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May you share richly in all the  
 blessings of this Holy Season:  
 The Joy of Christmas,  
 which is love,  
 The Gladness of Christmas,  
 which is giving,  
 The Glory of Christmas,  
 which is salvation, and  
 The Benediction of Christmas,  
 which is Peace.

# GLAD TIDINGS



## The Valley Tribune

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**HOT ROLLS**  
(a favorite recipe I have enjoyed for many years.)

1 1/2 pkg. dry yeast  
1 tsp salt  
5 TBS sugar  
5 c. flour  
1 cup warm water  
5 TBS Wesson Oil  
1 egg  
1 cup milk

Dissolve dry yeast in the warm water. Mix well with the rest of the ingredients; let rise until doubled. Divide dough in half and knead half the dough at a time. Roll out and cut into rolls and place in muffin pans. Bake at 375° until golden brown.

**MACARONI & CRAB SALAD**

1 small pkg. spiral vegetable macaroni  
1 pkg. Louis Kemp imitation crab  
1/2 c. sliced black olives  
1/4 c. chopped red onion,  
1/2 c. chopped pickles  
1/4 c. chopped celery  
Small jar pimento  
Small bottle of fat-free Thousand Island dressing

Cook macaroni and add remaining ingredients. Refrigerate before serving.

**TACO SOUP**

Brown 1 1/2 lbs. hamburger meat,  
1 chopped onion, and 1 pkg taco seasoning.

Add: 2 cans tomato sauce  
1 can each: chopped tomatoes, green chilies, ranch style beans, pin-to beans, and corn  
2 c. water  
1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing (dry mix)

Simmer 45 minutes or cook in crock pot.

**HOT SUBMARINE SANDWICH**

Mix 1 pkg. hot roll mix according to pkg directions

Press into large rectangle on cookie sheet. Spread with margarine, sprinkle with 1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix.

Cover with favorite cold cuts. Sprinkle with grated cheese (a mix of cheddar and mozzarella is good)

Fold long edges to center and pinch to seal. Let rise 30 minutes. Bake at 325° for 45 minutes.

**COWBOY CHRISTMAS CORNBREAD**

Brown 1 lb. hamburger, 1 chopped onion, and 1 tsp salt.

Drain and set aside. Mix 3 pkg. cornbread mix according to directions except use 3 eggs. Add 1 can cream style corn.

Prepare: 3 - 4 chopped Jalapeno peppers, 1/2 lb. Cheddar cheese, grated, sliced English cheese to cover pan.

Prepare: Two large iron skillets with 2-3 tsp. bacon grease. Get skillet real hot then sprinkle little corn meal in it to brown. Cover bottom of skillet with cornbread mix. Sprinkle peppers on top. Add all English cheese then Cheddar cheese. Pour remaining cornbread mix on top. Cook in 350° oven for 45-50 min. Let set for 15 to 20 min. before cutting. Freezes well, and is even good cold.

**SMOKY SALMON BALL**

1 sm. can salmon  
8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1/2 small onion, minced  
1 c. grated cheddar cheese  
1/2 tsp. liquid smoke  
chopped pecans  
parsley

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Refrigerate for 3 hours and then shape into 2 balls. Roll in finely chopped pecans or parsley. Refrigerate until served. Serves 10 to 12 people.

**HERSHEY BAR PIE**

1 9" Pie shell, baked and cooled  
1 1/2 large (9 oz.) Almond Hershey bars

1 lg. container of Cool Whip  
Break Hershey bars into pieces and melt in top of double boiler. Let cool to room temperature. Do not refrigerate. Fold cooled chocolate into Cool Whip. Work fast as candy begins to solidify (some streaks are desirable). Pile filling into cooled pie shell. Chill and serve.

**CHEESEBALL**

2 pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1 pkg. dry ranch dressing  
1/4 cup each, minced celery, minced onion, minced green pepper  
1/2 cup chopped ham  
1 1/2 c. chopped pecans

Mix cream cheese and ranch dressing together with mixer. Add remaining ingredients except pecans. Chill in bowl. Put pecans on saran wrap and roll cheeseball until covered.

**ASPARAGUS ROLLUPS**

DRain 1 can asparagus spears  
Place on flat dish. Pour Italian dressing over asparagus, cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain. Trim crusts from white sandwich bread. Spread with mayonnaise. Place asparagus on bread and roll up., placing ends of roll down. Chill. May be made 2 or 3 days before serving.

**HOLIDAY GREEN PEPPERS**

Wash green peppers and core insides out. Fill with Philadelphia cream cheese, slice after chilled, 1/4 inch thick. Slice stuffed olives and place on cream cheese. Very attractive on a red, green or white platter for Christmas.

For Thanksgiving, follow above recipe, substituting pimento. Cut into leaf shape. I use an orange platter for decorative serving.

**HOT WIENERS**

One 10 oz. jar of each: chili peppers, water, vinegar  
1 tsp. savory or seasoned salt, your choice  
4 whole bay leaves  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
4 lbs. wieners, cut to bite size

Place peppers, water, vinegar and spices in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, and let simmer.

While pepper sauce simmers, boil wieners in a large pot. Cook until wieners are plump and cooked throughout.

Drain water from wieners, place in a gallon container and pour hot pepper sauce over them. Put airtight lid on the container.

These will keep for several weeks without refrigeration and are best made 2-3 days before serving.

**STUFFED FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE**

(for Christmas Morning)  
8 slices coarse bread, cubed  
2 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, cubed  
Place half the bread in a 9X13" pan, then cubed cheese, then other half of bread. Mix 12 eggs, 1/3 cup maple syrup, 2 cups milk. Pour over bread and cheese cubes. Place in fridge overnight. Bake next morning at 350° until set and golden brown. Serve with butter and syrup.

You can add cinnamon, nuts, or whatever you like. Good also with warmed preserves.

**STRAWBERRY JELLO SALAD**

1 ctn. frozen strawberries (thawed)  
1 large container Cool Whip  
1 large container cottage cheese  
1 large pkg. strawberry Jello dry

Mix all ingredients and chill.

**HOLIDAY DELIGHT**

1 can Eagle Brand milk  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup miniature marshmallows  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1 large Cool Whip  
1 can crushed drained pineapple  
1 can cherry pie filling.  
Mix all ingredients and chill

**FUDGE SCOTCH RING**

1 16 oz. pkg. Nestle's semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 6 oz. pkg. butterscotch morsels  
1 can Eagle Brand milk  
2 c. chopped walnuts or pecans  
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Melt chocolate and butterscotch morsels with Eagle Brand in double boiler over hot (not boiling) water, stirring occasionally until morsels melt and mixture thickens. Stir in nuts. Pour into buttered Bundt pan. Chill until set.

**PERSIMMON CAKE**

(After the first frost in the fall, persimmons are ready for gathering. Use wild or purchase from store. I prefer the wild persimmons for this cake recipe - Linda Purcell)

1/2 c persimmon pulp  
1 egg  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 c flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp. soda  
2 TBS butter  
chopped walnuts

Sift dry ingredients together. Beat egg slightly and melt butter. Blend into the persimmon pulp and mix thoroughly, add walnuts. Pour into well greased and floured baking pan. Bake at 350° for about 30 minutes.

**REFRIGERATOR ROLLS**

2 pkg. yeast  
2 c. cold water  
2 eggs  
3/4 c. soft Crisco  
1/2 c. warm water  
2 tsp. salt  
3/4 c. sugar  
8 c. flour

Soften yeast in warm water, beat together cold water, sugar, salt, and eggs. Add yeast and Crisco to mixture. Stir in flour, cover and store in refrigerator; use as needed.

To use: oil both sides well and set in a warm place to rise about 2 or 3 hours. Roll into balls about the size of an egg, flatten on cookie sheet. 375 to 400° oven until browned.

These are good and easy, and don't have to be kneaded.

**SPINACH PIE**

2 boxes frozen, chopped spinach (defrost, drain, squeeze moisture out)  
16 oz. cottage cheese (use 7/8 of container)  
5 eggs  
1 lb. Velveeta, cubed (or two 8 oz. jars Old English Sharp cheese)  
4 TBS margarine or butter, cubed  
2-4 TBS flour (depending on how moist the mix is)

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl, beat eggs with a fork. Add cottage cheese, Velveeta, margarine. After squeezing moisture from spinach, pull apart and add to mixture.. Add flour (4 TBS if spinach was still pretty moist)

Use spray and grease 2 pie pans. Spoon mixture into pie pans. Bake for about 45 minutes, turning pans once during cooking time. Pies are done when slightly brown on top and sides. Let set for 15 minutes before serving.

**BEVERAN JELLO SALAD**

1 1/2 c. pineapple juice  
1 c. sugar. Mix well, add  
2 well beaten eggs, bring to a boil, stirring constantly.

Add 1 3 oz. box strawberry Jello, mix well, refrigerate until slightly set, then add  
one 8 or 12 oz. Cool Whip, mix with electric mixer until well blended. Return to refrigerator until firm.

**PEDERNALES RIVER CHILI**

4 lbs. lean chili meat  
1 lg. onion/2 cloves garlic  
1 tsp. oregano  
1 tsp. comino seed  
6 tsp. chili powder  
2 cans tomatoes  
salt and pepper  
2 c. hot water

Sear meat, onions and garlic. Add spices and other ingredients. Bring to a boil and simmer one hour. Skim off fat as it comes to the top or cook the day before and put in refrigerator. Remove all fat before heating.

Low fat method. Use ground turkey breast. Brown in non-stick pan which has been sprayed with Pam. Proceed with the rest of the ingredients.

Mary Stark (this was Lyndon Johnson's recipe and was given to me by my mother-in-law, Madeline Stark.)

**PUNCH BOWL CAKE**

1 white or yellow cake mix  
2 cans crushed or chopped pineapple with juice  
2 cans cherry pie filling  
2 boxes instant Vanilla pudding  
2 reg. size containers Cool Whip  
chopped pecans to sprinkle on

Bake Cake as directed on box, in 9X13" pan. When cake is cooled, but in bite-size pieces and put in a punch bowl or two large serving bowls.

Layer ingredients in order given, and chill overnight or at least 4 hours before serving.

**STRAWBERRY BREAD**

3 c. flour  
2 c. sugar  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. salt  
3 tsp. cinnamon  
2 pks. frozen thawed strawberries  
4 eggs, well beaten  
1/4 c. cooking oil  
1 c. chopped pecans

Mix wet ingredients and set aside. Mix dry ingredients in large bowl and make a hole in center. Pour wet ingredients in the hole. Mix well with a spoon, don't use mixer.

Grease and flour two regular size loaf pans. Fill pans about 1/3 full and bake at 325° for one hour.

**CREAM CHEESE APRICOT COOKIES**

Dough: 1/2 lb. cream cheese  
1/2 lb. butter  
2 c. flour

Filling: 1 cup apricot preserves.

Blend cream cheese, butter and flour. Chill dough overnight or for several hours. Roll out on floured board to about 1/4" thick. Cut in 3" by 3" squares. Place scant teaspoon of preserves in center, pinch opposite corners above preserves. Pinch securely so it will not unfold when baking.

Bake at 400° until golden brown.

**WHITE FRUIT CAKE**

1 lb. each, candied cherries, candied pineapple and chopped pecans  
4 c. flour  
8 eggs  
2 c. sugar  
1 lb. butter  
2 tsp. baking powder  
2 oz. lemon extract

Combine chopped cherries, pineapple and nuts. Coat with 1 cup flour. Set aside while mixing other ingredients. Beat 8 eggs thoroughly, add 2 cups sugar, beat well after each. Add 1 lb. butter, beat well. Mix 3 cups flour and baking powder with egg sugar and butter mixture. When well beaten, add lemon extract, mix well. Add fruit and nuts. Bake in greased bundt pan for 3 to 4 hours at 250°F.

**SWEET POTATOES**

In an 11X18" baking pan place peeled sliced sweet potatoes. Put 2 c sugar over potatoes. Pour 1 pt. whipping cream over. Cover with foil, and bake 2 hrs. at 300°F.

**POP-TOP CHEESE BREAD**

1 pkg. dry yeast  
1/2 c. milk  
2 eggs  
3 1/2 c. flour  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 c. oil  
1/3 c. sugar  
1 c. shredded cheddar cheese

Combine yeast with 1 1/2 c flour. Heat milk, sugar and salt in saucepan until warm but not hot. Stir into yeast mix. Beat with electric mixer two minutes. Add cheese, eggs, oil and enough flour to make a stiff batter. Beat one minute. Pour into 2 well-greased 1# coffee cans covering with plastic lid. Let rise until dough is 1/3" from tops of cans. Bake uncovered at 350° 35 minutes or until golden brown. Brush tops with butter. Cool 5 min. before removing from cans. Serves 12.

**DIETER'S HAZARD**

(makes two pies)  
1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese  
1 14 oz. can Eagle Brand milk  
1/3 c. lemon juice  
1 c. pecans  
1 c Angel Flake coconut  
1 c. marshmallows  
1 small jar maraschino cherries  
8 or 12 oz. Cool Whip  
2 graham cracker crust

Mix cheese and milk until creamy. Add lemon juice, pecans, coconut, marshmallows and cherries. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour into graham cracker crusts, refrigerate. Makes two pies.

**SWEET POTATO SOUFFLE CASSEROLE**

Souffle: 2 cups mashed sweet potatoes (I like to use baked)  
1 c. sugar  
3/4 stick oleo, melted  
2 eggs beaten,  
1 c. milk (1/2 cup if using canned potatoes)  
1/2 tsp nutmeg  
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Mix all together and pour into greased casserole dish. Bake 20 min. at 400°F. Remove from oven and add topping.

TOPPING: 3/4 c. crushed corn-flakes  
1/2 c. brown sugar  
1/2 c. chopped pecans  
3/4 stick oleo, melted

Mix well and spread evenly over baked casserole. Return to oven and bake 10 minutes more.

**DATE NUT CAKE**

1 c. sugar  
3/4 c. butter or oleo  
3 large eggs  
1/2 c. buttermilk  
2 c. flour  
Mix altogether, then add  
1 tsp each, soda, allspice, cloves, vanilla  
1 c. chopped dates and  
1 c. chopped pecans

Mix well and pour in greased and floured pans. Cook in 375° oven until pick comes out clean.

ICING: 2 c. sugar, 1 small can evaporated milk, 1/2 c. chopped walnuts and 1/2 c. chopped pecans; 1 tsp vanilla. Cook until thick and creamy. Ice between layers, top and sides.

**PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE TORTE**

Crust:  
1 c. graham cracker crumbs  
1 c. flour  
1 c. chopped walnuts  
1/2 c. sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon  
3/4 c. melted butter

Mix firmly and press into 13 X 9X 2" pyrex dish.

FILLING: 2 8 oz. pkgs. softened cream cheese  
1 c. sugar, 3 eggs.

Beat and pour into crust. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes & cool.

**MEXICAN CASSEROLE**

1 LB hamburger, browned  
-add 4 T butter

OR 2 small cans of chicken (drained) and add 1 stick butter to chicken

ADD 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 can cream of chicken soup, 1 can green chilies  
1/2 onion, diced  
8 oz. sour cream

Layer tortillas (corn or flour) on bottom of greased 13" by 9" pan. Add some meat mixture, more tortillas, and top with meat. Top casserole with grated Monterey Jack or Kojack/Colby cheese and add one can PET milk if desired. Bake until the cheese turns brown, 350° 30 to 45 minutes.

**HOT ROLLS**

1 1/2 pkg. fast-acting yeast  
MIX: 3 eggs, 1 tsp. salt,  
1/3 c. plus 1/2 of 1/3 c. sugar  
Melt 1/2 c. Crisco, and add to above mixture. Mix

Add 2 c. hot water to mixture. Mix well.

Sprinkle 1 c. flour and yeast over mixture, beat with whisk. Gradually add 5 c. flour (batter will be soft). Let rise once, punch down. Let rise again. Bake at 350° 30 mins. or until brown on top.

**MICROWAVE PEANUT BRITTLE**

1 c. sugar  
1/2 c. light syrup  
Mix and cook on high four minutes. Mix and add 1 c. raw peanuts and cook on high, four minutes. Add 1 tsp margarine and 1 tsp vanilla. Cook 2 minutes. Add 1 tsp baking soda, mix lightly and spread on greased surface quickly.

**SWEET & SOUR PORK CHOPS**

6 pork chops  
2 c. green pepper rings  
2 c. onion rings  
1 c. sliced celery  
1/2 c. water  
1/2 c. catsup  
1/2 c. sugar  
2 TBS soy sauce  
2 TBS Worcestershire sauce  
2 TBS sweet pickle juice

Roll pork chops in flour, salt and pepper. Place in long pyrex dish. Place vegetables on top. Pour sauce over and cover. Cook 3 hours at 300°F. Uncover, and cook 30 minutes longer. Serve with rice and almonds.

**BEEFY JALAPENOS CORNBREAD**

1 C. + 1 TBS yellow cornmeal (divided)  
1 C. milk  
2 eggs  
3/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. soda  
1/2 c. bacon drippings  
1 (17 oz.) can cream corn  
1 1/2 lb. ground beef  
1 onion (chopped)  
1 (8 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese

Combine 1 cup corn meal, milk, eggs, salt, soda, bacon drippings, and corn in a bowl. Mix and set aside. Sauté ground beef, drain and set aside. Sprinkle remaining corn meal in greased 10 1/2 inch iron skillet. Pour half of corn meal batter into skillet. Sprinkle evenly with beef, top with onions and cheese

**TWINKIE DESSERT (Easy)**

Slice 7 or 8 Twinkies and line bottom of large pyrex dish. Open large can of crushed pineapple and pour juice and fruit over Twinkies. Slice enough bananas (lengthwise) to cover cake and pineapples, then cover with Cool Whip (1 use 12 oz.) you may add coconut, nuts or variety of fruit, but pineapple and bananas are best.

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**A Gift Christmas**

by Earlyne James  
"Bless the little whose only gift was This time of year, everyone else, I can't out what gifts to give. I admit that I enjoy Christmas. However, as the rest of us suspect, all those smiling shoppers down Main Street "Merry Christmas strangers, and carry gaily wrapped packages derivate need of the I have diligently perused every catalog that has in our rural mailbox Christmas season beginning 5th! I really should do something. Have you sheer number of catalog doubled this year? E old standards, you believe the number of have received, even a magazine. The clothes -- some of the are making should be in the privacy of you et!

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# Season's Greetings

Voice of the Caprock Canyons

## The Valley Tribune

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### A Gift of Love Is A Christmas Tonic

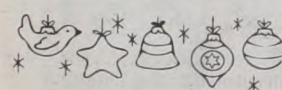
by Earlyne Jameson  
 "Bless the little stable boy, whose only gift was love."  
 This time of year, like nearly everyone else, I can never figure out what gifts to give my loved ones. I admit that some people enjoy Christmas shopping. However, as the rest of us secretly suspect, all those cheerful smiling shoppers trundling down Main Street shouting, "Merry Christmas" at total strangers, and carrying tons of gaily wrapped packages are in desperate need of therapy.  
 I have diligently perused every catalog that has turned up in our rural mailbox since the Christmas season began on July 5th! I really should have found something. Have you noticed the sheer number of catalogs has doubled this year? Besides the old standards, you wouldn't believe the number of catalogs I have received, even a soap opera magazine. The clothes companies -- some of the outfits they are making should only be worn in the privacy of your own closet!

Nothing jumped off the pages and yelled, "Hey, here's the perfect gift for you know who."  
 I remember when my Dad first gave me some money for Christmas shopping; it was so exciting! The lights, gifts, the Christmas music in the background. I took my time, because parting with my money was not easy. I bought my mother a box of bath powder in a pink box, and a large fluffy puff -- all for a quarter! I bought my Dad an ashtray, (my Mother sure complained when he left a cigar in it!) games for my brother and embroidered handkerchiefs for my Sunday School teacher. (I wonder if Lila Meador remembers those handkerchiefs?) I will always remember my first shopping spree.  
 As every mother knows, it is

### Valley School Days

Valley School will turn out for the Christmas Holiday at 2:45 Friday, December 20. Children will return to class on Monday, January 6, 1997.  
 Teachers will have a work day on Friday, January 3, 1997.  
 The School Tax Offices will be closed from December 23 through December 26.  
 Tax offices will be open on Friday December 27 and December 30 and 31st.

School Tax Office  
 Closed  
 December 23-26



the homemade labors of love from our children and grandchildren that are most treasured. Some of these items may be hard to find useful. It was probably a wise parent that coined the phrase, "It's the thought that counts."  
 Even in the midst of our hurried lives we are reminded the whole meaning of Christmas is rooted in Christ's dream of a world in which hope, faith and love would be the motivating forces on which people act. Therefore, we have the presentation of gifts, the expression of goodwill and prayers for world peace. It is a Christmas tonic we need for jaded spirits.

### "A GROWN-UP CHILD'S" LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

The following letter to Santa Claus from a "grown-up child" has been taken from a 1949 paper. This letter is older than this and is anonymous, but we consider it to be good and believe that you will also:

Dear Santa,  
 It has been along time since I have written to you.  
 I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.  
 All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.  
 Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had--the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lode star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.  
 As the years pass, I realized I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have--but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.  
 I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney Santa and please, this is what I want:  
 Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer and please Santa, leave quite a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.  
 Sincerely and thankfully,  
 A Grown-up Child

### Drive Careful During The Holidays

"During this upcoming New Year's Holiday period, all available Department of Public Safety troopers will be on patrol in an effort to reduce violations that could lead to accidents. Through the help and cooperation of the motoring public and their self compliance, that the needed reduction of death and destruction can be realized," says Trooper L. B. Snider, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Department of Public safety troopers urge motorists who plan to go to New Year's parties to plan ahead. Take a designated, drug free driver with you. Be on the safe side, if you are to drink any alcoholic beverage, don't even think about driving, says Snider. Another option would be to secure lodging at the party if possible.

Trooper Snider advises, "If you are hosting a party this holiday, be a responsible host and don't pressure people to drink alcoholic beverages. Have more to drink than alcoholic beverages such as soft drinks, fruit drinks, tea and coffee. Above all, don't let a person drive away from your party when they show any signs of intoxication."

Snider encourages those driving during the holiday to allow extra travel time, to look ahead and about for errant drivers and to buckle your safety belts and have all passengers to do likewise. This security can be the difference in whether you drive or ride through a critical incident and survive or not. "Don't let your passenger (s) jar you from keeping control of your vehicle," says Snider who adds, "Take control and keep in control for a safe and enjoyable New Year."

### Caprock Public Library News

by Arlene Hinkle  
 New books at Caprock Public Library include: *Living Faith* by Jimmy Carter. In a book that describes the values and experiences that have shaped his life, Mr. Carter explains how the religious beliefs he inherited have been transformed into a living faith.  
*Cindy Crawford's Basic Face* by Cindy Crawford, Sonia Kashuk and Kathleen Boyes. Ms Crawford explains how to look your best without looking made-up.  
 For Juveniles: *Dandelions* by Eve Bunting. Zoe and her family are traveling by wagon to a new life, but not all the emotions are happy ones.  
*The Drummer Boy* by Larry Weinberg. Fourteen-year-old Caleb is too young to join the army...but not too young to be a hero.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS!

### Rowdy's Christmas Surprise

by Lawana Cruse

The tree in all its splendor was a grand sight to behold. With its twinkling lights and ornaments, topped with a star of gold. The ranch house smelled of gingerbread on this Christmas Eve night. And in the big rock fireplace, a cheerful fire burned bright. Six-year-old Rowdy scratched his head and twirled his rope and said, "Old Santa Claus will come tonight if I haven't been too bad. I hope he wasn't looking when I roped the old tom cat, Or put the frog in sister's bed or hid big brother's hat. The more I think about it, I'd better get a plan, And find a way that I can have a talk with that fat man." He pondered long and hard until at last his Mama said, "It's been a long day, Rowdy, now you'd better get in bed." "But Mom you just don't understand. I'm staying up tonight. I've got to talk to Santa Claus. I've got to make things right." "Oh, no you're not, so get too bed and get yourself to sleep. If you want Santa Claus to come, don't even try to peep." When everyone had gone to bed, Rowdy crept beneath the tree, And made a loop and hid it so Santa couldn't see. On the other end, he tied a bell that would jingle at a touch, Then he'd jump up and jerk the rope and have Santa in his clutch. Along about midnight, the little bell jingled, and Rowdy was up in a flash; He quickly gave a jerk on the rope, and the next thing he heard was a crash! He hurried to see, and under the tree was a sight that was shocking and sad; Sprawled out on the floor mid presents galore was not Santa Claus but his Dad. After much explaining and straightening things out, Rowdy said, "If Dad won't interfere, I'll come up with a better plan, and I'll catch old Santa next year."

### Quitaque City Council Meets

The Council for the City of Quitaque met Monday, December 9, 1996 at 5:30 p.m. in their regular session for the month.

Members attending were Janise Henson, Rhonda Rogers, Randy Stark, Wilburn Leeper, Mayor Jimmy Davidson, City Administrator Clyde Dudley and City Secretary Maria Cruz.

After minutes were approved the Caprock Public Library report was given. During the month of November, 333 patrons and 314 books were in circulation. Eight video, 5 large print books, 12 reference questions; 26 interlibrary loans and four borrower cards issued.

During November of 1995, 244 patrons had 269 books in circulation.

The Amblunce report stated two runs in November and said that the new radios and the new repeater system has arrived.

The meeting was adjourned after discussion of delinquent bills and bills for the City for the month.

School Tax Office  
 Open  
 December 27 & 30-31

### Briscoe County Clinic Holiday Hours

The Briscoe County Clinic will be closed on December 24 and December 25th for the Christmas holiday and will reopen on December 26th.

The Clinic will close at noon on December 31 and will be closed on Wednesday January 1, 1997.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Calendar of Events

December 29  
 Attend Church of Choice  
 January 1  
 New Year's Day

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### Merry Christmas To All

by J. H. Lowry (taken from 1938 Quitaque Post)

"Whence comes this kindlier feeling toward mankind--this longing to put aside serious problems and play with the children? The answer is CHRISTMAS. Back of all our beautiful customs, sacred memories, benevolent impulses there is a Power--supreme, resistless. It is God imminent in men. In the hearts of every man and every woman there is a spirit of the same nature as the spirit of Jesus, who gave His all for others."

"It was nearly 2,000 years ago that the Star of Bethlehem burst upon the land of David and the Heavenly Choir sang of the Savior of men,

but still the sweet refrain rings around the world and the scenes of that hallowed night recur to gladden the hearts of shepherds on Judean hills when the emblazoned skies announced the coming of the King. "The mightiest tongues and pens have paid tribute and the sweetest voices have sung praises of Christmas, to commemorate and to consecrate this great epoch in human history. Through the ages it has been heaven's message to earth.

"May CHRISTMAS come to you, dear reader, in all its beauty and significance."

### THEN & NOW!

by Eunice McFall

(Washington Irving says it better than I!)  
 And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggles of life, are then reunited, and meet once again in the happy state of companionship and mutual goodwill, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first joys of a future state of existence, provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, does Christmas time awaken!

We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day, a merry and joyous circle. Many of the hearts that throbbed so gaily then, have ceased to beat; many of the looks that shone so brightly then, have ceased to glow; the hands we grasped, have grown cold; the eyes we sought, have hid their lustre in the grave; and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and smiling faces, the jest, the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstance connected with those happy meetings, crowd upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home!

May all the blessings of Christmas be yours this holiday season and abide with you throughout the coming year.



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  - December 29**  
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  - December 31**  
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  - January 1**  
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- December 26**  
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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Smith
  - December 27**  
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Mr. and Mrs. Danny England  
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Mr. and Mrs. Roye Pigg  
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Eudy
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Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Jordan  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane
  - December 30**  
Mr. and Mrs. Michie Maupin  
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston
  - December 31**  
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Martin

**Obituaries**

**Herbert Polk Hall**

Herbert Polk Hall, a former Quitaque resident, died December 18, in California. A memorial service will be held sometime later in Palm Desert, California, where he had lived the past 25 years.  
Hall, who graduated from high school in Quitaque in 1938, was born in Oklahoma March 15, 1920. He was in college when WWII broke out, and volunteered for the Navy. He was stationed in the South Pacific where he was declared a hero, serving until the Japanese surrender.  
He is survived by his wife, Eve; three sons, Jeff, Chuck and Doug; three brothers, Vaughn of Palm Desert, Waney of Bakersfield, CA, and Dan of New Orleans; one sister, Marie Adkernson of Abernathy, TX.



**J. T. Rogers**

Services for J. T. Rogers Jr., 70, was at 10 a.m. Monday, December 23, 1996 at the Quitaque First Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert J. Beck, pastor of South Wayside Baptist Church of Fort Worth, officiating. Anthony Sisemore, pastor, assisted.  
Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery in Quitaque under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Home.  
Mr. Rogers died Friday, December 20, 1996.  
He was born March 19, 1926 in Clovis, New Mexico. He was member and deacon of First Baptist Church.  
He was a farmer, rancher and owner of Dorothy's Ladies Apparel in Plainview.  
Survivors include his wife, Johnnie; three daughters, Rhonda Rogers of Quitaque, Beverly Howard of Amarillo and Joann Sandvig of Rowlett; two sisters, Colene Taylor of Quitaque and Cleota Burns of Norwalk, California and eight grandchildren.  
Pallbearers were Brandon Sarchet, Stan Price, Larry Curry, Randy Stark, Mark Allen and Rusty Henson.  
Honorary pallbearer couples were E. A and Norma Birdwell, J. D. and Patsy James, L. B. and Elizabeth Monk, Slug and Lila Ramsey, O. R. and Mary Stark, Bob and Jacquelyn Ham, Don and Marion Johnston, Bruce and Betty Price, Wes and Alice Shivers and S. J. and Opal Young.

**Brown Smith**

Services for Marvin Brown Smith, 90, were held Friday, December 20, 1996 at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeff Taylor officiating.  
Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Spicer Funeral Home.  
Mr. Smith was born July 14, 1906 at Indian Creek near Memphis. He married Vallie Oree Moore who preceded him in death on December 26, 1964. He married Orelia Monzingo in 1968 in Odessa, Texas who preceded him in death on November 20, 1996.  
Mr. Smith was a farmer and a lifetime resident of the Hall County area. He was a Methodist.  
Mr. Smith died December 17, 1996 in San Antonio, Texas.  
Survivors include two sons, Truman Smith of San Antonio, Marvin Smith of Black Hawk, Colorado and a daughter, Iris Palmer of San Antonio; a sister Jo Mae Merrell of Quitaque and two grandsons.

**Lucille Eddleman**

Services for Lucille Hulsey Eddleman, 79, of Silverton will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton with the Rev. Anthony Sisemore, pastor of First Baptist Church in Quitaque officiating.  
Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.  
She died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, at her home.  
She was born Aug. 28, 1917, in Paris, Texas. She married Hartley Clark Eddleman in 1936, and he died in 1972. Two daughters, Ladora Lucille Eddleman Rowell and Patsy Ann Eddleman Stockton, and a grandson also preceded her in death. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Quitaque.  
Survivors include two sons, Gary Mark and Charles, both of Silverton; a brother, Jack Hulsey of Washburn; a sister, Hazel Brooks of Hereford; five granddaughters and 14 great-grandchildren.  
Pallbearers will be Ron Hulsey, Robert Hulsey, Gary Rowell, Richard Eddleman, Lane Cushenberry, Joe Alvin Young, Randall Eddleman and Clyde "Bobo" Morrison.

**Christmas Memories**

by Mrs. S. T. Bogan (1936)  
While I sit by my gas fire  
I hear a neighbor cutting wood  
And again tonight if I could  
I'd fulfill my lonely hears desire,  
Go sit in front of an old fire place  
In the usual place of mine,  
While I'd watch the firelight shine  
On my old Granddaddy's face,  
I'd hear again the Christmas story  
Of the Babe of Bethlehem,  
How he came to a world of sin  
As the angels sang of heaven's glory,  
Granddaddy said 't was in a manger  
Where horses and cattle were fed,  
They had to make His bed,  
Here rested the little stranger  
He told me how Wise Men brought  
their gifts  
To show their love for Him,  
Whose reign of love was to begin  
The weight of sin from hearts to lift.  
The Christmas fire no longer burns  
In Granddaddy's fire place;  
Only cherished memories of his old face  
Can heal my heart that yearns  
To hear again the Christmas story  
From his lips that death has stilled  
And his life's mission filled  
For he, too, has gone to glory.

**Why the Christmas Tree Wears Icicles**

Shining icicles are part of the pretty Christmas picture. Another old story gives a reason.  
One wintry night the Christ child was wandering through a forest. It was cold and he knew he must find shelter for the night. The trees were bare. But a pine tree with low-hanging branches offered some protection from the wind.  
When the pine tree, with its presence that is know only to God, realized it was caring for the Christ Child, tears of joy fell from its branches. As they fell, they froze into icicles.  
In the morning the pine tree had been transformed into a vision of dazzling brilliance.  
And that is why at Christmastime we trim the tree with icicles.



**The Friendly Beasts**

Jesus our brother, strong and good,  
Was humbly born in a stable rude,  
And the friendly beasts around Him stood,  
Jesus our brother, strong and good.  
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
"I carried His mother up hill and down,  
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town;"  
"I," said the cow all white and red,  
"I gave him my hay to pillow His head;"  
"I," said the sheep with curly horn,  
"I gave him my wool for His blanket warm,  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn;"  
"I," said the sheep with his curly horn,  
"I," said the dove, from the rafters high,  
"Cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I,  
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I;"  
"I," said the dove, from the rafters high,  
And every beast, by some good spell,  
In the stable dark was glad to tell,  
Of the gift he gave Immanuel,  
The gift he gave Immanuel.  
Author Unknown

**The Legend of the Woodman and the Little Stranger**

Once upon a time, many years ago, there lived a woodman and his family in a little cottage deep in the forest.  
When Christmas Eve came, the family sat down to a meagre meal, but their spirits were rich with gratitude that they had anything to eat, and a roof over their heads against the snowstorm raging outside. They were grateful too, for the fire burning briskly in the grate.  
As they were partaking of their thin soup there was a gentle knock on the door. "Who, I wonder," said the woodman, "is coming to see us on such a bitter night?" But he opened the door, letting the snowflakes blow in. There stood a child, pale and tired and shivering in ragged clothes. The family quickly brought him in, put warm, dry clothes on him and gave him some hot soup and bread. Then the woodman's wife, a kindly soul, gently put him to bed on the cot where her son usually slept.  
After a time the whole family went to bed. During the night they were awakened by the sound of singing, the most beautiful to fall on mortal ears, for when they looked out the window they saw it was coming from a choir of angels!  
In the center of the choir stood the little boy, dressed in splendid robes, and around him a radiance which out-dazzled the white snow about him.  
Awed by the spectacle, the woodman and his family knew at once that the little visitor was the Christ child, and bowed in reverence.

**Why The Christmas Tree Wears Tinsel**

One of the most beloved stories is about the little spiders and how they helped trim the tree.  
According to the old tale, one Christmas morning after the tree had been trimmed, it reposed there in all its glory, awaiting the children.  
Every old house (and many a new) has spiders; curious creatures that they are, they wanted to see the lovely tree, too, not just from the floor, but up close. So they crept all over it until they had satisfied themselves completely that the tree was indeed a wonderfully beautiful thing. But as the crept, they left cobwebs...beautiful, also to Nature's eyes, but not so attractive to mothers.  
When the Christ child came to bless the tree, he realized that the mother of the household would be dismayed. So He touched the webs...and they all turned to silver.  
Ever since that time Christmas trees are hung with shining tinsel.

**TURKEY NEWS**

Ronald and Kay Eudy of Austin visited Lewis and Mozelle Eudy and Burl and Vida Pierce over the week-end of December 20. The occasion was to celebrate Mozelle's 80th birthday. They all went to Childress for lunch. Later in the afternoon they enjoyed a beautiful cake and gifts for the honoree. Byron Young, Mary Beth Adamson and Melvin and Guyretta Clinton visted later in the afternoon.  
Mozelle was amazed by all the beautiful cards she received. Dan Longbine said he had never put so many cards in a box in one day! There were many telephone calls also. Mozelle expressed the wish that God could richly bless everyone else on their journey to their 80th birthday as he had her.  
Bill and Cleo Green of Slaton visited Lewis and Mozelle Eudy on December 14 and brought poinsettias to place on all the Eudy and Richardson graves in Dreamland Cemetery.



**FUTURE OPENINGS**

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LIVE CATTLE	DEC. 8869
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**J.T. Rogers, Jr.**

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So he put his arms around you and whispered "J.T., come with me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you slowly fade away. Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay... A golden heart stopped beating, Your hardworking hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only took the best.  
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The Valley **Bett** THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa  
My name is Randy  
ber is P.O. Box 382.  
I want a game  
want a John Force  
want a Titanic ship  
pellit gun. I want a  
Camaro. I want a  
fule dragster toy. I  
py.  
You best, Randy

Santa,  
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**Flowers**  
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Buddy P  
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# Letters to Santa Claus

THIRD GRADE LETTERS

Dear Santa

My name is Randy. My box number is P.O. Box 382. I will give you cookies. I want a game boy game. I want a saga. I want a computer. I want a John Force funny car toy. I want a Titanic ship model. I want a pellet gun. I want a remow troll car Camaro. I want a Scot Keleta top fule dragster toy. I also want a puppy.

Your best, Randy Farley

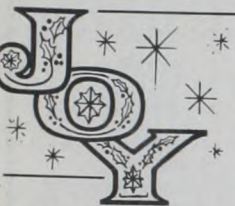
Santa,

I want a doll some a bike. I want some a Walky talky walk e talkie the I want fax machine I want a teddy bear. Would like a good book to read a four wheeler. I would like to have set of five books. I would like to have a case of teacher books. I would like to have seven lakers I would like a box of cookies. I would a Nike cap would like to have a pair of Nike shirts. I would like a Nike cat.

Santa tan bye  
Zenaida

Dear Santa,

My name is Chance. I want a kitar doctors dreadful land and electronect keroty fighters. race car with a contro. a phone a buzz light gear. dallas cowboy helmet. a lether jacket. a mikal jordan jersey. thanks for the stuf last year. your freind Chance.



Happy holidays!  
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Christmas the best  
ever.

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Buddy Price  
Pat Rucker, Sue Proctor

Santa,

I want a bike, computer, Nine-tendo roller blades, a big soft panda, a little chalkboard, a little soft lion, a termometer, a watch for my sister and a teddy bear for my baby sister. Thanks for bringing my cousin and me a dear last year. Thanks for bringing my cousin age some trucks.

Your truly friend, Ana Rosa

Dear Santa, I Netha Marie Greene.

I would like to have a computer a walkytalky a rodo a bike a teddy bear a I would like to have a watch for my mom. I would like to have a chalkboard, a snow flack I would like to have a four wheeler for my dad.

Thank you Santa, Letha

Santa,

My name is Luis I like a red car I like a brown horse to play with I like a big bike to play with my friends. Could you bring me the movie of Independence Day thank you.

Luis

Dear Santa,

Thanks for the bike this year. This year I want some roller blades and I want some close and I want a Sega a Cid weth it. And I want a computer for my mom and dad. I want a Donky Kong part 3. I want some waky takys this year. I want the four-wheeler. and I want a house in Pampa this year.

Your friend Cassandra

P.s. please give my sister a car.  
P.s. please give my brother a car.

Dear Santa,

I want a wagon and a race car or a race car track. I also want a super ninetendo tape and some more tapes for my game boy. I want a jeep race car.

Your best,  
Jonathan Farley

Dear Santa,

I want a go kart for Chirsmas and I will leave out milk and cookies for you please bring me a pair of chaphs and cowboy boots and a real horse and a saddle pleas get me a four-wheeler. bring me some spurs.

Your best, Rhiane

## Trim The Tree With Cookies

Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations, and baking cookie ornaments to hang on the tree is a project children of all ages will enjoy.

Choose a homemade cookie recipe that's quick and versatile. *Easy Cookie Ornaments*, a slice and bake oatmeal cookie, offers several ways for young bakers to shape and decorate.

The recipe uses on-hand ingredients including whole grain oats which impart a nutty, wholesome flavor. After all, Quaker oats has been a trusted baking ingredient for generations.

Depending upon a child's age and skill level, the chilled dough can be sliced to form round ornaments or the slices can be shaped into angels. Before baking, poke a hole in the top of each cookie. To hang the ornaments on the tree, thread a licorice string through the hole and tie into a loop.

For more holiday recipes, send name and complete address to: Holiday Favorites from Quaker Oats, P.O. Box 487, Dept. N, Chicago, IL 60690-0487. Please allow three to four weeks for delivery.

### Easy Cookie Ornaments

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

Beat butter, sugar and vanilla until creamy. Add combined flour, oats and salt; mix well. Divide dough in half; shape each half into a roll, about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in plastic wrap; chill about 3 hours. Heat oven to 350°F. Unwrap rolls and cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Poke hole at top of each cookie with drinking straw. (Repeat immediately after baking if hole closes.)



Bake 11 to 13 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Insert candy licorice string or ribbon through hole of decorated cookie. Tie ends together.  
About 3-1/2 Dozen

**Decorating Ideas:**  
**Glitter Cookies:** Sprinkle cookie slices with colored sugar crystals before baking.

**Holiday Gem Cookies:** Decorate cooled cookies with purchased icing and small candies.

**Heavenly Angels:** Cut each slice in half, forming half circles. Place half circles on cookie sheet so round edges touch. Make heads by rolling small portions of dough into balls; gently press between tops of wings. Poke hole at top of each wing; bake as directed. Decorate as desired.

**Christmas Trees:** Place small tree shaped cookie cutter in center of each cookie slice. Sprinkle area around cookie cutter with green sugar crystals. Carefully lift up cookie cutter. Poke hole at top; bake as directed.

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## What Once Was Old Is New Again Classic Toys With A Twist Provide Long-Lasting Fun For All Generations

(NAPS)—What do Tinkertoys, pop-up toys, erector sets and alkaline batteries have in common? They're classic products from yesterday, but now they have a new twist to capture the attention of today's electronic-savvy youngsters.

According to toy experts Joanne and Stephanie Oppenheim, classic toys and accessories updated to be more interactive and engaging, top the list of this year's holiday favorites. The Oppenheims are co-founders of *The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio*, an organization that researches the best and brightest children's gifts, and authors of a new book, *The Best Toys, Books, Videos & Software for Kids 1997*.

"Even without a lot of new innovations introduced this year, toy manufacturers have redesigned classic toys that will engage and entertain kids," said Joanne Oppenheim.

Many trendy toys of today are simply the tried and true toys of yesterday, which the Oppenheims call their Blue-Chip Classics. A few examples from this year's list include:

- **Talking Pop-Up Pals (Tyco)**—The classic peek-a-boo toy for toddlers now comes with sound for added fun.
  - **Little People School Bus (Fisher-Price)**—It now has a ramp and wheelchair.
  - **Duplos (Lego Systems)**—Bigger Baby Duplo blocks are easier for babies to connect.
  - **American Girl of Today (Pleasant Co.)**—The doll now has 20 different skin, hair and eye colors to choose from to better reflect the diversity of today's society. An accompanying wheelchair also is available.
  - **Erector Ultimate Control Moon Trekker (Meccano)**—Remote control fun is now added to this classic construction toy.
- With these high-powered toys on kids' wish lists, it's no wonder



nearly half of all batteries are sold during the holidays. This year, parents can breathe a sigh of relief. Energizer brand batteries has updated its own product by introducing the new on-battery tester available in AA, C and D cell sizes.

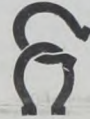
"The on-battery tester is a perfect example of Energizer taking the ordinary and making it extraordinary," said Harriet Blickenstaff, spokesperson for Energizer.

The new Energizer battery allows consumers to test battery power on the spot by pressing two green dots. At full power, the word "Good" appears in the tester window. When the tester stays completely black, less than 25 percent of the power is remaining and the battery may soon need replacing.

The Oppenheims' complete list of Blue-Chip Classics and other great toy suggestions are profiled in a free consumer brochure, *Toys with Play Power: A Growth-up's Guide to Great Kids' Stuff*. The brochure also includes a special coupon for a free copy of the Oppenheims' book (a \$13.00 value), available with two proofs of purchase from any Energizer on-battery tester pack plus \$1.50 shipping and handling. Call: 1-800-KIDS-450.

## Season's Best

May your hearth  
be warmed by the  
joy of Christmas!



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## Dreaming Of A White Christmas

by E. B. Thompson (1946)

Any thought of being exactly literal with the great writing of the Prophets seems to me a bit artificial and unreal. They were not just forecasters of coming events after the fashion of a crazy-quilt or crossword puzzle—they were great preachers of righteousness, speaking first and primarily to their own people. Their message for the generations that followed them is in the grasping of their spirit—their dreams—their longings!

Isaiah dreamed of a world order that would make right and peaceful the relations of men; "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain"; for the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea....For out of Zion shall forth the law and the word of the Lord...."

It is a far cry from the narrow limited confines of Isaiah's known world and universe to ours, but we have never overtaken that dream. We are still striving to bring to pass

the implications of it. Men still gather in their councils to devise ways and means of making it come true.

It is a long long way from the prophet of old to Irving Berlin, but their songs are much alike after all! Were they both not singing of "A White Christmas"? Were they not both dreaming of much the same thing? It is true. And, our Christmases will never all be white, until the light of the Lord of Glory shines in hearts everywhere, and His whiteness, and His brightness is ours. Let us keep dreaming that lofty dream and working to make it come true.



**PEACE  
on EARTH**

May the peace that passes  
understanding begin in each heart  
and encompass the whole world at Christmas.

**City of Quitaque**  
CITY COUNCIL  
Clyde, Duke, Junior, Maria

May the  
timeless  
spirit of  
Christmas  
warm your  
hearts this  
season and  
always.

**JOYOUS NOEL**  
**ROBERT HALL**  
**CHEVROLET**  
JAYTON, TEXAS



# 4th Graders Write to Santa

Dear Santa Clause,  
for Chrimtine I want a football sind by E. Simth. Then I want some close for Chrimtine. Then I want a falwerle or a bikes.  
Love, Matthew.  
I am think for my brothers family.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing will I will ansews you my self your ok. I bet you are tired, will you gest net one more stop. If I was you I will be tired. I wish I well get the toy that I want. it is the coolest toy in the world. Sant'a am going to tall you whath I want' for Christmas. I won't school teacher Barbie with the to student. Will that want' I want' . bye.  
Well bye Santa, Love Santana,  
I'm thankful for not living in the streets.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. This year I would like a TV or a radio ether one. I don't dare. I also want a slinky and a puppy of my own. Another thing I want is a Cabbage Patch doll because I collect them.

Love Paige  
Thanks have a happy Christmas. I am thankful for all my animals and all my friends.

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bike for Christmas and a barbie doll. I wish you a merry Christmas.  
Merry Christmas,  
Love, Guadalupe  
I am thankful for my family.

Dear Satac  
This year I want a bike and a rolldollar and I also was looking for you. I have been a good boy this year. I will have a good Christmas.  
Love Daniel  
I am thankful for your toys.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this eyar. For Christmas I would like a Honda 80 or 60-speed dirt-bike. I would also like a small T.v. and a couple of Sega games, a new BB pistot, and surprizes.

Your friend, Matt Whittington ps. please tell the reindeer, the elves and Mrs. Clause "hi" for me.  
I am thankful for my friends and all my family.

Merry Christmas  
Dear Santana Clause for Christmas I want a Easy Bake, a set that has my burstone, mittens, snow boots, snow hat, Barbie.  
Veronica  
I am thankful for my family

Dear Santa,  
How are you I am fine. How is Mrs. Clause and your elves. I guess you think i forgot about your raindeer how are they. I am going to leave some cookis for you this Christmas. Do you know what I want for Christmas this year? A Gameboy, La Baby Twins, Wooden Art case whith an art set in it. Hope you have a good Cristmas and a Happy New Years to.  
Love, Christine Walls  
I am tankful for my mom.

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa, This are the thinks I want for Christmas, Santa. I want a cassette with ear phones and roller blades and a barbie. This is all I want for Christmas, Santa.  
Love, Isabel Valdes  
I am thankful for you Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a Sega, a game boy, basketeball, football, watch, TV, and a skate board, basketeball net, and a toy truck with a remote control, bb gun.  
You'r s truely, Juan Mendoza  
I am thankful for myself for so nice.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am fine. For Christmas I would like some Winnie the Pooh houseshoes and a puzzle. I already have lots of other toys from my older brothers and sister, so I don't need much. I have been such a good boy. I am only two, so I really haven't had much time to be bad. I live 3 miles west of Quitaque in a rock house with red roof. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love, Ben Seth Ramsey

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. clause and the elvs? How are the reindeer? I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like some legos and a gameboy. I would also like a race track for my toy cars.  
YOur friend, Zack Ramsey  
I am thankful for my family



Dear Santa,  
I won't a new pare of Roler blades. And I won't a new bike. I won't a new telephone. I won't a tedy bare. I won't some new pants, shirt, and shorts. And I won't a new sweter.  
Love, Stephanie  
I am thankful for my animles and my perents

Dear Santa,  
How are you doint? I am fine. I want drums for Christmas. My sister wants a CD player that you carry a round. My baby sister wants a new changing a pad for her table. We all want to see our whole family and our friends for Christmas.  
Love, Chelsea Wheeler,  
I am thankful for you Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll for Christmas. And I want a stuff bear. And I want a dog. I want a swimming pool. I want a Bible.  
Love, Melissa  
I am thankful for my baby sister

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I wish for  
A bike  
A pair of roler blades  
A TV  
A four wheeler  
Ear phones CD player  
A stereo  
A puppy  
And to see my family  
Love Enedina Valdez Celis  
I am really tankful for all you have given us  
Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a CD player and some CDs I want a bigsscren tv and a Sega. I want a verbal boy. 10,00000 dollars and a girlfriend.  
Love, Jake  
I am tankful of my family

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike for Christmas. I want a monckantroll boat for Christmas to. I even want a computer to. But wat I want a dirt bike the most Santa. I want a tv to for Christmas.  
Love, Cody  
I am thankful for my family

## Experts offer tips for effective playtime with baby

Before the computer, school books and flash cards, the most important learning tools are baby's playthings. And Mommy and Daddy are the most important playmates and teachers.

To help parents and babies get the most out of playtime, Sassy Toys for Baby is introducing a new line of creative, colorful toys designed by Dr. Jay Hirsch, a child psychiatrist and professor emeritus of psychiatry and Renée Hirsch, child development expert. The toys provide experiences in four areas the Hirsches and other child development experts have identified as critical to baby's optimal growth and development:

- Moving and Exploring
- Interacting and Feeling
- Communicating and Talking
- Thinking and Learning

The Hirsches offer tips for playing effectively with babies in each of the four developmental areas:

**To Develop Moving and Exploring:**

- Play daily with baby
- Although babies should sleep on their backs, watch as baby plays on his/her tummy to strengthen shoulder and neck muscles.

**Encourage reaching for toys**  
Toy Tip: Encourage early investigation with rattles and mobiles: Continue to develop interest with toys of various textures and colors; move on to different shapes and parts that fit together.

**To Develop Interacting and Feeling:**

- Cuddle and hold baby; infants can't be spoiled by attention
- Show delight in baby while cuddling, feeding and changing
- Let baby touch your face and look into your eyes
- Talk and sing to your baby; play music

**Toy Tip:** Soft blankets, small plush dolls, and colorful objects with smiley faces encourage a sense of security and happiness; later, mirror play helps to establish a sense of self.

**To Develop Communicating and Talking:**

- Imitate baby's sounds and say them back; as baby gets older, take turns making sounds
- Offer rattles with a variety of textures to stimulate oral/motor development

- Call baby by name
- Sing nursery rhymes
- Point to and label simple objects

**Toy Tip:** Talk to your baby while playing, use simple toys baby can suck on, then chew and teethe on. Toy telephones, small dolls and toys with sounds that baby can say (e.g., ball, bee, baby) are helpful for early word production; repetition and rhythm are helpful.

**To Develop Thinking and Learning:**

- Stimulate baby's senses with varied textures, objects and soft sounds
- Play peek-a-boo; drop a noisy toy and let baby look for it
- Play pointing/hiding games with toys
- Play stacking and container dropping games on the floor

**Toy Tips:** Provide toys with different colors, textures, shapes and sizes; offer simple puzzles and in-out toys; encourage baby's explorations and repetition which result in learning.



In Australia and New Zealand, many people celebrate Christmas by going to the beach.



Season's greetings

**HELM'S IRRIGATION**

JOY TO THE WORLD

We'd like to join with all of you in praying for worldwide peace and harmony this holiday season.

**TURKEY POST OFFICE**  
Dan & Rita

Inetha & George

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you a world of good cheer this season.

To all those whose friendship we value so much, go our season's greetings and sincere appreciation for your loyal support and confidence.

**JUDGE DALE RAMSEY & FAMILY**

Noel

A joyous holiday season to you and yours!

Jim, Kay Patti & Joyce

J & K Insurance

HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Here's hoping your home and heart be filled with joy and good will this Holiday Season.

**CITY AUTO, INC.**

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JOY TO THE WORLD!

Payne's Family Pharmacy

To all our valued customers we offer our gratitude and good wishes for a happy holiday season.

JOYOUS TIDINGS

**JOHN'S SERVICE CENTER**

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Our good reputation is built upon service, but our success is due to good customers like you. Happy holiday and thanks.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT LUMBER**  
Matador, TX

ALL DRESSED UP AND READY TO GO!

OUR VERY BEST WISHES ARE ON THE WAY.

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Have A Marvelous, Mesmerizing, Miraculous, Magnificent, Momentous, Mystical, Memorable, Moving, Monumental, Magical Christmas!

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Jack, Debbie, Jamie, Richard, Ryan, Jessica & Dennis



# Dear Santa, I Want A....



Dear Santa  
I want a trampoline and a kind of game we bene good wear 1 and 4 and 5 and thats all i want. I will leave cookies.  
Thank you, Dalton

Dear Santa  
I want a trampoline and a new big football because mine is dirty. Please bring my baby brother Brennan something too even though he cries a lot. I am 4 years old now  
Thank you,  
Landon

Dear Santa,  
I want one of those hot wheels, also a car with remote control. I will leave you milk and cookies on the little table in the living room.  
I love you Santa,  
Brady Ramsey

I would like a toy rifle, little gun with a gun belt and a bandana. Also I would like a remote control monster truck, rifle.  
Love, Austin Mosley

Dear Santa I would like a little kitchen littles, a baby doll with a bottle and blanket and a bike. Also I would love an easy-bake oven.  
Thank you  
Chancy Campbell.  
P.S. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk in the kitchen on the bar.

Dear Santa I would like a Barbie Mini Van, an easy bake oven and red finger polish.  
Thank you, love Callie Helms  
P.S. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk on the bar.

Dear Santa  
Please send me a little kitchen little, an easy bake oven, and a baby doll. Thank you  
Love Jordan Jenkins.  
P.S. I will leave you milk and chocolate chip cookies on the bar.

Dear Santa  
I would like a kitchen littles, Barbie Mini-van, a Baby Magan, Barbie CD, pink perfume and red fingernail polish. I love Rudolph.  
Love, Amber Sisemore.  
P.S. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk on the coffee table. Love, Amber

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Alive that chews and eats. I will leave cookies and milk.  
I love you, Rachel Whitman

Dear Santa, I want some cars. I will leave you some beans.  
Love, Francisco Pozos

Dear Santa,  
A Barbie that holds a bird, also a doll that crawls. I will leave you cookies under the Christmas tree.  
I love you Santa, Jennifer Wilks

Dear Santa, I want real tools and any kind of toys.  
I love you dear Santa,  
Tommy J. Greene

### FIFTH GRADE LETTERS TO SANTA WERE SET ON COMPUTER BY THE STUDENTS

Dear Santa,  
I am going to tell you what I want most, and what I want for Christmas.

Santa One thing I like most about you is your bright red suit that has fur all over it. I also like it when you laugh and your tummy shakes like a bowl full of jelly. Another reason why I like you is because you give me presents and other neat stuff. Another reason why is because you have nice red cheeks and shiny blue eyes. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some nice Nike shoes, a wonder world set, and a 10 speed bike. If you give me the things I want I will give you a glass of milk and some cookies.

Sincerely your's,  
Jessica Wellman

Dear Santa, I would like an easy-bake oven and a car that slides in and out. Also I would like some jewelry, red perfume and red fingernail polish and a mini-van car. and kitchen little.  
Love Morgan Saul  
p.s. I will leave you milk and cookies on the table.

Dear Santa I want a football helmet, football, a shirt with it, football pants, football shoes.  
Love you, Ethan Reynolds

Dear Santa,  
A little baby doll. Candy  
Love, Ana Maria Mora

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that swims in the bathtub. A bear that glows in the dar. Grocery store Barbie,  
Love, Leslie Payne. I will leave you cookies.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Christmas tree. A barbie doll  
Love Angelica Cruz

Dear Santa  
A little doll. A Barbie doll  
Love, Maria Valdes

Dear Santa,  
I want a ninteno and a unicorn that glows in the dark. I will leave you a Coke.  
I love you Santa,  
Shawn Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar, black but not real. I will leave you cookies and milk. I also want a remote control race car.  
Love you Santa, Mitchell Farley

Dear Santa,  
I want a go cart, also a shotgun. I will leave you cookies and milk on the kitchen table.  
Love you Santa, John Luke

Dear Santa,  
I want a Pocohantos also a baby doll that crawls. I will leave you cookies.  
I love you, Sandybel Alanis

Dear Santa,  
I want a big motorcycle you get on and ride, also a car with remote control  
Love Ryan S. Fuentes

Happy Holidays

What I want for Christmas  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a few things. I think I deserve them because I have been pretty good this year. Well, since I have been good, the few things that I want are a brandnew pair of Nike Air shoes. I would also like a new bike because my old one is getting pretty worn out. I would also like to have a computer! Well those are the few things I would like to have so now I will just have to wait and see if I can get it now. Well Santa I am now going to let you go and please give me at least one of these things that I want!  
Yours Truly,  
Connie Darlene Reid!

Dear Santa,  
I want two or three things for Christmas from you. I would like a computer and Nike Air shoes too! Please give me at least one or both if you want.  
\You friend, Olivia Greene

Dear Santa,  
I want 8 things for Christmas I want a bike, Nintendo Game, and I want a Dallas Cowboys Starter Jacket, and I want some clothes. I want a pellet gun and I want a new pair of Nike's shoes. I also want a Michael Jordan jersey and some Nike's shorts.  
Love, Adam Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I want three things for Christmas is a Play Station with a Play Station CD rom called Rhode Racer and a four Wheeler, and a good Christmas for my family.  
Anthony Ryan Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I want three things for Christmas is a Play Station with a Play Station CD rom called Rhode Racer and a four Wheeler, and a good Christmas for my family.  
Anthony Ryan Ortiz



Merry Christmas  
May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family.  
JENNIFER AUSTON

## "Unto Us A Child Is born"

by Delos Johnson  
A baby is born to us! Announce the expected birth of a baby and hearts are filled with joy. It is our baby. It may be our first baby; or first grandchild, or first great-grandchild. Or it could be our seventeenth grandchild. There is a special thrill accompanying the birth of a baby that we can call ours.

Isaiah the prophet announced, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Seven centuries later Gabriel, the angel of God, told the virgin Mary she was going to have a baby. He said her baby would become great and be called the "Son of God."

But Mary must share her baby with the whole world for unto us a child would be born.

When Jesus was born the Lord's angel appeared to shepherds in the field with their sheep. Most likely those shepherds were total strangers to Mary. Yet he said to them, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people... for unto you is born this day..." Yes, the baby was theirs,—and ours—also.

He did not remain a baby forever. He is now our Teacher to teach us the Way of Life. He is our Saviour. He died to take away our sins. As we celebrate His birth we also confess Him as, "Our Lord; our God; our Redeemer."

The baby whose birth we celebrate does not belong to just one family; one community; one nation; or one race of people. He belongs to all who will accept Him.

For unto us a child is born  
Unto us a son is given.

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
We've enjoyed serving you this past year — thanks for your patronage.  
**FLOMOT GIN**  
O.J., Ruth, Roger, Carmin  
Josh & Brandon

The Simple Things Bring Us the Greatest Joys  
Our thanks for your loyal patronage. Merry Christmas to you and your family.  
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Joys of the Season  
During This Christmas Season We Wish Everyone Love, Peace & Joy  
May the time you spend this season with family, loved ones and friends be moments which you will cherish throughout your life.  
WILDA, MARY, VICKI, NANCY, BONNIE, JAMES  
**TURKEY BRANCH**  
Memphis State Bank  
MEMBER FDIC

Season's Greetings  
QUITAQUE POST OFFICE  
Clara Ruth, Gelene, Inetha & Barbara

GLAD TIDINGS  
May your holidays be filled with happiness and wonder!  
Greetings from the entire staff and management of  
**Script Printing & Office Supply**

Best Wishes  
Good health, good friends...all the best to you at Christmas!  
**WTU**  
LARRY DOZIER PAM FIELDS

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
A wish that your Christmas blooms with happiness, love and caring!  
**DALE'S '66 STATION**  
Dale, Darlene, Julla, Justin, and Jennifer

We Know Who's Been Nice...  
And we'd like to acknowledge you by extending our very warmest wishes for a very, merry season. It's always a pleasure to serve you.  
**Lee's Insurance**  
ORVILLE & RUTH



# Dear Santa. I've Been Good

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I would like to have some walky talkys. I would like to have a 15-speed bike. I would like to have a tweety bird watch. I would like to have a pair of roller blades. I would like to have ice skates. I would like to have a computer. I would like to have a Nike cap, a Nike shirt, and Nike a pair of Nike shorts, a sega, and a chalk board.  
p.s. I am thankful for you giving me a house. Thank you, Santa Claus. (no signature)

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a four-wheeler and a tent also will you bring me a computer for me and my brother please will you get me a sega. I also want some roller blades. I want a jersey of the Cowboys of Deon Sanders. with some pads will you bring me a helmet and will you bring me a radio with a CD player.  
to Santa, from Kevin O.

Dear Santa,  
I want a telescope and a kiten and a computer for my mom and dad and in my stoking I want a Dallas cowboy's watch and I would like some blue ice skates also a cowboy's helmet that is real to play in also solder pads and pants but the knee pads come with it. I want a radio to with one CD with it.  
Your friend, Cody B.  
ps. get some thing for my dad.

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a socker ball with the goals. Will you bring me a talkboy? Will you bring me a saddle? Will you bring me a four-wheeler? Will you bring me a Segga? I want a computer? I need a bride. Can you get me some roller blades? I need a bike. Please bring me a set of walkie-talkies. Thank you for the wonderful things you got me last year.  
Larriisa

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for my doll you got me last year. This year I want a bike for Christmas. Can you send me a Segga this year with Mario and the green dude. Can I have a new pair of shoes. I love coloring books can you get me one. Can you get a baby kitty for my friend Cassandra.  
Your friend, Elisa Cagle  
ps. Can you give my dad a new puppy.

Dear Santa, I want a barbie car and barbies. I also want a pair of roller blades with pads and a helmet with gloves. I also want a doll houses with dolls. I also want a computer with games. I also want a CD player. I also want a play medical center for my baby sister. I also want a super Ninetendo for me. I also want lots of suits for my baby sister.  
Your friend, Rosalie.  
ps. please drink and eat all the drinks and treats.

Dear Santa, My name is Fernando. I want a Segga Saturn with the game of Ganic and Tais part two. I want a remote control car with no cable on it. I want some roller blades. I also want a mountain bike than you for the remote control car last year. I really like to play with it, and I really enjoy it.  
Love Fernan Regalado,  
Thank you Santa

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I am Robert. I want a cowboy visit and hat, spurs, I want two computers, bike gear. I want a sega. I want some rope. I won't a Super Ninetendo. I want 1 rubber tire tubes. I won't a chalk board with chalk. A fan. A thermometer. A mat that shows the world.  
Yours truly, Robert Webster  
ps. thank you for the cars.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie car and Barbies. I also want a pair of roller-blades with pads and helmet. with gloves. I also want a doll house with dolls. I also want a computer with games. I also want a s.d. player. I also want a play medical center for my baby sister. I also want a super ninetendo I also want a lots of suits for my baby sister.  
Your friend, Jennifer Carnes  
ps. please drink and eat all milk and cake

Dear Santa,  
Erica to Santa,  
I want a bike. I even want a computer. I do want a walky talky. I want some roller blades. I do want an amanal panda. I really want some skates please give me walkie talkie. I would like you to give my sisters a walkie talkie and my brother a teddy bear please give me a radio and a cd. Thanks for the doll last year.  
Erica

Dear Santa,  
my name is Mora Mora. Will you please send skates? So I can use them outside and let my sister use outside to. I hope you bring things to all the world. So can you please bring me another thing and thats a watch. So I can know the hours and minutes. My sister will need one, too. So can you bring me another thing. Will you please bring me a big bike.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Santa I would like for you to bring me a doll with some doll clothes. Also, could you bring me a bike. I live in Turkey across the Bob Will's Center. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
I love you, Yesenia Regalado

DEar Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a bike. I would also like to ask you for a big ball to play with. If you have some extra room please bring me a doll. Also I will leave you some milk and cookies when you come by. I hope you have a safe trip.  
Love, Asencion Pozos



**GREETINGS**

Just want to say we hope your Yule's the merriest!

from Katy

**HEADS AND HEELS**

## Ways To Improve Your Life

**How To Keep New Year's Resolutions**  
(NAPS)—Making New Year's resolutions is easy. Keeping those resolutions is a challenge—unless you learn some of the basic rules of self motivation. Don't make a resolution unless you think the change will make you happier and improve your life. Here are some tips on making resolutions a little more manageable from The DMC Corporation, the leading manufacturer of Embroidery Floss and fine needlework threads:

- Tackle one resolution at a time. You're more likely to stick to your resolutions if you don't try and accomplish everything at once.
- Word your resolutions positively. Instead of resolving to "stop eating junk food," tell yourself that you'll "eat more healthy foods."
- Make a resolution to relax with a new hobby. Needlework, like cross-stitch, needlepoint and crochet, is a great way to get your mind off of your troubles and create something beautiful in the process. It's a proven stress reliever too. It's easier to follow through with other resolutions if you're not feeling "stressed out."
- Reward yourself for accomplishing your goals. If you lose five

pounds, treat yourself to a new outfit, a massage, or a weekend getaway.

- Try not to punish yourself for a setback. It's understandable that you might miss a few days at the gym. Just make it up by going an extra day next week.
- Think positively. Failure is not falling down. It's falling down and not getting up again.



Merry Christmas

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**Best Wishes**

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Put your feet up...relax...and bask in the glow of our warm thoughts and holiday wishes.

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**HOMES IS WHERE THE HEART IS!**

May yours be blessed this holiday season.

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

**Two J's China & Gifts**  
Tom & Wilma Eudy

**A Holiday Tradition**

What memories this season brings... we hope your holidays are the happiest!

**ODEN CHEVROLET**  
Floydada, TX

Have A Heavenly Holiday

You've been o gels to serve — Thanks!

**CITY OF TURKEY**

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy Holiday

Deck the halls and trim the trees, Get on with the festivities! At this time of season's cheer, We wish you all a joyous year.

Having customers like you makes it all worthwhile for us. Thanks.

**KAROL'S KOUNTRY KORNER**  
KAROL & RUTH





# "Dear Santa"

## FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,  
I want a kamra and I want a motorsik and a baby.  
Love, Ashley Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbe. And I bring you cooke.  
Love, Anarili Valdes

Dear Santa,  
I do want a camra and a dog. Bring a eletric 4 weler.  
Love James House

Dear Santa,  
I want a 16 speed big kid bick.  
Love, Bryce Reagan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Krstnd Doll. Will you breang me a Krstnd Doll. I will bring a doll for Santa and a cooke.  
Love, Savannah Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a tran areal gun and a car and a nintndo.  
Love Cesar Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dragon fly, and a doctor drenk lab, and I want a dog and to cats and nine dogs, ril ones, twenty fishs and the toy storey mouvey, a yo-yo, U.S. flag and a Texs flag and a box of colors, and a cunputer with dics.  
Love, Danny Carnes

Dear Santa,  
I want a tv and a per of armpants and a armpgun.  
Love, Cole Brown

Dear Santa,  
I want a indian cupboard and gloves. A barbie goes to sleep and barbie doll that talks and a water baby.  
Love, Rose Greene

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a tv, yo-yo, and a shirt.  
Love, Juan Ramon Haro

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy ples bring me a toy. I want a litle car a ltl pik up and a ball.  
I love you Mitchell Reyna

Dear Santa,  
I would like too dresis for Feleste, the berthay dresses and the sumer dresis and I would like a per of chwins dall.  
Love, Mary Kate Davidson

Dear Santa,  
I want a moot tader car and a tedebar and I want a tv and a bacpac.  
Love, Justin Billegas

Dear Santa,  
I want toys, tv, tractor, turck.  
Love, Ray Galvan

Dear Santa,  
I want moot tader car and I want a tedebar and a tv.  
Love, Roger Ramos

Dear Santa,  
I want a bat a ball and nintendo with tv.  
Love Armando Mendoza



Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old, and I have tried to be good. I would like you to bring me a My Baby's Splish Splash Bubble Bath, play makeup, and a Doodle Bear. My baby sister Jerrica has been good so you can bring her a Cabbage Patch Crib Baby. A mommy bear, and a Winnie the Pooh.  
Luv, Courtney Galvan  
P.S. Bring my brother Danny who is in Plainview a remote control car, and race set.

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Rudolf, Donner, Blitzen, Dasher, Dancer, Comet, Cupid Prancer and Vixen?

Thank you for the presents last Christmas. I am 5 years old this year. This year I would like a bigger surprise bicycle.

I would also like a red International Grand Dan tractor with a disk or equipment to do with it.

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Love, Grant Wheeler  
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I live in Turkey TX, in the country, and my name is Jamie Butler. I will leave you some cookies and milk, and please don't forget my brother and sister.

Your friend, Jamie, B.

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote controlled airplan and a football suit like the Patriots and a stereo and some boots and pants and a t. shirt and shos boxing gloves and a cowboy hat.

I live in Quitaque, on Jones Street. I will have you some cookies and milk on the table in the kitchen come in the front door because we do not have chimney.

Love, Matt Dozier

Dear Santa  
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Your Friend, Kenny Greene

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Your friend, Bryant Ortiz

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Your Friend, Cathy Fierro

Dear Santa,  
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By your friend, Alysa Leal

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Your friend, jessica valdes

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I am 8 years old and I live in Turkey. Please don't forget my sisters and brothers and I will leave you some cookies and milk for you can eat.

Your friend, Anakaren Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a new jersey like my sister. I want some new shoes. I want a new gameboy. And I want a new barbie that is my size.

I live in 204 Wilson. And I have a lot of lights outside of my house. I hope you find my house.

Would you buy my baby sister Ilsa a barbie doll? She has been good. My sister Amy would like some new clothes.

Your fiend, Amber Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I would like two puppys with red collars. I want two little dresses for my doll named Samantha. PLEASE bring me some roller blades. I want a Barbie that swimes in the water. I am a girl. I am 7 years old, I beleave in you. I live in Turkey, TX. I will leav you some cookes.

Macy Davidson

Dear Santa,  
I want a gameboy, and a game for the game that your are going to bring me and it is called Donkey Kong Country. Please bring the gameboy in a box and put them in a paper in the game with the gameboy and please dont lose them and please not break them. And please don't go in the chimney because I don't have one.

I go to Vally scool. I live in Turkey, my name is Javier Alanis.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me new doll and clothes for it. I would also like a little bear to play with. I hope you have a safe trip. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Maricuz Pozos

I live in Turkey in a trailer house by the gih, as you go into Turkey from Quitaque.

I love you.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a bike, so that I can ride it. I ould also like a new remote control car. I have also been looking forward to getting a four wheel rodskets, That has four wheel on the sides.

I will have you some milk cookies so that you can snack on. Be careful and have a safe trip.

love, Leobardo Alanis

Dear Santa,  
I would like a black bike for Christmas. Please bring me game called Donkey Kong with a Gameboy to play it on.

I am 7 years old and live in Turkey, Don't forget my sisters.

Your friend, Hector




## Cheer

Blessings to you and your loved ones at this joyous season.

Danny, Vicki, Carissa, Jarrod, Allison

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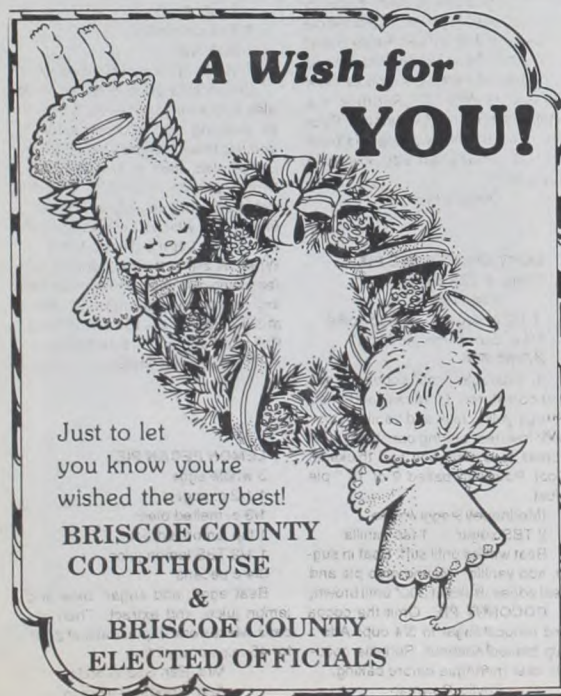
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a new baby doll and a real puppy dog. I dont care what kind of dog, dont forget my brother he wants a play dog and my sister will take anything like a teething ring, and if you have time my mom and my dad I live in Quitaque, TX.

Your friend, Brittany Peck

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like a Magic Attic doll, her name is Heather. I would like her things too, like her clothes and bed. And if you can bring me a real, live parrot that talks I would like one. Another thing I want is a real clubhouse. I would paint it myself.

How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? Are your elfs working hard? I hope you can bring me one or two of those things. On Christmas eve I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope you will enjoy them. I am eight years old now. I live in Quitaque out in the country. And please don't forget Ben Seth my little brother, He will take anything.

Your friend, Maddie Fern Ramsey

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a boat. I want a baby doll and a tiny bear. I would like to have a My Size Barbie doll. I want a new bike. I want some new cloes.

My name is Laura Payne I am 7 years old. My family lives in Quitaque, Texas. Dont forget my brother and sisters when you come. P.S. I will leave you cookies and mil

Laura Payne

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Your friend, Ana karen Mendoza



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#### PECAN PRALINES Makes 2 Dozen

- 1/4 cup light cream or evaporated milk
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

1. Generously grease 2 large baking sheets.

2. In a small saucepan, warm the light cream over low heat. When bubbles begin to form around the edges of the pan, remove the pan from the heat and cover it tightly to keep warm.

3. Combine the granulated sugar and water in a medium skillet and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Reduce the heat to medium and, gripping

a pot holder in each hand, tip the pan back and forth gently until the syrup turns a rich, golden brown. This may take 10 minutes or more.

4. Remove the skillet from the heat and, with a wooden spoon, stir in the brown sugar and salt. Stirring constantly, pour in the warm cream in a slow, thin stream. Stir in the vanilla and the pecans.

5. To form each praline, ladle about 4 teaspoons of the pecan mixture onto the prepared baking sheet. As you proceed, space the pralines about 3 inches apart to allow room for them to spread into 2



Baking a batch of cookies proves that life is sweet. Christmas is a time for giving and baking sumptuous sweets, such as those found in this cookbook.

1/2-inch rounds. When the pralines have cooled to room temperature, transfer them to a serving plate.

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Love Cesar Mendoza

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I want a Dragon fly. and a doctor drenk lab. and I want a dog and to cats and nine dogs, ril ones. twenty fishs and the toy storey mouvey. a yo-yo, U.S. flag and a Texs flag and a box of colors. and a cupnputer with dics.  
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I want a indian cupboard and gloves. A barbie goes to sleep and barbie doll that talks and a water baby.  
Love, Rose Greene

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a tv, yo-yo, and a shirt.  
Love, Juan Ramon Haro

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Love, Justin Billegas

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I want toys, tv, tractor, turck.  
Love, Ray Galvan

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Love, Roger Ramos

Dear Santa,  
I want a bat a ball and nintendo with tv.  
Love Armando Mendoza



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Luv, Courtney Galvan  
P.S. Bring my brother Danny who is in Plainview a remote control car, and race set.

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Your friend, jessica valdes

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a Gameboy. I want a donkey Kong Country III game to go with the Gameboy. I would like a dollhouse and a lion king stuffed animal.

I am 8 years old and I live in Turkey. Please don't forget my sisters and brothers and I will leave you some cookies and milk for you can eat.

Your friend, Anakaren Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I want a new jersey like my sister. I want some new shoes. I want a new gameboy. And I want a new barbie that is my size.

I live in 204 Wilson. And I have a lot of lights outside of my house. I hope you find my house.

Would you buy my baby sister Ilsa a barbie doll? She has been good. My sister Amy would like some new clothes.

Your fiend, Amber Ortiz

Dear Santa,

I would like two puppys with red collars. I want two little dresses for my doll named Samantha. PLEASE bring me some roller blades. I want a Barbie that swimes in the water. I am a girl. I am 7 years old, I believe in you. I live in Turkey, TX. I will leave you some cookes.

Macy Davidson

Dear Santa,

I want a gameboy, and a game for the game that you are going to bring me and it is called Donkey Kong Country. Please bring the gameboy in a box and put them in a paper in the game with the gameboy and please dont lose them and please not break them. And please don't go in the chimney because I don't have one.

I go to Vally scool. I live in Turkey, my name is Javier Alanis.

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me new doll and clothes for it. I would also like a little bear to play with. I hope you have a safe trip. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Mariucz Pozos

I live in Turkey in a trailer house by the gin, as you go into Turkey from Quitaque.

I love you.

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a bike, so that I can ride it. I ould also like a new remote control car. I have also been looking forward to getting a four wheel rodskets, That has four wheel on the sides.

I will have you some milk cookies so that you can snack on. Be careful and have a safe trip.

love, Leobardo Alanis

Dear Santa,

I would like a black bike for Christmas. Please bring me game called Donkey Kong with a Gameboy to play it on.

I am 7 years old and live in Turkey, Don't forget my sisters.

Your friend, Hector

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a new baby doll and a real puppy dog. I dont care what kind of dog. dont forget my brother he wants a play dog and my sister will take anything like a teething ring, and if you have time my mom and my dad I live in Quitaque, TX.

Your friend, Brittany Peck

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a Magic Attic doll, her name is Heather. I would like her things too, like her clothes and bed. And if you can bring me a real, live parrot that talks I would like one. Another thing I want is a real clubhouse. I would paint it myself.

How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? Are your elfs working hard? I hope you can bring me one or two of those things. On Christmas eve I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope you will enjoy them. I am eight years old now. I live in Quitaque out in the country. And please don't forget Ben Seth my little brother, He will take anything.

Your friend, Maddie Fern Ramsey

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and a boat. I want a baby doll and a tiny bear. I would like to have a My Size Barbie doll. I want a new bike. I want some new cloes.

My name is Laura Payne I am 7 years old. My family lives in Quitaque, Texas. Dont forget my brother and sisters when you come.

P.S. I will leave you cookies and mil


Laura Payne

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a Gameboy. I want a Donkey Kong Country III game to go with the Gameboy. I would like a dollhouse and a lion king stuffed animal.

I am 8 years old and I live in Turkey. Please don't forget my sisters and brothers and I will leave you some cookies and milk for you can eat.

Your friend, Ana karen Mendoza



Happy Holidays

Gary and Suzie  
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Joyful Holiday Season

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## COOKIE HAPPINESS

### A Time For Giving And Baking

(NAPS)—Christmas cookies are the heart and soul of the holidays.

With the right cookbook, baking and giving wonderful cookies can be surprisingly easy.

This year why not leave St. Nick a plate of homemade Gingersnaps, Hazelnut Macaroons, Oatmeal Scotchies or something decadent like Chocolate-Toffee Bars?

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*Christmas is Cookies (and Gingerbread and Spice Cake and Fudge and More...)* (Time-Life Books, \$9.95) offers more than 100 easy-to-follow recipes for classic Christmas cookies and other holiday favorites.

#### PECAN PRALINES Makes 2 Dozen

- 1/4 cup light cream or evaporated milk
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

1. Generously grease 2 large baking sheets.

2. In a small saucepan, warm the light cream over low heat. When bubbles begin to form around the edges of the pan, remove the pan from the heat and cover it tightly to keep warm.

3. Combine the granulated sugar and water in a medium skillet and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Reduce the heat to medium and, gripping

a pot holder in each hand, tip the pan back and forth gently until the syrup turns a rich, golden brown. This may take 10 minutes or more.

4. Remove the skillet from the heat and, with a wooden spoon, stir in the brown sugar and salt. Stirring constantly, pour in the warm cream in a slow, thin stream. Stir in the vanilla and the pecans.

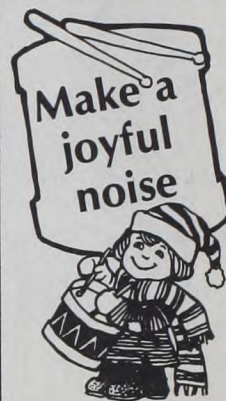
5. To form each praline, ladle about 4 teaspoons of the pecan mixture onto the prepared baking sheet. As you proceed, space the pralines about 3 inches apart to allow room for them to spread into 2



Baking a batch of cookies proves that life is sweet. Christmas is a time for giving and baking sumptuous sweets, such as those found in this cookbook.

1/2-inch rounds. When the pralines have cooled to room temperature, transfer them to a serving plate.

The book is available at local book and cookware stores or by calling 1-800-277-8844.



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Greetings to you and yours!

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Jarrod & Allison

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C.L., Monica, Casen & Erin



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Eunice McFall  
Representative

The Valley Tribune  
PEANUT BUTTER  
2 c. sugar  
1/2 c. milk  
4 TBS peanut butter  
1/3 c. Karo  
2 TBS vanilla  
1/2 tsp salt  
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RECIPE FOR  
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1 lb. of veal  
1 lb. of fish  
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**PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE**

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1/2 c. milk  
4 TBS peanut butter  
1/3 c. Karo  
2 TBS butter  
1/2 tsp vanilla  
Cook to soft ball stage, add vanilla. Beat.  
Ruby King

**MILLIONAIRE CANDY**

2 pkgs. butterscotch chips  
1 4 oz. bar German sweet chocolate  
dash salt  
1 c. coarsely broken pecans  
Melt chips and chocolate in double boiler. When melted, add salt and nuts. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Chill until firm.  
Ruby King

**NUT GOODIE BARS**

12 oz. chocolate chips  
12 oz. butterscotch chips  
1 cup chunky peanut butter  
10 1/2 oz. pkg. marshmallows  
1 lb. salted peanuts  
Melt chips and peanut butter in double boiler. Add marshmallows and peanuts. Pour into 10X13 inch buttered pan. Refrigerate. Use colored marshmallows at Christmas.  
Ruby King

**MEXICAN PANCAKES**

2 lbs. ground beef  
1 lg. onion (chopped)  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 pkg. flour tortillas  
1 c. sweet milk  
4 TBS Jalapeno relish  
1 can tomato sauce  
5 Jalapeno peppers sliced  
2 c. shredded Cheddar Cheese  
Brown meat in heavy skillet. Simmer till done after adding remaining ingredients except cheese. Layer flour tortillas in long baking dish. Pour above mixture peppers over top. Bake 350° about 30 minutes.  
Joyce Price

**TORTILLA PINWHEELS**

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened  
3 TBS sour cream  
1 can (4 oz.) mild chopped green chilies  
1 c. diced bell pepper  
4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled  
3 TBS chopped pimientos  
4 green onions, chopped  
Seasoned salt to taste, onion salt to taste.  
6 flour tortillas  
Mix cream cheese and sour cream until smooth. Add remaining ingredients. Stir to blend. Spread 1/8 inch of mixture on flat tortilla. Roll up as a jelly roll. Chill. Slice in 1/2 inch slices. 6-7 dozen appetizers.  
Hattie Lois Carter

**APRICOT BREAD**

Soak 2 c. dried apricots for 30 minutes, drain and cut into thirds. Mix thoroughly:  
2 c. sugar, 1/4 c. soft butter or margarine, 2 eggs.  
Stir in 1 1/2 c. orange juice. Mix and Add:  
4 c. flour  
1/2 tsp soda  
4 tsp baking powder  
2 tsp salt.  
Blend in: 1 c. chopped nuts, and apricots.  
Line bottom of greased bread pans with wax paper. Fill 3/4 full with batter, and let stand for 30 minutes. bake at 350° for 50 - 60 minutes.  
Sue Hall

**RICE DRESSING**

2 cups cooked rice  
2 tablespoons dry parsley  
2 cups milk  
3/4 pound grated Velveta cheese  
1 chopped onion  
2 beaten eggs  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
Salt to taste  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne red pepper  
1 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
Stir all together and put in a greased casserole dish. Bake at 350 for one hour covered. Uncover last few minutes.  
(This is one of the most popular recipes in Motley County. It shows up quite often on a lot of good cooks' holiday tables.) Jo Ann Reagan

**MARGARET'S CANDY**

Makes about 5 dozen  
1 bar sweet German Chocolate  
2 pks of 6 ounces butterscotch bits  
2 cups chopped pecans  
Melt chocolate and butterscotch bits. Add pecans. Drop by teaspoonful on waxed paper.  
Eunice McFall

**MOTHER'S FRUIT SALAD**

1 can fruit cocktail  
1 can coconut  
1 c. pecans  
1 can crushed pineapple  
1 can Mandarin Oranges  
1 can white grapes  
2 c. miniature marshmallows  
Drain fruit well. Heat 2 cups of juice and add 1/2 c. sugar, 2 TBS cornstarch and 1 well-beaten egg. Cook until thick. Cool and add 1/2 pt. sour cream. Mix with fruit and refrigerate overnight.  
B.J. Griffin

**DAM GOOD SALSA**

2 cans tomatoes  
1/2 onion, diced  
1 or 1 fresh jalapeno peppers chopped  
1 tsp each salad oil, salt, garlic salt, and pepper  
juice of one lemon  
pinch of oregano  
Blend in blender. Store in jar in refrigerator.  
Jimmye Taylor

**REFRIGERATOR BREAD & BUTTER PICKLES**

5 med. onions  
10 med. cukes  
4 c. sugar  
4 c. vinegar  
1/2 c. salt  
1 Jalapeno pepper  
1 1/2 tsp. each mustard seed, celery seed, and tumeric.  
Layer sliced onions and cukes in 4 quart or 1 gal. jar. Combine remaining ingredients. DO NOT HEAT! Pour cold syrup into jars to cover vegetables. Refrigerate at least 5 days. May add more vegetables as used.  
Jean Griffin, Lubbock TX

**TOMATO RELISH**

4 green onions, chopped  
2 large tomatoes, chopped  
1 small can chopped green chilies  
1 small can sliced ripe olives  
1 small can Jalapeno peppers, chopped  
1 1/2 TBS vinegar  
1 1/2 TBS olive oil  
1 tsp. each, salt, pepper, garlic salt.  
Mix all ingredients and let set in refrigerator overnight.  
Cindy Griffin Venable

**VEGETABLE MEDLEY**

1 16 oz. bag frozen California mix thawed and drained  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 cup Velveta cheese  
1/2 c. sour cream  
14 tsp. pepper  
1 four oz. jar chopped pimientos, drained.  
Combine ingredients, using 1/2 cup of the cheese. Pour into a 1 quart casserole. Bake, covered, at 350° for 30 minutes. Top with remaining cheese, bake, uncovered 5 mins. longer.  
B. J. Griffin

**JOANN'S CREAM CHEESE CANDY**

1 eight ounce package cream cheese  
1 pound powdered sugar (3 1/2 cups)  
1 to 2 cups pecans  
2 Tablespoons butter  
Place butter and pecans in pan and warm. Melt cheese over low burner or in microwave. Stir in rest of ingredients and smooth in 9x12 inch pan. Store in refrigerator. (May use Coconut rather than nuts)  
Eunice McFall

**POTATO CASSEROLE**

1 lb. frozen hash browns  
1 can Cream of Chicken soup  
8 oz. ctn. of sour cream  
1/4 cup oleo, melted  
1/4 cup chopped onions  
Mix together and place in oblong baking dish. Cover with 1 cup crushed corn flakes, and 1/4 cup melted oleo. Bake 1 hr. at 350°.  
Ruby King

**GRANNY'S 24 HOUR FRUIT SALAD**

Bessie Hall's recipe  
1 can Royal Ann Cherries  
1 lg. can pineapple chunks  
2 cans mandarin oranges  
1 can fruit cocktail  
1 small can grapes  
2 cups miniature marshmallows  
Maraschino cherries  
1/2 c. nuts  
2 eggs, 2 TBS sugar  
1/4 c. cream, 1 c. lemon juice  
1/2 c. whipping cream  
Combine drained fruit and nuts. Beat eggs, add sugar, cream, and lemon juice. Cook until thick. Cool. Fold in whipped cream and pour over fruit. Chill 24 hours.  
B.J. Griffin

**TORTILLA SOUP FROM SANTA FE**

— Jimmye Taylor  
(I discovered this soup in Santa Fe many years ago, and we love it)  
10 corn tortillas, cut in 1/2" wide strips, about 2 to 3" long.  
Deep fry in small batches until golden brown, and drain well. Set aside.

**SOUP**

3 cans chicken broth  
1 lg. can chicken chunks (or chop up leftover chicken)  
1 lg. can diced tomatoes  
1 onion, chopped - saute in oil until tender.  
salt, pepper, garlic to taste  
1 TBS oil  
May need to add 1 can water.  
Heat all soup ingredients until very hot. Pour over tortilla strips in individual bowls. Add a few more tortilla strips as desired.

**THREE LAYER PUMPKIN PIE**

First Layer: Mix together  
1 stick oleo, 1/2 c. flour,  
1 1/2 c. chopped pecans  
Press into 9X13 pan, bake 15 mins. @ 350°. Cool  
Second Layer: Whip together  
1/2 c. Cool Whip  
1/4 c. milk  
1 c. powdered sugar,  
8 oz. cream cheese  
Spread over first layer  
Third Layer:  
1 TBS gelatin  
1/4 c. cold water  
1 c. brown sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. cinnamon,  
1/2 tsp ginger, 1/2 tsp allspice  
1 can pumpkin  
3 eggs, separated  
1/2 c. milk and 6 TBS sugar  
Soak gelatin in cold water. Mix brown sugar, salt, and spices in double boiler. Add milk and beaten egg yolks and pumpkin. Cook until thick. Add gelatin and beat. Cool. Beat egg whites and add sugar. Fold into pumpkin mixture. Pour over second layer. Top with Cool Whip.  
B.J. Griffin

**MICROWAVE FUDGE**

Mix together  
1 lb. powdered sugar  
1/2 c. cocoa  
1 stick oleo  
1/4 c. milk  
Microwave on HI for 2 mins. Add 1 TBS vanilla and 1/2 c. pecans.  
B.J. Griffin

**Green Chile Frito Pie**

(This is great for snacks or for family gatherings)  
2 lbs. hamburger meat, seasoned with onion, salt, pepper, and garlic  
1 lg. bag regular Fritos, crushed  
3 cans Cream of Chicken soup  
3 cans chopped green chilies  
1 lb. shredded cheese  
Layer in large pan: Fritos, meat, soup, peppers, and cheese. Bake at 350° until bubbly and cheese melts.  
Debbie Wellman

**Petite Cherry Cheesecakes**

2 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1 TBS lemon juice  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 - 21 oz. can cherry pie filling  
3/4 c. sugar  
2 eggs  
24 vanilla wafers  
Beat cream cheese, sugar, eggs, lemon juice and vanilla until light and fluffy. Line small muffin pans with paper baking cups and place a vanilla wafer in the bottom of each cup. Fill cups 2/3 full of cream cheese mixture. Bake at 375° for 15-20 mins. or until set. Top each with about 1 TBS pie filling. Chill. Makes 2 dozen.  
Dona Smith, Quitaque

**Banana Split Cake**

by Debbie Wellman, Quitaque  
2 c. vanilla wafers or graham cracker crumbs  
1/2 stick oleo, melted  
1 - 15 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained  
1 small bottle maraschino cherries  
1 box powdered sugar  
1 lg. Cool Whip  
3 eggs  
5 sliced bananas  
1 c. chopped pecans  
1 and 1/2 sticks oleo  
Hershey's chocolate syrup  
Combine crumbs and melted oleo in small pan. Pack crumbs in bottom of a large 11 X 13" pan. Combine powdered sugar, 1 1/2 sticks oleo and eggs in large mixing bowl; beat for 10 mins. Pour over chilled crust. Cover with sliced bananas and pineapple. Cover with whipped topping; sprinkle with pecans; dot with cherries; drizzle with several zig-zags of chocolate syrup. Chill until served. Serves 12 generously, more, sensibly.  
NOTE: Be sure to drain pineapple well. Set crust in freezer while beating eggs, sugar and oleo.

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**Chicken (or Turkey) Casserole**  
One handful or two of spaghetti  
1 cup or 2 of chopped leftover chicken  
Small can cream of mushroom soup  
Small can Rotel tomatoes  
1/2 onion (chopped)  
1/2 C Velveta chopped into cubes  
Approximately 3 TBS butter  
Method  
Cook spaghetti and drain; put chicken with it.  
Melt butter in skillet or Dutch oven. Saute onion till tender. Add soup, cheese and Rotel tomatoes. Mix well and heat in microwave till cheese melts. Add chicken and spaghetti and mix well. Salt and pepper.  
Bake at 375° for 20 minutes till bubbly. Serves 3 or 4.  
Jimmye Taylor

**ORIENTAL CABBAGE SALAD**

1 3 oz. pkg. chicken flavored Ramen Noodles  
6 c. shredded cabbage  
4 green onions  
1/2 c. toasted sunflower seeds  
1/2 c. sliced almonds  
1/2 c. vegetable oil  
3 tsp. vinegar  
2 tsp. sugar  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper  
Remove seasoning packet from noodles. Set aside. Crush noodles. Combine noodles and next four ingredients in a large bowl. Combine seasoning packet and remaining ingredients. Mix with wire whisk. Pour over cabbage mixture. Toss gently to coat. Cover and chill. Yield: 6 servings.  
Sue Hall

**SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE**

3 c. mashed fresh sweet potatoes  
3/4 c. sugar  
1/2 tsp salt  
2 eggs  
1/2 c. milk  
2 tsp. vanilla  
Mix above ingredients and pour into long oblong baking dish greased with butter.  
TOPPING:  
1 c. brown sugar  
1/3 c. flour  
1/3 stick softened butter  
1 c. chopped nuts  
Mix and pat onto potato mixture; bake for 35 minutes at 350°.  
Sammie Johnson

**TAMMY'S MONKEY BREAD**

2 cans biscuits (cut in fourths)  
1/2 cup sugar  
4 TBS cinnamon  
1 stick oleo  
1 box butterscotch pudding (dry)  
Cut all biscuits in quarters; melt oleo in bowl in microwave. Mix sugar, pudding mix, and cinnamon in another bowl. Dip each piece of biscuit in oleo, then in sugar mixture. Drop or place in bundt pan (will have to cook longer), angel food cake pan, or loaf pan, which has been sprayed with Pam. Let the pieces stack up. When all are in the pan, drizzle any remaining oleo over, and sprinkle with any remaining sugar mixture. Bake at 350° until done - 15 to 25 minutes. Pull apart and eat. It's delicious!  
Jimmye Taylor

**LEMON PECAN PIE**

3 whole eggs  
1 1/2 c. sugar  
1/3 c. melted oleo  
1 tsp lemon extract  
1 1/2 TBS lemon juice  
3/4 c pecans  
Beat eggs, add sugar, oleo and lemon juice, and extract. Then pecans. Makes one 8" pie. Bake at 300° for 45 mins. or until firm.  
Mrs. Earl Sue Woods  
Ann Woods, Arlington



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