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What's it All About?

It's Christmas, or almost. And, in the paper business, like many others, we are scrambling around for every ad and subscription we can in order to make enough money to see us through another year.

In all that scrambling and scrabbling, in all this working until midnight, and trying to shop in between, it's really easy to lose sight of the real reason we are doing all this.

But there have been several things lately that made me stop, take a deep breath and really celebrate the season.

The first came when Sunny Whitney and I were repainting some of the wooden figures for the park.

The nativity was set up in the park and looked beautiful with the stable trimmed in real hay. I was asked to paint a sign that would say "Pray for the peace this birth promised". I worked on that sign until one in the morning, and as I carefully measured, lettered and painted, I thought about what that sign meant. Wouldn't it be a true miracle if all of us found that peace, and every nation practiced it?

Then, Mike Francies had an idea that I would love to see practiced from town to town, from yard to yard. On Christmas eve in downtown Deport, all the spotlights on Santa, on the toys, trains and on the sleigh will be turned off. Only one thing will be left to light the night...the Nativity. Isn't that a wonderful idea? On that most special night, we can turn our minds from all the frivolous things (which I love, mind you) and focus on the birth that is our true hope for peace.

I hope other places and people will adopt this idea, for it sounds like a great one to me.

And, among all the Santa letters we set each year, asking for all kinds of things, two shine through. I would like to personally recognize "Skye" whose Santa letter said "I don't care what I get for Christmas, just think about the puppies and kittens at the pound and give them a nice home for Christmas". How beautiful!

And, to the other letter writer who listed what he or she wanted to see their mom and dad get, I say "Congratulations, you have discovered the secret of Christmas, that giving is more fun than getting!"

Things seem dark indeed at times, with war threatening, economic slowdowns, crime and problems in abundance. But there is hope, my friends, there is hope, and a light in that darkness.

I hope your light this year emanates from the Nativity, and that it shines all year long.



## Christmas week trash pickup to be one day later

Trash pickup in Deport the week of Christmas will be delayed from the 25th to the 26th, a Thursday.

New Year's week trash pickup will be on New Year's day, Wednesday, January 1st.

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## First Place Christmas Memories, 2002

### The cigar box barn

Christmas time for me growing up was absolutely wonderful. My Daddy came from a ranch, where we lived, and my Mom's folks were from town. While I got baby dolls, pretty dresses and the such from Mom's side of the family for Christmas, Daddy's side showered me with cowboy boots, saddles, horses and the like. It was absolutely fabulous!

My Daddy and I had one chore to do pre-Christmas, and that was to build the barn for the nativity scene.

It was always a big project for the two of us. We could only use a cigar box that we got from my Uncle Dick, the only one in the family who smoked cigars.

Then my Daddy would get out his pocket knife that I had watched him carefully sharpen a million

times with his whet rock. He would meticulously cut through the folds on the cigar box.

Then we would put the pieces together with the tiniest little nails and tack hammer. Then we painted it, always brown, and used glue to attach the small clumps hay that we had gotten during a special trip to the barn.

Of course, my main job was hanging the angel from the top of the barn. Once that was done, we would add the other figures, the farm animals and then Baby Jesus, always last.

Daddy died December 21 and we buried him Christmas Eve quite a few years ago.

Since that time I have always had a nativity scene, there just isn't any barn.

## Newspapers will not publish Christmas, New Years week

The Bogata News, Talco Times, Blossom Times, Deport Times and Detroit Weekly will not be publishing an edition the week of December 26th or January 2nd.

Trying to get out an edition, spend time with family, celebrate the holiday and find a printing slot at the printers is nearly impossible with the holidays coming on a

Wednesday. Please be patient, the regular schedule will be back on track the second week of January.

And remember, we don't like missing editions either. Next year, Christmas will be on a Thursday, a much more manageable publication date. Happy Holidays.



## From the darkness..

Dad's major surgery in the spring of 1957 gave him five and a half more years with us. When he had recuperated a few months, he felt it necessary to relocate our family closer to "relatives". Loading our possessions into a trailer, we started our journey east.

Dad always preferred driving nights, maybe because we three children were less demanding, less traffic and he and Mother could converse without interruption. That late December night found us finally in the state of flat West Texas, three slumbering in the back seat, when Dad's anxious voice penetrated the night.

"Oh no! There's a fire!! Something is burning up!!"

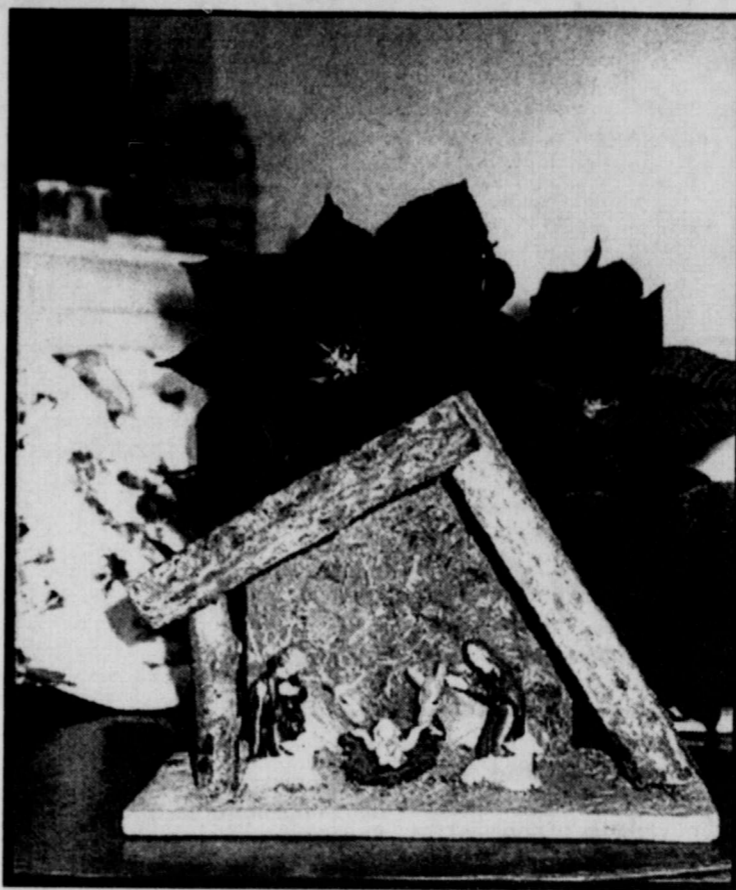
I began waking with the thought prayer, "Oh please LET them ALL get OUT ALIVE!!" My heartbeat became a rapid thump when I spotted the red glow ahead. I feared a Christmas tree overheated and children being disappointed, hurt, misplaced when it should be a happy season.

I visualized a Mother distraught over locating children, escorting them to safety, and then reacting to the loss of favorite mementos, priceless irreplaceable photos and her home. A frantic father fighting with a water hose what he had provided for his family, or had been his childhood home full of memories. It seemed we traveled for miles and the glow did not diminish. May be a whole city was flaming. As our minds raced with various thoughts, sometimes audible, FROM THE DARKNESS we focused on what had troubled us for several months.

On the flat plains of West Texas stood an old two story house I dubbed "House of Seven Gables". Around every gable was strung red lights to guide Rudolph's sleigh, or a beacon to travelers or neighbors that a special birthday is being celebrated here. Illumined by dash lights, the five faces showed relief and was touched by strangers Christmas Spirit.

Ms. Ruth E. Lee

## Third Place Christmas Memories, 2002



Galen and Baby Jesus

Got ready, here it goes. Jesus never wears out, he never gets tired, he never leaves us. We leave him, pack him away, but Jesus is with us always. Everyday of the year. Thank you Lord for Galen and Nathan. Amen.... Teddy Mack Igo

## Second Place Christmas Memories, 2002

### Galen and Baby Jesus

A few days ago, I was reminded of a Christmas memory of my oldest son Galen who is now twenty years old. I looked up on top of our refrigerator and there was a nativity scene that my sons mother and I bought when we first married.

I was working at Campbell Soup at the time and cashed a savings bond to buy Christmas decorations and tree. In my parents home was a nativity scene placed on top of their Zenith television console cabinet. My sons mother and I admired it and wanted one of our own. We drove to Wal-Mart in Paris and shopped for our decorations with care. We saw nativity scenes that were very expensive, but thank God for Wal-Mart, we found one for around ten dollars. We gave it a place of honor in our home.

That first Christmas came, and went. I asked my sons mother if we could leave the scene out all the time. We both agreed that was what we would do. Two years later in our marriage our first son Galen was born. Time just flew by and before I knew it our son was starting to stand, walk, to explore and get into everything.

At Christmas time my sons mother would tell him that this is "Baby Jesus" in the nativity scene.



Galen would look at her and repeat "Baby Jesus" point and touch Baby Jesus with joy.

On evening I was drawing Galen a bath and noticed "Baby Jesus" was missing. Galen had removed "Baby Jesus" from the manger and had the most important member of our nativity in the tub with him. Each evening Galen would go to the manger scene and with the face of an angel ask me if he could get "Baby Jesus" out of the manger. I always said yes.

After many times of "Baby Jesus" being in the tub, I noticed he was looking a little worn and losing his swaddling clothes. This made me remember that at Christmas we tend to unpack our decorations, our nativity scenes place them on a table or shelf, then pack it away till next year.

Teddy Igo



CHARITY MUSGROVE, Paige Freeman, and Leah Cathey were selected as the winners of the local VFW Post 3990 and Ladies Auxiliary essay contest. They are pictured with Shirley Smith, director of the local contest.

## A "first" this year

This Christmas will be another "first" for our family. This will be the first Christmas in my life without my dad, Elvis Wright. Daddy died November 19, 13 years to the day after my mother died.

With this in mind, the most remembered Christmas this year will be the Christmas after Mother's death. We always spent Christmas with Mother and Daddy. Plans were made for Daddy to spend the Christmas holidays with our family. Then on December 18, my brother Kerry had a near fatal car accident on an icy road close to his home in Louisiana. Daddy visited him as he lay in a coma in a Shreveport hospital. I met Daddy and my brother-in-law, Robert Taylor, at the last toll gate on the Indian Nation Turnpike on a bitter cold December day. I had driven on ice and snow packed

highways for at least 100 miles. We had to retrain over these same highways. I think the high temperature that day was 11 degrees with a harsh north wind blowing. After getting to our house in Enid, Oklahoma we settled him in a recliner with a blanket. He was still cold and wished for a nice warm opened flamed butane heater. He had to settle for an electric space heater. Soon he was asleep, taking a much needed nap. His little great-granddaughter was arriving shortly. Our family attended the Christmas Eve services at our church.

I cannot know just how much sorrow and heartache Daddy felt during this time but what he showed us was his courage, hope, love and most of all his faith. He never faltered in his belief that Kery would fully recover.

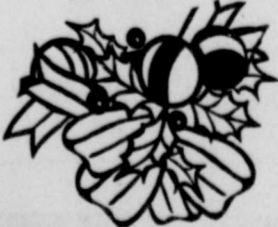
How appropriate that his gifts to his children and grandchildren that year were Bibles. Stephanie, his great-granddaughter received a little cross necklace.

Silas and I hope that we are also good examples of the loving, caring and faithful parent that Daddy was to us. This Christmas after the traditional Christmas Eve family dinner at my cousin's home we will gather around and read the Christmas Story and sing Christmas Carols.

Under our tree will be many brightly wrapped gifts this year, but the ones we hope will mean the most will be the Bibles that will be given to them "In Memory of Granddaddy or Great-Granddaddy" as the case may be. Yes, Kerry did recover after many months in the hospital.

Juanita and Silas Taylor

## Fourth Place Christmas Memories 2002



## Students in essay contest

Seventh and eighth graders in Mrs. Evans's English class at Deport participated in the local VFW Post 3990 and Ladies Auxiliary essay contest, "Patriotic Pen." Each student had to write a 300-400 word essay over "My Pledge to America."

All top three winners were selected from Deport Junior High. The winners received a savings bond, and their essay will now be sent to the district contest.

# Obituaries

## Nora Marie Babb dies November 27

Nora Marie Babb died November 27, 2002 in Wheeler, Texas at the age of 92. Services were held Monday, December 2, 2002 at 10:30 a.m., at the Grace Fellowship Church in Wheeler with Rev. Jim Loper, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church in Borger and Rev. Alberta Helton, officiating. Interment was in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Babb was born November 10, 1910, in Red River County, Texas. She moved to Wheeler in 1937. She has been a member of Grace Fellowship Church since 1950. She married Chester Alvin Babb in Clarksville, Texas in 1928. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry in 1963 and her husband in 1978.

Surviving are her son, James Babb of Wheeler, Tx.; daughters, Rita Ward of Denison, Tx. and Melba Seitz of Montre, Tx.; one brother, Clifton Tucker of Bogata; 6 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

### Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for supporting the Missionary Baptist Youth Parade of Homes Tour. Thanks to the ones who showed their homes, the drivers, the people that let us borrow their cars. I want to say a big Thank You to the Bogata News for running it in the paper every week.

Donnie Lewis

### Card of Thanks

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church would like to thank all the families who opened up their homes for our annual parade of Homes this year. Your cooperation is appreciated and your homes were decorated so beautifully. We would also like to say thank you to those who loaned vehicles for our use. Also, we express our appreciation to all who bought tickets for the candlelight dinner and Parade of Homes. Thank you. We apologize for not being able to accommodate those who wanted tickets but did not call early enough.

Bogata Missionary Baptist Church Congregation and Pastor Billy Daniels

### Card of Thanks

The family of Elvis Wright would like to thank everyone for the cards, food, phone calls, flowers, visits and especially for your loving concern and prayers for our family during our time of grief. A special thanks to the ladies of the church who prepared and served the delicious lunch. To Ben Holland and the staff of Bright-Holland, Rev. Neil Hollis and Rev. Ted Willis we thank you for your guidance, your presence, your understanding and a lovely service. To Dr. T.H. Glove, Ida Lou Read, Martha Glover and the wonderful choir, thank you for the beautiful music. A special thank you to Rose Mary Hollis and Trey Low for being a part of the service. To Gayle Ward, thank you for letting us use your music. We appreciate all your expressions of sympathy. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. May God bless each and everyone.

Kerry & Mildred Wright  
Eugene, Lisa & Lindsey Wright  
Bill, Judy, Trey & Anna Low  
Allan & Claire Wright  
Silas and Juanita Tylor  
Tilman, Lynda & Stephanie Regan  
Larry, Stacy, Laura, Robert & Luke Taylor

## RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

The query for the week comes from Barbara Hobson, 1558 Houghton Ave., Corning, CA 96021. She would like to locate the death record or obituary for her grandmother, Emma Rayburn Batlett who died January 6, 1929 in Bagwell. The place of burial was Blanton Creek Cemetery. Anyone with information is asked to contact Ms. Hobson. She may be contacted at nbhobson@dm-tech.net

If you have a query which would like to have placed in this column, please send to the Red River Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

Did You Know?  
Volunteer Fire Departments With First Responder Units have found that 50% to 75% of their calls are MEDICAL!

## Lawrence E. Lyons dies December 1

Lawrence E. Lyons, age 72 of Reno died Sunday, December 1, 2002 at his residence.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 3 at the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit with the Rev. Lee Everett officiating. Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

He was born March 27, 1930 in Vinton, Iowa, a son of Earl and Ada Klein Lyons. He married Irene Knupp on November 17, 1950 in the Little Brown Church of Nashua, Iowa. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean conflict. He was a long time rancher and a member of the Texas Draft Horse Association. He was a member of the American Legion and a faithful member of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife; a daughter, Debra Schrader of Dysart, Iowa; a son, Steven Lyons of Tyler; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Lawrence Lyons Memorial fund at the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church.

## Free to a good home....

Red River County Humane Association has beautiful puppies and kittens for adoption.

Two puppies are black mouth cur mix, light gold color and male. They have five friends that are really mixed up, small, black and brindle, male and female. Please call 632-0845. The Humane Society will assist with spay-neutering.

Just in time for Christmas there are five beautiful black and white

## Andrea Faye Jeans dies December 14

Andrea Faye Jeans, age 51 of Bogata died Saturday, December 14 at ETMC, Clarksville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 17 in Salem Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Bill Dickey officiating. Burial followed in Garland Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Lonnie Phelps, Eddie Brem, J.R. Patman, Michael Paskey, Jacob and Junior Hoch. Honorary bearers were David W. Joyner and George Marshall, Jr.

She was born in New Boston on January 7, 1951 to Henry and Mary Upchurch Brem. She was a home health care service provider and a member of the Salem Baptist Church.

Surviving is her husband, Joel Jeans of Bogata, whom she married June 9, 1972 in Boxelder; her mother, Mary Brem of Boxelder; a daughter, Jamie Jeans of Bogata; sisters, Mary Sue Mauldin of Bogata and Wanda Paskey of Garland and a brother, Henry Brem of Midland.

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.

-Sydney J. Harris



**COOKIE COOKS**-These ladies meet once a year and have a cookie swap. This year's offerings were delicious as always, and a few of the recipes are shared here. From left are Dawne Darden, Sunny Whitney, Mary Barnard, Juanita Sparks, Juanita Taylor and Patsy Norrell. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

## Country Cooking

By guest columnist Nanalee Nichols

Cookies, cookies and more cookies! That's what those of us in the Bocky Norman Cookie Club have each Christmas season.

Years ago, this group of seven women heard about a party where each person baked 7 dozen of the same cookie (plus some for tasting). Dressed up in fancy paper, or on a special plate, or with a trinket or ornament on each one, they grace a table while everyone shares covered dishes of other

foods until well-stuffed. Then, each person carries home 7 dozen different varieties of cookies! The cookies are used for various things. Some people use them to make up pretty plates of goodies

to give to neighbors, others just share with friends and family.

This year, many of them were used for the Deport Community Christmas church service.

This year's party was held at one of the newer member's shop, Sunny Whitney's Crazy Quilt and Patchwork Lunches.

The cookie club idea can be adapted for church groups, kids or seniors. Give it a try, it's a great excuse for a party.

There is always a lot of laughter, fun and good food.

Because of space, all the recipes weren't included. All were delicious, though.

HAPPY COOKING CLUBBING!

### Thursday, December 19, 2002 Christmas Cookie Recipes

#### Nanalee Nichols Lemon Icebox Cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Beat butter and sugars at medium speed with mixer until fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each. Add grated lemon rind and lemon juice, beating until blended. Combine flour, baking soda, salt; gradually add to butter mixture, beating just until blended.

Divide dough in 3 equal portions; roll each portion on wax paper into a 12 inch log. Chill 8 hours, covered. Cut each log into 1/2 inch slices, place on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 14 minute until edges are lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool. Store cookies in an airtight container. Or freeze if desired. You can freeze this simple dough up to two months.

Additions (I added poppy seeds)  
Add 1 cup sliced almonds, toasted.  
Add 2 teaspoons of poppy seed.  
Add 1 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted.

#### Mary Barnard Moon Rocks

- 1 lb. Imperial 10X powdered sugar
- 1 stick margarine, melted
- 1 6-oz. can frozen orange concentrate
- 1 cup pecans, ground
- 1 lb. Vanilla wafers, crushed
- 1 lb. shredded coconut, divided (optional)

combine all ingredients, except half of coconut; mix thoroughly. Shape into 1-inch balls and roll in remaining coconut. makes about 96 confections. These are uncooked cookies

#### Juanita Taylor Orange Chip Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 TBL. grated orange zest
- 2 Tsp. Orange extract
- 2 1/4 Cups all-purpose

- flour
- 3/4 Tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 Tsp. Salt
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) white baking chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts, toasted.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add egg, orange zest and orange extract. Beat until well blended. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture, stir until a soft dough forms. Stir in baking chips and walnuts. Drop tablespoonsful of dough onto a greased baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight container. Yield, about 4 1/2 dozen cookies.

#### Sue Cross Lemon Icebox Cookies

Turn back and look at Nanalee's Recipe. Southern Living magazine seems to appeal to both of them!

#### Patsy Norrell Chocolate Chip Supreme Cookies

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 small package vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 Tbl. vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbl. baking soda
- 1 Tsp. Cinnamon
- 1/2 Tsp. salt
- 2 Cups (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate morsels
- 1/1/2 cups pecans
- 1 Cup quick cooking oats

Beat shortening and butter at medium speed until creamy. Add sugars, beat well. Add eggs, beat well until blended add pudding mix and vanilla. Combine flour and next 4 ingredients. Gradually add to butter mixture, beating until blended. Stir in morsels, pecans and oats. Shape dough into 1 1/2 inch balls. Place on lightly greased cooking sheets and press to 1 inch thickness. Bake at 375 degrees 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.

**O'Come, Let Us Adore Him**

During this holy season, we'd like to join our families and friends in giving thanks to the Lord for the gift of His only son, the Prince of Peace, our Savior, and wish you all a most joyous Noel!

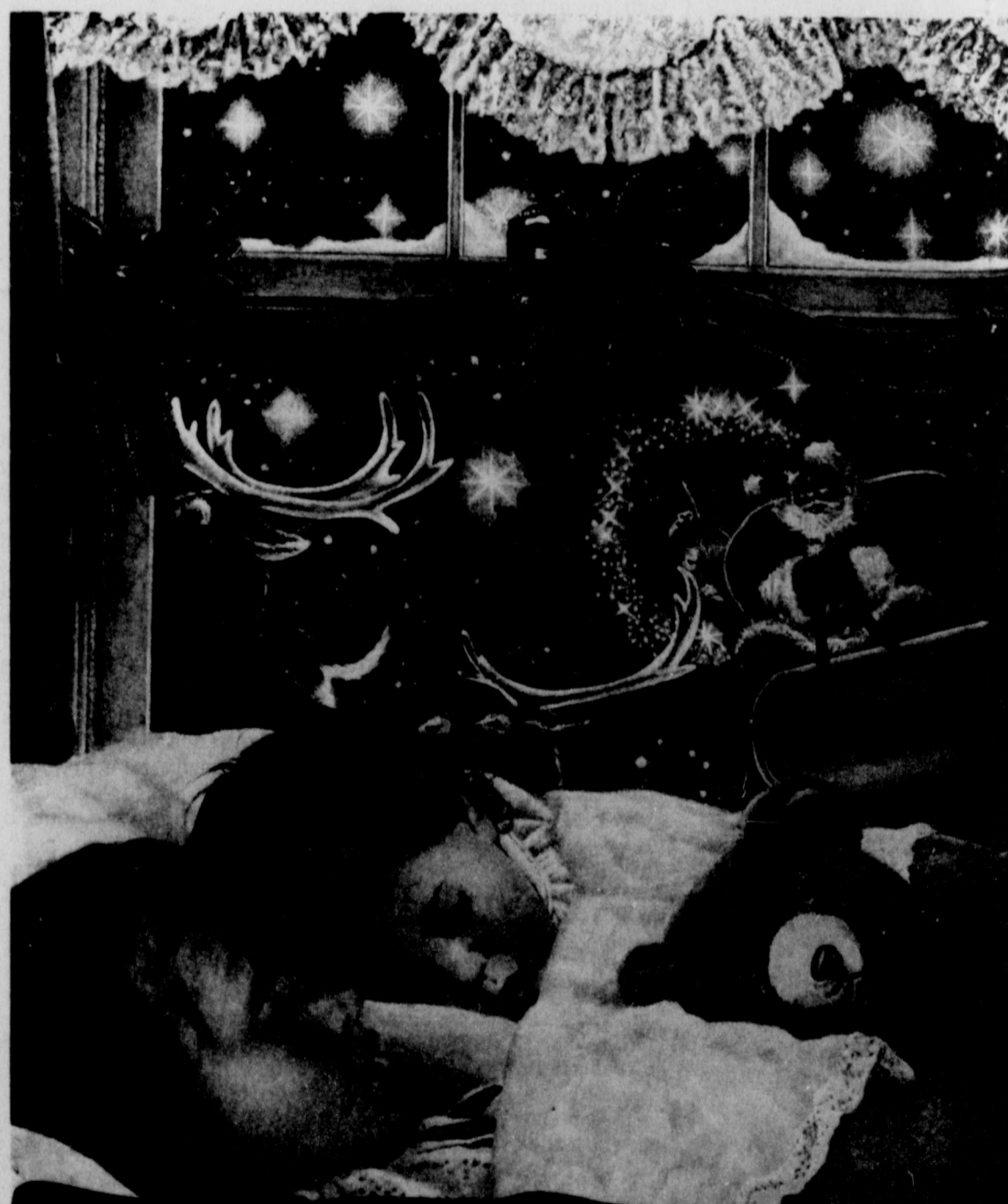
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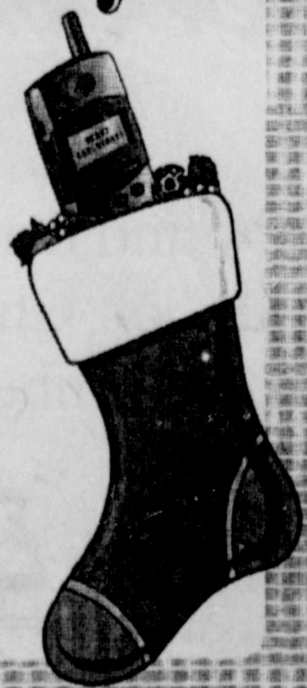
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**Cunningham News**

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Lacie Cole, Jane O'Neal, Andy Syrus, Billie Ford and Ann Dye.

Congratulations to the Lady Patriot basketball team. They won first place in the Sulphur Bluff tournament over the weekend. Lacy Davis and Leslie Davis were selected to the all tournament team. Brandon Oats received the Champion Coach's plaque.

The Cunningham Baptist Church had their Thanksgiving Christmas holiday dinner Sunday. Thursday night the ladies of the church met at Jane Glass's home for a salad supper and the men of the church went to the Fish Fry in Paris.

The loan department of Liberty National Bank had a Christmas party at the home of Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove Tuesday night. Zarinska Musgrove Morton works in the department. Sunday guests of Nelta and Johnnie were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton and Lynn and Betty Holeman.

Linda Musgrove, Treda Norwood, Laura Miller and Amber Galloway shopped in Frisco Wednesday.

Robert and Ann Dye had an open house Wednesday for members of Life Tabernacle Church.

Canard and Delores Norwood ate with Teresa and Jamie Smith Wednesday night, Teresa and Delores shopped in Paris Friday. Jamie and Kety shopped Saturday and ate at Applebee's.

Julie Norwood, Pam Norwood and Karen Francis met Cheryl Tesch in Hillsboro Saturday to shop at the Outlet Mall.

Life Tabernacle Church enjoyed a Christmas social at the home of Brad and Georjeana Nutt Sunday night.

James and Pat Norwood attended the basketball tournament at Travis Junior High Friday and Saturday. They went to Lacy Cole's birthday party Saturday night, Lacy celebrated her birthday at the Midnight Madness at the Paris Bowling Center.

Billy Ray and Neva Oats shopped in Dallas Saturday and came back by Sulphur Bluff to watch the Prairieand girls win the basketball tournament.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight had the O'Neal Christmas dinner at their home Saturday night.

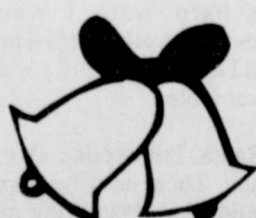
**Blossom Christmas  
parade winners named**

The annual Blossom Christmas Parade sponsored by the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department was once again a huge success. The weather cooperated with lots of sunshine and breezes as excited participants lined the road for the beginning of the parade. They met at the parking lot of the Fellowship Baptist Church and made their way down Division Street and then turned and went downtown as onlookers enjoyed the treat.

Prizes awarded this year to the following: 1st place float and \$20-Berry Patch Daycare Center; 2nd place and \$15 to Blossom Church of God; and 3rd place and \$10 to Marty Booth. Off-road vehicle division-Calvin Goodin \$20 and 1st place; 2nd place and \$15 to Blossom Feed Store; and 3rd place

and \$10 was Layton Graham. Non-motorized division and 1st place and \$20 went to Caleb Goodin; 2nd place Harley Martin with \$15; and 3rd place and \$10 went to Troy Cooper. The Best Overall Float went to Morgan Hostetler.

The Lady Fire Belles also assisted the fire department with the parade and handed out ribbons and donated the prize money. A special thanks go to the Blossom Fellowship Baptist Church and judges Blossom Mayor Roger Johnson and Jon Lilley, Blossom Principal.



**Christmas together  
was best ever**

By Pinky Griffin

My best Christmas was in December of 1945. I was home for the first time in four years. My brother, Jack, was home for the first time in two years. He was in the 15th Airforce in Italy.

Sam, my brother in law, was home from Germany from Patton's third army.

We were all together for the first time since World War II. This was my best Christmas.

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holiday season.

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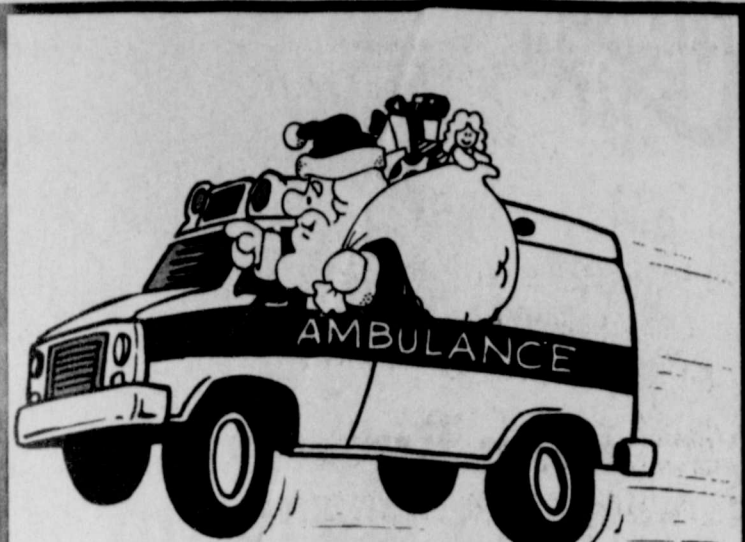
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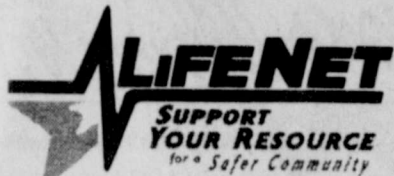
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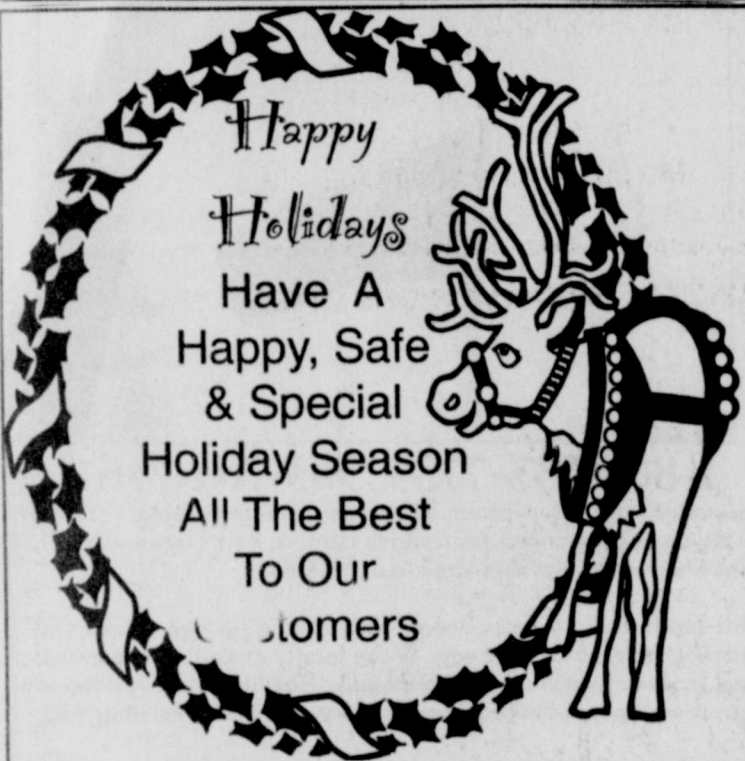
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Dear Santa, I wood rill want to have shoeskates. And a Barbies and Barbie house hale is Radolph and Mrs. Claus. Love Pamela Hess

Dear Santa, I want a four-wheeler and I want a construction site and a 223 gun and a trader and a dvd plarer and a Bod the Beader dvd and a toy truk and a hures and a play stashin 2 and sum games. Love, Jared Bolin

Dear Santa, I want a X box and a 22 gun and a skate board and toys and a skop. Love, Donald Rogers

Dear Santa How is Mrs. Claus. Randeer and the elves. Wut i wat is a go cart. farm set and animals. Love, Caleb Norwood

Dear Santa, I want for christmas a BB gun skateboard and a puppy and a candyland game. Love, Alisen Parsons

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus. i want some shoeskates and a Baby Born and some clothes. Love, Kaila Brewster

Dear Santa, I wot a 22 gun and a construction and a fonewilr and a new baback and a woth, and a nekles and a bifod and a John Deere Haw is Rudolph off dooen Haw is Mrs. Claus Har arm yur elves dooen Love Wesley Watkins

Dear Santa I want shoeskates T.V. and a fourwheeler how are you Love Mikala Nelson

Dear Santa, I wood like to have a jewelry box, gold telescope, rollerblades, bb gun, alyon mud, degole clock, a drum, getar, fetol, a mask that looks like jemny crecket, high hels shose, a logne sleeves dress like my predy dress. Love Michelle Taylor

Dear Santa, for chrismas I want a pearre of rollerskeats, CDs for my CD player, cotton candy machine, baby born, and a puppy. Me, my mommy and my daddy will leve some cookies for you. And we will look for Rudolph's shinny nose. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? enny ways Mear Chrismas! Love Rachel Kaitlyn Witherspoon

Dear Santa, I want a play station 2 and games to go with it and a scooter how is Rudolph and the other daer and Mrs Claus. Love, Josh Owens

Dear Santa, I would like a new gun, a remote controlled monster truck and a new four wheeler. Emory Robinson

Dear Santa, I would like a remote controlled car, a little metal car with #59 on it and a new four-wheeler with a box on the back. Hunter Harris

Dear Santa, I would like a play station 2, roller skates, and games for play station 2. Trent Evans

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Please bring me these thigs bear doll, stuffed monkey, big stuffed unicorn, stuffed zedra and a queen doll. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Love Savannah Smith

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me these thing a babydoll and a lap top computer, dollbed doll clothes and a game and I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Love, Kim Nichols

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me these things Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets computer game, Yy-gi-ho cards, dark magician and the blue eyes white dragon I'll leave you some milk and cookies Have a safe trip. Your friend, Conrad Martin

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me these things Country Bear CD. Country Bear movie. and an EZ bake oven. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Sincerely Chelsey Kelley

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me these things guitar, fashion polly sets, frog leppard, frog tennis and a math set. Have a safe trip. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Your friend Sydney Ragan

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year Please bring me these things train and track, remote control car with a blaster, and a spy kit. Have a safe trip Your freind Drew Osborn

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Please bring me these things remote control car and boat, laptop computer, rocket, Yu-gi-ho and Blue Eyes white Dragon. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Love Dean Smith

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I wood like for you to bring me this things Yu-gi-ho cards, skate board, my size Rapuzel, and a playstation 2, the game kingdom hearts. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Love Skylar Ragan

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me these things. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. microphone with a TV a pool and a trampoline. Love Ashley Laster

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Little Ms. Executive briefcase, play station, and baby expressions doll. I will leave you some fudge and a glass of milk. I will also feed the reindeer. Have a safe trip. Love Laney Jackson

Dear Santa, are youer elves working hard wate I want rollerblides thats really wate I want really bad I have ben really good! Love River Cole.

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas! There is something that I would like. Plae bring me tops. Your friend Alex

Dear Santa, I'm excited a bout Christmas. There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a dog and a cat. Your Friend, Emilee

Dear Santa, Im excited about Christmas! There that I would like. Please bring me dirt bikerc. Your riend Dalton

Dear Santa- I have been a very good little "angel" this year. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie jeep so I can drive to papaw Bert's house and take him to work for the City of Deport...I also want you to bring me lots of clothes and some socks and shoes - I don't need any toys cause papaw's house in Deport is full of "my" toys. Papaw and I like to color in coloring books, so I guess bring me some of those too!!! Can you bring my Uncle Joseph Filkins a four wheeler so he can ride along with me on my Barbie jeep? papaw said Joseph has been a good boy too!! My momma needs a new car and daddy needs a pickup so he can take my jeep to mamaw's house in Detroit. Please bring the kids in Detroit some clothes and socks and shoes too, cause mamaw in Detroit has plenty of toys for the kids there too! I love you Santa and hope you don't wake up "little bit" this year when you bring Joseph's four wheeler cause you might scare him. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table - hope you like chocolate. Love Jasmine Renae Garmon, daughter of Stephanie Wolf and Jamie Garmon, Deport, granddaughter of Bert & Cindy Filkins, Deport, granddaughter of Hershel & Jean Garmon, Detroit

Dear Santa, I would like a SpongeBob game for play station and a rocket power game for my gameboy. Jordan Jones

Dear Santa, I would like a bike with 2 bars in front and 2 bars in back, a four wheeler, and a remote controlled boat. Ty Clinkenbeard

Dear Santa, I would like a craftsman pocket knife, a guitar, and a toy gun. Andrew Rick

Dear Santa, I would like a guitar, seeing glasses, and a wallet. Karen Lumsden

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Dear Santa, Could you bring me a puzzle? I would also like a guitar, a Christmas tree and a car. Love, Nickerlus Cary

Dear Santa Clause, I would like to have a Princess Dress up Center, the Three Little Pigs movie and a Dora puzzle. Could you please bring my sister Kristen a puzzle and my brothers some Power Ranger toys. Love you, Samantha Stover

Hey Santa, I would like to have some new play doh, a jeep car, and a new shirt. Could you bring my sister Miranda a Barbie house, car and clothes? Love, Caitlin Bates

Dear Santa Clause, I would like to have a sword, Spider Man, bunk bed and a race car. My brother Austin would like to have a sword, new toy box and jacket. Staci would like to have a Barbie. My little sister Brittney would like to have a remote control car and she will let me play with it too. Love, Justin Waits

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll, doll bath tub, puzzles and new clothes. I will leave you milk and cookies to eat. Love ya, Kelsey Lee

Dear Santa, I would like to have a big motorcycle, a very fat cat, big load of buttons and a wagon. We already got Ashlie something. I will leave you cookies. Love you, Dillion Murphy

Dear Santa Clause, I want a play station 2 with a Spider Man CD and a Star War movie. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love, Jordan Embry

Dear Santa, I would like a play station 2, a Star War movie, Men in Black toys and a computer. Love, Jared Embry

Dear Santa Clause, I would like a Barbie jeep car, a doll, new phone and a TV. I will leave you cookies and milk at my house. Love, Leah Stover

Dear Santa, I would like a red Power Ranger and a roping steer (the kind like Cody and Clay gots). Could you bring my twin brothers the same thing? Please bring my sister a baby doll. I will leave you a Santa Clause Cookie. Your Friend, Tracer Moody

Dear Santa Clause, I would like a guitar, an amp, a 4 wheeler and a motorcycle. Could you bring my baby sister Haley a toy? It has to be something soft. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and white milk. Love you, jBrandon Owen

Dear Santa Clause, I would like a train, play dogs, buttons, ball and a puzzle. Devin would like a little bike because he cannot pedal. He would also like some more boy toys. I will leave you three choc let cookies. Love, Kaitlin Tidwell

Dear Santa, I think that I have been really nice and I would like for Christmas a Barbie car, movies ET, Barbie doll house, Kasey Bob, Dr. Barbie. Melissa

Dear Santa, This year I would like a kesterny set, telescope, hot stuff school clochs, go cart, a puppy, see through phone (red) make up, a kiss from Nathan M, Barbie bank, N'snec DS (2) my room Britney Spears polliws, sheets, wall and converter. Thanke you. P.S. I got a pitcher for you. Shelby Suel

Dear Santa, I have been good doy this year. Please bring me these things. gamebox with shrek game Yu-gi-ho cards. remote control boat and car playstation 2 games and a playstation game saver. Hunter Barcher

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I would like for you to bring me these things spy kit guitar play oven stuffed animal reindeer and a red white and blue bike and a gameboy and a viboe game. your friend Loryn Gibson

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Pleas bring me these things nintendo 64, nintendo game, go cart, and a plastation with a game. have a safe trip. Sincerely, Dusty Brodie

Dear Santa, I would like a tent with a sleeping bag and chair. David Murdock.

Dear Santa, My name is Kenley Day. I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a baby, a horsey, hamburger and a pumpkin pie for Christmas. We will leave cookies and milk for you. Love, Kenley Day

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Repunzel Barbie, my own TV, new dress & shoes, and pink wings for Christmas. I will leave you some brownies and chocolate milk. Love Jaylan Mitchell

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll, Barbie house, Barbie doll and an angel folder for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk and brownies. Love Angela Rogers.

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a teddy bear, clothes, a bunch of pencils, and a puppy for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love Christy Rosson

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a Frankenstein game, Christmas bell, pocket knife, and a puppy for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love Tyler Rowton.

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like a race car track, octopus track, TV set and game and a bicycle for Christmas. I will leave you some milk, brownies and chocolate chip cookies. Love Jimmy Seat

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a leaf blower, 3 tech-deck dudes, construction site, and a skate park for Christmas. I will leave you some brownies and chocolate milk. Love, Dillon Smallwood

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like a motorcycle, tractor, race car, a train and watch for Christmas. I will leave you some cookeis and cereal. Love Clinton Smoot

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a race car track, mario cart game and marble game for Christmas. I will leave you some brownies, cookies, and a banana. Love Blaine Wright.

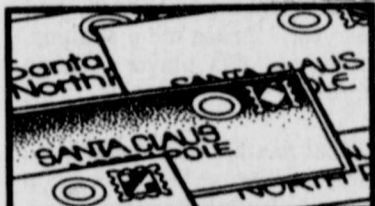
Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a barbie doll house, barbie and a baby doll. Kaitlynd Borden

Dear Santa, My name is Shay Navia and I am 2 years old. I have been a good little girl this year. Please bring me a kitchen set, a Barbie, and a Scooby Doo movie. Don't forget my bubba Chance. Love, Shay

Dear Santa, My name is Chance Navia and I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. please bring me a Star Wars Jango Fett, a transformer, and a Harry Potter game. Don't forget my baby sissy Shay. Love, Chance

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. I have been a bood boy. I would like for you to bring me a basketball, Jack in the box, clothes, and a bicycle for Christmas. I will leave you some Christmas cookies and chocolate milk. Love, Christopher Rosson

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a car wash, bike, rocking horse and a toy dinosaur for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love Ty Eppler



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Dear Santa, I would like a Violin, a drum set, and a desk. Hannah Dotson

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Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a pokemon game CD player and game cube. Jeremy Hunter

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me leopard suitcase, beanbag and Karaoke. Hailey Ray

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a rocking horse, baby doll, and CD player. Kerri Anderson

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a spy tracker set, walkie talkie wches, and carpentry set. Jordan Davis Freeman

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a big tractor, toy shot gun and bullets and a real calf. Tanner Day

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please me a shotgun, horse, and CD player. Ethan Moore

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a pop sensation Barbie, Easy bake oven and skirt. Sarah Beth Norwood

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a guitar, make-up, and bike. Laci Wilson

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a CD player, CDs, and boots. Megan Kindle

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me face maker, a signe of mxdoor, and pokemon cards. Colton McMikel

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please brig me Icee maker, stereo, big rocking horse. Magan Upton

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me play gun, game cube, go cart. Seth Greer

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me pokemon cards, redversion, blueversion and sewenscene. Zachary Smith

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a barbie doll house, trampoline, mittens, and a jacket for Christmas. I will leave you some oreo cookies and milk. Love Brigitte Ladd

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a football, crayons, paper, and a notebook for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and a coke. Love Derrick Coley

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a backpack, shoes, clothes, and a snack money holder for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love, Breanna Black

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been agood boy. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, new shoes, and a drum set for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love, Chase Reynolds

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me stereo CD player, nintendo and one new game. Bradley Winton

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me Gameboy Advance, Pokemon game, and a sign for my door. Joshua Crawford

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a legos, stereo, and CD player. Kelby Cole

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me Popsensation Barbie, Easy bake oven and doll house. Kasey Bowling

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Plesse bring me an icee maker, stereo & play gun. Dakota Womack

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a babydoll, a duck, and some blankets for my babydoll. I will leave you some cookies and milk for you. Love Ally

Dear Santa, I would like a new bike, easy bake oven, and a toy stuffed cat. Kalee Owens

Dear Santa, I would like a guitar, a skateboard, and a scooter. Cody Chavers

Dear Santa, I would like a dirt bike, a remote controlled explorer and 3 wheeler. Ethan Wright

Dear Santa, I would like a remote controle car, a Barbie, and a play horse. BillieJo Patterson

Dear Santa, I would like two paintball guns, a CD player and CDs to go with the player. Josh Haskell

Dear Santa, I would like skates, a Buzz Lightyear, and some glue. Colton Stain

Dear Santa, I would like a new bike, a basketball and a Jesus book. Kristen Patterson

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a toy truck, toy 4-wheeler and toy racecar. I will leave you some cookies. Love Aaron Burris

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a McDonalds play set, Barbie, shoes, and clothes for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love Lexie Jackson

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a stuffed cat, Barbie doll, Rapunzel, and a telephone for Christmas. I will leave you some gingerbread and milk. Love Jera Francis.

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie, baby doll, tennis shoes, and some clothes for Christmas. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and some milk. Love Shanie Cole.

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a motorcycle, dirt bike, and a 4-wheeler for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and juice. Love, Riley Kindle.

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, skateboard, and a scooter for Christmas. I will leave you some pizza and grape juice. Love Jamie Womack

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Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie, new backpack, computer, and a puzzle for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love Taylor Prazak

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like a mouse trap game, Mary Kate & Ashley paint dolls, and a Barbie jump rope. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love Julia Grossmann

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Rapunzel tennis shoes, slip on shoes, two dragons, and a horse with a carriage for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love Erica McClendon

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a choo-choo train and track with stop signs, horn, and a Throw me a bone game. I will leave you some dog bones. Love Melissa Kelley

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Karaoke machine, make up, clothes, and a toboggan for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love Carlie Thomas

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like a Scooby-Doo dog, Barbie doll, Barbie house, and an Ice Age movie for Christmas. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk. Love, Maloree Mabry

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a boy and girl doll, high chair, car seat, and a talking doll for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love Emily Willis

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Scooby-Doo game, "Tiger" movie, "Scooby-Doo in Hollywood" movie, and a Barbie doll for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love Kodee Matthews

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Scooby-Doo doll, Barbie house, books, and a calendar for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and Coca Cola. Love Abby Brodie

Hi Santa, I would like a Christmas Barbie, a Barbie puzzle and new pajamas. My sister Codi would like some new clothes and a Christmas dress. I love you Santa. Cassi Denman

Dear Santa, Could you please bring me a Christmas tree and ornaments? I would like a Christmas bucket, Christmas house and a snow sign. Love you, Sydnie Carpenter



**Blossom Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a 4-wheeler. Your friend, Britt

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas. There is something that I would like. Please bring me a Yugioh card. Your friend, Trenton Mcelyea

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas! There is something that I would like. Please bring me a dog. Your friend, Cody James

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas! There is something that I would like. Please bring me a Brat Head. Your friend, Lexi


Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a Yugioh 3-headed dragon. Your friend, Caleb Collins

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas! There is something that I would like. Please bring me a Game Boy. Your friend Destinee Jones

Dear Santa, I tried to be good this year. I don't know if I really was good, but I would like Xbox games called Unreal Championship, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, and Mech Assault. Does the "I didn't leave him cookies, I left him CHEESE" really work? Sincerely, Tyler Brown

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas! There is something that I would like. Please bring me two boy brats. Your friend, Ashley Parker

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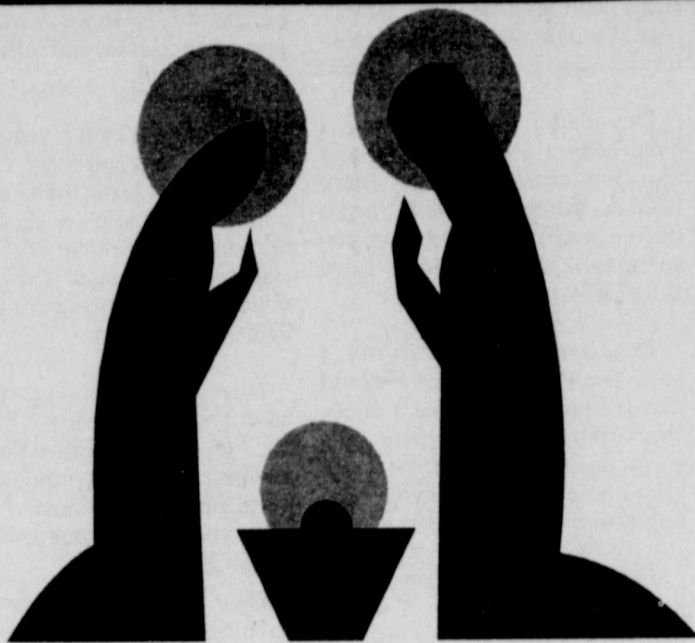
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.  
Hwy. 82 W.  
Blossom, TX

**Faith Baptist Church, SBC**  
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Pastor, Dr. L.C. Stout  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.  
Youth Class ..... 7 p.m.

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 6 p.m.  
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Mission Friends, Coed Youth Group

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Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Class ..... 7:00  
For Information, call 632-4311

**First United Methodist Church**  
202 N. Main, Bogata, TX  
903-632-5610  
Rev. Joe Gist  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.

**First Methodist Church**  
Cunningham, TX  
Pastor Ted Willis  
Service Times:  
Morning Worship ... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Wed. Cottage Prayer ..... 7 p.m.  
Daycare ..... M-F, 6:30-5:30  
Pastor Michael Bolton

**Abundant Life Church**  
Minter, TX 652-2304  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday service ..... 7 p.m.  
Sunday p.m. services  
2nd & 4th Sunday ..... 6 p.m.  
Tony Corso, Pastor

**Blossom Church of Christ**  
640 W. Front St., Blossom, TX  
982-5667  
Service Times:  
Bible Class ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening ..... 7 p.m.  
Ministers Evan Butler, 982-6083  
David Ballard, 982-7245

**Bogata Missionary Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 271, Bogata, TX 632-9922  
Pastor Billy Daniels 632-9948  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Discovery Bible Clubs ..... 6:45 p.m.  
Teen Discovery ..... 6:45  
Adult Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.  
Revival, July 22-26 ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Detroit First Assembly of God**  
Pastor Claud Plunk  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Wednesday:  
Whiz Kids ..... 6 p.m.  
Bible Study & Royal Rangers

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Pastor Buddy Hines  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7 p.m.  
115 Church St., Deport

**Deport First Presbyterian Church**  
Visiting Pastors  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.

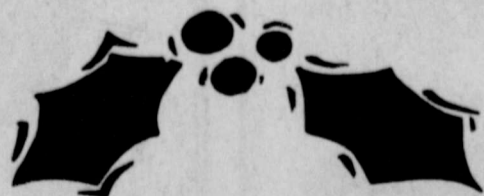
**Deport First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Freddy Burden  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Ted Willis, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome

**Cuthand United Methodist Church**  
Hwy. 1487, Bogata, TX  
Rev. Joe Gist  
Service Times:  
Church ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday nights, Youth  
John Purviance, Youth Leader

**United Methodist Church**  
315 Faucett St., Blossom, TX  
Pastor Mike Topliff  
Service Times:  
Sunday ..... 11:00 a.m.

**First Baptist Church Detroit, TX**  
Pastor, Danny Robbins  
Youth Director: Jody VanDeaver  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.



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Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 6 p.m.  
Sunday Choir Practice. 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Quilting ..... 1:30  
Wednesday Youth ..... 7 p.m.





LADY PATS NAMED TO THE ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM left to right are Brittany Ballard-MVP, Coach Brandon Oates, Britney Martin and Amanda Nichols. (Staff Photo)

Blossom Letters  
to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas! There is something that I would like. Please bring me a D-reder and cards.  
Your friend,  
Rylee

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a Barbie video camera.  
Your friend Shelby McCain

Dear Santa I am excited about Christmas. There is something that I would like. Please bring me a dirt bike.  
Your friend,  
Luis Taipa

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas. There is something that I would like. Please bring me a horse.  
Your friend Courtney Thompson

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a toy angel.  
Your friend,  
Sydnee Crawford

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a flower lamp.  
Your friend,  
Kelsey Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas. There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a chihuahua.  
Your friend,  
Bailey Woodard

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a barbie.  
Your friend,  
Breanna Dukna

Dear Santa, I will leave out some milk and cookies. Please bring me a toy bepr. I am eight years old. I like you Santa, and I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love, Bradley Lester

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I am turning 8 the 14 of December. I love to play. I would love to see you one day. Please bring me a guitar, a skate board with a tongue on the back, and I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love Jacee Walker

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I am seven years old and I am in second grade. I liked the presents you gave me last year but I hope you give me better ones. Heres some things I want a bike, clothes and poke'mon cards.  
Love Trenton Thompson

Dear Santa, I am seven years old. I am a nice girl. I am going to leave you some milk and cookies. I love you very much. I hope you have a good Christmas. Good luck and good night. Please bring me a big Barbie jeep, a girl remote control can and a big swing set.  
Love, Cheyenne Tankersly

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I have been doing good in school, too. I really appreciate what you are doing for all the kids in the world. Will you please bring me a TV, new clothes and a Kareoke? Thanks a lot.  
Love, Kaitlin Doty

Dear Santa, I've been a nice boy this year. I liked the gifts you gave me last year. They were cool toys you brought me. I've been a nice and good boy this year. Will you please bring me a skateboard, clothes, and some toys. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Julio Peralta

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old and I've been a good girl and I hope I have a good holiday. I want you to bring me a play kitchen and some food, a trampoline. I hope you will come tomorrow to school and I can have a picture made with you. Santa I hope you bring magic because I have a small chimney.  
Love,  
Kristen Ross

Dear Santa, Please bring me a talking bear and a dog and paper for my mom.  
Love Tristan Mullens



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Matthew Malone  
Tommy & Micah  
Malone

Dear Santa, Please bring me a nascar and new crayons and a new movie for my mom.  
Love Randall Dudley

Dear Santa, Please bring me a TV and a Power Ranger and Christmas trees for my mom.  
Love Cameron Connot

Dear Santa, Please bring me some glitter and a soccer ball and crayons for mom and dad.  
Love Alondra Palomaves

Dear Santa, Please bring me a jack in the box and a toy with a racket shelf on it and some flowere for my mom.  
Love Levi

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie and a Barbie jeep and a fake goldfish for my mom.  
Love Britney Parker

Dear Santa, Please bring me a CD and a CD player and a stocking for my mom and dad.  
love Reilly Parker

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I'm in second grade and its fun. My teacher is nice. I will leave you a snack out. I hope every body has fun at Christmas. Please bring me a hip dip, a i, ke, and a TV.  
Love, April Logan

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I am in the second grade at Blossom School. Please bring me a Power Ranger toy, a monster movie and good health money and love.  
Love Daniel Ortega

Dear Santa, I am in 2nd Grade, and I am 7 years old. My birthday is June the 5th and I like the toys you got me last year. i got to keep a lot of the toys that you got for me and I want you to bring me some things. Please bring these things , a new bike a new backpack, and a new watch.  
love, Merari Blanco

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Can I please have a Devastar? Santa, I will be good. I hope you will be my friend, Santa Claus, Please bring me a baby sister who is strong and healthy.  
Love Chelsey Williams

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I am going to leave some milk and cookies for you. I might leave some water for your reindeer if my mom will let me. Santa can I please have a real horse, a computer, and a kids Bop 2 CD. I hope you have a happy holiday.  
Love, Haley Chappell

Dear Santa, I am in the 2nd grade and I am 8 now and soon I will be nine. I am a happy kid. My mom did not get what I wanted. Will you get it? I hope you will. Here are things I want. please bring me a watch and a train and a toy car. Santa, remember I love you.  
Joshua Watkins.

Dear Santa, I want a cat and a dog and I want a Barbie. I also want a four wheeler. I will leave some cookies out for you.  
Love, Ashley Halliday

Dear Santa, I am 8 years old and I am in the second grade. We have no chimney. I want a new hot wheels, a new battle bot, and a remote control cr.  
Love James Martin

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas! There is something that I would like. Please bring me a hard tent.  
Your friend,  
Dakota Blagg

Dear Santa, I would like these things for Christmas please, Santa hat, Jammies, umbrella, Kareoke machine, art set, a little chair, makeup set, Lilo and Stitch DVD.  
Love, Kaitlyn Parker

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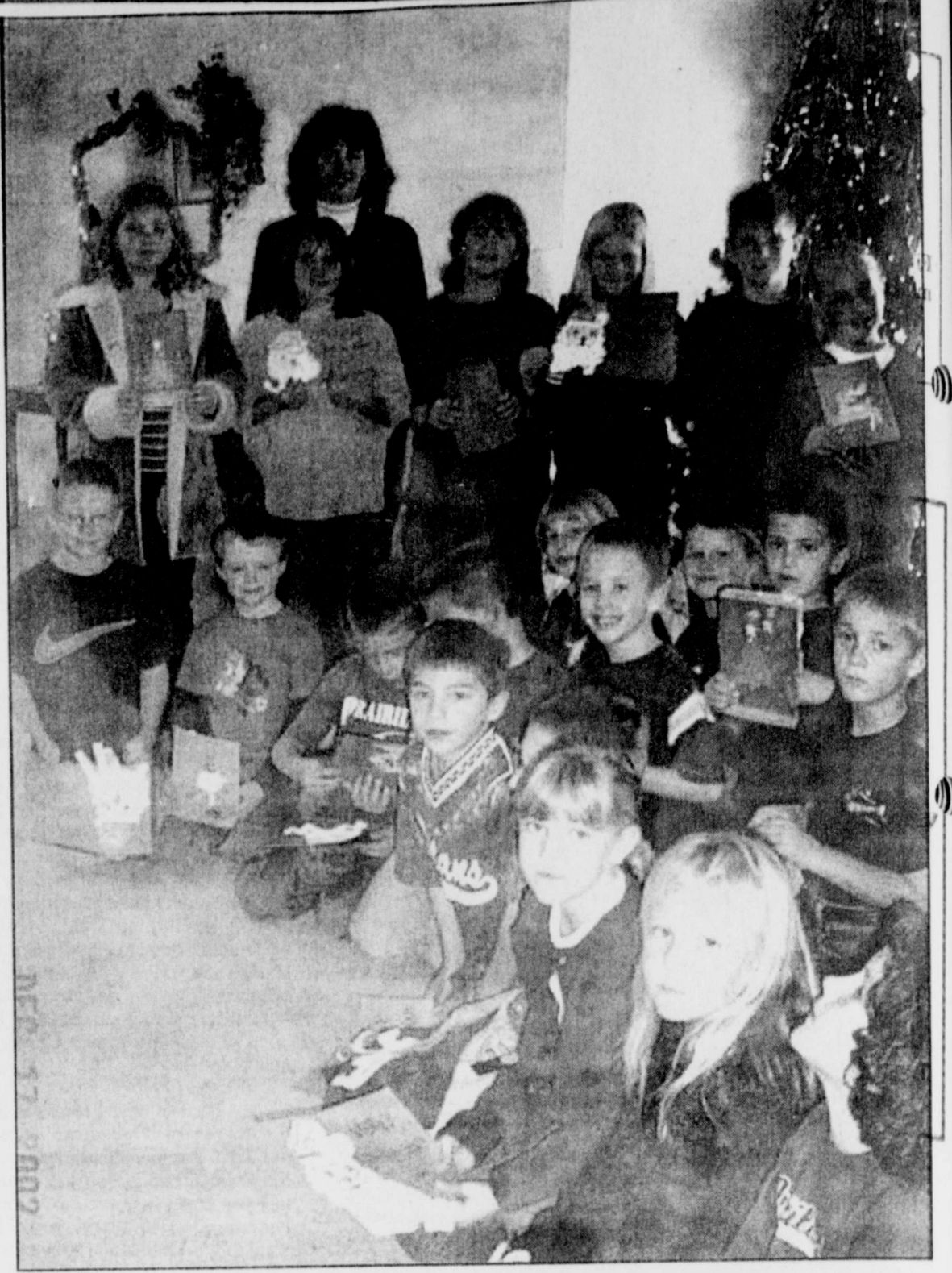
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CAUGHT in the Act: Showing Patriot Pride, the Deport Faculty people who were nominated were Peggy Rogers, Dawn Malone, Anna Allen, Billie Ford, Mandy Ray, and Lila Screws. Anna Allen was the winner, receiving a brisket from Allen's Food Mart.




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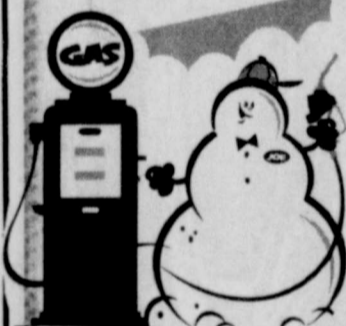


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*None quite as special as this Christmas*

A favorite Christmas memory of mine was in 1967 or 1968. I was pretty young, four or five. My father had been shipped off to Vietnam earlier that year, so we were all missing him terribly, especially me since I was Daddy's girl.

Anyway, my father would send money to mother every month to take care of all of us. Somehow the check he sent home for Christmas got lost between Vietnam and Fort Knox, KY.

My mom was frantic not knowing what she was going to do. I was awful little as I said but I assume being the wonderful mother

she was, she sat us all down and explained to us that there would probably be no Christmas that year.

But on Christmas day, a Salvation Army van pulled up and unloaded six brand new bicycles, one for each of us.

We were all very happy and excited.

I lost my wonderful father June 11, 2001 but will always have these precious memories of all the Christmases we spent together, none quite as special as that one though.

Sandra Morgan

**To Our Loyal Patrons**

At this special time of year, we'd like to take a moment to wish our special friends and neighbors a beautiful holiday season and a happy new year. We're truly grateful for your trust and support.



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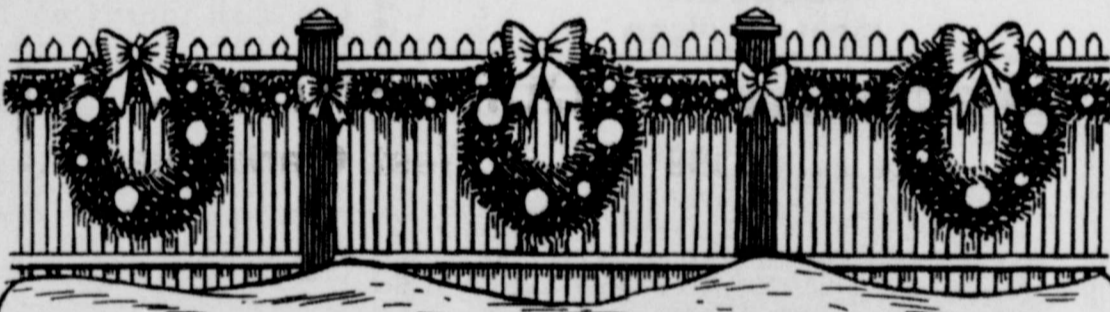


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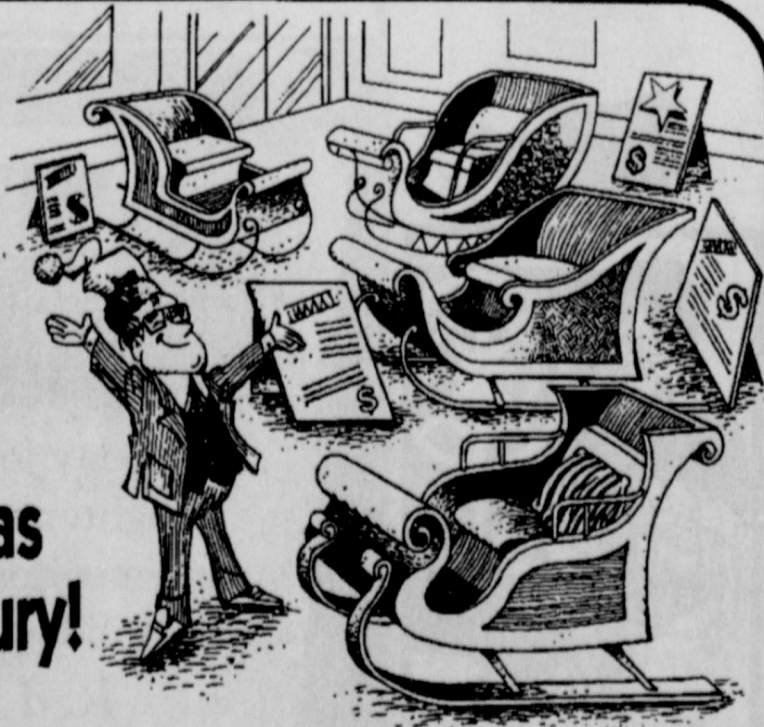


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Dalton Geroge, Amanda Barnard, Carole Caldwell, Fresia Benfer, James Smith, Milton, Allmandinger, Anthony LaRue, Jayne Westbrook, Wayne Couch, David Singleton, Sydney Chipman, Melanie Taylor. Happy anniversery to Kristi and Randy Boren, Pat and Travis Farris, Robbie and Clarence Wright, Ashley and Jeremy Day, Cindy and Bert Filkins, Edna Earle and Luther Wright, Susan and Scott Scholz, Beverly and Russell Ham.

Lucille Couch Pickering had her Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 14th. Those attending were her children and grandchildren: Eva and Boyce Flenniken, Wayne and Sandra Couch, Justin Flenniken, Jason Flenniken, Haley Flenniken, Morgan Felnniken, Blake Flenniken, Christina Flenniken, Vicky and Ronnie Ballard, Matthew and Dillon, Trevor McDowell, Mandy Houston, John McLemore, Zachary Rambin, Hutton Woods, Carl, Amy and John Freeman Yarbrough.

greetings at  
**christmastime**  
We'd like to deliver our best wishes for a great season!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Liz & Jim Irwin



## Blossom elects class favorites

The classes on the Blossom campus recently elected class favorites and class officers. Below is a listing of all, beginning with the Pre-K favorites in Cindy Winter's class are Alexandria St. John and John Newman. Kindergarten favorites in Marsha Cunningham's K-A class are Allie Reynolds and Dalton George. Tammi Meade's K-B class are Brittney Parker and three-way tie with Cameron Connot, Zac Pointer and David Pryor.

1-A Sheila Young's class-Morgan Berry and Cody James. 1-B Brenda Fendley's class-Macy Madwell and Tanner Bowden. 2-A Bonnie Tinney's class-Bailee Ballard and Chane Steinhilber. 2-B Kay Wright's class-Kaitlin Doty and Julio Peralta. 2-C-Amanda Barnard's class-Tie between Riley Brakebill and Courtney Womack and with boy class favorite Bryant Carroll.

3-A Ernestine Connot's class Keleigh Burchinal and Levi Frazier. 3-B Rita Smith's class Ashleigh Adams and Brandon Justice. 4-A Danita Luttrall's class with a tie against Hayli Logan and Alivia Stanphill and boy class favorite is Caleb Melton. 4-B Michelle Gillie's class Kayla Thomas and a tie with Tyler Brown

and Tommy Procella.

5-A Barbara Harrington's class Ryley Johnson and Jerica Langston. 5-B Sharon Ramsey's class Jennifer Justice and Aaron Spann. 6-A Donett Lyon's class Morgan Burchinal and Cade White. 6-B Josh Shipman's class Rachell Procella and a tie between Kaleb Price and Dayne Sessums.

7-A Tony Corso's class Cody upchurch and tie between Lauren Ausmus and Erika Nelams. 7-B Leslie Martin's class Morgan Hostetler and Judd Ramsey. 8-A Sharon Connot's class Shawna Johnson and Chris McKinney. 8-B Alicia Moore's class Taylor Gillie and Jordan Walker.

Sixth grade class officers are president-Cade White, vice president- Kaleb Price, secretary-Dayne Sessums, treasurer-Morgan Burchinal and reporter-Ricky Latham.

Seventh grade class officers are president-Lauren Ausmus, vice president-Judd Ramsey, secretary-Morgan Hostetler, treasurer-Cody Upchurch, reporter-Leeann Warren.

Eighth grade-president-Jordan Walker, vice president-Bailee Berry, secretary-Shawna Johnson, treasurer-Taylor Gillie and reporter-Kandace Burchinal.



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**Glad Tidings**

Wherever you go this holiday season, our best wishes are with you. It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving you this past year.

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Happy Birthdays this week and next week too: Shelby McCoin, Aaron Barnes, Zachery Walker, Rusty Carpenter, Sara Beth Upchurch, Jaime Sanchez, Shane Chennault, Creighton Byrd, Jordan Smith, Brooks Bailey, Jim Irwin, Katie Neilson, Dana Monday, 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, Jamie Sue McLeroy, LaCosta Whitley, Tracy Hicks Denny, Amy Hicks, Michael Tallant, David Sken, Harold Blackburn, Brandy Richardson, Nikki Farris, Mary Lemmen, Ona Berry, Curtis Thompson, Melanie Taylor, Rebecca Keen.

Congratulations to Ken and Ann Steele on the birth of their new grandson Daniel born on December 11th.

The Blossom Christmas Parade was a big success with beautiful weather, lots of floats, bicycles, 4-wheelers and others turning out to

make the parade great!

Mib and Jo Myers of Post Oak, Renea and Kaleb Long of Paris and Juanita and R.L. Garrett of Woodland visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard on Sunday evening. Jo, Juanita, Renea and Kaleb all attended the Christmas play at the Fellowship Baptist Church with Emma.

The Lady Fire Bells had an outstanding Saturday with their monthly breakfast. They will be delivering their food baskets sometimes this week and are also still selling chances for a gigantic Christmas Stocking to give away.

Jo and Mib Myers of Post Oak visited one day this week with Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long.

Jana Lemire of Paris, Marie Kennison and Annae Sugg visited with Ruby Crawford on Sunday afternoon.

The Blossom Church of God Senior Sunday School class enjoyed their Christmas party on Saturday night at the Fish Fry in Paris. They then viewed the Christmas lights in the area.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

May the warmth of the season be shared by you and yours.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, Everyone!



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At this busy time of year, when everyone is sprucing up for Christmas, goodwill and gratitude would certainly come in handy, and we've got plenty to spread around!

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Holiday  
Wishes  
To You*




The Holiday Season is here and we want to wish our many friends and neighbors all good things now and in the future

The Board of Commissioners Of  
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And Executive Director



*Have Yourself  
An All  
American Holiday!*



*Charles  
and  
Maxine Foster*




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*Season's  
Greetings*



All the best to you and yours wherever you go this holiday season.  
Thank you kindly for your loyal support.

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Stacy, Linda, Stony & Charity  
Shane & Zarinska



**Greetings  
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Our fondest holiday wishes are on the way. May you know peace, friendship and goodwill this coming year. Thank you

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Tonya, Jill, Gary, Durward



DEPORT PRINCIPAL PAUL ALLEN presented Reagan Harrell with a \$10 Wal-Mart card for being selected from the group of students who were nominated for the Caught In the Act Showing Patriot Pride.



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*Merry  
Christmas*

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# Blossom Letters to Santa



I would like a computer with games, nintendo 64 games and a trampoline. Love Dakota

Dear Santa, Please bring me a teddy bear and a frog and a bunny and a Scooby do for my mom and dad. love Sarah Piovesan

Dear Santa, Please bring me Santa toys and Barbies and rings for my mom and dad. Love Cheyenne Godwin

Dear Santa, Please bring me a skateboard and a football and a Barbie set with kitchen for my sister. Love James Ross

Dear Santa, Please bring me a horse and a playhouse and a puzzle for my mom and dad. Love Hunter Tuggle

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike and a gameboy and a watch for my mom and dad. Love Javier Cervantes

Dear Santa, Please bring me a snow board and a dinosaur and a cup for my mom. Love Earl Garrett

Dear Santa, Please bring me a BB gun and a tent for my brother. Love, Dillon Blagg

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is something special that I would like Please bring me a hot wil Dakota

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is some thing specol that I would like. Please bring me a pisl. Your frien, Ashley

Dear santa, I'm excited about Chris There is something spere that I would like. plime bring drinime a modsick agro Your Friend, Brittani

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like you to bring me a Barbie cash register, earrings and clothes. Santa, I like Rudoph your reindeer. His red nose is really cute. Love madelyn Sessums

Dear Santa, Please bring me a skateboard. You are the best. I wish you could come to our house. Merry Christmas. Love, Dey Hicks

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie laptop and a trampoline. Please tell Rudolph hello. Love Allie Reynolds

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie laptop and a kitchen. I would also like a Powerpuff pillow and blanket. I have been very good. Love Emily Lane

Dear Santa, Please bring me a computer, a monster truck, and a radio. Love Andy Ruiz

Dear Santa, Please bring a television and a half pipe for my back yard. I have been good this year. Love, Cobin Winters

Dear Santa, Please bring me a computer and a toy car. I have been good this year. Love Eli Stanphill

Dear Santa, I would like a bike for Christmas and a robot Megazord. I will leave milk and cookies. Love Gunner Pliska

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Playstation game and a phone. I have been good. Love, Dalton George

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like a telescope, a microscope, and some games. I live at P.O. Box 161, kBlossom, Texas. Love, Trinity Drake

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl, I want a phone, fake glasses, and a toy angel. I wish that I could move back to Abilene next year. Love, Shaye Madpass

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Santa can you bring me a gocart, remote control 18 wheeler, and a dirt bike. Santa, what time do you come at night. My brother wants a remote control loader. Love, Brian Graham

Dear Santa, I would like clothes, a doll and a watch. I want for my mom dad, brother, and sister a nice holiday. Love, Chelsey Watkins

Dear Santa, Please bring me a talking girl and a dirt bike for Christmas. I've been good all year. Love, Hogan Gibson

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Please bring a set of redi tools for kids, a toy gun and lots of toys. Love, Jasn

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a Game Boy Events. Your friend, Jasper Goodson

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas there is someHnig specia that I would like Please bring me Drtback. Tanner B.

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Kkrstmas There is something that I would like Please bring me. I wil git a nodskil and a bgun ablist. Your Friend Laremie

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like Please bring me Barbie. your Friend Lesli

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas! There is something specia that I would like. Please bring me a Barbie House you Friend, Tisha

Dear Santa, I'm excited? about Christmas There is some thing special that I would like please bring me a mocapsete. your Friend Syna

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas. There is some thing special that I would like. Please bring me a note from you. Your Friend, Macy

Dear Santa, Please bring me a skateboard and a checker game and stickers for my mom. Love Stephen Gonzales

Dear Santa, Please bring me a motorcycle and a 4 wheeler and a car for my mom. Love Jason Jensen

Dear Santa, Please bring me a dirt bike and a 4 wheeler and a necklace for my sister. Love Bud McClour

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy tractor and a pick-up and a checker game for my mom. Love Ryan Blanton

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big bike and a barbie and cups for my mom. Love Savanaha Humphrey

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas. There is something that I would like. Please bring me a real horse. Your friend, Colton

Dear Santa, I am excited about Christmas. There is something that I would like. Please bring me a pocket watch. Your friend, Morgan Berry

Dear Santa, There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a cat. Your friend, Brandon Spann

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is something special that I would like. Please bring me a journal. Your friend, Sarah

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Powerpuff girls movie and Barbies. Love Lizeth Ortega

Dear Santa, Please bring me a nap-pad and a Bob the builder toy. Love Jacob Dake

Dear Santa, Please bring me the Ultimate Prime Transformer and his attachments. Love Cody McFeely

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please bring me a big teddy bear. Love heather Coward

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie house with Barbie things in it. I have been a good girl all year. Love, Brittany Sessums

Dear Santa, Please bring me a computer, a video game, and a television with a VCR. Please bring my brother Scooby=Doo play stuff. Love, Tyler McClour

Dear Santa, Please bring me a movie of Dora and Dora toys. Love Sofia Ortega

Dear Santa, I would like a black toy pony. I have been good this year. Love, Alexis Lawson

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is some things special that I would like. Please bring me a robot and a pict. Your Friend, Kalsea

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is something special that I would like please bring me Lilo Stitch Spirit Barbie and a Hors Fingernail polish listick. Your Friend Cheyenne

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I would like you to bring me a Hey Arnold movie, Hit clips, and a American Idol CD. I would like you to bring my sister boots and make up. Could you please bring my daddy some new clothes, and a new watch and my mommy some clothes for my brother and some baby shoes. Love, Bailee Ballard

Dear Santa, I would like clothes, a doll and a watch I want for my mom dad, brother, and sister a nice holiday. Love, Chelsey Watkins

Dear Santa, I would like a toy story 2 movie. A dirt bike, and pokemon cards. Santa can you name the reindeer? I have been a good boy. I hope you remember me. I have gotten a little bigger since last year. Love, Brandon Brewer

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a lava lamp, a procelain doll and some clothes too. My brother would like a new bike. Love Shelby George

Dear Santa, I want a play station two, a game boy advance, and insulated coveralls. Santa I know some of your reindeers name they are Pranser, Dancer, Vixon, Zenies and that's all I know. Love Chanc Steinhilber

Dear Santa, Please bring me new shoes and a bicycle for Christmas. I've been good. I love my momma. I also want a motorcycle with training wheels. I want some new toys and some new clothes. Love, e Colton Gordon

Dear Santa, Please bring me a popper thing and some new toys. Also a brother. I've been good this year and I love you. Love, Katelynn Abdel-Jaber

Dear Santa, I want a three-wheeler and a motorcycle. Please tell Rudolph hi. Love, Blake Upchurch

Dear Santa, I have been very good some days of the year. Please bring a rocket ship to me for Christmas. Love Allen Dudley

Dear Santa, I want a Power Ranger toy and a X-box game. I have been a good boy. Love Haskell Walker

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is some Hning special that I would like. Please bring me Your Friend, Tanner T.

I'm excited about Chris tmas There is some Hning special that I would like Please bring me back. Your Friend Earl

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is something specia that I would like. Plase bring me fish. Whitney your friend.

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is something special that I would like Please bring me huner Dan and a b.b.gun powerfl as a twitty two your Friend RYne

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? there is someng special that I would like. Please a BovBlod Your frend, Logan

Dear Santa, I'm excited about Christmas? There is something special that I would like Please bring me a hipclip Your Friend Zoe

Dear Santa, I would like a b.b gun ps2, kingdom hearts for ps2, and men in black 2. I have been a good boy this year, now about my family. Santa I don't have a chimney so you have to use the door, but be quiet! Love Brady Pointer

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want some skate shoes, a play station and a skate board. I love you Santa. Love, Dylan Dake

Dear Santa, I would like a new bike, this year. I would like a new bed, this year, also. My sister would like Barney movies, for Christmas. She would like Barney bed covers, too. I would like a new bike, for my sister but with training wheels. Love Tyler Patterson

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a magic baby doll, a laptop, and jDVD movies. I hope every body get their presents. I hope everybody has been good! Love, Miranda Fendley

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a B.B gun and a Four-wheeler, Love, Cody Brown

Dear Santa, I would like a gameboy advance, a bicycle, and a puppy. I have been a good girl this year. Love, Logan



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To Lloyd Willard and Dorothy Myers from Juanita Garrett.



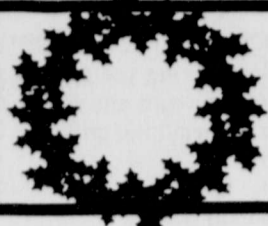
WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Glenna Baugh, Robert Baugh, Claudia Whitney, Wes Davis, Wayne Couch, Debbie Downs, Betty Boren, Debra McClain, Madilyn Sinms, Donna Crossland, Jane O'neal, Vivian Neeley, Betty Robbins, Molee Huddleston, Lyneil Beck, Homer Briggs, Sidney Townsend, Chris McDowra, Jim Kenneth, Merita Head.

Happy anniversary to Randy and Kristi Boren, Jeremy and Ashley Day, Brad and Tammie Bassano, Larry and Brenda Gibson, Kirk and Debbie Ingram, Chuck and Teri Ann Burge, Jr., Russell and Beverly Ham, Ed and Elizabeth Fry, Rick and Lynda Zant, Karl and Andrea McDonald, Paul and Ophelia Payne, Ken and Betty Robbins.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lillie Yandell, 88, of Honey Grove, who died December 14. She was the mother of Murrell Colwell, formerly of our

community. Ruby D. Blevins and Inez Weaver visited Jessie Newsom Saturday.

Sandy Ring, Ashleigh McLean and Mickey Keener were visitors of Bill and Ruby D. Blevins.

Peggy Crenshaw, Sue Barnes, Ruby and Bill Blevins and Sandy Ring were among the fans attending the basketball games with Honey Grove Monday at Prairiland.

Lois Kennett of Paris, Keith and Peggy Parsons and Greg Parsons had lunch Sunday in Paris.

Glenn and Jo Biddle were visitors of Linda and Mike Winters and family.

Sue Malone, Freeman Safford, Lewis and Janice Ingram and Peggy Parsons were among the many auxiliaries attending a Christmas luncheon given by Christus St. Joseph's Hospital and hosted by employees Monday on the south campus.

### Have a Sparkling White Christmas

We wish you all the very best!



Keep Smiling!  
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### Silent Night, Holy Night

A hush fell over the world that night, and our Savior was born. In celebration of His coming, we wish you all a Christmas of peace and happiness.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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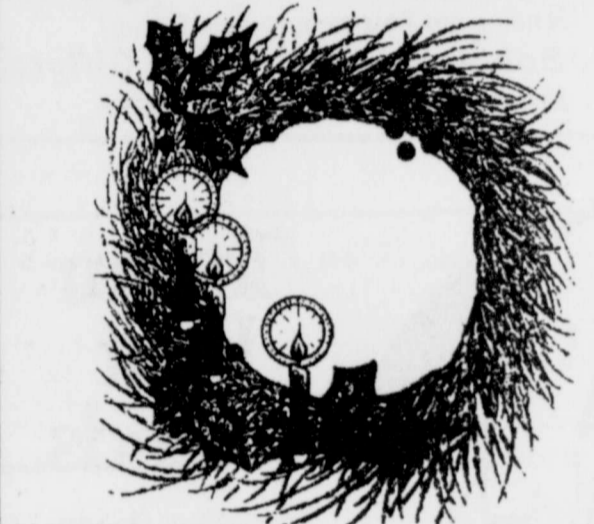


### Hi! Merry Christmas



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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

### Away In A Manager

"And when they were come into the house they saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." St. Matthew 2:11

Wishing you and yours a most miraculous holiday

Silbert & Melissa Ariaga



And it came to pass...  
Remember the Message of Christmas

### REJOICE!



With best wishes to all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Thanks for your friendship and loyal support



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### A WORD TO THE WISE... "THANKS!"

Just as the three wise men came bearing gifts on that holy day, we come laden with our best wishes and gratitude. Have a truly joyous Noel!

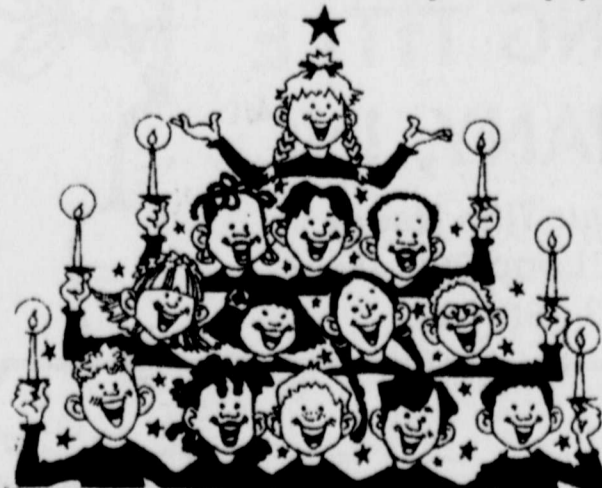
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# Festive Tidings

All Of Us Wish You  
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From

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*Blossom Letters*



Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie for Christmas. Please bring Barbie clothes too.  
Love,  
Allison Langston

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a little dirt bike and a talking grill.  
Love,  
Jonathan Ruckman

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a dirt bike.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Daniel Kennison

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Christmas tree and a toy car. I've been good this year.  
Love,  
Lexi St. John

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a BLUES Clues book and some candy canes. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Ryan Coley

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some games and new movies and a new computer and a talking grill. I've been good.  
Love,  
Armando Blanco

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new Barbie for Christmas. I have been good.  
Love,  
Keeley Daniel

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some chain links like the one I play with at school. I would also like a bicycle and I have been good all year.  
Love,  
Isaac Williams, Jr.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new bike and some new toys.  
Love,  
Logan Langston

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an octopus thing and a helicopter for Christmas. I have been good this year. You are my best friend.  
Love,  
Mystin McClour

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tractor and some new toys. Also some new boots. I have been good this year. Your my best buddy.  
Love,  
Dylan Long

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bog of switches and a new bike. I have been good all year.  
Love,  
Cheyenne Dunken

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a talking grill and a dirt bike. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
John Henry Newman

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Please bring me toys. I have been good all year.  
Love,  
Bonner Gillie



**Yuletide Greetings**

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

**To Our Best Friends...**

Go our Merry Christmas wishes for joy, peace and togetherness. Thank you for sharing our love of animals.

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Wally Kraft DVM  
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*And the happiest of holidays to you and yours.  
We so greatly appreciate having good friends*

**Merry Christmas**

John & Shirley  
Cliff & Dee Dee,  
Cigie & Callie  
Darrin & Monica  
Chandler, Trent &  
Madeline Rebecca  
Gifford

*A well remembered Christmas*

I was born during the Depression days and it was a time when love was very often the only thing families had.

My first seven years were spent in Kentucky where the winters are cold and the snow is deep. And every Christmas looks like a picture post card.

My father passed away when I was only an infant, leaving my mother with three small daughters to rear.

Somehow she always managed to make Christmas a special time, and it was looked forward to with great excitement.

There would be a cedar tree cut down and carried into the house and put up by my mother. This was no small task, since she wasn't quite five feet tall and weighed less than 100 pounds.

Once the tree was up and securely fastened, we began to decorate. There was popcorn and red berries which had been strung on a thread and made ready for the occasion.

The smell of cedar filed the warm room and my mother's voice would lull us to sleep as she told us stories.

Times were difficult, but we knew our mother would somehow make sure there would be something under the tree on Christmas morning.

I remember so well the Christmas when I was 5 years old. Even though we were very young, we knew there was "no money" in the house. In those days "no money" really meant no money.

I went to bed holding on to the thought that maybe there really was a Santa who brought gifts to those who could not afford to buy their own.

I awoke early Christmas morning to the quiet sound of a new fallen snow. The fire in the stove had burned low and I knew the room would be cold. I could



barely see the outline of the Christmas tree standing in the corner and it was still to hard to see beneath it.

As the room began to get light, my faith and hope overcame my doubts. I quietly slipped out of bed and ran to look.

Underneath the tree were three of the most precious "corncob" dolls ever to behold.

My mother had made them, using the corncobs for their bodies and she had made clothes for them. Their heads were made from a piece of white material and their faces drawn on with a pen.

To my childhood eyes they were beautiful. I cherished mine as though it were the fairest doll in all the land.

I have never received a present since that I appreciated or enjoyed more.

My mother had given us part of herself in each doll she had created.

She was hoping we would understand that gifts of love are to be treasured more than gifts bought with money.

*This was written by my sister who was killed in 1999 in an auto accident along with her husband. She was two years younger than me.*

Ruth A. Wilson

**Boll weevil referendum results tabulated**

Cotton producers in the Northern Blacklands Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted against establishing a boll weevil eradication program in the 36-county area.

Final results were 190 producers voting "for" and 138 voting "against" establishing the program, but the measure failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote of 50% of the zone's total cotton acreage. The total percentage of all the zone's acreage vot-

ing in favor of the eradication program was 34.69%

At least one year must elapse before another referendum on establishing a boll weevil eradication program can take place.

The Texas Department of Agriculture issued 797 ballots to cotton producers in the Northern Blacklands Zone who were eligible to vote in the referendum. A total of 330 valid ballots were received by the December 9 deadline and counted.

The Northern Blacklands Eradication Zone consists of approximately 70,000 acres of cotton in the following counties: Bosque, Bowie, Cass, Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hamilton, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Hunt, Jack, Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Montague, Morris, Navarro, Parker, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, Titus, Van Zandt, Wise and portions of McLennan and Limestone.

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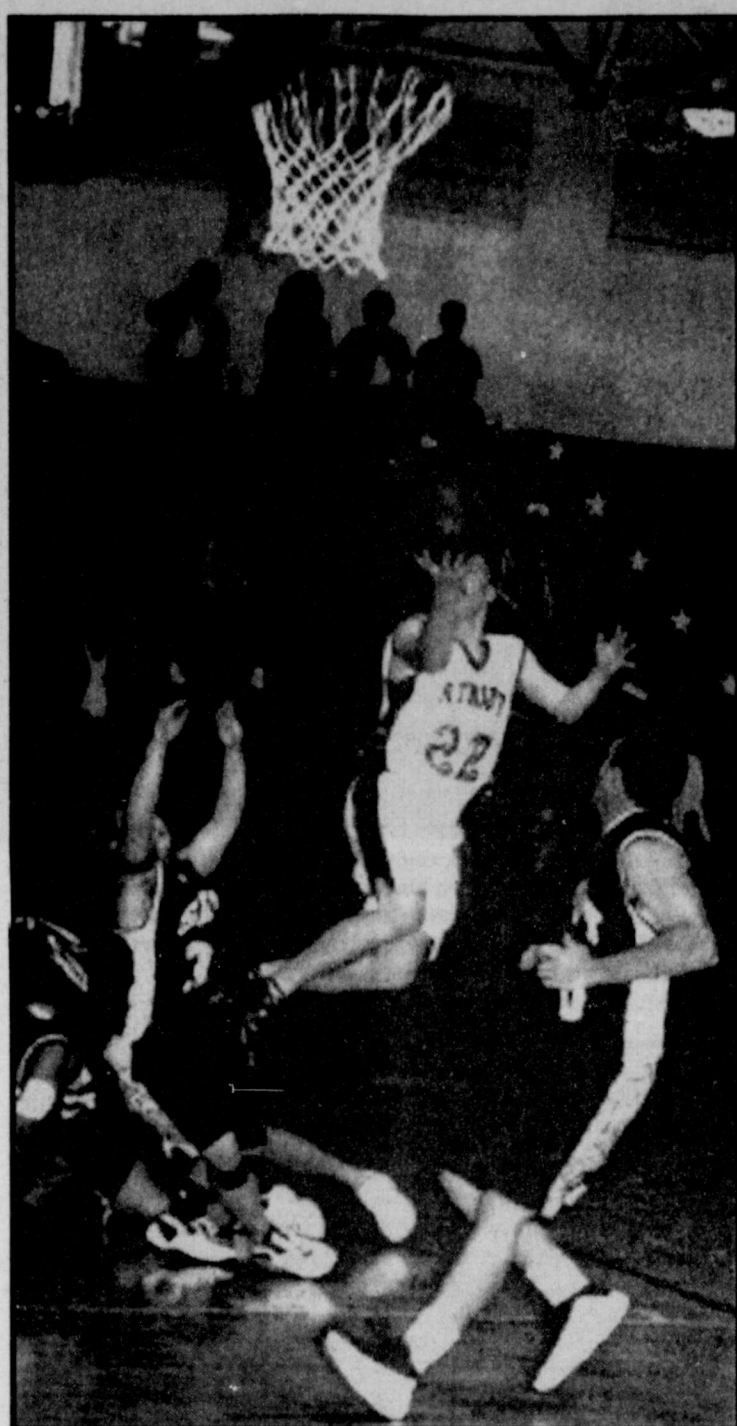
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From Tim, Denise, Juli, Dee & James Wood





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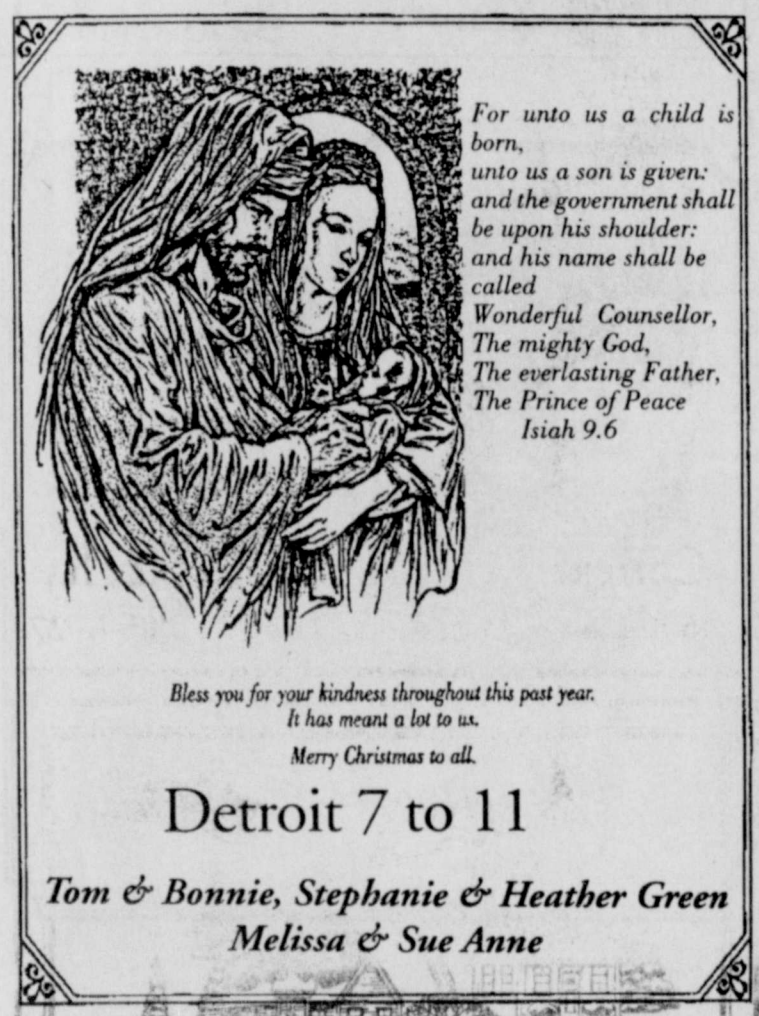


**PRAIRILAND PATRIOT** Cody Upchurch takes it "way up" during the Savoy-Prairiland game on Tuesday night. The Pats kept the win at home 78-39. (Staff Photo)

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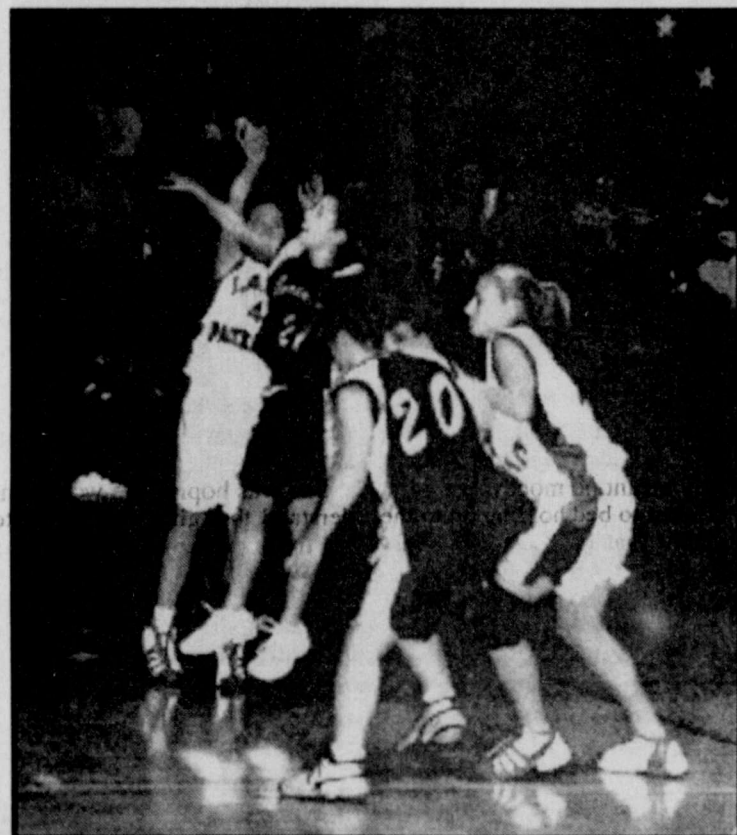
**remember**  
 THE SEASON



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  
 Isaiah 9:6

Bless you for your kindness throughout this past year.  
 It has meant a lot to us.  
 Merry Christmas to all.

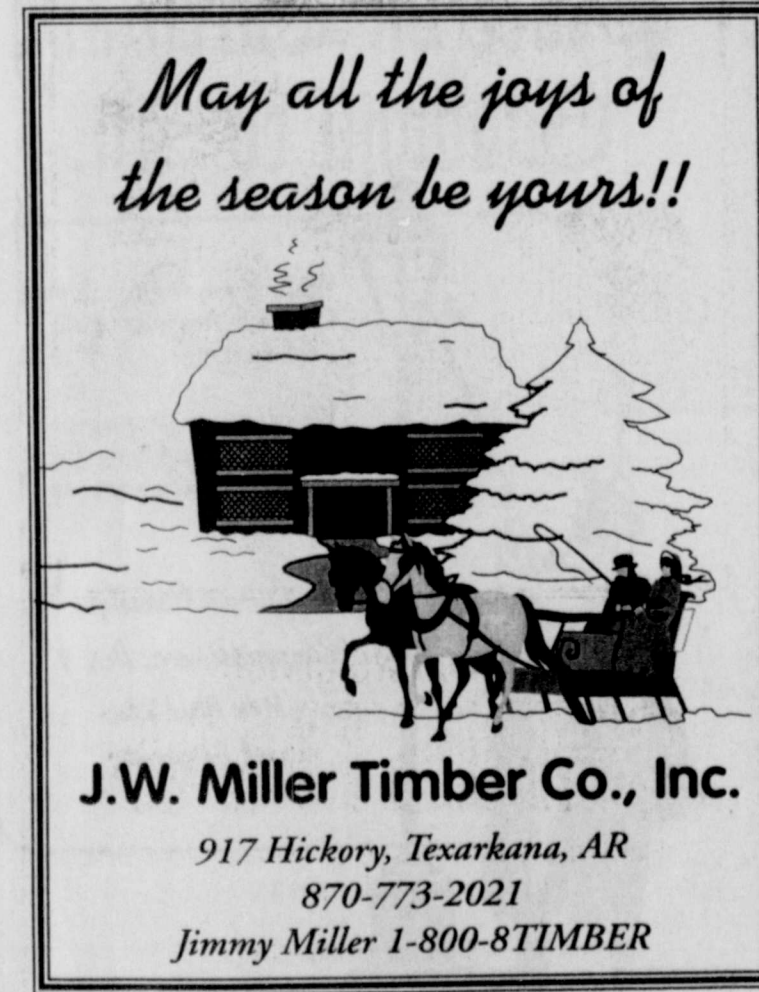
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**LADY PATRIOT REBECCA MURDOCK** keeps watch over the basket while fellow teammate takes the shot in last week's game with Savoy. The ladies won the game 63-27. (Staff Photo)

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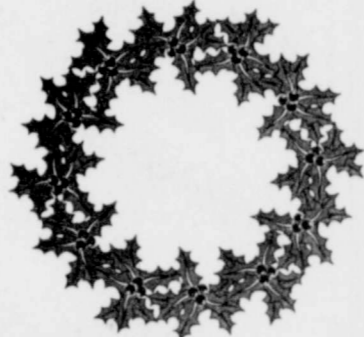
"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."  
Luke 2:10

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*Don, Danny, James & Sharon*



**LADY PATS TOOK FIRST PLACE** in the Prairiland Screen Graphics Holiday Tournament beginning on Thursday, December 5, and ending Saturday, December 7. Pictured with the first place trophy are left to right back row Assistant Coach Frankye Sessums, Head Coach Brandon Oates, Nicole Boehler, Lacy Davis, Amanda Nichols, Mallory Price and Britney Martin. Kneeling in front is Nikki Bybee, Brittany Ballard and Leslie Davis. (Staff Photo)



**Seasons Greetings from Shirley Fults**

Lamar County Treasurer Elect



**PRAIRILAND PATRIOT SEVENTH grader John Francis** in perfect form for his shot against Cooper last Monday night. (Staff Photo)



*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.

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**Don Denison and Family**



*A Message Of Peace And Hope*

As we celebrate this holiday with our families and friends, our hearts are saddened by thoughts of those families who will be spending their Christmas without loved ones who perished during the tragedy of September 11th.

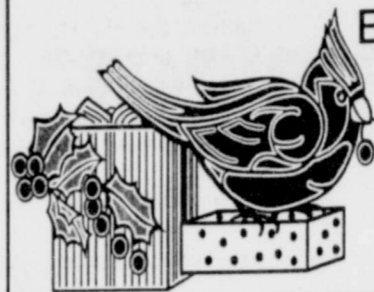
To each of them, and to all of you, we offer our prayers for comfort, understanding and peace among nations during this holy season. Our spirit endures, and theirs will never be forgotten.

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**BERT FILKINS** was caught in wearing a Christmas Cap with bobbing reindeer heads on it Monday night at the city/merchants party. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

**MERRY Christmas.**

*And to all, a good night....*



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**PIP (Players in Progress) Schedule**

January 5 ..... Sunday workout ..... 3:30 p.m.  
 January 10 ..... Friday performance ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 January 11 Saturday PIP Happening @ North Lamar ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 January 12 ..... Sunday workout ..... 3:30 p.m.  
 January 13 ..... Monday performance ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 January 19 ..... Sunday workout ..... 3:30 p.m.  
 January 24 ..... Friday performance ..... 6:00 p.m.

\*\*PIP season is over only Festival workout left  
 March 7-8 ..... Festival @ Abilene

All workout and performances are at Prairiland High School. Players need to bring ball and wear workout clothes to each practice. If players miss a practice before a performance they are not allowed to perform. For more information contact Mendy Cole @ 785-2286

**New certification programs at PJC**

Applications for the two new medical certification programs at Paris Junior College will be accepted in February.

Meanwhile, Sheila Jones, Coordinator of Surgical Scrub Technology and the Medical Coding Program, said there are some courses being offered at PJC this spring that will apply to the certification of these programs.

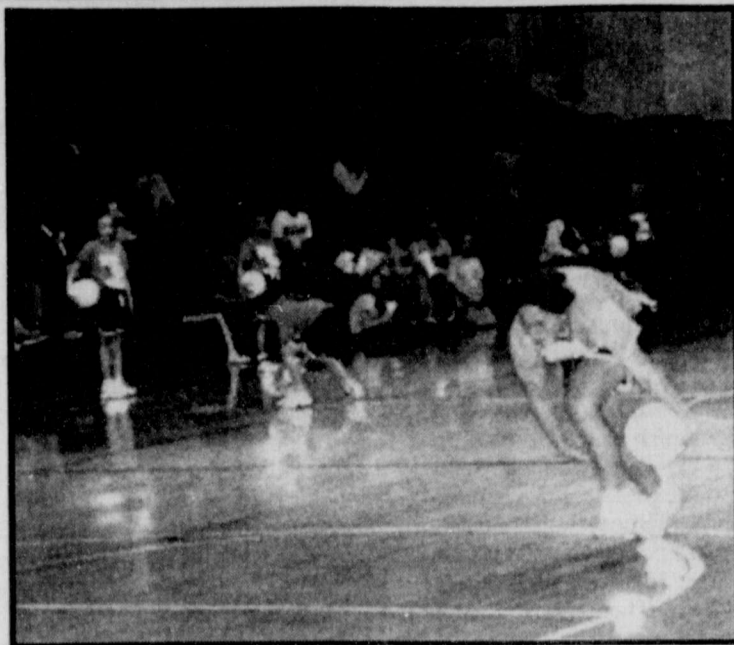
The two new programs were created through partnership with CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System. The medical coding program can be completed in a 12-month time frame, while the certified surgical technologist program will take 10 months for

completion.

"Although applications for the two program won't be taken until February, prospective students can enroll this spring in some courses that will help them in either specialty," Jones said.

She recommends that persons interested in either of the programs contact the PJC Health Occupations office at 903-782-0734 prior to spring registration Jan. 8, or visit the Health Occupations advisory table during registration.

"We can help them prepare for the programs and advise them for the February application procedure," she said.



**CHRISTMAS PIPS (Players in Progress)-The Prairiland Pips performed on Tuesday night during the halftime of the girls game with their Christmas routine to entertain the crowd. (Staff Photo)**

**Lady Pats at Sulphur Bluff**

The Lady Patriots faced the Detroit Lady Eagles in the first round of the Sulphur Bluff Tournament on Thursday, December 12. The ladies defeated the Lady Eagles in an easy game 62-30 to go into the second round on Friday. Brittany Ballard shot 18 for high

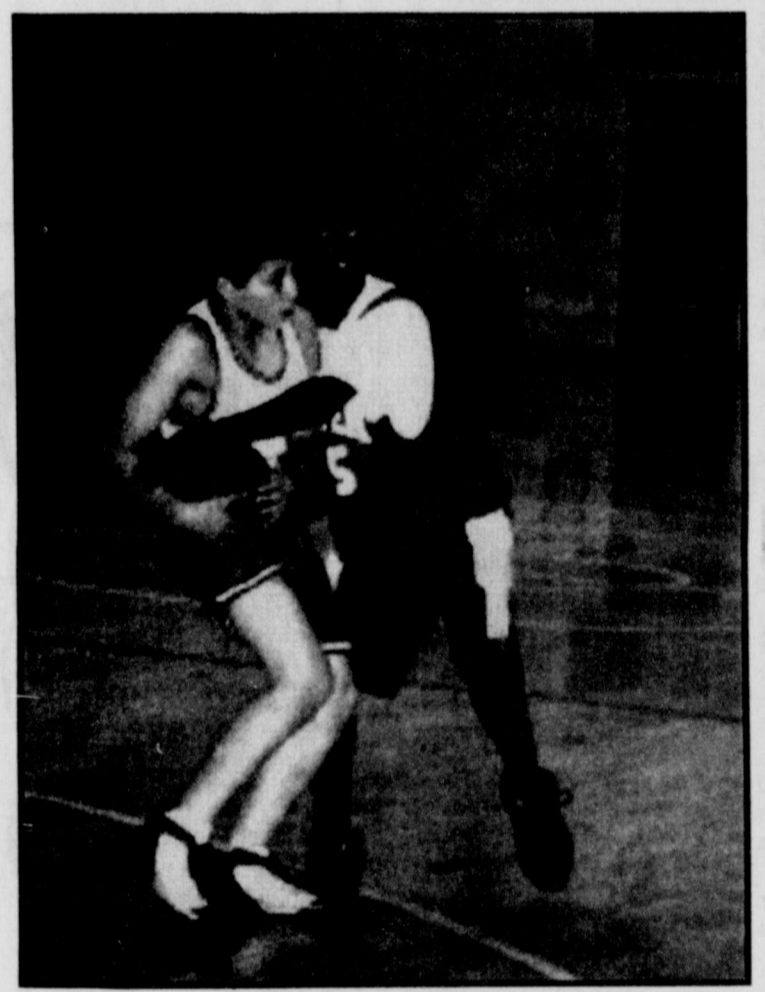
point of the night. Leslie Davis had 12 and Lacy Davis 11. Jodie Bybee 6, Nicole Boehler 3, Nikki Bybee, Britney Martin, Chelsey Anderson, Rebecca Murdock and Mallory Price each had 2. Ballard had one three point shot

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**Prairiland High School Week of January 7**

6 ..... Junior high games, Here, 5-6  
 7 ..... BB at Chisum, JVG and VG  
 8 ..... Youth for Christ, 7:45 a.m., Library  
 10 ..... PIP Performance  
 ..... Rivercrest, VG, VB  
 ..... JVG, JVB, Home, 4:00



**PRAIRILAND JR. HIGH Patriot 7th grader Riley Lewis keeps possession of the ball in last week's action against Cooper. The boys won by a large margin. (Staff Photo)**



**LADY PATRIOT Lacy Davis in fine form on Tuesday night against Savoy. The ladies won the game 63-27. (Staff Photo)**

Have a delightful holiday season that's filled with laughter and fond feelings for all.

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**Junior High District UIL results announced**

The following are the results for Prairiland Jr. High at the November 17AA UIL meet held at Rivercrest.

Storytelling 2nd grade-Shea Sanders 6th place. Creative Writing-2nd grade-Riley Brakebill 1st place.

Spelling 3rd grade-Dustin Martin 1st place. 2nd place team of Dustin Martin, Caleb Talley and Kelsey Klingler. Music Memory 3rd grade-Colton Reynolds, Tess Steffenson, Kortni Johnson and Vince Gibson made up the 3rd place team. Ready Writing 3rd grade-Kortni Johnson 6th place.

Spelling 4th grade-Tommy Procella 1st place, Tyler Brown 2nd place and Justin Ballard 6th place. 1st place team of Tommy Procella, Tyler Brown and White. 4th grade Music Memory team members placing 2nd were Ashley McCain, Jordan Chapman, Ryan Harrell, Tommy Procella and Clayton Thomas. Art 4th grade-team members Evans, Cesar Alonso, James, Cortes placed 2nd. Number Sense 4th grade-Jordan Chapman 5th place. Music Memory 5th grade-team of Kate Robertson, Marissa Kinal and Karissa Woodall place 2nd. Ready Writing 4th place-Kati Evans 1st place and Tommy Procella 5th place. Oral Reading 4th grade-Chase Hunold 5th place.

Spelling 5th grade-Jordan Tyler 1st place and Ethan Barnard 6th place.

Music Memory 5th grade-Aaron Coburn. 2nd place team of Jordan Tyler, Ethan Barnard and Blake Gordon. Dictionary Skills 5th grade-Aaron Coburn 2nd place and 2nd place team of Aaron Coburn, Zack Horton and Crawford. 5th grade Art team Fendley, Gordon, Tyler, Barnard

and Sanchez placed 1st. 5th grade Listening Skills-Ethan Barnard 2nd and Jacey Chaney 4th. Prairiland team placed 1st. Maps, Graphs and Charts 5th grade-Tommy Kuehn 2nd place and Jordan Tyler 4th place. Tommy Kuehn, Jordan Tyler and Sikes made up the 2nd place team. Oral Reading 5th grade-Karissa Woodall-6th place.

Calculator-grade 6-Christian Elliot 2nd; Hanah Norwood 3rd; and Hanah Norwood, Roxy Sawyer and Christian Elliot-1st place team. Calculator-grade 7-Leeann Warren 4th; Kayshia Ballard 6th; and 2nd place team of Paige Martin, Leeann Warren and Kayshia Ballard. Calculator-grade 8-Hal Brady 4th; Jordon Walker 6th; and 2nd place team of Hal Brady, Jordon Walker and Kalee Graham.

Dictionary Skills-grade 6-Kayla Berry, Hanah Norwood and Cade White-3rd place team. Dictionary Skills-grade 8-Hal Brady-2nd place and 2nd place team of Hal Brady, Charity Musgrove and Scott Clark.

Impromptu Speaking-grade 7-Nathanael Bush 3rd.

Maps, Graphs and Charts-grade 6-Jesse Bush, Phillip Filkins and Alyssa Pitcock 3rd place team. Maps, Graphs and Charts-grade 7-Justin Pitcock 3rd; Lauren Ausmus 5th; and Justin Pitcock, Lauren Ausmus and Stephen White 2nd place team.

Math-grade 6-Layton Norwood; and 3rd place team of Layton Norwood, Jeremiah Howington and Whitney Stone. Math-grade 7-Nathanael Bush 3rd; Paige Freeman 4th; Joey Ballard 5th; and Nathanael Bush, Paige Freeman and Joey Ballard 1st place team. Math-grade 8-Kalee Graham, Jordon Walker and Corey

Scroggins 3rd place team.

Modern Oratory-grade 7-Eutha Harn 6th. Modern Oratory-grade 8-Blake Newman 5th.

Music Memory-grade 6-Jessica Withers, Alyssa Pitcock, Meagan Thomas, Rachell Procella and Hanah Norwood 2nd place team. > Number Sense-grade 6-Kaylee Miller 1st. Number Sense-grade 7-Judd Ramsey 1st; Joey Ballard 2nd; Ashley Ballard 6th; and Judd Ramsey, Ashley Ballard and Joey Ballard 1st place team. Number Sense-grade 8-Corey Scroggins 3rd; Shawna Johnson 6th; and Corey Scroggins, Shawna Johnson and Jordon Walker 3rd place team.

Oral Reading-grade 6-Rachell Procella 4th. Oral Reading-grade 8-Charity Musgrove 4th and Alesha Chapman 5th.

Ready Writing-grade 6-Allison Pitcock 2nd. Ready Writing-grade 8-Taylor Gillie 3rd.

Science-grade 7-Leeann Warren 5th and 2nd place team of Leeann Warren, Ben Dickerson and Morgan Hostetler.

Spelling-grade 6-Lindsey Hoover 3rd and 2nd place team of Lindsey Hoover, Rachell Procella and Whitney Stone. Spelling-grade 7-Reagan Harrell 2nd and >2nd place team of Reagan Harrell, Kelie Crawford and Ashley Ballard.

Spelling-grade 8-Kandace Burchinal 3rd and Kandace Burchinal, Shawna Johnson and Misty Seat 3rd place team.

District results by school are: 1st place Chisum 735.1 points; 2nd place Honey Grove 417.8 points; Prairiland 3rd place 384.3; Cooper 4th place 298; Rivercrest 5th place 291.9; and 6th place Clarksville with 243 points. Congratulations students!

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### Classes selected for January at PJC

Paris Junior College's Continuing Education Department has scheduled a wide selection of classes for the month of January, according to Robbie White, Director.

A Sign Language class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday, January 14 through April 29.

The Introduction to Workplace Spanish class will meet from 6-8 p.m. each Monday, January 13 through March 3.

A Medical Spanish class will be held from 6-8 p.m. each Thursday, Jan. 16 through Mar. 6. Art: Then and Now, to help experienced artists study the works of old and modern masters, will be held from 7-8:30 p.m., each Tuesday, Jan. 21 through Feb. 25.

A fitness oriented and user friendly yoga class will meet from 5:30-6:45 p.m. each Tuesday, Jan. 14-28.

A pesticide applicator re-certification program will be offered from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, Jan. 21-23.

Introduction to Computer, Windows and Internet training will be offered in six choices of dates and times. The class will meet Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 7-10 in a choice of 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 1-4 p.m. time frame. It will be repeated Jan. 14-17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 2:30-5:30 p.m. The class will meet again from Jan. 21-24 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 12 noon to 3 p.m.

An Introduction to Computers will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday/Thursday, Jan 7-16 and again Jan. 28 through Feb. 6.

The Introduction to Windows class will meet from 1-4 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 6-15. It will be repeated from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan 21-30. This class is an introduction to computer systems, hardware, software, and personnel.

An Intermediate Windows is set from 1-4 p.m., Jan. 22-29.

Navigating Your Palm Pilot will help you learn to use the primary built-in programs in your organizer as well as their counterparts

in the Palm Desktop software that runs on your desktop computer. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday-Thursday, Jan. 27-30.

A Microsoft Word 2000 class will be held from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 7-16.

A Microsoft Excel 2000 spreadsheet class will meet from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 21-30.

The Microsoft Outlook 2000 class will introduce you to the information management application which coordinates user's email, messages, appointments, and other important tasks to increase productivity. The class will be held from 1-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Jan. 27-30.

An Introduction to QuickBooks computer accounting class is set from 6-9 p.m., Monday/Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 20-30.

The Basics for Starting a Small Business will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Jan. 10.

The Medication Aide Update will meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 11. Course content fulfills the annual renewal requirements for certified medication aides according to specifications of the Texas Department of Health. Students should take this course one month before their card expires.

A Nurse Aide class will be held Jan. 13-29. Monday through Thursday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Friday sessions meeting from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The CPR for Health Care Providers (Course C), approved by the American Heart Association, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 17.

CPR Recertification for Health Professionals will meet from 6-10 p.m. on Jan. 17. This class, certified by the American Heart Association, offers update and review information for current CPR cardholders.

A First Aid/CPR class offers instruction in first aid for injured and ill persons.

An ACLS Provider Course, offered in accordance with the

American Heart Association standards will teach skills necessary to provide advanced cardiac life support. Current BLS Health Care Provider Certification is mandatory. The class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 30-31.

The ACLS Provider Renewal Course will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Jan. 23 and repeated on Jan. 30.

An EMT Basic class, offering the skills necessary to provide emergency medical care at a basic life support level with an ambulance service or other specialized service, will meet from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, starting on Jan. 14.

The EMT Basic Refresher class offering theory and skills necessary to meet national and state requirements of certification will be held from 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, starting Jan. 14.

The Paramedic I (EMT - Intermediate) class will be held from 6-10 p.m. starting Jan. 13.

The EMT Intermediate Refresher course necessary to meet national and state requirements for certification will be held from 6-10 p.m. starting Jan. 13.

Persons needing Pediatric Education for Pre-Hospital Providers (PEPP) and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) should contact the Continuing Education Department for TBA status classes.

Real Estate MCE Update - January 11-12

Real Estate Law of Agency - January 13-19

Basic Truck Driving - January 6-31

Child Development Training II - January 6 through March 24

Defensive Driving - January 11; January 13-14

Driver's Education - January 6-28

Kids Hurt Too - January 7; January 11

Violin Lessons - January 27 - March 28

To register for these classes, or to inquire about additional classes available, call (903) 782-0447 or 782-0445.

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### We were happy kids!!

I was raised during the Depression and times were hard and money scarce.

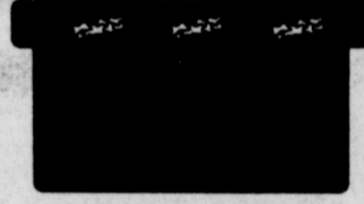
There were nine children in my family. We all had to work picking cotton to help our parents make a living.

After all the cotton had been picked, we then pulled bales and that is where we made enough money to have Christmas so we worked extra hard at that time.

We didn't have decorations for our tree like we do today. We made our decorations by stringing popcorn and holly berries.

We also gatered sycamore balls and covered them with the paper we would get off candy and gum of different colors. We would take notebook paper and color it with crayons then cut it on the lines and make a chain by gluing the ends together with a paste made of flour and water because we never had real glue.

My brothers always got a cap pistol with one box of caps and a little car or truck.



The girls always got this little doll about 3 inches tall and wrapped in a blue or pink blanket. They were dolls that had no moving arms, legs or eyes. Once I got too big to get a doll, we girls got a big doll. Mama always cooked a lot of pies and cakes.

We always hung our stockings and they were filled with fruit, candy and nuts. We munched on our stocking stuff all day.

Then we would go to my Mother's parents for a big dinner where everyone gathered. We didn't get big gifts, but our family was close and there was love and we were happy.

I wish kids could be that happy today.

Mrs. Dorothea Riddle

### The black sock doll

Almost too far back for me to remember, but we were living in Red River County near a small place called Bruester. There we went to school though our mother had passed away. This was 1921.

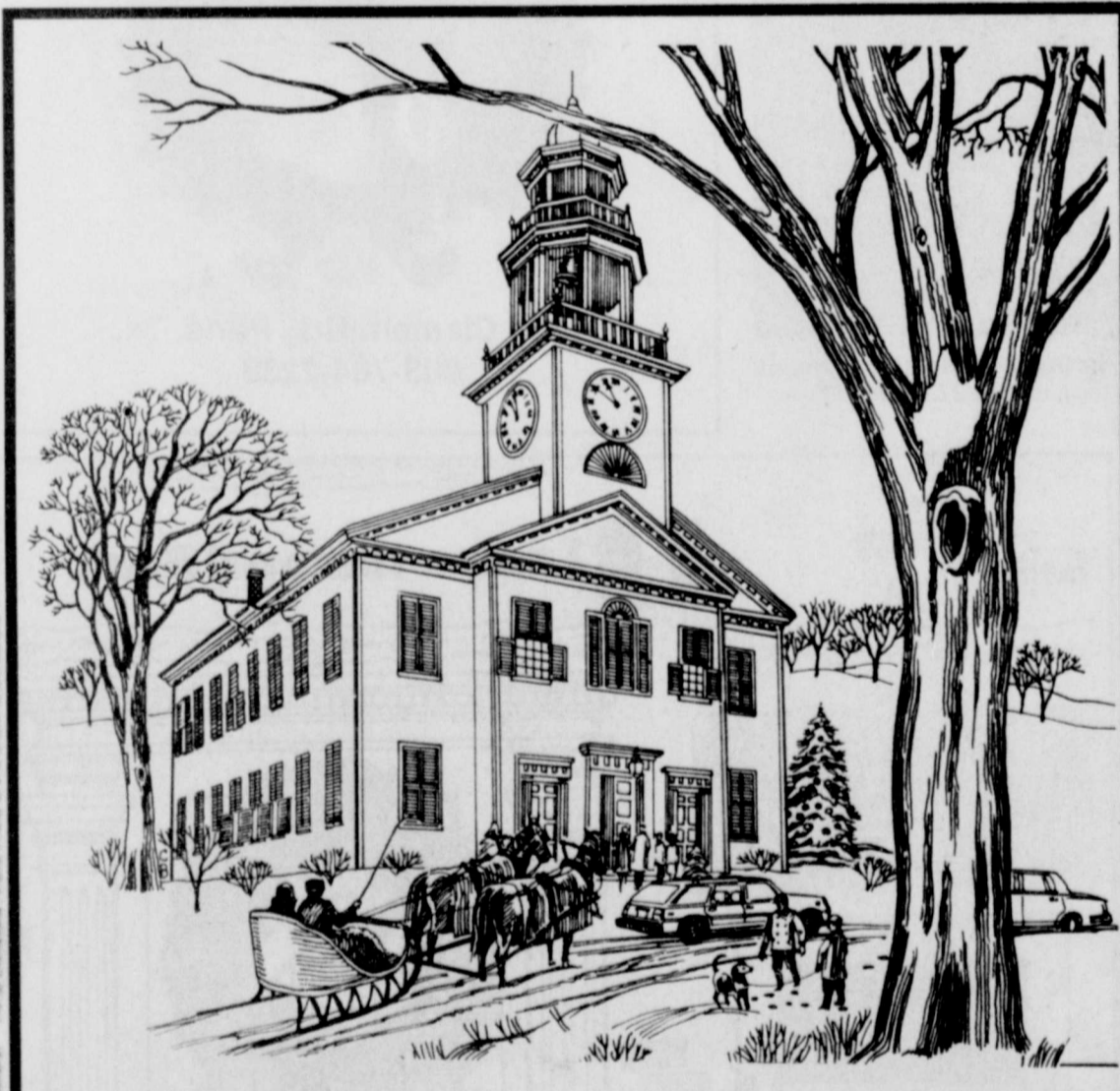
Times were hard as our Papa was a sharecropper. So we were wondering if Santaa would visit at our house.

A neighbor by the name of Terry just a few days before

Christmas brought a large box to our house. Our Grandma was with us at that time so she hid the box in our kitchen on top of the safe.

We had to wash supper dishes every night, so I badgered my brother to see what was in the box. One special thing was a doll made from a black sock. I thought that doll was ugly, my younger sister loved that doll till it wore out.

Nanie Ham



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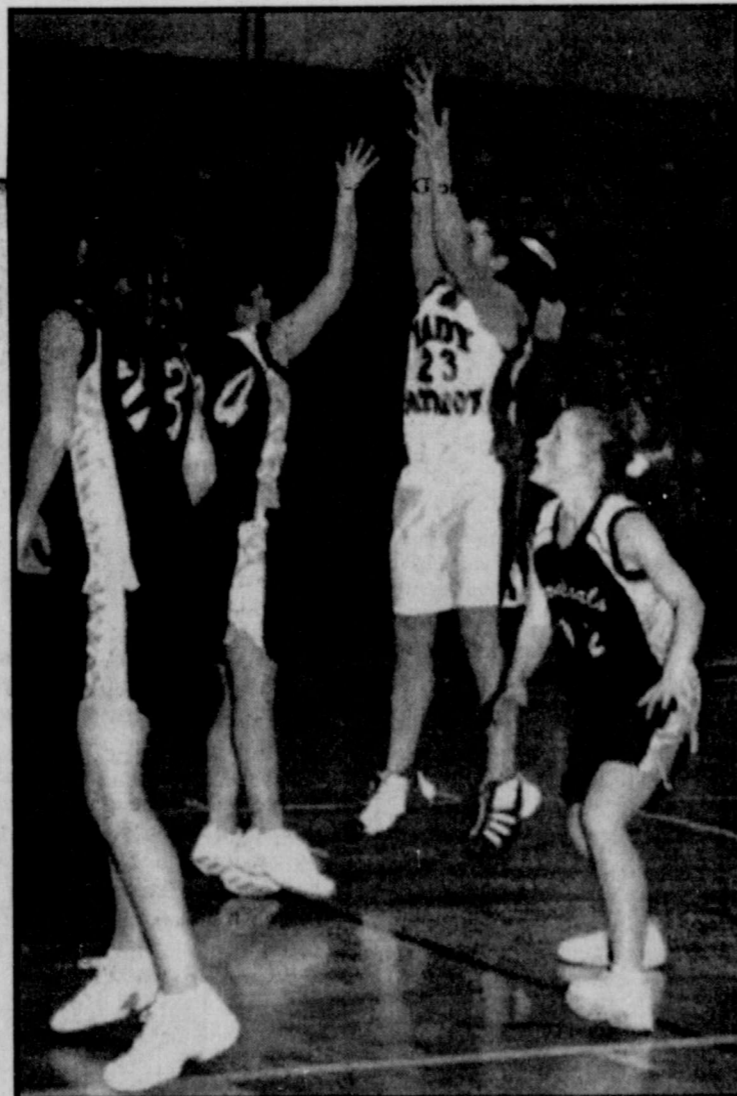


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Margaret & Richard Williams



PRAIRILAND JR. HIGH Patriot Landon Syrus gets high with the ball during the Cooper game on Monday night. (Staff Photo)



LADY PATRIOT Amanda Nichols takes time for her shot during the Savoy game on Tuesday night. The Lady Pats won against Savoy 63-27 with Nichols with 19 points. (Staff Photo)

Patriots cage Cardinals

The Prairiland Patriots took a hugh win over the Savoy Cardinals on Tuesday night 78-39. The first quarter ended with the Pats 24-9 over the Cardinals and not much better scoring from the visiting team in the second quarter. The buzzer sounded at halftime, 43-28, Pats.

Third quarter held little excitement as all team members had the opportunity to show their skills. Prairilans scored 16 to Savoy's 12 and another 19 in the final quarter

Lady Patriots take Savoy

The Lady Patriots faced the ladies from Savoy on Tuesday night, December 10 and defeated them 63-27. Amanda Nichols was high point for the night with 19 points. Leslie Davis hit for 11, Rebecca Murdock 9, Brittany Ballard 7 and Britney Martin 6. Nikki Bybee and Jodie Bybee each had two.

The ladies outshot Savoy 15-3 in the first quarter with Savoy coming back in the second with 13 points and holding the Lady

ended the game taking the Pats to 4-3 for the season. Game high honors went to Blake Smith with 21 and second in line was freshman Marty Anderson with 12. Lance Connot 12, Shawn Steinkamp, Spur Norwood and Jake Daugherty each had 8. Daniel Hayes and Cody Upchurch 3 and Jared Gage 2. Steinkamp hit for two outside, Smith, Connot and Hayes each had one a piece.

Pats to only 8. Prairiland still maintained the lead at halftime though, 23-16. In the third quarter Prairiland came back with a big quarter with 16 points and 6 from Savoy to make it 39-22. Twenty-four more in the final stanza had the Lady Pats on top at the buzzer 63-27, and the girls shot 7-14 from the line with 11 fouls.

Poinsettia sale is on!

The poinsettia sale is underway at Prairiland Horticulture Department, and they're looking great and are ready for holiday decorating.

The poinsettias are red or white and are \$6.00 each. Contact the Horticulture Department and place your order soon.



Happy Holidays

Wishing you peace and joy at this wondrous time of year. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

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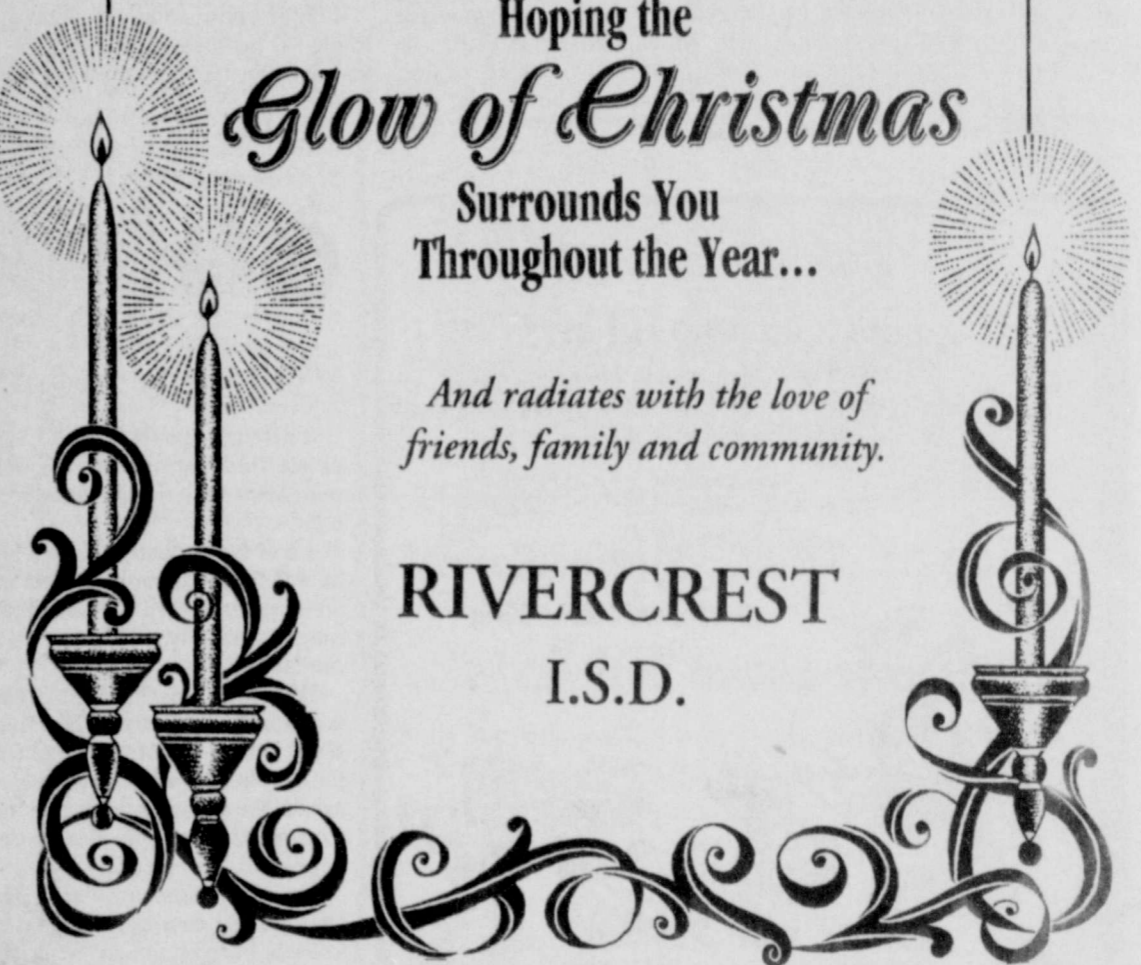
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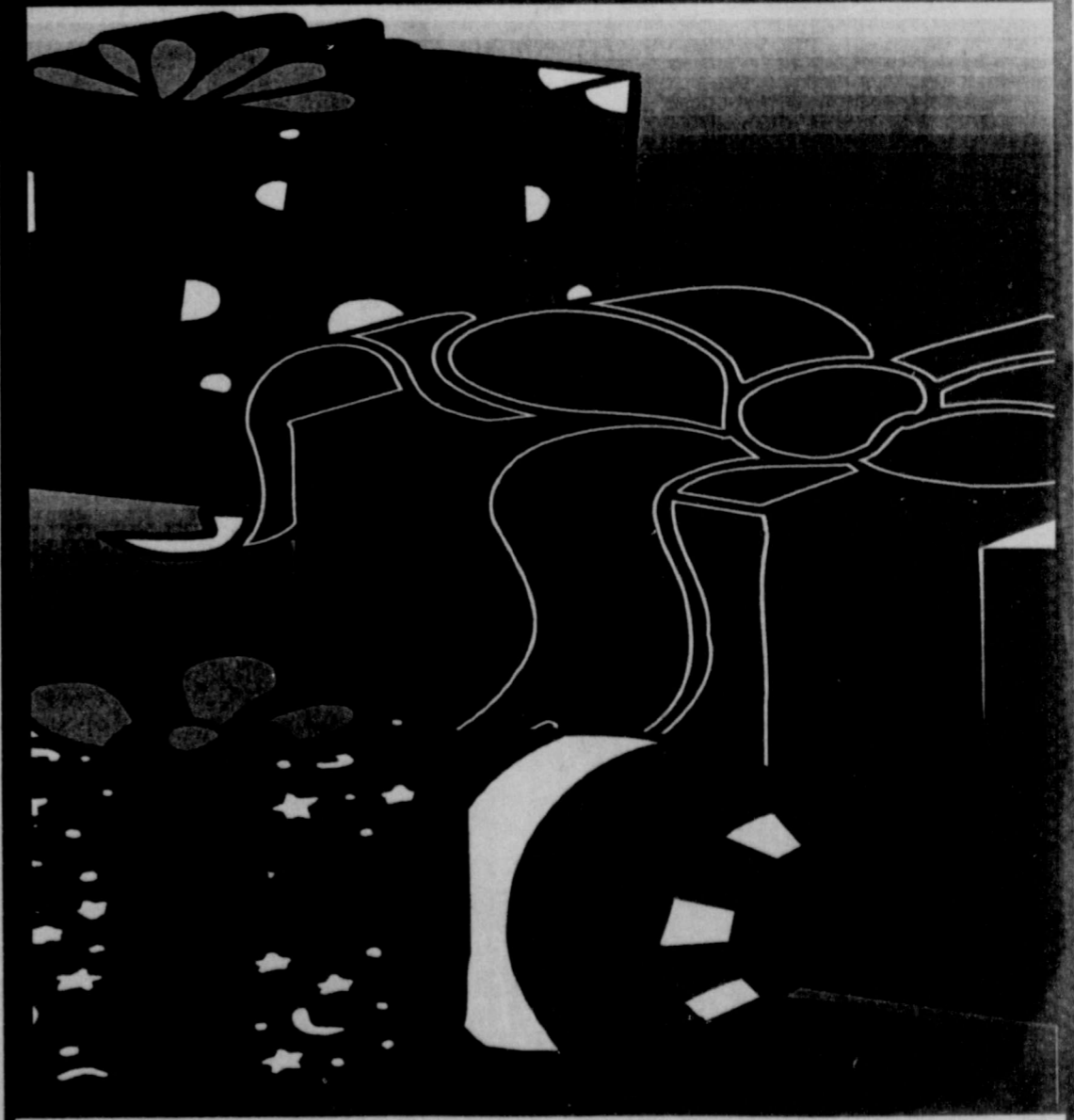
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MERRY Christmas



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# First Christmas- "MWL"

Many times we sit and remember Christmas of the past, "and forget the first gift ever given. I remember my first Christmas, after I got married, and all those Christmas dinners. One at the mother-in-laws, one at mom and dad's, one at my sisters and one at home if we could work it in.

Those first Christmas' together were special. We did not have a lot of money to spend on gifts, there were so many in our extended families. My wife was the kindest lady I've ever known. We sat down and talked about what we could do to let these people in our lives know we wanted to give them just a little something. My wife said "Why not bake Christmas cookies?" We looked at our budget, and went shopping for ingredients.

Christmas Eve we baked all day. She had bought baskets and inexpensive trays to make them appealing to the eye, but her cookies were the best I have ever had, because they were "MWL", Made With Love.

My Dad loved cookies but he loved brownies more. She cooked him some brownies, Duncan Hines, with a pecan half on each brownie. The custom was to draw

names, and exchange gifts. We all wanted Dad's because he was the easiest to shop for. New coveralls, gloves, warm cap or socks. Just simple gifts, but the gift from us he liked the best was the brownies.

Years went by, both our salaries went up and we finally were making some money. So one Christmas we decided to go all out, and buy everyone gifts. I honestly don't remember what I got Dad that year, but I do remember what he said after all the presents had been opened. "Where's my brownies, you know I love those from you two the best?" My heart dropped, this man loved the brownies more than our expensive gift. We had driven to Dallas or Plano, who knows where, to find his gifts, and all he wanted was our brownies, "MWL", made with

love. Isn't that how Christmas is for some of us, that we are out running to the mall looking for this gift for Dad or Mom. That special toy for a son or daughter, forgetting the first gift of Christmas, and why He gave this gift to us.

The greatest gift God made with love, his son Jesus "MWL". A simply couple, Mary and Joseph, he did not chose a king or queen, a president or first lady. A virgin named Mary, and Joseph, a carpenter. The first gift his son, who would give his gift by dying on the cross for us so we may have eternal life with him, and his Father.

I don't know about you, but I think I'll go make some brownies, Duncan Hines, with a pecan half on top.

Teddy Mack Igo



## The Redbird is still singing...

I just heard the most beautiful Christmas story of our day and time. It is the story of "Reed" (Margaret) Wood! How she touched people's lives here! The story continued through the approximately fourteen years she spent in a nursing home. Through these last years, "Reed" kept a constant flow of letters to friends in four states, which held her beautiful writing skills. For those who received these, they will also cherish them now.

Her many "friends" touched her back in the same way, but included care packages and presents! She never felt alone! The loving caring spirit of "her friends" with her all the way to her journey home to Jesus.

Not being able to attend the funeral service of "Reed" Wood did not hamper people talking about this beautiful service. My heart was warmed. I could not help but be encouraged. I even shed some tears at the thought of losing such a tremendous Christian soldier as she was. The words of Dr. Ralph Brown, Rev. Lee Everett (who wished he had of known this lady), family and friends resounded like a "mighty revival" in my soul. What a testimony of God's love! This is the best "revival" I've experienced in a long time.

Yes, she "came for her last visit home" and we know she is now with Jesus totally healed and cared

for in every tender way imaginable. This "service" was truly a "Celebration of Her Life". It was said to me of the example of how she lived. "When we are born, we cry and the world rejoices! We should live our lives

in such a way that when we die we rejoice and the world cries." (Awesome)

For the two the dedication was made for--the redbird is still singing "a song of peace".....

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## CHRISTMAS

### A Christmas I remember

This happened when I was about four years of age. We were poor as so many people were back then.

I had a new baby brother and he was sick. Although my Dad had a job, it was hard to make ends meet, especially with sickness in the family.

He told us kids that Santa Claus could not visit us that Christmas. If my Daddy said it, then that was the way it was with no questions asked. We kids knew that he had a reason for this so we, though disappointed, accepted it.

On Christmas morning, he came in our room and awoke us to come have breakfast. When the

four of us went to the dining room, we saw places set with each of our names on a bowl which was filled with candy, fruit and nuts.

Since we did not expect anything, and since we did not even have these luxuries often, we were very happy and considered that we had had Christmas after all.

I remember looking at the smile on my Dad's face and sensing the love and concern he had for each of us.

I think, even after these many years, that I never felt my love for him any more strongly in my entire life than I did that Christmas morning.

Lou Ada Franklin



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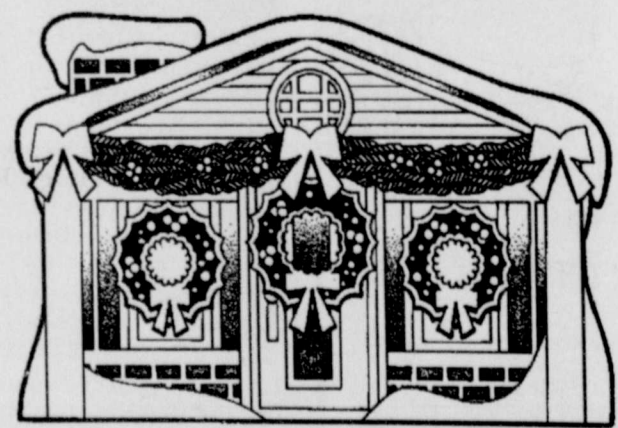
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XAVIER DAWSON, son of Josh and Catherine Dawson, grandson of Deborah and Mark Dawson, and great-grandson of Johnny and Carol Dawson visited New York over Thanksgiving holidays. The family saw an abundance of snow and had fun doing "snow" things.

## Dawsons visit New York

by Deborah Dawson  
 Mark, Debbie, Jason and Xavier Dawson visited relatives in New York during the Thanksgiving holidays. When we arrived in New York on November 22nd, we were very disappointed that there wasn't any snow. Snow is a sure fire way to put me in the Christmas Spirit and I wanted Xavier to get to slide down hill on a TOBOGGAN. (A toboggan is a sled, not a hat, no matter what Lisa says.) On the day before Thanksgiving I got my wish, it snowed. Not a whole lot of snow but enough to have a snowball fights and slide down hill. Xavier wasn't sure of the snow at first. He stared at it as it came down in huge flakes. "What's at, Ganny?" he asked as he was getting his boots on. "Snow," I replied. "Snow?" he repeated. He just kept watching out the window as I slipped on my coat. When we got out side, he would take huge steps, kicking the white powder up in front of him. Big flakes fell on his face and he laughed. I wanted him to slide down the hill. He wanted no part of it. He was having too much fun making trails in the snow. So I waited until he got close to the sled path and started sliding toward him. As I went by him, I reached out and pulled him into my lap. Big mistake. He wanted to slide forever!! As soon as we would get to the bottom of the hill, Xavier would jump up and say, "gin, Ganny!" (My father in law, Johnny, says my parents live on a mountain. I've always said that it is just a hill. Well, after riding down the "hill" with my grandson, I agree with Big John. It IS a mountain!) Once the path gets worn, it's almost like sliding on ice and it is almost impossible to stop if there is any slope to it at all. (As a child, nothing scared me. I would ride the steepest hill there was and think nothing of it. I made the startling discovery that I am no longer a child in the middle of a sled ride!) My parent's yard is mostly level and has a sharp, little three foot drop at the end of it. I was able to stop the sled before we got that far.... that is before the

path became well worn. Well, we hit the end of that slope and went airborne! Xavier was squealing with delight and I won't say what I was doing. (I will say that I am not sure that all of the wet on my britches came from the snow.) That was about all I could take of sledding that day. I decided to distract Xavier from sledding with a snowball fight. Real big mistake! He was born to throw snowballs. I was already tuckered out from going up and down the mountain and he took advantage of my weakness by pummeling me with what seemed like tons of snowballs and he didn't want to quit. I had to drag him in the house when it got dark. I could hardly move the next morning when we got up. Xavier was ready to go outside though, so.... we went outside and did it all again!

When we left for Texas on the 30th, we hit snow in the Allegheny mountains. Traffic was crawling at 45 mph, cars were sliding off in the ditches, and visibility was poor. We didn't get out of the snow until after we hit Kentucky. We passed at least five snowplows in New York alone, not to mention all the trucks that were out spreading salt on the bridges. Xavier was excited though. He was smiling and saying "snow, ganny!" I couldn't move without groaning, but I wouldn't trade the time we spent together for anything.

The scenery was breath taking. Covered in a thick blanket of snow, everything looked clean and fresh. We saw several flocks of turkeys as we traveled through New York and Pennsylvania. We even saw a flock of snow geese that appeared to be "wintering" in New York instead of flying south. The snow was wonderful. If it snows just an inch or two here it seems to paralyze us. Up there life goes on as usual, unless they get three feet or more of snow... and then only if it is icy and the snowplows can't keep up. People have to know how to drive in the snow up there. It's just a part of life.

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## Jobe inducted into Alpha Chi

Julie Jobe, resident of Blossom, has been inducted into Alpha Chi, a national honor society at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

To be eligible for society membership, students must be in their junior or senior year and have at least a 3.5 grade point average.

The society has inducted more than 300,000 scholars since its initiation in 1922 at Southwestern University of Georgetown.

## Hospital begins clean-up phase

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center, South, has begun an effort to spruce up its patients rooms, a project that includes re-texturing and repainting walls and replacing baseboards and missing shower tiles as needed.

Doors and door facings in the halls are also getting a touchup.

Tom Brunette, director of facilities, said patient rooms on the third and fourth floors are receiving priority treatment, but that all patient rooms will eventually be redone. "We're just going to chisel away at it," Brunette said, explaining that only a few rooms will be done at a time and as they become available. Members of the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's facilities staff will do most of the work, he added, as a cost saving measure.

Patient rooms on the fifth floor were redone last year.



Peace  
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Warm wishes for a bright holiday season.

Marlin  
 Foster



Post Oak  
 News

By Geneva Lee  
 982-5309

The choir of East Post Oak MBC will present their Christmas Cantata Sunday December 22. The church had energy this past Sunday with lunch at the Fellowship Hall and preaching service in the afternoon. There will be no midweek service next week.

The wedding of Julie Davis and Michael Flatt will be at the East Post Oak MBC Friday night, December 20 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jerald and April Williams and daughter Ashlynn of Camp LeJuene, NC arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with their families. His mother, Terri Williams and grandparents, Newman and Betty Low and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bush of Maxey. Katie Williams, Terri's daughter, is also home from college in Denton for the holidays.

Mrs. Clara Bates was released

last week from the hospital and returned to Paris Nursing Home.

Bro. an Mrs. Wilbourne Lee and Johnie and Rodney Twitty attended the Christmas party at the Midway Community Center Friday. A large crowd attended and Santa was there.

Geneva Lee had cataract surgery last Thursday and is doing fine.

The women of the Post Oak Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party Saturday at the home of Gail and Verlon Vaughn. There were 13 women attending and all enjoyed it very much.

Stephen Paul, son of Ted and Sandra Flatt, is home from college in Lubbock for the holidays.

Woody and Marla Sessums visited his dad, Loyd Sessums, in a Dallas hospital over the weekend. he had open heart surgery alst week.



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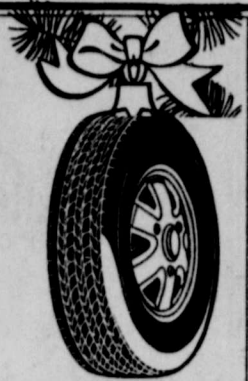
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**Deport Housing Authority News**



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Juavane Carpenter had help from Ruth Chipman, Sue Sheppard and Nancy and Cristina Murphy as they prepared the annual Christmas dinner on December 11.

Ham with all the trimmings made up the menu. Gifts were exchanged by the following: Maud Webb, Gladys Reid, Ruth Murrell, Estelle Chesshire, Frances Franklin, Hazel Relford, Eunice Ervin, Alma Scaff, Venice Bryson, LaVerta Westbrook, Evelyn Roach, Dewey Ward, Mauna Kidd, Alpha Barnard, Eulene Nicholas and Mavis Sowards.



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and a blue ski cap.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by December 23, 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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**The two-sided Christmas gift**

*This memory came in too late for the judging, but we thought it was worth printing in the paper.*

I didn't know at the time that this was going to be my best Christmas ever, but it has a very special meaning to me.

We found out in November 1997 that my grandpa, Rufus, had cancer. Christmas was his favorite time of the year because he loved children. Rufus has a heart as big as Texas and loved to play jokes on people. Even though he was sick, he kept his spirits up. When you looked at Rufus, you thought of Santa Claus.

About two weeks before Christmas, Rufus would load us up and take us looking at Christmas lights. He always seemed to make us laugh at whatever he did. He always thought laughter was the best medicine. He was just that kind of person.

I remember Rufus bought me this present and I was so excited about it. He kept telling me that it was very special and how I would love it. He had it wrapped with my

Granny's present and he kept saying that we both would have to race to see who would get to it first. Finally, it was Christmas day and we were headed to my Granny's house to open gifts. The whole time he was still nagging me about the gifts. How I couldn't wait to open it. Then, it was time! We opened gifts and the last one left was the special one. My Granny and I raced to see who could get it first and we both got it at the same time. We didn't know that the gift had two sides so I opened one side and she opened the other. The side I opened was what I'd wanted for a long time which was a beautiful goat cover that had my name embroidered on it. The other side that my Granny opened was a pretty black leather jacket.

So as you can see, Rufus was the most loving, friendly and kind Grandpa that a kid could ever have. Christmas had a very special meaning that year because this was the last Christmas we had with Rufus because he passed away last December.

Kelsey Franks

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SECOND PLACE in the Miscellaneous division of the Deport Parade last Friday went to Deport Farm Supply whose big fertilizer spreader proclaimed "Spreading the Joy of Christmas". (Staff Photo by Sunny Whitney)



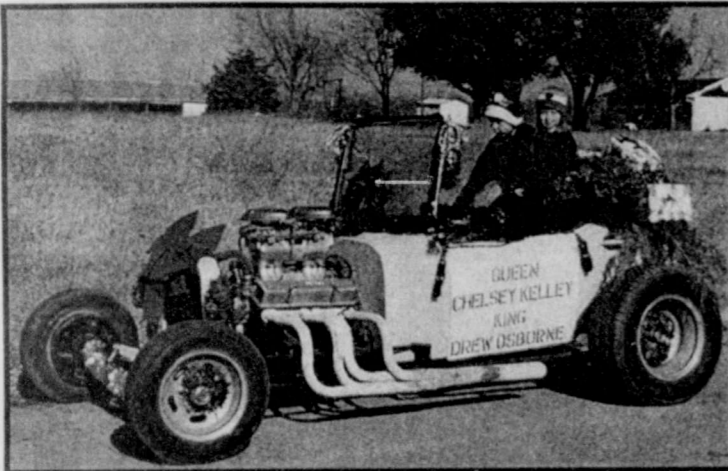
SECOND PLACE in the pickup division of the Deport Parade went to Fifth Grade-1 with Dylan Cathey and Anna Baker. (Staff Photo by Sunny Whitney)



THIRD PLACE in the pickup division went to the Third grade, Dustin Martin and Kastley Greer. They had a perfect day for the Deport Parade. (Staff photo by Sunny Whitney)



THIRD PLACE in the Deport Parade went to the Fourth Grade-2, Ryan Harrell and Jessica Nichols in the float division. (Staff Photo by Sunny Whitney)



THIRD PLACE in the Car division of the Deport parade went to second grade-Drew "Osbourne and Chelsey Kelley. (Staff photo)



THIRD PLACE in miscellaneous went to the Prairiland Cheerleaders with their patriotic stagecoach entrv. (Staff photo by Sunny Whitney)

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afternoon.

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to Texarkana Thursday and spent the night, and went to the Perot Theater to see Cowboy's Christmas with Michael Martin Murphy & Band.

Kay Preston of Minter visited her parents Dorothy and James Holt Saturday.

Nell Shull and son Randy Shull spent the week end in Athens and attended a family friends 90th birthday party.

Kaitlyn and Kayla Spray of Blossom spent Sunday night with their grandparents Susan and Phillip Roach.

Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak visited her parents Dorothy and James Holt, Sunday afternoon.



# Milton News

Mastylu Upchurch

Welcome home Peggy Whitney. Peggy has been in Arlington the passed 6 months, with her son and family, taking treatments. She has gotten a good report and we're all happy for her and to have her home.

Several from Milton attended the Deport Community Christmas Service Sunday night, held at The

First United Methodist Church in Deport.

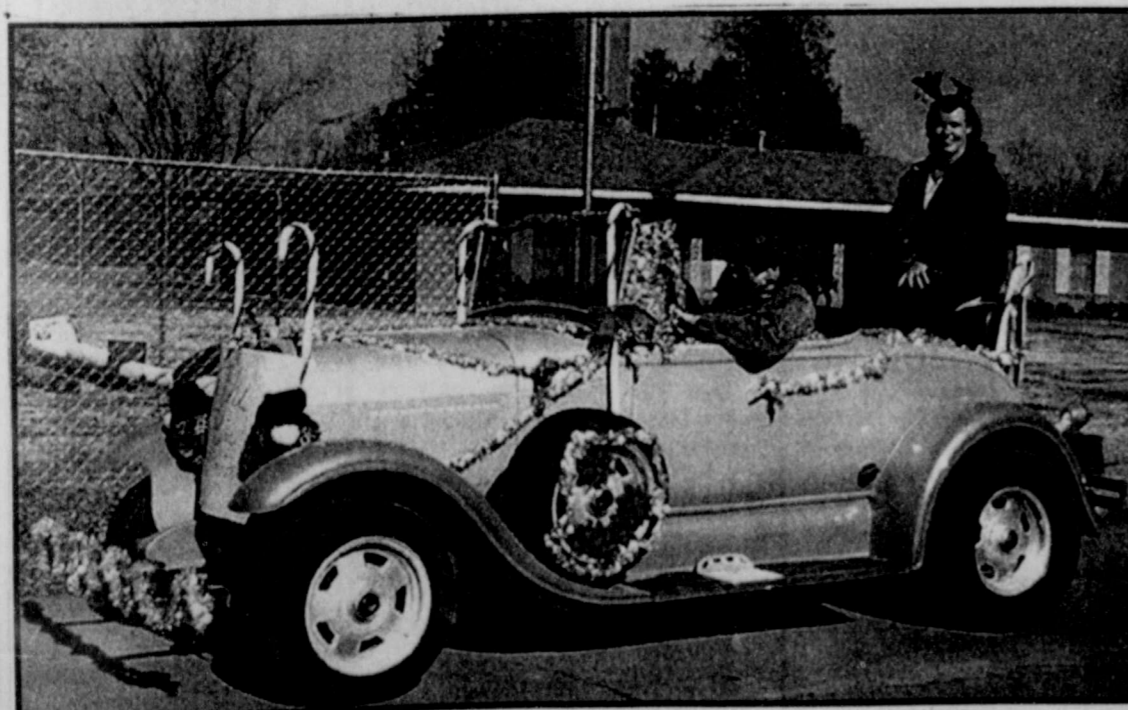
Nora Appleby of Eddie came this week to spend the Christmas Holidays with her daughter and husband Susan and Phillip Roach.

Bettie Denison of Deport visited Dorothy Holt last Monday afternoon.

Bonnie Huddleston of Bogata visited Elizabeth Bell Thursday



SECOND PLACE FLOAT in the Deport parade went to the Deport Girl Scouts #320 with this "angelic" entry. (Staff Photo by Sunny Whitney)



SECOND PLACE in the car division of the Deport Parade went to Blackland Prairie Gin. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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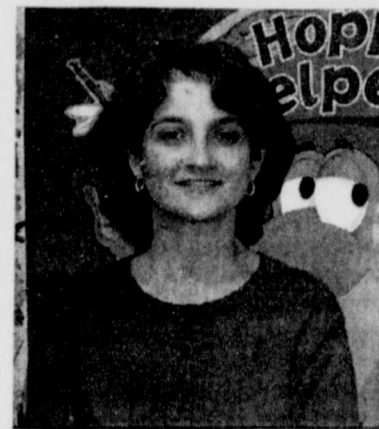
Good friends are something to sing about. Thank you for being ours.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes

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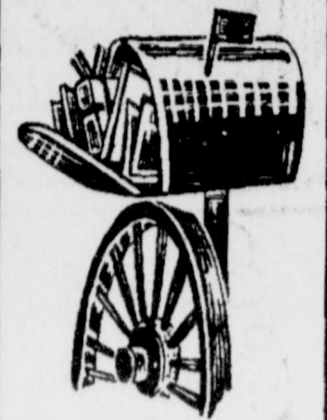


**PRAIRILAND SCREEN GRAPHICS TOURNAMENT GIRLS MVP** named on Saturday night was Lady Patriot Brittany Ballard and Coach Brandon Oates. (Staff Photo)



**TRACI FREEMAN** is this week's Employee of the Week at Deport School campus. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, her Bible class and watching and being involved with her children in different activities at school and church. Her hobbies include trying new recipes and crafts and searching for new and neat ideas to use in the classroom. She is a kindergarten teacher. She is married to Buddy and they have two children, Paige and Jordan. She likes being involved in the lives of children and helping them throughout the year to feel good about themselves and make learning fun and exciting. Her favorite book is "In The Grip of Grace"; movie, "A Walk to Remember"; candy bar, Baby Ruth; flavor, strawberry; time of year, spring; sport, volleyball, basketball, football and baseball; TV program, *Everybody Loves Raymond*; music, pop. Her favorite quote is "All children are gifted! Some just open their presents earlier than others."

**GREETINGS!**



May your holiday season deliver loads of good fortune and bundles of cheer. Thanks for your support.

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U.S. POST OFFICE**  
Ronny, Amanda, Patty,  
Sue & Claudia

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YOU HAVE  
THE HAPPIEST  
HOLIDAY EVER!  
FROM  
HALE ELECTRIC  
TALCO, TX.**



**CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System** is spreading holiday cheer to its younger patients this year, thanks to a gift of 108 stuffed bears from the Florida-based Children's Mission Fund. The bears will be given each pediatric inpatient until the supply is depleted. This marks the third year that the Mission Fund, an outreach of Good Samaritan Mission Services, has provided the bears. Shown with the furry friends is Sue Moyer, director of women's and children's services at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's.



**STACY HUDDLESTON** is this week's Employee of the Week at Deport School campus. She enjoys spending time with her family, working outside in the garden and going to the mall along with golfing, shopping, gardening and swimming. Stacy is a first grade teacher and is married to Allen. They have one daughter, Ally. She enjoys seeing a child's face light up when they have learned something new. Her favorite book is "Let's Roll" by Lisa Beamer; movie, "It's A Wonderful Life"; candy bar, Payday; flavor, caramel; time of year, fall; sport, golf; TV program, *Days of Our Lives*; music, James Taylor. Her favorite quote is The golden Rule.



**Sweet  
Holiday  
Wishes**

With Hopes That You Have A Wonderful Holiday. Thank you for your friendship.

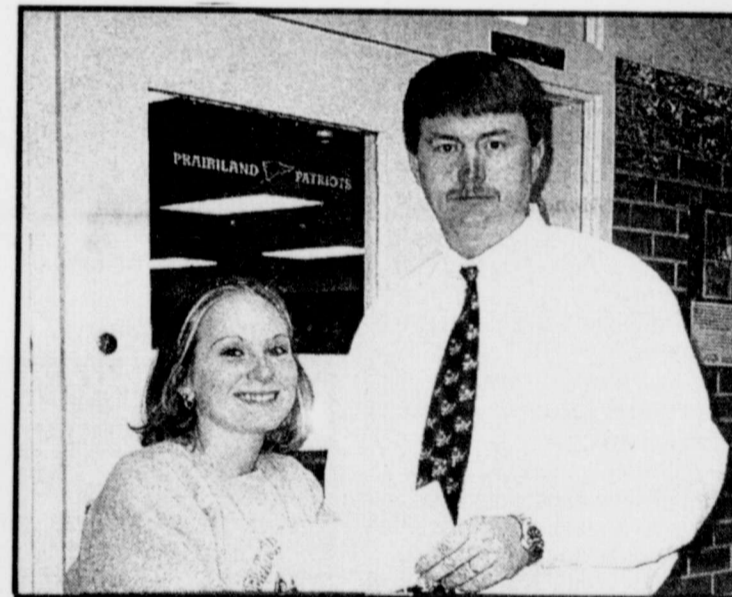
**Nina Sparks**



**THANKS FOR COMING!**

We'd like to express our deep appreciation for all of your visits throughout the year.

**J & L Lawn Equipment**  
At Rugby Jimmy & Louise Hodges



**SCHOLARSHIP**-Jessica Stapleton accepts a \$1,500 scholarship from Prairiland Principal Jeff Ballard. The scholarship is from the Lamar County All Breed Bull Sale and is to be used for college purposes. (Staff Photo)



Hope You Have A Sweet Christmas

A special wish to all our friends who have been so supportive this year. **Virginia Rhodes, Ricek & Coeta Mike & Sonya Mark & April & grandchildren**

Thomas

Nanalee

Mary

*We wish everyone the most Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year*

Cindy

Mike

Liz

Nancy

Jeff

Sunny

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Christmas**

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**Bogata V.F.W.  
News**

\* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

\* The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.

\* The Cook Books are here. If you have one ordered or would like to have one contact Phyllis Duffer at 903-632-4312; Margie Garrett at 903-632-5890 or Zelma Mauldin at 903-632-4135. Books may also be purchased at the Bogata VFW Post. They cost \$10 each and will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

\* Be Thankful for the many blessings we all enjoy in America. Enjoy your loved ones and have a wonderful Christmas. From all of us at the VFW.

\* Starting in January the comrades and ladies auxiliary members will have one meeting a month on the 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

\* There will be a New Year's Eve dance December 31, 2002 with Blynd Eye Band. Stay close to home and enjoy seeing the New Year in with friends and neighbors and enjoy a really good band.

\* Get Well Wishes are sent to: Daphny Pointer who is hospitalized in Tyler after having a stroke.

**Christmastime!**

It's our favorite time for saying thank you for your friendship and for extending warm wishes to all.

**Marvin Ann  
Patterson  
District Clerk**

**SMILE...  
It's  
Christmas!**

**Happy Holidays  
From  
Detroit  
Elementary  
Students,  
Faculty & Staff**

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  
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*Hallelujah!*



May the coming year be filled with miracles and the promise of everlasting peace on earth.

**CHRISTUS ST. JOSEPH'S Health System**  
 820 Clarkville St.  
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 Paris, Texas

**School Menu**



**Deport Campus**  
**Week of January 6**

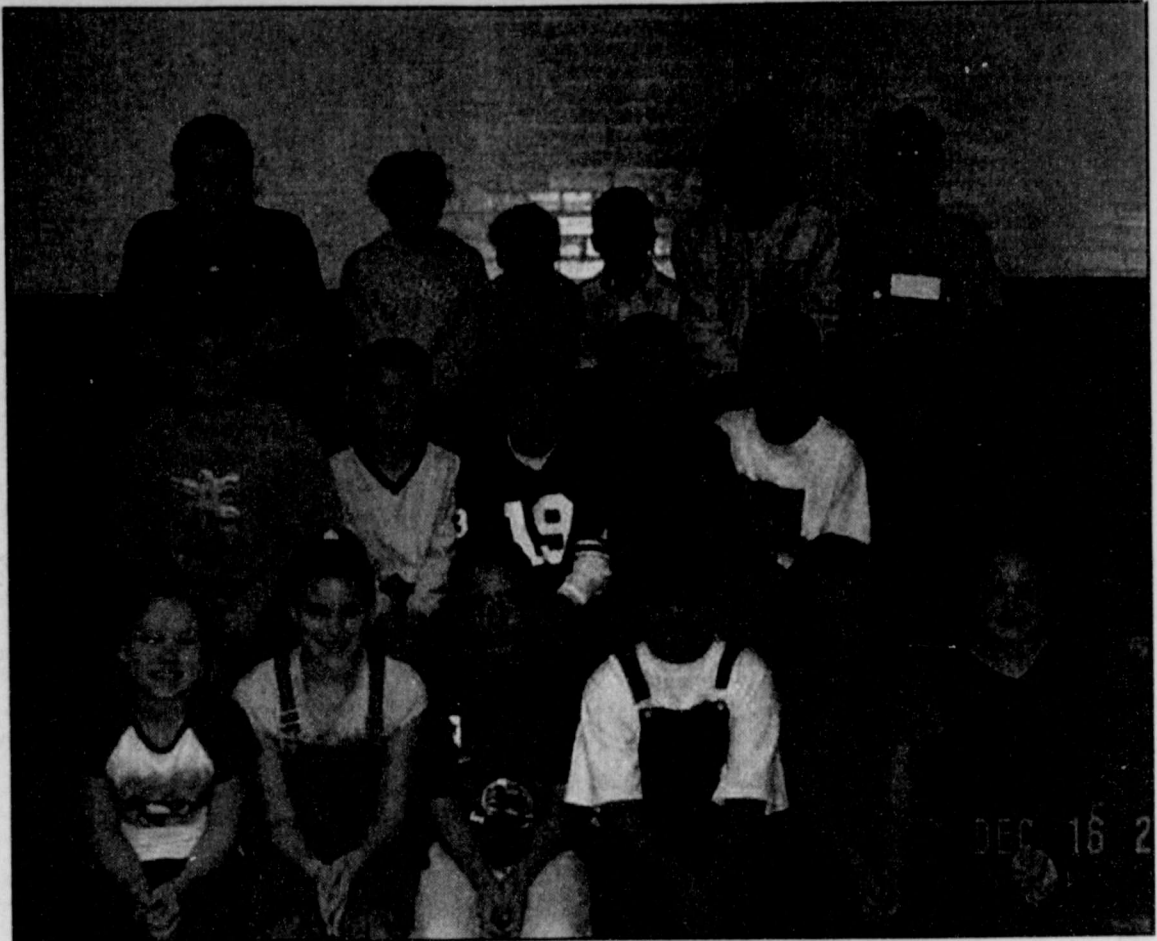
**Monday**  
 Teacher workday

**Tuesday**  
 Breakfast:  
 Breakfast pizza  
 Vegetable soup  
 Cheese stick  
 Dill pickle, crackers  
 Milk

**Wednesday**  
 Breakfast:  
 Cinnamon rolls  
 Juice, milk  
 Lunch:  
 Chicken fried steak  
 Potatoes, gravy  
 English peas, rolls  
 Milk


**Thursday**  
 Breakfast:  
 Pancakes w/syrup, sausage  
 Juice, milk  
 Lunch:  
 Fish crispy pollock wedge  
 French fries  
 Seasoned pinto beans, hush puppies  
 Milk

**Friday**  
 Breakfast:  
 Cereal, oatmeal, cinnamon toast  
 Juice, milk  
 Lunch:  
 Hot dog on a bun  
 Grated cheese  
 Pork and beans  
 Corn chips  
 Fruit cocktail  
 Milk



**CAUGHT IN THE ACT:** Showing Patriot Pride. These students were nominated by teachers for doing that extra good deed for others. Teachers can nominate students and students can nominate students for doing the extra little things that make Deport Junior High & Elementary a great place. Students have done things such as buying gifts for students who were sick to helping teachers in their rooms. Teachers were noted for going the extra mile to help students be successful in whatever they are involved in.

**Christ our Saviour is Born**



**We still had a wonderful Christmas!**

This happened to me when I was a small child, not yet in school. We lived around the "old town Loop" in Cunningham. I don't think the loop is still open, but it may be.

Just before Christmas our house burned to the ground. We were fortunate to get out before we burned. Uncle John Temple, Uncle Max Temple, Uncle Ira Temple and many families in Cunningham supplied us with clothes. But the most important thing to us was that we had a beautiful Christmas and plenty of toys.

We also had food provided and not only for our relatives but the entire community of Cunningham.

I shall never forget that Christmas!

*Bobbie Slusher*

**School Menu**



**Prairiland Campus**  
**Week of January 7**

**Monday**  
 Out

**Tuesday**  
 Beef burrito  
 Mexican beans  
 Rice  
 Yellow cake  
 Milk

**Wednesday**  
 Salisbury steak  
 Gravy, potatoes  
 Green beans  
 Biscuits  
 Milk

**Thursday**  
 Vegetable beef soup or chicken noodle  
 Cheese sticks  
 Crackers  
 Cake  
 Milk

**Friday**  
 Hamburgers  
 lettuce, tomatoes  
 chips  
 beans  
 Fruit  
 Milk



**LONNIE and Judy Wade** of Farmersville are proud to announce the birth of their son **Daniel**, born on December 11 in Plano. He weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Anne and Ken Steele of Blossom.

**Another Christmas Is ROLLING IN...**

and we'd like to say thanks for helping to keep us on a roll! With wishes for a merry season

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**COUNTRY Christmas Greetings**

We're wishing you lots of wholesome country cheer. Hope you enjoy every ounce of your holidays.

**Prairiland F.F.A.**

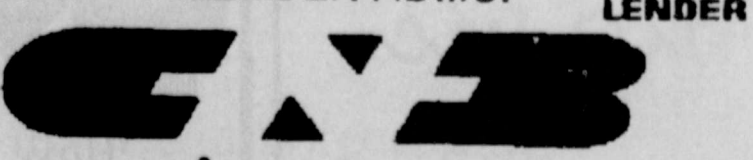
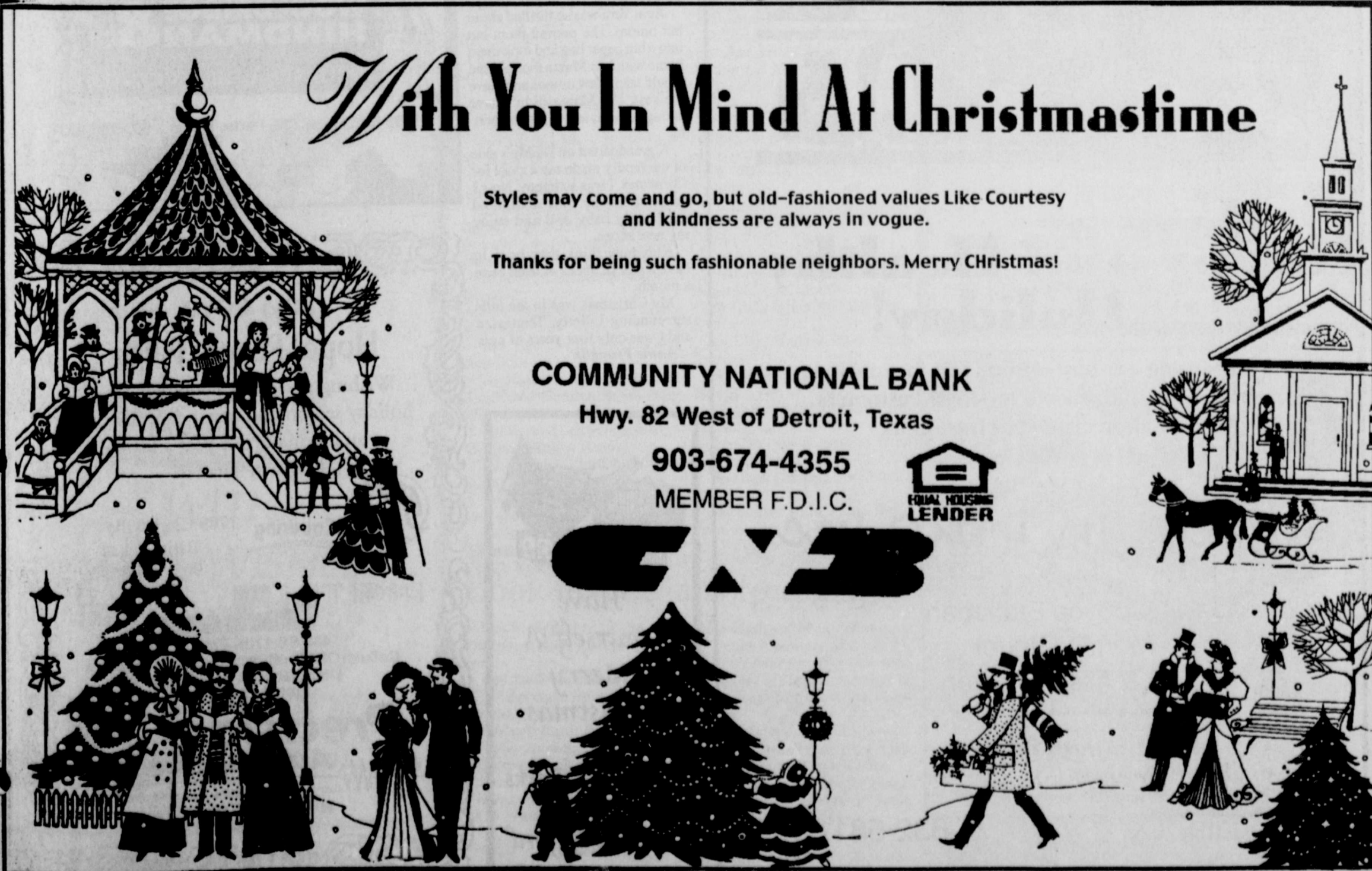


*With You In Mind At Christmastime*

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Christmas  
Memories 2002



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We're putting on the dog to say,  
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And to all our best friends far and near,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Dr. Sam B. and Suzy Kelsey**  
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It was December 20, 1952. The weather was cold, and the first snow had fallen. I was excited because Mutti (mother) and I were going to take the train to go to Omi's (grandma's) house for Christmas. Omi lived in Merseburg, normally about a 6 hour train ride away, but because we had to cross the border into East Germany, it would take us about 10 hours to get there.

We left the little town of Rotenburg an der Fulda at 5 PM. Our first stop was Bebra where we had to change trains to get on the train that came from Frankfurt and went to Berlin. The train was already full of holiday travelers, and the only place we found was in the gangway, where we had to sit on the suitcase.

I remember I was already very tired, but a six year old boy does not have to have a bed to sleep in. I knew I would be asleep very soon. But people kept going back and forth, keeping me awake. After what seemed to me like days, we finally got to the border, where everybody had to leave the train.

Crossing the border from West Germany into Communist East Germany was very hard at this time. Every suitcase was searched. Each person had to declare how much money he or she was bringing into the east. The West German Mark was much more valuable than the East German Mark. Travelers from the West had to declare how much money in West Marks they were taking into the East, and on their return from the East they had to have the same amount with them. West Marks were not permitted to be used in the East. Travelers were required to exchange their West Marks for East Marks at the border at a rate of 1 to 1 to be used for their purchases while in East Germany. However, the exchange rate for East Marks in West Germany was one West Mark for 10 East Marks. So travelers from the West tried to find ways to smuggle East Marks that they had gotten prior to reaching the border at the more favorable rate into East Germany. The penalty for being caught smuggling money into the East was prison, but that didn't deter Germans from trying

to sneak money in that they had gotten at the better rate--10 to 1 rather than 1 to 1.

As a six year old, I was completely unaware of political ideologies or currency exchange rates. When we got back on the train, we finally had a bench to sit on and I was able to go to sleep. After about 2 hours, we had to change trains again. We had to wait for about 1 hour to get on the next train. I was hungry and asked Mutti to get me something to eat. She said she had no money, but I was smarter than that. I had watched her before we left home when she put the money in a tube of toothpaste so the border patrol could not find it. I told her so, but she nervously told me to be quiet because there were police and Russian soldiers in the train station who might overhear what I was saying. That would mean big trouble for Mutti. It could lead to her being arrested. So I had to be quiet with my growling stomach. Our train finally came, we found seats, and after a couple of hours we were in Merseburg. My aunts and my Omi picked us up from the station. It was already daylight and I was very happy to be with my aunts and Omi.

The next days went by very slowly because I was waiting for Christmas. The weather was nice and I played with other kids in the snow and we had fun. Finally, Christmas Eve was here. In Germany, east or west, the tradition is that the tree is put up on Christmas Eve, not a month before. We kids did not see the tree being put up. All afternoon we could not go into the living room; the door was always locked. The time did not pass. Every five minutes I asked, "Is it time yet?"

"No, you will hear the bells when the Christkindle comes, so wait."

That was very hard for a little boy. First, we all had to sit down in the kitchen and have supper. Really, tell me who is hungry when there are presents to be opened and a Christmas tree to look at. But Omi always made such good food, that even if you were not hungry, you would sit down and eat. We had potato salad, sausage, and bread. That was a good meal.

Finally, the time had come. I heard the bell ringing. As fast as my little feet would carry me, I wanted to storm into the living room, but Omi held me back and told me to slow down. When I got into the room, my eyes went big and I could not close my mouth. There was the Christmas tree with all its beauty and lights. The light of the candles (yes, they used real candles on the tree) were so bright that the whole room was lit up. Under the tree were a lot of boxes all wrapped up in Christmas paper with bows and ribbons around them.

I wanted to tear into them right away, but again Omi stopped me and I was told we first had to sing some Christmas songs. I remember very well I always sang the last word of each line. When the singing was done, the big moment finally arrived. It was time to open the presents. I did get a lot, but only one present really sticks in my memory. I got my first electric train. It was a big box and I could hardly wait to open it and set up my first train. But setting it up was not that easy. My uncles were there to help me. They took all the pieces out of the box, laid them out on the floor, and put them together. Then they set the engine and the cars on the track. Then they played with it (while I was forced to watch) until it was time to go to the Christmas Eve Service. My Grandma always went to this Service, even though she had to walk about 5 miles to church. The Service started at 12:00 AM, and lasted for an hour.

The next day we had roasted goose, potato dumplings, and red cabbage for our Christmas dinner, but before dinner all the men of the family went out for Fruch Schoppen (a German tradition to get the men out of the house so the women can prepare the feast). When we returned, dinner was ready, and we all sat down to eat. That Christmas is one of my most memorable, since most Christmases we were unable to be in East Germany with Omi and my aunts and uncles.

To all I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Joachim Maurischat  
Lone Oak Pet Camp

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## My Best Memory of Christmas



The Christmas that stands out most in my memory is the Christmas of 1922.

This Christmas I had no shoes. I had good warm winter clothes, but no shoes. There was an Aunt Vera in the family that had been left a widow. Aunt Vera was spending the night, so when I hung my cotton stockings up on the fireplace shelf, so did Aunt Vera. she said, "I'm an orphan, maybe Santa will put something in them."

Mama had raised a big crop of purple onions and Aunt Vera loved onions, any and every way they could be fixed.

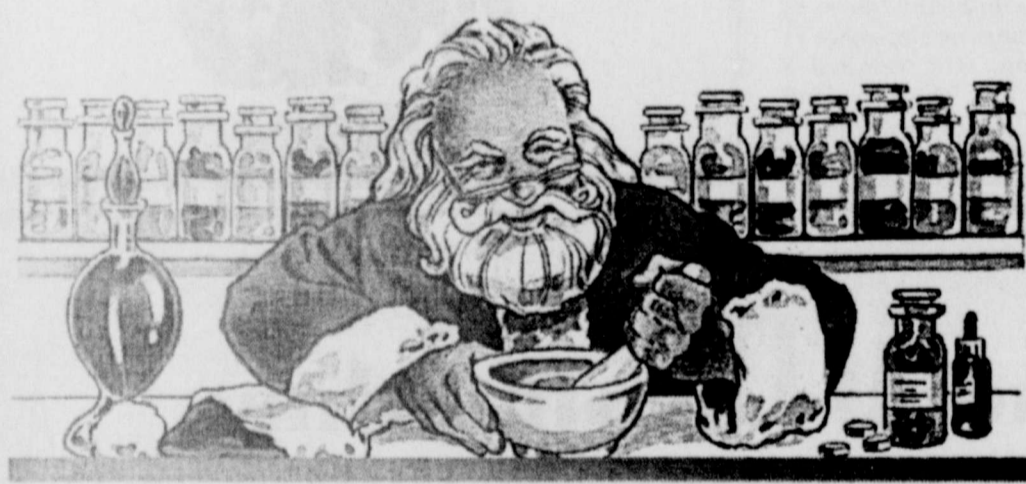
Next morning, I had a brand new pair of shoes and a baby doll. It was my first bought doll, but nothing was so important as my new shoes.

Aunt Vera was so thrilled about her onions, she poured them out into a big paper bag and took them home with her. Mama thought she would take a few onions and leave the rest, but Mama didn't have enough onions left to last the winter.

A grandparent on Daddy's side of the family made me a stool for Christmas. I was so happy. Now I could sit on my own stool, hold my bought baby doll and enjoy my new shoes.

Kids now think they have to have a pair of shoes at least once a month.

My Christmas was in the hills surrounding Liberty, Tennessee and I was only four years of age.  
Annie Franklin



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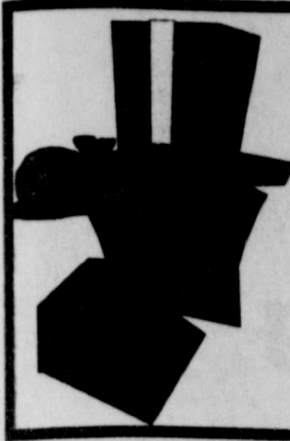
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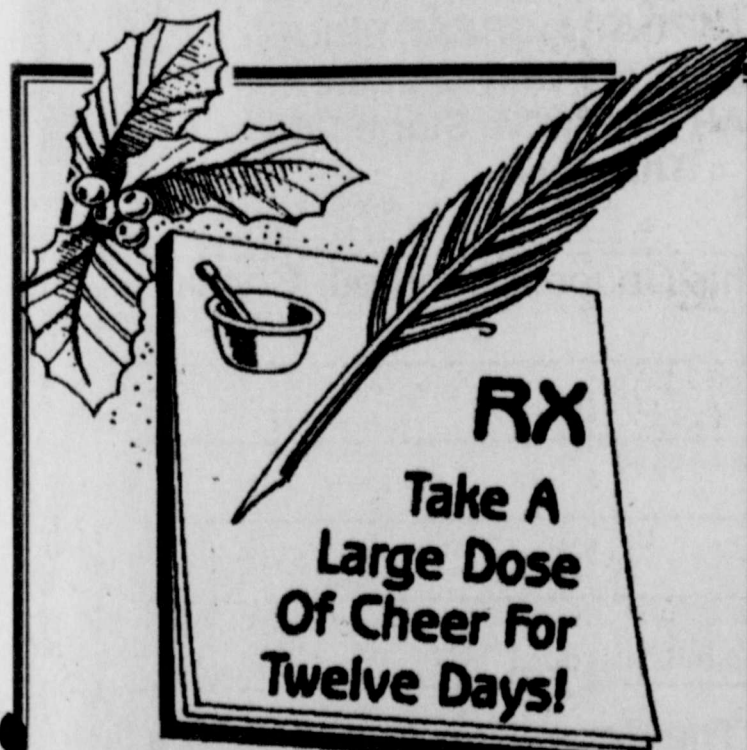
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**Public Notices**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
On behalf of the Blossom Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (BVFD), the City of Blossom hereby solicits sealed bids from qualified responders for the following Personal Protective Equipment:  
The BVFD has been awarded a FEMA Firefighters Grant to purchase six (6) sets of Bunker Gear. Responders must provide bids on equipment that is equal to or better than specifications and/or nomenclature required below:  
**BUNKER COAT AND PANTS (6 SETS)**  
(Structural Clothing)  
\*Kevlar 60%/40% Nomex rip stop, 7.0 oz. (advance outer shell)  
\*Meta Aramid/Basofil 2-layer thermal liner (Meta Aramid facecloth 3.6 oz. w/ 2 layer Basofil spunlace 3.0 oz.)  
\*Moisture barrier--RT7100/PTEE  
\*Reinforced knees and elbows of same material.  
\*Coat and pants cuff reinforced with additional layer fabric  
\*New York trim placement--3" chest/back, sleeve and hem (coat) 3" cuffs (pants), both with lime, two-tone Scotchlite  
\*Color--Khaki  
Additional separate specifications for coats and pants detailed below:  
**COAT**  
\*Length, mid-thigh (approx. 35"0)  
\*Lettering, 3" sewn Scotchlite, lime in color, placement at shoulder (in arch design) to read "BLOSSOM"  
\*Wristlet w/fabric covered thumbhole  
\*Closure, 2" hook & pile ext. with zipper int.  
\*Outer pockets, two (2) 9x9x1.5 bellow style with wide oversized flap closure, radio pocket, left chest w/radio antenna notch both sides, mike tab above radio pocket. Reverse clip on right chest.  
**PANTS**  
\*High back bib style (approx 6")  
\*Two (2) postman slide take-up straps  
\*Two (2) large bellow pockets, 10x10x2 with wide oversized flap closure

\*Closure, rev. hooks & D ext. 2/1.5 hook & pile int. narrow fly  
\*Suspensers, H-style, heat resistant, fully adjustable (approx 2") wide, red in color  
**GLOVES (6 PAIRS)**  
\*Shelby, gauntlet style-elk skin  
\*Certified to meet NFPA standards  
**BOOTS (6 PAIRS)**  
\*Ranger, firewalker traditional fire boot  
\*Insulated  
**HELMETS (6 EACH)**  
\*Cairns, 660 modern style, thermoplastic with adj. chin strap, adj. headband, earflaps, liner, 4" face shield  
\*Yellow in color w/ Scotchlite reflective yellow markings  
\*Compliant to NFPA standards  
**PROTECTIVE HOOD (6 EACH)**  
\*Nomex/Lenzing FR blend, long front w/back draped design  
\*NFPA compliant  
Bids should quote total cost of above six (6) complete sets of turnout gear, including: 6 sets coats and pants, 6 pairs of gloves, 6 pairs of boots, 6 helmets with protective hoods, meeting or exceeding the above specifications and/or nomenclature, without regard for any detailed specific brand, delivered to the City of Blossom.  
Sealed bids marked "Bunker Gear Bid" must be received at the Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front St., P.O. Box 297, Blossom, TX 75417, prior to 4 p.m., Thursday, January 2, 2003, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.  
The Blossom City Council intends to award the contract at its regular meeting to be conducted at 6 p.m., January 9, 2003, to the most responsive, qualified, lowest bidder that provides the best value to the BVFD. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any technicality that may benefit the City and/or BVFD.  
For additional information, or to receive a bid response form, contact the City Administrator at the above address or call 903-982-5900.  
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- To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker and Randall Childres from Weldon and Joyce Smith.
- To Mike and Audry Gordon from Norma Jeffus.
- To Elsie Mercer, Mrs. B.T. Miller, Hugh Jeffus, Marshall Jeffus and Brad and Joyce Phillips from Nanalee and Thomas Nichols.
- To Charlei Martin and Merita Head from Charles and Barbara Martin.
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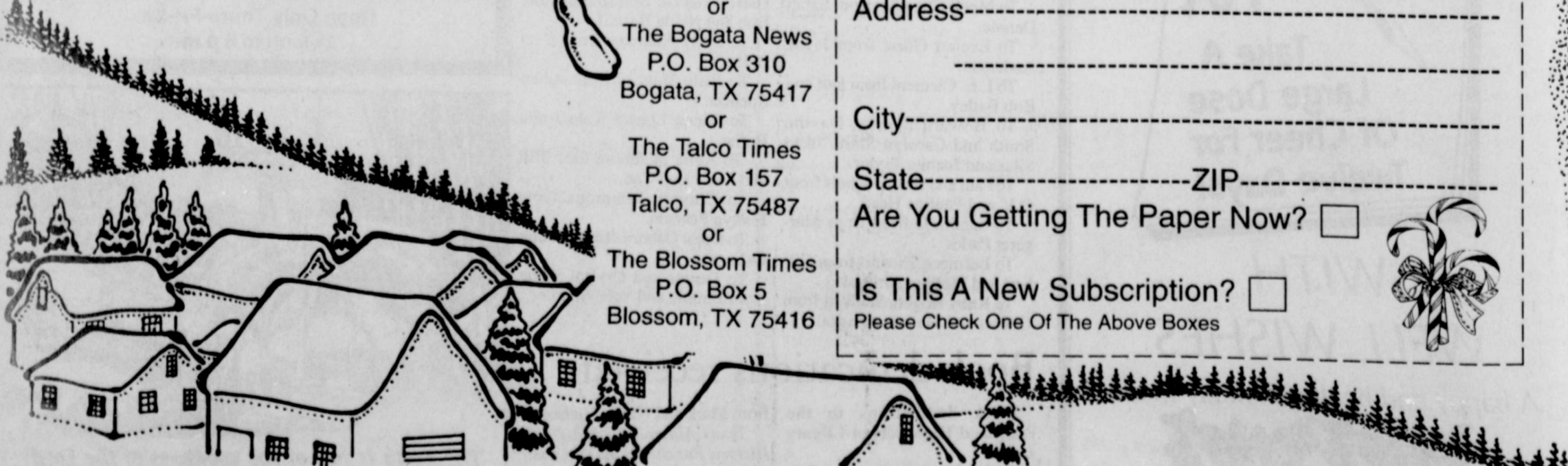
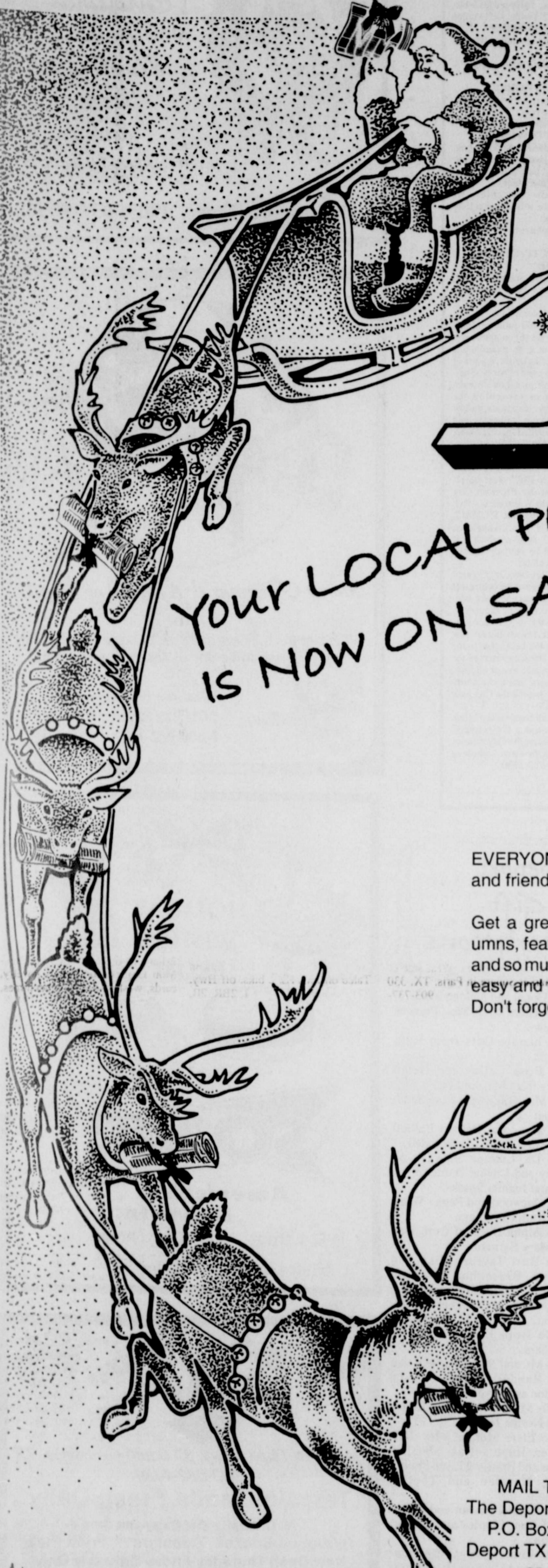
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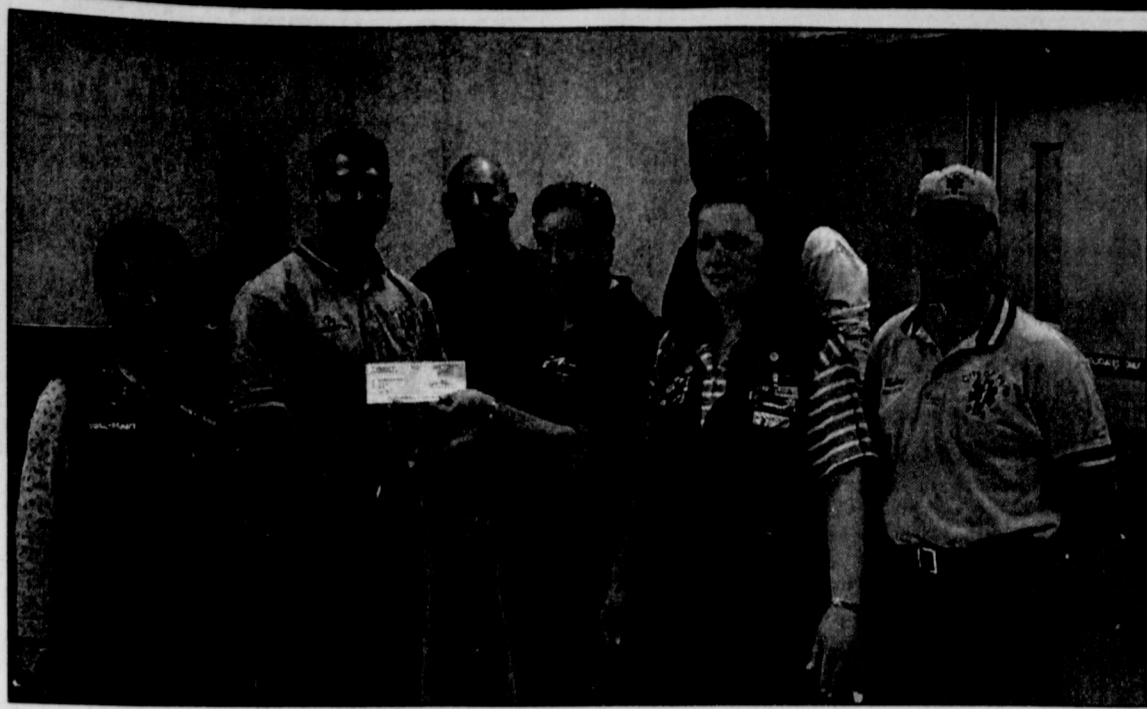
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