

Nichols  
Worth



What's it All About?

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

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

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

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

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

Then, Mike Francies had an idea that I would love to see practiced from town to town, from yard to yard. On Christmas eve in downtown Deport, all the spotlights on Santa, on the toys, trains and on the sleigh will be turned off. Only one thing will be left to light the night...the Nativity. Isn't that a wonderful idea? On that most special night, we can turn our

minds from all the frivolous things (which I love, mind you) and focus on the birth that is our true hope for peace.

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

And, among all the Santa letters we set each year, asking for all kinds of things, two shine through

I would like to personally recognize "Skye" whose Santa letter said "I don't care what I get for Christmas, just think about the puppies and kittens at the pound and give them a nice home for Christmas". How beautiful!

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

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

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



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# Talco Times

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## First Place Christmas Memories,

2002



### The cigar box barn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Third Place



### From the darkness..

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ms. Ruth E. Lee

## Second Place Christmas Memories,

2002



### A "first" this year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Juanita and Silas Taylor

### Galen and Baby Jesus

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Teddy Igo

## Newspapers will not publish Christmas, New Years week

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

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

Wednesday.

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

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

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## Bogata Rodeo Association to hold meeting

The Bogata Rodeo Association will meet on January 6th, Monday night at 7:00 at the Bogata Community Center.

They will have a stew supper. All members need to attend and anyone wanting to become a member is invited to attend also.

## Fourth Place



CHOSEN AS BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-Christmas Queen and King were Keavondrick Savage and Nicole Norman. The couple road a beautiful float in the annual Talco Christmas Parade. KIKI is the son of Candy Brooks of Talco. Nicole is the daughter of Jean Ann Norman of Talco. (Staff-Photo Nancy Brown)



COWBOY SANTA-A cowboy Santa is among the decorations at the home of Rhonda and Jimmy Taylor in Maple Springs. The home is one of many up and down Fm 71 east of Talco worth taking a drive to see. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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

**Country Cooking**  
By guest columnist Nanalee Nichols

Cookies, cookies and more cookies! That's what those of us in the Bocky Norman Cookie Club have each Christmas season. Years ago, this group of seven women heard about a party where each person baked 7 dozen of the same cookie (plus some for tasting). Dressed up in fancy paper, or on a special plate, or with a trinket or ornament on each one, they grace a table while everyone shares covered dishes of other

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

to give to neighbors, others just share with friends and family. This year, many of them were used for the Deport Community Christmas church service.

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

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

There is always a lot of laughter, fun and good food. Because of space, all the recipes weren't included. All were delicious, though.

HAPPY COOKING CLUBBING!

**Card of Thanks**

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

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

**RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS**

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

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

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

**Obituaries**

**Nora Marie Babb dies November 27**

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

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

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

**Card of Thanks**

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

Donnie Lewis

**Card of Thanks**

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

**Bogata Missionary Baptist Church Congregation and Pastor Billy Daniels**

**Lawrence E. Lyons dies December 1**

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

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

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

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

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

**Andrea Faye Jeans dies December 14**

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

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

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

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

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

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.  
-Sydney J. Harris

**Free to a good home....**

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

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

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

puppies to choose from. Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix. Humane Society will spay or neuter free. Call Clarksville animal officer, Joe Cain at 427-3836 days. Have had Parvo shots.

Adult cats and kittens are also free to good homes. Tiger stripes, tuxedos, calicos, all colors available. Humane Society will spay-neuter free. Call Joe Cain, Clarksville Animal Control Officer, 427-3836, day hours.

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

**Nanalee Nichols Lemon Icebox Cookies**  
1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 tsp. grated lemon rind  
2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Beat butter and sugars at medium speed with mixer until fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each. Add grated lemon rind and lemon juice, beating until blended. Combine flour, baking soda, salt; gradually add to butter mixture, beating just until blended. Divide dough in 3 equal portions; roll each portion on wax paper into a 12 inch log. Chill 8 hours, covered. Cut each log into 1/2 inch slices, place on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 14 minute until edges are lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool. Store cookies in an airtight container. Or freeze if desired. You can freeze this simple dough up to two months.  
Additions (I added poppy seeds)  
Add 1 cup sliced almonds, toasted.  
Add 2 teaspoons of poppy seed.  
Add 1 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted.

**Mary Barnard Moon Rocks**  
1 lb. Imperial 10X powdered sugar  
1 stick margarine, melted  
1 6-oz. can frozen orange concentrate  
1 cup pecans, ground  
1 lb. Vanilla wafers, crushed  
1 lb. shredded coconut, divided (optional)  
combine all ingredients, except half of coconut; mix thoroughly. Shape into 1-inch balls and roll in remaining coconut. makes about 96 confections. These are uncooked cookies

**Juanita Taylor Orange Chip Cookies**  
1 cup butter  
1 egg  
1 TBL. grated orange zest  
2 Tsp. Orange extract  
2 1/4 Cups all-purpose

flour  
3/4 Tsp. baking soda  
1/2 Tsp. Salt  
1 pkg. (12 oz.) white baking chips  
1 cup chopped walnuts, toasted.  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add egg, orange zest and orange extract. Beat until well blended. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture, stir until a soft dough forms. Stir in baking chips and walnuts. Drop tablespoonsful of dough onto a greased baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight container. Yield, about 4 1/2 dozen cookies.

**Sue Cross Lemon Icebox Cookies**  
Turn back and look at Nanalee's Recipe. Southern Living magazine seems to appeal to both of them!

**Patsy Norrell Chocolate Chip Supreme Cookies**  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup butter  
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 small package vanilla instant pudding mix  
1 Tbl. vanilla  
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 Tbl. baking soda  
1 Tsp. Cinnamon  
1/2 Tsp. salt  
2 Cups (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate morsels  
1/1/2 cups pecans  
1 Cup quick cooking oats  
Beat shortening and butter at medium speed until creamy. Add sugars, beat well. Add eggs, beat well until blended add pudding mix and vanilla  
Combine flour and next 4 ingredients. Gradually add to butter mixture, beating until blended. Stir in morsels, pecans and oats. Shape dough into 1 1/2 inch balls. Place on lightly greased cooking sheets and press to 1 inch thickness. Bake at 375 degrees 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.

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

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

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**Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,  
Hi, How are you? How is Rudolph? How are the elves? I wish you a Merry Christmas! I would like a Shining Star Doll, a Care Bear and a DVD player for Christmas. I will leave you and the reindeer a snack.  
I love you,  
Emily Hider

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Science kit, the black ranger Megazord, a cop set, a toy robot, Spiderman tarding cards, a rideable motorcycle, a toy sword, a spy kit and some Digimon games.  
Your friend,  
Ryan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Porcelain doll, some pajamas, some new slippers, lip gloss, a life like kitten, Mary Kate and Ashley collectors dolls, sun glasses, cowgirl boots and light bright cube.  
Christine Jones

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brady. I would like a Play Station 2 game, a R.C. car, plus I would like a Slushie maker and a movie called The Rookie. If you can I would like it if you would bring a lap top computer. The rest of the things I want you to surprise me with.  
See ya later,  
Brady Kennedy

Dear Santa,  
This year I have tried my best to be very very good. I would like some surprises. One thing I want

is some school clothes, a CD called Blake Shelton. I would also like a 4 wheeler and a computer. The thing I would like most is for everyone to be happy and everyone to get what they want.  
Haley Bivins

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy for Christmas, a TV, a VCR. My momma wants to find her daddy. I want my puppy back for Christmas. I want some clothes and the thing I wish for most is that my family will be together.  
Taylor Holmes

Dear Santa,  
I am 6 years old and in Kindergarten. I have been real good. I would like to get a bb gun, a T-Rex and a real fishing pole, a real live Gecko, an Octablast and a Urbe toy set, a toy remote control race car and a movie, "The Rugrats in Paris".  
Thank you Santa, I love you!  
Bowdy Guest  
P.S. I want a TV for my bedroom.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Doll. I also want a Barbie computer and some videos of my favorite cartoons. If he has more space in his bag I would like a basketball goal, some books and some new clothes.  
Thanks Santa,  
Yamel

Dear Santa,  
I would like a ballarena Barbie and blopens, I would like a little swing set. I want a cook book. I never had one. I would like my own pencils and some more shoes. I would also like a telephone with batteries, two of them.  
Thank you,  
Kirstan Anderson



**MOST POPULAR**-Chosen as Most Popular girl and boy from the Rivercrest Freshman class this year are Whitney Savage and Adam Horn. Whitney is the daughter of Janice Savage of Talco. Adam is the son of David Horn of Mt. Pleasant and Mary Lynn Palmer of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

*Merry Christmas to All*  
*And Happy New Year*

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Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for a glowing year.

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**Christmas together was best ever**

By Pinky Griffin  
My best Christmas was in December of 1945. I was home for the first time in four years. My brother, Jack, was home for the first time in two years. He was in the 15th Airforce in Italy.  
Sam, my brother in law, was home from Germany from Patton's third army.  
We were all together for the first time since World War II. This was my best Christmas.

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Letters  
to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I would like a play station and a race track. I would also like Smack down two game and some candy. I would really like a toy bulldozer that is remote control with a ripper.  
Kellen Stringfellow



Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a wolkman CD player and CDs, a specira color, game boy games, basket-ball goal, and my own chair. I will leav some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Emily Ward

Dear Santa,  
Please put these special gifts for me under the tree, scooter, a Mickey Mouse, The Grinch Movie, Keyboard, T.V. Drums.  
Anthony Pena

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control turbo car and some roller blades. I want a go-cart. I have been really good this year.  
Love,  
Mason Nichols

Dear Santa,  
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Love,  
Shilo Wright

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy will you bring a 4 x4 dodge and osme chaps and a army set and a play station with a protable TV and a red rider gun and a toy horses and a disel truck with to cars on the trailer.  
Love,  
Matthew Earley

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I been a good boy. Santa I want a 4 x 4 fourwhele for fake and a 18 wheeler for fake. Too a farm set and I want some clothes.  
Love,  
Daniel Phipps

Dear Santa,  
I want to see my Dad for Cristmes. I want a Esey Bake Oven with a stand and lots of mixes too.  
Ashley Wynn

Dear Santa,  
I want a movei named The Grinch and the game. I also want a icee maker, a Barbie Cash register and an Angle doll. I have been a good girl. I hope to get some of the gifts for Christmas. Thank you, Santa.  
Love,  
Abigail Pena

Dear Santa,  
This year my sister and I would like a tent with tunnels and I would like a CD player. Kayla would like a Dora the Explorer, Slumber Fun set. Another thing I would like is a purple beanbag and Kayla would like a blue one too. Thank you.  
Your friends,  
Carli and Kayla Brown

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like to have a remote control dirt bike and a remote control pickup, a scrapper, a dragline and bring my sister Ashley and my brother Brandon some nice things too. And my mom and dad too. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Cody Williams, Bogata, Tx.

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a Little Ariplane, a little boat. I want all Spiderman toys and movie and Ice Age movie. I want a Spiderman pin ball machine and a little motorcycle that don't run on batteries. And anything else you want to bring me.  
Bmadon Alvarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy dog, a Babie doll, a doll, the Spirit movie, Sweet Magic Kitchen and Shrinky Dinks. Say "Hello" to Anna. And I want a Jessie doll.  
Love,  
Kaitlyn Brown

Dear Santa,  
I will take anything you will give me. Tell Anna "Hello" for me.  
Love,  
Hailey Brown

Dear Santa,  
Wesley Don Davidson is my name. For Christmas I would like the Spirit movie, a Kenny Chesney CD, a Blake Shelton CD, new blue jeans, a new cowboy hat, Harry Potter game boy game, and some Long Horn stuff and a clown nose.  
Your friend,  
Wesley

Dear Santa,  
I know that are to be good, but maybe you will bring me something anyway. My mom said I was good a little. Please bring me Scooby Doo things for my bedroom and games. A jv drum set and if there's anything left would you bring my brother a mini race car.  
Love,  
Joshua Newsom

Dear Santa,  
I have been a little good so please bring a conit caned makr four Christmis.  
From,  
Shilo Wright

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control airplane, a Longhorn air up chair, a cd plare, a dirt bike, Nintendo 64, disk, a Longhorn pen, a plastic baskit and ball. P.S. I love Christmis.  
Love,  
Dustin Rose

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a guitar, GI Joe, a truck, a book, an old maid card game and game boy advanced games, Dragon Ball Z, yu-gi-oh Dark Duel Stories, I Spy, Jimmy Neutron.  
Jonathan Moore

Dear Santa,  
It's me Ashlyn. I've tried to be good this year, just keep watching me till Christmas. If I'm not good, just send me a sack ow switches but if I'm good, I want an Easy Bake Oven and the mixer and cake mixes. I would also like to have a Clifford movie and a Barbie as Rapunzel movie and a Barbie Video camera. I've seen a furryphone that I would like to have. Please bring my whole family a computer. I love the baby you gave me last year, so please send some matching clothes for us. If there's anything else in your sack for me, please leave it under the tree. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.  
I love you,  
Ashlyn Kennedy

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Dear Santa,  
I've tried really hard to be good this year, but Marli makes it so difficult to be nice. Hopefully I have been sweet enough for you to leave me a little something under my tree. Since mamma ran over my bike this year, I would like a new one, (this time I'll try not to leave it in the drive way). I would also like the new Ice Saking Barbie computer game, Barbie Karaoke machine, Annabelle's Wish movie and the now 11 CD Brylee, my sister wants a tricycle and some clothes. Oh, I guess you should bring Marli something too, she wants a bicycle and the Lilo and Stitch movie. I will leave plenty of cookies and milk for you to snack on. Love,  
Ashton McGee White

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control dirt bike, remote control airplane. Also I would like a bicycle, play station 2 and some games for my play station 2. Please bring daddy some new clothes, one shirt with Santa on it. Bring my moma some new boots. Also bring my little brother some new cars and bring me a new truck. Also I would like a Harry Potter candy maker. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love,  
Jacob Thompson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I want a remote control motorcycle with a man, ATV Fury game, and a pair of cowboy boots with the pointed toes. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love,  
Jestin Wright

Dear Santa,  
I would like a max steal, a GI Joe warrior set, remote control monster truck, books, gun, a knife, a jump rope, army stuff, anew rod and reel, fishing stuff, Queezy Bake Oven, remote control jet. Love,  
Jaden

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Kelly doll, and a pretty sleight for Amanda and me. And also one for my mom and dad and a Barbie van. Melinda Barbosa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a trampoline, doll, swimming pool and ball. Kierra Pogue

Dear Santa,  
How are doing? How is Mrs. Claus? Are the reindeer ready to fly? Would you please get me a cradle for Christmas, and a rocking chair too. Tell Mrs. Claus that my brother, sister, mommy, daddy and me love you both and the elves too!  
Love,  
Carrie Elizabeth Facente

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a horse, a Harry Potter potion maker, a DVD player, rings and necklaces and a poster of horses.  
Love,  
Stormi Tully

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me these things. I want a four wheeler, play station games, a model train and Harry Potter stuff.  
Luke Smith

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob Harville. I have been good this year. Please bring me a basketball goal, a basketball, a lava lamp, some new shoes, some games for my PS2, some cool clothes, coveralls and a remote control car. We will leave you a snack.  
Jacob Harville

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and books, toys and a necklace for Christmas.  
Love,  
Isabella Rivera

Dear Santa,  
I would like a disco light, perfume, clothes and makeup, the movie The Rookie, CD case, Now 11 and Now 10.  
Thank you,  
Brooklyn Bishop  
P.S. Please don't forget my little sister Jaden.

Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy and some games to go with it. I would also like a skate board, a spiderman hand.  
Love,  
Manuel Munoz

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year. For Christmas I want a remote controlled airplane, football with flames on it, a real bird, Spiderman movie, Spiderman picture book, Batman book too, a coloring book and a horse.  
Love you,  
Michael Lewis

Dear Santa,  
All I want is a cowboy hat, a remote car or truck and a indian and cowboy set.  
Thank you,  
Austin Brooks

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Icee Maker. I would like Sponge Bob boxers or Scooby Doo boxers. I would like a bean bag and a Bible. I would also like for the poor to get Christmas,  
Thank you,  
Kelsi Thompson

Dear Santa,  
I was very good this year. Please bring me these things, China doll, a bike, back pack, a bird, tiger tent and most of all a trampoline. Please bring my toys to my Grand-ma house at Maple Curve.  
Thank you Santa, I love you,  
Samantha Wisener

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lexi Earley. I have tried to be on my best behavior this year. So can you please bring me a few things. I want a fur real kitty cat, karaoke, new clothes, a baby Anna Belle and Rugsrats Christmas tape. I'll make sure I leave you some cookies and milk. Love,  
Lexi Earley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I would like to have a pink motorcycle with training wheels, a big, big, big race track with a red car and a blue car. Also I want a baby doll with a brother, a momma and a daddy. I want the baby to be real big. I have been a good girl this year. I hope you can bring me my presents.  
Love,  
Nicole Henry  
P.S. Please bring my bubba a grey truck and a little race track.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Andrew Munoz. I would like for Christmas a skateboard and a super soaker gun. I would also like to ask for a doll for my new baby sister.  
Love,  
Andrew

Dear Santa,  
I want a big bike, Leggos, a new radio, a new car, a new gun, a Pokemon 200, cards and Aturok 2.  
Thank you,  
Brandon Hardee

Dear Santa,  
I want an Easy Bake and a camera, Barbie, crayons, bath crystals, stocking, trampoline. I will give you some cookies. I love you Santa Claus,  
Brittany I.

Dear Santa,  
Hello, I have been trying to be good this year and I have also tried to make good grades since I started Kindergarten this year. For Christmas will you please bring me a new Barbie doll and clothes for my Barbie, a new baby doll and clothes and diapers for my doll also I would like some new clothes for me. Santa, my brother Garrett would like a Spiderman doll and a ball and bat. We will leave you some cheese, crackers and Dr. Pepper.  
Love,  
MaeKenzie and Garrett Fields,  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas this year I want a fur real friend, the white one, a Penelope dragon, a Amazing Emma doll, a lot of money, some jewelry, 4 pairs of pajamas and make-up. Please don't forget my daddy!  
Marley Tidwell

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a 4 wheeler, trapezing, cloths, dimened ring, dimened neckles, make-up and a crown.  
Your friend,  
Chloe Hodge

Dear Santa,  
I would like blow pens that come with a foot pumper so I may share it. I would also like a Beagle puppy and her name would be Shelly Star Anderson. I would really really like the CD Uncle Crocker because my old one skips and is all town up. I would love an Grenidear Guard and a Bangle Lancer. If you would I would like a Nut Cracker and the last thing I want is a Clauia doll.  
Love,  
Annastazia Mariah Anderson

Dear Santa,  
What I want is some earrings, a necklice and a ring. I will leave you some homemade cookies and milk. I have been very good. I do what my parents have ask me to do. I hope you don'tt forget my family espeticly Prissy, if you can please get her a leash. Thank you.  
Your good friend,  
Haley Strunc

Dear Santa,  
I would like these things for Christmas. An X box and games, a remote control truck, crs and trucks for my brothers and toys for every boy and girl in the world.  
Love,  
Chad Webb

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good, I want a CD player and I need some clothes. I want the Harry Potter and The Sorseres Stone. I would also like the Little Bow Wow CD. My brothers are not good! Well gott to go! Bye.  
Your Friend,  
Talisha Falkes

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carter and I am in the third grade. Please bring me a .410 shotgun, a big horse and two Play Station 2 games. I've tried to be good. Don't forget my cousins!  
Carter Kelsey

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a pair of Barbie roller skate shoes and the Leap Frog Learning Pad. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.  
Bailey Tiffie

Dear Santa,  
I want a pickup truck, car, some horses and some bath tub boats. I also want two tents, one for me and one for my sisters. You can also bring a bike to ride.  
Love,  
Trent Moore

Dear Santa,  
I want a go kart and two four wheeler tires and my Nana wants a necklace.  
Kolten Stringer

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. All I want for Christmas is Hot Wheels, Learning Laptop Accelration.  
Love,  
Jed Burge

Dear Santa,  
I've tried to be good this year so you would give me some presents. I want a Play Station 2, Yu-Gi-Oh dark duee stories and hot wheels velocity X for the PS2.  
From,  
Blake Richardson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I am in the third grade. I would like a TV-VCR combo and some clothes.  
Love,  
Dellonda McVay

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause and the elfs and raindeer? I hope your rested for the big night. I want a game boy game and a paint ball gun and the equipment and a CD player and some CD's. Hope your night is good. Rember, to come by my house.  
Love,  
Jordan Ryan Thompson  
P.S. Don't forget my sister.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a game boy, dirt bike, shoes size 4. Pleas don't forget my mom and my dad.  
Love,  
Heather Holt

Dear Santa,  
I've been good to my perents this year and what I want for Christmas is a vido camra, a little one that flips open and I want lots of hip huggers and brat dolls and I hope all the other kids have a great Christmas to.  
Love,  
Angela Douthitt

Dear Santa,  
I want some jeans form Limeted 2, a Now 10 CD. Don't forget my family and friends. Please bring me a nail polish set, a new CD player with a coset player.  
Love,  
Camen Calvin

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy. I want a skateboard, pair of skates, new bike, moe gameboy games, Edge runner, Whomping Wilow, land sea RC.  
By,  
Tyler Easley

Dear Santa,  
Hi, My name is Sam. I have been good this year. Please bring me Pokemon Advanced cards, He-Man sword, G.I. Joe, Spiderman, Heavy Hitters, Night Chopper and Max Steelttel Jet and please bring snow. Thank you.  
Love, Sam Burge

Dear Santa,  
I have been a pretty good girl and thought you would like to know what I want for Christmas. I would like for you to bring a SpongeBob watch, Barbiephone, kitchen set, clothes, dishes and Barbie dolls.  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Bianca Savage and I want the whole McDonalds playset, trampoline, my two front teeth and some things for little sister Brooklyn and my Aunt Ashley. My mom and dad are to old so they don't need anything this year, but my mom is still looking for that Cadillac Escalade she asked you for last year.

X-mas,  
Bianca  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a train, a motorcycle-rael, Candyland for rael.  
Trevor Ellison

Dear Santa,  
I am Moses Baldazo will you bring me a real hourse. Because my mother has gifts under the tree and none is for me she said. I would like a toy bat and cat and a real Angel to look over me. And for my daddy not to work so hard all the time. And God to help all the people around here. Because I no he can do that for me. To help every body that need to eat. God Bless you Santa.  
Thank you,  
Moses Baldazo

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I want a four door car for my mom. I want a new truck for my dad. I want a big CD player for my sister and some CDs. Then I want Eminems new CD Lose Yourself and a 4 wheeler. Then I want a mini motorcycle.  
Chris Alcibar

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Play Station with a controller that doesn't have joy sticks. I als want everybody to be with us on Cristmas except my uncle James, he has to work. And everybody a Merry Cristmas.  
Kevin Yeatman

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike, a new bicycle that is blue with pegs. I would also like a remote control dirt bike. Please bring me some new clothes and shoes also. And that's all. I will leave you a treat!  
Jerry Martin

Dear Santa,  
I've been real good this year and I would be very happy if you could bring me a trampoline and a Play Station 2 with some games and a four wheeler.  
Sincerely,  
Jordan White

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little boy. If you could please bring me this stuff for Christmas. I want a dirt bike, remote control airplane, clothes and a basketball goal and I want a Play Station 2 game.  
Thanks,  
Kyle McCuller

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year. And I only want a few things like a key board and some DVD's.  
Thanks for listening,  
Ashley Thuresson

Dear Santa,  
I would like for everybody in the world to have a good Christmas and for the people that do not have money or homes to have a great time this year! And if you have some free time I would like 3 new small packs of Yu-Gi-OH cards, a football signed by Emmitt Smith and have a great Christmas.  
T.J.Stahley

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good little girl! this year so please bring me these things. I would like a hole lot of games, the one game I would like to have is Bible Pictionary. I would also like a Baby Born that does not take batteries. The thing I want the most is the Twin baby dolls. I also want some candy so please bring me this things.  
Mary Beth Henley

Dear Santa,  
I hope your reindeer are strong and healthy this Christmas because I want a DVD player and 2 CD's and 3 pairs of jeans and 2 shirts. I want my mom to have a new outfit and new shoes. I want my dad to have a new truck. I want my 2 brothers to have new cars. And I want my little nephew to have a drum set and a new pair of jeans and a new jacket. Santa have a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Carmen Allen

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a very good boy this year. The first thing I want is a go-cart with a helmet. The second thing is a computer. I would also like young hunters and plgs hunt in ducks unlimited catalog and Du titanium watch. Please don't forget my favrot sister and my favrot brother.  
Love,  
Trevor Jessee

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I would like a new bicycle and a telephone. Then I would like a Twister Braid and a 4 wheeler and a purple make-up pack and some new shoes, clothes and socks.  
Kerri Ross

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me a bicycle, some clothes and shoes. My shoe size is 6. Maybe you could bring my mom some earrings but she can't wear fake jewelry. My siter need a switch! (ha ha) If I was good enough we need a computer with the internet!  
Thank you, Santa, for everything you brought me last year!  
Kimberly DeWitt

Dear Santa,  
I have been good all year long and I was hoping that you could bring me and my family some gifts. But I don't know what they want. I would like some CD's, clothes, toys, money, a puppy dog, a kitty cat and a horse.  
Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas to all, Love,  
Becky Galyean

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year and would like to have some of these things for Christmas. I would like to have a PS2 game, the movie Ice Age, some hair deals, some new clothes, a new pair of shoes, a stuffed animal for my stuffed animal collection, also if possible please get me other movies than just Ice Age, a radio control truck and beaded curtains.  
Your Friend,  
Haley Steen  
P.S. Have a Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I ben a good boy. I want a Play Sation One, a CD player and a big remote control truck.  
Love,  
Juan Leija

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year and I would like to get presents for Christmas, like an emboridery kit and porcelain doll.  
Allison Mauldin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Quinton Anderson and I have been a good boy this year when I was asleep or so my Nanny says. I would like you to bring me a Woody, Jessie, Bullseye and Buzz Lightyear, a cowboy hat and belt, the movie Spirit and any kind of tractors or trucks. Please bring my dog, Taco, a new ball we can fight over. And bring my best girlfriends, Sherry, Robyn and Shelly something good.  
Ho Ho Ho,  
Quinton

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 Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
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 Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.  
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 Pastor, Dr. L.C. Stout  
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 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.  
 Youth Class ..... 7 p.m.

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 Bogata, TX 632-5218  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
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 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
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 Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening ..... 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday:  
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 Bible Class ..... 7:00  
 For Information, call 632-4311

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

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

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 Pastor Michael Bolton

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 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday service ..... 7 p.m.  
 Sunday p.m. services  
 2nd & 4th Sunday ..... 6 p.m.  
 Tony Corso, Pastor

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

**Bogata Missionary Baptist Church**  
 Hwy. 271, Bogata, TX 632-9922  
 Pastor Billy Daniels 632-9948  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Discovery Bible Clubs ..... 6:45 p.m.  
 Teen Discovery ..... 6:45  
 Adult Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.  
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 Pastor Claud Plunk  
 Service Times:  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
 Wednesday:  
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 Bible Study & Royal Rangers

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

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

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 177 Pecan St., Deport, TX  
 Ted Willis, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 6 p.m.  
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 Hwy. 1487, Bogata, TX  
 Rev. Joe Gist  
 Service Times:  
 Church ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday nights, Youth  
 John Purviance, Youth Leader

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

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 Youth Director: Jody VanDeaver  
 Service Times:  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Youth ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed. Evening Worship .... 7 p.m.



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 Sunday Choir Practice. 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday Quilting ..... 1:30  
 Wednesday Youth ..... 7 p.m.



Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a telescope, a finder, games, a clock, movies and a few horses for my room.  
Love,  
Katie Conway



### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
Please put under the tree for me: game boy advanced, Barbie pen, a baby doll, candy in my stocking. I will leave you some cookies.  
Love,  
Breanna Nikole Bryson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have an Easy Bake Oven, my own computer and I would also like to have a Barbie vacuum cleaner and lots of new Barbie things. Also for my cousins a bounce around.  
Ashlyn Owens

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a nintendo 64 game and a game boy color game. Also new clothes and a play station with a game. Thank you for the gifts.  
Davey Cruise

Dear Santa,  
I was a really good girl this year and I am go to writt you a letter to tell you what I want. I would like a CD call Total hits 2001 and a personel CD player and a total hits 2002. I want a keyboard.  
Miranda Miller

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice. Maybe some time I been bad. I made all A's last 6 weeks. I only want 4 things. But I know I'll get more than 4. And that I won't get everything I want at the same time because all of them are CDs here are the names of the CDs. I Wan a Shakira CD, a Eniemanen CD and the Messy eleit one and last but not least the Nelly CD. P.S. I want the Alice Key one that makes 5 things I hope I get all the things I wish for.  
Shala Ridens

Dear Santa,  
I would really like to have a bunch of surprises this year. Because there not really anything inpericalary I would like. Maybe you could get me a bracelete that has crosses or hearts on it but mainly I want surprises.  
Haley Lemme

Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good this year. I have done some bad things this year, but, I cannot remember them right now. Anyway I want more Elvis tins, a new bike, a full set of pads, a helmet, some more Elvis CDs, the movies Monster Inc., Spirit and Ice Age. Batteries for my remote and my key board.  
Kimbra Keefer

Dear Santa,  
I want a pocket knife so when I go hunting. I want a keyboard for Christmas. I want a Tony Hawy Pro Skater 4. I want a Ooutopus Rally. I want a telescope. I want a Edge Runner. I want a Tony Hawk radio control skateboard. I want a bow and arrow. The last thing I want is my family to be together for Christmas.  
Sammy Newsom

Dear Santa,  
I want beads for my room and a door bell for my room and all the hungry children to have food and I want world peace. Thank you for all my gifts and I hope I get them.  
Haley H.

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a 32 degree sleeping bag, a drawing book and some Harry Potter stuff.  
Thank you,  
Dillon Cortez

Dear Santa,  
Please put these special gifts for me under the tree; cashier drawers, kitchen magic, dishes, coloring book, tea set and toys.  
Love,  
Nicole

Dear Santa,  
I would like to hae a lap top and please bring me thing. I've been extra good this year and I would like th have some new CDs, any kind. I'll take but as long as it is not evil and I remember last year when you came to my house. You left a note and it said "Thanks" for the milk and cookies. And I just was so happy Santa.  
Tamara Moore

Dear Santa,  
I would like for my family to be happy on Christmas eve and on Chritmas Day. I hop they get what they wnat. I hope everybody is happy and not mad. Because Christmas is a day to celebrate Jesus Christ Birthday. My Grandpa espicially. I hope you give them what they want for Christmas and I hopy you give me what I want. I want for Chritmas for it to snow.  
Thank you,  
Loren MacCall Rivera

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a skateboard, jeep, motorcycle, Angel doll, books, baby doll and high chair, earrings, puzzles, candy canes and play kitchen.  
Love, Breanna

Dear Santa,  
My name is Taylor Stafford. I would just like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a guitar (country with no hook up please) and some Game Boy Color or Game Boy Advance games. Please give me what I want most, lots of love. Will you give Jordan, Callie, Mom and Dad something? P.S. This year I will try to leave milk and cookies out.  
Taylor Stafford

Dear Santa,  
I want a little heart with silver and gold earrings and a Barbie and a new bike and a tv for Katie and my room and a Barbie car and a necklace and a Barbie House and a cell phone and a dress and a wig and a robe and a cow puppy and a toy angle.  
Tiffany Black

Dear Santa,  
I have been good, I'd like a rocket, a fish, a skateboard and a Scooby Doo. Bring Theron a tractor, blocks and Lauren a violin. I love you.  
Love,  
Franklin

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play station 2 and a dirt bike. Thank you.  
Ryan Walker

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy and I need a Men in Black Suit and a Spiderman suit. I would also like a remote control car and a Spiderman Lunch Box. Thank you.  
Merry Christmas,  
Jesse Campbell

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike and a guiter, a spinning artist, a make-a-plate, a design-a-mug and a silver bracelet and heart charm and a locket journal. A undersea encounter, a tie-dye just about everything and a bouncey ball.  
Hannah Rhoades

Dear Santa,  
I would like a motorcycle and 4 wheeler that's little. I would also like a dirt bike. I would like some bionicles robots, some games and a big bicycle. My brother, Morgan, would like a 4 wheeler too. He also wants some trucks and some games. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave some cheese dip and chips at Christmas.  
Love,  
Wyatt Tabb

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote controle dirt bike, a Treasure planet Gamce for play station, Rc Burnout Knex, air rebound car, remote controle water skier and a happy new year.  
Aaron Eudy.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I would like a Easy Bake Oven (thats real), microwave, trampoline, bubble bath. I would like a throw away camera in my stocking. P.S. Don't forget we live in Texas now!  
Love lots,  
Rachel Ince

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I want a dirt bike, a Dodge Ram 2500, BMX bike, rifle, sword, a pop gun, a horse, 4 wheeler and a mary Christmas.  
Rob James Ward

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Cinderella Barbie, a toy cow, some make-up and a surprise. Please bring me some new play dough and a new baby blanket. I love you very, very much. We will leave pizza and 7 Up under the Christmas tree for you.  
Love,  
Amanda Ross

Dear Santa,  
I hope you give these gifts to me! A horse and a doll, a little docter set, a cat, a dog to sleep with and one more thing, a real puppy.  
Love,  
Destini

Dear Santa,  
I would like a motorcycle, a set of Hot Wheels, a ripper truck. I have been good. I wil wait for you.  
Love,  
Dakota Warrd

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylee Giles and I am 6 years old. Here is my Christmas list for this year. I would like a Shining Star baby doll, a pair of cowgirl boots with a matching belt, the Spirit movie and some new clothes. Mom says that I have been a pretty good girl this year and I promise to leave you some cookie and milk by the Christmas tree.  
Kaylee Giles

Dear Santa,  
I want a bunch of different Care Bears and a baby doll with all that other stuff that goes with baby dolls. I want clothes for Mom and bones for my dog Shadow and a kitty bed for my cat Possum. I also want a new stuffed horse and some books and movies. I especially want a fish tank with Goldfish.  
Love with hugs & kisses  
Maggie Dee Richardson

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike, a bear with clothes, a little doll that looks like Dora, a new desk and table, some boots and spurs to use on my horse named PaPaw.  
Hana Hawkins

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*Letters to Santa*



Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good girl this year. Please bring me a big tent for camping, a Dora Explorer tent for my bed, two microphones for me and my sister Carli and an alarm clock. We will leave you some milk and cookies, if my daddy doesn't eat them first. Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good girl this year. Please bring me a big tent for camping, a Dora Explorer tent for my bed, two microphones for me and my sister Carli and an alarm clock. We will leave you some milk and cookies, if my daddy doesn't eat them first. Love, Kayla Brown

Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good boy this year, well other than a few times I got in trouble at day care, but does that really count? Please bring me a basketball, some cars and trucks, some movies, a Blues Clues book and a big car. Please bring my horse Pete something for Christmas too. Love, Jerremey Henry

Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good boy this year, well other than a few times I got in trouble at day care, but does that really count? Please bring me a basketball, some cars and trucks, some movies, a Blues Clues book and a big car. Please bring my horse Pete something for Christmas too. Love, Jerremey Henry

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some Blues Clues and The Wiggles toys, some movies and books. My sister Kassie and I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Be careful on your trip and don't miss any boys and girls. Love, Jake Whitehurst

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lady and the Tramp movi and the Beauty and the Beast. I also want an Ariel doll, Magenta and some new earrings. Please don't forget to eat your delicious cookies and drink your milk. I have been a very good girl this year. Love, Kassie Whitehurst

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year. If you can for Christmas I would like a 20 gage shot gun with a 22 and 20 gage double barrel. If you can't get me that I would like a spectrator. That is a thing that has stencils and a board. You can put a stencil on the board and color the board with you finger and your board looks like the stencil. If you can't get me any of these things I would like a windsuit or a pair of pajama pants with Scooby Doo on them. Thank you for anything you get but if you can please get the 20 gage and other guns. Thank you, Candy Leake

Dear Santa,  
My name is Amber Whitney. I have been a good girl this year. If you could please give me what I am wishing for. I would like a Nelly CD, a baby puppy. I would like the Eminem CD, the Shakera CD, my own room, make-up and I would like to go to a Nelly Concert. I hope you can grant me all of my wishes because I really want these wonderful things. Love, Amber Whitney

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like you to bring me a dirt bike and a game cube. Jarid Lyles

Dear Santa,  
I don't really have a lot of things I'd like. I'd like a CD player, a skateboard, a scooter, a rapier fourwheeler, a game cube, some blue jeans, remote control car and new video game mega man, for my family to be happy. Thank you for the presents. Jesse Ross

Dear Santa,  
The first thing I want for Christmas is a lava lamp. I also want lots and lots of closes. I want some Doc Martins to. I want my horse Mavric that we are getting very soon. I also want another fourwheeler. I want more play station games. I have been pretty good this year. I hope you get me all this stuff for Christmas. Kari Taylor

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I really want some more horses, baby dolls, Barbies, books and a movie Ice Age. I have been a really good girl this year. Please remember my sister, Carrie and my brother, Radley. They have been very good too. Love, Kaylee Facente

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want some baby dolls, books, Blues Clues toys, Barbies, the movie Ice Age and some new earrings. I have been a really good girl this year. Please don't forget to bring my mean bubba Josh something too. Love, Mychaela Murray

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some dolls, toy box, basketball with goal and a net, a Beautiful Mermaid, Blues Clues stuffed dog, Snowman book, Pink dog and a big car. I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring mama, daddy and Camen something too. Love, Caley Francis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some new cowboy boots and a cowboy shirt. I also want some movies, a big wheel, Spiderman toys and anything else you have. Please remember my brothers. They've been sorta good. Also my cousin, Gradyn wants some stuff. I have been very good this year and did not get in very much trouble. Mason Haynes

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new bicycle, a helmet, a football and a pair of boots and shoes. Also leave some toys for my brothers, Matthew and Christopher. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Tyler Hall

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball, a Easy Bake Oven and a perse and some earrings also a toe ring, TV and a Nintendo 64 and games with it and Nelly's box of candy and some new tenes shoes and a CD player with a casset player. From, Kristen Burton

Dear Santa,  
I would like NFL Madden 2003 and a football dummy to tackle also. I think I have been good enough for a play station 2 game. Grand Theft Auto Vice City. There's one more thing I want, I want some cloths. I hope I get some of this stuff. Brandon Budro

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Play Station 2. I would like a four wheeler. I would like a new bicycle. I would like a remote control monster truck. I hope I get these things I ask for. Kolton Benson

Dear Santa,  
I want a dasico and a ridio and a little house and a tv and a game goby and a play station and a ball and a clock and a Jose and a Nintendo and a Dora and a Angel. Maria

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me a CD player, a Spiderman and a play Station game. Would you also bring my little brother a remote control motorcycle. Luis Porras

Dear Santa,  
I want clothes and a static lamp, uper mairo game and a pocket watch and a pocket knife and a cell phone and a snake and a cowboy hat. Scott White

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station 2, NBA Live 2003, need for speed 2, basketball and a game pro magazine. Your friend, Jake Sheffield

Dear Santa,  
I would like a X Box and a game boy advanced and I would like some shiny pokemon cards and pokemon book. Justin Hardee

Dear Santa,  
Put a bow and arrow under the tree for me. Thank you, Lucas

Dear Santa,  
I been a good girl. I want 3 dress up clothes, Amazing Mandie doll and a Barbie, computer. Thank you, Love, Mayzie Purviance

Dear Santa,  
Barbie doll, Sponge Ball Wall, Magic Kitchen, Casheir Drawer, doll's clothes, tea set. Nikki Norman

Dear Santa,  
My name is Daiton. I would like a dirt bike, computer games, lego racers, space set, lego builders. Please bring something for my brother and sister too. I will leave milk and cookies. Thank you, Daiton Belcher

Dear Santa,  
I want a math book and abstract book. I want a bigger cage for fas ball. I want a Scooby Doo cyberchase movie. I want you to be safe on Christmas Eve night. Don't get a belly ache! Yours, Travis Antone

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and a movie of Spy Kids two and a back pack and a pair of shoes and a bicycle and a pair of pants. Noelhy Najera

Dear Santa,  
I want a jeep and a Easter Bunny and a new Barbie and a reindeer and a school bus. Brooke Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a Pixster, comforter set, twist-abrade, Shrink-a-dink, Star baby, a Gummie Worm maker and a miero pet. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Thank you. Love, Shaydie Austin

Dear Santa,  
This is my first year to really know you. I like to call you Ho. Ho. I would love to have a little 4 wheeler to ride, a guitar like my Daddy and a Hammer and peg set. I am trying hard to be a good boy and not pull my sister's hair. I hope you can leave me these 3 things. Love, Evan Purviance

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a night gown, a dress for school, a raincoat, some puzzles, some morre paint, Penelope the dragon, the horse and carriage and the four children from the Barbie Rapuzel movie. Also I would like a dolphin toy. I will leave you milk and cookies. Thank you and I love you. Love, Vanessa Martin

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bicycle for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Lisset

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy with no X's today. Please bring me 3 G.I. Joe army guys, a Stretch Screamer, a race car and motorcycle with toy men to drive them and a new teddy bear for me to sleep with. I love you and all of your reindeer. Thank you, Trenton Ellison

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good and I want a fish aquarium and 3 fish. And I want fishing and real hunting license, a real dirt bike, cow and rope and some chaps, pack of batterys, a pet hamster and a cage for it, some stuff in the botum of the cake too. I think it is sawdust. I hope everyone gets to celebrate Christmas. Brittany Walesiak

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kristen Harville and I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a Mommy's Little opatient, a lava lamp, some clothes, a microphone headset, a TV, a clock, a stereo. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Kristen Harville

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a Play Station and a CD player and a lot of seeds (CD's), a cowboy hat and belt and some cowboy boots and a happy Christmas and don't forget my family. Love, Edward Waymire

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Rivercrest schools were turned out last week due to the number of ill students. Classes resumed on Monday of this week even though there is still a high number of students out with the latest flu like virus which has been attacking the area.

Arthur Smith has returned home following back surgery in Wadley Hospital in Texarkana. He is reported improving.

Happy December Anniversaries to: Frankie and Maxine Harrell.

Happy December Birthday to: Cecelia Smith, Merry Robertson, Brian Rivers and Roger Hall.

Tuesday, Kim Anderson was in Tyler on business. While there she visited Lee Antone who is a patient at UT Health Center in Tyler.

Enjoying lunch at Two Senorita's on Friday were Delane Seykora, Tiffani Cooksey and Melissa Lewis.

Roger Hall was honored with a surprise birthday party at his home

in Talco Sunday. Guests enjoyed pizza and birthday cake. Attending were: his wife, Mary Lou Hall, daughter and son-in-law, Chasity and Clay Francis, son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Susan Jones and grandchildren, Caley Francis and Camen Calvin and Brian Rivers of Ft. Sill, OK.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown spent the night Monday in Plano. On Tuesday Mr. Brown saw his doctor at the Texas Back Institute.

Wednesday Lou and Roger hall enjoyed shopping in Longview and Tyler.

Enjoying lunch at Two Senorita's Friday were Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul and Nancy Brown.

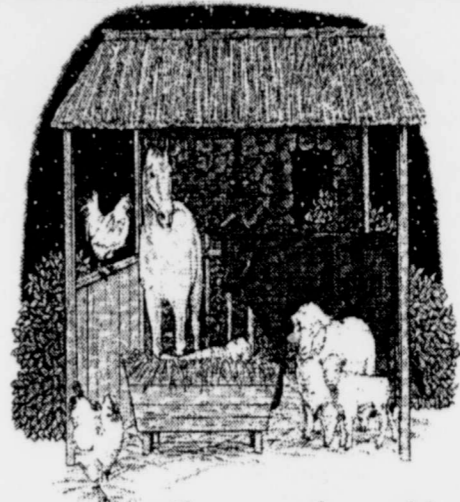
The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church congregation and guests celebrated Christmas with a party at the fellowship hall Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed the covered dish supper and fellowship.

**Rivercrest PIPS performances**

The performance schedule has been set for the coming season. The group will perform on the following days:

- January 7 at 6:45 p.m.
- January 14 at 6:45 p.m.
- January 21 at 6:45 p.m.
- January 28 at 6:45 p.m.
- February 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Harts Bluff School
- February 4 at 6:45 p.m.

All performances will be during the Rivercrest High School games half times at Rivercrest High School gym with the exception of one visit to Harts Bluff.



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

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

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

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

We were all very happy and excited.

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

Sandra Morgan



Merry Christmas

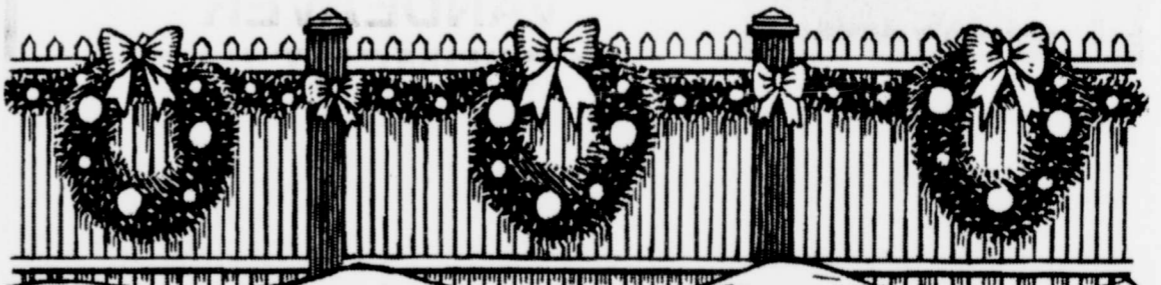


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At this special time of year, we'd like to take a moment to wish our special friends and neighbors a beautiful holiday season and a happy new year. We're truly grateful for your trust and support.



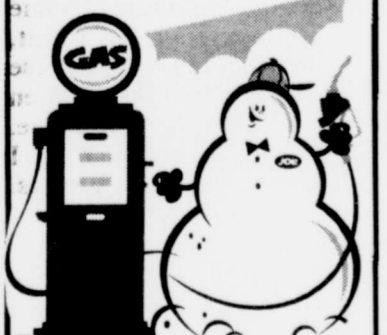
Like a candle burning brightly, God leads us in the right direction.

May you enjoy a blessed holiday. Many thanks for your support and friendship

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- Johnny Maynard,
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Our Holiday Wish is very clear...we want to say "Thanks" for stopping here!  
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We're revin' up our engines to wish you the Christmas of the century!



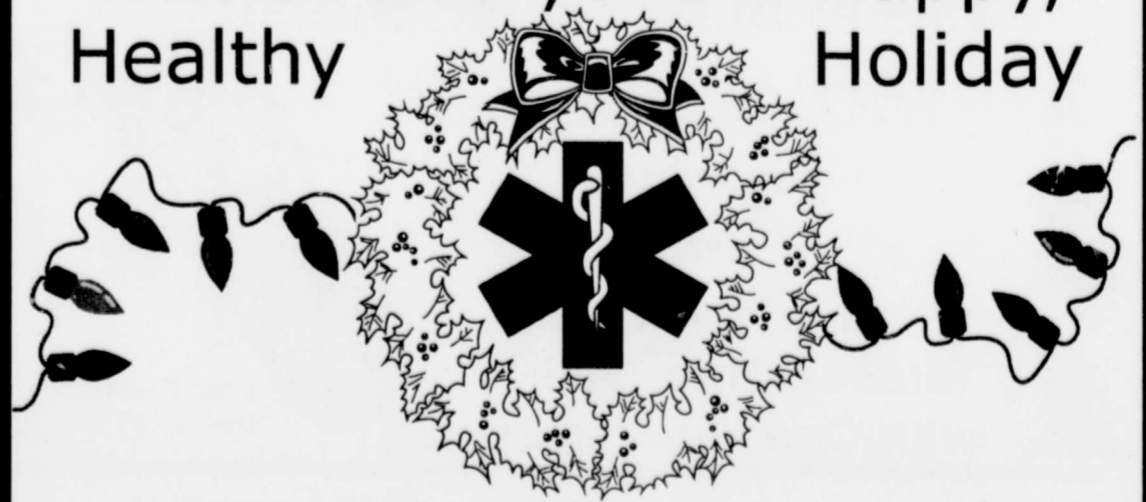
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Letters



Hello Santa,

I would really like some movies, especially Monsters Inc. I want a VCR for my room, some new rubber boots, Spiderman house shoes and some new pajamas. Please bring my Mommy some new pots and pans, my Daddy a new truck and my Sissy a new stereo because she's been very good. Don't forget my new cousin, Kylee and my cousin, Rikki because she's all the way in Mt. Pleasant. Bring Grady some movies too. Thank you and I'll leave some cookies.  
Jacob Roach

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Babie Jeep to ride in my yard, a microphone like I saw on TV and a top that spins. I want to be able to see my Nana, Paw-Paw, Grams Pop, Granny and Jean-Jean. I would also like a new coloring book and a doll house for my babies. Can you please bring my Daddy a new gun and bow to go hunting and my Mommy really needs a new car.  
Bye Santa,  
Shelly Bryson

Dear Santa,

I've been so good this year and I'm not asking for much. I could really enjoy some Barbie clothes and shoes. I would also like a train and doll house like Maelee's. Don't forget to bring some toys for Landon and Lexie too.  
I love you Santa,  
Layna Earley

Dear Santa,

I've been a very good girl. I want a new kitchen with a phone, some popsicles, some books to read and a little bouncy horse. I would also like a big Buzz Lightyear that flies and makes noises, a big Woody and a Bullseye. Please bring me a baby doll too. I could use a new pair of boots and a cowgirl hat like Jessie wears. I want to leave you some spaghetti but mom says we should leave cookies and milk.  
McCartney Holeman

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control dirt bike, a remote control airplane, some games for my Nintendo 64, also I would like a Play Station 2. Santa I will leave you some cookie and milk.  
Love,  
Jacob Thompson

Dear Santa,

My name is Mark Gable Jr. and I am two years old. This year for Christmas I would like a little red wagon, a child size recliner so I can watch T.V. with my dad, a rocking horse, a new cowboy hat, some new cowboy boots, some new clothes, some fire truck house shoes and some fire truck pajamas. I promise to leave some cookies and milk by the tree.  
Mark Gable Jr.

Dear Santa,

This year I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me a talking baby with a bottle so I can feed it. I would also like a purse like moms and a washer and dryer set. I need a sing-a-long Karoke machine so I can teach my brothers to sing with me. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Karom Kelley

P.S. Santa we will leave you some milk and cookies and hay for the raindeers.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaden Brown and I have been a good boy this year. I would like Clifford the Big Red Dog stuff, the movies Spirit, Shrek, Lilo and Stitch and Ice Age, tools to work with my Paw Paw, trucks and tractors, horses and a gun to shoot like my daddy. Please bring my Aunt Stormy something good too.  
I love you,  
Jaden

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl. May I have a new trampoline and a go-kart? I would also like some babies, a new baby bed for my babies, a purple coat, some clothes and some Barbie shoes. I would love a Scooby Doo movie. Can you please bring my Mommy a picture frame and my Daddy a new cup. Please bring my Nana a new table and chairs and please let her feel better for Christmas. Thank you and say hi to your reindeer for me.  
Jaelee Ward

Dear Santa,

Please bring a trampoline for me and my sister to jump on. I also need a stuffed animal Rudolph, some new cups and some hunting clothes to wear. I'm a very good boy.  
Jacob Ward

Dear Santa,

My name is Layton Wright and I am 3 years old. I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me some Thomas the Train toys, some real drums and a trampoline. (I need the trampoline to have a guard net so I won't fall off.) Tell Rudolph that I love him. I love you too Santa!  
Love,  
Layton  
P.S. Please bring me and dad a lab puppy to duck hunt with.

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Kevin, Darla & Kayci Keys

**HANDY HOLIDAY Greetings**

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

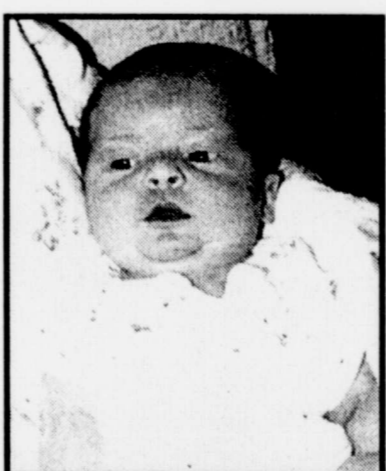
To all those who've passed through our doors this year, we offer our best wishes and thanks. It's always a pleasure serving you.

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Rylee Loree Roach

**New Arrivals**

Ike and Dorie Roach are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rylee Loree, who arrived Monday, November 25, 2002 at 10:42 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Donnie and Shirley Smith and Don and Gayle Roach all of Bogata.

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**CELEBRATION STATION**-The students who participated in the Rivercrest junior high UIL spent the day at Mesquite-enjoying fun and games at Celebration Station. The trip was a reward for the students hard work and participation in the UIL events.

**We're Cooking Up Warm Holiday Wishes For You!**

Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year  
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*Our Best Holiday Wishes To You*

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

The Board of Commissioners Of  
**BOGATA HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
And Executive Director

*Letters to Santa*



Dear Santa,  
I have been such a good boy this year; however, Mom and Dad say the fun has just begun. Yes, I have begun walking just in time for Christmas. I am really enjoying the Christmas lights and those round things on the tree are kinda tasty. Anyway, lets get to the important stuff. I would like for you to bring me a trampoline, a 4 wheeler, movies and some books. I love you,  
Karson Damron  
P.S. dad says you like cookies so we'll be sure to leave you some.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me Rapunzel movie, Rapunzel Barbie, Shania Twaine CD.  
Love,  
Callie Easley

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be really good this year. I would like you to bring me a shirt, a watch, an Elmo game, a cowboy hat, a new pillow, a basketball, a telescope, a Clifford dog, a camera and a monster truck. Please bring Hannah a kitty cat.  
Love,  
Hunter Binion

Dear Santa,  
I was very good this year. Please bring me a Transformer, a new bb gun, boxing gloves for my sister and a new dog for my daddy. I would like a battery powered motorcycle too. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
William Johnson  
P.S. A remote control jet would be nice too.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a foot pumper blow pen and a beagal. I would like a toy airplane with batteries init and a switch that it turns on and flies around in somebody else's yard then flies back to our house. And I want a swing set with a really high slide and really really high steps.  
Thank you,  
Conner Jean LeBreton

Dear Santa,  
My name is Christopher Thompson and I am 4 years old and for Christmas I would like a ball and a firetruck and a bike and a 18 wheeler and a bucket so I can put snow init and a toy jeep and a toy 4 wheeler. Oh yeah, I've been good this year.  
Christopher Thompson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a football, paint, candy cane, star, cable TV, talking bear, toy cars, a mirror, toy telephone, abc book, computer desk, VCR, small tree, color book and Easy Bake Oven.  
Zachory Skaggs

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jace Lum. I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. Or at least tried. I would like a paint ball gun, toy dirt bike, toy 4 wheeler, remote control Avalche truck, BB gun, BB's, pellet gun, deer call, duck call, elk call, video camera, money. Please bring my brothers something also.  
I love you,  
Jace

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tent, boots, Angle doll, lava lamp, twist a braid, Barbie and a ice cream maker.  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like for you to bring me a Buzz Lightyear, bongos and a Matchbox Firetruck. I would also like to have a Spiderman Web Blaster and a puppy. I will have cookies and milk waiting for you and food for your reindeer.  
Merry Christmas from,  
Seth Gist

**Greetings to All Our Friends**

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

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**Season's Greetings**

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

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*A Note of Thanks*

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THE CHILDREN WERE NESTLED ALL SNUG IN THEIR BEDS- was the theme of the Bogata Daisy Troop float which won Third Place in the annual Talco Christmas Parade and was Third Place winner at the annual Bogata Christmas Parade. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SENIOR QUEEN-Elected as Rivercrest High School Senior Christmas Queen this year is Danielle Easterling daughter of Teri Easterling of Talco and Doug Easterling of Pittsburg. The senior car also won Second Place at the Talco Christmas Parade. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**Blessing at Christmas**  
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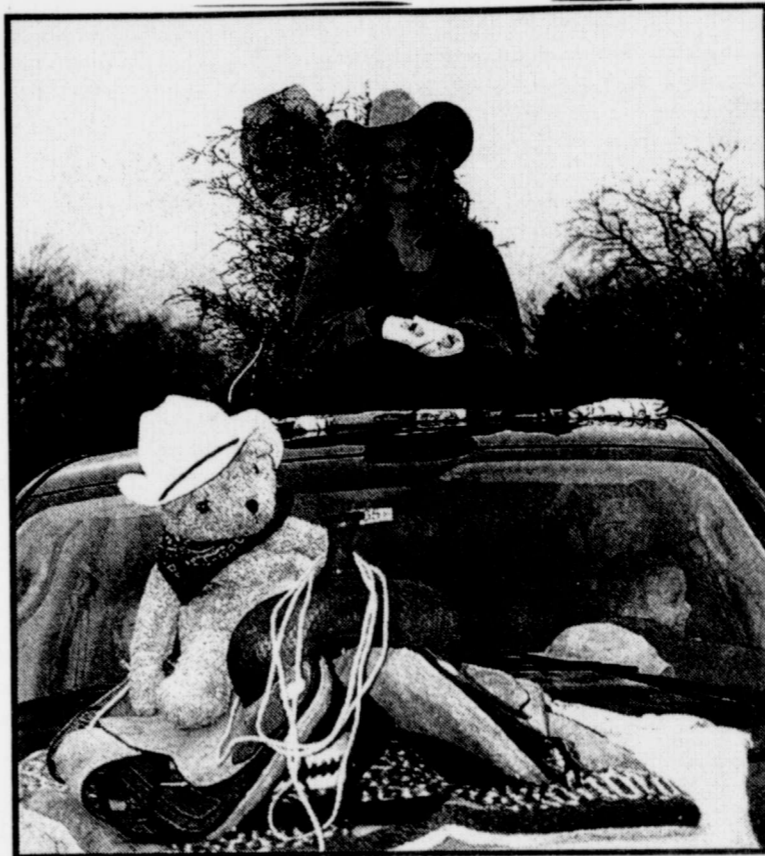
CLASS FAVORITES-Candace Stansell and Wesley Davidson had their reindeer all hooked up for the annual Bogata and Talco Christmas Parades. The couple won First Place in the Car Division at the Talco Parade. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ELECTED-Rivercrest Junior High 8th grade Christmas Queen is Lillian Baird daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Baird of Cuthand. Lillian participated in both the Talco and Bogata annual Christmas Parades. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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JUNIOR QUEEN-Elected as Rivercrest High School Junior class Christmas Queen is Ashley Randle daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Randle of Sugar Hill. Ashley's entry into the annual Talco Christmas Parade won Second Place in the Car Division. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

*Deck the Halls!*  
 May it be a beautiful season for all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for stopping by!  
 Detroit Middle And High School Students, Faculty & Staff

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
 We wish you all a great American Christmas. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.  
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FRESHMAN QUEEN-Elected as Rivercrest High School Freshman Christmas Queen this year is Misti Richeson, daughter of Susan and Keith Thompson of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

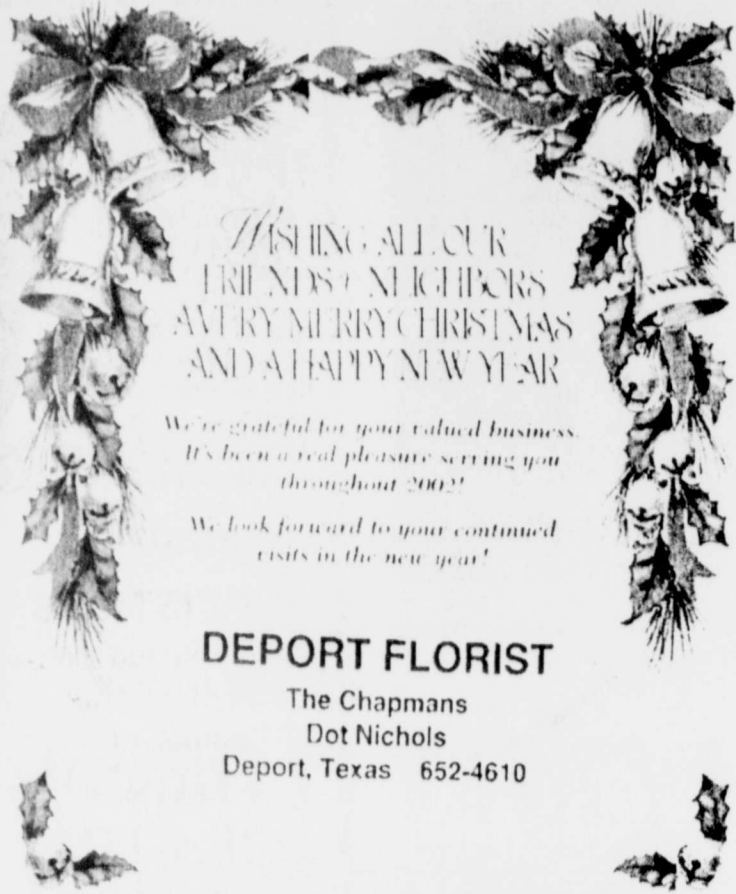
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*We're grateful for your valued business. It's been a real pleasure serving you throughout 2002!*

*We look forward to your continued visits in the new year!*

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### Changes will be made upon return from the holidays at RISD

With the junior high students moving to the old high school next semester, the high school bell schedule will change according to Rivercrest Principal, Keith Brown. The following changes will be made:


1. All high school and junior high students who ride to school with parents or guardians need to be dropped off and picked up at the north entrance of the junior high building or Band Hall Entrance.
2. All bus students will be dropped off by the buses at the south entrance to junior high and east entrance of the high school. Mr. Brown ask that everyone please cooperate in this traffic matter to ensure the safety of the students. Mr. Brown also reported Bell Schedule changes for high school students. The new schedule will be as follows:  
Regular Schedule:  
8:00-8:45-First period  
8:49-9:34-Second period  
9:38-10:23-Third period  
10:27-11:12-Fourth period  
11:16-12:01-Fifth period  
12:04-12:34-Lunch 1  
12:37-1:07-Lunch 2  
1:10-1:55-Sixth period  
1:58-2:43-Seven period  
2:46-3:31-Eighth period  
Pep Rally Schedule  
8:00-8:45-First period  
8:49-9:34-Second period  
9:38-10:23-Third period  
10:27-11:12-Fourth period  
12:04-12:34-Lunch  
12:37-1:22-Sixth period  
1:25-2:10-Seven period  
3:01-3:31-Pep Rally



Have a Sparkling White Christmas  
We wish you all the very best!



**Keep Smiling!**  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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### Bogata Missionary Baptist Church Youth trip enjoyed

Last week, a group of young people from the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church enjoyed a trip to Paris to eat at McDonald's and drive around to view the Christmas lights.

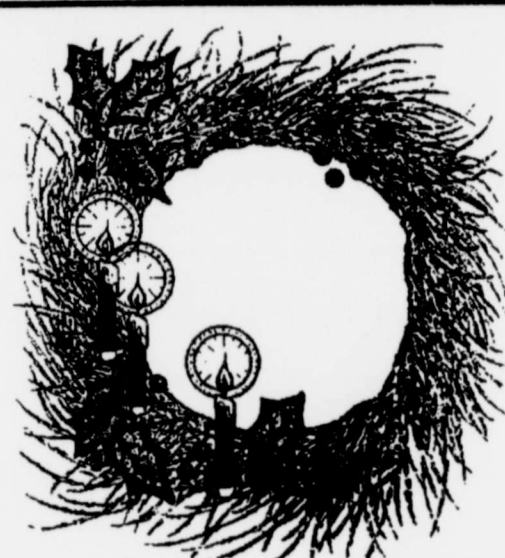
Before leaving Bogata, they were treated to cupcakes and drinks at the home of Charley and Donnie Lewis.

Those who went included: Niki Lewis, Allix Brunson, Kambri White, Nichole McVay, Alec Stringer, Dean Ward and Isabella Rivera. Each child received a teddy bear.

Sponsors were: Dana Neeley, Darla Brunson, Jamie Ward and Debbie Moreno. They were assisted by two of the church teens, Holly Brunson and Erica Moreno.

### Silent Night, Holy Night

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



**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



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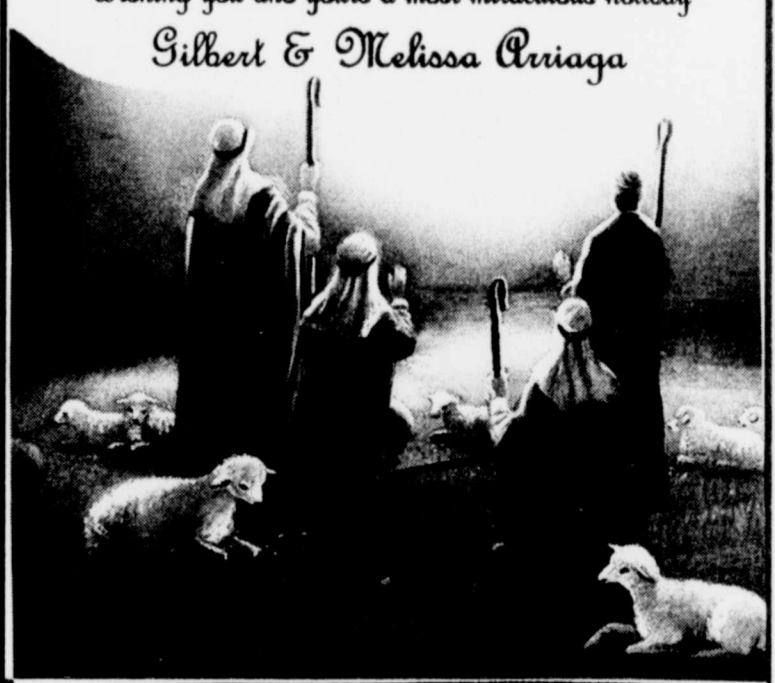
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
FROM ALL OF US AT ALLEN'S FOOD MART

**Away In A Manager**

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

Wishing you and yours a most miraculous holiday

Silbert & Melissa Ariaga




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

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

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**REJOICE!**



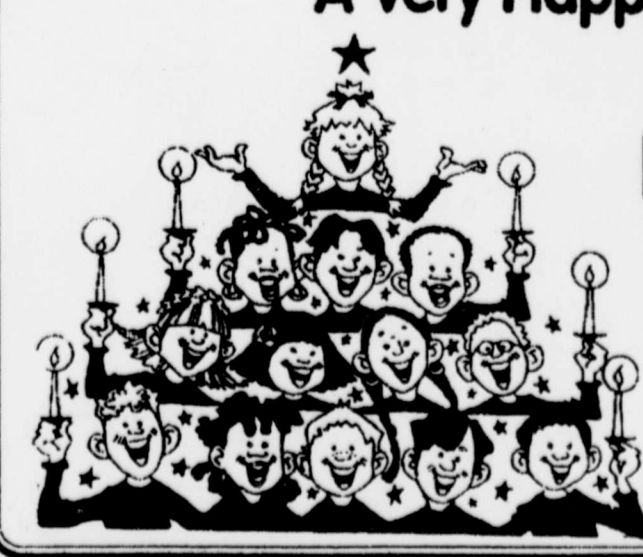
With best wishes to all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Thanks for your friendship and loyal support


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**Festive Tidings**


All Of Us Wish You  
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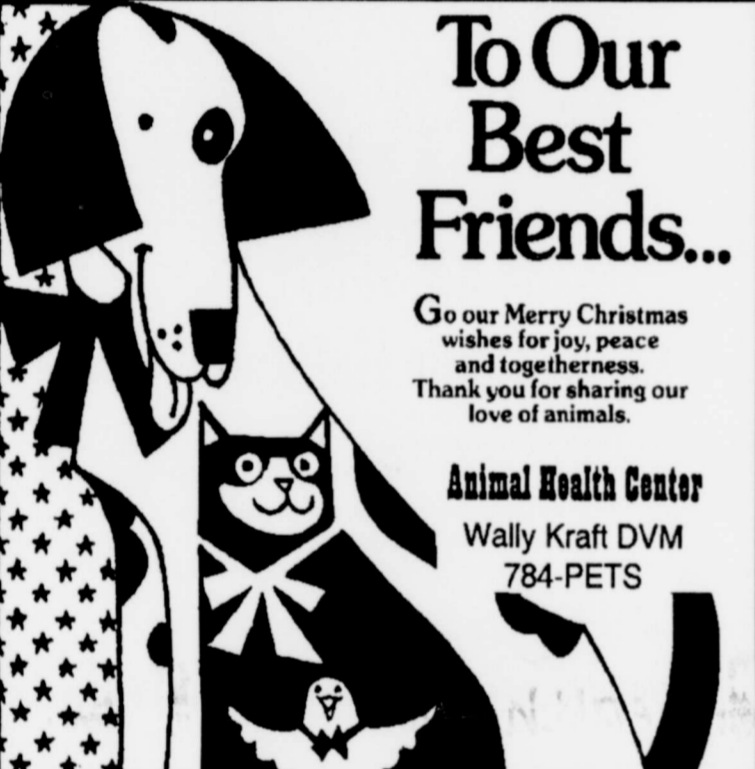


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**BOGATA BEAUTY**-The streets of Bogata are decorated for the Christmas season as are area homes. This home is located just off Hwy. 271 in Bogata and includes a carousel. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Road sign theft costing county taxpayers**

Precinct One Commissioner Rufus Ward is asking for help in stopping Road Sign Theft. Ward reports that he is losing a large number of signs in the county. "These signs must be replaced, and that money comes out of our road budget...that means that people are hurting themselves...the more money taken from that road fund, the less there is to spend on fixing the roads", Ward said. Anyone who has information about road sign theft may call Rufus Ward at 632-4262 or the Red River County Sheriffs Department, at 427,3838.

*A well remembered Christmas*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ruth A. Wilson

**Boll weevil referendum results tabulated**

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

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

ing in favor of the eradication program was 34.69%

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

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

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

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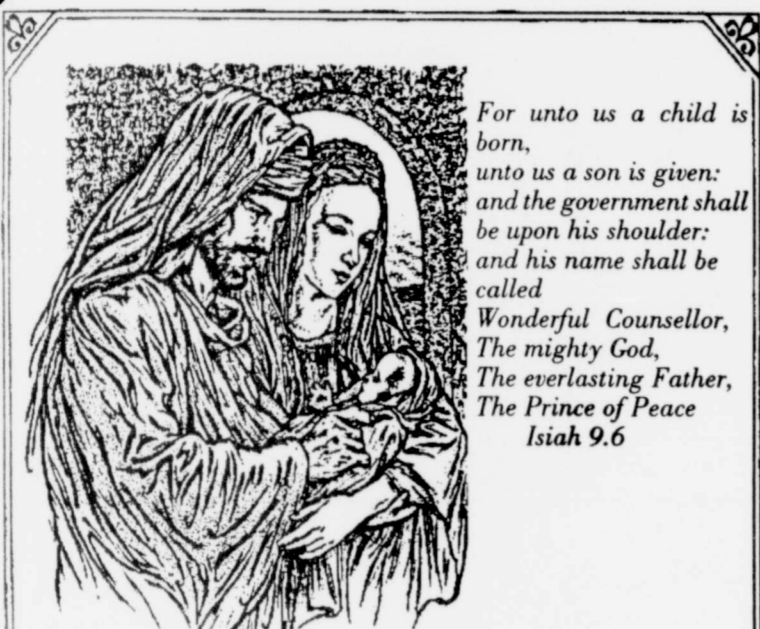




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 The mighty God,  
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 Isaiah 9.6

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

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**When it rains, it pours**

by Nancy Brown

When it rains, it pours is an old saying used to describe bad luck or hard times and it's been raining at my house since September. I am using this column as an apology and explanation for my absence at the Bogata Office, and during the SALE time of year! My husband suddenly came down with back problems. He was sent by his regular physician to the Texas Back Institute in Plano where every appointment has been on Tuesday since it is the only day his doctors are there. So my balancing act began. Get everything done on Monday and Tuesday afternoon sometimes. Leaving for Plano at 3:00 a.m., visiting the doctor and flying back home and to work has taken its toll. I'm tired, behind and folks are very aggravated at me.

tor and had 2 shots but got little relief. My voice was so bad last week, people I called thought they were getting an obscene phone call!

Over this past weekend my voice did not improve and I was sure I'd broken a rib (I did last year coughing so hard). So back to the doctor I went on Monday morning for an EARLY appointment. Yeah Right! I made it to Bogata between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. after stopping at the schools. My diagnosis, Pneumonia, come back Tuesday for another shot on my lunch hour. Again, yeah right. It was nearly 1:00 when I got back.

So now you know I have not been just goofing off. Thank you for your patience and please accept my apology if my absence has caused an inconvenience for you. But it's been pouring at my house.

The office will be open on Monday, Dec. 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, Christmas Eve, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to give you a chance to call or stop by for your renewals. The office hours will be the same New Year's week. Remember, we will not publish either week because of the holiday schedule. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

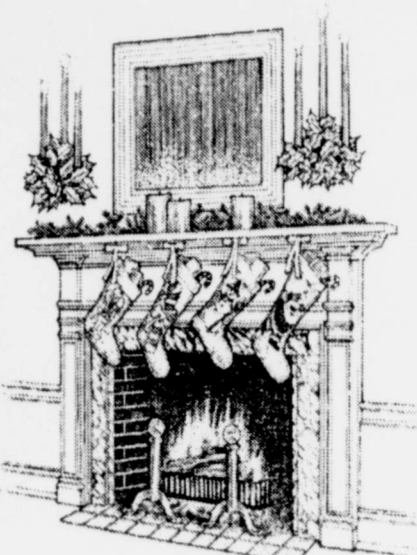
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**Date set for Rivercrest High School class of 83' reunion**

Representatives of the Rivercrest class of 1983 have set the date for their 20 year reunion for July 19, 2003. The place and time, as well as activities, are still being planned. More information will be available at a later date. Mark your calendars and plan on coming back to visit with those you have not seen in decades.

The group are also collecting information for the "20 Year class reunion annual". If you are a member of the class of 1983 please send a recent picture of you and your family as well as a little biography of what you have "been up to" in the last 20 years; college, family, jobs, hobbies etc. The Reunion Annual will have addresses, phone numbers, emails, pictures and information on each of the class members. You can mail your photos and information

to Leah Lewis Bull, 431 S. Bryson St., Bogata, Tx. 75417. You may also email your information and pictures if you have the capabilities to lreewis@1starnet.com. All photos will be promptly returned within a few days of receiving them. The reunion annual may be purchased before or during the class reunion next year. The price of the annual will cover copying and binding only and the cost will be \$7.00-\$10.00 each.

**Rebels to hold food drive**

We need your help! was the statement made by Rivercrest Rebel Head Coach, Steve Weddle this week. Coach Weddle, his staff and Rebel players are sponsoring a food drive to help those in need during the holidays. Canned food donations are being taken by the coaches and players or they will be glad to come by and pick up any donation you would like to make. Everyone is

asked to please give any donations directly to a Rebel player or Rebel coach. Coach Weddle said, "We hope to learn a very important life lesson through this drive; it is better to give than receive".


All items received will be given to a local charity for distribution. Please help us help others during this special time of year. Your donations will be double appreciated.



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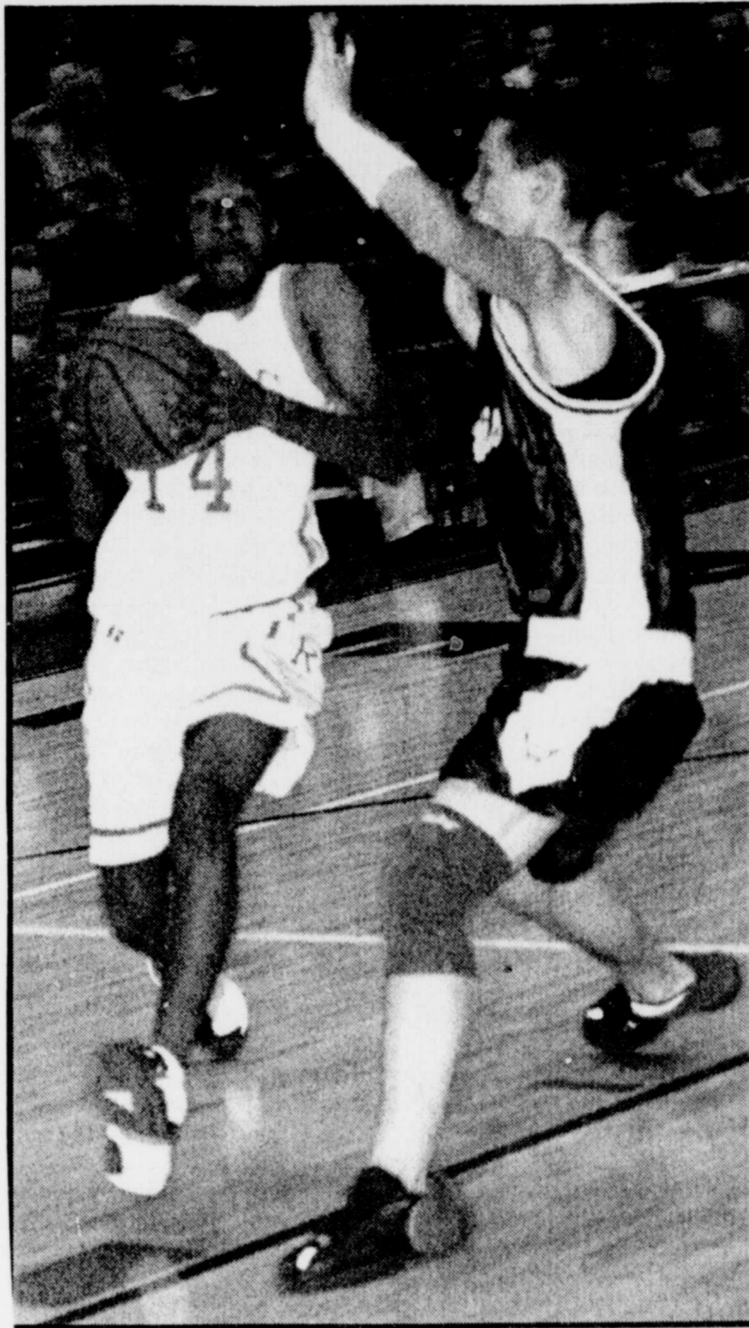
## PIPS practice schedule

The schedule has been set for the Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress) practices. It is very important that each member attend. Shoes that have been worn outside may not be worn on the floor. All members and their parents are urged to remember "Discipline is a must during practice and performances". If your child misses the practice before a performance, they will not be allowed to perform. If you have any questions concerning the schedule for practice, please call Lori Franks at 379-3094.

Practice will be  
January 5-2:00-4:00 p.m.  
January 19-2:00-3:30 p.m.



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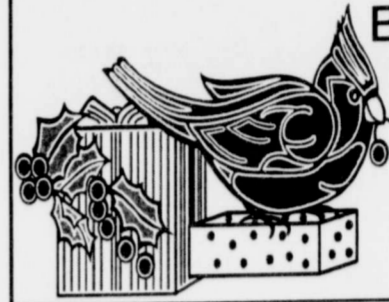


**NEW FACES**-The Rebel Varsity has seen some new faces in the last week or so and McKenzie Ellis is one of them. Ellis, # 14 was an asset to the team in last week's game vs Yantis scoring his share of the points. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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## Season's Greetings

As snow is blanketing the ground,  
We'd like to spread cheer all around  
With a flurry of best wishes, too...  
From all of us to all of you!

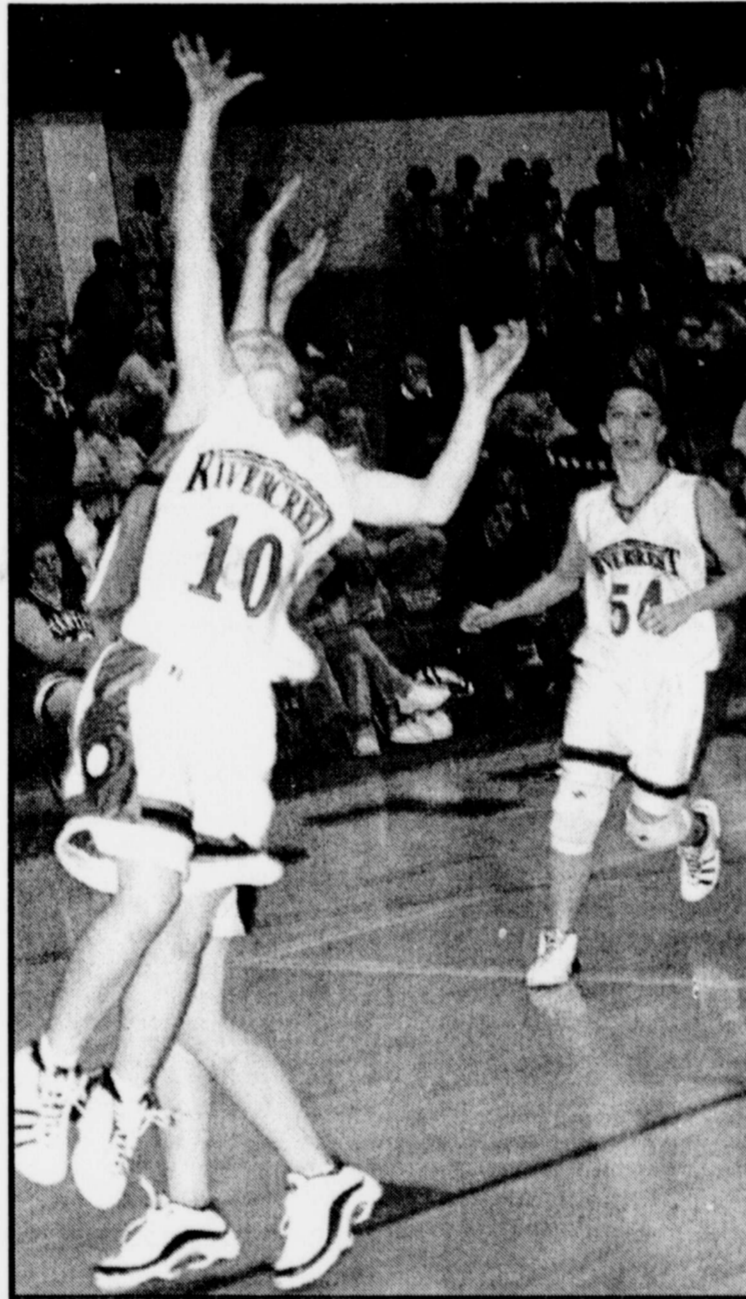
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*Behold His Glory and Rejoice!*

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,**  
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**TINY TINA TO THE HOOP**-It isn't often that Tina Carder makes a shot from under the goal but in the Lady Rebels game last week vs Yantis Tina's talents came off like a 7 footer. The Lady Rebels took a huge win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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## Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All.



Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas that glows with good cheer.  
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## Our Fondest Wishes at Christmastime.

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

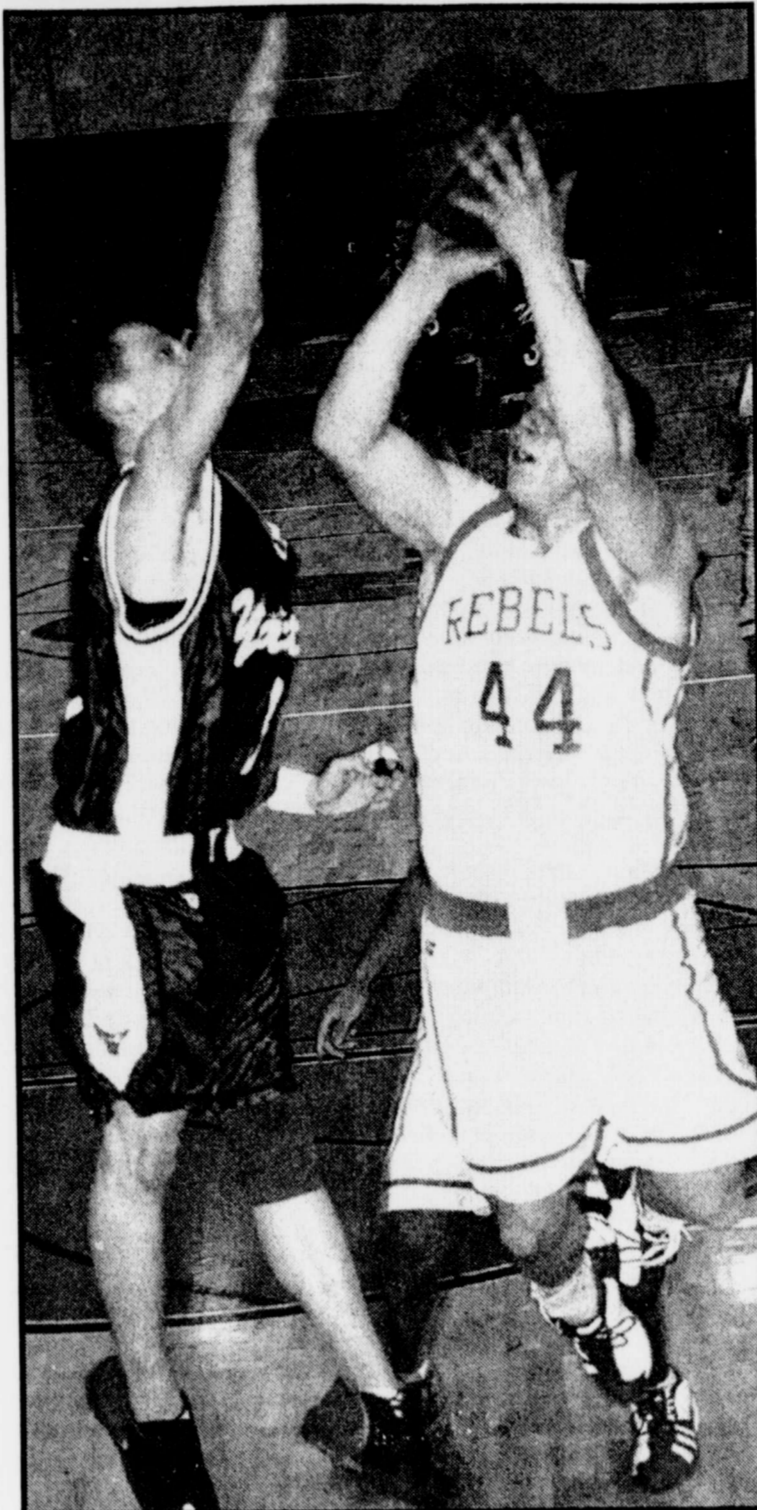
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**MOST INTELLIGENT**-Chosen as Most Intelligent from the Rivercrest Freshman class this year are Katie Smith and Aaron Palmer. Katie is the daughter of Forest and Kathy Smith of Mt. Pleasant. Aaron is the son of Kenneth Palmer of Bogata and Karla Coker of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**MOST ATHLETIC**-Chosen as Most Athletic from the Rivercrest Freshman class this year are Mandy Crawford and Adam Horn. Mandy is the daughter of Barry and Linda Crawford of Bogata. Adam is the son of David Horn of Mt. Pleasant and Mary Lynn Palmer of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



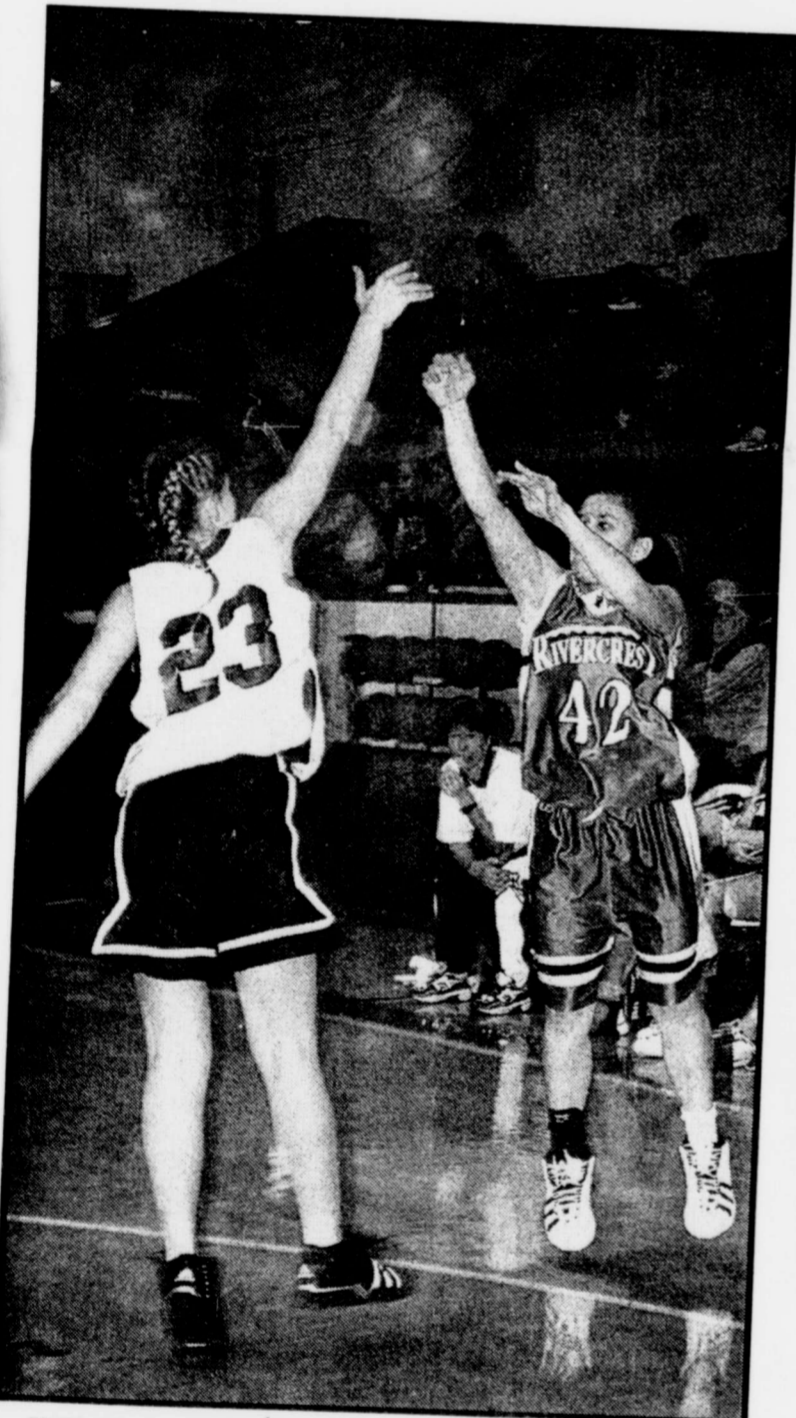
**JOSH CABELL**-goes in for the tap in as the Rebels met Yantis last week. The Rebels were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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**KRYSTAL VALENZUELA**-shoot the three pointer as the Lady Rebels of Rivercrest met Red Water in their final game of the Prairiland Tournament Saturday. The Lady Rebels were victorious and took the Third place trophy in the tournament. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**THE SILENT LIONESS**-Ashley Beers is pictured taking a pretty good kneeling as she drives past her opponent in last week's game vs Yantis. Ashley is the silent lioness for the Lady Rebel team because she very quietly takes the ball to the hoop and rips in through. She is one Lady Rebel who should not be under estimated. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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**Rivercrest Elementary Calendar of upcoming events**

- December 2- return from Thanksgiving Holidays.
- December 3-Bogata Christmas Parade at 4:00 pm. School will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Buses will run at 12:30 p.m. (Staff Development for teachers at the high school auditorium.)
- December 4-Talco Christmas Parade at 4:00 pm. School will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Buses will run at 12:30 p.m. (Staff Development for teachers on each campus.)
- December 6-Letters to Santa are due.
- December 17-Music Program in the cafeteria at 1: 30 p.m.
- December 18-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Because of Semester Exams at the high school, buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
- December 19-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
- December 20-Christmas Music Program in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m.School will dismiss at 2:15. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
- January 3-Teachers workday at each campus.
- January 6-Classes resume from Christmas/New Year Holidays.

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### Classes selected for January at PJC

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

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

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

A Medical Spanish class will be held from 6-8 p.m. each Thursday, Jan. 16 through Mar. 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An ACLS Provider Course, offered in accordance with the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Real Estate MCE Update - January 11-12

Real Estate Law of Agency - January 13-19

Basic Truck Driving - January 6-31

Child Development Training II - January 6 through March 24

Defensive Driving - January 11; January 13-14

Driver's Education - January 6-28

Kids Hurt Too - January 7; January 11

Violin Lessons - January 27 - March 28

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

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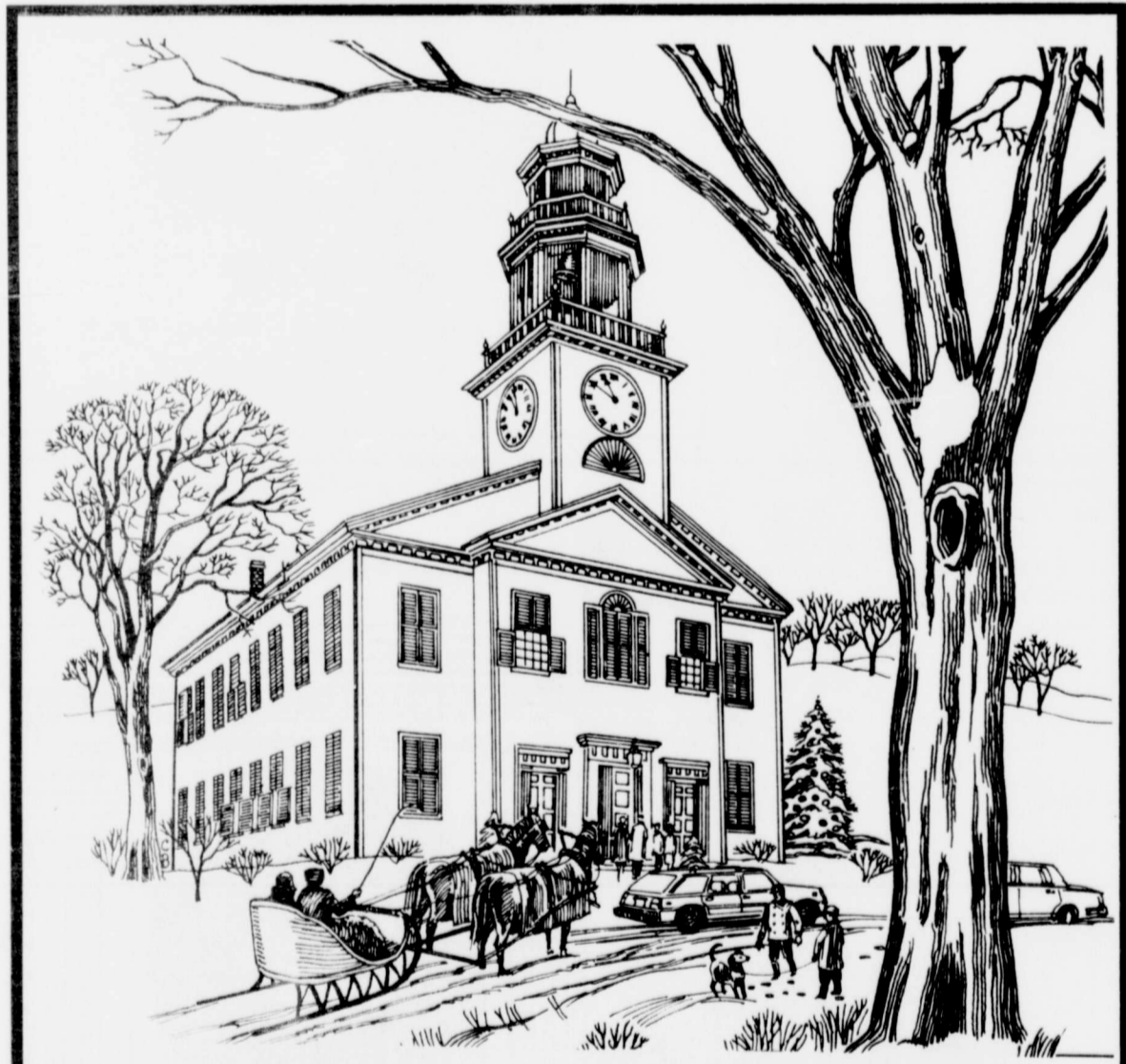
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### We were happy kids!!

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

I wish kids could be that happy today.  
Mrs. Dorothea Riddle

### The black sock doll

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

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

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

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

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

Merry Christmas

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SECOND PLACE-in the 4 wheeler division at the annual Talco Christmas Parade went to Robert Jones. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



THIRD PLACE-in the 4 wheeler division at the annual Talco Christmas Parade went to Jonathan Moore. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SECOND PLACE-The Rivercrest JV Cheerleaders took Second Place in the Car Division at the annual Bogata Christmas Parade. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SECOND PLACE-in the Float Division at the annual Talco Christmas Parade went to Sixth Grade Christmas Queen and King, Jillian Sloan and Seth Hawkins. The couple also won Second Place in the annual Bogata Christmas Parade. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Rebel JV continuing to win

by Steve Weddle

The Rivercrest JV boys obtained two victories this past week with the wins, the young Rebels move their record to 6-2.

The Rebels played Chapel Hill Monday night and used a 4th quarter comeback to obtain a 40-36 victory. The Rebels entered the 4th trailing by 7 points but used a press (full court) to regain the lead and the win.

The team continued their winning ways with a victory over the Cooper Bulldogs Friday. The

Rebels were able to win by holding Cooper's 6' 4" Freshman post to only two second half points.

The Rebels began to blockout and eventually were able to draw several over the back calls.

JV team members are: Payden Franks, Clinton Vandever, Chris Cannon, Jake Raulston, Jonathan Ridens, Troy Morris, Adam Horn, Keith Williams, Dustin Perry, Brad Rollen, John Ed Graf, Keith Perry and Jake Needham.

### Poinsettia sale is on!

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

The poinsettias are red or white and are \$6.00 each.

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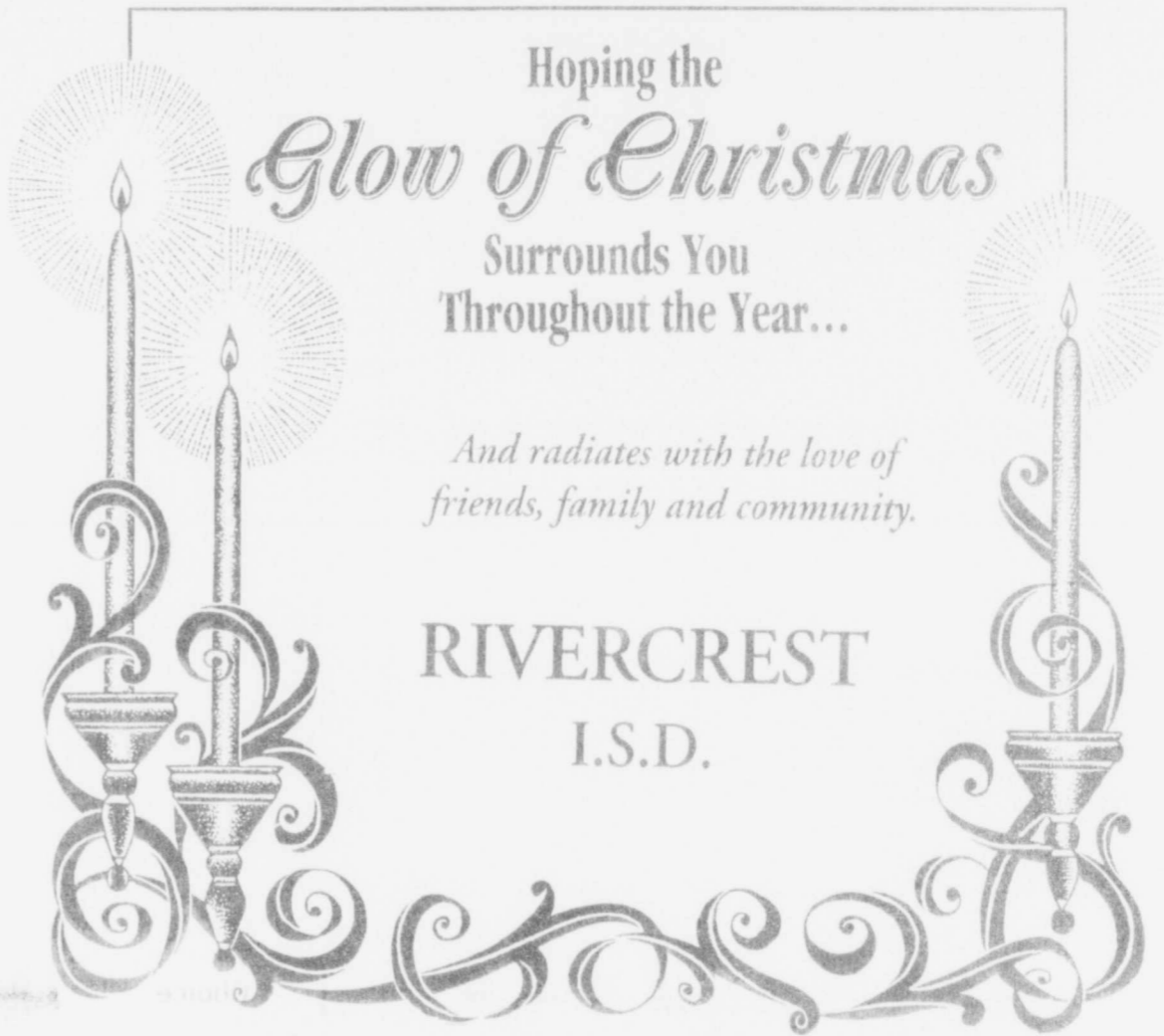



*Wise Men Still Seek Him*

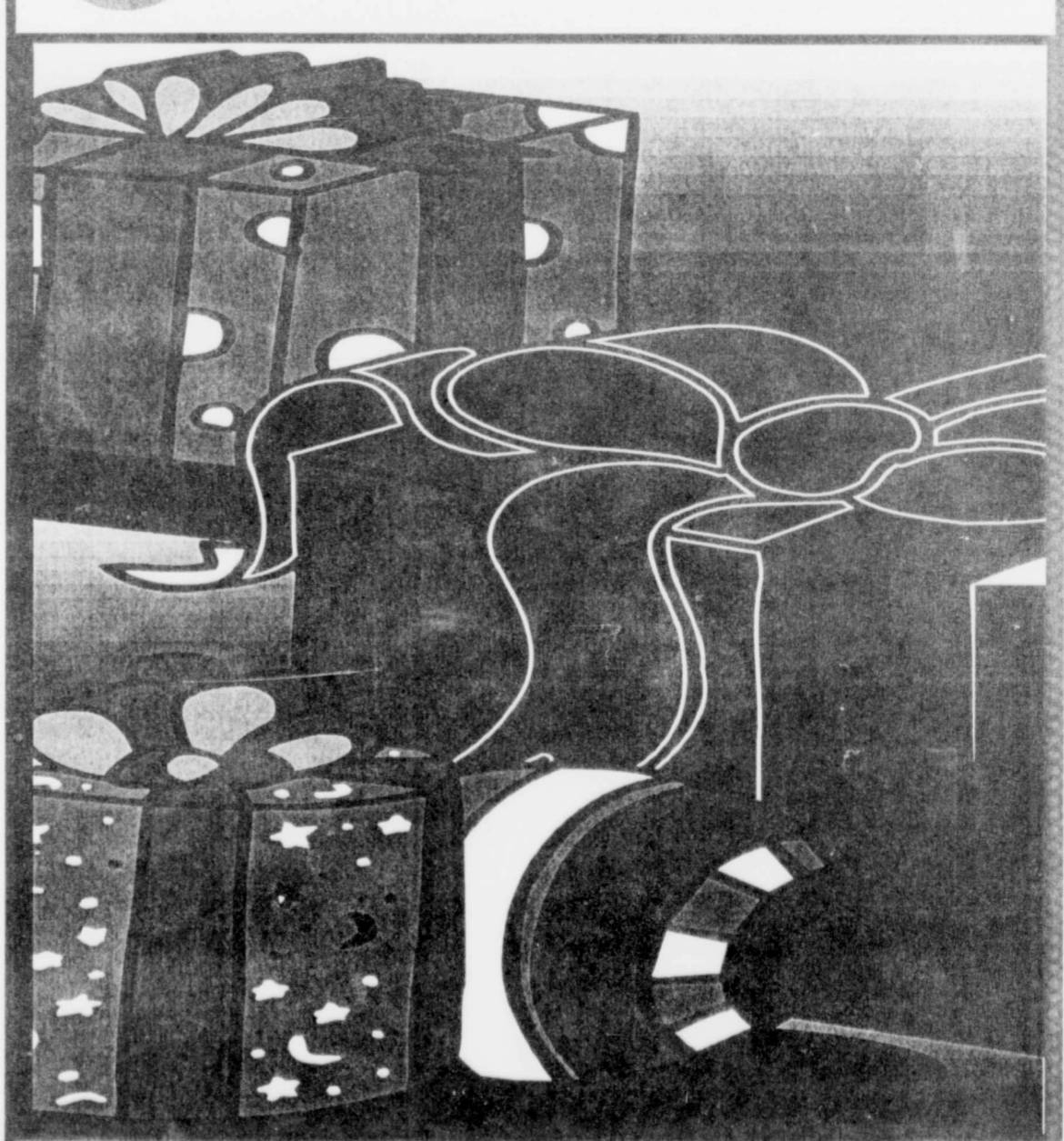
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**MERRY Christmas**



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## First Christmas- "MWL"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teddy Mack Igo



## The Redbird is still singing...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Delores (Hart) Henxson



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## CHRISTMAS

### A Christmas I remember

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lou Ada Franklin



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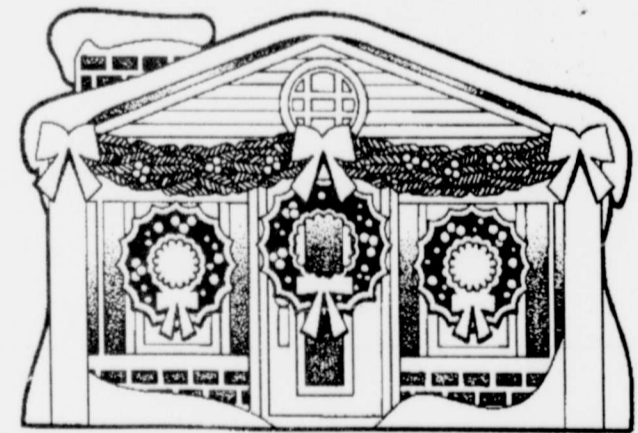
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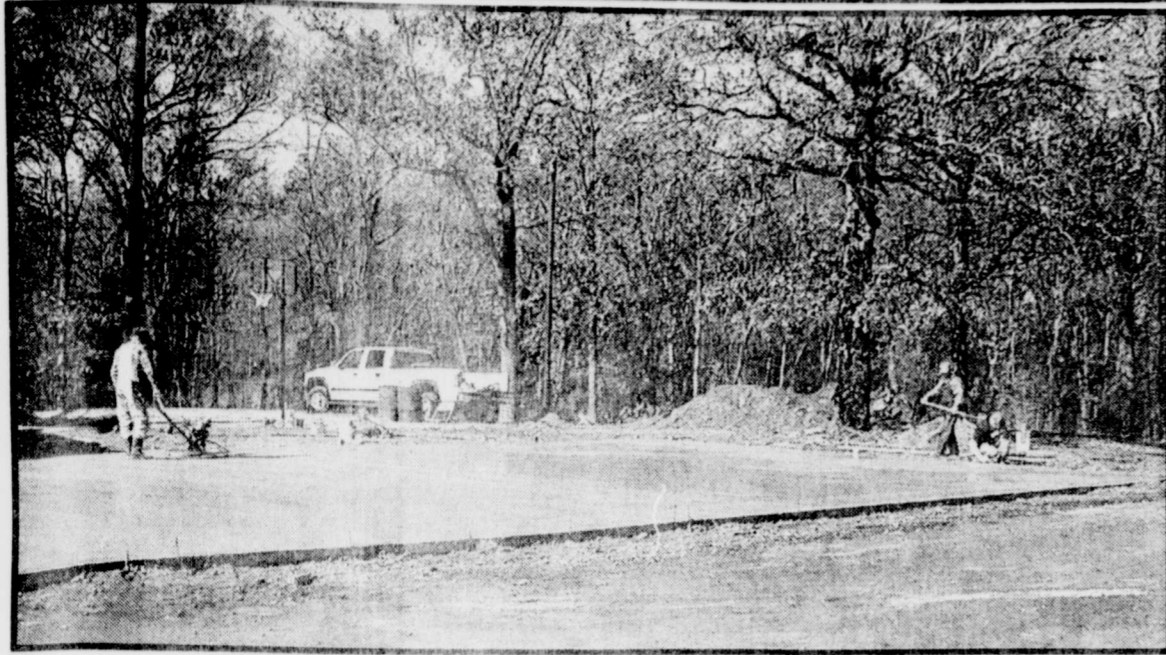


Just in the "nick" of time, we're sending our regards to the many folks both far and near, whom we've had the privilege of doing business with this year.

Hope your holiday delivers an abundance of joy. Thanks!

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GENE GOATES and crew were busy last week working on the new parking lot at the Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Everyone will be glad to have the new lot finished which will greatly save on the church's carpet. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**BMBC holiday schedule**

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church will have a live nativity scene on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights, December 21, 22 and 23. Drive by between the hours of 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Saturday and Monday night and view this nativity scene and be reminded once again of the real reason for celebrating Christmas.

On Sunday night the hours will be from about 7:00 (after church services) to 9:00 p.m. There will also be live animals that the children will enjoy seeing. (In case of rain any of these nights, it will be cancelled for that night)

On Sunday night, December 22, at 6:00 p.m. the choir and youth will present a Christmas Program entitled, "The Shepherd's Song". Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this presentation as the birth of Christ and the reason for His coming to earth is portrayed by the actors and singers.

Services on Wednesday night, December 25 and Wednesday night January 1, have been dismissed. The Discovery Bible Clubs and Teen Discovery will resume on January 8, 2003.

**Bogata Missionary Baptist Church cookbook**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church has published a cookbook titled, "Our Favorite Recipes".

The books should be here in the next few days. If you would like to have one for Christmas giving, please call Mary Jo

Wathley at 632-5140, Mary Lou Daniels at 632-9948 or any of the ladies of the church.

The cook books will sell for \$8.00 each. There are also Gift Certificates available in case the cookbooks do not arrive before Christmas.



SANTA CAME TO TOWN! Santa visited Talco and participated in the annual Talco Christmas Parade Wednesday. Following the parade he visited with the area children and took their Christmas list. Pictured giving Santa his list is Ty Brown. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**Peace On Earth**

Warm wishes for a bright holiday season.

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*People & Things*

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Talco School Rivercrest Junior High: 903-379-3841  
Rivercrest High School: 903-632-5204  
Rivercrest Elementary School: 903-632-5214.

**TUESDAYS**

BAM (Bogata Area Moms) play group for stay at home moms and their children meets Tuesdays form 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call Kelly for more information at 903-632-4493.

**DECEMBER 19-21**

The Rivercrest Rebels will host a JV and Varsity Basketball Tournament. Come out and support the Rebels!

**DECEMBER 31**

The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church will host a Fish Fry and New Year's Eve Party on December 31 beginning at 6:30 p.m. through seeing the New Year in. Come join in for good food and fellowship.

*New Arrivals*

Rusty and Amber Ramsey of Pittsburg proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Brooke Delight Ramsey, born on November 1, 2002 at Titus County Regional Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 1 ozs. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Toni (Hawkins) and Preston Combest and Bill Ramsey all of Pittsburg and the late Nancy Golden Ramsey. Brooke has two great grandmothers, Lucille York Hawkins Childers of Johtown and Pittsburg and Dorothy Golden Morton of Paris.

**Reeds honored**

On Saturday, November 30, 2002 Jason and Alma Reed of Imperial, California were honored with a Baby Shower at the home of Jim Ann Ward in Bogata. Hostesses were Krista Parish and Joan Weatherall.

The couple received many nice and useful gifts and a money tree.

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**CONSOLATION**-The Rivercrest Rebels earned the Consolation trophy at the Prairiland Tournament held this weekend. Prairiland. Pictured are: (from the left back) Chance Crawford, Josh Cabell, Zach Perry, Ryan Newton, Josh Weatherall, Jon Shade, Calan Wilcox, Jordan Edge and McKenzie Ellis and (front from the left) Coaches Steve Weddle and Karl Whitehurst. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



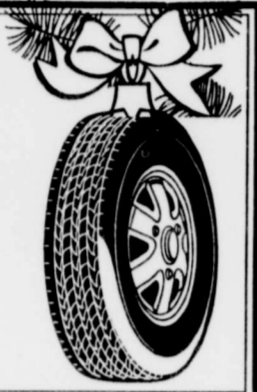
**THIRD PLACE**-The Lady Rebels took Third place in the Prairiland Tournament held this past weekend. Pictured are (back) Coach Debbie Williams; (middle row from the left) Tina Carder, Stephanie Williams, Erica Williams, Rachel Case, Nikki Jones, Ashley Beers and Jessica Rose and (front from the left) Molly Hare, Alison Foster, Shari Wisinger, Danielle Easterling and Krystal Valenzuela. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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**Honorable Mention**  
**Christmas Memories**  
**2002**

*The two-sided Christmas gift*

This memory came in too late for the judging, but we thought it was worth printing in the paper. I didn't know at the time that this was going to be my best Christmas ever, but it has a very special meaning to me. We found out in November 1997 that my grandpa, Rufus, had cancer. Christmas was his favorite time of the year because he loved children. Rufus has a heart as big as Texas and loved to play jokes on people. Even though he was sick, he kept his spirits up. When you looked at Rufus, you thought of Santa Claus. About two weeks before Christmas, Rufus would load us up and take us looking at Christmas lights. He always sang "Rufus the Red Nosed Ballplayer" to us while we were riding and looking at the lights. He always seemed to make us laugh at whatever he did. He always thought laughter was the best medicine. He was just that kind of person. I remember Rufus bought me this present and I was so excited about it. He kept telling me that it was very special and how I would love it. He had it wrapped with my

Granny's present and he kept saying that we both would have to race to see who would get to it first. Finally, it was Christmas day and we were headed to my Granny's house to open gifts. The whole time he was still nagging me about the gifts. How I couldn't want to open it. Then, it was time! We opened gifts and the last one left was the special one. My Granny and I raced to see who could get it first and we both got it at the same time. We didn't know that the gift had two sides so I opened one side and she opened the other. The side I opened was what I'd wanted for a long time which was a beautiful goat cover that had my name embroidered on it. The other side that my Granny opened was a pretty black leather jacket. So as you can see, Rufus was the most loving, friendly and kind Grandpa that a kid could ever have. Christmas had a very special meaning that year because this was the last Christmas we had with Rufus because he passed away last December.

*Kelsey Franks*

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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a dirt bike, go-kart, four wheeler and bicycle.  
Love,  
Dakota Martin

Dear Santa,  
I would like some spurs and a 15 speed bike. If you see anything else you think I'd like please bring it.  
Love,  
Gannon Shyrale Bivins

Dear Santa,  
I am in the second grade at Rivercrest Elementary School. I would like a Barbie video camera, a real TV for my room and a toy Zoo animal set. All the colors in the world food paints. A toy horse, a play house and movies Robot Sister and Robot Brother. a couch and foot stool, a CD player, a Scooby Doo cup. Thank you Santa!  
Love,  
Bradly Guest

Dear Santa,  
I want a hit clip and a new CD and I would like to have a new movie and a pile of clothes and a new bike and a new doll and a new leap pad book to help me read better.  
Tiffany Moore

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Transformer Armada Set. I want Megatron and three Jet minicons and a new bike please. Don't forget the other kids and popas gifts.  
Gage Hines

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kevondrick and I would like for you to bring me a dog, bike and I wish I had red version game boy tape and some bananas and some oranges.  
I love you Santa,  
Kevondrick

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a bike, a set of tea game, and a doll that walks and make-up.  
Love, your friend,  
Nidia Alvarado

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nutcracker, an Easy Bake Oven and clothes. Please bring my brother a remote control tractor and a helicopter and a fire truck. We will leave you coke and candy.  
Love,  
Candace Stansell

Dear Santa,  
I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll carrier, a spectracolor, a teddy bear and a Mary Kate and Ashley doll. If I don't get what I want I still will be happy because it is Jesus birthday and you should be happy. I love you Santa, Merry Christmas.  
Love, Celsey Walker

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a scooter and a baby doll and a new bike for Christmas.  
Thank you Santa,  
Tiffany Northcutt

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control four wheeler, a pair of chukka boots, a dog house, a new bike and a drum set. P.S. I love you, Santa.  
Jordan Daniel Smith

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brianna. I am in 3rd grade. For Christmas I would like a very special present especially from you Santa. The special present I would like from you is a new set of horses. But I also would like a set of roller blade. Bye Bye Santa. Hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love, xoxoxo Brianna Petticrew

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a waketake and a yo-yo and a game boy and a bike.  
Lucia Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV with a DVD player, a laptop computer, a fish and a bird.  
Shelby Steen

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a big book. I also want a real baby sheep to.  
Angel Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me Boo Boo Baby, a trampoline, a cooking Barbie, a kitchen set, and a pair of sketcher boots. I would really like these things for Christmas. For my sister, Leah, a pair of boots, a baby doll and some clothes.  
Love,  
Ally Gibbs

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some toys. I want a wagon, chain saw, tools, pow pow, leaf blower, candy, movies. I've been a good boy.  
Love,  
Cody Dean Webb

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike, clothes, make-up, stereo, CD, boots and brush.  
Thank you Santa,  
Dakota

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and Power Puff girls and Barbie stuff.  
Courtney C.

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a camera, Sponge Bob Square Pants.  
Signed,  
Justice Fulbright

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a motorcycle, baby angel doll, hair barrettes, clothes, necklace, purse, ring, new diary and shoes.  
Love,  
Chelsey Genung

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Landon Earley. I am wanting a few items for my Christmas wish this year, bike ramp, 7 and 1 combo game, remote control monster truck, boots, blue jeans, rope and the Spirit tape. I'll try not to argue with my sisters.  
Love,  
Landon

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll, barbie walkie talkie, clothes, barbie cash register, a CD player, CDs and a baby doll. Santa this is most of all I want for Christmas.  
Love,  
Regan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Rattlin antlers with a grunt call. I promise to be nice to my friends and my family.  
John Frick

Dear Santa,  
I hope you tell your elves to get to work. This year I would like for you to bring me a Tractor set John Deere if possible or Fod would be ok. A race track for cars that has a loop to loop and one more thing a remote control monster truck.  
Love,  
Kendall Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Care Bear, the one with the flowers and a coloring book with crayons.  
Amanda Barbosa

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll of Dora the Explorer. I want a movie of Blues Clues and some toys.  
Love,  
Melissa Leija

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control motorcycle, some cars, an airplane, some games, a Santa Clause toy, a E.T. movie and one more thing, a Hot Wheels Track set. But don't forget my sister Kimberly, would you please bring her some baby dolls?  
Love you,  
Brandon Belcher  
P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,  
I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. I would like to have a remote control motorcycle, truck Ripper, Race car. I love you Santa Claus. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Larry Paul Ward

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year you can even ask my teacher. I want a game cube with a clear controller and I want a portable CD player and I want a pair of shoes like the ones that are white and that has the even lines on the side of them.  
David Stringer

Dear Santa,  
I was good this year. I want a boomerang, horse, toy jet, puppy, jacket, candy cane, golf club, lots of paper, star of gold.  
I love you,  
Cole

Dear Santa,  
Our 5th grade Science classes would like to have a pair of leopard geckos, an aquarium, heat rock so the geckos can digest their food, reptile bark for its bed and a dozen white crickets. We would really benefit by observing the geckos in their habitat! Please be careful on your holiday trip.  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jordan's Fifth Grade Science Class

Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I have almost been a good boy all year. For Christmas I want a scooter, a new bicycle (my mama ran over mine) Sponge Bob toys, and clothes. And my sister wants a new baby doll.  
Love,  
Steven Martin  
P.S. Santa, my mama really wants a new car.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Paden Lum. I am 7 years old and I want a game boy and I want a snake and I want skateshoes and I want a dog and a paint gun and a dirt bike.  
Love,  
Paden

Dear Santa,  
I would like a tent so I can go camping, a lava lamp, a trampoline, a pair of boots, the movie Grease and some clothes and a new bed set. I don't want toys cause I have all that I want, but a dancing dog.  
Love,  
Savanna Piper

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a pretty good girl this year. I would like a CD player and some CDs, I also want the movies Spirit and Ice Age. Could you also leave Kolby some presents?  
Thank you,  
Shelby Lynn Fletcher  
P.S. I will leave you cookies and hot cocoa by the tree.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I would like a tayco motorcycle, a Ripper truck, GI Joe jeep. Give my meme a glasses.  
Dakota Ward

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play station 2 and also a game boy advance. A new CD player and new cds and a new guitar. I would also like a computer and some new clothes.  
Thank you,  
Christopher Hall

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I want a T.V. and V.C.R. I also want a Gene Watson CD and a remote control airplane.  
Colton Phipps

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control boat, a BB gun, a 4 x 4 four wheeler, a hatchit, a sks, some cars and remote control plane.  
Love,  
Eli Hale

Dear Santa,  
I hope you give me some toys. Will you give me some dolls and baby dolls, a Barbie jeep for my Barbies, T.V. for my room.  
Dyna Roehelle Williams

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. Please bring me just a few gifts. I would like to have these things: a blessing everyday book, a glowing glitter lamp, Scooby Doo Karaoke machine and a trampoline. Please bring my little brother Samuel a tractor and trailer. Thank you for all these gifts. Also please be safe on your journey.  
Love,  
Faith Gentry

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had boots, a dog, a rubber jacket, a dress, a gold fish and a Barbie van.  
Love,  
Destini Geese

Dear Santa,  
All I need and want is my sweet family for Christmas.  
Love,  
Emily Hale

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline, dirt bike, four wheeler, money for my family, play station 2 game, play station game, nintendo game, hot wheel cars, horse, a dog that is part wolf, swimming pool. I've been good and I made good grades.  
Michael

Dear Santa,  
I would like a stuffed bear, a dry erase board to hang in my room and a birthstone necklace. Please remember my mother and brothers.  
Love,  
Kacie

Dear Santa,  
I have tried hard to be real good this year. Could you please bring me a guitar, some army men, a computer, a scooter and a motorcycle.  
Thanks,  
Chris Kennedy

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Stunt motorcycle, radio control jeep, a light-up play sword, cop play set, mini radio control car and a PS2 game.  
Sincerely,  
Kory Steen

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Science kit, a megazoid, digemon cards, a little motorcycle, a play sword, nintendo 64 games, Spiderman games, a cop set, X man games, X box and a cop gun.  
Your friend,  
Ryan

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new back pack, guitar, race car, Barbie jeep, Barbies, Chicken Dance Elmo, baby doll, new shoes, deck of cards, new crayons, markers, coloring book and new Leap Pad books.  
Peyton Burton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me anything.  
Britney Childers

Dear Santa,  
I want games, movies, clothes, Barbies, lunch box, mittens, ear muffs and a coat.  
Thanks, I love you Santa,  
Markie Lynn Hays

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C.S. and Ganelle Case

**Cases to celebrate**

**55th wedding anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Case of Talco will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2002.

C.S. and Ganelle Nix Case were married December 20, 1947. They have two children, Judy

Case Stevens and Bruce Case and his wife, Tammie.

They have three grandchildren, Laura Stevens of Plano, Ryan and Lisa Case of San Diego, CA and Rachel Case of Talco.

*Letters to Santa*

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a Barbie computer, Barbie doll.  
Thank you,  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a red Power Ranger, Power Ranger movie, a Batman, a Spiderman and Spiderman movie. Thank you very much.  
I love you,  
Cory

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a toy microwave, a baby, a puzzle, a princess Barbie and all different kinds of things for Christmas.  
Thank you very much,  
Courtney Bailey

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an electric guitar, electric bot, a set of drums, a lot of candy, a three wheeler, a shot gun, a hunting shirt, a hunting hat, a hunting pair of pants and a pair of gloves.  
Axel Wood

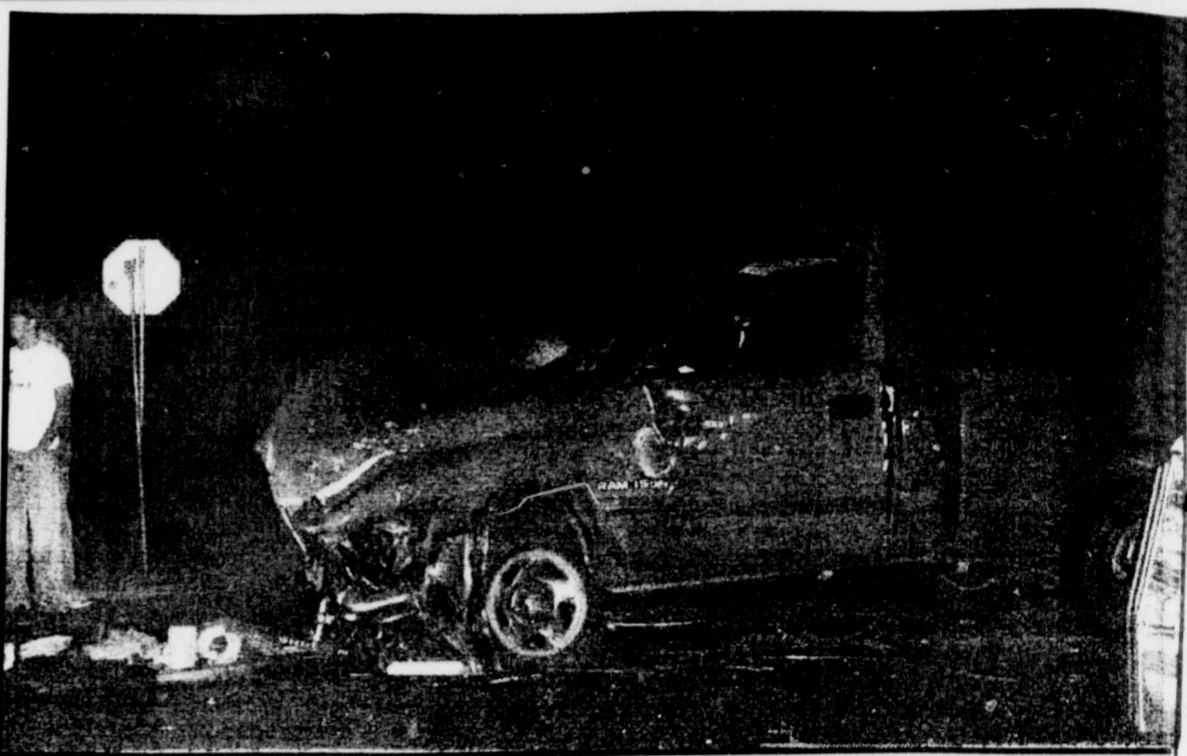
Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Michelle Smith and I am in pre-K. Please bring me a Barbie talking townhouse with a Barbie doll and some clothes for her to wear. Also I want a toy car to push her in. I also would like a new toy cash register with play store things.  
Merry Christmas,  
Michelle Smith

Dear Santa,  
How is the reindeer? I bet I can name all of them. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Qupid, Doner, Blisen and Roudolf. I want a pair of roller skates for Christmas with a four wheeler.  
David Atkins

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new bike that is dark blue and a yellow CD player with headphones and a makeup set.  
Dana Williams

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brianna and I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a microphone, a guitar and some drums. I would also like a brittney Spears CD, Lilo and Stitch movie and a lamp for my bedroom. I also want a blow up chair and a blow up table. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love always,  
Brianna Ramsey

Dear Santa,  
I want a gator lawn mower, shot gun, horse, boots, 8 Seconds movie, rope, four wheeler, Mickey Mouse movie, Spiderman toys.  
Love,  
Hunter



**JOHNTOWN ACCIDENT**-A three vehicle accident occurred Monday evening near Johntown. Apparently a pickup hit a vehicle pulling a stock trailer, and debris hit a car. Extent of injuries in the accident were unknown at press time. (Staff photo by Nancy Brown)



**ONE CAR ACCIDENT**-Cleveland Cannon was taken to Titus County Regional Hospital following this one car accident last week in Talco on Fm 71 east. Mr. Cannon had worked grave yard shift at his job at Lone Star Steel and simply fell asleep less than a quarter of a mile from his home in Talco. He is reported at home and on the mend from a broken jaw and other minor injuries. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me art stuff and drums. I love you.  
Love,  
Aaron

Dear Santa,  
Are you fine Santa Claus? I hope you're not sick on Christmas. I want Too Cute Twins, Barbie Rapunzel castle, Roxy Sassy Stables horse, My Size Barbie Rapunzel. I also want My Beautiful Mermaid, Penelope Dragon and an orange Fur Real Friends kitten. Please bring my sister Marley a Barbie Rapunzel tower playset. I will leave you cookies and milk for a snack.  
Love,  
Caitlin Tidwell

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Zoid, toy cars, remote control car, play-doh, toy elephant, transformers, a bike, minicomp play station, a teddy bear and bring my sister a baby doll.  
Thank you,  
Williams T. Brown

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie, Keyboard, Kitchen set, Easy Bake Oven and a Monsters Inc. movie.  
Thank you,  
Angel

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. Unlike my other brothers and sisters. I also would like a Spiderman with shooter.  
Thank you,  
Dustin Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, a baby and clothes.  
Love,  
Katie Lee Black

Dear Santa,  
I want an air pump and a puppy, a new black cowboy hat and some clothes and an X box.  
Samuel Reeves

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie doll, writing board and Color Book.  
Shinna Mackey

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Clifford the Big Red Dog book, a toy lawnmower that makes bubbles, Magic Markers and activity books, a warm snuggly blanket for my baby sister, a black chair, a new Beyblade (green) and the Spiderman movie. Happy Christmas, I love you Santa!  
Thank you,  
Alex Miller  
P.S. Please bring some snow!

Dear Santa,  
I have ben a good girl this year. I want a Mommy's little patient, a doll bed, a glitter set, Barbie jeep and a Polly Pocket. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Ashlee Wright

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a key board, Leap Pad, Monster's Inc., Spirit, dominoes. We will leave you milk and coolies.  
Love,  
Richard

Dear Santa,  
I was a very good girl this year. I can't wait for you to visit me. I would like a Spirit horse with Rain and the baby Spirit horse. I want a Spiriti Beanie baby. Spirit brush and toothbrush. I want a horse but papa say I have to feed my cat first and work my way up. Cole has been good this year too.  
I love you.  
Thanks,  
Emma

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard and a big bike and a soccer ball, basketball and kicking tee and basketball goal and a deasil truck and movies and a big pool and a game boy and a power ranger.  
Dakota Ross

Dear Santa,  
I want a 4 wheeler, make up, a puppy, skates, trampoline, boos and a toy box, a tree house and clothes.  
Baylie Wright.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year and all I want for Christmas is a CD player and clothes and some new shoes and a new computer. Thank you for the presents.  
Love,  
Sarai Martinez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pink bod, big Barbie, movies, Easy Bake Oven, night light.  
Thank you,  
Kacion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MERRY Christmas**

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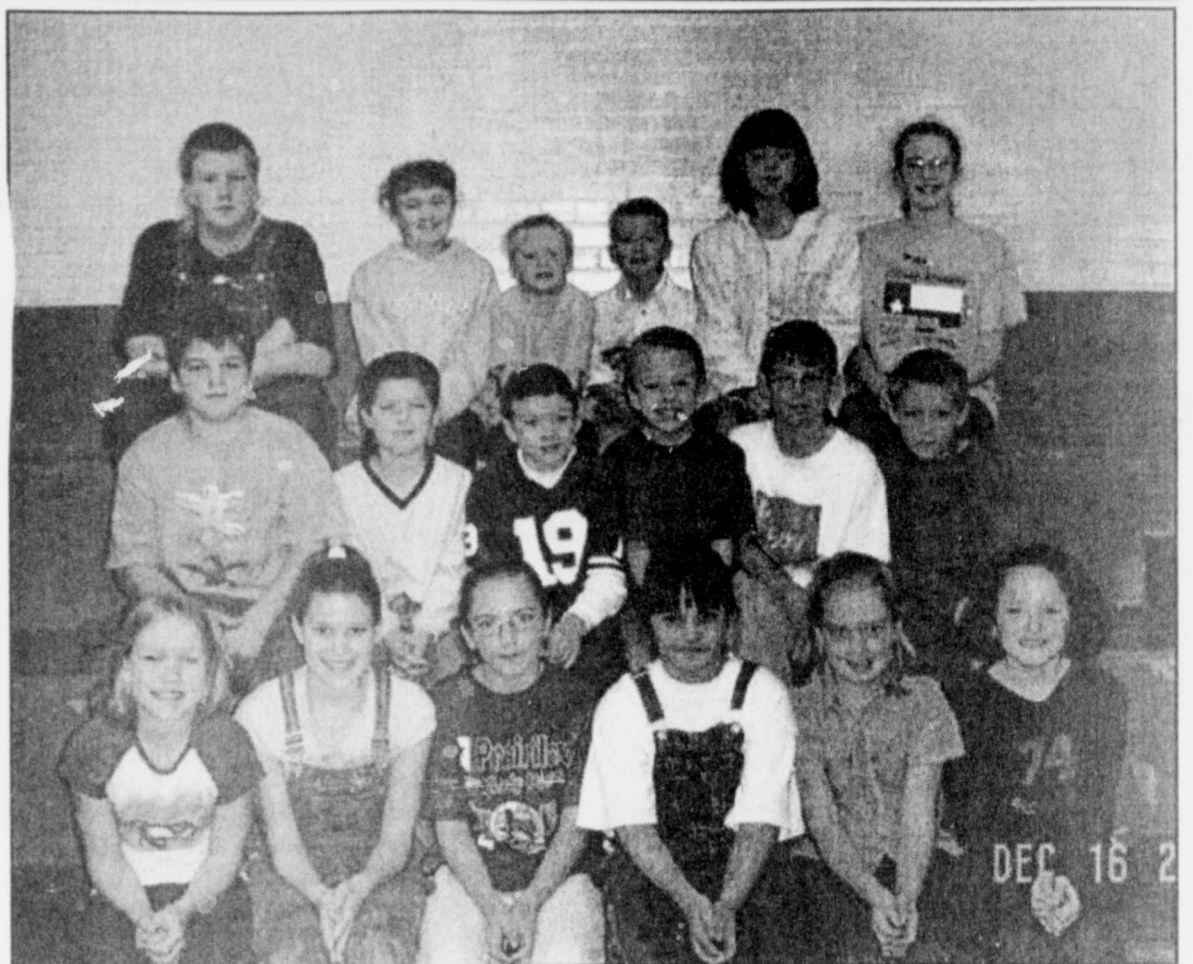


May the coming year be filled with miracles and the promise of everlasting peace on earth.

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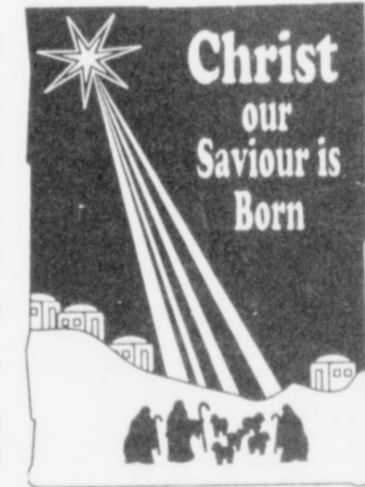
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 To Doug and Belva Byndas and Frank and Shirley Thompson from the Bill Whites.  
 To Betsy Whitten from Jane Davis.  
 To Clayton and Dee Huddleston from Bonnie Huddleston.  
 To Rusty Damron, Deanna Vickery, Dusty Pettiet and Ray Damron from the Buddy Damrons.  
 To Bret Davenport, Stephanie Blaire, Tracy Osborne and Jase Jeffery from Pat and Kenneth Jeffery.  
 From Fay Conine to Mac Bell  
 From Lorene Kennedy to Donnie Kennedy  
 From Linda Tabb to Susan Simmons  
 From Esther Tillman to Roy Tillman and Edward Tillman  
 From Chrystine Baker to Tommy Corbell, Billie Welch, Peggy and Bo Yale, Bill and Carol Baker and Nina and Doyle Smith  
 From Regan and Rue Anna Bell to Jarrod and LaTonya Miller and John and Crystal Davidson  
 From Lizzie Legate to Judy Wantland  
 From Shirley Smith to Helen Armstrong  
 From Gail R. McKinney to Michael Murphy  
 From Becky Ross to Paul English  
 From Nina Stoner to M.L. Brown  
 From Elaine Morgan to Mary Joplin  
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 From Gussie Musick to David Cantu  
 From Glen and Alice White to Becky and Brian Hurst  
 From Pearl Spencer to Emily and Giles Christie  
 From Bonnie Huddleston to Randy Huddleston, Bernie Huddleston, Rex Huddleston and Alan Huddleston  
 From Emma Harrison to Sue Grubb  
 From Edith and Ois Swaim to Kenneth and Mandy Kelley and Annette Swaim  
 From Linda Williams to Willie M. Topping



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

From Gary and Dolores Cheatwood to Denise Driggers  
 From Eona Mauldin to Zelma Mauldin and Bernice Beers  
 From Paul Thornton to Ken Thornton  
 From Janell Johnson to Joanna Ham  
 From Lucille Knowles to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunsenbury  
 From H.G. and Billie Pierce to Donald Allums  
 From Mary Jane Lowry to Janie Ballard  
 From Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis to Leah Lewis  
 From Judy Wantland to Roger and Rachael Elson  
 From Neva Harville to RaNell Isaacs  
 From Betty Krisch to Felina and Chad White  
 From Mary Warren to J.C. Warren and Melissa Mettlen  
 From Karen Beers to Sonny Pryor



**We still had a wonderful Christmas!**

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

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

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

I shall never forget that Christmas!

*Bobby Slusher*

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### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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And to all our best friends far and near,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

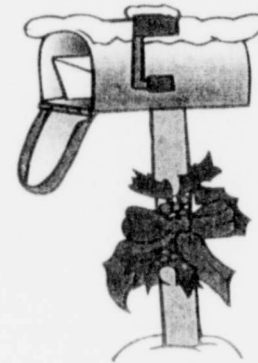
I wanted to tear into them right away, but again Omi stopped me and I was told we first had to sing some Christmas songs. I remember very well I always sang the last word of each line. When the singing was done, the big moment finally arrived. It was time to open the presents. I did get a lot, but only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

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

To all I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Joachim Maurischat  
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### My Best Memory of Christmas



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

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

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

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

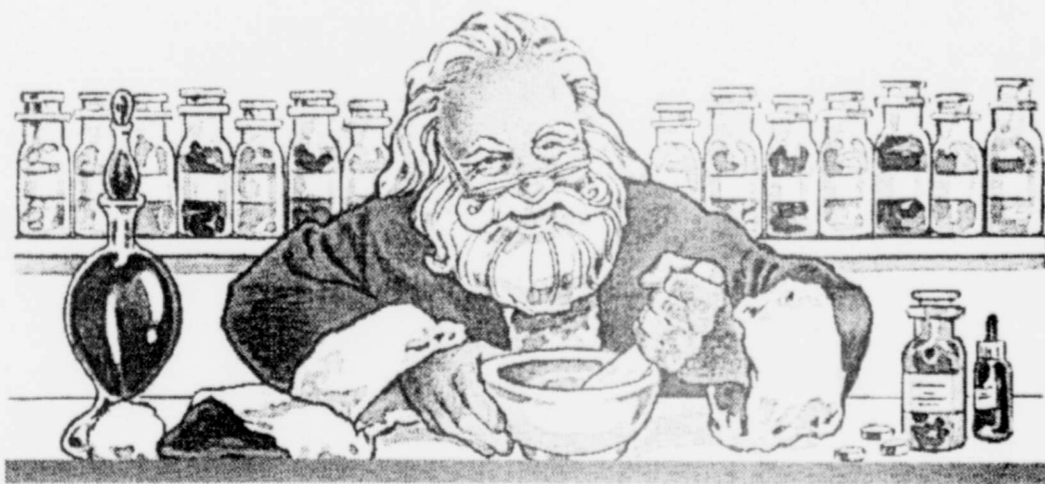
Aunt Vera was so thrilled about her onions, she poured them out into a big paper bag and took them home with her. Mama thought she would take a few onions and leave the rest, but Mama didn't have enough onions left to last the winter.

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

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

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

Annie Franklin



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\*Meta Aramid/Basofil 2-layer thermal liner (Meta Aramid facelcloth 3.6 oz. w/ 2 layer Basolite spunlace 3.0 oz.)  
\*Moisture barrier--KT7100/PTEE  
\*Reinforced knees and elbows of same material.  
\*Coat and pants cuff-reinforced with additional layer fabric  
\*New York trim placement--3" chest/back, sleeve and hem (coat) 3" cuffs (pants), both with lime, two-tone Scotchlite  
\*Color-Khaki  
Additional separate specifications for coats and pants detailed below:  
**COAT**  
\*Length, mid-thigh (approx. 35"0)  
\*Lettering, 3" sewn Scotchlite, lime in color, placement at shoulder (in arch design) to read "BLOSSOM"  
\*Wristlet w/fabric covered thumbhole  
\*Closure, 2" hook & pile ext. with zipper int.  
\*Outer pockets, two (2) 9x9x1.5 bellow style with wide oversized flap closure, radio pocket, left chest w/radio antenna notch both sides, mike tab above radio pocket. Reverse clip on right chest.  
**PANTS**  
\*High back bib style (approx 6")  
\*Two (2) postman slide take-up straps  
\*Two (2) large bellow pockets, 10x10x2 with wide oversized flap closure

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

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center, South, has begun an effort to spruce up its patients rooms, a project that includes re-texturing and repainting walls and replacing baseboards and missing shower tiles as needed.  
Doors and door facings in the halls are also getting a touchup.  
Tom Brunette, director of facilities, said patient rooms on the third and fourth floors are receiving priority treatment, but that all patient rooms will eventually be redone. "We're just going to chisel away at it," Brunette said, explaining that only a few rooms will be done at a time and as they become available. Members of the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's facilities staff will do most of the work, he added, as a cost saving measure.  
Patient rooms on the fifth floor were redone last year.

**Bogata Locals**  
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Jason and Alma Reed of Imperial CA. were home for the Thanksgiving holidays. On Friday they enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Jason's mom, Charlotte Crow. Others attending were Russell, Jim Ann and Rob Ward, Brittany Walesiak, James and Wanda Henley, Al and Sherry Sessums and Ashley Thuresson, Pat Wright and Harris Archer of Rush, Tx., Roger and Linda Wright of Carrollton, Tx., Jimmy Crow and Sherry.  
The York siblings, Lucille Childers of Pittsburg, Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd of Bogata, Kenneth York of Rosalie and Betty Joy Puckett of Denton met with Jan and R.L. McCuller of Mt. Pleasant and Douglas Hawkins of Johntown for their early Christmas lunch and gift exchange December 10 in the McCuller home.  
Happy December Birthday to: Donnie R. Gentry Sr., Lacy Williams, James Walker, Shirley Earley, David Coffin, Noah Paul Taylor, Courtney Damron, Pete Taylor, Scott Davidson, Jaelae Ward, Sherry Rolen, Nita Golightly, James Duffee, Alexandra Killian, Alice Martin, Cylena Holeman, Lawrence Bell, Chris Clark, Garrett Haynes, Jeremy Mankins, Kathy Stringfellow, Bow Willis, Joann Sherman, Samuel Gentry, Hana Hawkins, Larry Wayne Neeley, Jim Bill Chaloner, Linda Gray, Tracy Denny, Paige Provence, Paula Speir, Carolyn Miller, William Morris, Franky Bush, Maxine Scott, Doris Belcher, Clayton Huddleston, Jared Guest, Nettie Moore, David Stansell, James A. Freelen, Molee Huddleston, Mary Ann Williams and Patricia S. Taylor.  
Jason and Alma Reed and Charlotte Crow visited in the home of Ressie Crow on Thanksgiving Day.  
Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Josh and Jake of Paris and Jimmel Stringfellow of Australia visited with their grandmother, Dixie Stringfellow Wednesday. This Jimmel's first visit to the States and he is enjoying seeing Texas and meeting his relatives. Others



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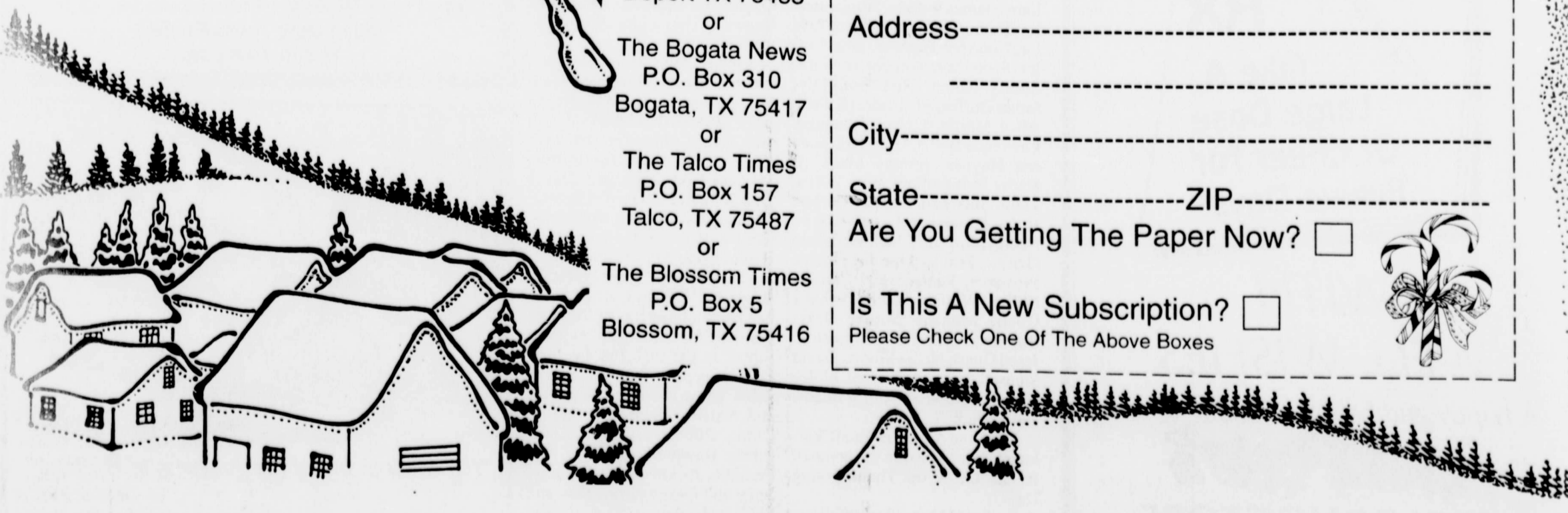
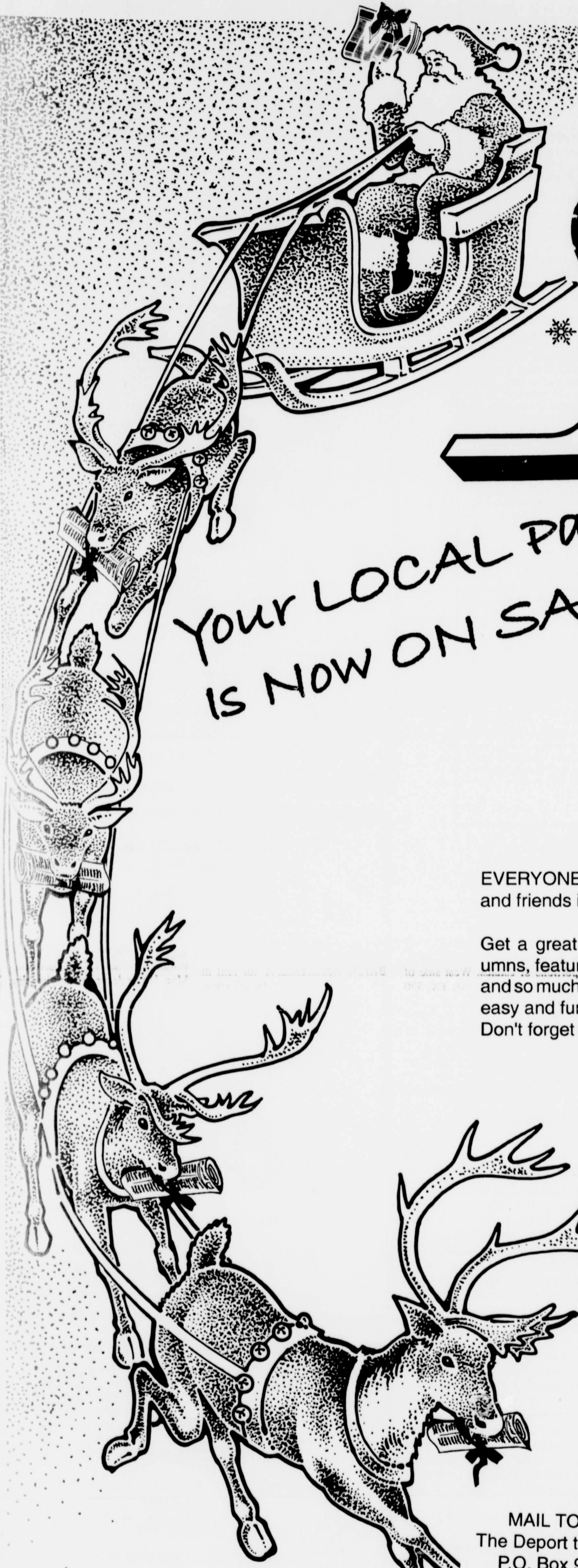
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### New certification programs at PJC

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

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

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

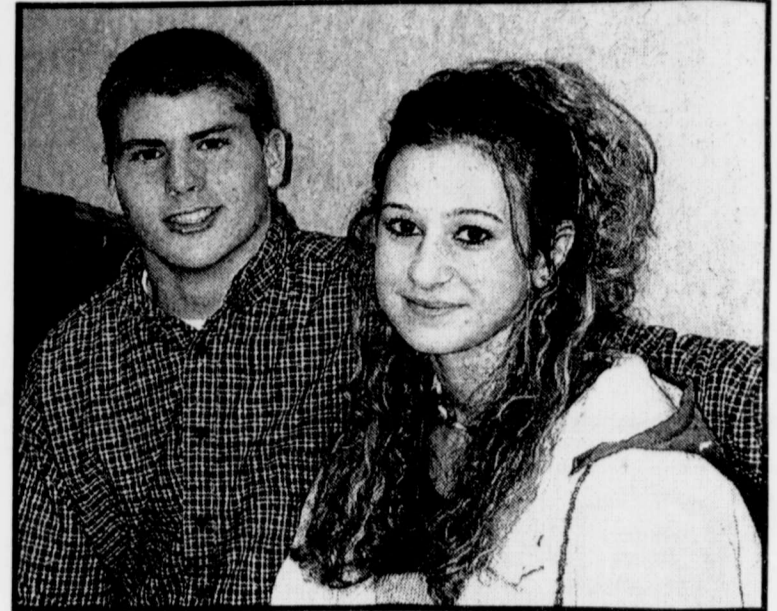
completion. "Although applications for the two program won't be taken until February, prospective students can enroll this spring in some courses that will help them in either specialty," Jones said.

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

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



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<b>EGGS</b> Grade A Large 99¢ Dozen	<b>GOLDEN ROYAL MILK</b> Gal. 2% & Homo \$2 <sup>99</sup>	<b>CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF CHICKEN Or CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP</b> 10 Oz. 79¢	<b>KRAFT CHEEZ WHIZ</b> 15 Oz. \$2 <sup>79</sup>	<b>KRAFT MARSHMALLOW CREAM</b> 7 Oz. 99¢	<b>SWANSON CHICKEN BROTH</b> 14 Oz. 2/\$1	<b>CHINET PLATES</b> Dinner & Compartment 15 Ct. \$1 <sup>89</sup>	<b>PLANTER'S MIXED NUTS</b> 11 Oz. CASHEW HALVES 9.25 Oz. 2/\$5
<b>KRAFT PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE</b> 8 Oz. \$1 <sup>19</sup>	<b>LAY'S POTATO CHIPS</b> Reg. \$1 <sup>49</sup> All Kinds 99¢	<b>DORITO CHIPS</b> All Kinds Reg. \$3 <sup>29</sup> \$2 <sup>69</sup>	<b>GLADIOLA CORN BREAD MIX</b> White & Yellow 4/\$1	<b>FRITO LAY BEAN DIP</b> 9 Oz. \$2 <sup>19</sup>	<b>TIDE DETERGENT</b> 31-40 Ld. \$6 <sup>59</sup>	<b>OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE</b> 16 Oz. 99¢	<b>TOWN TALK BREAD</b> Lrg. Loaf 69¢
<b>Parade Evaporated Milk</b> 12 Oz. Can 2/\$1	<b>PARADE LIGHT CORN SYRUP</b> 32 OZS. \$1 <sup>39</sup>	<b>NABISCO NILLA WAFERS</b> 12 OZ. BOX \$2 <sup>29</sup>	<b>KRAFT CHEESE NIPS</b> 13 OZ. BOX \$1 <sup>99</sup>	<b>SOLO PARTY CUPS PLATES</b> 20-16 OZ. 15 - 9 INCH. 99¢	<b>HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH DRESSING</b> 16 OZ., REG. & LITE \$2 <sup>19</sup>	<b>TOWN TALK BROWN &amp; SERVE ROLLS</b> 2/\$1	<b>NABISCO OREOS ALL KINDS</b> 16-20 OZ. \$2 <sup>29</sup>
<b>BANANAS</b> 49¢ Lb.	<b>PRODUCE POTATOES</b> 10 Lb. Bag \$1 <sup>99</sup>	<b>APPLES</b> 59¢ Lb.	<b>PET RITZ PIE SHELLS</b> Reg. 99¢ Deep Dish \$1 <sup>39</sup>	<b>BLUE BELL ICE CREAM &amp; YOGURT</b> 3/\$10	<b>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</b> 2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1 <sup>79</sup> 12 Pk. \$2 <sup>99</sup> 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1 <sup>99</sup>		
<b>CARROTS</b> 1 Lb. Bag 39¢	<b>ORANGES</b> 49¢ Lb.	<b>CELERY</b> 2/\$1.	<b>ROTEL TOMATOES</b> 10 Oz. All Kinds 79¢	<b>POST RAISIN BRAN</b> 20 Oz. \$1 <sup>99</sup>	<b>FOLGER'S COFFEE</b> 39 Oz. \$5 <sup>99</sup>	<b>LIPTON TEA BAGS</b> Family Size 24 Ct. \$1 <sup>49</sup>	
<b>MRS SMITH'S PIES</b> Apple, Peach & Pumpkin 37 Oz. \$2 <sup>99</sup>	<b>PILLSBURY PIE CRUST</b> 15 Oz. \$1 <sup>99</sup>	<b>WISCONSIN RED RIND CHEESE</b> \$2 <sup>99</sup> Lb.	<b>POST RAISIN BRAN</b> 20 Oz. \$1 <sup>99</sup>	<b>FOLGER'S COFFEE</b> 39 Oz. \$5 <sup>99</sup>	<b>LIPTON TEA BAGS</b> Family Size 24 Ct. \$1 <sup>49</sup>	<b>KELLOGG'S APPLE JACKS &amp; CORN POPS</b> 19 Oz. \$2 <sup>39</sup>	