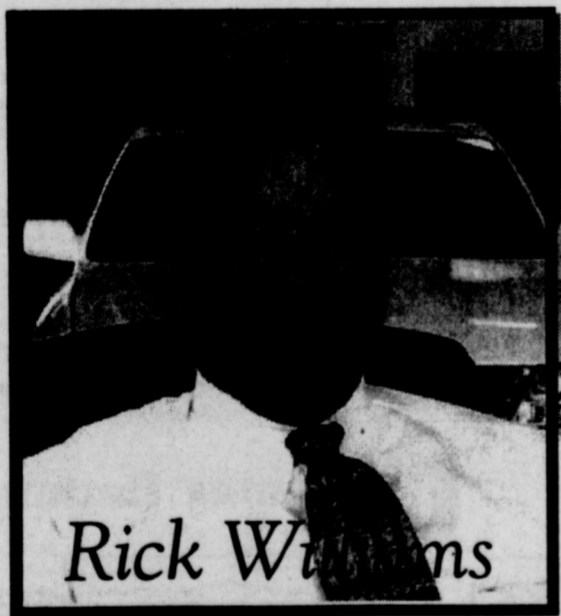
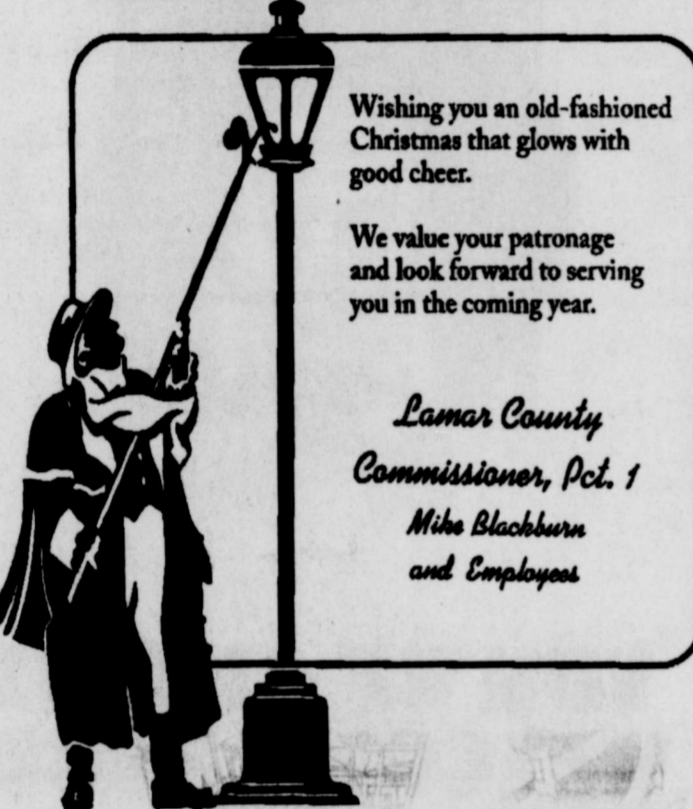
Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good girl this eyar. I want hitclips radio a scooter, and a Barbie Thank you Santa, Thank you really a lot,
Love, Samantha Kent

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a show scooter, a Moreyo play station and remote control video camera. I hop you reall excist
Love, Coby Brakebill

Dear Santa,
Is it snowing at the North Pole? Could you bring me a skate board, Play Station 2, a Tyco RC Tony Hawk and tony Hawk proskater 2 and game boy 3
Love, Caleb Talley

Dear Santa,
I want a Marioyo game and I want a gameboy game and the game is get to is a mario game and I want a skateboard and I want a skateboard game and a alliah skateboard.
Love, Dominique Jamin

Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All.



TOYOTA OF PARIS JEEP Salesman of the Year!!!

Toyota of Paris Jeep congratulates Rick Williams for achieving this award so many times! Rick would like to thank God, his wife, family and of course all his loyal customers for helping him achieve these accomplishments.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Pikachu and a Barbie doll. I would also like you to bring a truck for Britt.
Love, Zoe Kester

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some new tires for my bike and a Barbie nutcracker. I would also like you to bring a baby doll for my sister.
Love, Kalsea White

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a scooter doll and new wheels for my scooter. I would also like you to bring a Barbie for my sister.
Love, Destinee Jones
Ms. Madewell's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Power Ranger and a fire truck. I would also like you to bring a dog for my sister.
Love, Dakota Taylor

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a dinosaur and a dirt bike. I would like you to bring a knife for my Pa.
Love,
Travis Irwin

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a Power Ranger and a dinosaur. I would also like you to bring a Barbie for my sister.
Love, Timothy Adkins

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a T Rex toy and some robot toys. i would also like you to bring a GI Joe jeep for my borther.
Love, Logan Stowell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, i would like a truck and an army tank. I would also like you to bring a present for my baby sister.
Love, Ryne Jackson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Grinch movie and a Barbie Jeep. I would also like you to bring a necklace for my sister.
Love, Sydnee Crawford

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like 2 Pokemon figures and movies. I would also like you to bring a T-Rex for Caleb.
Love, Alex Broomfield.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a bunny and a coloring book. I would also like you to bring a necklace for my sister.
Love, Shelby McCain

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barbie jeep and a bubble gum machine. I would also like you to bring a bracelet for my sister.
Love, Breanna Dunnken

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like money and a cash register. I would also like you to bring a soccerball for my borther.
Love, Jasper Goodson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a dog and akitten. I would also like you to bring Nintendo games for Caleb.
Love, Sarah Talley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a Barbie Cat and a Barabie Jeep. I would also like you to bring a necklace for my sister,
Love, Ashley Burdine

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Pokemon and a Pokemon movie. I would also like you to bring a Pokemon for Alex.
Love, Caleb Collins

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a gumball machine and a diva star. I would also like you to bring new clothes for my mom.
Love, Brittani Nelson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, Crazy Art set and a Barbie. Christmas is my favorite day of the year because it is Jesus' birthday. God you came and we love and it is special for you to come to the world to only give presents to us but all I am saying is you are special and sweet and your elves and wife are special too.
Love,
Ariel Tyler



FIRST PLACE WINNER for the Blossom National Junior Honor Society food drive was Bonnie Singleton's 2A 2nd grade class with 158 items in the class K-4th grade division. Pictured left to right back row is Michael Enox, Ashleigh Adams, Cole Clemmer, Tyler Holloway, Coby Brakebill, Chanc Steinhilber, Payton Connot, Christine Blanton, Dyllon Adkins and Brandon Justice. Front row is Jerica Ryan, Caleb Talley, Tate Mauldin, Garon Booth, Samantha Kent, Meghan Caldwell, Jessica Eads and Joshua Esch. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BLOSSOM 7B class of Alecia Moore's won the 1st place division of the 5-8th grade food drive for the National Junior Honor Society food drive. Pictured left to right back row is Hal Brady, Clay Friddle, Zachery Ebbs, Chris McKinney, Bailee Berry, Nikki Garrison, Kara Nation, Taylor Gillie and Shawna Johnson. Front row is Blake Connot, Morgan Hostetler, Kandace Burchinal, Riley Lewis, Corey Scroggins, Jessica Roddy, Kenneth Price, Alesha Chapman and Jennifer Filkins in front. Standing behind is teacher Alecia Moore. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



MICHELLE GILLIE'S 4-B class on the Blossom campus won 1st place in the 3-4 grades in the National Junior Honor Society food drive. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

NJHS donates food baskets

The Blossom National Junior Honor Society has been very busy collecting and preparing food baskets for needy families in the Blossom area. They have had a very successful year and raised money also for Santa's Kids. The organization was able to adopt 10 children from the Blossom School system as a part of the Santa's Kids project.

A competition was held for an ice cream and movie party for the class that collected the most canned goods for the food drive. Over 3,149 items were collected and distributed in the Blossom community from the project. The following are the classes and their total donations. KA Madewell-8; KB Meade-61; LA Barnard-93; 1B Fendley-93; IC Young-31; 2A Singleton-158 items for 1st place

in K-2 division; and 2B Wright-153 2nd place winner in the K-2 division.

3A Patterson 309-2nd place in the 3-4 division; 3B Smith-159; 4A Huffman-136; and 4B Gillie-315 1st place in the 3-4 division.

5A Harrington 274; 5B Winters

322 2nd place in the 5-8 division; 6A Corso-98; 6B Slawson-158; 7A Price-92; 7B Moore-350 1st place in the 5-8 division; 8A Martin-149; and 8B Connot-190.

Thanks to everyone who donated

and gave for this project. Several families were helped through the students, faculty and parents efforts. "At this time, we are all grateful and thankful for the many that give, states the members of the NJHS. It is what the true meaning of the Christmas spirit and American spirit is all about."

Stocked With Joy

May all of our "deer" friends enjoy a season overflowing with the milk of human kindness and a new year as sweet as honey.

Thanks for shopping with us!

BLOSSOM SUPERETTE

982-5444 Blossom, Texas

Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, Christmas is coming soon and I want you to bring a Gameboy color a 4 wheeler and a remote control truck.

Love, Jose Zermeno

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the North Pole? Please can you ask your elves if they can make a football, a soccerball, a baseball and a football suit.

Love, Vince Gibson

Dear Santa, I would like a new red digi-vice with the card and attachments for the computer. I would also like to have the transformer optimus, prime with ultra magnus and a big Q Rex wit the morfer for Christmas.

Mlove, Tyler Holloway

Dear Santa, Has it been snowing lately? All I want is a little four wheeler, a remote control four wheeler, a bobit, play station and a dinosaur that control. I also want a lap top computer.

Love, Chance Steinhilber

Dear Santa, I have been good, and bad. I hope you bring a horse, cowgirl buff, and a laptop computer.

Love, Jessica Ebbs

Dear Santa, I have been good all year long. Will you bring me a leapfrog pade and a bobit and a laptop computer.

Love, meghan Caldwell

Dear Santa, This year I would liek for you bring me a monster truck or a d jeep. I would also like a watch and a Shrek movie. I will leave ou a sandwich and Dr. Pepper. here will be a goodie bag filled with mom's homemade candies.

Love, Joshua Esch

Dear Santa, is it snowing up there? My mom says I am being a good girl. I want these toys, the harry Potter Dinoiser named Norbert, the Easy Bake Oven and the Shryny dinks. Thank you a lot, Santa. I love you a lto.

Love, Jerica Ryan

Dear Santa, i would like you to ring me a movie called Cast Aways, a playstation, and a playstation game called Harry Potter.

Love, Tate Mauldin

Dear Santa, I want a four wheeler, I want a box of gooze too. I might leave feed for your reindeer and milk and cookies for you. I want bubble gum also. How are you doing?

Love, Dillon Adkins

Dear Santa, Is it snowing at the North Pole? This year I want a gameboy for Christmas, a pair of black boots if you can bring them too me.

Love, Ashleigh Adams

Dear Santa, I would like some more crayons for Christmas. I would also like a new pair of boots and some more cars.

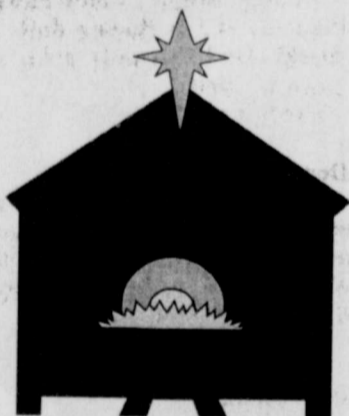
Love, Paxton Connot

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie play station and a baby robot.

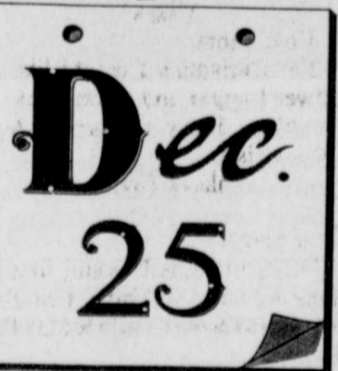
Love, Christine Blanton

Dear Santa, I wish I had a dirt bike, motorcycle, and I would like to have a 22 rifle. Please bring me 8 mm rifle also.

Love, Garon Booth



Kids Need A Stable Background



Magical Christmas Greetings

May your holiday come alive with beautiful moments and memories.

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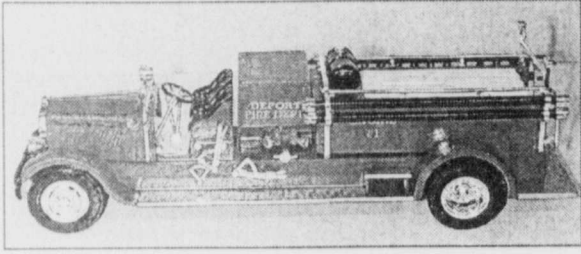
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I had gone out to Galena Park to work for a doctor and the Wilkinson's lived across the street from me. They had two sons in the service. Their good looking Staff Sergeant came home on July 19, 1944 and I met and fell in love with him.

When December rolled around we did not think Charles would be home for Christmas, but, just a few days before, Mrs. Wilkinson called me to say he was coming home. She said she needed my help as they had a tree but no decorations for it. All the decorations were in Bogata. I assured her

we would find some.

We went to all the little stores out there and there were no decorations. We finally went into a grocery store and when I explained to the owner he said he would be closing that night until after Christmas so he would give us his decorations. We went home and trimmed the tree.

I have enjoyed 56 Christmas times in the Wilkinson family and I know many of you loved mother and dad Wilkinson as I did. Mother Wilkinson always said, "Well, if I don't have the Christmas spirit it's alright because when Jean comes she brings it".

The unity we have all felt with each other lately has brought back memories of the unity we all shared in World War II. Merry Christmas, God Bless and may we always stand united.

Jean Wilkinson



BLOSSOM 5-B class was the food drive 2nd place winners in the 5-8th grade division of the Blossom National Junior Honor Society drive. Pictured left to right is Alyssa Pitcock, Kaylon Merrill, Blake Moore, Staci Harrell, Tyler Bowden, Jacob, Dakota Parker and Arturo Sifuentes. Middle row is Mrs. Winters, Seth Connot, Morgan Burchinal, Katy Garrison, Heather Bybee and Tonya Fry. Front row is Roxy Sawyer, Cade White, Kaci Burchinal and Kaleb Price. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SECOND PLACE WINNER in the Blossom National Junior Honor Society food drive was Kay Wright's 2B 2nd grade class with 153 items collected in the K-2nd grade division. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PATTERSON'S 3-A class on the Blossom campus won 2nd place in the 3-4th grade division of the National Honor Society food drive for the needy. Pictured left to right is Ms. Patterson, Justina Little, Cathie Moon, Edgar Delarosa, Wavonne Coulter, Jessica Stewart, Lauren Bowen, Kacey Blount. Middle row is Ashley Outland, Clayton Thomas, John Halenkamp, Jordan Chapman and Tommy Procella. Front row is Lorena Peralta, Dakota Swindle, Justin Myers and Kody McLaughlin. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be
called
Wonderful Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace
Isiah 9.6

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Winners in Christmas
Memories
Contest announced

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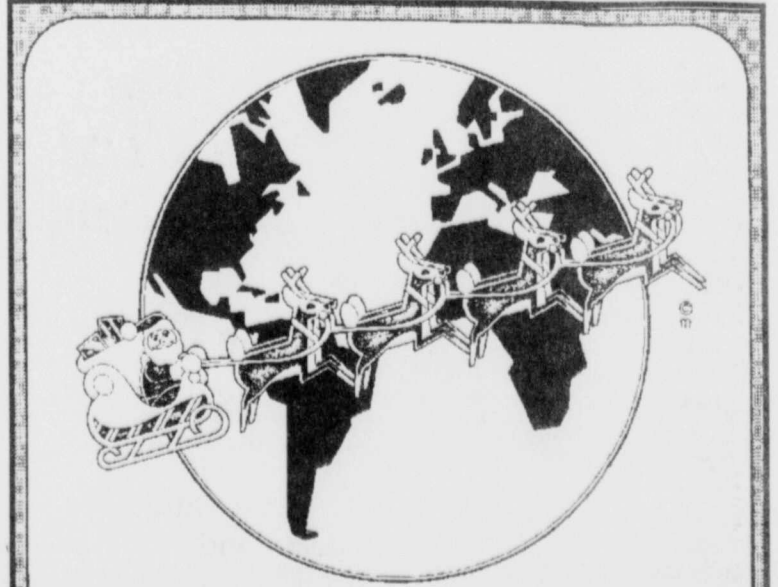
First Place went to Sunny Whitney. Second Place went to Janie Lowry Ballard, Third Place went to Lucille Preston Knowles.

Honorable Mentions were given to Pat Reger, Renate McCoin and Jean Wilkinson.

The First Place winner will receive a certificate of award and a photograph album. The other will receive certificates. As many of the entries as possible are being run as well. Enjoy!



*The Rest of the Christmas Memories Will
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Thursday, December 20, 2001

Deport Letters to Santa.....

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Love,
Jessica Upton

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a stuffed animal? I will leave you a snack of milk and cookies.
Love,
Kelsey Klinger

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a bicycle, Playstation, a toy 4-wheeler. I will leave you cookies. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Dakota English

Dear Santa,
I am four years old and have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a lot of Power Ranger stuff and John Deere tractor toys.
Thank you.
Love,
Chance Navia

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring some clothes and a nice sweet candy cane and some goodies in my stocking.
Love,
Meia Perry
Thank you Santa, I will leave you some cheese and crackers.

Dear Santa,
I am one year old. I have been a good little girl this year. Please bring me a Christmas Barbie and a rocking chair. Thank you,
Love,
Shay Navia

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a CD player, necklace and Leggo set. I will leave you donuts. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Dow Henderson

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. This year I hope you can bring a baby doll stroller, Nutcracker Barbie and Barbie camper. I like Rudolph's shiny nose and you too! I will leave fudge and coke at my house. You can use the fireplace because we won't build a fire Christmas night.
Love,
Lexie Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Will you please bring me a barn, pickup, bulldozer, cars and tractors. I will leave you a snack of cookies.
Love,
Steven Melvin

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Will you please bring me a BB gun, 4-wheeler, 20-20, 4-10, dirt bike, Army set, bicycle, race car, robot or dog? I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Heath Elrod

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a dirt bike and a baby four wheeler.
Love,
Toby Arnold

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a soccer ball, Nutcracker Barbie, Santa Claus picture frame, Christmas keychain. I will leave you a snack of cookies and milk.
Merry Christmas,
Love,
Kastley Greer

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a Game Boy Advance, Pogo stick, Army drawing guide, Army men sarge's Heroes?? I will leave you a snack of cookies.
Love,
Dustin Martin

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a cars Gameboy, some surprises. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Colton Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a Barbie Princess, rocking horse and stuffed teddy bear. I will leave you a snack of cookies and cream. I want glitter makeup, clothes, Princess Barbie, stuffed bear.
Love,
Kaylynn Patterson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a stuffed horse. I will leave you a snack of milk and some cookies. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Lindsey Murdock

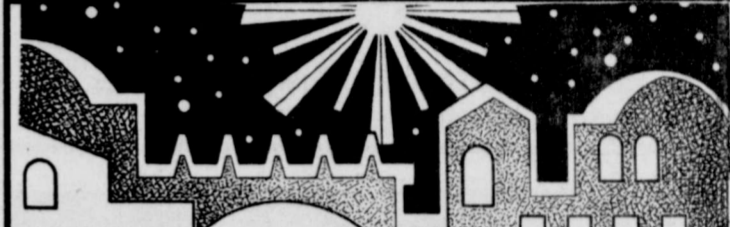
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Can I have a tambourine, Barbie bike, fish and a lot of surprises for my brother too. I will leave you a snack of cookies.
Love,
Amanda Rick

to Santa Claus
From Bobby



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Cunningham News
by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Carlos Ordorica, Lacy Cole, Jane O'Neal, Andy Syrus and Ann Dye.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight and the Taylor O'Neal family Christmas party in their home Saturday. Attending were Donnie and Clovis Morrison, Ethelyn Davis, A.T. and Claudine O'Neal, Jane O'Neal, Sue and Murray Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Allen Coker, Aaron Martin, Dewayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, James and Kenzie Jackson, Michael Lee and Delia O'Neal, Jeannie, Shannon and Shelby Little, Connie McKnight, Cindy, Reanna and Lee Don Burenne and Johnnie, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson. They enjoyed an evening of eating and playing bingo.

Sunday guests of Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy were Jeff, Zak and Garrett Kennedy, Heath, Missy, Layker and Laytner Kennedy, Cole Kennedy and Josh Vanderburg.

Having Sunday lunch with Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove and Shane and Zarinska Morton. Joining them for supper were Brandon and Marsha Oats, Brad, Rachel, Bradlee and Brett

Watson and Amber and Spur Norwood.

Sunday dinner guests of Billie Joe and Georgia Oats were Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Brad and Georjeana Nutt.

James and Pat Norwood attended the Chapel Hill basketball tournament Saturday to watch their granddaughter, Lacy Cole, play ball. The Prairiland Lady Patriot seventh grade team won first place. Haley Norwood and Charity Musgrove also play on the team.

Canard, Delores, Ricky, Haley and Mattie Norwood ate with Teresa and Jamie Smith Wednesday night. Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith and Delores Norwood ate at the 909 Diner in Bogata Saturday. Kelty Mowery went to the movies with Rickey, Pam, Ricky and Mattie Norwood Sunday.

Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane spent Sunday and Monday nights with Billy Ray and Neva Oats. They could not get to their home in Mt. Pleasant because of the high water.

Rachel and Brad Watson were honored with a baby shower Sunday at the Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall. They received many gifts.

Lady Patriots split two

The Lady Patriots split games this week as they took on Chapel Hill on December 11 and Cooper on December 14. They fell to Chapel Hill 35-56 the first part of the week, managing only five points in the first quarter with Chapel Hill answering with 16 in the first and 21 in the second. With a surge of 14 points in the second, the ladies still remained behind at halftime 19-37.

Third quarter action for both teams cooled as the Lady Pats hit for 8 and Chapel Hill managed only 7. 2-7 free shots in the final quarter by the ladies kept them behind along with three baskets to total 8 points as Chapel Hill shot for 2-6 and 5 baskets ended the game with Chapel Hill on top 56-35.

Lacy Davis washigh for the night with 12 and Megan Graham close behind with 10. Kami Hudson added 5, Britney Martin 3, Sara Bolton 2 along with 2 from Lacy Beaty and one point from Nikki Bybee.

On Thursday night, the girls took the win after a hard-fought game from the Lady Bulldogs, 37-36. Although Cooper held the lead at the end of the first quarter 9-5 and second quarter 22-14, the Lady Pats never gave up the fight.



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Eighth graders play at Deport

by Sandy Flatt

The Prairiland eighth graders played at Deport last Monday night against Hughes Springs. The eighth grade "B" team hit the floor first and quickly took control of the ball game.

The Patriots scored 20 unanswered points in the first half of the game. Hughes Springs did manage to score 9 points in the second half but it was way too little, too late. The final score was Patriots 31, Hughes Springs 9.

The Prairiland "A" boys also came away with a victory for the night although they had just a little stiffer competition. This was a tight ballgame from the start but the Pats pulled out a 3 point win for the night with a score of 34-31.

Other Players were Lance Ballard, Matthew Owens, Darren Lane, and Jay Curt McKee. Good Job, Boys! The next game will be Thursday at 3:00 at Rivercrest.

Norwood	8	7	2	1	1
T.Mauldin	6	3	5	1	-
Flatt	4	4	2	1	-
Woodall	4	3	-	1	-
Cheney	2	-	4	-	-
Thomas	3	3	1	-	-
Hostetler	2	-	8	-	1
B.Mauldin	2	-	1	-	-
Wilson	-	-	1	-	1

Upchurch	11	1	15	-	-
Withers	8	2	8	1	-
Allen	-	-	3	1	-
Wright	9	2	1	1	3
Drinnon	-	3	2	-	2
White	6	2	2	-	3
Smallwood	-	-	-	-	1

Books dedicated to library

The following books have been dedicated to the Prairiland High School Library:

The Wildest Ride in memory of Holland Bell from Johnny, Cathy and Chance Whitney.

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul Letters in memory of Nancy Jackson from Johnny, Cathy and Chance Whitney.

Hometown Legend in memory of Jimmy Joe Young from Pattonville Baptist Church.

New International Version for the Holy Bible and Desecration: Antichrist Takes the Throne in memory of Lloyd Chandler from the Pattonville Baptist Church.

The following books in memory of Rufus Merritt: *Diana's Boys* from Jimmy and Betty Slayden; *September 11, 2001* from James and Katy Winters; *The Final Days* from Glenn and Susie Evans; *Dale Earnhardt: Always a Champion* from Jerry and Dorothy Richey.

Following in memory of Dorothy Ellen Gray: *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Souls on Tough Stuff* from Charels and Jenita Baker; *Washington Through the Purple Veil* from Jerry and Dorothy Richey.

Spirit Week is January 7-11

Spirit week for the winter sports has been set for January 7-11. The Middle/High school cheerleaders will host their annual youth cheerleading camp on Monday, January 7. The camp participants will join the Varsity and Middle school cheerleaders with cheers and a dance routine during Friday's spirit rally. Also participating in the spirit rally will be the PIPS. The cheer squads are planning activities, cheers, stunts, and dances for the rally. The rally is for those students who are participating in extra-curricular activities.

To end the spirit events, the 2001-02 senior athletes will be recognized during the half-time of the boys' basketball game on Friday, January 11. The basketball teams will be going against the Boles Hornets.

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Happy Birthdays this week to Sara Beth Upchurch, Jaime Sanchez, Shane Chennault, Creighton Byrd, Jordan Smith, Brooks Bailey, Jim Irwin, Katie Neilsen, Dana Monday Keys, Cindy Sessums, Joshua Esch, Kacey Langston, Ashley Farley, Keri Dimond, Courtney Womack, Shawna Kuehn, Jennifer Stone, Bill Robertson, Ryan Wilson, Jason Anderson, Jill Anderson, Dava Redus, Halie Hollowell, LaCosta Whitley, Tracy Hicks Denny.

By the time you get your paper this week..... hopefully you will get your paper on time this week.....it will be five days before the big day and we here at the paper wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! School also gets out today and they will resume back in January 2002!

Get wells this week too....Jr. Weddle, Pauline Weddle and Gay Barr.

Pam and George Wood attended the Kimberly-Clark Christmas party on Saturday night and enjoyed a good time.

Pam Wood attended the graduation of her niece Daphne Thompson who received her Masters from Texas A&M-Commerce on Saturday morning.

Mary Jane Lowry spent Monday to Wednesday in Hughes Spring visiting with Ginnifer, Bill, Ryan Alyssa and Carter Lindsey.

Orene Bonner of Bedford visited with Mary Jane Lowry by phone over the weekend and wishes everyone a happy holiday! She is doing fine and well.

Teresa Goodin and Mary Crouch as been traveling to Lubbock and several other areas to visit with relatives and friends. While in Lubbock they visited James and Teresa Lott, Crystal and Chelsey.

Renea and Kaleb Long and Emma Willard went to McKinney to visit with Karen and Rodney Kraft. While there they picked up Nell Deese of Dothan, Alabama at DFW airport where she will be visiting with family members and friends. On Monday night Rhonda, Sandra and Ethan

Raspberry of Plano, Emma, Rodney and Sandra and Mrs. Deese enjoyed dinner before Emm and Mrs. Deese returned to Blossom.

Jo and Mib Myers of Post Oak visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long on Friday. On Saturday, Steven, Renea and Kaleb Long and Emma and Lloyd and Mrs. Deese enjoyed lunch in Paris.

The Fellowship Choir presented a special program of Christmas music on Sunday night and next Sunday morning the children of the church will present a special Christmas program.

Margaret Akehurst of Vancouver, Washington is here on an extended visit. On Saturday, she and Irene Bryant traveled to Dallas to visit Marleena and Bryan Proffer and Landree and came home Sunday afternoon.

Kelly and Clint Dorries and Payden along with Kevin Pilip traveled to Wisconsin for the funeral of Kelly's grandfather John Quigley. He was the father of Pat Otteson formerly of Blossom.

Enjoying Sunday lunch with Modie Johnson was Phyllis and Melvin Bryant of Hawkins, Joel Brown of Powderly, Lee, Shawn, Ethan and Emma Napier of Paris, Kay and Donnie Whitley of Paris. Sally and Bubba Dale of Garland visited on Monday with Modie.

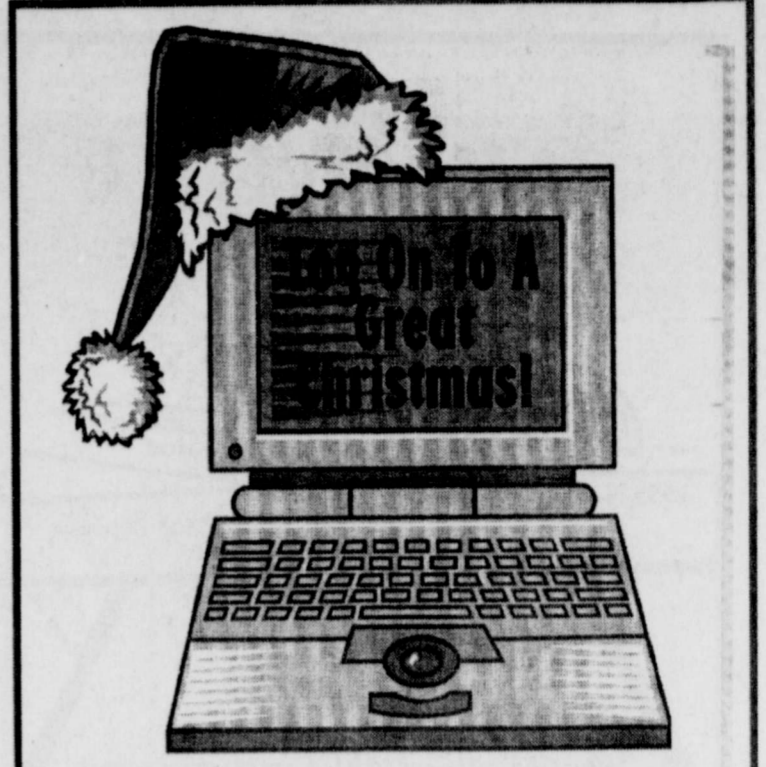
Nellie Ruth Abney is home from the hospital and doing quite well.

Vernon Fogleman is in the hospital for some tests and hopes to get home this week. Starla Kay Maddox of Faulkner spent Sunday night with Madell Fogleman.

Special Get Wells to Mrs. Cowan who has been in the hospital at McCuiston.


The Friday night turnout for the Midway Community Center was great and everyone enjoyed the meal and gathering.

J.L. Furra of Austin has been here visiting his mother Florence Furra. He gave a dinner party Saturday night for Mary Jo Whatley of Bogata, Mrs. Furra, Laura Stephens and Steve and Stevie Lyn Furra.



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Post Oak News
By Geneva Lee 982-5309

The choir of East Post Oak Baptist Church will present their cantata "The Light of the World" Sunday at 10:45 a.m. All are urged to attend and hear them and be in the worship services.

Stephen Paul Flatt is home from Lubbock College until after the first of the year. His parents, Ted and Sandra Flatt went to Lubbock to bring him home over the weekend.

The church women's annual Christmas party was held at the home of Betty Low Saturday with 19 attending. They exchanged gifts and enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Mrs. Georgia Clark is back at her home at the Sterling House after having some surgery in the hospital in Plano. She seems to be doing fine.

Wallace and Frieda Lee of Ft.

Worth came Friday and visited her mother, Mrs. Rhoda Lee in Paris Nursing Home. Wilbourne and Geneva Lee and Billie Bates and Alvis Bates visited them in the nursing home. Wallace and Frieda returned home and the Lees and Bates went out to eat and visit before returning home.

Mrs. Rhoda Lee is eating very little and not doing well at this time.

Word has been received of the death Sunday of Clarence Crawford in Grant, OK, the son of the late Jack Crawford and brother of Ethel Jackson in Blossom and Winnie Steele of Leonard, also a half brother to Murcel, Johnhy and Iris Crawford.

We had lots of rain over the weekend. We had at least 8 1/4 inches at the Lee's house.



BEST WISHES ARE ON THE WAY

Just in the "nick" of time, we're sending our regards to the many folks both far and near, whom we've had the privilege of doing business with this year.


Hope your holiday delivers an abundance of joy. Thanks!

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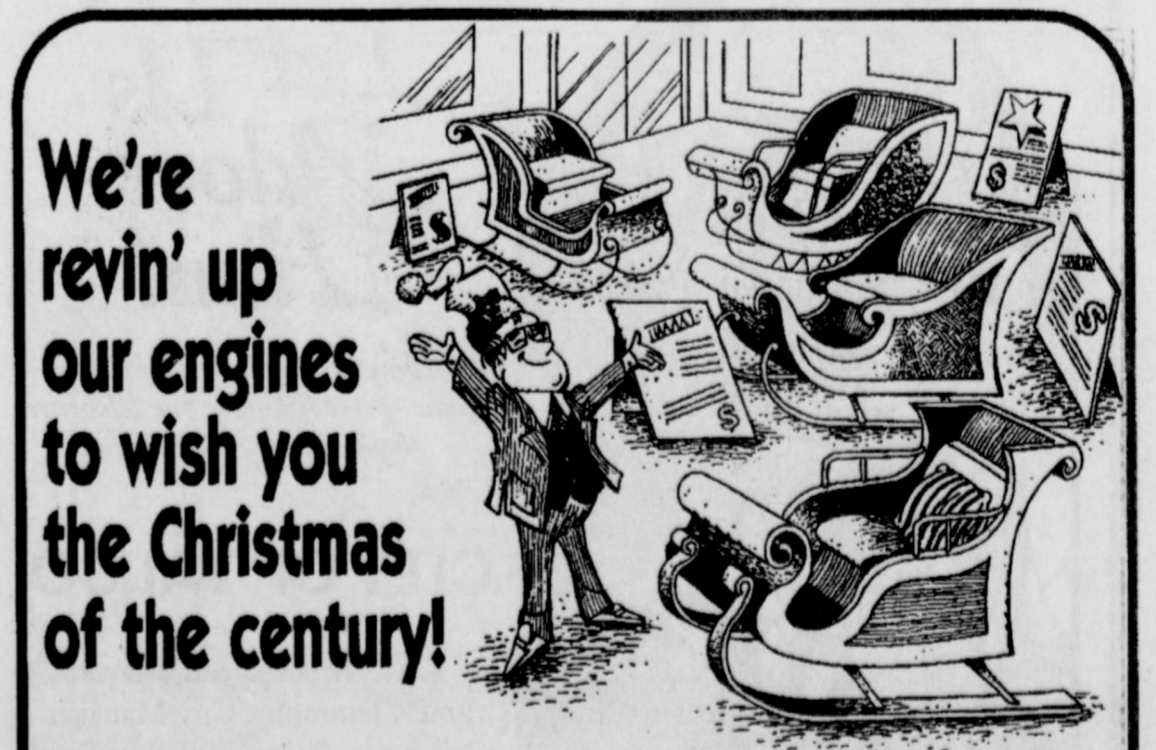


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A Christmas to remember...

I had just graduated from high school, gone to Paris Junior College and gotten my first job at Netseo Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America in Paris. It was Christmas and something seemed to be missing for me. I am an only child. Mother had one brother and they lived away and did not come home for Christmas. My Dad has one sister and she also has an only child. Our Christmas mornings at my grandparents were wonderful, just not a lot of us! And at this point in our life, no children!



days to Christmas, we noticed that every day, many times several times a day, Ada would whisper to Daisy, "Daisy, do you think he will come?" Daisy would always reply the same- "We'll see."

A customer walked into our office one day and I heard him say something that made me perk up my ears. He said that Goodland Indian Orphanage in Hugo, OK had children that needed a place to go for Christmas. The rest of the day seemed to last forever. I could not wait to get home and talk to Mother and Daddy about the possibilities of getting a child for Christmas. I said that if I could have one, I would not ask for anything else for Christmas! My Dad was a little skeptical, but after begging from me and some prodding from Mother he agreed that we would go talk with them.

That wonderful night finally arrived and we made the trip to Memaw and Granddaddy DeBerry's house in Bogata. They were wide-eyed at all of the wonderful traditions that we had taken for granted over the years. Mother and I had made them long red flannel gowns with caps to match. They looked for all the world like two angels, and for me they were. They slept in the front room with Memaw and Granddaddy. That night Santa came and left all of the things that they had wished for under the tree. Christmas morning I went in to wake them up to see what Santa had brought. With sleep still in their eyes they stepped inside the door and saw the tree laden with the skates and dolls that they asked for. They did not run, they simply slid down to the floor just inside the door and looked at each other. With tiny faces pale with shock, Ada said to Daisy, "Daisy, he came, he really came!" With a look of relief on her face she replied, "Yes he did Ada, yes he did." It was at this moment that I realized that he had never come before. I wondered how many Christmas mornings they had gotten up to find nothing under the tree, if there was a tree. How many other disappointments had they faced in their short life? How afraid had Daisy been over the past few years that her little sister would once again be disappointed? When they recovered, there were squeals of delight as they ran to see what Santa had brought.

Appointments were made and the day finally arrived that we would make the trip to Goodland. We were seated in a waiting room. After a short wait we were called in for our interview. After finding out that Mother and Daddy both taught in public schools she said that she had two little girls that needed a place to go; however, she would not allow them to go with just anyone. They had been picked off the street a week or so before by Child Protective Services and brought to the home. She had not had them long enough to know what problems they might have, but she felt that because Mother and Daddy were teachers they would understand. She asked if we would like to meet them. Would we ever! It seemed like an eternity before she brought in two of the most beautiful little girls that I had ever seen. Daisy was 8 and had the most beautiful raven black hair I had ever seen. Ada was 5 and looked like a tiny Cupie doll. Must to my delight my dad said, "When can we pick them up?" We were told that we could pick them up the week before Christmas and bring them back the week after Christmas. Two whole weeks!

There would be many more summer vacations with Ada and Daisy. There would be other children with them and more wonderful Christmas mornings, but none quite so special as that first.

As we left that day armed with their Christmas lists, I felt that my heart would burst. The next few weeks were spent picking out the things that they wanted. Clothes and hair bows were bought and the day finally arrived that we would go and get them. They were waiting on us with their little suitcases looking very afraid. I didn't know how long it would take them to talk to us, but by the time we reached the Red River they were chattering like two little magpies, Ada confirming everything by her older sister. Every sentence was ended with, "Do I Daisy?"

---Janie Lowry Ballard

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a Baby Born, Rose Princess Barbie and a puppy. I hope you have a nice trip. I will leave you a snack of milk and cookies.
Love,
Sarah Golden

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Pokemon movie, dirt bike, motorcycle, four wheeler, Play station, a stool, toy car, Game Boy games. I am going to leave you cookies and milk.
Dean Smith




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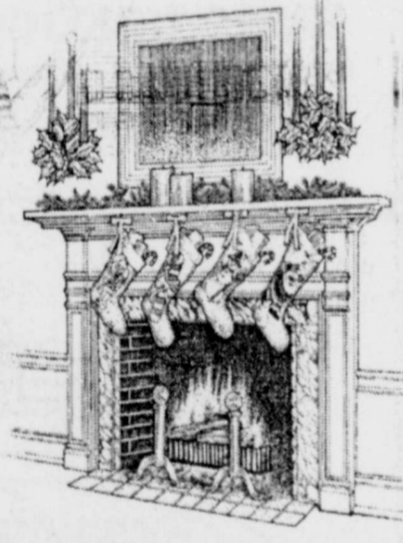


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From our family to yours - have a beautiful Christmas.

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and home this
holiday season.
Happy Holidays
to all and
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GREETINGS**

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Thursday, December 20, 2001



Hi

All happiness of the season be with you and yours this best of times... Christmas!

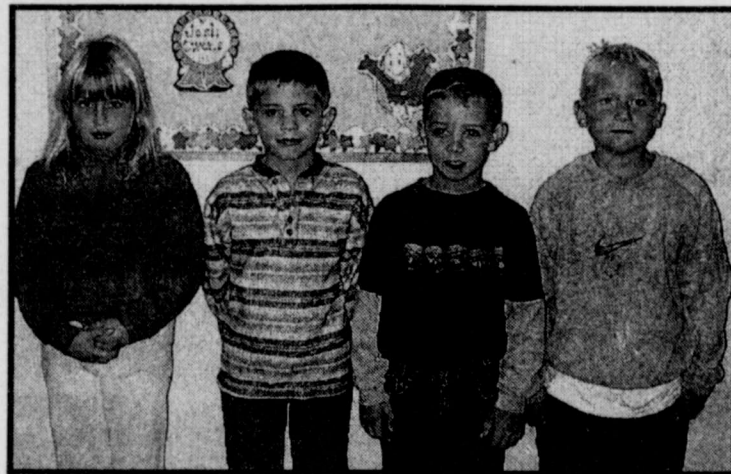
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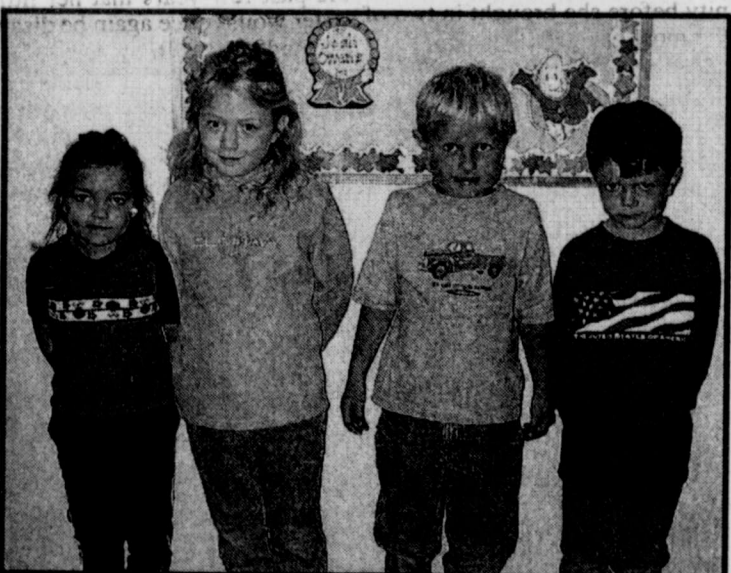
DEPORT STAR STUDENTS-from Mrs. Jackson's class are Colton Reynolds, Dustin Martin, Lindsey Murdock and Kastley Greer. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



STAR STUDENTS from Mrs. Brook's Class are, Drew Osborne, Denis Crawford, Josh Owens and (not pictured) Maycee Hagood. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



DEPORT STAR STUDENTS from First Grade-2, Mrs. Huddleston's class are, Rachel Witherspoon, Tyler Plemons, Caleb Norwood, Conrad Martin. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



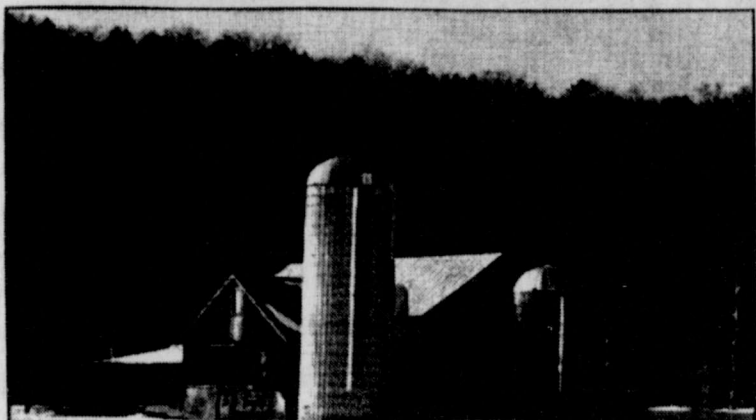
DEPORT STAR STUDENTS, Mrs. Freeman's Class are Karen Lumsden, Sarah Norwood, David Murdock and Trent Evans. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



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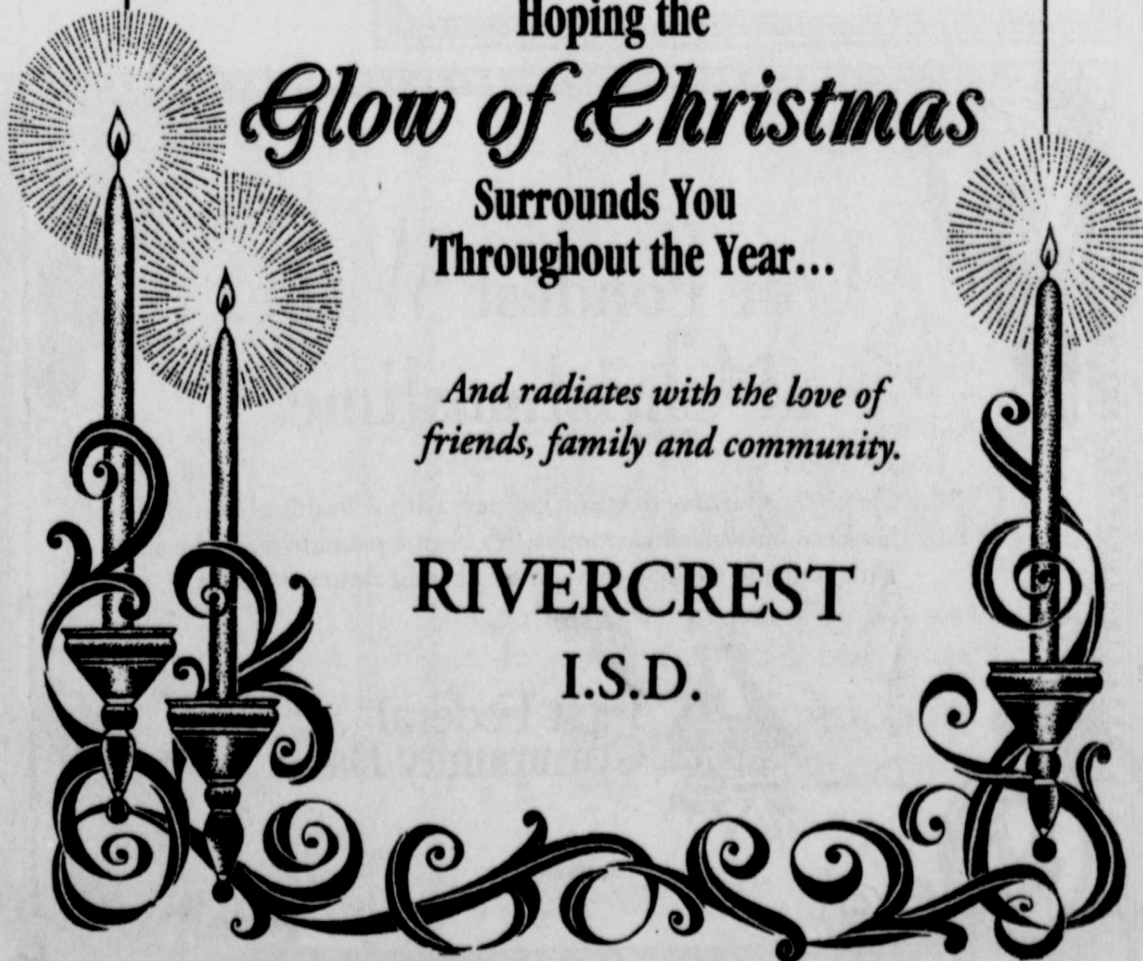
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Hoping the **Glow of Christmas**

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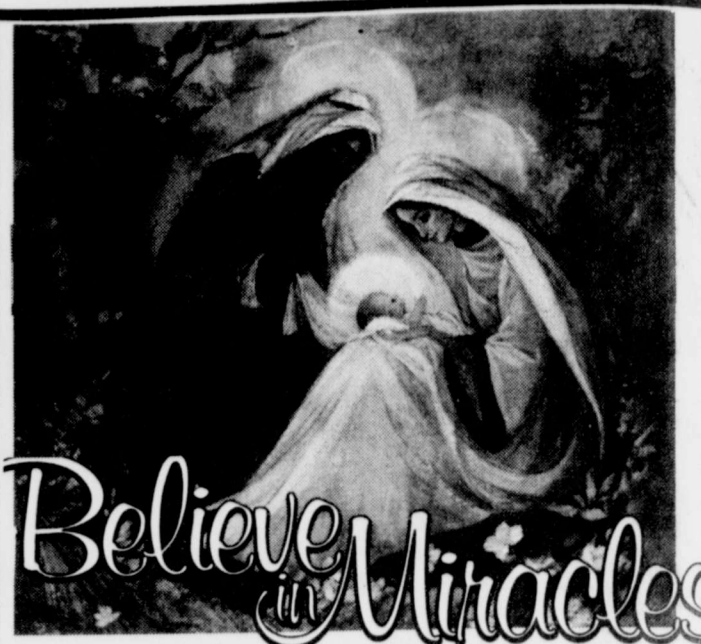


Another Christmas IS ROLLING IN...
 And we'd like to say thanks for helping to keep us on a roll! With best wishes for a merry season.

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LADY IN DISTRESS-Susan Whittle had a real dilemma on her hands at the recent Deport Christmas Parade. With little ones loaded on the decorated trailer, impatient to get going, her tractor just wouldn't crank! Her dad, Larry Whittle, soon came to the rescue and a pickup was found to pull the trailer in the parade! (Staff photo by Mike Francies)



Believe in Miracles

Miracles really do happen, and there's no better time than Christmas to restore our faith in the Lord and our fellow man.

J.A. & Juanita Sparks



Behold His Glory and Rejoice!


May you be filled with the true spirit of Christmas—its peace, its joy, its love—and may the significance of that first holy Christmas be ever present in your heart.

We're sincerely grateful for your friendship and loyal support.

**Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace,
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HOT WHEELS-or feet! Sheldon Ducharme, two year old son of Steve and Lettie Ducharme of Blossom, was bundled up Saturday morning for the Blossom Fire Belle's breakfast. He was particularly proud of his race car shoes. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS

To all our fine feathered, furry and human friends, we wish a very merry season and joy with no end. Although we're animal lovers we know that it's true, that it just wouldn't be Christmas without great folks like you!

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Here's hoping Santa delivers whatever your heart desires. Thanks for being such a loyal customer. You've made our season a very merry one.

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CRYSTAL HOLIDAY-crystal bowls of ornaments, sleighs of flowers and recipes for Christmas goodies can be found in homes all around as Christmas is rapidly approaching. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

A GREAT CLOSING TO A GREAT YEAR!



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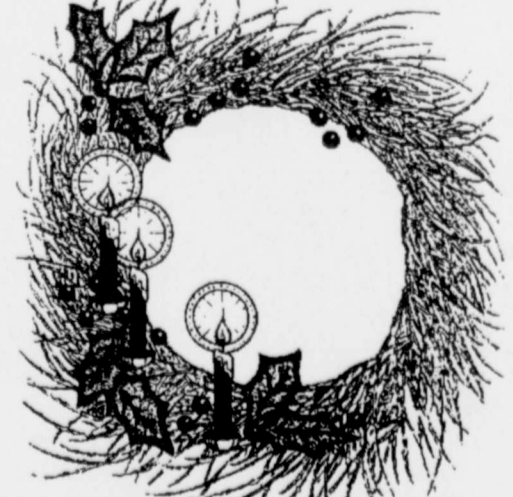


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Happy Holidays From
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A Down-Home Holiday Greeting

Whether you're celebrating in the country or in town, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We're mighty happy to have served you this year. Stop by and see us again, soon.

City of Blossom
 Mayor, City Council & Staff

Thursday, December 20, 2001



THIRD PLACE in the Pickups Division of the Deport Christmas Parade was the Prairiland Junior high Cheerleaders in this decorated pickup. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



ERIC AGUINAGA is pictured here on his John Deere mower he decorated for the Blossom Christmas Parade. (Staff Photo)



Honorable Mention
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A Child's Christmas Gift

Because Christmas is about the gift of God's Son on that first Christmas, it was our desire to teach our children that "it is more blessed to give than to receive". Especially on Christmas, there is a delight that happens in the heart when with anticipation that "just right gift" has been found, wrapped and is lying under the Christmas tree.

Our two children were young and the Christmas of 1966 was going to be slim. We had made a major job change, we had moved from California to Colorado, and even though we were novices, we were trying our hand at a home-based business. Sandie was eleven. She had been saving her lunch money in order to get Tim, her younger brother, a Christmas gift he wanted so much - a hamster. She had thought about it and had dreamed of seeing his eyes light up as he opened her gift. She could hardly wait for me to take her to the pet store. It was Christmas Eve and the stores and streets were jam-packed with people and cars. She jumped out of the car to head into the store while I drove around and around the block looking for a parking place. When I had driven around the block for what seemed like my hundredth time, she was standing in front of the store proudly holding her bag with the hamster in it. We hurried home, and she disappeared into her bedroom to examine and wrap her treasured gift.

thought was "Oh no, the hamster died on the way home." (We're not real successful with animals and plants.)

I held my breath as she opened the box from the pet store. The hamster was in one box and in the other box that should have contained hamster food were two of the most beautiful exotic song birds I'd ever seen. "What are we going to do, Mom?" The store would be closed before we could drive back to the shopping center. I called the store and told them of the mistake. There was a mixture of incredulity and relief in the voice of the manager as he explained that in the madness and hurry of the last minutes before the store closed, one of his employees had mistakenly put the birds in the bag with the hamster. He asked if we could keep the birds until their store opened again the day after Christmas and please would we take good care of them because they were very valuable and expensive birds and the lady who had thought she purchased them was not at all happy with the store. I've wondered if she received hamster food in her bag? We borrowed a bird cage from a generous neighbor and began enjoying those lovely birds.

Yes, Tim was surprised and his eyes did light up when he saw the hamster he had wanted so badly. My eyes had tears knowing the sacrifice Sandie had made for his gift. I'm glad I didn't have to permanently clean up after birds, but for one wonderful Christmas day we were serenaded by the lovely songs of those beautiful birds.

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I was busy getting dinner when I noticed her standing in the doorway with an expression on her face I didn't understand. She said, "Mom, I think you'd better come into my bedroom." My

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To all those who've passed through our doors this year, we offer our best wishes and thanks. It's always a pleasure serving you.

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Merry Christmas To All

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THIRD PLACE Float in the Deport Parade Monday went to Colton McMikel and Karen Lumsden of the Deport Third Grade. (Staff photo by Mike Francies)



Not a creature was stirring?



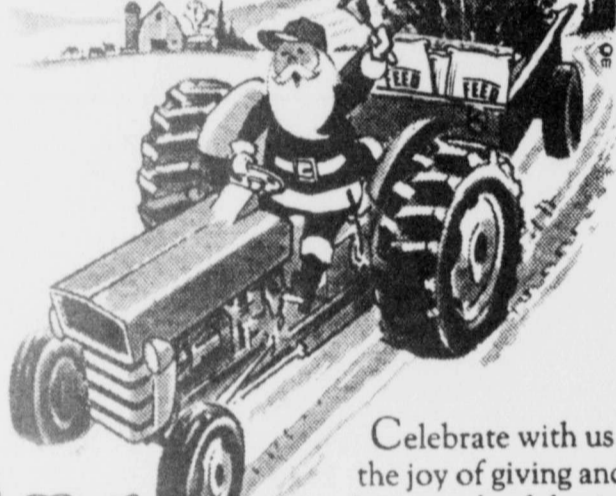
HAPPY HOLIDAY

To All From The BLOSSOM HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors And Exec. Director Dot Bailey



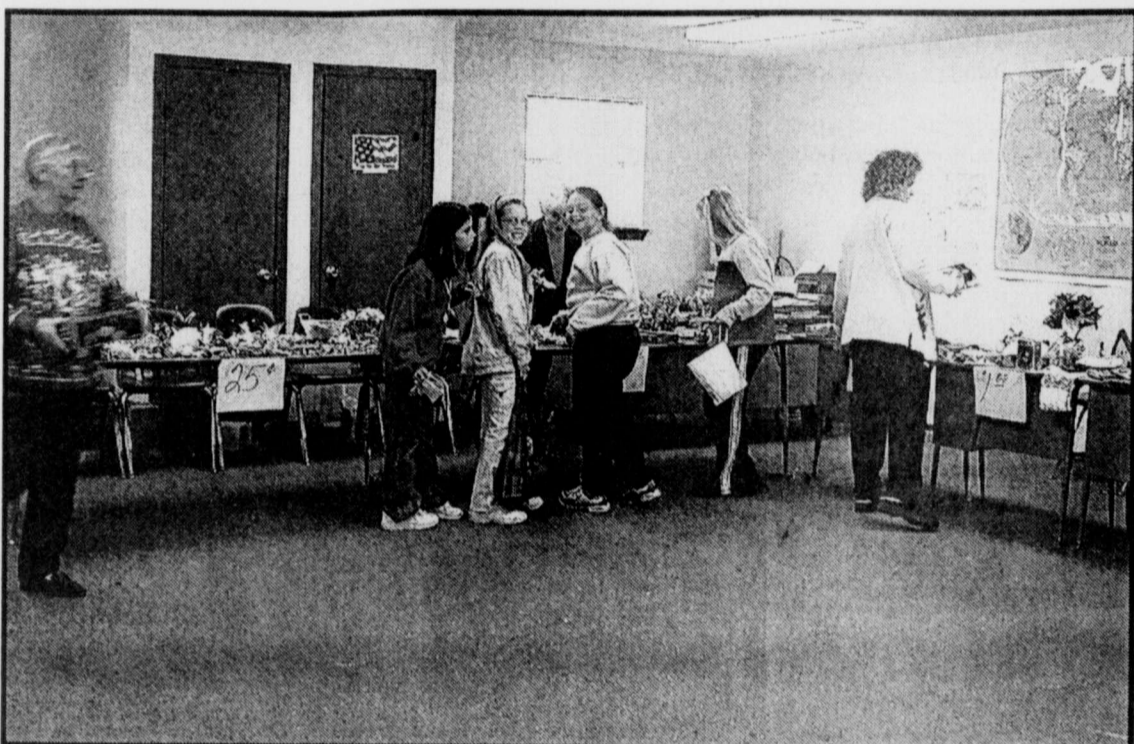
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BLOSSOM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR was held on Friday, December 14 to allow students to shop for their friends and relatives. This event was sponsored by the Blossom PTO and is held each year. Each student is asked to bring homemade items to donate to the bazaar and then classes are given the chance to shop for Christmas gifts. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



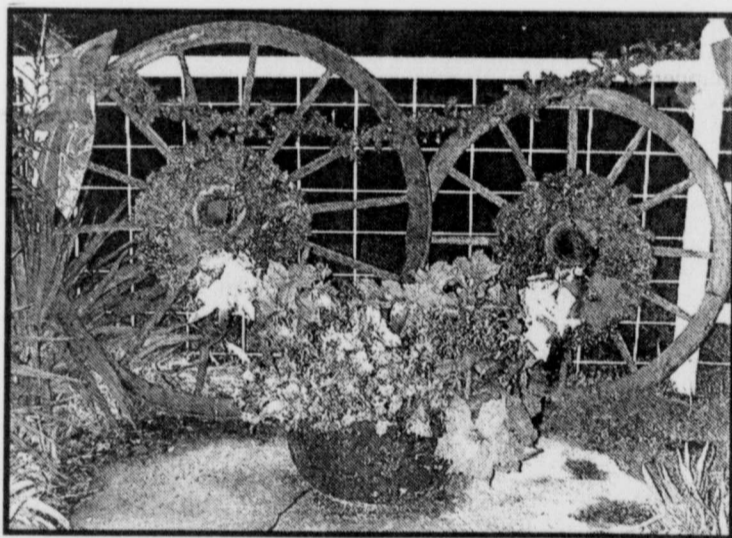
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WESTERN WHEELS-poinsettias and lights make a Texas-style holiday season. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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My Christmas memory..

Peace On Earth

It was the undulating wail of the air raid siren that intruded into my sleep. By now it was a common occurrence. It had sounded so many times before it almost seemed like a regular part of life. Just as I came fully awake the last note of it faded away. I lay in bed, the one I shared with my mother and my brother, waiting for my mother's reaction. None came. Timidly I shook her shoulder. "Mutti, the siren went off". Coming awake she listened and then gently shushed me. "Little one, you just dreamed it. Go back to sleep." Reassured I settled back down. Shortly after that the air raid warden hammered on the door of the apartment rousing us all from sleep to let us know we needed to go down to the basement. Now! Immediately! We were the only ones not there. Another bombing attack was on it's way.

Mutti got dressed as did my brother Peter. Then he helped me. Brigitte was just a baby. A little over a year old. Mutti took care of her. Peter grabbed the locomotive and the big battery for his electric train set. I hugged dolly. Mutti carried Brigitte. And so we clattered down five flights of linoleum covered stairs. The basement had been converted into a bomb shelter; as had all basements been. I remember crude wooden bunk beds, a toilet and a cold water tap. And people. Children, women and a few old men. To me they all seemed old.

Mutti put us down on the beds and told us to go back to sleep. But it was hard. There was so much noise. People talking and praying and crying. And outside the rumbling. Occasionally the whole world shook. And then that one terrible rumble. The house we lived in, the one above us had been hit and was coming down.

All of a sudden there was even more commotion. People were moving and shoving. Some took

handkerchiefs or pieces of blanket and wet them under the tap. "That's to help against the smoke and the gas and the dust," they said. I thought they looked like Tom Mix with a bandana tied around his face. We moved with the others. We had no choice. They moved us and it was difficult not to lose Mutti. But Peter held onto me and Mutti kept talking and calling our names. That helped a little bit. But we were scared. So we moved. Mutti, Baby, Peter and me. We went from house to house through the basements because the firewalls between the houses had all been removed.

This way the basements made block-long tunnels. At the end of the block we emerged into the street, above ground. Or into hell. There was fire and destruction and smoke and dust and more noise.

We started walking. It seemed to me that we were walking for hours and hours and ages and ages. Forever. Through the night. Through the snow. Somewhere along the line Brigitte lost one shoe. Only the light from the burning buildings helped us find our way. We walked through the Grosse Tiergarten, a big park. There was so much snow and it was hard to walk and it was cold. I still had dolly and Peter carried his locomotive and Mutti carried Brigitte. We walked until we came to my Tante Else's street and her apartment. She took us in and there we stayed for three or four days until Mutti got train tickets.

The train was full of people and cold and moved very slowly. And only at night. So it was dark when we got to Gross-Leuthen and we got off. A man who knew my grandmother and also had a car happened to be there. He offered to take us to Pretschen to my grandmother's house. He drove without lights and missed the turn

to my grandmother's house and ran into the neighbors' gate. Then he let us out and left. We went into my Mamma's (grandmother) house. Into warmth. The doors were never locked. Through the big kitchen into the stube. I can still see my Mamma there as she looked that night.

She was sitting at the table with a low lamp on that made a small pool of light around her. Her hair was neatly combed back into a bun and the silver streak gleamed in the lamp light. She was writing in her midwifery journal.

She glanced up and over her shoulder in our direction and said: "I'll be with you in a minute". She had not recognized us! She mistook us for one of the refugee or Polish families come to ask for her help in a birthing. She went back to her journals. And I said: "But Mamma, it's us!" She dropped her pen in surprise. Got up and hugged us. We were home. We were safe.

Three days later it was Christmas. I don't remember any presents. Mamma had mailed her goody box to our Berlin address weeks ago. I'm sure something was there. There always was. But in 1943 things were sparse. But that Christmas, as all the Christmases of my childhood, was filled with love and family and songs and a Christmas tree with shining ornaments and brightly burning candles. And we were safe.

As long as we had love and were safe nothing else mattered.

By Renate McCoy

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Happy
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WINTER SNOW GLOBE-a Victorian Snow Globe shows a family decorating a Christmas Tree. It's probably the only snow to be found in North East Texas this season, but it's still a great time for a holiday! (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



Merry Christmas!!

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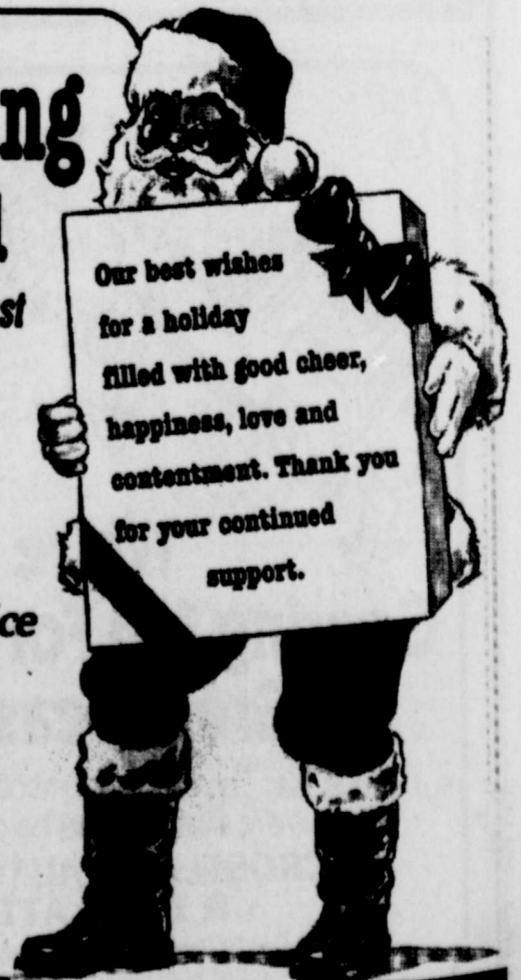
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Our best wishes
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BLOSSOM GIFTED AND TALENTED in grade 3-4 are pictured left to right Justin James, Clayton Thomas, Jordan Chapman, Blake Gordon, Clint Winters, Tommy Kuehn, Ty Halbert and Jordan Tyler. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BLOSSOM GIFTED AND TALENTED in grade 5-8 are pictured back row Taylor Gillie, Kandace Burchinal, Alyssa Pitcock, Clay Friddle, Matt Hostetter, Justin Enox, Cody FLatt, Taylor Mauldin, Caleb Goodin and Dakota Parker. Front row is Bailee Berry, Rachell Procella, Jacob Todd, Morgan Hostetter, LeeAnn Warren and Laura Robertson. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

May Christmas Shine
It's Light On Us All
Gordon & Vivian Isbell

Attend
The Church
of
Your Choice

Christmas morning.

by Randall C. Beard
I remember on the stairs. With four sisters and one brother, one of us was sure to snap to attention around 3a.m. and wake the others. Christmas morning is no time to lay in bed.

We huddled atop the stairs and stared down the mysterious dark tunnel of glory that led to the Christmas tree. By the time five crawled around we had squirmed our way down halfway--if dad coughed we were back to the top like a cannon shot.

One such stairtop vigil my sisters talked me into going on a reconnaissance mission to the living room. With a pounding heart in darkness I tiptoed into the living room. My big toe was on patrol, radar mode, as I inched along. I couldn't make anything out save it be some odd contraption standing next to the tree. I thought surely it had to be a trampoline.

I crept back to the stairs to share the good news. Packed on one step like sardines, all five of them flounced with joy. Then they bolted up the steps in a series of jumps, high-fives and hugs. I followed them feeling like a hero and said yes, a trampoline, as I crossed my fingers. I wasn't about to spoil the celebration by playing the fisherman with the cracker.

A sleepy eyed mom and dad threw on the lights a little after six; we charged toward the trampoline. Some arms were on hips, some were pointing, "That's not a trampoline!" Uhhhh, Ummm, all I could do was throw my arms in

the air and smile. It was a giant and glorious baseball pitch-back. Fortunately my sisters were soon too distracted to jump and pummel me.

One Christmas I had high hopes for a ten-speed bicycle. After rushing in and finding no bike under the tree, I fought back depression and tried to be thankful. Two minutes later dad said he thought Santa left something for me in the garage. I was there in two big steps to find the most beautiful burnt orange ten speed I ever saw. I hopped on fighting back tears of joy.

Out of eight people, my father and brother are the only ones who can sing. We had our chances; we practiced Christmas carols before treating our neighbors. We belted out the melodies until smiling faces peered over us in the doorway. One favorite memory is dad playing his guitar and singing to us.

Tara Hernandez practices Christmas on Thanksgiving. Along with her mother, down south on Interstate 10, they set up Thanksgiving dinner tables at a rest-stop for the truckers. They post large signs for the truckers to exit and enjoy a free holiday dinner. Some eat with tears streaming down their face.

The season's reason can get lost. People like Tara help us remember the birth and example of Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas and may The Lord bless each of you in your 2002 endeavors.

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THE FIRE TRUCKS from Deport and Pattonville were decked out for the holidays and the Deport Christmas Parade. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



PRAIRILAND PATRIOTS BAND livened up the Deport Christmas Parade Monday ins spite of wet weather. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



Christmas Thoughts for 1996

I don't like to shop for presents, the Christmas rush I can live without- I've been told there is no santa, so, what's Christmas all about? I know I'm to think of others...help those who are in need... But, during Christmas season only? Shouldn't we always do good deeds?

I want to feel the anticipation, the excitement in the air.. I want to remember the home made ornaments, that I fashioned with such care. I want to hear my mother singing as she baked the pies and cakes.. She would put her heart and love into each item she would bake.

I want to listen for sounds of reindeer should they land upon my roof... I want to know when Santa has landed, by the sound of tiny hoofs. I want to stare out frosty windows looking for a lone snowflake.. knowing that it's not too likely, snow ice cream we'll get to make..

I want to feel the tug of heart strings at my first school Christmas play.. As I saw the Baby Jesus in the manger where He lay. though these memories are very precious, I promise I won't shed a tear. I'll just wish you Merry Christmas and happiness for the coming year!

Wanda Bradley



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