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**Some Christmas Magic**

It's difficult to think of anything to say about Christmas that hasn't been said before, and probably better.

For two weeks now I've pondered what my "Christmas Column" would be about. I never really came up with anything specific, so I'm simply going to tell you a few Christmas scenes that have made me smile or filled me with joy this season. Yes, I've seen a few "Shopping nightmare" scenes, but those aren't the kind of scenes I'm talking about. It's Christmas, forget the bad stuff!

Who could forget the look of a little boy as he "helps" to light the advent candle and exclaims loudly "HOT" to the other children?

Then there were the three little girls, eyes shining, who spent probably fifteen minutes one day peering into our office window at the Santa scenes we've set up. One was arguing that the old world Santa with his silvery gown was an angel, while the two older ones patiently tried to explain the Father Christmas image.

It was impossible to miss the tension and anxiety of a pair of grandparents, sitting on the edge of their seat as their granddaughter performed. They brought a smile to my face. They were so anxious for her to do well, and so proud of her.

A newborn calf, struggling to it's feet for the first time, on a cold, starry night as clear as the "Silent Night" in the song is a miracle in it's own way.

The joy of voices raised in familiar carols ring out with an intensity and harmony that may not be perfect, musically speaking, but is perfection in it's happiness.

What about that elderly couple laughing and buying gifts for their great-grandchildren, picking each gift with great delight?

Yes, it's Christmas, and if we can just raise our heads up from the hurry and bustle, the worry and hope we can see the most wonderful things around us. Take a moment, use your eyes to see. There are little miracles all around us, that brighten our day...and our holiday.



**One dies in accident on FM 910**

Mary F. Williams, age 37, died in a one vehicle accident on FM 910 at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, December 19. A 16 month old child received only minor injuries.

According to DPS Trooper Kevin Gray Ms. Williams' 1994 Chevrolet left the roadway after she lost control and overturned several times in the ditch. Ms. Williams was thrown from the car. The child was in a safety seat and was treated and released from ETMC-Clarksville.

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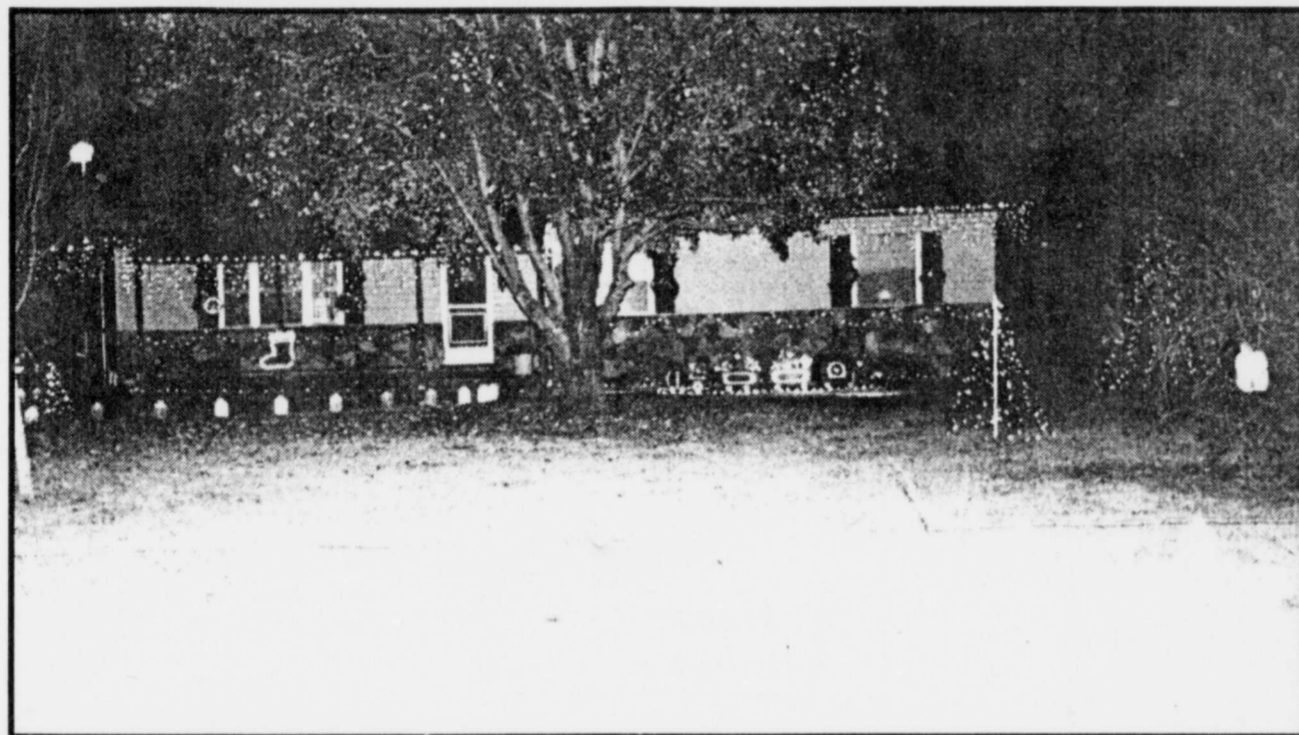
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**TIS THE SEASON**-and the home of Jon and Debbie Gage in Talco located on Crawford Lane is one of many that delight the area children and adults with its lighting display. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**New Year's Eve singing to be held**

First Assembly of God Church in Bogata is hosting a New Year's Eve singing. The singing will begin at 7:00 p.m. (It is not planned to be a watch night service) Special guest singers will be the Gospel Chimes, the Hendrix Trio and Miracle.

First Assembly would like to invite everyone to come and spend this time with them, enjoy the singing and acknowledge our Savior with the group. May God bless you and have a Happy New Year!

**People 'n Things**

Once again, although no problems are anticipated, it would not hurt to have some water drawn up before January the 1st "just in case".

**The Buckmans always have a blue Christmas!**

By Nanalee Nichols

Bill and Joyce Buckman, who have a beautiful home on 37 south of Bogata, will be having a blue Christmas this year. Of course, they have a blue Christmas every year. And it is mostly thanks to Joyce, who has a passion for things blue...and things Christmas.

The couple have a spacious home, decorated with lots of her favorite color, blue. And at Christmas time Joyce really breaks out the indigo hues! She has a tree in the dining room that began as a "Texas" tree, but has evolved into her memory tree. It is trimmed with western ornaments, ornaments friends have given them, and ornaments they have brought back from their many travels. To help co-ordinate the blue theme, it has Texas bluebonnets too.

In the entry way is an exquisite small tree with ornament by the famous Wedgewood Pottery Company in England. The Wedgewood ornaments were originally gifts to Bill's mother from Bill's brother, who has a jewelry store in Dallas. After her death the ornaments went to Bill and Joyce, and the brother-in-law continued to give Joyce one of the delicate blue creations each year.

"He's sold the store now, so I don't know if I'll get another ornaments" Joyce smiles.

In the bedroom are two large, un-

usual angels with trumpets hanging in the bay window, on each side of yet another small tree. They, too were Bill's mothers, and are quite old.

In the living room there is an enormous tree, complete with blue lights, blue ornaments, handblown glass santas, ribbons, angels and more, each lovingly placed in the perfect spot.

On the table by the couch is a large collection of blue santas!

Joyce says she can't remember when she began to collect blue Santa Clauses.

When asked why she began the unusually colored creations she smiles and says, "Well everyone was collecting Santas, but I love blue so much and I just wanted to be different, I guess".

So began the hunt for blue-clad santas, small ones, large ones, western ones, fat ones, skinny ones, they all sit side by side in amiable companionship.

She has a favorite, a large, friendly looking fellow with a gorgeous, rich blue velvet costume.

Bill is an expert marksman and avid hunter. Joyce, too hunts, but in a different way. She loves to shop. New Mexico provides her with some of her favorite "hunting" grounds, and she has beautiful southwestern potteries and items she has collected while Bill is on more traditional hunting expeditions.

They eat a great deal of wild game, and she is a proficient wild game cook.

"Elk is our favorite meat," she explains, "we like it instead of beef".

Another thing they have taken up recently is 1890s shooting. Not only are the weapons used authentic from the time period, but they dress in 1890s costumes also. Bill has his complete costume already, and Joyce is working on hers.

On a small table in the dining room is a miniature hunter, whose gun is labeled "Bill". The figure next to it is armed with a shopping bag.

"That's us" she laughs.

The Buckmans will have a family Christmas get together. It isn't large, but it is filled with the love and fellowship that makes Christmas so special.

"I've been asked why we make such a big deal out of Christmas since we don't have children" Joyce says, "Christmas is just a very special season and it isn't just for children, I love it".

That love of the season is evident throughout their house and yard, which is also beautifully decorated.

Yes, the Buckmans will have a blue Christmas, and that means a happy, beautiful holiday for them and for those who get to share it with them.

**How To Party The Low Fat Way**

You may be content to eat broiled skinless chicken and steamed vegetables for 10 months a year. But starting at Thanksgiving and continuing through the Super Bowl, you will be constantly tempted by traditional holiday treats. If you manage to turn down the homemade cookies at the office, you will soon find yourself at a holiday party being tempted again. The impulse is to say "but Christmas only comes once a year" and that will work fine for just one day a year, but will take it's toll if you use that excuse for two months! If you try to restrict yourself too severely, you will probably rebel and overindulge. Here are some practical ways to eat smart for the holiday season.

- 1. Eat extra healthy the day before and after an event to balance out the calories.
- 2. Be conscious of what you are putting in your mouth.
- 3. Don't be so busy socializing that you forget you are eating.
- 4. Be assertive. Do not allow people to talk you into eating foods you do not feel you should.
- 5. Eat your holiday favorites, but serve yourself so you can limit the portion size.
- 6. The difference between one alcoholic drink and two can be 200 calories or more, sip slowly and alternate with a low calorie drink.
- 7. Offer to bring a dish and make it something healthy that you love to nibble.
- 8. Stand as far away from the food as you can get.
- 9. Instead of taking a plate when you go to the buffet table, take just a few d'oevres on a napkin.
- 10. Survey all the options before you start to make any choices.
- 11. Eat just your seasonal favorites. You can have chips and nuts anytime of the year.
- 12. Be aware of which foods are high in fat, i.e. Baked goods, dips and processed meats.
- 13. If you want to crunch, try vegetables or pretzels. They are much lower in fat than chips.
- 14. Make time to exercise regularly.
- 15. Above all, remember the real reason you are there. Focus on fun and friends, rather than food!

**No paper next week!**

Thunder Prairie Publishing, publisher of the Deport Times, Detroit Weekly, Blossom Times, Bogata News and Talco Times, will not publish a paper next week.

The Bogata News Office will be open all day Monday and Tuesday and until noon on Wednesday.

The Deport Times will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Remember, no paper will go in the mail.

This is the only opportunity employees have to rest after working twelve and fourteen hours a day five and six days a week to get the big Christmas edition out.

The regular schedule will resume the first week in January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Rivercrest class of 1985 plans reunion**

The Rivercrest High School class of 1985 is planning their 15th year reunion. It will be held May 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center.

It will be a two event reunion with families meeting around noon and bringing a picnic lunch. Later in the evening, the adults will meet for a meal, a program and their favorite music from the early 80's.

The class does need help finding some of their classmates. If you know

the whereabouts of any of the following people, please contact Greg Russell at 903-463-3532:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Susan Baker    | Rhonda Madden   |
| Christy Brown  | Deborah Moore   |
| Becky Burkley  | Charley Roberts |
| Sabrina Burson | Kyle Roland     |
| Penny Hanes    | Nancy Smith     |
| John Jones     | Shane Sullivan  |
| Leon Kaelke    | Melissa Varner  |
| Hayden Martin  | Donna Unruh     |
| James Martin   | Cindy Woods     |

*Peace on Earth*



**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS**- Joyce Buckman stands beside the tree in their bedroom, which is framed by two large angels that came from her mother-in-law. The Buckman's entire home is decorated for Christmas. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**BLUE SANTAS**-Joyce Buckman of Bogata shows off a few of her blue Santa Claus figures. She is holding a custom-made creation with blue velvet. Others are made from wood, various fabrics, quilts and more. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)




**Country Cooking**

By Liz Irwin

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This week's cooks come to us from Deport. They make up the Bocky Norman Cookie Club. This group meets each year at Christmastime for their annual cookie swap.

Bocky Norman, who died last March, began this group 8 years ago in order to give the ladies a chance to try out new and exciting recipes. This year they added a food category and have come up some great dip and snack recipes.

It is something that they look forward to each year as they keep an eye out for that special recipe that looks good to them and they think that everyone will enjoy.

So tryout some of these delicious

recipes over the holidays and we know that we will see you in the kitchen! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Crescent Ornaments-Juanita Sparks**-made from crescent rolls with a few other added ingredients.

**Dawne Darden-Artichoke Dip**-we had this for our office Christmas party and is very tasty!

**Juanita Sparks-Slice of Spice Cookies**-a great spice cookie recipe everyone will enjoy.

**Chocolate Shortbread-Dawne Darden**-a great cookie recipe for everyone!

**Chocolate Chocolate Cookie-**

**Patsy Norrell**-another great chocolate cookie recipe!

**Nanalee's Sausage-Cheese Balls**-everybody loves these!

**Juanita Taylor-Cheese Ball or Spread**-great for that company that is on their way for the holidays!

**Sunny Whitney-Chewy Noels**-another great cookie for the holidays!

**Juanita Taylor-Fruit n' Nut Cookies**-not holiday candied fruit, but candied fruits and flaked coconut makes up this recipe!

**Nanalee Nichols-Chocolate Covered Cherry Cookies**-these great cookies are topped with chocolate and a cherry!

**1999 Deport Cookie Swap in Honor of Bocky Norman Merry Christmas, December 23, 1999**

**Crescent Ornaments-Juanita Sparks**

2 8 oz. Cans Crescent Dinner rolls  
Remove rolls from cans, keeping each can in one piece. Do not unroll. Gently roll with hands in one direction to make a 12" roll. With serrated knife, cut each can into 20 slices. Coat Pizza pan with Pam. Put 2 slices of dough in center of ring, pressing together to flatten inside edges and form a circle. Place 7 slices in ring around center slices, press together lightly. Arrange 12 slices in next ring; press together lightly. Arrange 19 slices in the last ring overlapping edges slightly in ring. Press together firmly.  
Bake 375 degrees for 13 to 18 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 5 minutes. Gently remove ornament from pan, cool on wire rack.  
Topping: 3/4 cup salad dressing  
1/2 cup sour cream Two 8 oz. packages Cream Cheese  
1 envelope Dip Mix (Ranch, Sesame, Mexican, Cheesy Bacon) I used Cheesy Bacon.  
Place cooled ornament on a large round serving tray, keeping pieces of ornament in shape. Spread entire ornament with topping. Shape one foil baking cup to resemble metal ornament top, folding in half at base of cup. Cut a small slit in top. Fold second cup inward from outside edges to make metal strip. (A piece of foil can be used). Twist to make loop for ornament top. Inset in slit. Slide springs of rosemary through loop to resemble branch of pine tree. Decorate to resemble an ornament with red, yellow, green peppers, carrots, zucchini, cheery tomatoes or any vegetable of your choice.

**Dawne Darden Artichoke Dip**

1 can artichoke hearts NOT MARI-NADED 8 to 10 count.  
1 Cup mayonnaise  
1 Cup Parmesan Cheese  
1 teaspoon crushed garlic  
Chop artichoke hearts, mix all ingredients. Bake 350 degrees 20 minutes or until lightly browned.  
Serve hot or at room temperature with melba toast.

**Juanita Sparks Slice of Spice Cookies**

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1/2 cup shortening  
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon soda  
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup regular oats, uncooked  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon cinnamon.  
Beat butter and shortening until creamy; gradually add brown sugar, beating well. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Combine flour, soda, cream of tartar and salt; add butter mixture, beating well. Stir in oats. Shape dough into three 12" rolls and wrap in wax paper or plastic wrap. Freeze 1 hour. Unwrap dough and slice in 1/4" slices. Combine the 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Dip each slice into sugar mixture and bake at 350 degrees on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes. Remove to racks and cool completely.  
Makes about 7 dozen cookies.

**Dawne Darden Chocolate Shortbread**

1 cup powdered sugar  
1 cup butter, softened  
2 cup flour  
1/2 cup Cocoa  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Combine butte and sugar, add vanilla, add dry ingredients.  
Roll to 3/8 inches. Cut in sticks, triangles or any shape  
Bake 350 degrees for 10-13 minutes  
Optional-Dip part of each cookie in melted white chocolate.

**Patsy Norrell Chocolate Chocolate Cookies**

1 8 oz. package. semi-sweet chocolate squares  
3/4 Cup brown sugar  
1/4 Cup Butter or Margarine  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
1/2 cup flour (this is not a mistake)  
1/4 tsp. Baking Powder  
2 Cups chopped nuts  
12 ounce Chocolate Chips  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Microwave chocolate squares 1-2 minutes, stir until smooth. Add sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour and baking powder. Add chocolate chips and nuts. Drop by tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.  
Bake 12-13 minutes. Cool 1 minute on baking sheet. Transfer to wire rack to cool.  
Makes 6 dozen.

**Nanalee's Sausage-cheese balls**

1 pound, hot sausage  
1 pound, cheddar cheese, shredded  
3 cups bisquit mix (I prefer Pioneer)  
mix all together, roll into balls, bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown.  
serve with dijon mustard

**Juanita Taylor Cheese Ball or Spread**

3 8 oz. packages cream cheese softened  
1 can chopped black olives  
1/2 medium onion chopped  
1 tablespoon Accent  
1 bottle dried beef, washed and patted dry, then chopped.  
Mix all together, can be made into a ball or leave as a spread. Serve with crackers of your choice.

**Sunny Whitney Chewy Noels**


1 2 Tablespoons Margarine or Butter  
2 eggs  
1 cup brown sugar-firmly packed  
5 Tablespoons flour  
1/8 teaspoon. soda  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup walnuts, chopped  
confectioners sugar  
Melt butter in 9" square pan over low heat  
Beat eggs, slightly, combine sugar, flour, soda, nuts and vanilla.  
Pour over butter-do not stir-slide into oven. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees, turn out on powdered sugar covered board. Cool, cut and dust with powdered sugar  
Note: if these don't come out of the pan easily just piece them together. They will be fine when they cool.  
A glass pan works best.

**Juanita Taylor Fruit N Nut Cookies**

3/4 cup butter or margarine softened  
3/4 cup shortening  
1 1/4 packed brown sugar  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon. vanilla extract  
4 cups flour  
2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon. salt  
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained  
1/2 cup chopped dates  
1/2 cup chopped red maraschino cherries  
1/2 cup flaked coconut  
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts  
In a large mixing bowl cream butter, shortening and brown sugar.  
Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in remaining ingredients; shape into three 10 inch rolls, wrap each in plaster wrap. Refrigerate for two hours or until firm. Unwrap and cut into 1/4 inch slices. Place 2" apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks. Cool.

**Nanalee Nichols Chocolate Covered Cherry Cookies**

1 10 ounce jar maraschino cherries  
1/2 Cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 large egg  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 cup 6 ounces semisweet chocolate morsels  
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk  
Drain cherries, reserving 3 teaspoons juice. Cut cherries in half and set aside.  
Beat butter and sugar at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; add egg, vanilla and 2 tsp. reserved cherry juice. Combine flour and next 4 ingredients; gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, beating until blended after each addition. Shape dough into 1 inch balls, place on ungreased baking sheets. Press center of each ball with thumb and place cherry half in indentation.  
Cook chocolate and milk in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until melted. Stir in remaining reserved cherry juice. Cool slightly. Spoon 1 teaspoon mixture over each cherry half.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Freeze up to 3 months.  
Yields six dozen.  
Note: I had to add extra cherry juice to topping to make thin enough.



**Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News**

\*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

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\*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

\*The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

\*Country Hallmark Band will play for a New Year's Eve dance and party at the VFW Post 8187 in Bogata December 31, 1999 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. Black eyed peas and cornbread will be served at midnight to insure a prosperous new year. Admission will be \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to attend and are wished a safe and happy holiday.

\*Remember the post is open on Sunday for Dallas Cowboy football games. Come out and enjoy them with your friends.

\*From everyone at the post Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown us. For the calls, cards, flowers, food and visits, we are so grateful. Your kindness is appreciated.

**The Family of Eugene R. Sullivan**

Thank you

On November 22, 1999, our family business was destroyed by fire. Since then an overwhelming number of people have expressed kindness. We have received prayers, money and much support beyond imagination. With love and gratitude, we would like to express our appreciation to you, our friends.

Love Charles and Shirley Ray

## Obituaries

### Eugene Ray Sullivan dies December 17

Eugene Riley Sullivan, age 84 of Fulbright, died Friday, December 17 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center, Paris.

Services were held Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Wood Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tony Corso officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

He was born August 10, 1915 in Deport, the son of Eugene Riley, Sr. and Nellie Lee Hudson. He married the former Mabel Grant on October 20, 1939. He had lived in Riverside, California for many years and was retired from the California Transportation Company as a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel of Fulbright; two daughters, Betsy Yaross and husband Mike of Fulbright and Kathy Cornelison of Winchester, Kentucky; a brother and sister, Jim Sullivan and Zula Mansfield, both of Bisbee, Arizona; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Truitt Sullivan in 1945; and a brother, Truitt Sullivan in October, 1999.

### Mrs. Mary F. Williams dies December 20

Mrs. Mary F. Williams, age 37 of Cuthand died Monday, December 20 in an auto accident near Clarksville.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 23 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Mike Shupp and the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams was born April 15, 1962 in Plainview, TX, the daughter of Leon and Pat Mangum Cannon. She married Darl Williams on September 6, 1981 in Cuthand. She was a 1981 graduate of Rivercrest High School and worked as a beautician with the Clipping Post in Clarksville.

She is survived by her husband; her parents, Leon and Pat Cannon of Cuthand; a daughter, Tonia Williams of Sumner; a son, T.J. Williams of Cuthand; a grandson, Sonny Williams of Cuthand; one brother, Arthur Cannon of Cuthand; and two sisters, Vickie Nailling of Manchester and Sandra Cannon of DeKalb.

### Doug Alsbrook dies December 14

Doug Alsbrook, age 95 of Deport died Tuesday, December 14 in Red River Health Care Center of Bogata.

Services were held Thursday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Deport with the Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Rev. Freddie Burden officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

He was born in Manchester, Texas on October 26, 1904, the eighth of 11 children of Ben and Cora Covington Alsbrook. On October 30, 1926 he married the former Goldie Elizabeth Roberts in Deport. She preceded him in death October 15, 1990. Mr. Alsbrook was a prominent farmer and rancher, and was active in the community.


He is survived by his two daughters, Patsy Norrell of Deport and Dr. Nancy Castilla of Irving; seven grandchildren, Ruth Ann Alsbrook of Paris, Susan Kennedy of Toronto, Ontario, Bruce Alsbrook of Sulphur Springs, Michael Jones of Allen, Mark Jones of Deport, Gerald Norrell of Paris and Joy Norrell of Paris; one sister, Zuma Hamm of Midland; one daughter-in-law, Jackie Alsbrook of Paris; eight great-grandchildren and his caregiver for 28 years, Maria Ramirez.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Alsbrook was also preceded in death by a son, Bob Alsbrook on April 15, 1995 and brothers Walter, Jess, Barney, Jack, Wayne and Polk Alsbrook.

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## Bogata Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. If I have been good can you bring me a Furby and some books. Some clothes and some money because I am not really sure what else I want.  
Love,  
Jillian Sloan

Dear Santa,

I like Christmas Santa Clause and I want a bike and a car and a yo yo and B.B.'s. I want to build a snow man and I want a game for me and Ty and L.B. I want some friends to come over and play with me on Christmas Eve. I hop everybody has a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Terrance

Dear Santa,

Please let me have..... a 007 Play Station game because when I get done with them they won't be the same. Also a paintball gun that would be a lot of fun and before I go I want to wish Jesus a happy birthday but not just to get my present an easy way.  
Love,  
Brian Hays

Dear Santa,

So far this year i have been great. There is no one that I really hate. So I can play games galore. I would like Nintendo 64. So I can make deer run, I would like a nice big gun.  
Sincerely,  
Chris Stout

Dear Santa,

I want Back Street Boys CD and CD player, a Pokemon blaster and all the gold Pokemon cards and 30 packs of Pokemon trading cards, Play Station, Sega Dreamcast and Pokemon Snap game. Get Wet Bubba, Tiger Hawk Beast War, Lava lamp, (the color blue), Tonka Joe Snow Plow and everything Pokemon. Please bring my two little brothers what they want for Christmas.  
Thank you,  
Chase Richards

Dear Santa,

I want a Vortex Tee 3 and a race track. I want a little basketball, Playdough set, a trampoline, a piggy bank and the gun that shoots velcro darts. I want a bow. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Kevin Yeatman

Dear Santa,

I would like a new boom box and a CD player and a new bike with pedal brakes. For my mom I would like her to have some new candles and I hop my moms knee gets better. For dad he would like a Dodge Ram and a watch. For my sister she would like a tea set and for my grandma she would like a tea set too with a new T shirt.  
Love you Santa,  
Justin Bryan

Dear Santa,

I want purple glitter lamp, 25 inch TV, go cart, Dino Crisis, WWF Attitude, Bugs Bunny, Lost in Time, army men, remote for Play Station, phone CD player, Star Wars play set, WWF play set, skate board, the movie Star Wars, blue inflatable chair, microscope, hot wheels, gold chain, yo yo and silky boxers.  
Love,  
Ty Brown

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a bicycle, kitchen and red boots and also a radio operated car, new blue jeans and some jewelry, Barbie and Barbie clothes, posters, tennis shoes and a new leash for my puppy, a new basketball and puzzles, board games. Please bring my mom something nice and white socks.  
Your friend always,  
Amanda

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good this year but I have been a little pouty also. I would like to have a real cat, but it has to be a girl cat. Oh, I think I should tell you that I will not be at my house in Talco, Tx. I will be at Houston, Tx. Santa I think that you must be pretty drug out when you get home from delivering presents. Please tell the elves that they do a very good job on the toys they make.  
Love,  
Dayka Presley

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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Have a happy and healthy season!

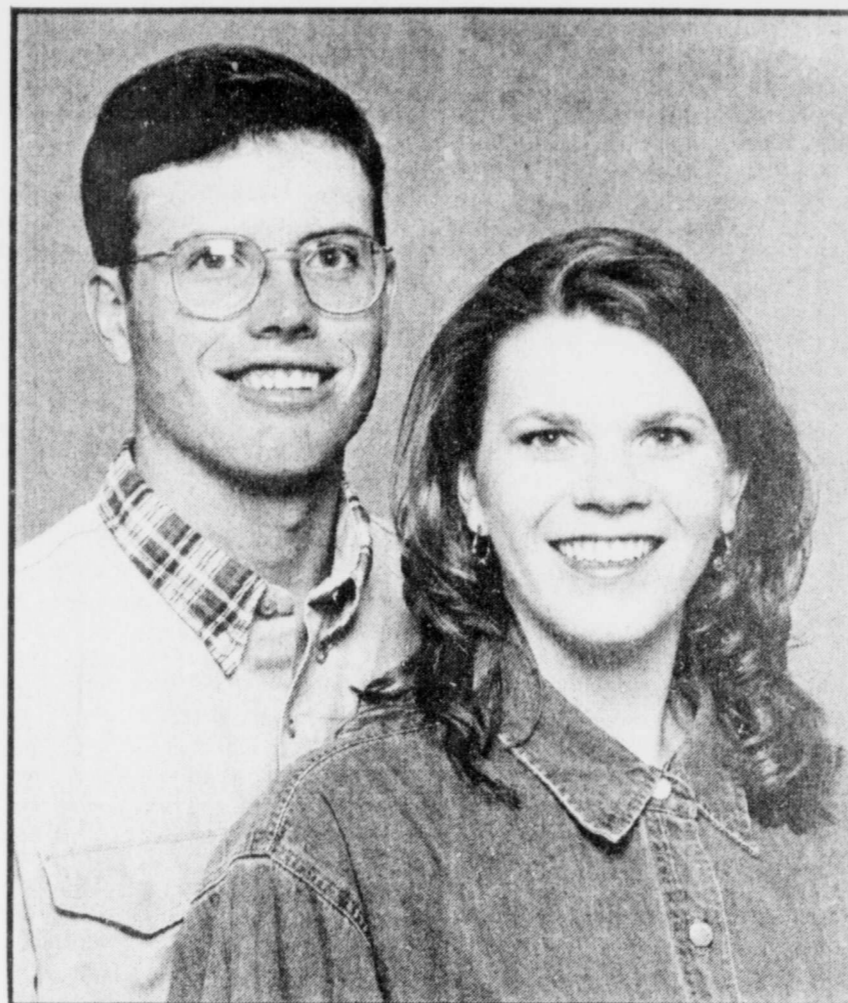
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Amy Anderson and Jody Stanley

**Amy Anderson-Jody Stanley to wed**

Joe and Pat Anderson of Sulphur Springs are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy to Jody Stanley of Hagansport.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Sulphur Springs High School. She attended Abilene Christian University and has a degree in accounting. She is employed by A.K. Gillis and Sons in Sulphur Springs.

The groom is the son of Van and

Deaneth Stanley of Hagansport. He is a 1993 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and is the owner/operator of Stanley's Store in Hagansport.

The couple will be united in marriage on December 31, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

**United Methodist Church  
host first "Ladies Night Out"**

The Bogata United Methodist Church hosted the first Ladies Night Out with 15 ladies attending. Ladies Night Out is to bring women together for devotion and fellowship. The group hopes to become active with various community services.

Everyone enjoyed the variety of pizza and soft drinks provided by Karen Beers, Julie Clifton and Suzanne Shovan.

Karen Randle of Mt. Pleasant introduced the game Bunco to the group. Everyone enjoyed the fast and chal-

lenging game. Those receiving prizes were Karen Beers-low Bunco, Julie Clifton-most Bunco, Michelle Smith-high Bunco, Shaunda Lewis-last Bunco, Kim Kelsy-lucky drawing and Tina Gentry-door prize.

Ladies Night Out will meet once a month. The next meeting will be Jan. 12 at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Anyone interested in joining the fun please call Kathy Thompson at 632-4591, Kim Kelsy at 632-4168 or Denise Wood at 632-4843.

**Holeman  
earns degree**

Southwestern Theological Seminary's most recent graduating class, which graduated December 11, 1999 in Ft. Worth, Tx. included Richard B. Holeman of Bogata who received a Master of Arts in Christian Education.

Bro. Holeman is the Minister of Youth and Music at the First Baptist Church in Bogata. He is originally from Odessa, Texas, the son of Gary and Beverly Holeman of Andrews, Tx. He is a graduate of New Braunfels High School and U.T.P.B. with a B.A. in Political Science. He and his wife, Cylena, who is a 5th grade teacher at Talco School, recently welcomed the arrival of their first child. Congratulations are extended to Bro. Holeman on his accomplishment.

**Attend  
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**RRC Genealogical Society**

meeting held December 16  
The Red River County Texas Genealogical Society met December 16 at the Old Church Theater in Clarksville. A delicious finger food buffet was served to the nineteen in attendance.

The Gothic stone building was built in the early 1920's. Regular services were held in the historic building until the 1980's. Musicians from various locations across the nation have performed in the Old Church Theater.

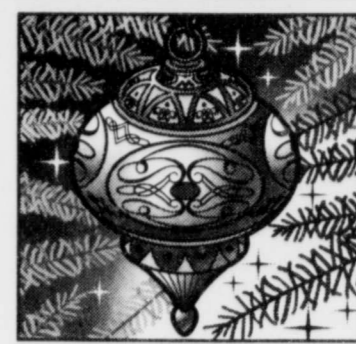
Boyd Hurt presented a delightful and informative talk on the history of the church. Mr. Hurt talked at length about the musicians that have entertained groups at the church and their pictures that are on display for visitors to view.

**Rivercrest ISD  
holiday tax office hours**

The Rivercrest ISD Tax Office will be open on the following days and times:

Dec. 20- 8am to 4 pm  
Dec. 21- 8am to 4 pm  
Dec. 30- 9am to 3 pm  
Dec. 31- 9am to 3pm

The office will resume regular hours on January 3, 2000.



*Season's  
Greetings  
To All*

As we enjoy the symbols of the season, the tree, the decorations, the music and more, we would like to add our best wishes for a joyous holiday.

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**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!*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Red River County: Annona, Bagwell, Detroit, Negley, Avery, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

It's our pleasure to know you and our privilege to serve you. Have a wonderful holiday!



And Best Wishes To Everyone From **Deport Housing Authority Board of Directors and Executive Director Melba Ladd**



## Talco Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a fishing pole, a white Nike, a trampoline, Star Wars toys, two big water guns, a Nintendo, Battletank, Quest, a lot of Power Ranger toys, a few Hot Wheels cars, a brown football, a TV, a coloring book, some crayons. My brother wants some toys. My big brother wants a black jacket. My mom wants a ring and my dad wants some clothes. Thanks! from Christopher

Dear Santa,  
Brittany Spears, Barbie, hair bows, bracelets, purse, doll, skates, pants, ring, a velvet shirt, Barbie car, Brittnay Spears cover, CD, poster and clock, Barbie car, a picture of Santa, earrings, George of the Jungle poster and a picture of Rudolph. Love, Ashton

Dear Santa,  
I want a Wrestling Ring, a Play Station, a Sega Dreamcast, a nintendo, a Stone cold walkie talkie, a yo yo, a basketball goal, trampoline, fake tractor, a four wheeler, a go cart, a Game Boy, telescope, roller blades, skate board, Michael Jordan shoes, a football, drum set, a Pokemon Pikachu, Wrestle Mania 2000, bebe gun and pelletgun. Love, Kevondrick

Dear Santa,  
I would like a race car track, a bulldozer. Oh, a toy rodeo with bulls, cowboys and cows too. And I want a toy phone, train set and a toy sleigh like your Santa. A little stove with pans and spoons because I like to help mama cook and a new wallpaper for my bedroom. Your Friend, Nathan Thompson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a play computer, power rangers, Star Wars toys and a baby doll for my sister, Kayla. Thank You, Russell Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some band-aids for Christmas. I would like some Goldberg shoes. My Nanny would like a rocking chair. I would really appreciate if you got me some Pikachu shoes. I would also like a picture of me in a pumpkin, a Winnie the Pooh book would be nice too. Have a safe trip. Yours truly, Kevin Mick

Dear Santa,  
I would like a boy Pokemon helmet and I would like listening to the radio and I want a microphone with it, a camouflage four wheeler, a toy motor boat, a nintendo 64 with games, a baby doll and bracelet for my sister and toy boat for sister too. And Santa for the whole family, a black guitar and drum set for myself, jewelry for mom, golf balls for dad. I love you a whole lot. Your Best Buddy, Heath Holt

Dear Santa,  
I want a Stone Cold wrestling man and I want a phone and for my mother a candle and I want some CD's and a head phone, swimming pool and a clock for Christmas and I will leave now. Monica Basset

Dear Santa,  
I want a motor cycle and a Santa Clause toy. Please give my dad some cool sunglasses and cologne. Also get my mom some brand new shoes. I like Christmas lights and treats. Would you please give my grandpa some new clothes. Thank you Santa for having a sleigh so you can come to my house. Your best kid, Joshua Newsom

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a Woody, fake bullet for my gun, Dad a fishing pole, Scooby Doo and Zombie Island. I will leave cookies and milk for you Santa. Thank you from, Sammy Reeves



Dear Santa,  
I like shoes, a CD player and I like listening to the radio, an open heart necklace, and eye-balls, a Blues Clues digital watch, some glasses, Blues Clues Sweater, Blues Clues, Barbie and Scooby Doo movies, my mom a necklace and dad a new radio and I will have cookies and milk for you Santa. And also a Barbie helmet, a bicycle, a microphone, a Barbie four wheeler and a Barney girl guitar. Your Best Pen Pal, Destiney Anderson

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a train set, I would like a new bike and would you bring me a piano and would you bring me a car. I would like a Sting toy and a Stone Cold. I would like a TV. Would you bring me a Sting truck and I would like new boots. I would like glasses. My I have a CD player and I would like a dog. Christopher

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## First Place 1999 Christmas Memories Contest

### The Red Jacket

The rain came early that year to the fertile blackland prairie of Northeast Texas. The farmers stood at the edge of their fields, hands in pockets, shoulders hunched and looked at the standing water between carefully cultivated rows. The cotton hung in dripping, discolored blobs from open burs. Too wet to send in the heavy tractors; too wet to pick by hand.

Crop failure. It was a dreaded word in Bogata. Mother and Dad sat at the table long past supper and talked in subdued tones. I was only 12 that year, but I understood. Even though Dad owned a grocery store, this year would be tough for us, too. When the farmers made no money, nobody made any money.

It was late in the afternoon on the day before Christmas Eve when the doctor came to our house to see my 4-year old brother. He talked to Mother in subdued tones and left. I heard her put my brother to bed and then telephone my father. "It's rheumatic fever," she said. "We're supposed to keep him in bed for four months, maybe longer."

A few minutes later, she appeared in the door of my room. "Go help your daddy," she said. I could tell by the tone now was not the time to ask questions. I put on my coat and trudged the mile to my father's store, Johnson's Food Store on Highway 271.

While I walked, I wondered. Galen had been sick almost constantly that fall with a sore throat. As soon as the medicine the doctor gave him ran out, he would get sick again. Then about a week ago one knee started swelling and getting stiff. Was that rheumatic fever? Perhaps Dad could tell me. The cold north wind hurried me on.

The warmth of the store was welcome as I pushed open the door. Dad was staring across the street at the

First Baptist Church when I walked in. He looked surprised, but put me to work dusting shelves and then seemed to forget I was there.

I had worked my way up the middle aisle to the Campbell Soup when a rush of cold air told me someone had entered the store. I peeked around the end of the shelves to see a young couple with a little boy walk in.

"Mr. Pete, Mr. Pete," the boy cried, breaking away from his mother and running toward my dad. All the little kids loved my father, and he loved them. There was always a penny stick of peppermint waiting for them in his shirt pocket.

Dad picked up the little boy and grinned as he pulled the candy from his pocket. "Where's your coat, boy? It's cold out there."

"Out-grewed it," the boy's father answered. "These kids grow so fast, it's nigh impossible to keep them in clothes. He'll just have to make do this year."

Dad stood the little boy on the counter and reached underneath. "Let's see what Ol' Santa left here for you." He pulled out a paper bag and reached inside. "This ought to

just about fit. Stick your arm in here and let's see." It was a bright red jacket, and it was a perfect fit.

"Mr. Pete," the farmer said, "that's an awful nice coat, but I can't pay for it."

"Don't want pay," Dad replied. "I got it for my boy, but it doesn't fit. Looks like I found a good use for it." Dad set the little boy on the floor and waved off the stammered thanks of the farmer.

I wanted until the couple left and emerged from my hiding place behind the Campbell Soup. "Why did you give away Galen's jacket?" I asked. I was well aware of how tight money was at our house.

Dad glanced at me and then turned to stare out the window at our church. He turned back toward me, and there was a vain attempt to mask the sorrow on his face. "Galen doesn't need the coat," he said.

Something hard and icy grabbed my heart. "Is Galen going to die?"

"Don't know, but I hope not," Dad replied. "Go get the broom and sweep out. We'll close a little early tonight." He turned and busied himself behind the counter which was a signal to me to ask no more questions.

The red jacket was never mentioned again, but I thought of it often as Galen's convalescence stretched into weeks and months. Slowly the stiffness and pain in his knee disappeared, and on a bright spring day while the farmers were busy sowing their crops, the doctor announced the good news. The heart murmur, indicating damage caused by the rheumatic fever, was gone. Galen had recovered.

That bleak Christmas was more than 40 years ago. The First Baptist Church burned and was rebuilt in another location, and the Guaranty Bank now occupies the place it once stood. Johnson's Food Store went out of business in the early 60's; the building, occupied by three businesses at the time, burned in 1977, four months after Dad's death.

Although the familiar landmarks of my childhood are gone, I've never forgotten that red jacket. It has reminded me through the years that, like my father, even though personal

tragedy may tear at my heart, I can still find love for someone in need. So this holiday season, even though the gifts under my Christmas tree may say "Merry Christmas", there will be a secret gift for a needy child that says, "In memory of Pete Johnson." It might even be a red jacket.

Kay Johnson Howell

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### Memories from my Christmas past

When I was in first grade, my big brother, Thomas Lee, drove us to school each day in a two wheeled cart. Our horse, Ole Shorty, pulled the cart the three miles over blackland roads to Bogata.

Our dad rented a grass path with a shed just west of the school. We would leave the cart and Ole Shorty in the patch until school was dismissed in the afternoons, then we would catch Ole Shorty, hitch him to the cart and start for home.

That's when the trouble began. Those mean old McCrury kids who were waiting for a second bus run were also waiting for us in front of the school. They would run out, yell, wave their hands and try to scare Ole Shorty. Usually he didn't pay them much attention.

However, it was a different story around Christmas time. It seemed like each and every one of those kids lighted firecrackers and threw them near Ole Shorty. With the explosions and noise, off we would go down the street, Ole Shorty in a dead run and me hanging on for dear life. We would barely make the turn in front of the Methodist Church on one wheel.

Thomas Lee, who was seven years older than me, seemed thrilled by the experience. He must have imagined himself as Ben Hur driving a chariot. As for me, I would much rather have skipped that ride.

Enjoyment of the Christmas season didn't really begin for me until school had been dismissed for the holidays and we no longer had to drive past the front of the school.

Wishing a Merry Christmas to everyone, even those mean old McCrury kids.

Frank Stubblefield

We'd like to start by spreading a little goodwill and best wishes right here at home. Many thanks to all our kind neighbors.

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### Third Place 1999 Christmas Memories Contest

### Christmastime in Detroit

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The Methodist Church had a large Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) and a young preacher, John Dvorak, just out of the seminary had come to Detroit. He gave new life to the youth organization. Every Christmas a group of 15 or 20 young people would go Christmas Caroling to almost every house in town. Especially the elderly and the shut-ins. We would walk to all the homes and stand outside their front door and sing three or four Christmas Carols. Sometimes they would come outside their front door and watch us but if it was really cold they would stand in the door. Some of them would offer us cookies or home made candy. Mrs. Kerbow would set a basket of fruit on her porch for us. Miss Nanny and Miss Clem Pearce would give us popcorn balls. Mrs. Ella Whitner would bring out a plate of tea cakes,

**With Warm Regards**

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a sugar cookie almost the size of a saucer. Mrs. Mirty Pratt would bring out some homemade divinity candy. It was so very cold those nights and the hot chocolate was a special treat.

There was Jane Reynolds, Nellie Ruth Pratt, Jean King, Katha Lee Icenhower, Joyce Melton, Ann and Nell Venable, Elderoy Burks, Geraldine Cox, Betty Sue Littrell, Aileen Cassel, Leroy Faucett, Bessie Mathis and others I have forgotten to mention. Of course Bro. John Dvorak was with us.

Those were happy times and really put us in a mood for a joyous Christmas. I can just imagine what it would be like to have a group of young people stand outside my door and sing "Joy To The World", "Silent Night" and other beautiful Christmas carols.

I cherish the memories of growing up in "Little D" and all the many wonderful people that shared in giving us the love and support to guide us into adulthood.

Nellie Ruth Pratt Abney

**Happy Holiday**

From All Your Friends At  
**Spencer Construction**  
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*All The Best To You and Yours*

We'd like to extend our warm wishes and gratitude to all our kind neighbors this holiday season. It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving you.

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Honorable Mention  
1999 Christmas Memories  
Contest

*A Shadowland Christmas*

Fifty-seven years ago, we lived on the late John G. Wright farm and the week before Christmas, Papa would buy a box of apples and a box of oranges and put them under the stairway.

They smelled so good, but we knew not to bother them because they were for Christmas.

That Christmas we had a big snow. Kenneth Gifford was Mama and Papa's first grandchild and he was

three years old. Papa started at the road, making sleigh tracks with a hoe and when he got nearly to the house, he took the hoe and made it look like Santa turned his sleigh over.

Then Papa took the oranges and apples and put them all over the ground. Then we all took Kenneth out to see where Santa turned over in his sleigh. Kenneth was their pride and joy.

*Jane Gifford Hignight*

Honorable Mention  
1999 Christmas Memories  
Contest

*A favorite Christmas memory*

In was Christmas Eve of 1973. My family which included my brothers, Billy and James, their wives, Wanneti and Gayle, their children, Billy Jr., Kenneth, Krynson, my husband, Ross and I were all spending Christmas Eve with my parents, Milton and Elvis Wooten of Cuthand. It was a cold cold night and Mama and Daddy had a small two bedroom house. We had pallets made all over the house and I remember Ross and I had our pallet in the kitchen floor. We had all gone to bed and were laying there laughing and talking when all of the sudden we heard a noise on the front porch. We all got quite, then someone knocked on the door. My brother James went to the door to see who it was. When he opened the door to all of our surprise there stood Santa Clause and his helper. The kids were so excited, the adults were so surprised.

Santa came in and it didn't take the adults long to realize Santa was a little tipsy. He was having a little trouble standing up. He must have had the egg nog before he left for his rounds.

The kids were so excited and were asking him all sorts of questions but my nephew, Kenneth, being the curious one, wanted to know how he got to our house. Santa said, "I brought my sled and reindeer". Kenneth ran to the door and said, "I don't see the sled and reindeer Santa?" Santa told him he had to park them over at the cemetery so Kenneth being young, thought Rudolph had died but Santa explained to him that he had more room for his sled and reindeer at the cemetery ending Kenneth's fears. It was an unusual Christmas Eve and our family still laughs about our visit from a tipsy Santa.

*Linda Wooten Eilers*

Census office looking for temporary jobs

Local residents are needed to conduct Census 2000. IN an effort to recruit workers, the Census Bureau has established over 100 locations in Gregg County and other nearby communities to qualify applicants.

To qualify, applicants must take a test of basic skills. For an appointment, call 1-888-325-7733.

The hourly pay is \$9.25 per hour. Individuals interested in Census 2000 jobs are encouraged to call and make an appointment. Jobs include census taker positions in communities and neighborhoods and office personnel.



Mike Everheart, a former Deport resident and subscriber, sent several poems that his grandfather, Brother Joe Everheart, wrote during his many years as a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Brother Joe served at the First Presbyterian Church of Deport for many years. Mike spent many of his formative years in this area, and these poems are part of his memories.

**CHRISTMAS MORNING....**  
Around a waning winter fire  
The huddled shepherds slept;  
While over the hill and under a star,

A moaning mother wept.

And as I think of this,  
Two wonders o'er me roll;  
The wonder of a world at peace  
And the salvation of my soul.

"Peace n the earth," "Good will to men"

Have not yet come to be;  
But peace that comes from forgiven sin  
Has already come to me.

The fire has burnt, the ashes blown,  
The star has gone away;  
But Christ who came that glorious night,  
Has ever come to stay.

Above the Stairs of Silent Stars'  
God's Angels sang their song,  
To sleepy shepherds round their fires,  
In a world of war and wrong.

"Peace on the Earth" rang from the skies;  
"Good Will to Men" was the refrain-  
But, Peace, like a wounded Dove,  
lies Broken by weight and greed of men.

Have these Angels sung again?  
Did they sing once and cease?  
Was their song lost to the hearts of men?

And will we ever have peace?

God's Angels sing that song this very day  
And it reaches many a heart,  
And peace is speeding on her way-  
Let God's men do their part.

*Papa and My Doll*

It was a cold December day in 1941, I had just turned seven years old and was returning from Deport School where I was in the second grade.

My brothers and I got off the big school bus at the "little red store" near Pattonville and we met our Papa. I could see he had a package in his arms, but curiosity was getting to me. I reached up and touched the sack and he informed me that I was not to touch it, what could it be?

On Christmas morning, the package was there, the very one I had seen. Inside was my doll, all dressed in rompers, shoes and hat. How I loved that doll. I kept it a couple of years, the doll's head was broken while I had it all tucked away, but the sweet memory of my Papa and the doll he bought for me has remained.

It was my last doll to receive from him but the hat, complete with a blue band, red with a little girl, her doggie and daisies printed on it still hangs in my home, along with the dolls I have for my own grandchildren. They love to hear the story about the "doll Papa gave Nanny."  
*Ruth Day O'Brien*

Pecan Show is success

The Lamar County Pecan Show was held December 4 and was one of the largest to date with 95 entries. The quality of pecans was very good. Most samples were filled well, had good color and little or no damage from insects and disease.

Over 50 county pecan shows are held in Texas annually. The current pecan show program has played a very important role for the Texas pecan industry by teaching growers how to grade their pecans for better prices, identifying the most outstanding varieties for each region of the state, recognizing and awarding the most successful pecan management programs in the county, region and state, and advertising and promoting Texas premium quality pecans.

FWI meets

The East Texas North Group of Financial Women International held their bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18 at Cherubs Tea Room and Gift Shop in Ore City. The group has raised \$1,200 to purchase gifts from the Christmas Angel Trees in their respective communities.

**REMEMBER**  
There will NOT  
Be a Paper  
The Week Of  
December 30  
Regular Schedule will  
resume Jan. 6

Home Sweet Home

As the season of celebration approaches, we'd like to extend our warmest wishes to all our good neighbors. We're proud to be part of this fine community.

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BEAUTY SHOP**  
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Very Merry Christmas*

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

We wish you all a great American Christmas. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Officers and Members Of  
**DEPORT AMERICAN LEGION**  
Warren Teague Post #199



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL!**

Joy to all our two- and four-footed friends!

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UP FOR  
CHRISTMAS**

The Christmas season is here, and we hope yours runs smoothly from the front end to the back. We'd like to wish everyone a great Christmas with miles of smiles!

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903-572-3486**

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Merry Christmas and Best Wishes  
For A Happy New Year  
From The  
**James Wood Family**  
Wood Funeral Homes

## Have a Sparkling White Christmas

We wish you all the very best!



Keep Smiling!  
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## Bogata Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,  
 I have been a very good boy I would like to have a Tigerhawk Beast Wars, a candle, a cat-dog toy, Blues Clues Playdoh toy, Toyota Cool Tools, 4x4, big brick blocks, motorcycle, Power Rangers Power Voyager, Stone Cold truck and a Nintendo 64.

Thank you,  
 Jake Sheffield

Dear Santa,  
 I would like to have a real go cart, a doll house, a pet bee and a heart clock.  
 Love,  
 Brittany Walesiak

Dear Santa,  
 I want a watch, shoes, clothes, fishing pole, purse and Barbie.  
 Katie Stansbury

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Tara Cunningham, I was just wondering how are the reindeer? I can't wait till Christmas. If you like I will leave twelve cookies and two glasses of milk. I have tried to be a good girl. I will enjoy a lot of stuff. But, I mainly want one thing, Christmas with Nanny and Grampa Cunningham.  
 Love,  
 Tara Cunningham

Dear Santa,  
 I want a little car and a play army car. I also want a truck and one more thing, something special.  
 Davey Cruise

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Tara Raulston and how are you? Well, I'm doing just fine. What I really want for Christmas is a stereo, a Furby (the white one), a Game Boy color, CD's. That's all I really want. Have a good trip from the North Pole.  
 Love,  
 Tara Raulston

Dear Santa,  
 Hi, my name is Jimmy Schmidt. Have I been a good boy or a bad boy? How are you Santa? Will you send me a letter? I want a rifle and a color Game Boy and a gum machine. I forgot to tell you I am 10 years old and I want a bow and arrow with a carrier.  
 Your friend,  
 Jimmy Schmidt

Dear Santa,  
 I have been thinking about you. Have the elves been doing good? Here are some of the things I want for Christmas, a basketball goal, a red bow and arrow and an arrow holder, Nascar 2000 and a turkey call. My brother needs a cowboy hat. My sister needs driving lessons.  
 Love, Your Buddy  
 Jarod Davidson

Dear Santa,  
 I want a green bike and a real horse and cowboy boots and a white hat. Bring my sister and brothers some stuff and nice something for my teacher, Mrs. Ross.  
 Thank you,  
 Jerry Martin

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good. I want a baby Furby and a bicycle. I would like a trampoline. Please bring my sister, Kelsey and my cousins lots of nice toys for me to play with.  
 I Love You,  
 Cari Taylor

Dear Santa,  
 I want a toy train, a TV, toy cars, a Game Boy, a monster truck and a football helmet.  
 Colt Crawford

Dear Santa,  
 How are you at the North Pole? Santa Clause, are your reindeer still being good? Is Rudolph still glowing his nose? If it's glowing on Christmas night, we live on Lawson Street in Bogata, Texas. My little brother wants a rifle but he's only 5 year old. My sister wants a baby doll and my dad wants to stay home because he's a truck driver. I don't really want anything so surprise me!  
 Love,  
 Ricky Reeves

Dear Santa,  
 You have nice reindeer especially Rudolph. By the way, I am 7 and I am in the 3rd grade. I want a 4 wheeler and an action figure.  
 Your Pal,  
 Brandon Fields

Dear Santa,  
 I want a purse, a T.V., a brand new bike, some gowns with the shorts, a trampoline, a new Play Station game called Tomb Raiders, a lot of Polly Pockets, a bed with curtains, a phone, Bop-It, the movie Jumainji, Twister, a 3 CD thing that is a radio player, a paint horse, a computer game called Jump Start Fourth Grade and a lot of books.  
 Courtney Lemme

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? What are you ding right now? Well, my name is Valerie and I love Christmas and I love reindeer. I will have some food for your reindeer and you. I would like to have a new bike, a baby doll, a computer and a desk and a disc for the computer.  
 Love,  
 Valerie Vaughan

Dear Santa,  
 Santa I want a big huge purple and green trampoline. Also I would like a big TV, a pair of Doc Martins and a big 4 wheeler.  
 Jordan Stafford

Dear Santa,  
 I want a color Game Boy, CD player, CD's, computer, shotgun, 4 wheeler, truck, a remote truck, a bow and boat. My mom wants a gun and my dad wants a new truck. I have been very good. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.  
 Kyle Duffie

Dear Santa,  
 I have been trying real hard to be a good girl, although that is sometimes hard to do when you are 2. I would like a white Barbie Jeep that I can drive in my yard, an Alphabet Apple game, a Little Bear computer game and some puzzles and books. I will leave you some Big Red and sand tarts to fuel your tummy.  
 Love,  
 Mayzie Purviance

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a Barbie Cash Register, some jewelry, a medical trolley. I have been good. I f you bring me some more I will leave cookies or brownies. I would like some more toys please.  
 Alison Kim Mauldin  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like a remote control car and I would like a pair of gloves.  
 Ryan Cody Walker

Dear Santa,  
 I want a trampoline, go cart, remote control motorcycle, shotgun, crs, remote tractor, a bicycle and clothes.  
 Ethan Tucker

## GREETINGS!



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

**TALCO**  
**U.S. POST OFFICE**  
 Staff Ronny,  
 Marilyn, Sue & Claudia

### Love Thy Neighbor

May the spirit of the season warm your heart and home. We're very grateful to have you as our neighbor.

**Allen, Bobbi, Bryan Gifford**  
**Marti & Jason Chumbley**

### RX

Take A Large Dose Of Cheer For Twelve Days!

WITH WELL WISHES

A happy and healthy holiday to all.

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### Hoping the Glow of Christmas Surrounds You Throughout the Year...

And radiates with the love of friends, family and community.

**RIVERCREST**  
 I.S.D.

### MANY THANKS TO YOU!

When it comes to the holidays, fill 'em up with the best fuel of all, peace and joy. We wish you all the best, because you are the best.

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### Holiday Hours Guaranty Bank

<b>TALCO</b> 104 BROAD STREET 379-3611	<b>BOGATA</b> 110 HALESBORO ST. 632-5269	<b>DEPORT</b> 111 MAIN STREET 652-3615
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### Wishing everyone Happy Holidays!

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1999  
 Lobby: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Drive-Thru: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1999  
 All Locations - Closed

**New Years Eve**  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1999  
 Lobby: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Drive-Thru: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**New Years Day**  
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2000  
 Closed

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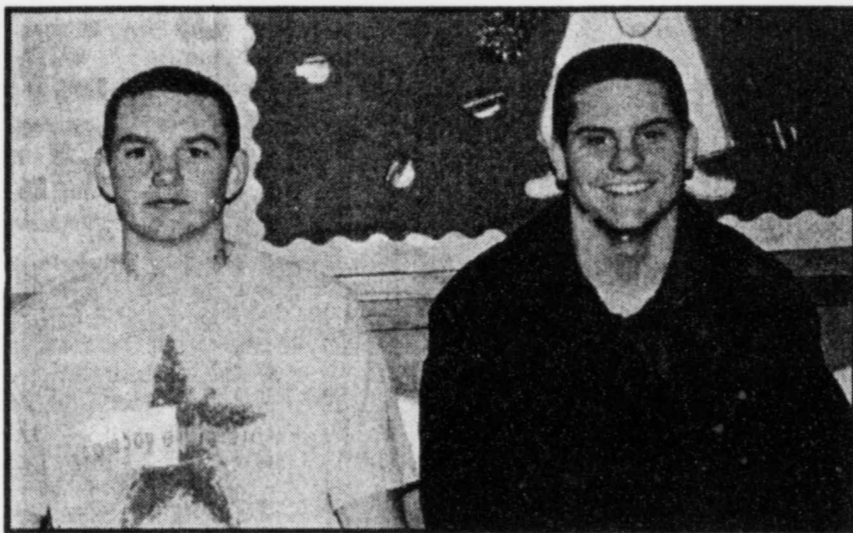
Mr. & Mrs. Santa visited with children at Guaranty Bank Bogata last Tuesday. Pictured from left to right, top row, 1 1/2 year old Christopher Thompson, 7-week old Slade Christian Gist, bottom row, Jana and Hana Hawkins, and 3 1/2 year old Jacob Thompson.



REPAIRS-The Bogata Post Office received repair work last week to the wall that was damaged when a vehicle accidentally hit it recently. It is now good as new. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

The Holidays Are  
The Perfect Time  
For Us To Drop You A Line  
To Wish You Certified  
Christmas Cheer & A First-Class  
Happy New Year!

**BOGATA POST OFFICE**  
Danny Eflaw, Carol Sessums,  
Paul Marr, Elaine Townes, Vickie Tabb



ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT-Rebel football players named to the Academic All District Football Team were Coleman Brown, Josh Griffin and not pictured Bubba Abernathy. Congratulations Rebels. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

*Red River Healthcare News*

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare Center this past week were:

- Resident, Charlotte Bishop-Claudene Case and Dorothy Christain.
- Resident, Ada Holmes-Maudie Lee and Ruth Lee.
- Resident, Irene House-Reabeth Abbott.
- Resident, Dorothy Stockton-Jean Stockton and Corey Branch.
- Residents, Gene and Lydia (Punkin) Hawkins-Doug Hawkins and A. G. Puckett.
- Resident, Nettie Moore-Doug Hawkins, Barbara and Cindy Bailey.
- Resident, Pauline Alsobrook-Sue Martin, T.J. and Nessa.
- Resident, Nina Hudson-Sidney Ward Hudson.
- Resident, Percy Topping-Carrine Alford, John Topping and Lucille Pettit.
- Resident, Leonard Fuller-Irene Fuller, Jimmy and Ruth Fuller.
- Resident, Dorothy Green-Mary Kathryn Cotten.
- Resident, Billie Hancock-Sandra Benson, Shirley Smith, Robert Smith, Bob Guess, Margie Myers and Mary Jane Lowry.
- Resident, Vivian Fail-Lynn and Ann Fail, Grace Hearron, Patsy Watts, Jimmie Weed, Karen Forsyth, Yvonne Harris and Marilyn Presley.
- Resident, Georgia Miller-Gerald Miller, Karen Forsyth, Jeff, Diana, Amanda and Morina Miller, Paul and Carolyn Miller, Dorothy and Odell Scruggs.
- Resident, Opal English-Jessica Whitney.
- Resident, Lewis Williams-Jessica Whitney.
- Resident, Ann Cody-Janette Brooks., Margie Myers and Mary J. Lowry.
- Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer.
- Resident, Irene House-Bernice Beers.
- Resident, Doris Glover-Mary J. Lowry and Margie Myers.
- Resident, Jodie Amos-Robby Walker.
- Resident, Jewell McLaughlin-James and Karen France.
- Resident, Pauline Hutson-Jerry Hutson.
- Resident, Juanita Fisher-anita and Gary Lucas.
- Resident, Ruth Wood-Robby and Bill Cloud.
- Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts.
- Resident, George Hancock-Eulalice Roach.

Your visits are appreciated by the residents at Red River Healthcare. Stop by and visit a friend or relative today.

Talco student council

reports food drive a success

The Talco Student Council's annual Food Drive concluded on December 13, 1999. The council reports that 8 boxes of food were collected and will be given to families with a need in the area. The council members and their sponsor, Tammie Case would like to thank everyone who participated and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Attend The Church of Your Choice*

*Away In A Manger*

May you rejoice in the splendor of His many wondrous creations in this season of love. Merry Christmas!

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*With Warm Holiday Greetings*

At this special time of year we want to thank our friends and wish them all the joy and peace of an old-fashioned Christmas.

**Yuba Sparks & Family**

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

**Cunningham Co-Op Gin**

*Best Wishes During This Joyous Season!!*

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*Behold His Glory and Rejoice!*

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


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

**Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace,  
Lamar County  
Don Denison and Family**

You Top Our List of People to **Thank!**  
 WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM  
**Jerry and Mike Hollowell**  
 Auto Sales  
 740 Front Street in Blossom

**JOY**

From PATTONVILLE POST OFFICE  
 Thanks To All Our Customers . . . We appreciate You.  
 Barbara, Rita and Clark



**'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord'**  
 (Psalms 33:5)

Christmastime offers us time to reflect on the beauty of creation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We're pleased to join with you in prayer, and to offer you our thanks.

**May God Bless You All**  
 Bob & Nelda Harrell  
 Ricky & Shirlene Ryan & Reagan, Rodney & Nelda



**In The Spirit Of The Season**


At Christmastime, we'd like to renew our commitment to serving the community, and we thank you all for your faith in us. Have a joyous Noel!

**FamilyCareNetwork**  
 We Treat You Like Family  
 N. Main St., Bogata Joseph Emmite, M.D.

**In the Spirit of the Season**

May you and your loved ones bask in the glory of His light and love this Christmas. Thank you for brightening our year with your visits.

John, Jill, Randy & Lindsay Hoover  
 Shane & Zarinska Morton




LORENE BOGIE-displays three of her beautiful hand made quilts. Her wonderful hobby has been enjoyed by many and will be enjoyed by many to come.

**A special lady**

by Nancy Brown

There are many many special people in this world and each and every one has something that makes them special. The lady I am privileged to write about this week is someone I do not personally know but even without knowing her, through her many friends I know she is special.

Lorene Bogie is well known to many. She is 90 years young, lives and cares for her own home and has a special hobby. She makes beautiful quilts.

Lorene is the wife of the late Odell Bogie. She has one son, Harold Dean and daughter-in-law, Janie, 3 granddaughters, Kathy, Karen and Kelly and 3 great grandchildren. She is a life time resident of Bogata. She and

her family were the owners and operators of the Bogie Cafe in Bogata for years. And if gossip serves correct, she is also one of the best pie makers in the state.

Lorene is pictured with 3 of her creations, (from the left) Rail fence, Spool and Double Wedding Ring quilts. All are absolutely beautiful. Lorene also crochets in her spare time and is still willing to make a pie or two for family and friends.

Thank you to Mrs. Bogie's friends who shared her hobby and talents with me and to Mrs. Bogie whose talents and friendship means so much to so many. I hope to one day meet Mrs. Bogie and taste one of those, reported so often, wonderful pies.

Dear Santa,

I would like something for Christmas. I have been a very good little girl. Please bring a guitar Barbie, TV, Pooh's Playhouse, drums, gown with a Barbie gown, robot, remote controlled doll, books, dishes and that is all. Oops, have to go, bye. Love ya!  
 Haley Joe Lemme

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike, NFL Blitz 2000 for my Nintendo 64, a 30-30, a Nintendo 64 controller, Play Station and some games.  
 Coty Townes

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Amber Sullivan. I am 9. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a 10 speed bike, a trampoline, some clothes, baseball posters, baseball glove, baseball cards, Chipper Jones T shirt, CD player, a camera, a baseball book, a phone, Braves bed spread, shoes for baseball, a computer, a book shelf, a VCR, Ty Beanie's, photo album and a Chipper Jones baseball card.  
 Amber Sullivan



**Talco Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa,

If you were wondering how I've behaved this year, I think it will bring you a delightful cheer. I haven't been naughty, I have been nice. I've been so sweet I'm sugar and spice. And since I've been so good this year on Christmas night I hope to hear your jolly laugh and the hooves of reindeer. And on you back I hope to see poking out of your sack these gifts for me: I would like a doll house complete with dolls that's my Christmas wish. Santa Clause. And underneath the Christmas tree I would also like to see a few new clothes just for me. And I would like 3 new books cause on books I am hooked. But my family and I all agree, a new computer would really please put under the Christmas tree and we'll be as happy as can be.  
 Ashley Shew

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64 with four controllers and about 2 games like OOT. Also a remote controlled Nascar. That's all.  
 Love,  
 Jeff Douthitt

**Talco Gift Subscriptions**

- To Dean and Carol Leake from the Ois Swaims.
- To Donna Jones from Guylene Hall.
- To Randy Jones, Terry Jones, Stanley Jones and Dean and Shaunda Tiffie from Imogene Lewis.
- To Marie Starin from Christine Hallford
- To Zeneth Hargrove from Shannon Hargrove
- To Michael and Heather Hall from Steve and Mary Hall
- To Chad White and Julie Tully from Betty Krisch
- To Wanda Morgan from Richard Swarts
- To Ricky Franks from Shirley Merritt

Dear Santa,

I want a new gun, CD player, Bounce Back Football, John Deer curtains, bike, rope, boots and a clock. My mama and brother want a CD player. My dad wants a pocket watch. I have been pretty good this year.  
 Jesse Hanna  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a pair of roller blades. I want a Super Nintendo, Donkey Kong 64 game. I want work boots. I want a blue ring.  
 David Stringer

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor, I am 6 and I want a roller skating doll and I want a play puppy that comes with a Dr. kit and I want a dog that comes out of the Mickey Mouse Show and its name is Pluto. I have been good. I like to play with my friends. I like to play with my toys. My room is pretty.  
 Taylor Stafford

Dear Santa,

My name is Amber Whitney. I am in the 1st grade. I am 6 years old. I want a sleeping beauty doll, a Christmas ring and I mostly like having a Cheerleading doll. I want a queen crown and I want some new shoes and I want a skate board and a new bike. That is what Amber Whitney wants for Christmas, the end.  
 Love,  
 Amber Whitney

Dear Santa,

I like your jacket. I've been good. I would like to have a remote control car. See you soon.  
 Love,  
 Joshua Walker

Dear Santa,

Hi, Santa I can't wait for Christmas. This is what I want for Christmas. Baseball cards, the Moffatts Chapter 1, a New Beginning CD, Chipper Jones shirt, camera, softball bat, J.C. Drew Bammer Bunnie, trampoline, posters, clothes, baseball glove, Braves bed spread, Avalon CD, WOW 99 CD, a phone, shoes for baseball, Donny and Marie Osmonds doll zone, Backstreet Boys CD, a TV for my room and a VCR, Ty Beanie's, photo album and Chipper Jones baseball cards.  
 Kaylee McIntire



NEW GENERATOR, Y2K Planners-Christus St. Joseph's Health System has been making plans for the arrival of the new millennium for more than a year, carefully checking computers and computer-driven equipment. And the hospital has also installed a new, larger emergency power generator, shown in the background, during the year. Looking over Christus St. Joseph's Y2K contingency plans, shown in the foreground, from left are Tom Brunette, director of facilities; Lance Brooks, director of management information systems; Tom Nester, chief operating officer; and Charlotte Wheeler, risk manager. (CSJHS photo by George Kimbrough)

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

Wishing you a season filled with great joy!  
 Many thanks for your friendship!

**Marlin Foster**

MERRY CHRISTMAS from Cotton Country!



**Christmas Bolls are Ringing!**  
 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
 Blackland Prairie Gin, Inc. & Warehouse

**Santa is coming to town, please don't hit him!**

The Texas Department of Transportation is urging the community to be responsible during the holiday. As part of the campaign against drinking and driving, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the business community is promoting the slogan, "Santa is coming to town, Please don't hit him."

Although the slogan may get a laugh or two, the community should take it very seriously. It is very responsible of local businesses to help promote the campaign especially during the holiday season, when there is a lot of traffic on the roads. People will be enjoying themselves during the holiday season, but everyone is asked to be responsible especially when it comes to drinking and driving.



**Bogata Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a camera, a watch that lights up, some clothes, a ring, a necklace, a sweater, a coloring book, a box of crayons, a box of Legos, a Furby, a purse, a coin purse and a jewelry box. I have been a good girl!  
Your friend,  
Staci Whitaker

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. I would like a Barbie with lots of clothes and shoes. I would like a baby doll with lots of clothes and a bottle. I would like a big humongus bicycle. I would like to see Santa Clause in our town with lots of snow. I would like to have a horse. I would like to have a farm with no roosters.  
Dana Williams

Dear Santa,

My name is Hayden Holt. I am 2 1/2 years old. I've been very good this year even though I haven't been home much. I have learned many new things this year and I need a few things to help me keep learning. I want some new books, VCR so I can watch Barney and Franklin, some new shoes cause my feet are finally growing, some larger shirts cause my tummy's hanging out of my old ones, some lotion I can rub on my hands and tummy all by myself and toys to make music cause I think that's really fun. Mamma will leave you a snack on the table. Please leave something for my nurses too cause they are really special.  
Hayden Holt

Dear Santa,

I want a go cart, CD player with CD's and holder. I also want a T.V. for my bedroom. My sister wants playing cards. My brother wants a gun, a CD player and toy cars. My parents want a new car and truck.  
Nathan Taylor

Dear Santa,

I want these things for Christmas: a drumset, BB gun, Easy Bake oven, large candy cane with kisses, baby that wets with a toilet, horse or colt, a rainbow bracelet with peace signs, bicycle with brakes on the handle, packet book about Brian from BSB, money, a dress for me and my mom, 2 silly straws, a magician set and pottery set with paints. Santa don't forget my brother, Trevor. I'll leave you some food and your reindeer some pecans. Hope to see you soon!  
Love,  
Jessica Jessee

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Heather Holt. I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I have 2 little brothers. Well, Heath is not really that little. For Christmas I would like a trampoline, a tree house, a baby doll, a little rocking chair, a carseat and stroller for my baby doll so she will be safe and warm, some snow so I can build a snowman and for my baby brother Hayden to stay well. I will leave the light on for you and leave you a snack. Please be extra quiet so you don't wake Hayden or my daddy. They are really cranky when they don't get their nap out.  
Love,  
Heather Holt

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a go cart, a skate board, the movie, Prince of Egypt, a bow and arrow, a big tent, a pistol, a camoflage tarp. I have been really nice or good this year. I want some other stuff too. I love Christmas because you get new toys.  
Love,  
Clay Rose

Dear Santa,

I wish I could have a BB gun, little table and chairs for me and my brother, a computer, a bell and blocks. Oh, and Santa will you bring my mom a clock for the kitchen, my dad a deer stand and my little Bub a race car track. I've been good.  
Love,  
Sammy

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacob harville and I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo 64 and some games, WWF Titron, a remote control motorcycle and a BB gun. I will leave you some milk and cookies by the Christmas tree. Oh Yeah! Don't forget to fill my stocking with goodies and Hot Wheels.  
Love,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,

I want a yoyo Skipper doll, a teddy bear, a pair of shoes, an Annie tape and a music tape and a radio with a CD player and a tape player and a Barbie cash register.  
Love,  
Kaley Stringfellow

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station, basketball goal and a weight set.  
Dillon

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Barbie doll for Christmas. I am in first grade and I wish I could go for a ride in you sleigh. I have a little Christmas tree. I have a little sister and she is nice. We like to color together. Thank you for the presents.  
Jazmine Denmark

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike and an alarm clock and a computer table and a lamp and a night stand and a telephone in my room and a guitar.  
Hailey Screws

Hope your holiday is a glowing success, filled with bright times and warm friendships.

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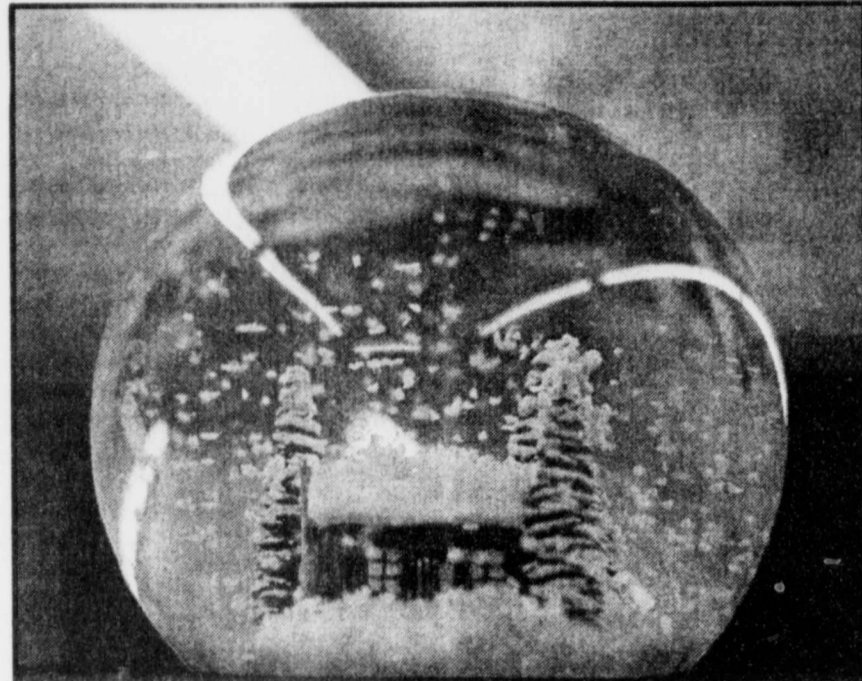
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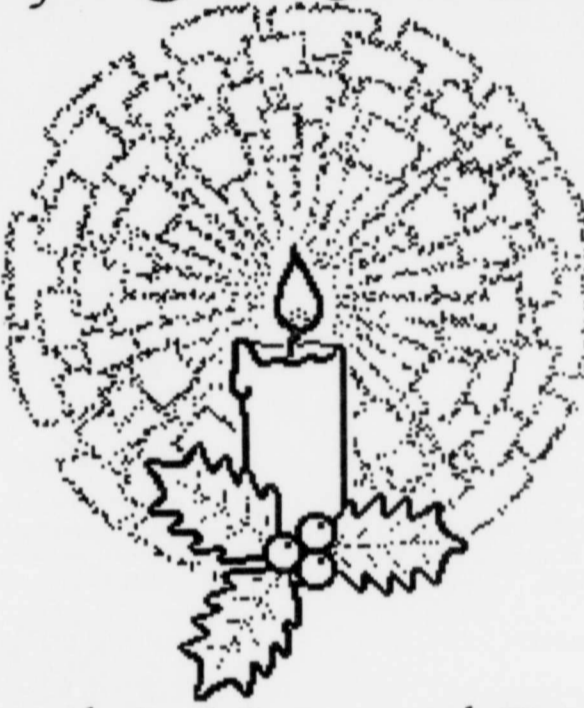
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Joyous wishes to all for a wonderful holiday.  
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and Melanie visited over night Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith in Arlington. On Saturday they attended the State 2A football play off game. The Elysian Fields team who the Smith's grandson, Chad, is a team member was defeated. Although the team did not win the state title they are # 2 in the state and had a great year.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown, Jack, Jennifer Allmon and Quinton Anderson traveled to Quitman Sunday for an early Christmas celebration with the Brown family at the home of Bobby Jack and Bobbie Brown. Also attending were Martha Cody of Lewisville, Mary Ann and Raymond Adler of Plano, Terri, Mark, Mark Jr. and Nicholas Tatum of Plano, Lou Ann, Mike and Abby DeBerry of Greenville and Eloise and Otis Hall of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Rachel and Susan visited

over the weekend with Andy, Beth, Jared and Jacob Myrcle in Jackson, Tennessee. The family celebrated an early Christmas.

Bruce and Ryan Case attended the 2A State football game in Bedford on Saturday. They returned to the North Hopkins Basketball Tournament to watch the Rebels become tournament champions.

Laura Stevens of Plano visited her mother, Judy Stevens and other family and friends last weekend.

Rene Wisinger was taken to Titus County Regional Hospital following one car accident on FM 71 east of Talco Tuesday morning.

Happy December birthday to Vera Pittman, Jerry Pittman and Tawala Padgett.

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**JOHNTOWN NEWS**  
By Jana Hawkins

Robbi and B.J. McLaughlin visited friends in San Antonio last week. On Tuesday they enjoyed a trip to the River Walk.

Haley Hawkins and Sarah Jean enjoyed shopping and eating at Applebees in Paris with Mary Jane Tate.

Heather Hawkins and Nicole Burruss were overnight guest of Adam and Tracy Eudy and boys on Sunday night.

B.J. McLaughlin traveled to Bowie and Crowley this week to deliver his grandchildren Christmas presents.

Heather Hawkins traveled to Arkansas Friday with Steven Hawkins and family to attend the wedding ceremony of Stephanie Hawkins. They all returned on Saturday night.

Visiting over the weekend with B.J. and Robbi McLaughlin and celebrating an early Christmas were James and Karen France of Bowie, Tx.

Robbie Hawkins was in Arkansas from Wednesday to Sunday to help with her granddaughter, Stephanie's wedding on Saturday night.

Crystal Burruss was overnight guest of Haley Hawkins on Sunday. Freda and Donald Jean took Sarah Jean and Heather Hawkins to the movies in Paris on Monday.

Saturday, Donald and Freda Jean and Sarah enjoyed visiting Freda's dad, Roger and Katie Cabell in Sugar Hill.

Friday, Freda and Sarah Jean, Dana Neeley and Holly Jean enjoyed shopping and eating at Applebees in Paris.

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**A Season of Blessings**

May you experience the inner serenity and enlightenment that this special time of year brings.

Our sincere thanks to all those who graced us with their friendship and support.

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Bogata Letters To Santa



Dear Santa, This Christmas I want Sega, Play Station crash game, a nerf gun, VCR, movies, Zelda, bike, hot wheels track, cars and trucks, WWF toys, games for Sega, new clothes, radio, a teddy bear, birds, money, sleeping bag, tent guitar, four wheeler, go cart, black punching bag, remote control car, charge up battery for the car, dog bone for Zeus, collar for Coby, 2 hamsters, water bed, aquarium and an \$80.00 remote control truck. Love, Logan Wright

Dear Santa, I want a stuffed teddy bear, a book, Sega, a radio, CD's, CD player, clothes, shoes, socks, a cat, a computer, a jewelry box, a coloring book, Kindergarten baby, crayons, dresser, a yo yo, a bicycle, a dog, a tent, a hamster, games, a coat, a necklace, a ball, pencils, bracelet, mints, pens and a desk. Thank You, Loren Rivera

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would love a trampoline, roller blades, a baby doll, and a ring. I would also like it if you will bring me some dress shoes (red ones), a bicycle and for my baby sister a dress. For myself I want some purple, red, yellow and blue fingernail polish, a kite, a red rose, a belt, a rabbit and one more thing, a zebra. Sincerely Yours, Kayla Henry

Dear Santa, I want a toy car, red bicycle, tool set, trampoline, play gun, baseball bat, wagon, train set, Nintendo 64 with race car game and a kite. I would also like a bounce ball, baseball, baseball glove, reading books, Rebok tennis shoes, rain coat, play race track, fish and new jacket. Thank You, Aaron Blankenship

Dear Santa, I would like fun stuff for Christmas like a Barbie jeep, a bike, Barbie house, dresses, clothes, hair bows, tennis shoes, a dog, a pig, a goat, socks, toys, a belt, house shoes, hat, folder, fingernail polish, a house, a wind suit outfit, sweater, a deer, goggles, kite, zebra, yo yo, 3 wheeler, wagon, a bunny rabbit, a vest, umbrella, tent, quele, Pokemon, Play Station and games, CD player, a parrot, toy Santa Clause, elephant and last but no least a duck. Thank you, Abby Godwin

Dear Santa, I want a remote control car, a Game Boy, colors, Bobit Extreme, Nintendo 64, radio, punch bag, clothes, the Mummy, four wheeler, pellet gun, parrot, Toy Story 2, Toy Story 2 on Play Station, hamster, gold fish, cars, Tarzan play station, shoes-Nike, N SYNC tapes, a little trampoline, kite, watch, pants and shirts. Thank you, Kyle McCuller

Dear Santa, Please bring me some church shoes and a pink and purple dress to go with it. I would also like some band-aids for my grandmother. I'd really appreciate it if you bring me three rocking chairs. I hope you have a safe trip. Yours truly, Dyna Williams

Dear Santa, Please bring me a guitar, a Christmas tree, a play knife, a teddy bear, a chair for my room, a train for Sammy, a play gun, a play school house, a Donald Duck shirt and movie, a CD player for my mom and a tool box for my dad. A Christmas bell for Mrs. Brown. Merry Christmas Santa. Have a good Christmas. I will be good! Love you Santa, Rob Ward

Dear Santa, Please bring me a box seat, a pair of gloves, new shoes, skates and some movies. I want a motorcycle, a toy helicopter, Star Wars toys. I want rescue heroes, puppets, legos, a big radio, a big book, a movie about the cat that fell in the water and I want a new belt, a new cowboy hat and a goldfish and a catfish, new socks and boots for my dad and earrings for my mom. I am going to live with my grandpa in a trailer house so you can find me. Your friend always, Aaron James Whitney

Dear Santa, My name is Emily Hider and I am two years old. I want some Teletubies covers and a Teletubies pillow, a race car, a Blue's Clues story book, a new baby and some fingernail polish. My mama will make you some cookies. Thanks, Emily

Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a Karaoke radio. When the Goal is Super Action, lounge chair with foot rest, Command Center for my Play Station, Game Boy Color with Pokemon games, remote control truck and yerf dog go cart. My mom wants a dress. My dad needs a hunting knife. My sisters want a baby born and a go cart also. Love, E.J. Via

Dear Santa, I would like it if all the children would get a toy and some food. I would like a 4 wheeler and a go cart and a Nintendo 64. A camo coat and a money tree. Merry Christmas, Cody Cox

Dear Santa, I have been good this year and I want earrings, rings, necklace, bracelet, Santa Clause toy, lip gloss, books, CD, movies, clothes, shoes, hair bows, toy angel, puppy, kittens, jacket, crayons, sunglasses, 2 trampolines, go cart. Please bring Chrissy a new mustang and bring Jamie a new bedroom. I'll leave you milk and cookies. Your friend, Brooke Wilson

Dear Santa, My name is Emily from Talco, TX, and what I want for Christmas is a CD player, Furby, clothes, hat, recorder and a friendship necklace. Sincerely Yours, Emily Rector

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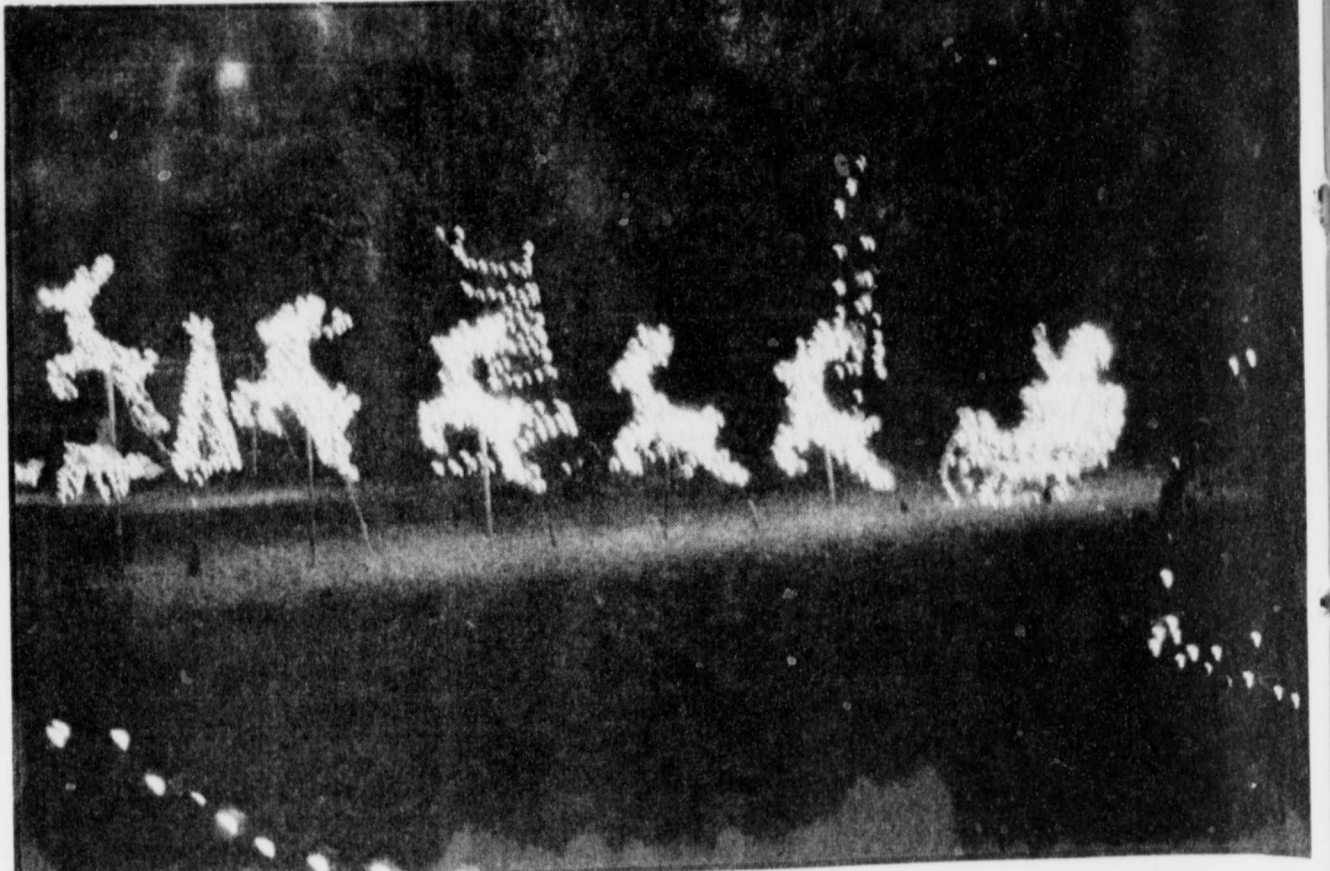
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Advertisement for Glad Tidings. Text: 'May your holidays be filled with laughter and good cheer. Darold & Ida Mae Norwood' Includes an illustration of a gift box.

Advertisement for Community National Bank. Text: 'Merry Christmas Make the most of your holiday with family, friends and festivities. Thank you for allowing us to make the most of our business with your loyal support.' Logo: CNB COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK. Address: 903-674-4355 Hwy. 82 West of Detroit, Texas. MEMBER F.D.I.C.



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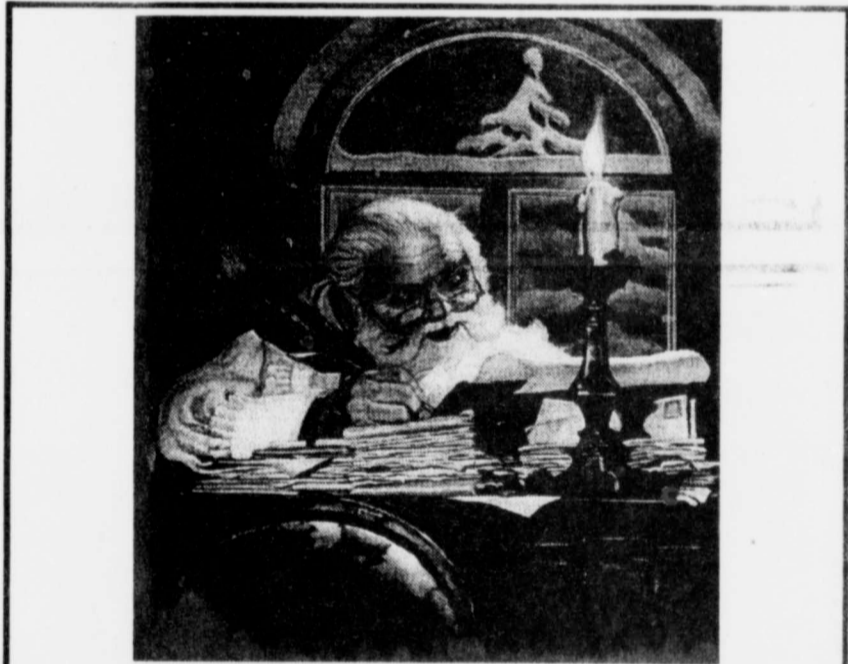
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**BOGATA SANTA LETTERS**



Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Cheyenne Williams. I have been a good girl this year so there are a few things I would like. They really are not for me but for my horse, Sugar. They are a headstall, some reins, and a saddle pad. There are a few things I'd like too. I want a see-through horse and a Game Boy Color. Those are the things I really want.  
Love,  
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,  
I'm 3 years old and I would like a bike, clothes, Barney tape, purse, dolls and a backpack. I also want everyone to have a good Christmas.  
Kim Stansbury

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little girl this year. I would like you to bring me a Cheerleader Barbie, dress up jewelry, and last but not least some dress up clothes to go with my jewelry. Please have a safe trip from the North Pole, and I'll leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Camen Calvin

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could have a 4 wheeler and a go cart. I also want a gun so I could shoot animals to eat. I also want to be a famous hunter. I also want the little children that have no good to have some food. I also wish I had a little puppy like my cousins but hers is two years old. her name is Kelsey.  
Miriam Williams

Dear Santa,  
I want a big black horse for Christmas. I want a trampoline. I want a Play Station. I want a 4 wheeler. I want a computer. I want a Baby Sharky that doesn't get very big. I want a phone in my own room. That is all.  
Kristen Clark

Dear Santa,  
I want some really cool sunglasses for Christmas. And I want that bug thing where you put slime in it and cut it open and the slime comes out, I think it is called Generation Buger, something like that. I also want books. I want a Miami Dolphins bean bag and or inflatable chair. I want to look like an Aggie so please bring me Aggie clothes. I also want some movies. I want Scooby Doo on Zonbie Island and Toy Story 2. I am going to be hoping for all of this. Oh Yeah, Bring me a scholarship at Texas A & M.  
Love,  
Katelyn VanDeaver

Dear Santa,  
How are the deer doing? I've been a good kid so, can I have the yellow version of Pokemon and a paintball gun? I'm nine years old and I'm in 3rd grade.  
Love,  
Glen Cruise

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control airplane and aPlay Station and some games and would you bring Kaleb some toys too?  
Love,  
Kolton

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Renee and I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a bike, baby doll and a computer. Could I also get some games. Santa Clause I would also like you to bring me some skates, shoes and some clothes. And a watch. Then I want an Easy Bake Oven for Christmas.  
From,  
Renee Asagba

Dear Santa,  
I want Pukuball with a gold jiggly puff and a gold wiggly tuff card. Picachu card, Picachu vacation, Pokemon the first movie, My Pal 2000, Back Street Boys CD, alarm clock, Sand Shew card, Nintendo 64 and Pokemon Snap game, Onix gold card in Pukuball, 60 packs of Pokemon trading cards and an Onix gold card.  
From,  
Alec Moreno

Dear Santa,  
How is it going in the North Pole? My name is Haley Whitney and I've been good this year so I think I deserve a present. This year I want a trampoline. My little brother wants a ballshooter. I think it is a pitching machine? My little sister wants a puppy and my mom wants a cook pan. Well, I hope I get a trampoline.  
Love,  
Kayla Whitney

**Season's Greetings**  
Thank you for putting your trust in us.  
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**The true spirit of Christmas giving**

Submitted by Vicki Ballard  
Who found this story  
on her E-mail

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past ten years or so. It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas...oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it...overspending...the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma. The gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else. Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for him. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son, Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended; and shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church, mostly black. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, I wish just one of them could have won, he said. They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them.

Mike loved kids, all kids, and he them, having coached little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me.

His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years. For each Christmas I followed the tradition...one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents.

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got a tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing and envelope on the tree and in the morning, it was joined by three more.

Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing around the tree with wide-eyed anticipation watching as their fathers take down the envelope. Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit, will always be with us.

May we all remember Christ, who is the reason for the season, and the true Christmas spirit this year and always.

**HARK!**

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**Blessings At Christmastime**

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We are truly grateful for your kind friendship and generous support.

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May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond.  
Many thanks and 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

As we join in the festivities of Christmas, we extend our hearty thanks to the customers who have been so good to us during the past year.  
To all, a very merry holiday season and the happiest of New Years!!

**Season's Greetings**

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**Enjoy The Gifts Of The Season**



...and rejoice in all its glory.  
From our family to yours - have a beautiful Christmas.

**Gilbert & Melissa Arriaga**

**Cunningham News**  
By Jane O'Neal



Pete and L'Wanda McKnight held their family Christmas party and dinner on Saturday night. Those present were A.T. and Claudine O'Neal of Mt. Pleasant, Mike and Della O'Neal of Paris, Jennifer and Shelby, Bobby and Adrianna Morrison of Ft. Worth, Donnie and Clovis Morrison of Paris, Jane O'Neal, Sue and Murray Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Connie McKnight and Cindy, Raenna and Lee Don Barnett.

Jane O'Neal held their family Christmas party Sunday night. Those attending were Sue and Murray Jackson, Eldon, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove had Sunday lunch with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove.

Shane and Zarinska Morton were in Sherman on Sunday at his grand-

mothers to have their family Christmas.

Laura and Ross Miller of Blossom honored Tony Duncan on his birthday Saturday. Attending were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood.

Having Sunday lunch with Geneva Norwood were Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited Shelia Norwood in Denton on Tuesday.


Heath, Missy and Laytner Kennedy had Sunday lunch with Shelby and Bobby Ray Kennedy.

Velma Cox visited Lillian King in Deport last week and visited one day with Walker and Willie Devlin.

Jenna Patterson competed in a beauty pageant held at Aikin School in Paris recently where she won Most Beautiful Hair and was named Princess in the contest.

**Christmas Memories**

As we experience the warmth and wonder of this festive season, may all that is Christmas embrace you and yours.



*Eddie, Nancy and Jack Brown*  
*Kim and Paul Anderson*

**Have a Beautiful Holiday!**

We appreciate your patronage, and wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season, and a very happy new year.

**DEPORT FLORIST**  
The Chapmans  
Dot Nichols  
Deport, Texas 652-4610


**Two reasons that the lights won't work!**

It's always a struggle to keep Christmas lights working, isn't it. The other night when we came in from work we noticed we had several strands of lights that weren't working. We thought it was because of the high winds that had been banging them around on the fence all day.

Imagine our surprise when we discovered that the squirrels had gnawed through several strands of wires.

We did fix them, and so far they haven't chewed through any more wires.

But we visited with James Fulbright who has such a fantastic light display and he reports that he has a dog that comes and munches on the bulbs! Come on, critters, get the Christmas spirit.



**PAUL DUNHAM** (left) is shown receiving a scholarship plaque from Mr. Bill Chambers, A.T.C. Scholarship Committee Chair of the Research and Education Foundation of the National Athletic Trainer's Association. The award was given at the 1999 William E. Newell Student Athletic Trainer Awards Luncheon on June 16 in Kansas City, Missouri.

**A BASKETFUL OF HOLIDAY WISHES**

Thank you for your friendship over the past months. We enjoyed being of service to you, and hope to continue doing so in the new year.

Enjoy your holidays.



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**To Our Best Friends...**

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

**ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF PARIS**  
Keith House, D.V.M.  
2950 N.E. Loop 286, Paris  
785-7606



**TALCO SANTA LETTERS**



Dear Santa,  
I want a Happy Meal, more trucks too, more guns, no bicycle, choo choo train, a bicycle now, no horsey. Please bring my daddy some more tools cause I want to play with his. I'll leave you some milk and toys. I have been good. P.S. Please bring my ma something she has been real good!!  
Jacob Birchfield

Dear Santa,  
I want Rebok axis gid's, games, radio, Beanies, string lights, cargo pants, CD stereo, brown boots, star lamp, clothes, cargo peacoat, cosmetic travel kid, beaded curtain, Van Gogh tin art set till December Furby.  
Kayla Birchfield

Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good this year and I would like a set of soldiers, a new Lego racing game. My mom wants a ring. My uncle wants a pair of pants, my dad wants some tools, my brother wants some big trucks and I want some remote control cars and I want some guns.  
Your friend,  
Aaron Watson

Dear Santa,  
This year I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me a porcelain doll, some roller blades, a drum set, a Pokemon shirt and some pants and some work boots. I would also like a computer. I will try to leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Haley Shumate

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I love you Santa Clause,  
Hunter Wade Richeson

Dear Santa,  
I want the new WWF tape and Kane shirt and Edge shirt and Austin 3:16 shirt and WWF War Zone and a go cart and a football and basketball.  
Your friend,  
Tyrone Sanders

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

**DEPORT POST OFFICE**

**Joe Thompson  
Drucille Rollins  
Elvin Bell  
Carole Ninemires**

*Merry Christmas, Friends*

**Talco Pre-K morning class Talco students**

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline, remote control car, rubber football, 98 Windows computer, jokebox, 20 inch TV, telephone, CD player, electric drill and computer table and Tuff Track.  
Love,  
Bud

Dear Santa,  
I want a bunch of gum, a new bike, a computer and a tent. I would also like me one tree house, a notebook and a real twenty gauge, a dirt bike, a four wheeler, microscope and a pair of shoes, a laser, a skateboard, a Texas Longhorn football, a elephant, drum set, Pokemon, microphone, a stereo, million dollars, a big four wheel drive truck, basketball goal, football helmet, boat, fishing pole and a grass-hopper.  
Yours Truly,  
Paden

Dear Santa,  
I want a 22 rifle and a Play Station. I want a car for my sister. I want a Christmas tree for next year. I want a remote control car. I want a pair of new boots. I want a little wild pig.  
Friendly yours,  
Saul Vazquez

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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want roller blades, Big screen TV, Life time of books, ice cream, stuffed animals, football marker, baseball marker, soccer marker, a stack of toys, clothes, movies and a telephone. Thank you for all of the presents.  
Your pal,  
Jasper Hodge  
Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
I want a fishing pole, some cars, telescope, race car, drum set, walkie talkie, CD player, alarm clock, 3D TV, pelletgun, Mickel Jordan shoes, soccer ball, football, Redskins football helmet, tool box, guitar and color box.  
Love,  
Jonathon

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cody James Raleigh. I think I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas I want a Blue Harley Davidson Motorcycle, a guitar, drums, race car bed, remote control big truck, race car set and a choo choo.  
Love,  
Cody

**BRIGHT WISHES**

We've been burning the candle at both ends to get ready for Christmas, and now that it's here we'd like to say "thanks", to all of you who've helped light up our lives throughout the year!

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Christ Makes Christmas  
Merry Christmas and May God Bless You

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Big Radio Horse, four wheeler, make-up, Winnie the Pooh shoes, Nike shorts, go-cart, TV, lipstick, sparkle hair gel, play house, trampoline, lots of Barbie dolls, monkey and a cage, drum set, piano, computer, CD player, CD's, play chair, speakers, hair burrets, mirror set, posters, microphone, for Mom paints, for Dad tool box and for brother a motorcycle.  
Love,  
Dakota

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy Franklin and a toy snow man. I want a Barbie playhouse and a trampoline. I always wanted a soft Kelly. I have been good this year. Would you please bring my brother a toy ghost and a toy Santa? We will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Thank you,  
Kayla Johnson

**May Your Holidays Be Priceless!**

We're wishing you a real gem of a holiday season filled with many golden moments to cherish always.

We're very grateful that the holidays provide an opportunity for us to thank all our friends. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

**SCOTT'S JEWELERS**  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a skate board, a puzzle with a kitty on it, a party Barbie and a new born baby doll, a swimming pool, Barney movie, trampoline and a Mr. Potato head says, a Barbie car and pool and house, a power wheel jeep. I will leave cookies and milk. Please bring Savana a doll and Montana a pop gun, Mama a necklace and daddy a watch.  
Love always,  
Channen Martin

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really good. I want a fishing pole, a baby doll, a barbie swimming pool, with a Barbie in it, a doll house, A Bugs Life movie. My sister wants some fingernail polish. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Kimberly Parker

**TO OUR BEST FRIENDS...**

Have a merry little Christmas, with plenty of warmth and love. We're so pleased you dropped by to see us over the past year, and we look forward to your visits in the future.

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All aboard for the best season, ever!  
Thanks for helping us keep on track this holiday season.

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## Bogata Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a fire truck and a remote control big truck, a dump truck, a race care, a toy car and a big truck.  
Love,  
Kellen Stringfellow

Dear Santa,

A walkman CD player would be nice. And \$26.00 is the price. The LFO CD would be good. A tumbling mat if you would. I would really like a go cart. Just one that will start. These are my Christmas wishes, and they are better than a bag of switches!  
Micah Haynes

Dear Santa,

Tootsie Roll, Hershey and Kit Kat candy would be very dandy. 100,000 million dollars in cash. Then I would have a great big stash. If I lived in a castle dogs, cats and rats would be no hassle.  
Demetrice Fulbright.

Dear Whoever It May Concern,

A black stallion would be good, a computer if you could. A Play Station with games would be nice. Maybe even two true albino mice. I also would like a parrot like Kermit that belongs to Mrs. Jordan. But, do you think mine could play the accordion?  
Krystal Smith

Dear Mr. Kringle,

Some Pokemon cards I will like. A super soaker 3000 beside a bike. A Blast Back Football with one flat side and a brand new skateboard I can ride. All these things that I wish will be on my Christmas list.  
Chris Watts

Dear Santa,

A baby sister or brother would be nice. A C<sup>o</sup> player with no low price. Doc Martins would be nice, but it would be better if I had them twice.  
Love, Cortney Merchant

Dear Santa,

A CD player would be nice. Justin would be nice twice. A Britney Spires CD would be good. A watch if you could. And Elvis CD would rule and earrings would be cool.  
Katherine Brink

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I want some CD's; two or three just for me. An Addidas jacket so I wouldn't be hacken when it is cold and a jamming system would be bold. A pair of Nike shoes is something I would choose.  
Jesse Harville

Dear Santa,

A camera would be good. A go-cart if you could. A four-wheeler if you would. I would even like mice. It would be good if you brought me a snake. I would even bake you a cake.  
Brantly Morris

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a kitten if you could. Maybe even a bike if you would. Maybe if it wasn't a hassle, an American Girl Doll with a tassel. I would like a million dollars or a trillion. If you would bring me a dog or a million. It would be special if you could bring Mrs. Jordan an overhead cart.  
Vallery Schmidt

Dear Santa,

I want a 30/30 so I can shoot at 3:30. I want a knife so I can slice. I want a pet mouse so I can have it in my house.  
Joseph Williams

Dear Santa,

A baby sister or brother would be neat. Cosmetic Make over for the computer would make me fall off my feet. Grandmother to get better would be swell, if only you could make her well.  
Lauren Beers

Dear Santa,

I need a new paint ball gun that doesn't weigh a ton. A 44-magnum would be good. I will need one if you could. A million dollars if you would, to get a lot of things that are good. A CD player that is loud, so you can hear it through a crowd. Very small bills would be great, it would help if you didn't wait!  
Jeremiah Story

Dear Santa,

A CD player would be nice but it is at a very large price. Doc Martine sandals would be cool. Even if they were made out of wool. An Old Navy pullover would be fantastic. Just make sure it is not made out of plastic.  
Kelsey Taylor

Dear Santa,

A portable CD player would be nice, three or four CD's at a low price. A mongoose bicycle would be cool. A regular CD with a remote would rule. A trip to Colorado would be nice, but I would like to go even more than twice.  
Love, Lee Jordan

Dear Santa,

I want a new Nintendo game called WCW Mayhem. I want a high power telescope so I can look at the moon. I want some new tires for my 4 wheeler.  
Aaron Rolan

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a chemistry set, there is 3 of them. One is a screen with tweezers, another is a slime grower. My favorite has glass tubes in it and a microscope.  
Love,  
Lauren Mauldin

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year except for once and maybe you can still get a gift for me. I want a trampoline. I want a 4 wheeler. I would love a new computer with the Internet. I would like a billion dollars. (that might not come true). Hopefully, these things will be under my Christmas tree.  
Love,  
Lyzette Rae Gaylan

Dear Santa,

I want a boom box, a new Furby, a great Pyrenees, my room painted, an inflatable chair, Texas A & M Aggie clothes. I also want a big stuffed Toy Story 2, Scooby Doo on Zombie Island and other movies. A new pair of Justin work boots, a scholarship for Texas A & M and a mountain bike. A \$100 savings bond, books, a disco light, a bunch of CD's. Now, I really want all of this.  
Love,  
Taylor Anderson

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Colby. I want a toy train. I want a All Rescue Set with a fireman, a policeman, a speed boat and an ambulance.  
Colby Horn

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I want a new Nintendo 64 game, a football, a basketball, a new Bible, Nike windsuit and a CD.  
Love,  
Ryan Kennedy

Dear Santa,

I think I've been good this year. I would like a telephone, a computer, a T.V., a bunch of clothes, a radio, a book about scary stories and not to be greedy, some money and everyone to have a safe and happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Franny Galyean

Dear Santa,

I want a Suzuki 150 four wheeler and a 223 deer rifle and a 20 millimeter army gun.  
From,  
Ethan Meredith

Dear Santa,

I want a truck, a 4 wheeler, shotgun and a dozer. Please bring my sister a doll and brother a bike. My dad wants a new pick-up and my mom wants a dog. I have been good this year.  
Blake Kelley

Dear Santa,

Please bring me another guitar with a microphone and a case. I want a pencil, a poster, a bow and arrow, a BB gun and money. Can you bring my daddy a bow and arrow? I want him to be able to play also. I've been pretty good this year so please don't leave us any more switches. I'll leave you something good to eat and some pecans for your reindeer. I love you and hope to see you at our church program. Oh, please bring my sister something she's been good too.  
Love you,  
Trevor Jesse

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer. I would like a stereo. I would like a horse and saddle.  
Kolton

Dear Santa,

My name is Robert. I would like a BB gun, Pokemon, Nintendo 64, Pokemon the first movie, wrestling, all of them wrestler, a new bike, Donkey Cong 64, Pokemon and Pikachu the gold card and the toy Pikachu.  
Robert

Dear Santa,

I want a yo yo, Skipper doll and clothes. I also would like a Barbie Cash Register. I would like a puppy. Can I have a new pair of socks? I will leave a plate of cookies and a Dr. Pepper and I will see you at Christmas.  
Love,  
Marcie Lynn Rains, Brandon, Tamela and David

Dear Santa,

I wish you would bring me a bag of toys and bring my little sister a bag of switches and my mother a rose and dad a lawn mower. I really wish you'd bring me some snow. Santa thank you for the presents last year. I really loved them very much.  
Dara Williams

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a bow and arrow, computer games and toys.  
Your friend,  
Wade Allen

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? I hope good. I think I have been pretty good this year. If you can i would like a baby with a stroller, Magnadoodle and a Sabrina game and a Bible. I love you.  
Samantha Thompson

Dear Santa,

I need a bunch of shotguns like a 12 gauge. I also need a paint ball gun with a lot of paint balls and a crow bow and arrow and a pet snake.  
From,  
Aaron Lum

Dear Santa,

I want a tent and a Barbie. I love you. I have been good. I like toys. Don't forget me please. I like you Santa Claus.  
Angela



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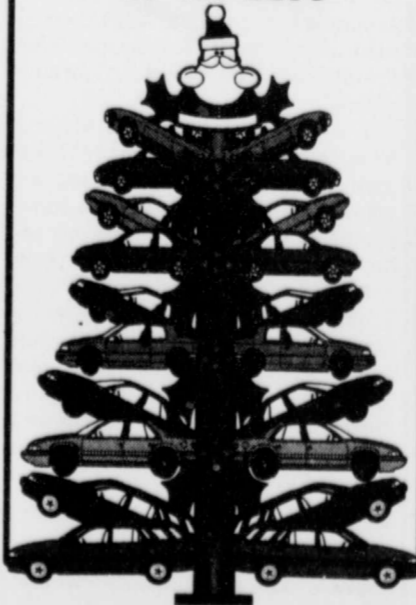
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NANALEE NICHOLS paints a carefully detailed wreath on a frosted glass ornament. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



INTRICATE DETAIL highlights the handpainted Christmas ornaments done by Nanalee Nichols of Deport, who never paints the same scene twice. She both sells and gives the beautiful creations away.

## An Ornamental Hobby

Love of Christmas inspires hand painted scene

What can you do to make a plain, frosted glass Christmas ornament special? Well, if you are Nanalee Nichols and have a fascination with detail, you can spend lots of hours hand painting them with tiny, never-repeated scenes.

"The first time I tried this was back in 1979. I found one box of the frosted ornaments and painted them with barns, churches and bells", she says. "I put them on my own tree, gave some of them away, and then was too busy for years to even think about painting any more".

In 1998 she found some of the frosted globes on sale at a hobby store, and painted fifteen of them. She took them to Tinsel and Tidings in Paris, the YWCA's annual Christmas festival. She and friend, Dawne Darden, shared a booth. Dawne sold her stained glass creations and Nanalee her ornaments. They sold well enough that she bought 50 of the ornaments, but didn't seem to have time to paint them until she underwent total knee replacement.

"After I was well enough to spend much time up I spent hours painting the ornaments. I searched through old books, catalogs, old greeting cards and adapted the designs to what I could do" she says. That was in March. In August she had the second knee replaced and had some more time to paint.

"I set my goal at getting all fifty of them painted in time for Tinsel and Tidings. I almost made it. I had 48 of them painted." Again, they sold quite well.

In addition, she has painted even more of them to "specification", skiers, people's pets, and, perhaps most unusual, bucking bulls!

Last year she did the world-famous Bodacious, the bull that belongs to Sammy Andrews of Addielou. "Bo" is probably the most famous of Andrew Rodeo Company's stock. The yellow, Charolais type animal looked nice surrounded by pine greenery and red ribbon, and made a most unusual Christmas present from a friend. This year, "Scat Cat" and "Outlaw Willie" have gone on ornaments. The aggressive, appraising look in the bull's eyes make them a little different as a Christmas decoration, however!

"They are probably the most unusual ornaments I've done, but the hardest is by far a train in the Colorado Rockies." She smiles. The train,

done in exacting detail, features an old steam locomotive coming down a mountain pass.

A series she began this year features sepia toned villages nestled in hills of snow, highlighted by a single brightly colored red item such as a cardinal or sleigh.

Snug cabins with glowing lights, wild birds of various types: snow shoe bunnies, horses, wreaths, lighthouses, puppies and cats are among the designs she has produced.

Angels, bells and several types of Santas, including old-world types with robes of velvet and fur are in a more traditional style. One frosted creation shows Santa dozing in his arm chair with two puppies and a kitten snoozing with him.

Several have had deer on them, either families or a single buck.

"The deer are really popular" she states, "as are nativity scenes".

She tries to never repeat a scene.

"If I really like a scene, like some of the Smoky Mountain cabins, I may use the basic design, but I'll add bird feeders, mail boxes, outbuildings, change the porch, put different doors and windows into it. It's just not much fun to do the same thing twice, so I don't do it" she says.

The designs are painstakingly detailed. With wintry trees in silhouette against a setting sun, glittering snow or delicately detailed ribbons.

She is teased a lot about her "paint brush with three hairs".

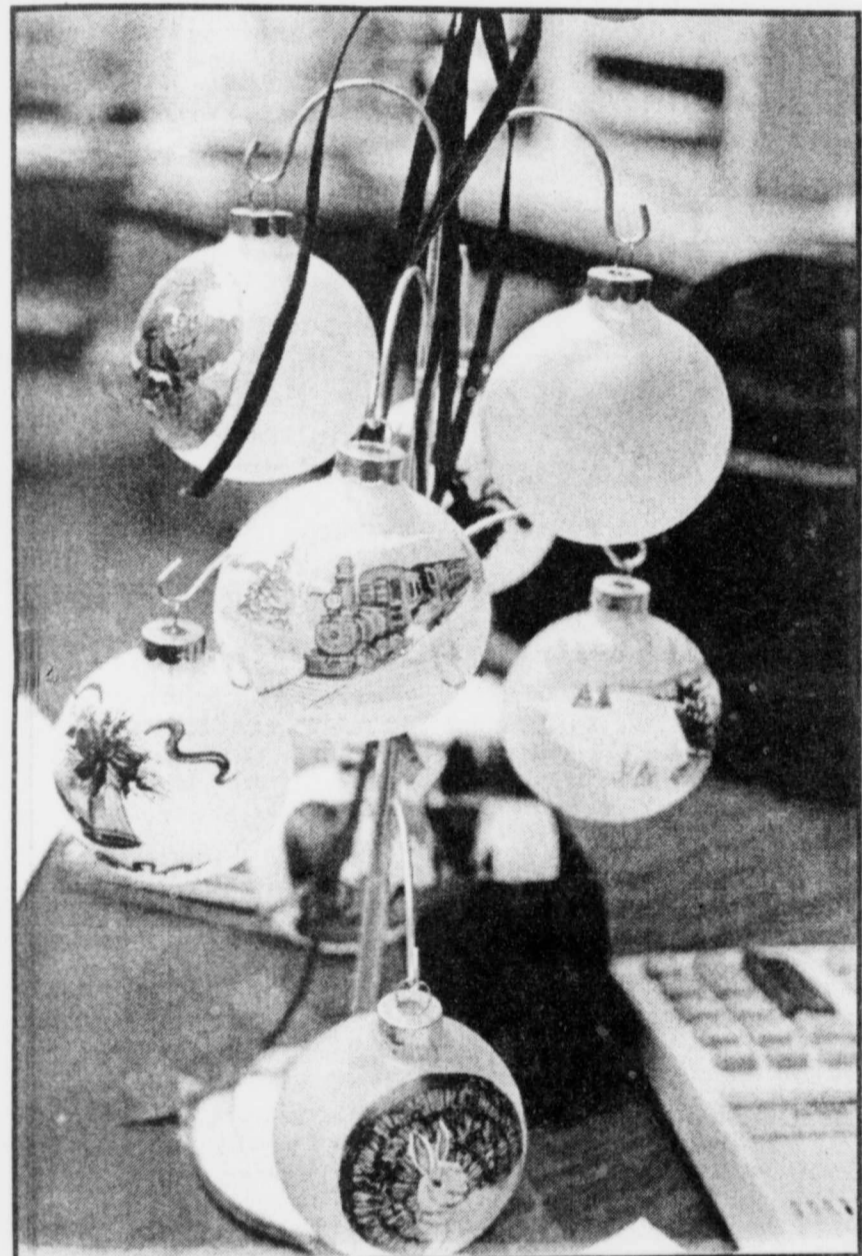
"They're not far from wrong" she smiles, "I buy brushes made for miniature painting and trim out some more of the brush hair".

A steady hand and an eye for detail are more important, she says, than creative talent.

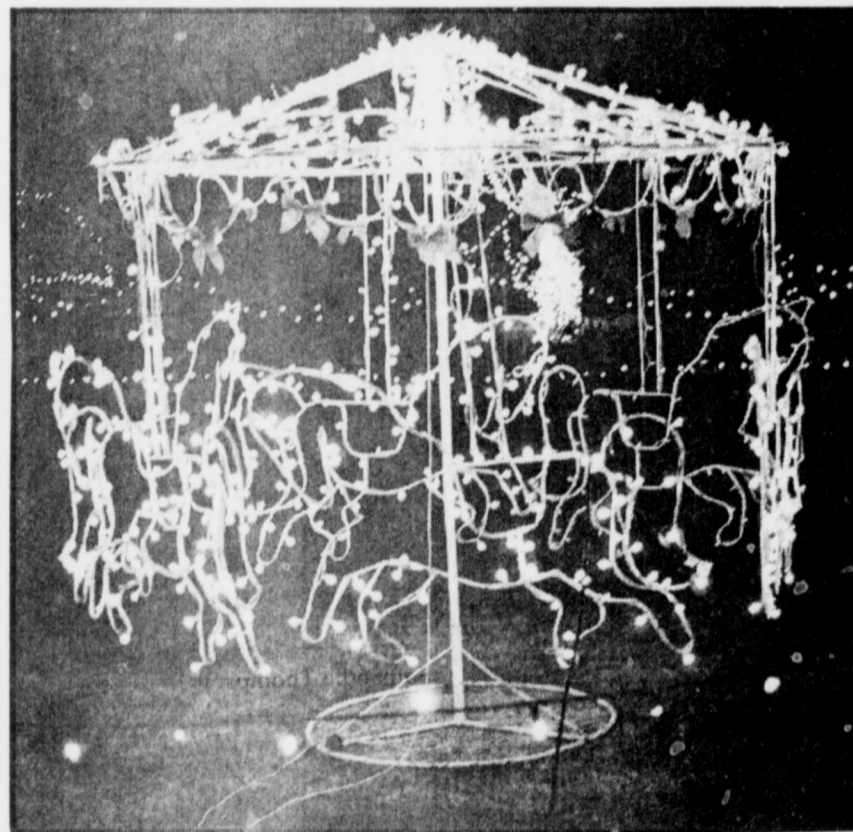
Nanalee and her husband, Thomas, own and operate Thunder Prairie Publishing, which publishes the Deport, Blossom, Bogata, Talco and Deport weekly newspapers. That means she doesn't have a lot of time for hobbies.

Why does she spend so many hours doing such tedious painting?

"Well," she says, "I love Christmas, my tree is full of ornaments we've collected from all over the world, or that have been given to us. I hope the people who buy these ornaments will give them to someone else as a special gift that will hold memories for them. And I hope to do the same thing when I give them as gifts." It's hard to imagine that they wouldn't be treasured.



TRAINS AND Deer, birds and Santas, bells and much more, all are done in careful workmanship on these hand painted ornaments done by Nanalee Nichols of Deport. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



LIGHTED CAROUSEL-this lighted carousel is part of the light display at the home of James and Tonic Fulbright. Their yard is always a true Winter Wonderland. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



LIGHTED HOUSE-the home of James and Tonic Fulbright features a little "work shop" with a talking, life sized Santa. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Thanks,  
Trenton

Dear Santa,  
My name is Trevor Ellison and I am two years old and I have been a real good boy all year. Just ask my granny. Please bring me a barn and a tractor and a choo choo train and some race cars and a football, baseball and basketball.  
Thanks,  
Trevor

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Christmas tree for Christmas. I want a heart necklace, earrings to. I want a bracelet, new pair of pants to. I would like lace up boots and a baby doll to and some heart rings. I want a candy cane, lipstick, make-up set, pencils and erasers, dress, shirt, any girl toys you want to leave, a Santa Clause toy and a Frosty the Snowman movie.  
Love,  
Dyamond Denmark

Dear Santa,  
I want a Jr.'s dictionary and a cockatiel. Also I want a radio and a baby Furbie and a Barbie house.  
Thank you,  
Ashley Sessums

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ashlyn Kennedy and I am two years old. I have been a good girl all year and I want a Barbie bike, a Flipping Barbie, a Barbie telephone, a purse and a new baby doll. Me and Brady will leave you some cookies in case you get hungry.  
Thanks,  
Dear Santa,

My name is Christopher Kennedy and I am 4 years old. I have tried to be good all year...but that is hard to do. I would like to have some wrestler men, a My Pal 2000 robot, a Buzz Light Year, a Batman car and a Batman, some new movies and a sleeping bag and one more thing a computer learning center.  
Thanks,  
Chris

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kellen Stringfellow and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I just gave my sister Kaley a hard time all the time. I would like to have a remote control firetruck, some big trucks, some racing cars, an ambulance and a new chair.  
Thanks,  
Kellen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dustin Rose and I am 4 years old and I have been extra good this year. I would like some new cars and a new bike. Yes I know I got one for Christmas last year but I need one for my nannie and papa's house. I want a winnie dog and some racing cars and a truck.  
Thanks,  
Dustin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Wesley Davidson and I will be 5 years old before you come to visit me. I would like to have a mud bike, a dancing snowman, a race car track and some army men.  
Thanks,  
Wesley

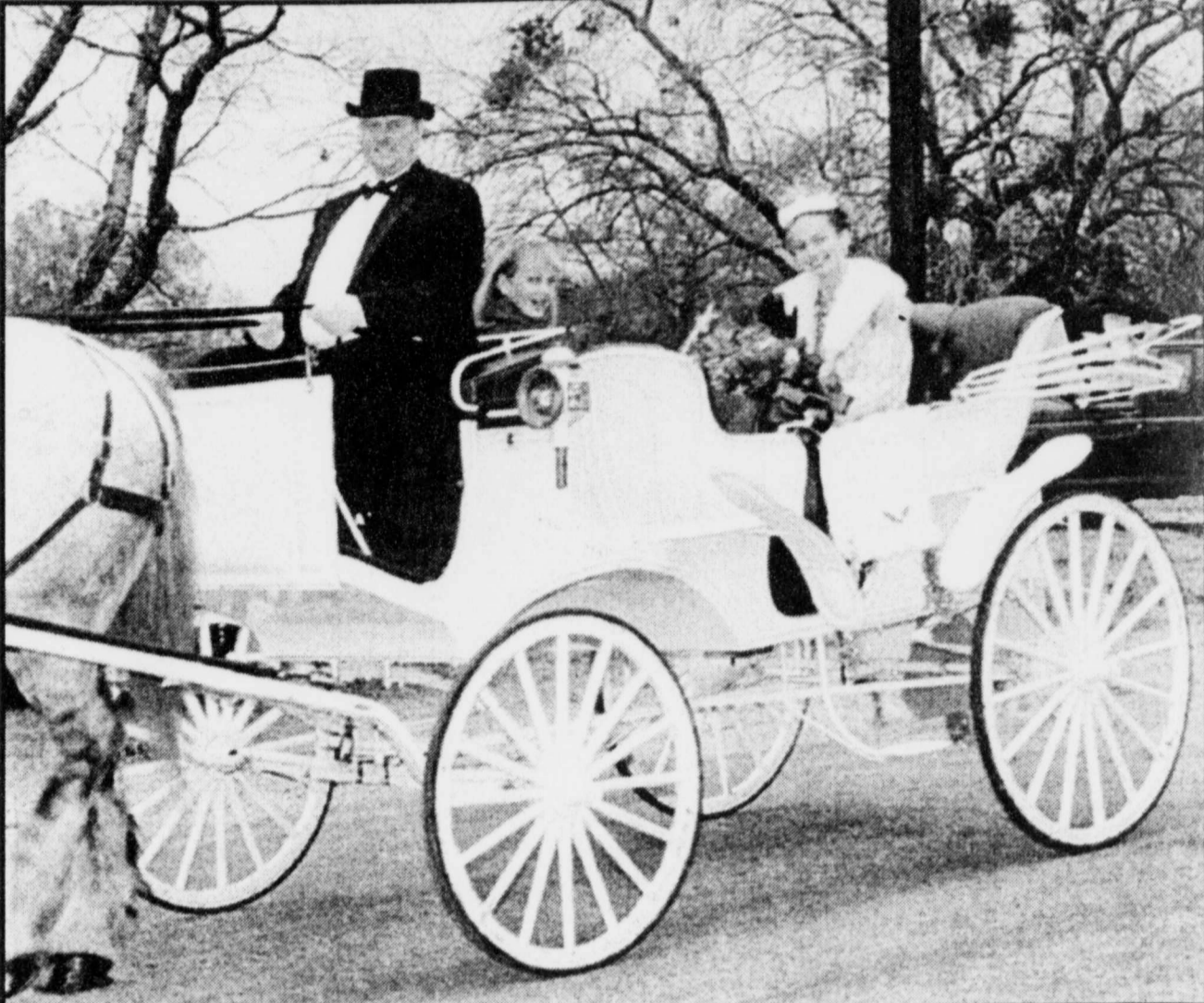
Dear Santa,  
My name is Austin Easley and I am three years old. I have been very good all year. But don't ask my mama cause she might tell you about me and Tyler fighting. I want a dog, a swing set and a 4 wheeler.  
Thanks,  
Austin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaitlyn Brown and I am one year old. I just want some new stuff that isn't my sister Hailey's. I have been a very good girl.  
Thanks,  
Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hailey Brown and I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl most of the year. I would like to have a winnie dog, a Barbie, a new watch, a baby doll, a Princess Barbie, a Blue's Clues playdough set, the cowgirl on Toy Story and some fingernail polish.  
Thanks,  
Hailey

Dear Santa,  
I have been a super good boy this year. Please bringme a remote control car, rescue heroes truck and a Pinocchio video. I will leave some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Aaron Eudy

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Brittney Spears watch, a necklace, a pair of roller skates. Some Levi's and shirts, a ring and a bracelet. Please don't forget my sister she want toys too. We have been good girls this year. Also I want a camera. P.S. We have cookies waiting.  
Niki Lewis



THIRD PLACE-in the Bogata Christmas Parade float division went to "Cinderella Christmas" with Rivercrest Junior class queen, Kasey Crawford taking a ride in her horse drawn carriage. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SECOND PLACE-in the Bogata Christmas Parade float division went to "Christmas On The Bivins Farm" and featured the Bivins family children and many of their pets. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good especially with Austin, so if you would. I would love some money. I could make honey cookies for you and some for the elves and reindeer to go if you'd like.  
Your good friend,  
Kelly Shade

Dear Santa,  
I have been good the whole year. I would like Nintendo 64's Space Invaders would be dear. And a Game Boy color would be swell. With Pokemon Red Edition I could not fail. I would be grateful if you bring me these toys. It would make me the happiest young boy.  
Love,  
Callen Morgan

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a German Shepard or a sheep. I would also like some clothes my size is 6. Could you also bring me a baby doll so that I can play with it.  
Thank You,  
Angle Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am doing fine. How are your reindeer? I hope they are not sick or you won't be able to bring me a underwater sea explorer, a computer and game for it. That is all I want.  
Love,  
Matthew Thompson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lauren Healy. I am 5 years old. I got alot of things to tell you I want for Christmas. I would love to have first a Potty Training baby doll. The next one would be a puppy dog. The other thing I want is a Giddy Up Girl doll, she has a horse and everything. I would like all these things but most important I would like a Baby Born doll. It is like having a real newborn baby. If you can't get any of these other things just bring my Baby Born please. I will leave you milk and cookies and leave them on the table.  
Thank You,  
Lauren Healy

Dear Santa,  
My name is Emily Ward and I am four years old and I have been good all year. I am getting a new baby at my house and they will need some stuff too. I want a new baby and apurse and a watch and a new pair of shoes and Barbie.  
Thanks,  
Emily

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Hot Wheels Tune Up Shop, a Lucky Ducks game, a Cookie Monster game and a Bug's Life movie. I have been a very good boy. My little brother's name is Jacob and he has been a good boy too. Please bring him some baby toys.  
Love,  
Alex Driggers

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kristen Harville and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Roller Baby, bicycle, Baby Dill, make-up, lipstick, earrings, Angel Barbie, a pink motorcycle and Ballet Barbie. I will leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Kristen

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a baby doll and book. Also bring my big sister some toys too.  
Love,  
Caley Francis

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl all year. And I hope that you can hear what I want for Christmas down here. I would like a new bike so I will not have to hike.  
Shyla Burns

Dear Santa,  
I really want a horse and if you do get me a horse could you make it dark brown and blue eyes and I really want a bike and could you make it pink and purple. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Vikki Schmidt

Dear Santa,  
I have been real good this year so please don't pull my ear. This year I want money. If I get money I'll be as sweet as honey. I would like a stocking filled with candy because it come in handy. Give me a candy cane then I won't be such a pain.  
Love,  
Lillian Baird

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p.m. Games will include Bingo, Family Feud, I've Got a Secret and others. At 10:30 p.m. the celebration will move to the sanctuary where a "Gospel Countdown" is planned. Songs from the beginning of the century until now will be sung. Come join the family celebration in Cunningham!

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1 pound of patience  
1 quart of secrets  
Garnish father generously with unpaid bills. Gradually add patience to mother as needed. Sprinkle children with secrets and allow to simmer. Place ingredients all together in house shortly before Christmas.



FIRST PLACE in the Bogata Christmas Parade went to Cortney Merchant and Aaron Rolan as Mr. and Mrs. Bogata Elementary. The first place winners were incorrectly shown in last week's paper. The misinformation was printed on the judge's list which was used to identify the winners.

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### Bogata Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,  
Jesse's list: I want a remote control car and all terrain trekker, Sony the Seal, electronic talking My Pal 2000 and Lite Brite 1-in-1 truck, Spiral Speedway, Great Adventures Royal oach, Chuck My Talking Truck and Air Hogs Renegade. I will leave cookies and milk for you. P.S. Our fireplace has no chimney because its really a butane stove. Please be careful.  
Jesse

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am getting very excited about Christmas. Would you please bring me a remote control car, pocket knife and some money in my stocking. I also would like a transformer. Please bring Tonka Raceway and Jumpstart 1st grade. Could you bring my sister, Jessica, the Amelia CD? I will leave cookies and milk for you and reindeer food for Rudolph. Have a safe trip!  
Jordan Thompson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a 4 wheeler bike and a truck. Could I please have a new wallet and some clothes also. Please be careful on your way down. Give Rudolph a hug and kiss from me. I will leave you a treat. I love you.  
Brandon Rains

Dear Santa,  
I want a Scooby Doo computer. I want a pet turtle and a pet bird. I want a Winnie the Pooh bear costume and please get my brother what he wants. Thank you.  
Love,  
Heather Story

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Becky. I think I've been good this year. I'd like to have a computer, a dog Taco Bell, a telephone. Have a safe and Happy Holiday.  
Love,  
Becky

Dear Santa,  
I want a big tall racing ruck and a pellet gun, an Army gun, a BB gun, a saddle and saddle blanket for my horse Blackie, a deer rifle my size that don't kick like dad's.  
Love,  
Dustin Gentry

Dear Santa,  
My name is Stormi. I would like a Barbie, a baby doll that talks, a game, new shoes, clothes, swing, necklace, a horse, a ring. That is all I can think of for now. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Stormi

Dear Santa,  
A new rifle would be nice. I would also like a set of dice. A new four-wheeler from the west. A dirt bike would also be a request. I would like to have a truck if I could or a new cabin made of wood.  
Cole Sheffield

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like to have a bike, Nintendo 64, a G.I. Joe and a G.I. Joe jeep. I would also like some Hot Wheels, a Don't Wake Daddy game, some Toy Story 2 toys and anything else you might leave for me. I'll leave milk and cookies for you. Look for the lights on my house. See you soon.  
Brandy Kennedy

Dear Santa,  
A gun case would be nice and \$109.99 is its price. A drum set would be good, if you could. And a Clay Walker CD and Christmas rules.  
Matthew Ward

Dear Santa,  
Please leave me a tree house, phonics writing desk, cowboy stuff and farm stuff. I've been doing my chores. I will leave out some cheese and coke.  
love,  
Shyrale Bivins

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I would like for you to bring me a dirt bike, a Dragline, a 4 wheeler and a go cart and a roll back wrecker. And please bring my sister Ashley and my brother something to. I have been good. I will leave you cookies and milk. P.S. Santa I also would like to have a bulldozer and a grader.  
Love,  
Cocy Williams  
Dear Santa,  
I want T-Rex and Vissor, three Cyber shark, the white Dinobot and a Graymon toy and Shellmon, Tentamon and Deth Sharge.  
Joey  
Dear Santa,  
I think I have been real good this year. I would like a waterbaby and a cap and jewelry box and jewelry.  
Hope Bivins

Dear Santa,  
This year I'm all prepared for Christmas I've ridden a Barbie bicycle all over Wal-Mart. Mama and Daddy say you might bring one for me if I'm really good till Christmas. I would also like a doll. I really like the one that does filps since I do flips each week. Maybe, I will see you before Christmas but if I don't please remember my house is the one with the lights shing at Rivercrest. I'll leave cookies and milk and reindeer chow on the table.  
Love,  
Ashlyn Kennedy  
Dear Santa,  
I want a computer with lots of games, a T.V. in my room. I want some books so I can read to my cousins, I want some hot wheels cars and I want a remote control car and I want a real car.  
Dejuan Mims

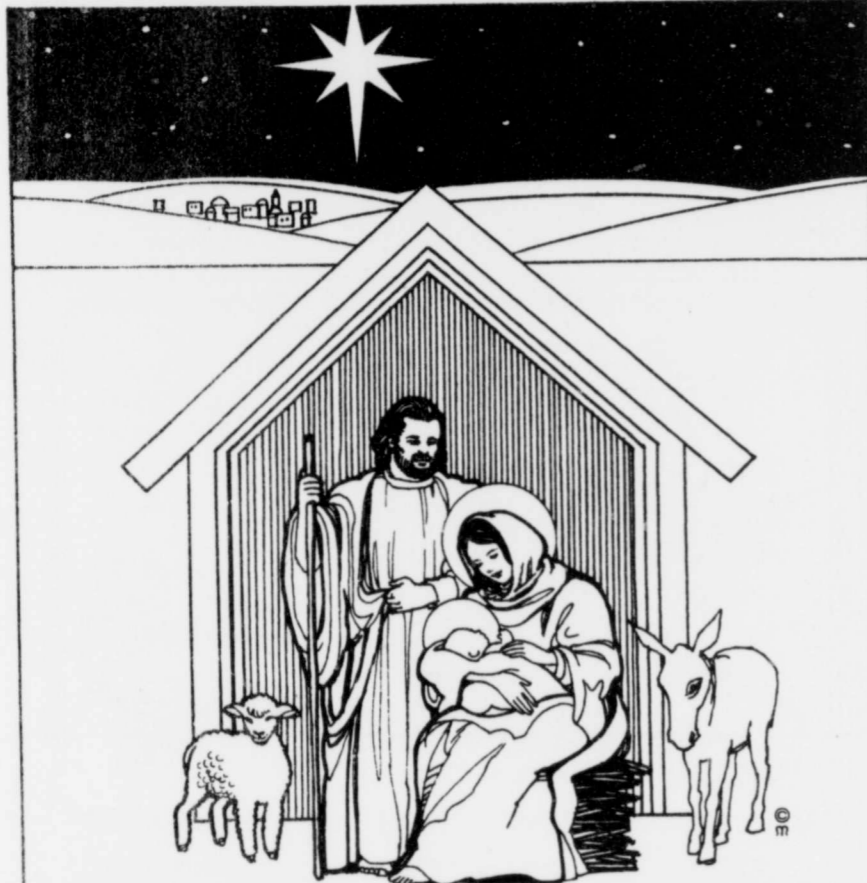
Dear Santa,  
I would like a Brittany Barbie, VCR, radio with CD and tape player, baggy pants and a shirt with stars in themiddle of it. I would like a trampoline and a poster board.  
See you soon,  
Krystal  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Super Nintendo and apuppy. An N64. The Rugrats studeo tour game, Super Mario World and Congoescaper, acomputer, Toy Story 2 and Rug Rat movie, Pokemon T shirt, Pikachu the Golden trading car and Mew 2 the Golden trading car, I Spy, I Spy Mystery, I Spy Funhouse, I Spy Fantasy, I Spy Super Challenger, Hot Wheels City Center, Raman 2, Final Fantasy 3, Pokemon Snap, SPYRO, Tomb Raider the Last Revolution and Toy Story 2 toys.  
Matthew Hall

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a 4 wheeler and a 22 rifle and a motorcycle and a Boy's Club and a computer and a shotgun and a fake deer, a 4-10, fake ducks and hunting paint.  
Love,  
Lucas Speir  
Dear Santa,  
I think I have been good this year so would you please do me a favor and leave me some presents under my tree. Would you please leave me a telescope and a remote control motorcycle and a pair of roller blades and a CD player.  
Love,  
Colby Chitsey  
Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a remote control car, Michael Jordan shoes, a pet dog, a be be gun, a WWF walkie talkie, a Pikachu electric bag, a Sega Dramcart, Wrestle Mania 2000, Lets get Ready 2 Rumble and Tomorrow Never Dies, and the Pokemon first movie and a Stone Cold action figure and all of the Pokemon and I'll bring you some cookies.  
Yours Truly,  
Alex Savage  
Dear Santa,  
This year I've been very good. I would like a pair of Nike shoes and a new set of clothes. My mom would like a big diamond ring and I want a Play Station and some WWF action figures. I hope to leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Chaz Smith  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a big truck, a farm set, a new bicycle and a rabbit. Also I would like for you to bring me some new boots and clothes and a football and a motorcycle. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Matthew Earley

Dear Santa,  
I want a canopy bed and books, rings too, a Britney Spears CD, a new doll and clothes, hair barrettes, a big play house. I want it white and I want some make-up and a new back pack, lip gloss and lip stick.  
Kaitlan Perkins  
Dear Santa,  
This year I want Tigerhawk the beast war, a WCW Wrestling ring, an electric guitar, a Nerf turbo fire, a Qui-Gon light saber, a Titan Tron Stage, Mos Espd Podrace and that's all for this year.  
Garrett Sheffield  
Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle for Christmas at the right price. And a 22 and a Dallas Cowboy helmet and a jersey and shoulder pads and knee pads and all the rest.  
James White  
Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a 4 wheeler and a 22 rifle and a motorcycle and a Boy's Club and a computer and a shotgun and a fake deer, a 4-10, fake ducks and hunting paint.  
Love,  
Lucas Speir  
Dear Santa,  
I think I have been good this year so would you please do me a favor and leave me some presents under my tree. Would you please leave me a telescope and a remote control motorcycle and a pair of roller blades and a CD player.  
Love,  
Colby Chitsey  
Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a remote control car, Michael Jordan shoes, a pet dog, a be be gun, a WWF walkie talkie, a Pikachu electric bag, a Sega Dramcart, Wrestle Mania 2000, Lets get Ready 2 Rumble and Tomorrow Never Dies, and the Pokemon first movie and a Stone Cold action figure and all of the Pokemon and I'll bring you some cookies.  
Yours Truly,  
Alex Savage  
Dear Santa,  
This year I've been very good. I would like a pair of Nike shoes and a new set of clothes. My mom would like a big diamond ring and I want a Play Station and some WWF action figures. I hope to leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Chaz Smith  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a big truck, a farm set, a new bicycle and a rabbit. Also I would like for you to bring me some new boots and clothes and a football and a motorcycle. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Matthew Earley

Dear Santa,  
I want lip stick, nail pokish, boom box, clock, shoes, books, inflatable chair, VCR, clips, bracelets, necklaces, rings, choackers, ankle bracelets, tapes for the radio, money, Scooby Doo, belky bear and a Barbie chair.  
Callie Anderson

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been a very good girl and I would like a lot if you would get me these things. I want a new bike, a red wagon, a new box of crayons and a coloring book. I want some new clothes, a Barbie house and some new Barbies. Please get me a Play station, a kitten, a big bounce ball and a glow in the dark watch.  
Thank you a lot.  
Love,  
Haley Steen



## Away In A Manger

*On a night like no other before or since, the world was changed forever. We're pleased to join you in celebration of that blessed event, and to offer our thanks for your kind patronage.*

**Allen's Food Mart**  
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**FULL SPEED AHEAD TO A Happy Holiday!**

It's time to get in gear for the holiday season. We're hoping your Christmas is shiny and bright, and loaded with everything your heart desires.

Thanks for keeping us on a roll. Stop by and see us soon.

**Ed Wallace Ford-Lincoln-Mercury**  
121 S. Broadway - Hugo, OK  
1-800-278-6448

Dear Santa,  
I want a Super Nintendo and apuppy. An N64. The Rugrats studeo tour game, Super Mario World and Congoescaper, acomputer, Toy Story 2 and Rug Rat movie, Pokemon T shirt, Pikachu the Golden trading car and Mew 2 the Golden trading car, I Spy, I Spy Mystery, I Spy Funhouse, I Spy Fantasy, I Spy Super Challenger, Hot Wheels City Center, Raman 2, Final Fantasy 3, Pokemon Snap, SPYRO, Tomb Raider the Last Revolution and Toy Story 2 toys.  
Matthew Hall

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Love,  
Matthew Earley

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a remote control 4 x 4 white truck, a computer and a 30-30 rifle. I want all of the Pokemon. I want 20 hot wheel cars and a pool table and a microscope and a Honda 4 wheeler.  
Yours Truly,  
Laramie  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you have had a good year. Would you please bring me some tools, and a bike and a shotgun and a 4 wheeler and remote control car. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Cody Brown  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good year. Would you please bring a lots of glass dolls for my mom. A lots of tools for my Dad. A lots of candles for my sister. I would like school stuff and books. I wish everybody a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Kaitlynn Cox  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I want a Nintendo 64, wrestle mania 2000, roller blades, CD player, TV, toy car, Stone Cold shirt, The Rock shirt, Edge shirt, Chritan shirt, horse, sheep, puppy, bunny, Mankind shirt, Undertaker shirt, Kane shirt.  
Friends always,  
L.B. Morris  
Dear Santa,  
I want a 4 wheeler for Christmas and a motorcycle, I also want a table with chairs and a calendar and a lamp and a picture of the family.  
Jesslin Rivera  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Brian Jones. There are some things I would like from you. I would like a CD player, a remote control truck, a bike, a 4 wheeler, a computer and my own TV. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on the table. I love you Santa.  
Brian Jones  
Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good. I hope you will give me a present. If you do I want a Nintendo 64 and a go cart and a 4 wheeler and all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth and a dirt bike. I love you.  
Mike Pierce

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Dear Santa,  
I think I have been real good this year. I would like a trampoline and caps and jewelry.  
Haley Bivins

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## A Special Christmas Wish

Here's hoping you enjoy generous portions of love and laughter with family and friends for the main course of your Christmas season!

**Lonesome Dove Cafe**  
Hwy. 271 & Main St. - Deport, Tx.  
652-3926

## A Little Holiday Cheer Goes a Long Way!

In the spirit of giving, we want to extend to you, our very best holiday wishes and heartfelt thanks for your loyal support this pas year. Noel!

**Kim's Kuttin Korral**  
Kim Fields, Karen King  
Bogata, Tx.

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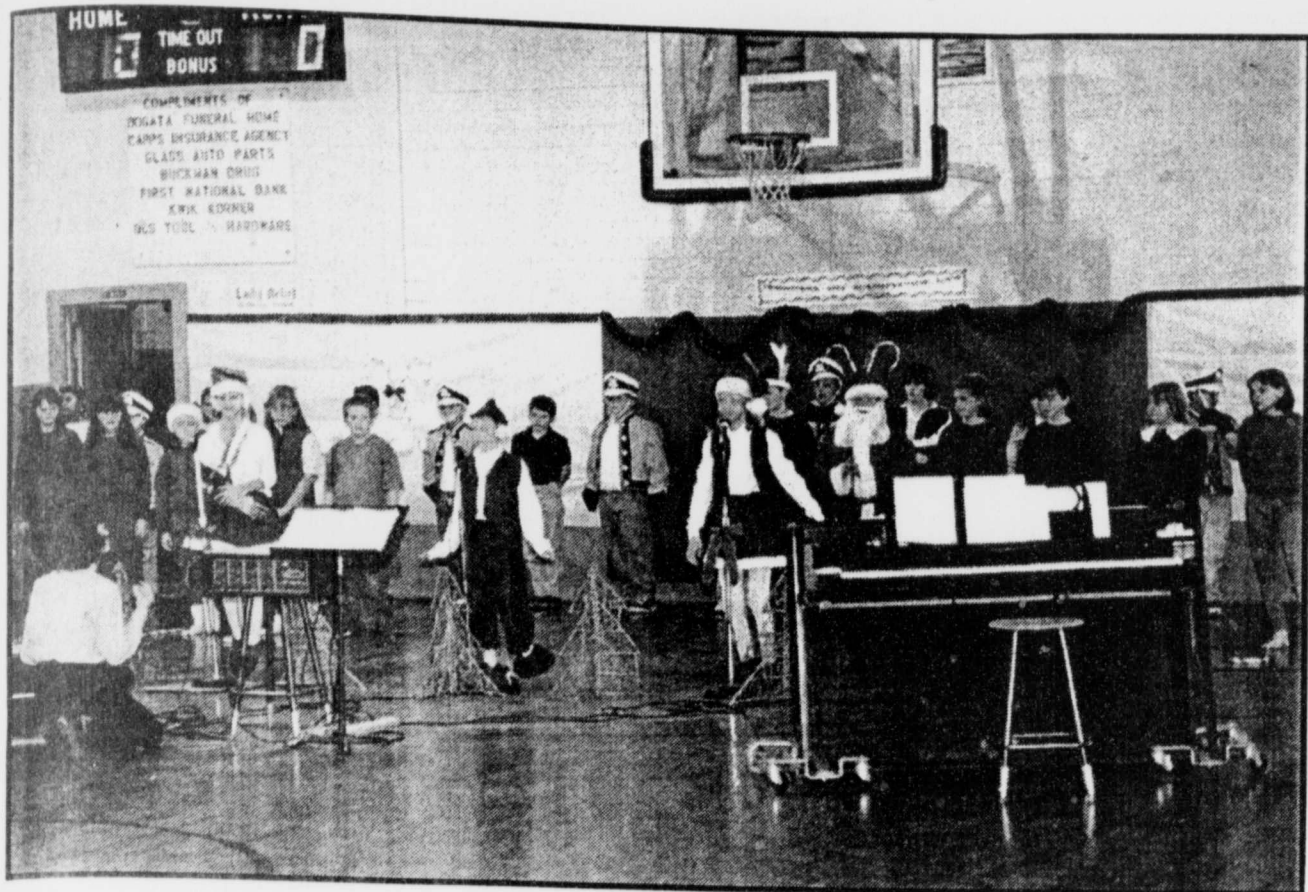
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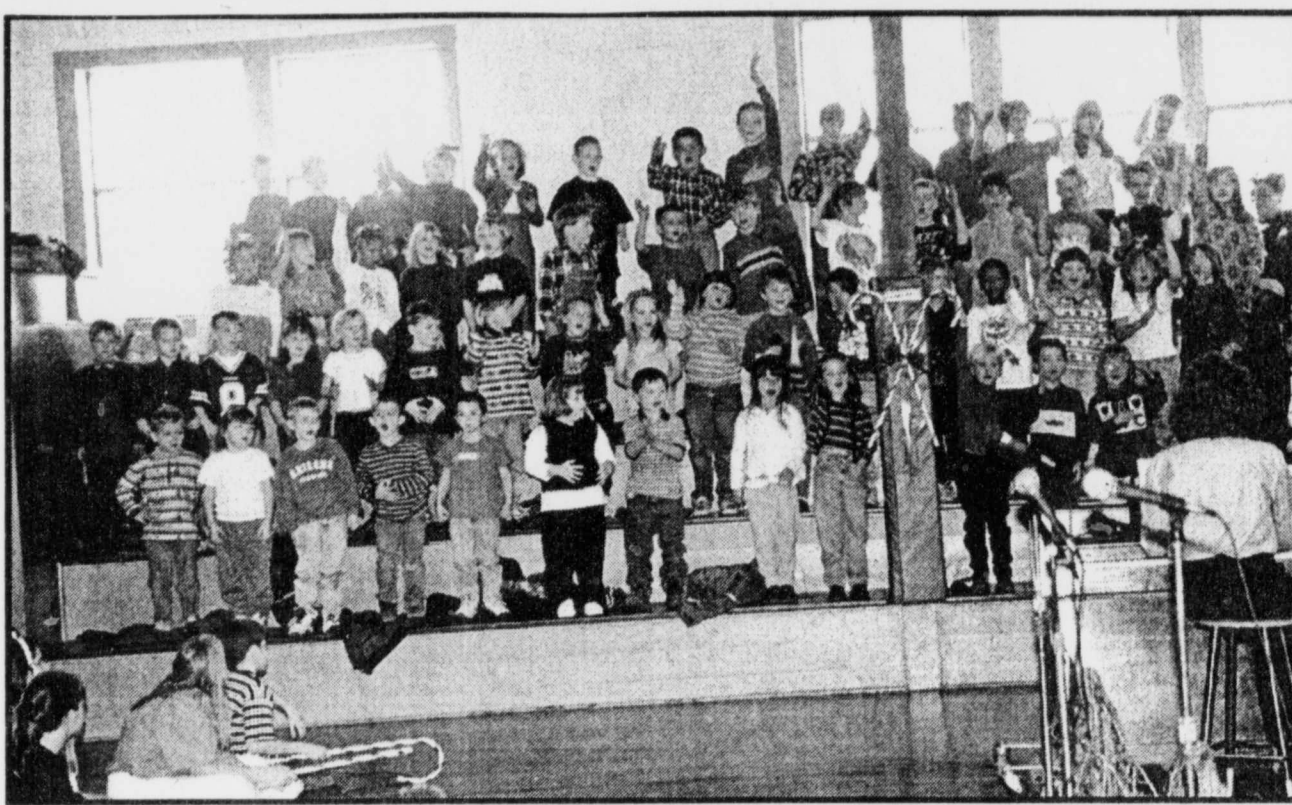
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PEACE  
HEALTH  
WEALTH  
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CHRISTMAS ON CANDY CANE LANE—a play was presented by the Bogata 5th grade class at their annual Christmas program held last week under the direction of music teacher, Neva Oats. The group did a wonderful job and decided red and green are equally important Christmas colors. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



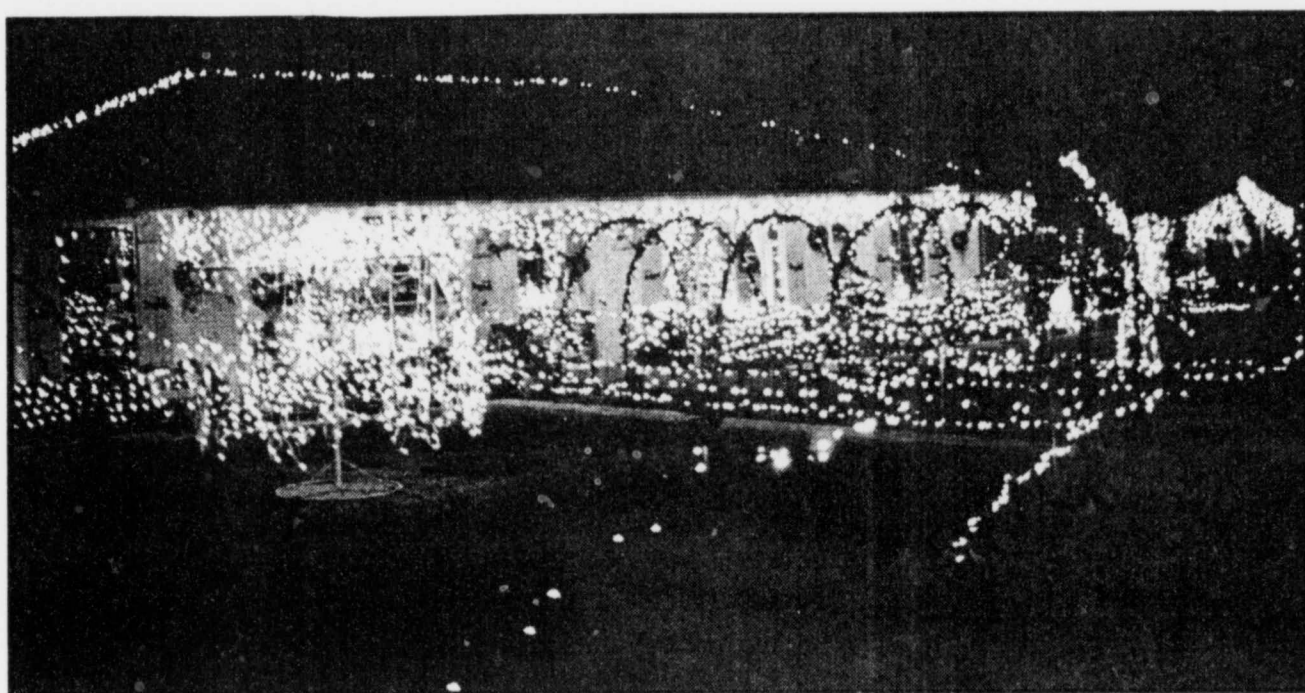
BOGATA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS performed at the school's annual Christmas program under the direction of music teacher, Neva Oats, last week following a play presented by the 5th grade students. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Wall-to-Wall Warm Wishes**

Pile on good cheer, love and laughter, all through the season.

We loved rolling out the red carpet for you, this past year! Thanks for your patronage.

**SERVICE CARPET OF PARIS**  
120 N. Main Paris, Tx.  
Carpet, \$8<sup>99</sup> Yd. with Pad & Everything! Best Buy In Town!



THE FULBRIGHT HOUSE is a vision of lights, walkways, music and decorations that draw hundreds of people who make the trek down the country road they live on to see their designs. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
From Our House To Yours  
Home is where the heart is, and we love being a part of this great community. Thanks for making us feel right at home.

**McMIKEL'S CABINET SHOP**

January is School Board Recognition Month

Gov. Bush has proclaimed January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts, at a point closest to the parent and the child. They work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators. They also confront challenges and problems that would have been unimaginable a generation ago; staying abreast of changing technology, addressing growing concerns over

school safety, and ensuring that schools produce measurable result sin academic achievement. Board members are there to listen to parents, teachers and residents and to ensure that all children are given the chance to achieve their highest potential. In Texas, school board members deserve special recognition, for they receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of rendering an indispensable public service," he said.

Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. Every community is encouraged to acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures.

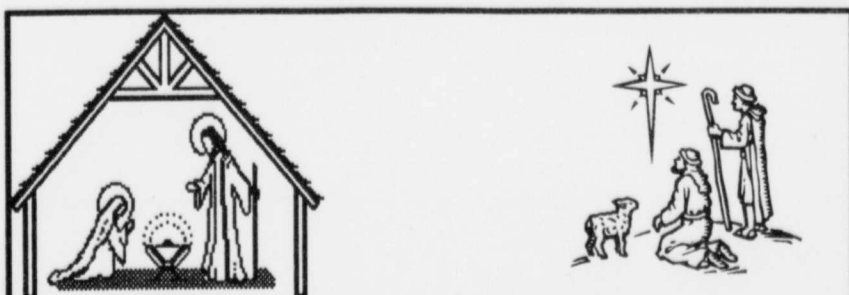


In the spirit of the season, we'd like to join you and your family in a wish for worldwide peace and brotherhood this holiday season.

**AL'S RENT TO OWN**  
2401 Lamar Ave. Paris, Tx. 75460  
785-7689

**Christmas Memories**  
Let the celebration begin, and may you carry the magic of this Christmas with you for many years to come!

**The Musgrove Family**  
John & Nelta  
Stacey, Linda, Stoney and Charity  
Shane & Zarinska



*If Christmas Never Came Again*

*By Joe Everheart, a Presbyterian Minister in this Area for Many Years*

*If Christmas never came again  
And all forgot the story,  
We would forget that God loves men  
And shut the gates of Glory.*

*We would lose all hope and heart  
If we forgot the Christ Child  
Hate would tear our world apart  
And gardens would grow wild.*

*This day must always live  
As the dawn of a loving plan,  
Which makes us all believe  
That God believes in man.*



**A GREAT CHRISTMAS IS IN THE BAG!**

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

**Armadillo Kwik Korner**  
Bogata



## Bogata Locals

call 632-5322

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis attended the Christmas program held at the church in Cuthand on Sunday. They were especially happy that grandson, Hayden Holt was able to attend the program with his family, Harold, Judy, Heath and Hearer Holt. Hayden drew the winning name in the quilt give away.

Roberta Anderson accompanied John and Dana Anderson of Allen, Tx., to Amarillo to attend graduation exercises for their daughter, Janice who was receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from West Texas A & M University on Dec. 17, 1999.

Donald, Judy and Tana Screws enjoyed shopping in Terrell on Monday.

Happy December Birthday to; Nettie Moore, Bo Willis, Tracy Denny, Linda Gray, James A. Freelen, Brian Hurst, Bobbie Cawley, Susan Ray, Susan Roach, Rusty Screws and Ruth Wood.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, the York sisters met for their early Christmas celebration. They are Lucille Childers of Johntown, Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd of Bogata and Betty Joy Puckett of Denton. They had lunch in Paris, then returned to Edna Earl's home for gift exchange and party. Their brother, Kenneth, was unable to attend.

Celebrating an early Christmas AR students attend movie in Paris

On Wednesday, December 15, 1999 115 students and sponsors from Bogata Elementary in grade 1st through 5th traveled to Paris to see "Toy Story 2". The students were rewarded with a movie and refreshments for their hard work in earning Accelerated Reading points for the first semester.

Special thanks is extended to Principal, Bill Mabry, Librarian, Linda Gray and the Bogata PTO officers for their encouragement and support of the students and the program.

with Roberta Anderson were John and Dana Anderson of Allen, Tx., Bill and Shirley Anderson, David and Toni, Taylor, Callie and Regan Anderson of Bogata, Stanley and Lasca Anderson of DeStran, L.A., Jim and Ramona Anderson, Ralph and Christy Ramsey of Garland, Bradley, Rena, Andrea and Briana Anderson of Fulbright.

Visiting with Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten were grandson, Ryan and Krissy Cotten of College Station and grandson, James and Cheri Cotten, Taylor and Raegan of Gatesville.

Visiting in the home of Dixie Stringfellow during the week were Buddy Stringfellow, Vicki Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson.

Betty Joy Puckett of Denton spent part of last week with her sister, Edna Earl and M.J. Dodd.

Judy Screws was honored with a birthday supper at the home of Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra in Paris Tuesday night.

Happy December Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Richardson.

Janice Bivins Gentry is reported in serious condition in a Dallas hospital. Prayers are extended to the family for her and her baby's recovery.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Mary Williams.

Jr. High Lady Rebels holiday workout schedule

The Lady Rebel Junior High will continue to practice through the holidays. The practice schedule is as follows;

Monday, Dec. 27-2:00-4:00 p.m. at RHS

Wednesday, Dec. 29-10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at RHS

Thursday, Dec. 30-10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at RHS

Monday, Jan. 3-10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Tuesday, Jan. 4-after school practice 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information on the schedule contact Coach Tammie Case.



RIVERCREST BETA CLUB-members and sponsor, Carolina Prado, Ashlei Moles and Mrs. Kuhlengel presented Joy Easley and Judy Easley a donation to the Talco Empty Stocking Organization. The donation will be used to provide Christmas gifts and food for those in need in the Talco area. The gift was greatly appreciated. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHRISTMAS ON CANDY CANE LANE-a play was performed by the Talco 5th grade class at their Christmas program held last week. Santa Clause played by Destry Nolen and Mrs. Santa played by Camill Wright did their best to help the divided group decide which is best green or red? (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Rivercrest class of 1985 plans reunion

The Rivercrest High School class of 1985 is planning their 15th year reunion. It will be held May 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center.

It will be a two event reunion with families meeting around noon and bringing a picnic lunch. Later in the evening, the adults will meet for a meal, a program and their favorite music from the early 80's.

The class does need help finding some of their classmates. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people, please contact Greg Russell at 903-463-3532;

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Susan Baker    | Rhonda Madden   |
| Christy Brown  | Deborah Moore   |
| Becky Burkley  | Charley Roberts |
| Sabrina Burson | Kyle Roland     |
| Penny Hanes    | Nancy Smith     |
| John Jones     | Shane Sullivan  |
| Leon Kaelke    | Melissa Varner  |
| Hayden Martin  | Donna Unruh     |
| James Martin   | Cindy Woods     |

### 8th Lady Rebels defeated

The 8th grade Lady Rebels participated in the North Lamar Junior High Tournament held December 9 and 10. The team met the North Lamar Pantherettes in their first game and after a hard fought game were defeated.

In the second game of the tournament the Lady Rebels met the Mt. Pleasant Lady Tigers. Following another hard played game the team were defeated. Action for the team will resume following the holidays.

*Happy Holidays*  
From  
*Plaza Floor Covering*  
127 Bonham St. Paris, Tx.  
785-8782

**Santa's Rolling  
Down The Rows  
With Lots Of Good  
Wishes And  
"Ho Ho Ho's"  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
And  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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

Just a few handy words to express our profound gratitude...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MANY THANKS!**

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Paris Lumber WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY FRIDAY, DEC. 24 AND SATURDAY, DEC. 25  
HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Letters to the editor

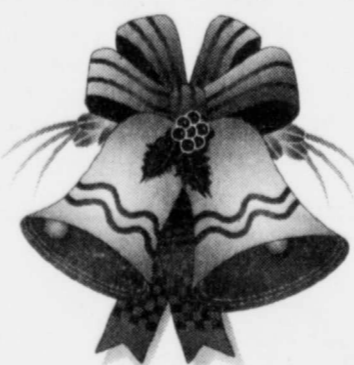


Dear Editor,

Red River Haven would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person that donated to our "Christmas Store". For those who may not know, the Christmas Store is established each year as a place for our residents to "shop" for their loved ones. With your generosity we are able to offer these items to our residents at no cost. This enables them to have gifts to give to their relatives in this joyous holiday season.

This is a loved tradition at Red River Haven that we are only able to provide because of our caring community. Thank you again from Red River Haven staff and residents. Special Thanks to Mary Ellen Kain, Linda Eilers, Lacey and Kasey Harper, Lauren and Alison Mauldin, Neoma Goodman for their assistance.

Activity Director,  
Sandra Mauldin



*Merry Christmas To All*

With sincere wishes for peace and goodwill to all in this season of hope and joy.

We wish you a very successful and productive new year. Thanks, friends, for your many kindnesses.

655 CLARKSVILLE ST.  
PARIS TEXAS  
784-7461

**COUNTRY**  
*Christmas Greetings*

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

Prairiland F.F.A.

**SANTA'S COMING!**

Here's wishing you a Joy-filled Christmas. We're so very glad to say thanks.

**Rick's Station**

Hwy. 82 West \* Detroit, TX  
674-2525



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...And ours, too! We're sending our best holiday wishes for a season filled with happiness and cheer, along with our thoughts of thanks for your valued business.

Postmaster Randolph Allen  
Carla Graham  
Keith McDouera  
Mike Wright  
Marsha Phifer  
Juanita Robertson

*Have A Nice Weekend*

*All The Best To You And Yours*

With heartfelt gratitude for the pleasure of serving you this past year. We hope everyone enjoys a very happy and healthy holiday season.

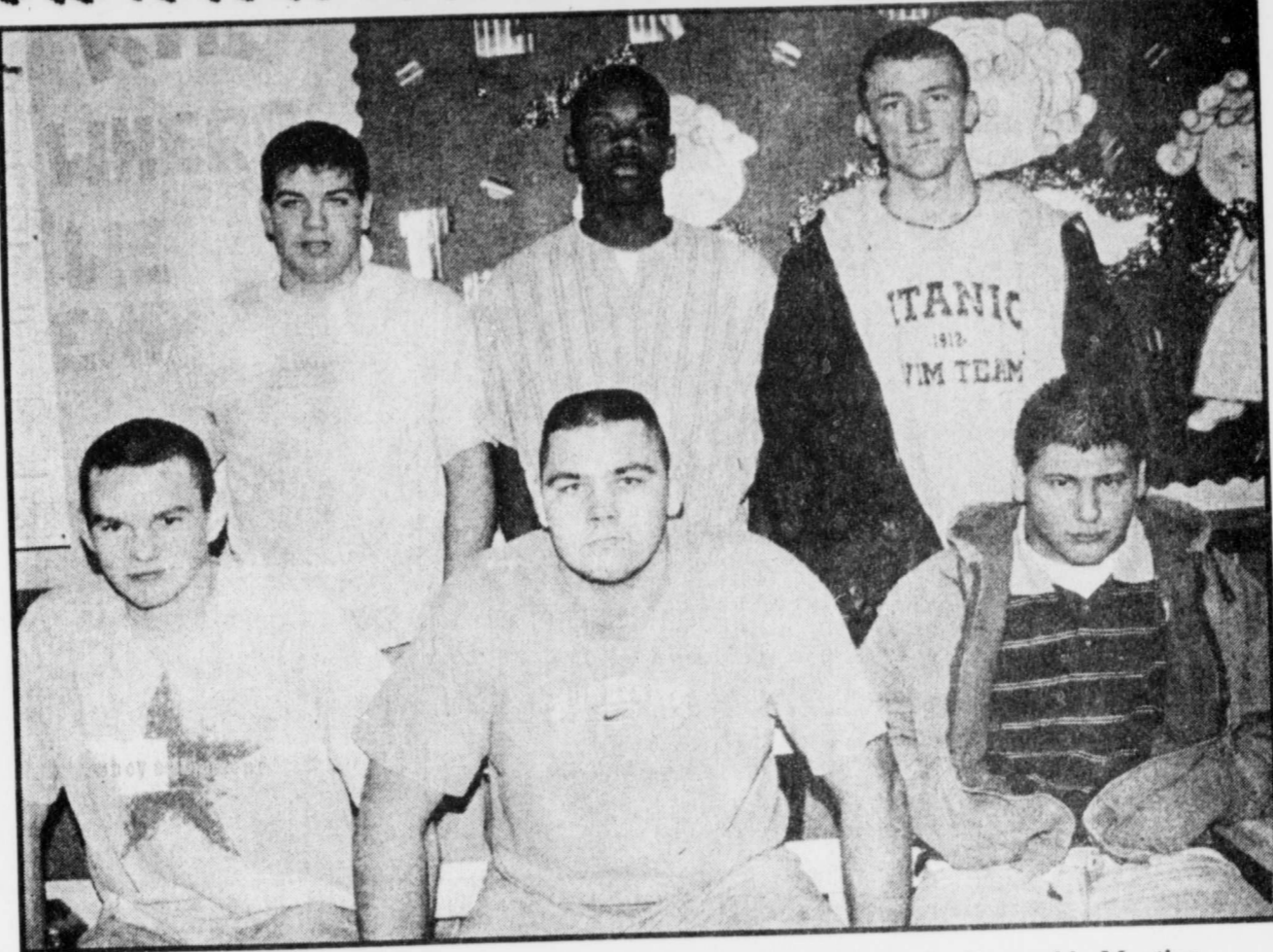
TOMMY'S BARBECUE

Hwy. 82, Reno  
785-2808

### Youth Basketball draft held December 18

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball Association met on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999 to draft teams for the coming season. Prior to the draft several issues were discussed and voted upon. In the first meeting of the year the group had discussed changing the goal height for the 3rd and 4th grade girls. Coach Debbie Williams had asked the group to lower the goals for this age group to prevent bad shooting habits. Motion was made and carried to lower the goals. The girls will shoot on 8 foot goals. The boys will continue to use the 10 foot goals. Also vote on were rules in the 3rd and 4th grade girls and boys divisions. Motion was made and carried to allow full court press and fast break 2 minutes prior to the half and 2 minutes prior to the end of the game. During the rest of the game players must return to the half court line before guarding an offensive player. Motion was made and carried to not consider a steal of the ball made after the ball crosses the mid-court line a fast break. It will be legal for a player who makes a steal after the ball has crossed the mid-court line to take it to his or her goal without waiting for the opposing team to get back across the mid-court line. The ball will be held

only on a rebound or in-bound play. Entry forms and entry fees were discussed. The Association lowered the entry fee two years ago to \$10 per family (that is for 1 child or 20 children) and while no child will be told they can not play, fees are not being paid. This year fees were delayed to give people time to recover from the holiday and the group voted to have each coach check with their players and get their fees in before the first game of the season. A motion was made and carried for next year's season, players fees must be turned in with their form and no forms and fees will be accepted following the final turn in date set next year. No child will be told they cannot play. Alternative ways will be used to provide fees for these children, such as, sponsors etc. The fees paid are how the association pays for basketballs and score books. They also help provide senior scholarships for Rivercrest Youth-explorers. Following the business session coaches divided up and drafted their 1999-2000 teams. Coaches will contact their players and practice will begin on Jan. 4, 2000.

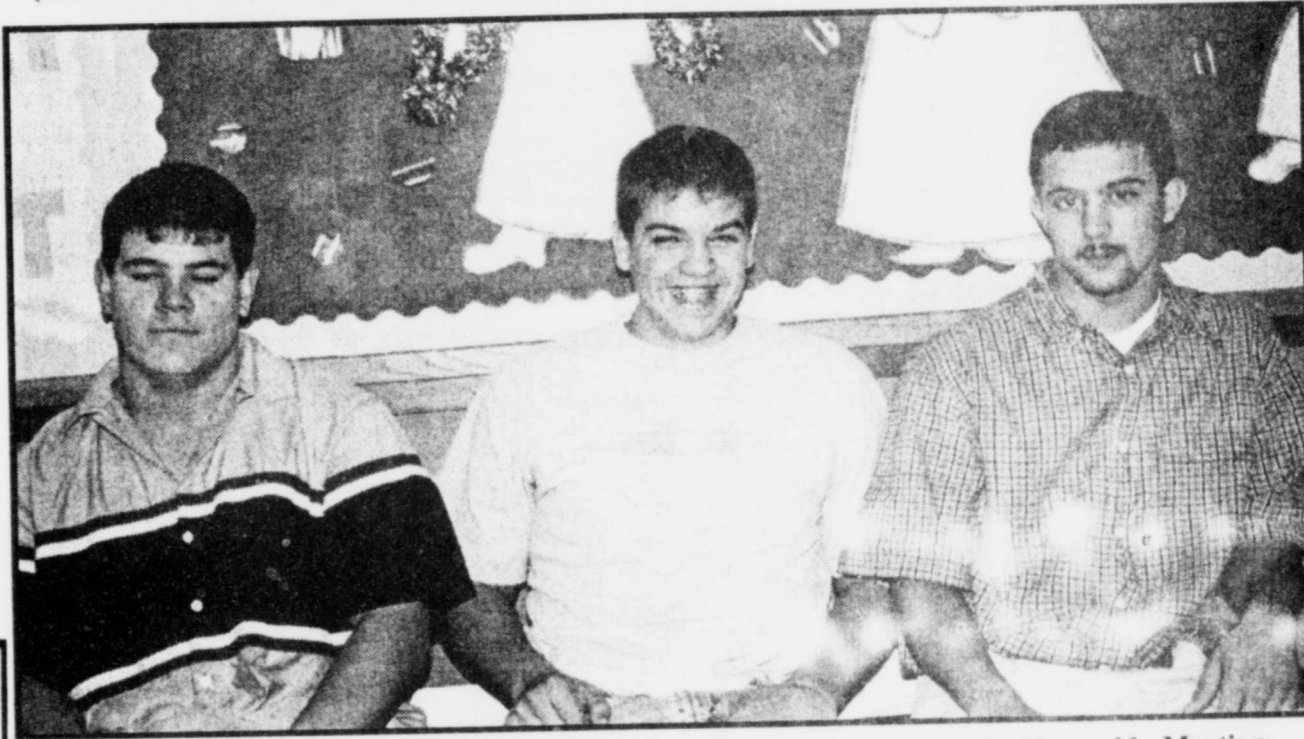


**HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE**-Rebel football players named to the Honorable Mention Offense All District Football Team were; (back row from the left) Colby Guest, Michael Galloway and Cody Wolfe; (front from the left) Josh Griffin, Craig Eudy and Zach Ward. Congratulations Rebels!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Lady Rebels win first district game

The Lady Rebels played host to the Paul Pewitt Lady Bulls on Friday, December 17, 1999 for the first district game of the season. The first tip of the ball was taken by the Lady Bulls and they were the first to score in the game. Missy Carroll put the first 2 points on the board for the Lady Rebels and set the scoring into action. After one quarter the Lady Rebel led 21-6. In the second the Lady Rebels took total control adding 13 points to their score and holding the Lady Bulls to 4 points. Score 34-10 Lady Rebels.

The final half was all Lady Rebel and they took the win 67-32. Posting high score for the team was Tiffany Prentice with 22 points. Also scoring were Kim Ross with 13 points including 2 treys, Missy Carroll and Kim Shirley both with 12 points, Cara Morgan, Cassee Wilcox, Jill Foster and Rachel Case all with 2 points each. The team was set to host Cooper on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at RHS for the second district game and the Rebels first district game of the season. Go Lady Rebels and Rebels!!!!



**HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE**-Rebel football players named to the Honorable Mention Defense All District Football Team were; Luis Torres, Colby Guest and Bryce Watkins. Congratulations Rebels!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)




### GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

Thank you for putting your trust in us.  
**Red River County Judge L. D. Williamson and Family**



May All The Joys Of Christmas Be Yours  
**Kathy & Lee Bice Hoss & Ross**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS**


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

From:  
**DR. JIM LOVE DVM**  
6485 LAMAR AVE.  
PARIS TX.



**FIRST TEAM ALL DISTRICT DEFENSE**-Rebels named to the First Team Defense All District Football Team were Michael Galloway, Michael Craig Smith and Scotty Goodwin. Congratulations Rebels!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**ROUND UP THE CHER!**

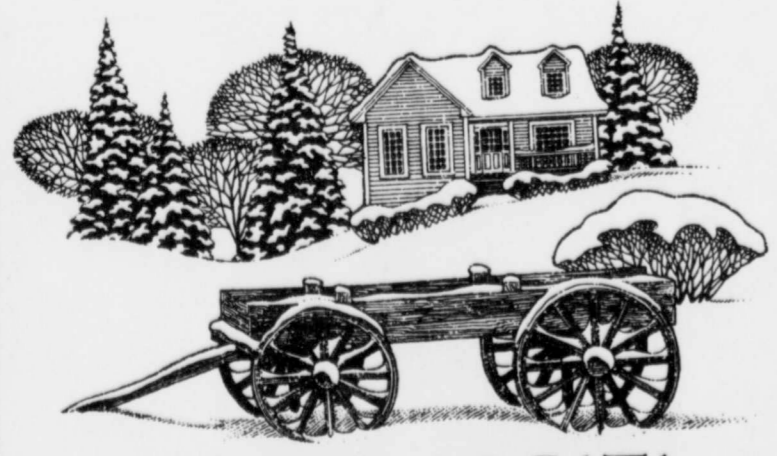


North, south, east or west, folks like you are the very best! Thanks, partners!

**Circle C Ranch**  
Larry & Phillis Townes

*Greetings of the Season*

Wishing you an old-fashioned holiday filled with memories you'll treasure always.  
Many thanks for your loyal patronage.



**CITY OF BOGATA**

Mayor Mike Garretson  
Mayor Pro-Tem W.T. Harbison  
City Sec., Anita Couch  
Office Asst., Margie Walker  
Court Clerk, Julie Davidson  
Public Works, Wendell Davis, Wyatt Bush, Joel Jeans, Robert Lewis  
Police Department Charlie Clegg, Freddy Booker, Jay Hoskins, John Davidson  
Council Members: Tracie Osborne, Edward Spencer, Randy Kennedy, Jack Crane



**YELLOW JACKETS**-Sam McConnell dug up this huge yellow jacket nest in the ground near his shop last week. Mr. McConnell said he'd been stung more than one time during the summer and his poor dog had gotten to where he would not even go near that area of the shop. So, one cold morning last week Mr. McConnell dug it up. The nest was huge and had layers and layers where the bees had hatched out. Mr. McConnell and especially his dog hope the yellow jackets do not return to their place next year. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Have a Merry, Merry Christmas

**Another Christmas IS ROLLING IN...**

*And we'd like to say thanks for helping to keep us on a roll! With best wishes for a merry season.*

**Tire City Discount**  
608 N. Main, Paris, Tx.



greetings at **christmastime**

We'd like to deliver our best wishes for a great season!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Liz, Jim And Cari Irwin

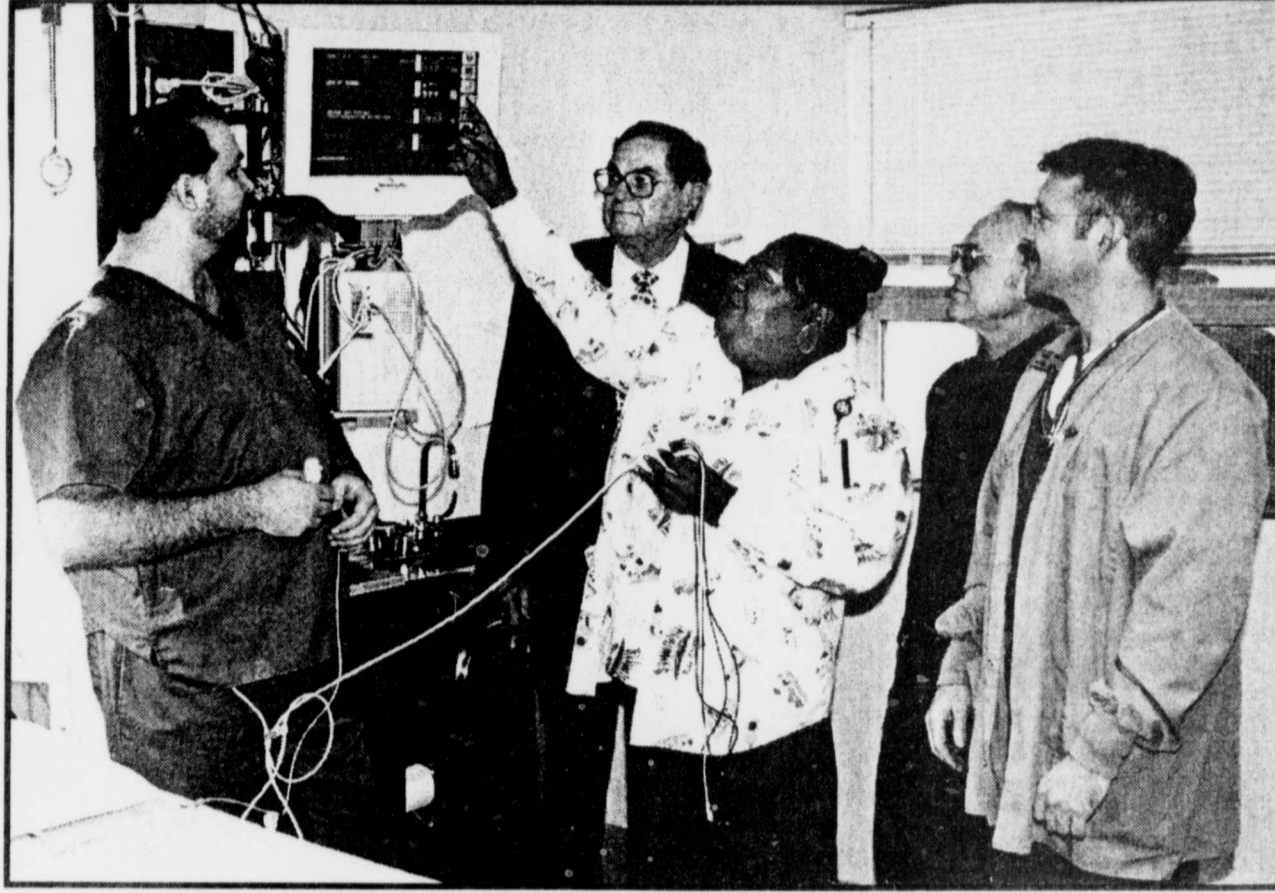




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SPACE LAB TECHNOLOGY was added to McCuistion ICU. Mary Ann Fisher, R.N., McCuistion Intensive Care Unit Head Nurse, demonstrates some of the features of the new Ultraview Care Network bedside monitor system installed recently at McCuistion Regional Medical Center. Looking on are, from left, Joe Stringfellow, LVN, Dr. Donald Lewis, Medical Director, Tom Bowman, Biomedical Services Supervisor and Sam Hurst, R.N.



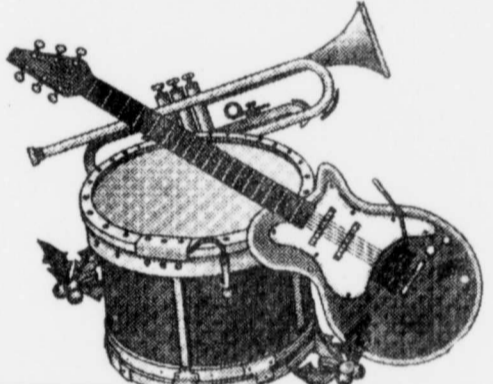
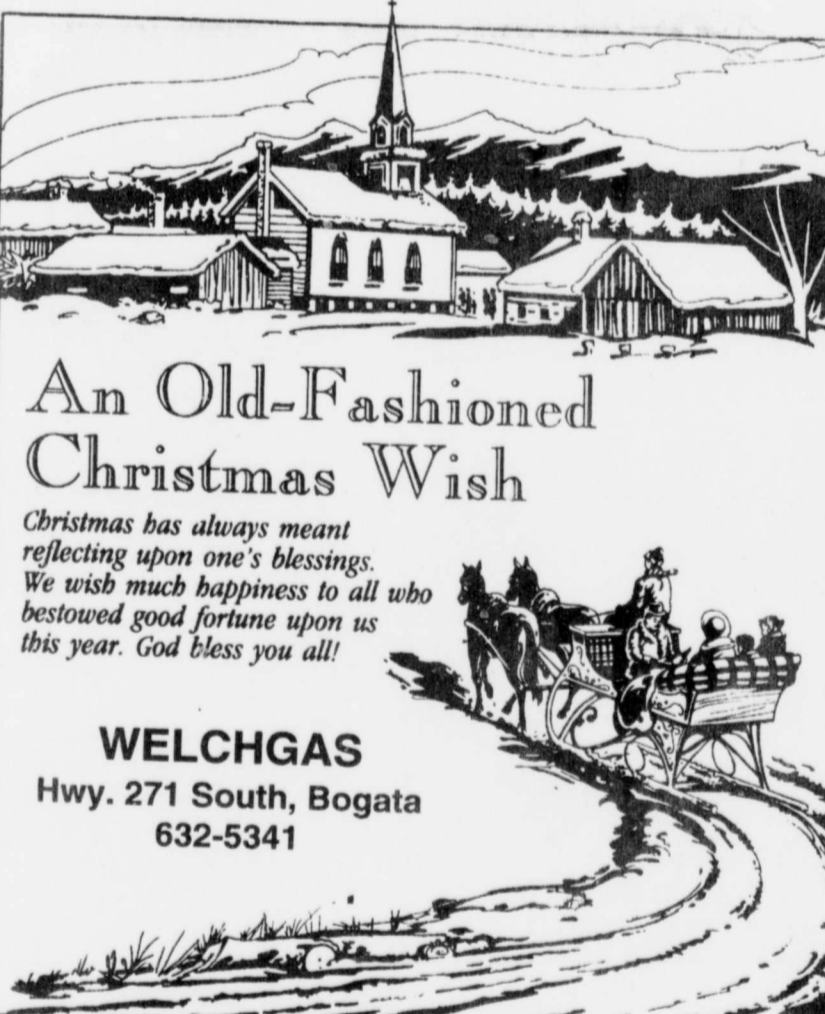
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Texas-New Mexico and City are prepared for Y2K

As a part of its Y2K contingency planning, Texas-New Mexico Power Company will have personnel working throughout its service territories during the rollover to the year 2000. This will ensure emergency contacts are available for any Y2K issues that may arise. Texas-New Mexico Power Company is confident their efforts of the past two years have brought their equipment and systems into Y2K readiness. The main concerns this year will be the same as always, weather and holiday revelers who run cars into power poles.

The company participated in a nation wide drill in April and September that simulated their response to different Y2K scenarios. The drills also gave the company an opportunity to test its contingency plan, which requires a core staff to be at work on New Year's Eve. The company has worked to ensure all will run smoothly when the year 2000 arrives.

Answers to some questions about Y2K are as follows: Most people anticipate Y2K problems to happen December 31 when, in fact, experts predict the problems are more likely to be persistent over the year rather than a single "crash". Dates such as 02/29/00 could be a problem but we have already passed another expected problem date, 9/9/99 with only minor problems. A focus on utilities and the national power grid, international banking and finance, health care, transportation, telecommunications, pension and mutual funds, emergency planning and general business has been made by the President's Council on Y2K. It is believed there may be localized disruptions in some areas such as electrical power, road gridlocks due to traffic light disruptions, credit card transactions may not be processed and telephone systems may not work.

A checklist has been developed by the American Red Cross for some easy steps you can take to prepare for possible disruptions: Check with manufacturers of any essential computer controlled electronic equipment in your home, which includes security alarm systems, programmable thermostats, appliances, consumer electronics, garage door openers, electronic locks and any other electronic equipment; stock disaster supplies to last several days which include non-perishable foods, stored water, and an ample supply of prescription and nonprescription medications and as you would for a storm, have some extra cash on hand, keep your automobile filled with gas and plan a way of alternative cooking in case of power failure, keep extra blankets and warm clothing ready, have plenty of flashlights and extra batteries on hand and be prepared to relocate to a shelter for warmth and protection if necessary during a prolonged power outage.

The City of Bogata is prepared with a large number of gallons of water on hand in case of a Y2K problem but none is predicted at this time.



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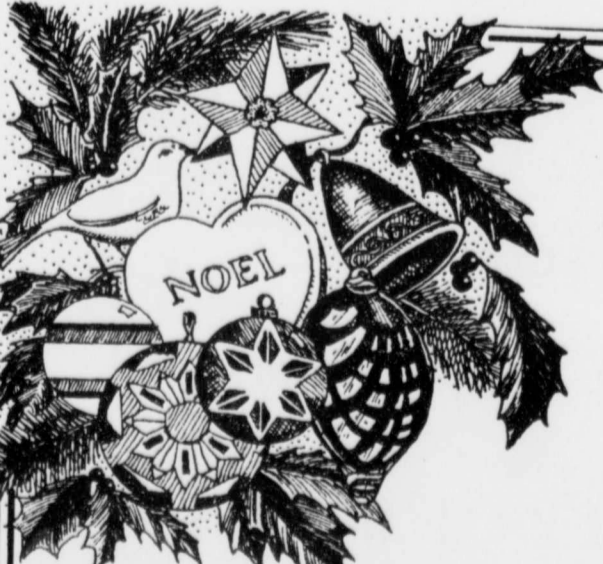
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# Talco Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,  
I want a game for my Play Station, a crash nintendo game. Please bring my dad some tools.  
Jacob Wright  
Dear Santa,  
I want a bunch of hot wheel cars, a monster truck, a motorcycle and a diesel. I also want a pink car with a big motor. Bring my dad a big truck. Mrs. Wright a flower, my mom a Barbie doll truck and hot wheels for Aaron.  
Dillion McQueen

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, some boots, a black jacket, red jacket, blue jacket and green jacket. I also want a remote control truck, army men, 8 tricycles, 8 wagons, blocks and toys, I try to be good but sometimes I get in trouble.  
Jonathon Kay

Dear Santa,  
I have only got 2 yellow cups at school. Please bring a Christmas ball and banana pudding for mama. Bring daddy shaving cream, my sister, Tonya, wants a Barbie and clothes. Tony wants a pocket knife. I want a baby doll stroller, a big stroller, not a little one, sunglasses and a curling iron. That's all.  
Sabrina McBride

Dear Santa,  
I want an Angelica doll that has ice cream in her hand, a baby doll, new shoes, a bike and a new jacket. I want the Toy Story 2 movie.  
Isabella Rivera

Dear Santa,  
I want one of your reindeer and I want to visit the North Pole. Please bring me a horse, an angel, 2 puppy dogs with necklaces on their necks and a baby doll.  
Lakisha Hares

Dear Santa,  
Happy Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I get in trouble some but I am getting better. Please bring me an angel, cause I love them so much. I want 2 spaceships, a clown and a Barbie that turns flips. Bring my baby sister a doll. My grandma will make you some cookies.  
Samantha Wisener

Dear Santa,  
I just had a birthday and turned 6. I want a bow and arrow, a fishing pole cause mine broke and a dirt bike helmet. Please bring my mom a cross necklace, my dad a new cap and Meme a diamond ring. Bring a baseball and bat for Pop and me.  
Jordan Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want some Santa Clause clothes, a bicycle, some toys, Buzz Light Year that turns into stuff. I also want a bad guy and singing Woody from Toy Story 2. I want a real horse to ride.  
I love you,  
Joseph Edge

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents. Please bring me a candle, a soldier, a plastic butterfly, teddy bear and a Rugrat Tommy doll that writes. I will leave milk and cookies for you.  
Callie McGee

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the things you bring me. Please bring me a motorcycle, remote control car, a three wheeler and a bike. Bring my brother a little remote control car and my sister a bike.  
Shelly Steen

Dear Santa,  
Happy Santa Clause! I want the dinosaur, Buzz Light Year, Woody and the horse from Toy Story 2. I want a play Santa Clause, a play station with games. I have been a quiet student in Kindergarten.  
Christopher Brooks

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I want a Mustang, a monster and a motorcycle. Bring my daddy a car.  
Colton Weatherall

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, a tool set, helmet, elbow and knee pads and gloves. I also want Woody, the horse, the dinosaur and Buzz Light Year all from Toy Story 2.  
Happy Christmas!  
Luke Smith

Dear Santa,  
Sometimes I have been good. Please bring a truck, Lego blocks, CD player and a guitar.  
Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I want a high track, big monster truck, a big loader, gun and a watch. Mom needs a toy for our puppy. Mrs. Wright needs toys for her baby. Please bring my step-dad a gun and my dad wants a watch. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Zack Sewell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Chloe and I have been so good. Please bring me a doggie and 2 dolls. Bring my sister a Barbie and my brother wants new shoes.  
I love you,  
Chloe Hodge

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I want...Barbie, Baby doll, new clothes, play house, swimming pool, a doll house, bike, Barbie clothes, lamp, Playdough, umbrella, dog, puppet, balloons, a new water bed, computer, tent, teddy bear, Play Station, kite wagon, ball, Christmas presents, a lot. This Christmas I will leave milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Sidney Edge

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good so I want a Sega Saturn, red bike, a monster truck that runs over cars, Play Station and games, blue play trucks, a riot roller, a yellow four wheeler, horse, basketball, rabbit, a blue go cart, a black nite cap, a camaro, porsche, bow and arrow, a black 4-10, a tent, billfold and \$11,000,000,000,000,000.  
Love,  
Montanna

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. So there for I believe that I deserve just a little something this year for Christmas. First I would like a baby doll, fake nails that are clear with rainbow nail polish and a purple ball that smells like grapes. For my mom a diamond ring with a red heart on it and for my dad a black tool box full of tools.  
Thank you,  
Kelsi Thompson  
Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a doll and doll house, a Barbie, a teddy bear, an ABC toy and a Three Little Pigs books, a necklace, a puppet, a Christmas pencil in my stocking, a puppy, a Play station and a Donkey Kong game, a toy truck, crayons, a coloring book, cookies, a new jacket, a pet hamster, an umbrella, a water bed, a fish, a Star Wars micro machine and a Barbie car.  
Your Friend,  
Miriam Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
This year I want: roller blades, a porcelain doll, purple bicycle, big red wagon, portable CD player, Nintendo 64, Barbies and a Barbie house. I would also like two coloring books, swimming pool, Nike shoes, trampoline, Rugrats reading book, butterfly hair clips, four Ty Beanie Babies: Nanook the Huskie, Erin the Bear, Princess the Bear and Curly the Bear.  
Thank you,  
April Shumate



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Dear Santa,

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Keylee Clemmons

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. I hope you have had a good year. Would you please bring me a Baby doll, a necklace and baby doll clothes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Sara Martinez

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a go cart and a lava lamp and a nuke phone and a Pikachu watch and a lap top computer? My little brother would like new clothes. My mom would like a TV and my dad would like a truck. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,  
Joshua Moore

Dear Santa,

I wish that I could have a new bike and I want it to be black. I want a remote control truck and diesel set too.

Chi Jones

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a bed, markers and an Easy Bake Oven. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,  
Lacey Bryan

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Would you please bring me some Game Boy games and some new computer games and a go cart and some Golden Angels and a new play toy jeep and some smell ball candles. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Kelsey Franks

Dear Santa,

I want you to give me a remote control truck and a monster truck and computer and a trucker and my mom a car for her to work and army men. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Fernando Lopez

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like to have a bike, a guitar, a deer rifle game, a car with big, big, big tires on the back, a Play Station with games. Merry Christmas to you and all your workers.

Aaron Haley

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a Pokeyman watch and jewelry, a talking Pokeyman, a Game Boy color with Pokeyman games and Rugrats baby baro. My sister wants a lap top computer. My brother wants some remote control cars. My mom wants some bracelets. My dad wants some flashlights. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Amber

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a go cart, new baby, Game Boy color, dolls, a lap top computer. My brother would like to have a 4 wheeler and truck. My mom would like to have a clean car and jewelry. My dad would like to have a watch. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,  
Brandi Via

Dear Santa,

I tried my best to be good. Would you please bring me a big toy truck, a bike and a toy gun. I love you.

Jesus Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

I am being very good this year. Santa will you please get me a My Size Barbie. Will you get me a Spice Girl set? Will you get me a Barbie phone? Will you give me a teddy bear? Santa will you get me a house set and a Santa suit? Santa be careful on the way. Santa if you don't I will still love you and I will still leave you milk and cookies out.

Ashley Savage

Dear Santa,

I want a WWF tape for Christmas and I want a new Sega. I love you.

Decota Sanders

Dear Santa,

I need a 20 gage shotgun, a 4 wheeler, Yamaha 2000, 7 millimeter magnum, tractor, lots of 4-10 shells, coon dog, a horse, a cow and a football.

Chris Shirley

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a Play Station with a T. V., the games for the play station is Tomorrow Never Dies, Twisted Metal 1 & 2, Blood Roar 1 & 2 and Jam Pack. This is it. I hope your bring all the stuff I ask you for. Thank you. I love you Santa.

Your Friend,  
Aaron Gage

### BOGATA SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,

I wish for world peace and happiness and if it's ok with you I would also want a cat and a bottle holder for my bike. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Billie Rae Reeves

Dear Santa,

I tried to be very good over this year. I want a Sony TV and a DVD and a VCR and Toy Story 2 and Lady and the Tramp tapes. Good bye.

Garrett Carroll

Dear Santa,

I want a bow and arrow, a Furby and a truck set for Christmas. I will try to leave milk and cookies if we have any.

James Harper

Dear Santa,

I try my best in school. All I want is a Sony Play Station, a bike and a pair of boots. Be careful on the way.

Troy Brooks

Dear Santa,

I tried to be good this year. I want a CD player and a fish. I want a telescope and chapter books. I want some earrings. Be careful on the way.

Jerica White

Dear Santa,

I tried my best to be good and I will be good next year too. Would you please bring me some fake fingernails. I love you so much.

Ashley Stinson

Dear Santa,

I tried to do my best. So I hop I still get my present because you are the best. Would you give me a doll? I tried to be good. I would like to say thank you.

Jennifer Livingston

Dear Santa,

I want a Grizzly pellet gun, a TV, toy car, clothes and shoes. I will have you milk and cookies.

Your friend,  
Chris

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a color Game Boy, a Nintendo 64, a cable box for my room, a flowered umbrella, the movie Spice World for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Helena Wall

Dear Santa,

Please bring me the Iron Giant movie, Power Rangers Lost Galaxy action figures, Legos, Star Wars set, Tall Fogan movie, Spiro the Dragon game, Play Station, Pokemon, 35mm camera, motocross game, activity desk and chair set, grocery store trolley, 83 pc. wooden case art set, Pogo Roo Jr. dirt rider R.C. 4 wheeler.

Jed Burge

Dear Santa,

I want a go cart. I want a bunch of transformers. I want a talking wrestling ring and I want a bunch of WCW wrestlers. I want a swimming pool that is really big.

Dillan Hathcock

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I want you to bring me a Play Station with a Dragon Ball Z game Final bout, whole set of Dragon Ball Z figures, Sage from the Roniv Warriors and maybe a surprise. If you can would you bring my Dad, Mom and brother something, I will be waiting for you.

Blake Richardson

Dear Santa,

I want a pair of overalls, a bubblegum machine, bat wings, a Pokemon alarm clock, a Pokemon T shirt, a pet baby bat, a walkmon, a bunk bed and a bean bag chair.

Ty Crump

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas, I would like mostly clothes. I would also like the Madden 2000 football game, a sports baseball game and a CD player. I will leave a snack for you and Rudolph.

Love,  
Matthew Haynes

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a horse, basketball goal and a horse stall play set. I try to be a good boy at home and in Mrs. Huddleston's Kindergarten class. I'll leave you milk and cookies inside and the reindeer some food outside. I love you.

Your friend,  
Carter Kelsey

Dear Santa,

My name is Tamara and I have been good this year and I would like a CD player with CD's, a great big teddy bear, a piano, a diamond ring and lots of Barbie stuff.

Tamara Moore

Dear Santa,

I want a T.V., a VCR, a Barbie cash register, Rosie O'Donnell doll and I want a Barbie doll.

Love,  
Carmen Allen

Dear Santa,

I want a 4-10 shotgun, a pellet gun and a remote control robot and a pot bellied pig and a 10 gage shotgun and my brother wants a remote control car and a miniature shetland pony.

Love,  
D.J. Gentry

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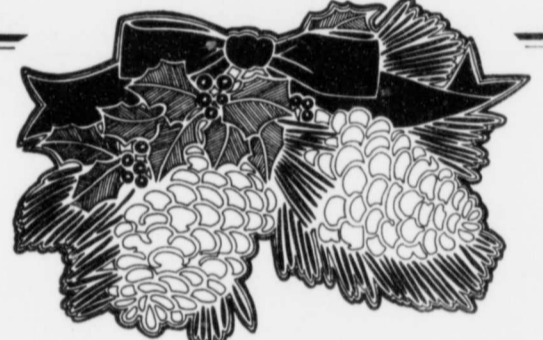
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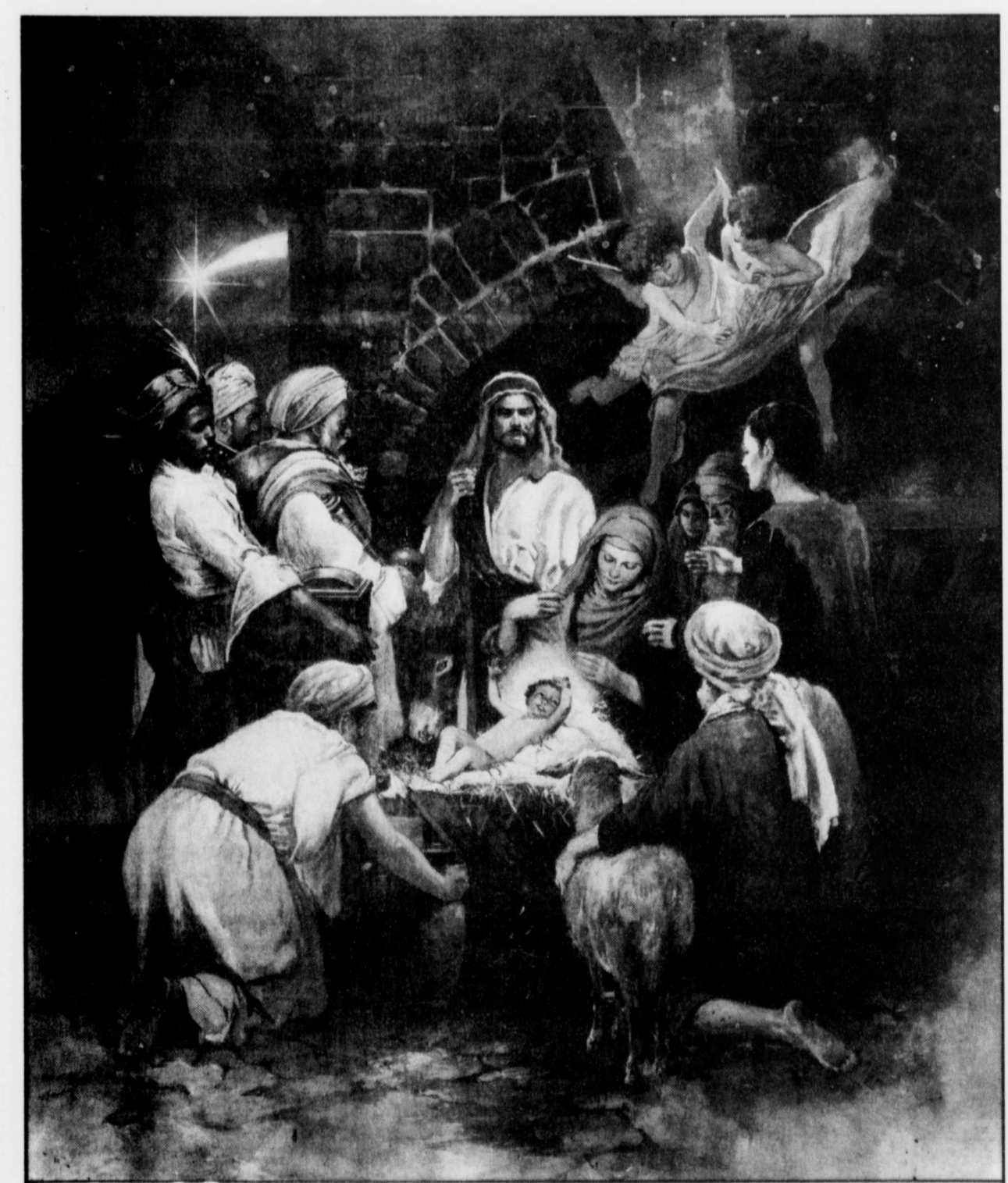


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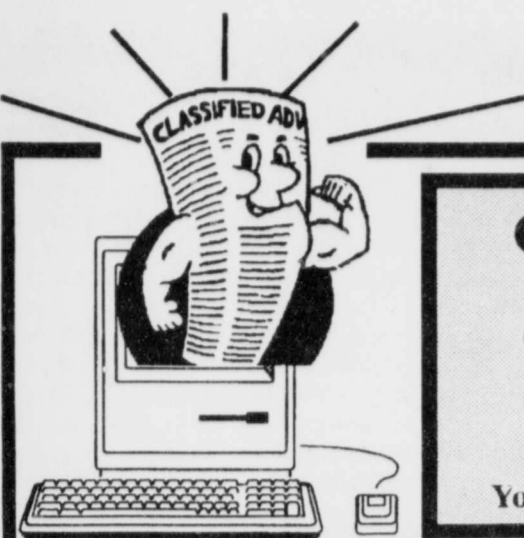
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(If less than 2 years at present address)		Yrs.	
Current Employer Name		City/State	
Applicant's Occupation	Work Ph. #	Gross Salary	W - Weekly
	Area Code( )	\$	Y - Yearly
Time*On Job	Yrs. Mos.		M - Monthly
Soc. Security No.	*Source of Other Income	Gross Salary	W - Weekly
		\$	Y - Yearly
			M - Monthly
Previous Employer's Name (If less than 5 years at current employer)		City/State	
Time on Previous Job		Yrs.	

\*For the purpose of securing credit from you, I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I have attained the Age of Majority. I authorize you to check my credit and employment history and to provide and/or obtain information about credit experiences with me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Notices**

**CITY OF BLOSSOM PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The City of Blossom, Texas hereby gives notice of public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance to regulate plats and land subdivisions within the City of Blossom and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.  
 The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2000 at 1240 W. Front St., Blossom City Hall in Blossom, TX.  
 The public is invited to attend and participate.  
 Tony Chance, City Administrator 12-23

**GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The City of Blossom has recently received a contract award from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for wastewater system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm (regis-

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**271 MOTEL & SNACK**: Your home away from home. Hwy. 271, Talco. Cordell Alexander, 903-379-5411. MA t/c

**FOR SALE**: Beige lift chair, cost \$700 new, take \$350. Not small discount store chair. Heavy duty, big roomy, like new. 903-652-4205 or 652-5823 nights. MA t/c

**FOR SALE**: Couch, chair, coffee table, 1 end table, two swivel rockers, good condition. 903-674-5718. MA 12-23

**FOR SALE**: Catfish fillets; chicken; beef and pork. All retail cuts. Beef by the side or quarter. Call for prices. Detroit Locker Plant, Detroit, TX. Pork, chicken, fish. Call 903-674-6911. If no answer, call 903-674-2352. We accept food stamps. MA t/c

**HOUSE LEVELING**-Carpentry work. Call Randy or Brandon Miller, 903-632-4870. MA t/c

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**FOR SALE IN BLOSSOM**: 645 South Street, 4 years old, 3BR, 1B, ceiling fans, \$28,500.00. Call before 8 p.m., 903-785-7443 or 982-6522. MA 1-6

**FOR SALE**: 2BR, 1B, frame home, excellent condition. Garrison Real Estate, 903-632-4346. MA t/c

**HOUSE FOR SALE IN TALCO**: 205 N. 6th, 3BR, could be 4, huge yard, 2 bath, lg. living room, patio, garage, storage room, gas heat, 3 window units AC, ceiling fans, attic fan, will leave stove, refrigerator and dishwasher, dog pen and house. East on Broad St. past Talco Bank, turn left. First house on right. 903-379-3704. MA 1-6

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**FEED & TACK SUPPLY**: Saddles & tack on sale through December 31. We deliver free by the ton or bulk, competitive prices. Stanley's Store, Hagensport, 632-0956. MA 1-6

**Wanted:**  
**HELP WANTED**: Position open for a person experienced in appliance service and installation. Some record keeping required. Salary negotiable with experience. Apply in person at Welch Gas, Hwy. 271, Bogata. MA 1-6

**LOST & FOUND**

**REMEMBER**, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

**MISSING**: Black & tan deer hunting hound. Light brown eyes, slick short hair, 2 1/2 feet tall, red collar. His name is Sammy. 903-427-3063 or 5313. 12-23nc

**FOUND**: Men's work coat on Hwy. 37 south of Bogata. Call Bogata News and identify, 632-5322. 12-23nc

**LOST**: Female Heeler/Lab mix puppy, four months old, near Deport or FM1501. Please call 652-2811. 12-23nc

**LOST**: Female Siberian Husky, 1 1/2 years old, named "Sadie". Purple collar, lost south of Pattonville week of 12-20. 652-5812 or 785-1644.

**FOUND**: Young male dog, black and tan, with brown leather collar. Please call Mary Ellen Cain, 632-5641. 1-6nc

**Garage Sales**

**CAKLEBERRY'S**: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

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**FREE FIREWOOD**: You cut, you remove. Call for details. 903-674-2417. MA t/c

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**FREE PUPPIES**: Fluffy, bear-like puppies, 6-7 weeks old. Need a home for Christmas. 652-9875. 1-6nc

**FREE DOG TO GOOD HOME**: Neutered male Border Collie mix, 9 months old, 60 lb., all shots, good with children. 903-632-0966. 1-6nc

**TALCO SANTA LETTERS**

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a bicycle and new clothes and shoes and some helmets and pads, computer and some pictures of Comet and Cupid and a radio player and some head phones and poster of Brittany Spears and my brother wants a trucking WCW wrestler and my mom wants a candle and my dad wants a poster of Elvis.  
Love,  
Kayla Morgan

Dear Santa,  
I want a drum set, 4 wheeler, motorcycle, go cart, bulldozer, a big radio, WWF movies, a trip to Colorado and Wyoming and a computer.  
Love,  
Malorie

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas; a Play Station, Tomorrow Never Dies, Twisted Metal 1,2,3 and 4, Bloody Roar 1 and 2, Jampack and a dummy punching bag. I will leave you some milk.  
Your friend,  
Aaron Gage

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas Tuff Talking toy. I also want a brand new game for the Play Station. I want a telescope and a pair of boots. I also want a Pokemon toy. I want Mayham. I also want a WWF Nitro Ring. I also want early the roaster. P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.  
Thank you,  
Michael Stinson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Nsync shirt, hat and CD. Bring me a printer, a bunk bed and a Nike hat, wind suit, socks and shoes. I would love a new Beanie Baby. Bring me a ten speed bike, a heart locket for my mom, a race track for my brother, a trip to Disney Land for my sister Monica, a Beanie Baby for my sister Monique. She would like 98 Christmas Bear. P.S. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. Merry Christmas Santa. I will be a very very very good girl for you. I love you Santa,  
Megan D. Savage

Dear Santa,  
I don't know if I've been good. Well, I want a new Bible and a go cart and a dirt bike. I hope you read this card.  
Thank you from your friend,  
Tony DeLaHoya

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a couple of Play Station games. I would like an E-Power Computer and I just love Pokemon so will you give me Pikachu. Squirtle and Charmander Pokemon toys, a Yorc CD player with Nsync's new CD and a Brittnay Spears CD, fingernail polish for sister, trucks for my brother and jewelry for mom and some golf clubs and golf balls for dad. Santa I will have milk and cookies for you.  
I love you very much,  
Emily McCuller

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a WWF Stone Cold and I want a new bike.  
Your friend,  
William Morgan

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of lace up boots and a Christian Aguilera tape, Backstreet Boys tape, fish tank with fish, white sweats and a lap top computer would be nice. P.S. Please bring my cat some food.  
Love,  
Jessica Kay

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station and some CD's like 007 and Blity 2000. I want a bike and some more Michael Jordan tennis shoes. I would like to have a remote control car and some new friends. I would like a phone and TV in my room.  
Your friend,  
Justin Norman P.S. I would also like a computer.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to receive an outfit for my American Girl Doll, the millennium outfit. Bring a keychain for my mom and a pair of fingernail clippers for my dad. Do you think you could get me a Pikachu? Hope you can. I will leave milk and cookies. Have a safe trip. P.S. If you can, try to remember to bring Colleen some dog bones. Oh yeah! Please try to remember also to bring Colleen a nice soft blanket to sleep in. A surprise would be nice for me.  
Thanks a bunch,  
Laura Bevil

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait till Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a Bop-it, Clue, Boggle and a Myself Computer, a watch, and a journal, skate board and Shanan.  
Cortney Blankenship



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