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Sheriff Named to Museum and History Committee

On November 8, 2011, Sheriff J. W. Jankowski, President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, named Motley County Sheriff Chris Smith to the statewide Museum and History Committee.

The primary purpose of the history committee is to preserve the history of the sheriffs of Texas. The committee is composed of at least five sheriffs, appointed by the President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. There are currently nine members on the committee at this time.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TECLOSE) is appointed by the President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and composed of sheriffs from around the state. The committee provides input as to the education, training, and curriculum of the training program.

RS City Council Meets

By Lisa Perryman
 Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs City Council met in Regular Session December 13, 2011, in the City Hall conference room. Those in attendance were Mayor Corky Marshall, Council Members Perry Gullede, Timmy Brooks, James McCleskey and Alex Crowder; Water Manager, Robert Osborn and City Secretary, Lisa Perryman. Absent was councilmember PK Green.

The November 14, 2011, Regular City Council Meeting minutes were approved. The Financial Report was reviewed and approved as written and Accounts Payable to be paid as presented.

Mayor Marshall reported to council that he received a proposed amount of \$3,500 to fix the air conditioning units in the Community Center. He stated that the only repairs needed were some new vents and little maintenance on the existing units. Council agreed since this was the City's property to table for next meeting and accept open bids for repairs.

Joan Meason addressed council about fencing off their property which included Hamilton Street that was named in 1913 that runs across their property. She explained that this road was not in use and they wanted to

fence around it to prevent the Gin from dumping burrs onto their property. Mayor Marshall asked for a motion to approve and council decided to table for a later date until they could see the actual property in question before voting.

A motion was made by James McCleskey, seconded by Alex Crowder, and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The Roaring Springs City Council met in Special Session December 14, 2011 in City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Corky Marshall, Council members; Perry Gullede, Timmy Brooks, James McCleskey and Alex Crowder, and City Secretary, Lisa Perryman. Absent was councilmember PK Green and Water Manager Robert Osborn.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Council re-addressed John and Joan Meason's property which included Hamilton Street that was named in 1913 that runs across their property. After examining the property in question, motion was made by James McCleskey, seconded by Alex Crowder and carried unanimously to allow them to fence it off.

Motion was made by James McCleskey, seconded by Timmy Brooks and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

TxDOT plan defining best practices in pavement management earns international award

AUSTIN—An international road advocacy group recognized the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently for the agency's innovative four-year maintenance management plan that establishes best practices methodology to improve pavement conditions across the state.

TxDOT is the recipient of the International Road Federation's (IRF) 2011 Global Road Achievement Award (GRAA) in the category of maintenance management. The GRAA is an international competition that recognizes industry and government organizations for excellence and innovation in road development. This year, the IRF will honor nine projects from eight countries. TxDOT representatives will accept the award on January 24 at the annual IRF awards banquet in Washington D.C.

"Good roads equal economic growth in Texas," noted Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "To that end, the TxDOT team did an exemplary job of developing a plan of best practices to address critical highway maintenance issues around the state. TxDOT employees work daily to provide a quality transportation system, one that assures seamless access and mobility for the citizens of Texas. We're proud of the team, and we're pleased to accept this prestigious award."

A five-member team of TxDOT engineers directed the development of a four-year pavement management plan that prioritizes roadway maintenance needs according to highway type (for example, interstate highways have a higher priority than farm-to-markets), degree of pavement damage, financial constraints, history of deterioration and climate conditions.

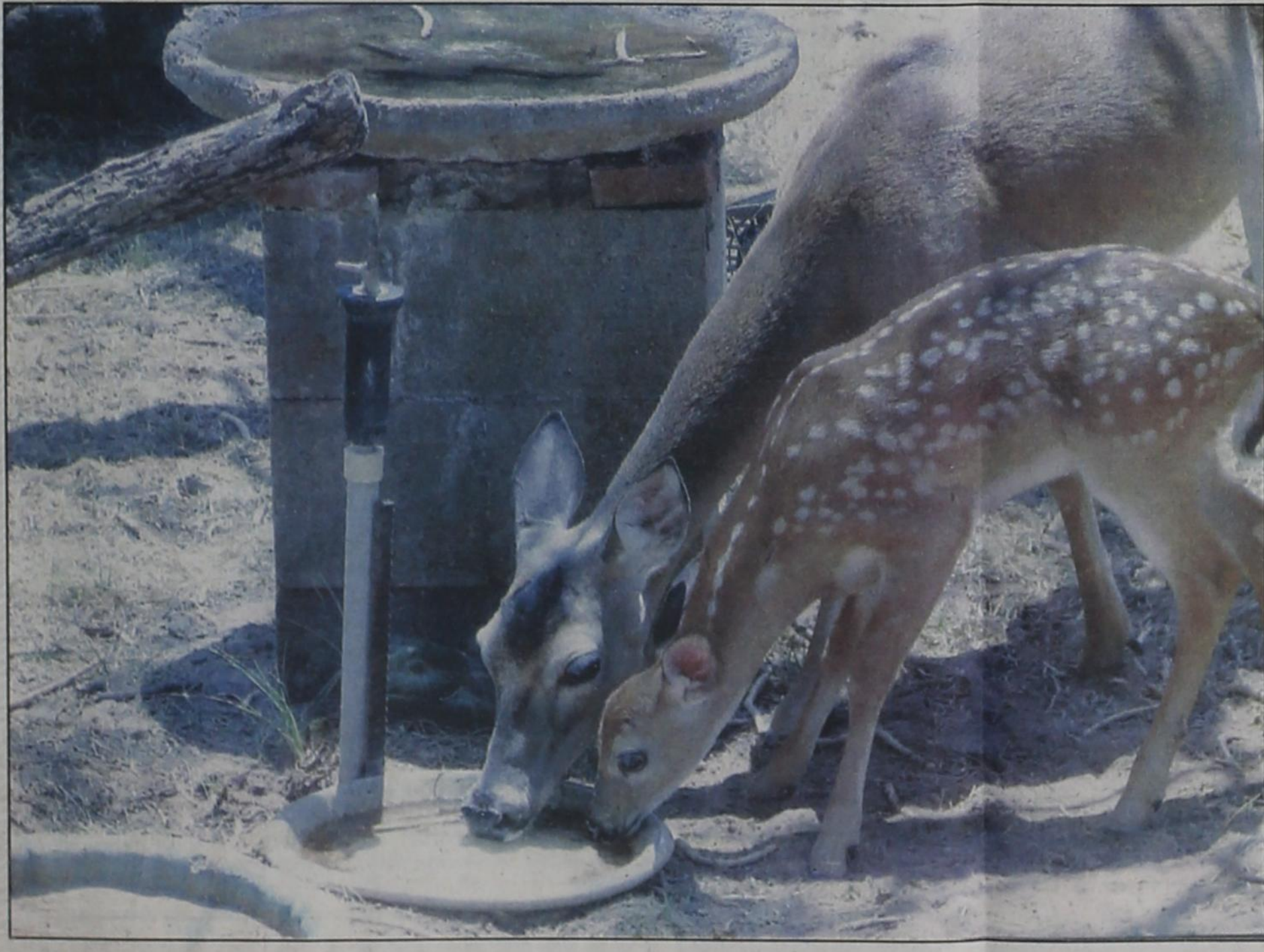
Three years into the program, the results have been telling. Statewide, the percentage of highways rated at good or better has increased a percentage point in the last year, from 85.99 to almost 87 percent. Earlier predictions showed pavement condition scores would fall to below 85 percent.

The TxDOT team used established road deterioration

prediction models from the Center for Transportation Research at The University of Texas-Austin to develop the plan. The models were used to analyze the damage rates for different pavements in each of the four climate regions in Texas. Rate of deterioration is different depending on soil type and weather.

In addition, a separate TxDOT peer review team conducted a three-day, in-depth reviews to identify pavement management best practices in each district. The sharing and implementation of best practices is the goal of the agency's peer review program.

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"Anywhere for a Drink" by Suzanne Abbott
 The winning photo in the Library's annual Amateur Photo Contest.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Connections

Community, Diversity, Art
When you have history, you have pride.



By Laverne Zabielski

I am an artist, a writer, and a publisher and what I am in constant pursuit of is DETAILS. They are what give my art texture, make my stories interesting and keeps my newspaper informative and not boring. This editorial is not about the proposed TXDOT \$4.3 million dollar project along F.M. 94. This editorial is about how do we assure that ALL citizens are included in governance.

After reading this week's letters to the editor what is now most disturbing is that NONE of this conversation regarding the proposed TXDOT project along F.M. 94 took place within the commissioner's court meetings. I feel left out.

And I'm sure many of the hundred's of our readers who also have ties to Motley County feel left out.

One of the main purposes of

a newspaper is to keep citizens informed of what is happening in their governing bodies.

The Texas Open Meetings Act honors the principle that government at all levels should operate in a way that is open and accessible to the people so that it remains as transparent as possible. All meetings are open to the public.

As Attorney General Abbot says, "The public has bestowed great trust in government officials, in large part because they have confidence that those officials will conduct business responsibly and in the open."

Unfortunately in this situations several of our elected officials remained silent? Did they not have any questions? The entire discussion needs to be on the table, the newspaper needs to be able to report it.

Hopefully, in the future, more details will be presented, more questions will be asked, (even if it makes the meeting longer) and negotiations can occur. And the Tribune can report the discussion so that not only will citizens, better understand their local government, they will better understand the many points of view, and the newspaper will not be boring because I will have the details needed to keep our readers informed.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I am responding to your comments concerning the proposed TXDOT \$4.3 million dollar project along F.M. 94. Both Franklin and I were born and raised in Motley County, living here for sixty years to be exact. We have lived in the Northfield community; Franklin, 53 years and myself, nearly 41 years. We have traveled on F.M. 94 and own land on both sides of the road in which TXDOT proposed to spend \$4.3 million dollars. This project would be seven miles of pavement repair and construction and the demolition and replacement of a large concrete culvert. We are in favor of the road repair and construction to widen the road out.

We were notified by TXDOT that they wanted to come to our home and show us their maps and plans. Four Childress TXDOT employees met at our home and told us of their intentions concerning F.M. 94. Their plan is to acquire 10 acres of our land, move the road from on top of two hills and rebuild the road in a rough, deep ravine which happens to be part of a large dirt stock tank used for cattle water. A large concrete culvert would be torn out and destroyed and then rebuilt farther onto our land and closer to our home. Mr. Steed told us that the current culvert was structurally sound, "No, there is nothing wrong with it to our knowledge. You would probably know more about it than we do."

It would be rebuilt through a very deep canyon in which the canyon would be the mouth of the large dirt tank on our property. When asked

why does this need to be done, the employees responded that the speed limit needs to be increased. I stated that "No, it does not, much of the traffic already exceeds the current speed limit." I questioned as to why not fix the sharper curves and roads of F.M. 94 where there have been numerous wrecks and deaths due to these wrecks. They informed me that they didn't pick the places to reconstruct, that Austin did that. I personally believe that the local district office, representing many counties, should have some input. I asked how could they build a new road and culvert in such rough and low land and they responded with "Oh, we will move and haul a lot of dirt with heavy equipment to build it up." The present road being used is already on top of two hills. Logical? Wasteful?

I told the employees that to tear out the existing culvert that is sound and gives no trouble, no wrecks, was a waste of government money. We told the employees that we were against this. We have read and been told that TXDOT is making huge cuts and has limited funding. Rodney Murray said to me that "It will happen, I just don't know when."

From dealing with previous construction sites in the Northfield area - one was a large new bridge, we drove on a make shift road in the river bed to reach our cattle and pasture. The local Matador TXDOT employees went above and beyond to make this situation workable for us. Another construction site resulted in the road being closed for a year. A third construction site was also a small bridge. I

feel that I have knowledge and experience traveling over TXDOT construction sites, no matter what direction and or distance that I driven in the last few years.

It is not usually local workers, but usually a large construction company from another part of the country, with their own employees and workers brought in. Often, the legal citizenship of some of the workers could be questionable. In the past construction sites, the workers stay in Childress, Texas, and eat at Childress fast food establishments. They then drive back to Childress at night. Their trash is evidence of where they buy their food.

Let me state that we are not and I repeat, not opposed to new construction on F.M. 94 highway or new job opportunities. We are glad that we have access to this highway. Franklin's Great Grandfather Ben F. Simpson and Great Uncle Boone Simpson were very instrumental in the building of F.M. 94. We are proud of our local TXDOT employees and all the quality work and service that they provide for our communities. They are all great men and women and we could not do without them! We have always been appreciative of TXDOT and have been supportive or helpful whenever we could. We are in favor of the improvements of the highway and will help anyway we can but don't use taxpayer money to tear out a portion of the road that is very well traveled, just because someone in Austin designed it for faster speed. Most people who have driven on F.M. 94 would realize that to drive at a faster speed might get your

car bashed in by the abundant Mule deer and White-tail deer, wild hogs or cattle out on the roadway. There have been numerous wrecks. The local people that travel this highway go slower not faster, and for good reason. In fact, deer often bed down on the right-away, both day or night, at the exact proposed site.

As in any situation, there are always different opinions and different viewpoints. You have the right to an opinion, but I believe that as we are the owners of the land in question and as a taxpayer on this land, we also have a right to try and protect what will impact our lives and our home greatly from now on. We have had many local residents express their concern over the proposed increased speed on this highway as they too know that dangers of the remote rural road. Faster speeds will not make this road safer.

Franklin and I will continue to live in Motley County and in the state of Texas for the rest of our lives. Put yourself in our position - your home - your land - your tax dollars. Do we continue to be frugal or should we be wasteful? Farm to Market 94 is a very scenic and remote drive and should not be made into a streamlined highway for speed which could result in deaths.

I hope I have given a better understanding and view-point of this proposed \$4.3 million project. We want to thank you for all the work and effort that you and your employees provide, so that Motley County can have a local paper.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Jameson

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Dear Editor,

I am not easily upset, and I don't want to rock the boat. However, when I feel that something is not fair, that is a horse of a different color.

Case in point, when the Motley County Commissioner's Court met on Monday, December 12, 2011, representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation met with the Court. TXDOT has appropriated over \$4 million (\$4,000,000) to do road improvements on approximately seven miles of farm roads in Motley County. TXDOT representatives asked the Motley County Commissioners to approve a "resolution" to proceed on the project. The project would last several months, meaning that workers brought in or hired would be spending money for food, lodging, etc. right here in the County, which would be a big boost to the local businesses, plus bring in additional Sales Tax revenue for the local 4A and 4B Boards. It would be a definite win-win situation

for this County, City, and, also add to the safety of all the County residents and taxpayers who travel the highway between Matador and Northfield.

After TXDOT made their presentation and asked the Commissioners to approve the resolution, the Commissioners were silent. At this point, County Judge Jim Meador made a motion to approve the resolution, but the motion died for lack of a second from any of the Commissioners. Since our Commissioners chose not to take advantage of the opportunity for \$4,000,000 to be spent improving Motley County roads, that \$4,000,000 will probably go to another county.

I want to commend County Judge Meador for making the motion to approve the resolution. Judge Meador was trying to do what is right for the citizens of Motley County in my opinion.

Respectfully,
Ron Bailey

Correction:

The lead sentence in the Commissioner's Court story published in the Tribune on December 15, 2011, was incorrect. Judge Jim Meador made a motion to approve the TxDOT resolution for the road restructure project at Northfield. The motion died due to lack of a second to the motion. No action was taken, and therefore, the resolution was denied.



May the blessings of the season be yours now and forever.

Dear Editor,

I had to laugh at the idea that any fool would travel 70 mph on FM 94 to Northfield with all the wildlife that crosses that rural and isolated wilderness road. An incident that immediately came to mind was a few years ago a DPS trooper answered a call concerning a vehicle-deer collision. On the way to answer the call the patrolman hit a deer. That's how prolific the deer are in that area. Now feral hogs pose an even greater threat to unwary motorists. Perhaps the speed limit should be reduced in that area rather than an increase facilitated.

The second thing that struck me was your editorial urging a landowner to give up ten acres of land for the benefit of expediency and safety of motorists traveling that road. I don't think you understand our commitment to the land, a tradition that has been handed down from generation to generation; generations that have scratched a living under the most difficult conditions. My grandfather, J. C. Burleson, opposed the state taking a corner off

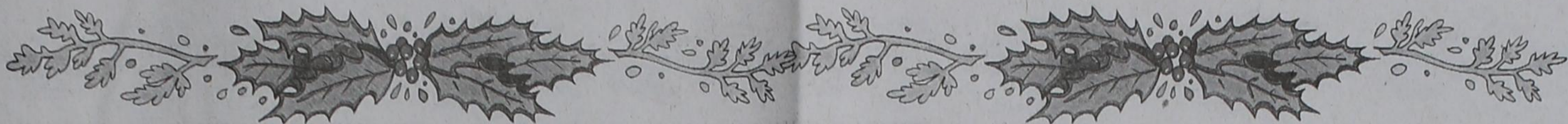
of his pasture (land that has now been in the family for over 100 years) at Whitestar so vehemently that he took a shotgun out to the site. My father, W. E. Burleson, helped defuse the situation and the new curve cut off a part of the pasture that became virtually useless for raising crops or livestock. Now, I would never go this far, but I do oppose the expansion of Eminent Domain laws that force landowners to sell land they have no desire to sell. My son Tom Potts faced that situation with the Trans-Texas Corridor, a project that was owned by foreign interests. So I am very sensitive to other people telling me or anyone else what we should do with our land.

The third issue as I see it is that the TXDOT funds might be better utilized on more utilized and well-traveled road. We have seen project after project replacing bridges, ie ,FM 104 from Paducah to Childress, when neither the traffic or the conditions seemed to warrant the expenditure. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Marisue Burleson Potts

Thank You

The family of Grace Zabielski would like to thank all the people who offered condolences, prayers, flowers, cards and food. We especially want to thank Bill Manney for his words of comfort, Elaine Risser for playing the piano and Nathan Shannon for the arrangements.



Members of the Motley County FFA Chapter attended the Greenbelt District FFA Banquet on Monday December 5th in Childress. These members participated in the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Contest at the district and area level. They finished first in District and 6th in Area competition. Pictured (L-R) Receiving their first place district banner were Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward, Seth Baxter, Caleb Clary, Michael Martin, Shelby Elliott.

**From the
Principal's Office
By Tim Hill**



It is hard to believe that it is already time for Christmas break. This semester has been extremely busy and fast. It has also been full of many positives. Learning is a very exciting thing and I have had a chance to experience that first hand. There is nothing more gratifying as a teacher to see a student understand a concept they have been working so hard to get. I can't even count how many times a student has come up to me with a high five and said "I met my AR goal."

Our elementary and junior high students were amazing at the UIL meet. Our football team made us all proud with an unbelievable run to the state championship game. Building character in our students is a top priority and our "Character Counts" program has highlighted these qualities. As we break for Christmas, I like to reflect on the true meaning of this season. It is a time to remember the greatest gift ever given to mankind. The gift of Jesus Christ our Savior!

Merry Christmas from my family to yours!



Motley County Matadors, December 10, 2011

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

We need Santa's help. I'm not sure if we have been naughty or nice but surely we've been no naughtier than some on your list! We would like to have a dachshund puppy. It doesn't have to be registered but we would like a full blood dachshund, preferably female. Please Santa, if you see puppies to be given away or sold in any homes during your Christmas Eve deliveries, please let us know. We would be very good to it and I believe we can meet the qualifications of a good home. Thank you, Santa. Corky & Monta Marshall.

After having to have Wixie put to sleep, we are really missing a pet. Of course we have Lil Toot and she is sweet but she sheds so much and I am allergic to cat hair. Toot can't wag her tail like Wixie and she doesn't have near as sweet a personality. Toot is really a Lil Toot and she is nice when she chooses. She loves to hide and spend the night inside when she can get away with it. She is a very pretty pet. Prissy is still our outdoor dog and she does love attention but we need a small dog to enjoy inside.

In the community

The diamond ring drawing was held last Thursday at the Travelers Inn. Rhonda Long drew the winning ticket; Cindy Foster was the surprised winner of the ring.

Those attending the annual Lion's Ladies Christmas Party were: Buzz and Tince Thacker, Wes and Lynn Campbell, Alvin Alexander, Chris Spence, Corky Marshall, and Tommie Jo Cruse. Edith Daniell and Rhonda Long served delicious refreshments. Wes and Lynn brought gifts for all attending, guests drew for their gift.

I talked to Lea Peacock on Thursday. She does have her computer up and running. Her

e-mail address is the same. lea-peacock@yahoo.com. She and Billy are doing pretty good. Since she moved to Floresville she can visit often and take him milkshakes and other treats he enjoys. Lea's address is 1402 Larry Wayne Drive; Floresville, TX 74118; her cell phone number is 806-392-5290.

We extend our sympathy to Grace Zabielski's family. After a long illness, Grace passed away on December 14th. Her funeral service was held in Matador on Saturday afternoon; she was buried in the Roaring Springs cemetery.

On Saturday, Corky and I attended a graduation reception for my great niece and great nephew, Alexandra Potess and Daniel Ferguson at the home of Marla Potess in Lubbock. Alexandria graduated from Abilene Christian University with a degree in architectural design and Dan graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in mathematics.

On Sunday evening we attended the Christmas program at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Four of Corky's great grandchildren were in the pageant. It is so fun to see grandchildren participating in church activities. Were disappointed though, two of the greats were too old for the program and one was too small. We were really hoping to see little Steele be a sheep. His dad, Brian, said "no" that he would be too rowdy and not stay put on the stage.

Have you been around to see the pretty decorated yards around the area? Don and Billie Stuckey have a beautiful display in Roaring Springs.

I guess we aren't very 'Christmassy' this year. Corky did all the decorating that was done outside. With a right arm still not up to par, I really didn't think I was up to decorating without dropping my decorations and breaking them. Maybe next year!

Overheard

Unwrapping gifts is a thing of the past, because unsacking is in and is likely to last. May God bless you with a Merry Christmas! When in Dallas recently, Mrs. Norma Marrs of Matador saw this sign: "Santa Claus is coming to town. Don't hit him! Don't drink and drive." Good Advice!

Christmas Candlelight Church Services

The First Baptist Church in Flomot held Christmas Candlelight Services Sunday night December 18th with pastor, the Rev. Nathan Mulder, conducting the services. The congregation joined in singing Christmas hymns.

In the darkened sanctuary, a large candle in the center of the altar reflected God's guiding light for those attending to light a candle. When returning to the pews with the candles glowing, it was shown and related how God's light and the birth of Jesus Christ illuminated a world of darkness.

Following the services, refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall. Beside the many members attending the services, visitors were Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and Mrs. Barbara Payne.

Birthday Celebrated

Clois and Kathy Shorter visited at Lake Kiowa from Thursday until Saturday with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily. They celebrated the 10th birthday of Haley Friday night with beautiful decorated

birthday cake and all the trimmings. Attending with them was Haley's great grandfather, Everett Shorter. They met his sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas in Gainesville and he returned home with her to visit. Visiting the week with Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob are Jere Banewski, Scott Banewski, Mrs. Mিকেle Reddington and son, Garrett of Houston.

Visitors of Janice and Butch Hughes during the week were Mrs. Mary Hughes and Mrs. Marla Fisher of Sublette, Kansas, Roger and Brody Hughes and Rickey and Kason Hughes of Floydada.

Lane Barclay of Turkey visited the weekend with his grandparents, Jerry and Sandra Barclay.

Dustin Calvert and daughter, Betty of Dumas visited from Friday until Sunday with grandmother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest Sunday at a pre-Christmas family luncheon in the home of Stanley "Teen" and Lou Bureson of Floydada. Good food and visiting

were enjoyed by the many family members.

Ruth and Orville Lee visited in Turkey Sunday in the home of daughter and family, Theresa and Tom Heck, Cody and Kacee. Other guests were Kellan and Paige Roberts and Addie of Clarendon.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Friday and Saturday with her father, Wilburn Martin.

The Children of Jack and Nada Starkey are staying with them at intervals as Jack is under Hospice Care and Nada is not in the best of Health. The children are Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo, Lori and Michael Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Mrs. Aleda Elaine Batchelder of Kingwood visited from Saturday until Wednesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Aleda Ross. Arriving Saturday to visit until January 1, are son, Tommy Ross and daughters, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa Ann of Castroville. Visiting them Saturday was her daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wiggley of Lubbock.

Organize a neighborhood progressive holiday dinner. Shape appetizer at one home, the main course at another, and dessert at a third. And Invite people you don't know very well



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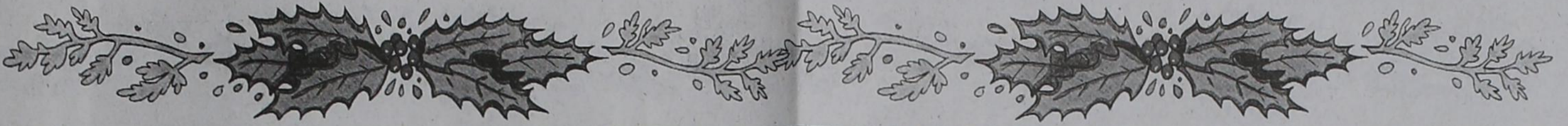
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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

Merry Christmas! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday filled with the joy of family and friends and overflowing blessings. The Library will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. I will be out Thursday, December 22, also, for an early Christmas celebration with my son's family. I would like to thank Suzanne Abbott and Mary Ann Potts for filling in for me. I would also like to thank Ruby McGuire for filling in for me last Thursday so that we could attend our grandchildren's Christmas orchestra concerts in Lubbock. I appreciate our Volunteers and their willingness to help out anytime.

We had a small group for our Kids' Christmas afternoon last Tuesday. I'm sure the cold, foggy weather had something to do with that. But, it was a fun-filled afternoon for those that were here. We made ornaments, including toy soldiers, Santa Clauses, and Gingerbread girls and boys. We also decorated a paper ornament to hang on a special tree designated just for the children. The kids enjoyed storytime and refreshments to end a fun holiday afternoon.

New books on the shelves this week are *Red Mist* (A Scarpetta Novel) by Patricia Cornwell, *Embers of Love* and *Hope Rekindled*, both in large print, by Tracie Peterson. In our children's section we have *Beauty and the Beast* by Jan Brett. This book is a real work of art told with a slightly different angle from the classic fairy tale. New DVDs include *The Help*, *Hereafter*, and *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. My "new releases" shelf is filled with great new titles to choose from. Stop by, check out a good book and catch up on your reading during the holidays.

No one called to identify the title of the book for our featured quote last week. I'm sure most of you know it, and most likely just didn't get around to calling. The quote was from the classic Christmas tale, *A Christmas Carol*. This week's quote comes from another classic Christmas story.

"The clock struck again, and as it did so the door to the big hall opened slowly, and there stood Godfather Drosselmeyer. He was dressed all in black, with a gold chain around his neck. His white cravat and his hair like spun silver made the black suit look very somber. He always wore a black patch over his left eye, but his other eye was so bright and piercing that it well served him for two. His usually white face was flushed with a rosy glow from the snowy night. When he came forward, he was followed by two tiny, little men-servants, each carrying a Christmas package nearly as big as a big boy."

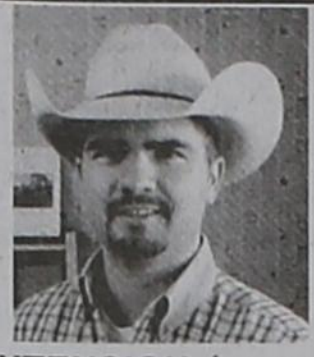
If you know the title of the book this quote comes from, give me a call, 347-2717. The winner will receive a prize!

We still have a great selection of books in our Book Sale! The Sale will continue through today, Thursday (Dec. 22). Everything is now 2 for 1! Great for last minute gift buying!

Suzanne Abbott was the winner of our Photo Contest, receiving the most votes for her photo, "Anywhere for a Drink". Suzanne will receive \$50. Congratulations Suzanne! I would like to thank everyone who entered their photos in the contest. We have some great photographers in Motley County!

Library hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. See you at the Library!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Drought do's and don'ts topic of rangeland management seminar

COLLEGE STATION - Drought complicates range management necessitating different strategies than normally executed on a yearly basis, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

"Brush Management: What to Do and Not Do in a Drought" will be the topic of a webinar on Jan. 5 presented by Will Hatler, an AgriLife Extension rangeland program specialist in Stephenville.

This will be the first in the 2012 webinar series offered by AgriLife Extension's ecosystem science and management unit, according to Brittany Grube, graduate assistant and webinar coordinator.

The webinars, which offer a way to earn Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units online, are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. every first Thursday of the month, Grube said. This webinar, as well as those from the 2011 series, can be accessed at <http://naturalresourcewebinars.tamu.edu/>

The webinar presented by Hatler will qualify for one pesticide continuing education unit.

"Drought impacts the management of our rangelands and natural areas in many ways, especially during a severe drought like Texas experienced in 2011,"

Hatler said. "Brush management strategies during drought can be complicated by unusual conditions on the ground and in the target plant communities.

"The ability to select the proper techniques and timing, relative to the altered conditions on the ground, is critical to being successful," he said.

"This presentation will provide information on when and how to be successful with your brush management program during a drought."

For more information on the webinars, contact Grube at Brittany.grube@agnet.tamu.edu.



Texas AgrAbility helps keep disabled ag producers at work

AMARILLO - Are you a farmer or farm worker who suffers from a disability and finds it hard to complete everyday tasks?

"If you are one of the thousands who believe there is no help for you, there is," said Brandon Boughen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County. "The national AgrAbility Project helps pair the disabled with the tools and resources they need to continue their way of life."

Texas AgrAbility is part of a nationwide network of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program goal is to inform, educate and assist individuals with disabilities to stay actively engaged in agriculture. Because AgrAbility is a 1990 Farm Bill funded program, there is no charge to the participants when certain need based criteria are met.

The Texas AgrAbility program can help producers overcome barriers by providing farm and worksite assessments, agribusiness assessments, in-home assessments, information and referrals, individual consultation services and technical assistance services, Boughen said. Producers have been recipients of custom made lifts to help gain access to farm machinery, modified hand controls, mobility devices and prosthetics.

"When most people think of disabilities they automatically think of a physical disability, but the AgrAbility program covers much more than that," he said. "It also assists people with arthritis, vision impairment, hearing impairment and much more."

The Texas AgrAbility Project has the unique ability to propose practical solutions to help keep producers in the field and in the driver's seat of their operations, Boughen said.

If you or someone you know may benefit from the Texas AgrAbility program contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 or go online to <http://txagrability.tamu.edu> for more information.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Jake, if we see deer, what do we do then?"

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SEASON'S GREETING TO OUR READERS



This is our last article for the calendar year of 2011. Where did it go? This year will soon belong to the pages of history. We think of all the things we wanted to accomplish in 2011 and some of them we did get done.

I want to thank all of our faithful readers for the kind words offered to encourage

me in writing of these articles. The thoughtful notes and expressions of your appreciation have proven a constant source of delight to me. I thank you for your kindness.

We are in a fun time of the year. The excitement felt by our children of the community is contagious. Perhaps you along with me share in the children's anticipation of what the holidays bring. Family time, warm hugs, moist eyes and a genuine feeling of well-being. The good food is also something that is eagerly anticipated.

There is something else. Coming with the close of the year is also reflections on the year passed. The months of 2011 have gone by and with their passing opportunities, challenges and some disappointments. The year has brought us a host of changes in nearly every aspect of our lives.

For Judy Ann and myself, may thank you for your generosity toward us. It has warmed our hearts. Let us wish for you all, the best during this holiday season and may the coming year bring all of you happiness and a closer walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

Beverly and Louis Shorter



May you remember that Christmas is a time for family, friends and home.

Air Force Airman Colton C. Ashley graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Colton C. Ashley graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

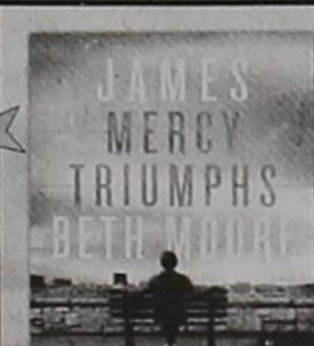
The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare prin-

ciples and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ashley is the son of Keisha Ashley of Lariat Avenue, Matador.

He is a 2011 graduate of Hale Center High School.



JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS BY BETH MOORE

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore's 8-session study *James: Mercy Triumphs*. And, in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action.

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If there is enough interest, an additional meeting time may be considered.

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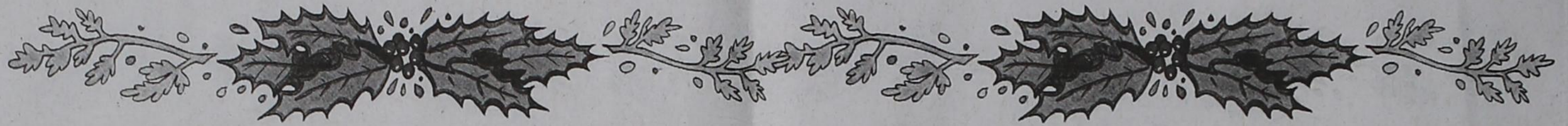
A toast to you



We had a great year and we owe it all to you!
May you have a safe, happy holiday season.

Thanks for your support.

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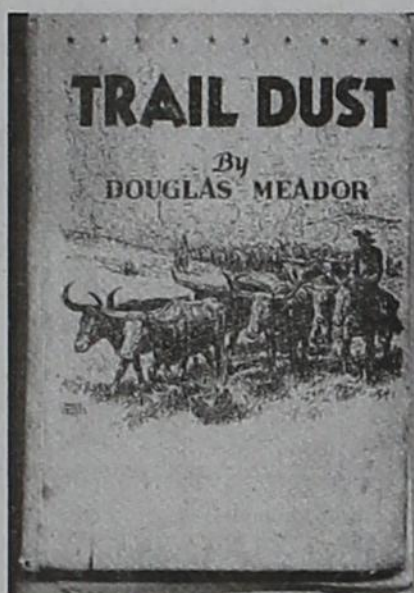


TxDOT plan defining best practices in pavement management earns international award
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Based on data from the deterioration models and results from the peer review, the TxDOT team developed a standardized set of best practices that became the foundation for agency's pavement management plan—a comprehensive guideline for statewide road rehabilitation and preventive maintenance to maximize pavement preservation.

The IRF presents a number

of internationally recognized awards each year honoring members or individuals for excellence and innovation in road development. TxDOT's winning pavement management project will be featured in an upcoming issue of World Highways magazine, an international industry publication dedicated to communicating all aspects of infrastructure development worldwide.



Due to popular demand and many requests, **Trail Dust**, written and originally published in 1940 by Douglas Meador, Country Editor, Poet, Philosopher and the Sage of Matador, and with the permission and sponsorship of Mary Tipton Crider, sister of Mrs. Douglas (Lila) Meador, the family is having this well known book reprinted.

The reprint of the book, Trail Dust, by Douglas Meador, has been completed and would make a wonderful Christmas present. A limited number of books are available for \$19.95 plus shipping and handling.

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A Christmas Wish Continues

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Born in 1900 in Mount Pleasant, Texas, Mary Lou Hazelrigg (then Harris) grew up with a keen understanding of what it means to "go without." Raised on her grandfather's farm, Hazelrigg grew up chopping and picking cotton and driving a mule. Her education was intermittent, depending on how much she was needed for her chores at the farm. When she was relieved of her chores, she would make the three-mile walk to her school house. Perhaps it was her limited opportunity to earn a formal education that made Hazelrigg so determined later on to see that her own daughter received a quality education. As a young single mother, Hazelrigg worked as a cook and resided in servants' quarters to be able to afford to send her daughter to a Catholic boarding school.

After her marriage to Alexander Hazelrigg, the couple moved to Amarillo in 1940.

They both worked as janitors for the City of Amarillo for a period of 20 years, with second jobs at night to earn extra income. Upon retiring, Hazelrigg determined to do something positive for the needy children in the North Heights area of Amarillo. She recognized that many of them faced a Christmas that was lacking presents or, in some cases, any sort of celebration. In 1965, Hazelrigg and her husband began hosting a Christmas party for underprivileged children in their home. The Hazelriggs provided all the Christmas treats, complete with a visit from Santa Claus. A gathering of about 10 to 12 children attended the first Hazelrigg Christmas party. This fairly light attendance was short-lived, however. Word soon spread and each year brought more and more children to the Hazelrigg home at Christmas. Soon, hundreds of children were attending, from towns across the Panhandle. Each child came with the as-

surance they'd receive Christmas treats, toys, and a visit with Santa Claus.

By 1984, the celebration had outgrown the Hazelrigg's home. When the attendance peaked at nearly 1,000 children, the decision was made to move the celebration to the North Heights Center, and the tradition was continued by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity of West Texas State University — now West Texas A&M. Over the years, the Mary Lou Hazelrigg Christmas Party has continued to provide children in need with gifts on their wish lists thanks to the generous support of local donors and church groups. Longtime Amarillo resident and retiree Jackie Montague, a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, has volunteered and helped to host the party for more than 25 years. Though most children are given toys, candies and fruit, Montague says some children are in need of much more basic items, like clothing and shoes. When these chil-

dren are identified, volunteers will often make arrangements with the children's parents to purchase clothing for them, "to see that every child in need has a Christmas," Montague says.

Mary Lou Hazelrigg's goodwill did not go unnoticed by local and state leaders. The Amarillo Globe-News named her Woman of the Year in 1982 and in 1984, she was presented with the Texas Governor's Award. She was recognized by several organizations for her service, including the Amarillo Police Department, West Texas A&M, and Northwest Texas Hospital. Hazelrigg passed away on May 16, 1990. Today, 46 years since her first Christmas party, Mary Lou Hazelrigg's legacy lives on as local children in need continue to experience the spirit of Christmas thanks to her kindness and hard work.

Those interested in learning more about the annual Mary Lou Hazelrigg Christmas Party can contact Jackie Montague, (806) 351-0454.

Preliminary estimates show hundreds of millions of trees killed by 2011 drought

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — As many as 500 million trees scattered across the Lone Star State have died this year as a result of the unrelenting drought, according to preliminary estimates from Texas Forest Service.

The numbers were derived by Texas Forest Service foresters, who canvassed local forestry professionals, gathering information from them on the drought and its effect on trees in their respective communities.

Each forestry expert estimated the percentage of trees in their region that have died as a result of the 2011 drought. That

percentage was applied to the estimated number of trees in the region, a figure determined by the agency's Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA) program.

Using this approach, an estimated 100 million to 500 million trees with a diameter of 5 inches or larger were estimated to have succumbed to the drought. That range is equivalent to 2 to 10 percent of the state's 4.9 billion trees.

"In 2011, Texas experienced an exceptional drought, prolonged high winds and record-setting temperatures. Together, those conditions took a severe toll on trees across the state," said Burl Carraway, Sustain-

able Forestry department head. "Large numbers of trees in both urban communities and rural forests have died or are struggling to survive. The impacts are numerous and widespread."

The preliminary estimates indicate three multi-county areas appear to be the hardest hit. The area including Sutton, Crockett, western Kimble and eastern Pecos counties saw extensive mortality among Ashe junipers.

The area including Harris, Montgomery, Grimes, Madison and Leon counties saw extensive mortality among loblolly pines. Western Bastrop and eastern Caldwell counties, as well as surrounding areas, saw extensive mortality among cedars and post oaks.

Additionally, localized pockets of heavy mortality were reported for many other areas.

Texas Forest Service foresters plan to use aerial imagery to conduct a more in-depth analysis in the spring, which is when trees that may have gone into early dormancy — an act of self-preservation — could begin to make a comeback.

A more scientific, long-term study will be completed as the agency collects data through its FIA program. Considered a census for trees, the federally-funded program allows the agency to keep a close watch on trees — and how they're growing and changing — across the state.

As part of the program, foresters are tasked with surveying certain, designated plots of land each year. Because the state is so big, it takes a decade to complete a full inventory cycle.

"Quantifying the impacts of a statewide drought on tree survival is no small task," Carraway said, noting that Texas was home to 63 million acres of forestland, much of which is in remote areas.

"During this time of year, it's difficult to tell in some cases if a tree is truly dead. And keep in mind that the drought is ongoing. We fully expect mortality percentages to increase if the drought continues."



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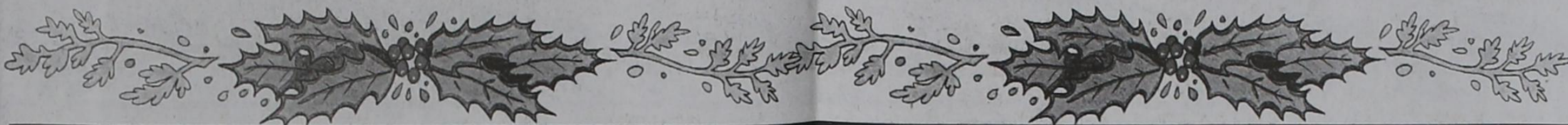
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Obituaries

Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski



Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski, 84, of Roaring Springs, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2011, in Fort Worth at the home of her daughter, Beverly Zabielski Shorter. Services were held December 17, 2011, at the Methodist Church in Matador. Interment was at the Roaring Springs Cemetery with Pastor Bill Manney officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

She was born in Whiteflat on January 13, 1927, to Tom and Stella Butterfield Tilson. She married Raymond F. Zabielski on February 23, 1946. During the first 20 years of their marriage Ray served in the United States Air Force. They lived in Tachikawa, Japan; Rome, New York; Topeka, Kansas; Chicago and Hoffman Estates, Illinois. They moved to Roaring Springs in 1974. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, a founding member of the Roaring Springs Volunteers, the Methodist Study Guild, the Eternas Study Club. She was an avid seamstress and quilter.

Grace Laverne was preceded in death by her husband Raymond F. Zabielski, five brothers and one sister. She is survived by three daughters, Laverne Zabielski, Beverly Shorter, and Bunni Zeilinger; four sons, K. Ray Zabielski, Lamar Zabielski, Stephen Zabielski, and Julian Zabielski; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Grandmother's Eulogy by Dana Wittler Logsdon

- 3/4 c sugar
- 2/3 c veg oil
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp lemon extract
- 2 eggs
- 2 c unbleached flour
- 1 tsp baking power

Mix wet ingredients. Add

dry. Drop heaping tsp of batter on ungreased cooking sheet. Flatten with buttered bottom of small glass dipped in sugar. Bake 400 degrees 8-10 min
"Watch 'em so they don't burn"

Who didn't love Grandmother's cooking? Her sugar cookies are a legacy themselves. It's amazing when looking through all the memories sent in by Grandmother's children, grandchildren, cousin's and friends, how many of us talked about her special cooking. In my house when I cook something that tastes really good, I say, "You know why it's so good? Because I put LOVE in it." Grandmother was not the touchy feeling kind of grandmother, she didn't give big hugs or constantly tell you how much she loved you, but she LOVED you and we felt it in many ways. Her cooking, her sewing, her story telling, her community involvement, and her presence all evoked the essence of her love and the importance of family and heritage.

I remember her tours of Matador and Whiteflat, making sure we knew our Texas roots. I loved her cheesecake so much she made me one for my 10th birthday. And I loved that she always loved and welcomed my Dad, Don Witter, even though he and Mom were divorced.

Her love for her oldest son, Ray, is elicited in his memories of their weekly phone calls after the family moved back to Texas where Grandmother grew up. They would discuss hopes and dreams, problems and solutions.

Steve values how supportive Grandmother was regardless of what latest idea he was sharing, whatever adventure he was planning to embark upon. He never felt that she ever had anything less than total belief in him. He appreciated that she never smothered him with over protectiveness, giving him great freedom to explore his the neighborhood at a young age, even if it meant letting him wander for hours, through woods, across creeks, the shores of ponds and lakes, stores and shopping centers.

Lamar knew Grandmother loved him when she forgot his birthday and then apologized profusely the next day. And as

a school bus driver he is reminded of her tone of voice that commanded respect when he finds himself speaking in that same tone on the school bus.

Over the years Beverly has collected particular philosophies of Grandmother.

On kids: "Never say no unless it is morally wrong or will do physical harm."

On serenity: "They cannot get your goat if you do not tell them where it is tied."

On integrity: "If you cannot say anything nice do not say anything at all."

On life: "Live and let live."

Grandmother showed her love for Julian by letting him rock out in the basement during his high school years! When Julian wanted to play in the Foose Ball Tournament in Lubbock, Dad said no. Julian pleaded his case; always coming home on time, doing chores. Dad said no. Julian retaliated. If I can't play in the tournament, I'm not playing football and went to his room. Moments later Mom tells him Dad had decided he could play in the tournament. In first grade she walked him to the corner, then waited till he crossed the street and walked inside the building. On one such day after Christmas and Julian lost his brand new scarf, they walked up and down the street looking for it.

As a child, in awe of my teenage Aunt Bunni, I was able to witness Grandmother's love graced upon her in many ways. The one that stands out the most is the puffy quilt she made for her college dorm. The fabric selected for the quilt represented many of the outfits she had made for Bunni during her grade school and high school years. Bunni and her children also loved Grandmother's cookies, macaroni and cheese and her Galumki.

How awesome is it that our grandmother made Galumki one of her signature meals. Our family ancestry was so important for her that she made sure we knew our heritage on both the Texas side and the Polish side.

Grandmother loved all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Some of us were fortunate enough to know her more because we lived in Texas. Others received her love through baby quilts, special embroidered napkins, pillowcases or table cloths; through family recipes and stories passed down by our parents; or through the philosophies instilled in her own children and passed down to us.

The following memories of Grandmother from her grandchildren reflect this love. Danielle said "Every time I make grilled cheese I think of her making it extra good by putting a tin can on to melt the cheese and give it a nice crispy ring on the white bread. I also learned my sweeping the floor techniques from her. And, I remember the pageant dress she made for me which had a cowgirl look to it."

Donnie recalled, "I remember her always cooking, sewing or baking those famous sugar cookies. I've never had any others that can compete with hers."

Jennifer remembers Grandmother's house, so homey. "I felt like nothing in the world could be wrong. I felt safe. I remember her having toast with butter waiting on me when I woke up. I remember in her eyes that I could do no wrong."

Stevie Lynn said, "Grandma Grace was a strong and beautiful woman who truly had a graceful presence. She had a lovely smile that would light up the room."

Megan remembers that Grandmother was the epitome of class and style. "She dressed well, carried herself well, and you listened when she spoke."

Our cousin, Lamar Tilson writes that she was his favorite aunt, a gentle soul. He loved visiting her home. It was so peaceful.

And finally, my brother Johnny shares from Ecclesiastes 3. *For everything there is an appointed time, even a time for every affair under the heavens: a time for birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted; a time to weep and a time to laugh; . . . what advantage is there for the doer in what he/she is working at? . . . I have come to know that there is nothing better for them then to rejoice and to do good during one's life; and also that every man/woman should eat and indeed drink and see good for all his/her hard work. It is the gift of God.*

Johnny adds, "My point in quoting these verses is what is mentioned in the last sentence. *It is the gift of God.* I did not know Grandmother that well but I do know all of the amazing people that she raised on this earth and I see all the good for her hard work. She has raised an amazing family and I am sure it was not easy, but worth every bit of work, and this is the gift of God that was given to all of us through Grandmother. You are all beautiful people and reflect the amazing qualities of Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski.

James Rufus Fish, Sr.



James Rufus Fish, Sr., M.D., former resident of Matador, Texas, passed away peacefully from this life into life everlasting on October 1, 2011. He was 87.

Dr. Fish had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in August. At the time of his death, he was residing at the Seattle, Washington, home of his daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Richard Nelson, who lovingly cared for him during his illness. He was confidently looking forward to seeing Jesus in heaven and being reunited with Christian family members and fellow believers who preceded him in death.

Dr. Fish was the eldest son of the late Farris Fish, Esq. and Bernice Fish (nee Moore) of Matador. After graduating from Matador High School in 1941, he attended the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Dr. Fish continued his education at the University of Mississippi, receiving his premed MCERT degree in 1945 as part of the Navy V-12 program. He completed his medical studies at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas, where he received his M.D. degree in 1947. He was licensed by the Texas Medical Board in 1947.

During the early years of his career, Dr. Fish served in the U.S. Navy, receiving the commission of Lieutenant. After completing active duty, he remained in the Naval Reserve until being honorably dis-

charged in 1959. He practiced medicine in Electra, Texas, and Houston before moving to Colorado Springs in 1960.

Prior to his illness, Dr. Fish resided in Colorado, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine, specializing in Urology and Preventive Care, from 1960 until his retirement in 1999. In recent years, he enjoyed travelling to Europe and South America, and relaxing with friends and family at his mountain residence.

Dr. Fish is survived by his three children: James R. Fish, Jr., Cynthia Nelson and John F. Fish. His only sibling, John F. Fish, preceded him in death last year.

No memorial service is planned. Inurnment of cremated remains will occur at East Mound Cemetery in Matador at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Motley County Public Library, P.O. Box 557, 1105 Main St., Matador, Texas 79244 (Telephone 806.347.2717).

Thomas Hurt

Graveside Services for Thomas Hurt, 82 of Matador, were held Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Joe Martin Officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Hurt passed away Sunday, December 11, 2011, in Crosbyton. He was born in Oklahoma on December 22, 1928, to Ed C. Hurt and Gracie Lee Davenport Hurt. Thomas was married to Dora Underwood in Roaring Springs, Texas, on December 27, 1947. Thomas owned and operated Thomas Used Cars

in Matador for 44 years and had a passion for car racing. Mr. Hurt was preceded in death by a son Mickey Hurt.

He is survived by his wife Dora Hurt of Matador; three sons, Lee, Jimmy Don, Tommy and wife Kate Hurt of Matador; one daughter, Brenda Jacobs and husband Jim of Dumont, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Susie Canon Hurt of Paducah, Texas; three brothers, Eugene, Bobby, and David Hurt all of Tulia; two sisters, Maxine Gilbert of Oklahoma City, OK; and Alma Jean Davis of Woodward, OK; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Andy Fish

Andy Fish was born November 18, 1941, in Matador to the late IW and Hope Fish. He passed away at the age of 70 on December 15, 2011, in Tyler after a lengthy illness. A memorial service will be held at a later date, local arrangements are with Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Directors, Tyler.

Andy attended Howard Payne University on a full track and field scholarship. He then attended West Texas State University, running track and obtaining a Bachelor's of Science degree in agriculture.

When he was 30 he was co-owner in Tillerson-Fish International Harvester in Plainview then bought into Fish & Still John Deere dealership in

Nacogdoches. He has lived in the East Texas area for several years, and was most recently employed by Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler in their grounds keeping department. His church membership was at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying gardening, hunting, and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sue Laney Fish of Tyler; children and spouses, Richard and Lisse Fish, Shari and Barry Kniffen; brother, Tom Camp; and numerous other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Fish.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

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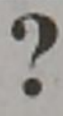
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Do lightning strike survivors have difficulty with short-term memory?



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Proposed unified Texas Primary Election date finalized

A proposed unified Texas Primary Election date has been finalized by both the Texas Democratic Party (TDP) and Republican Party of Texas (RPT) and submitted to the three-judge federal court in San Antonio. We'll send out an email with more a detailed analysis later today, however, in the interim, here are the dates from the proposed order:

February 1, 2012 - New residency deadline for candidates seeking election to the Texas House and Texas Senate.

February 1, 2012, 6:00pm - New deadline of court-ordered reopened filing period, in which candidates for all offices have the opportunity to amend, withdraw or file a new application for the ballot.

February 3, 2012 - New deadline for County Executive Committees to conduct drawing for candidate order on ballot.

April 3, 2012 - Date of the 2012 General Primary Election.

April 14 or April 21, 2012 - Date of County and Senatorial District Conventions (as determined by the State Chair of each political party).

June 5, 2012 - Date of the 2012 General Primary Runoff Election.

You can read and download the proposed order online at <http://scr.bi/tLnJdv>

Here is the Joint Statement from TDP and RPT on Agreement Regarding 2012 General

Primary Election:

"Parties have submitted a joint agreed proposal to the San Antonio federal panel. Today, the Texas Democratic Party (TDP) and the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) issued a statement announcing that the two parties have submitted a joint agreed proposal on the 2012 General Primary Election to the U.S. District Court three-judge panel in San Antonio. The parties' joint proposal provides for an April 3, 2012 unified primary date, along with adjusted dates, deadlines and requirements in respect to its administration.

TDP State Chairman Boyd Richie said, "We're glad to have worked out an agreement which we feel works best for Texans. Given the less than ideal circumstances, we think that this election schedule is a workable solution that will create the least confusion for the voters. We're pleased that the agreement maintains a unified primary which will save taxpayers money."

RPT State Chairman Steve Munisteri said, "I am pleased that we could come to an agreement and I hope that most Republican elected officials and Texas voters will be satisfied with this proposal. We are hopeful that with both a timely ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court and subsequent finalized maps, that this agreement not only preserves the original structure of a unified primary,

MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011					
Data Control Codes	General Fund	SSA IDEA, Part B Formula	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,055,062	\$ -	\$ 253,420	\$ 20,798	\$ 1,329,280
5800 State Program Revenues	1,175,302	-	6,671	7,915	1,189,895
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	353,443	-	486,017	839,460
5020 Total Revenues	2,230,364	353,443	260,091	514,730	3,358,635
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	924,413	336,097	83,071	260,652	1,604,233
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	5,018	-	-	-	5,018
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	8,346	-	-	3,200	11,546
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	2,173	151,000	3,857	157,033
0023 School Leadership	103,248	-	-	-	103,248
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	618	1,007	9,780	-	11,408
0033 Health Services	1,516	-	-	-	1,516
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	211,914	-	-	-	211,914
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	138,167	138,167
0036 Extracurricular Activities	141,183	-	-	-	141,183
0041 General Administration	244,933	-	-	1,655	246,588
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	218,326	-	16,241	-	234,567
0053 Data Processing Services	75,139	-	-	-	75,139
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments to Ffiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	56,636	14,166	-	137,660	208,462
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	20,424	-	-	-	20,424
6030 Total Expenditures	2,011,714	353,443	260,091	545,191	3,170,446
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	218,650	-	-	(30,461)	188,189
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	5,403	-	-	-	5,403
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	40,677	40,677
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(40,677)	-	-	-	(40,677)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(35,274)	-	-	40,677	5,403
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	183,376	-	-	10,216	193,592
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,695,168	-	-	10,199	1,705,367
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	83,626	-	-	-	83,626
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,962,170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,415	\$ 1,982,585

but provides us enough time to accomplish it in a fair and orderly fashion. Furthermore, this agreement addresses the concern of both the TDP and RPT by providing a timeline which still allows us to hold our respective state conventions and national delegate selection in June."

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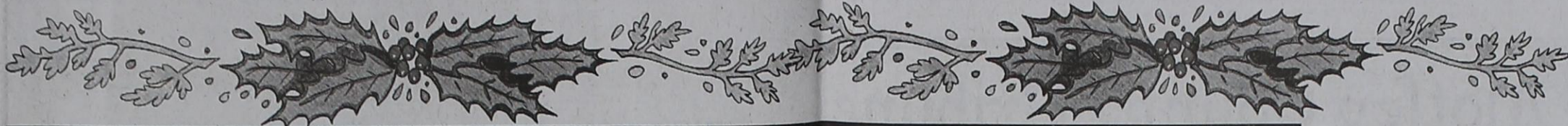
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December

- 24 First United Methodist, Matador, Carols and Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm.
- 24 Christmas Mass, 5:00p.m. at Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church in Matador.
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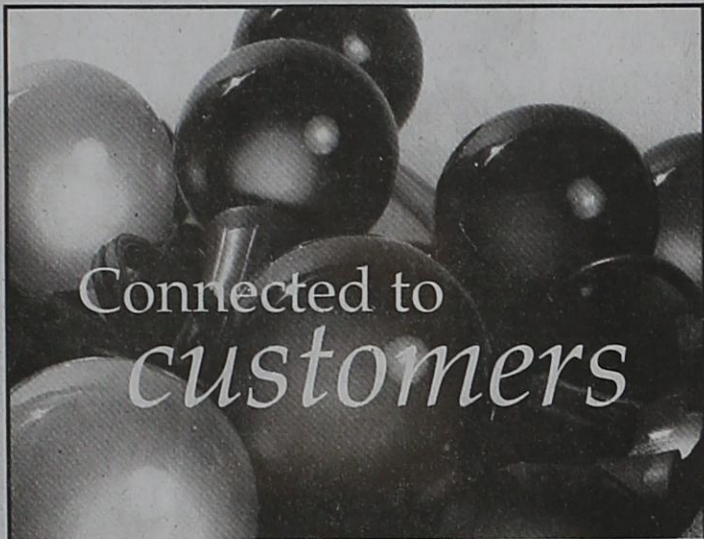
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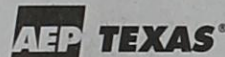


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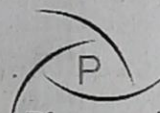
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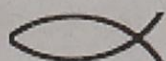
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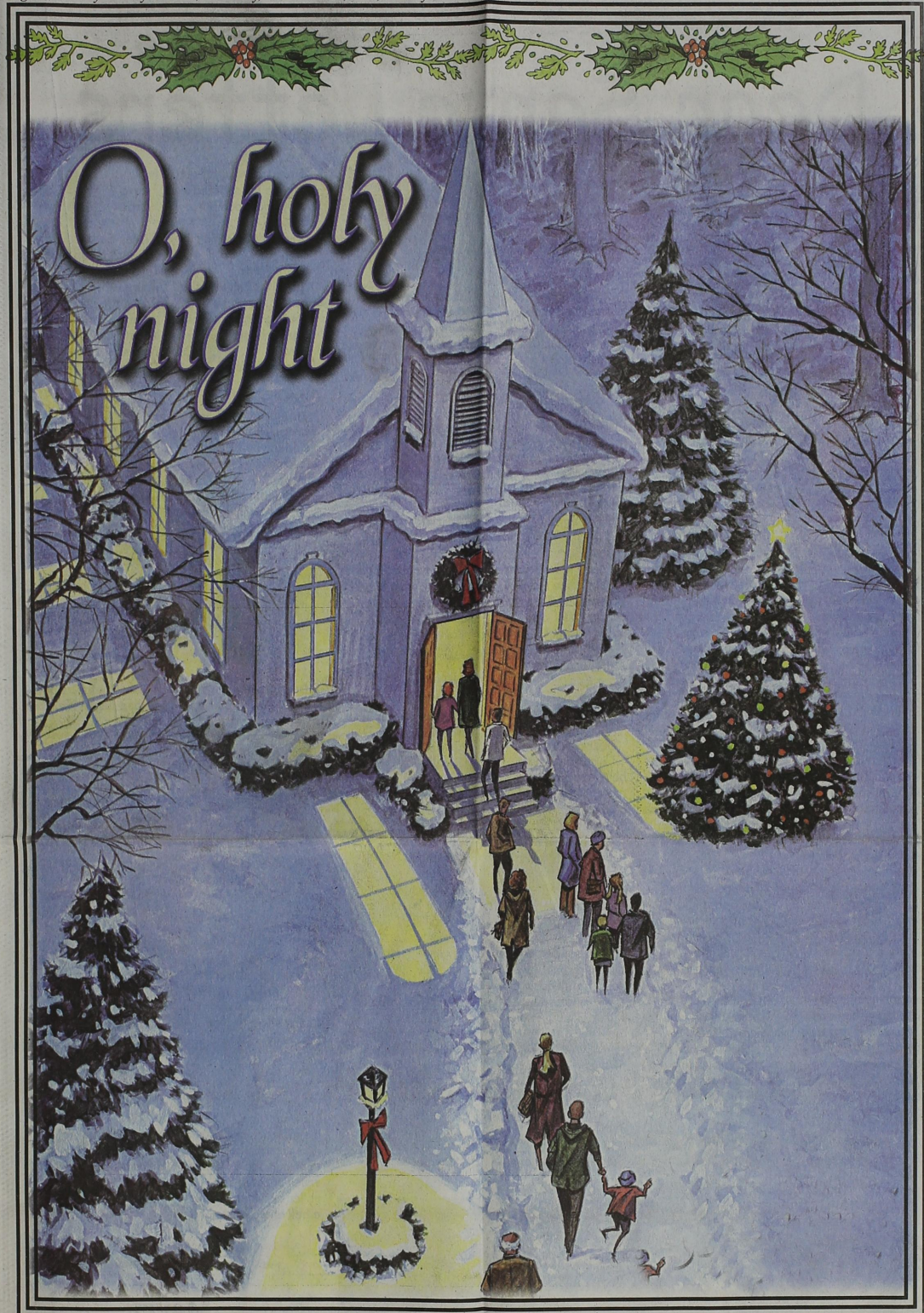
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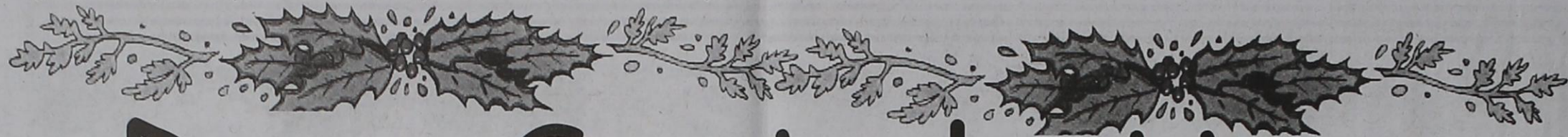
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Dear Santa Letters

Pre K
Dear Santa,
I will give you some sour pretzels, and some cold coffee so you wont get burned. I like play bunny rabbits. I want a light up bracelet that changes colors, and a diamond bracelet. Please bring me a new blankie and a little rainbow pillow.
I love you Santa.
Brooklyn Freeman

Dear Santa,
I want presents and baby doll. Please bring me some candy and rings, and bracelets, and lots and lots of toys.
Love
Leyla Quilimaco

Dear Santa,
Motley County PreK students have been good this year. We are writing to you as One big group.

Trent Barclay wants for Christmas a Nintendo DSI, he said this is the only thing he wants.

Tevor Barclay is asking for a Nintendo DSI but also would like a four wheeler.

Joleigh Darsey would like a ring, jewelry box, pom poms, a phone and a computer.

Mario Chavez is asking for Christmas a BB gun, backpack, clothes, pencils, headphones and a laptop.

Zoey Buckner wants some stompers, play-doh, puppy, snowman figure, Barbie and a baby doll.

Reagan Davis said that for Christmas she would like some stompers, play-doh, and elf and a doll.

Vanessa Flores is asking for some pom

poms, a paint set, color pencils and a doll.

Paula Gray wants a baby doll, gingerbread house, computer, a backpack and a T.V

Taylor Green is asking for a BB gun, basketball goal, trampoline, and a transformer action figure.

Next is Daniel Gressett, his list is kind of long but here it is. He wants a snowman figure, computer, cell phone, an elf with a Santa Claus and a sleigh, toy eagle, remote control truck, video games and some puppets.

Bailea Lawrence is asking for one thing. Her own special bike.

Raylee Martin wants a doll, snowman figure, Puppy and a soccer ball.

Last is Brianna Silva in our class. She would like a horse, a cheerleader suit and pom poms.

Santa, we have quite a list for you. We hope that we might receive some of our wishes. Have a safe journey!

Hugs and kisses,
Mrs. Parks PreK Class
P.S. Cookies and Milk will be waiting for you!

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a surprise, a toy too, a Santa toy.
Love,
Josue Almanza

Dear Santa,
I want a little doll and a pool that you put real water in and all the puppies and a floatie for the puppies.
Love
Scott Braly

Dear Santa,
I want a toy machine

gun and some Sperry's and some new socks.

Love,
Bryer Davis

Dear Santa,
I want a real flower, a feather to put in my hair, a real cat, a cat house, Nintendo DS, and a castle, a magic book, a magic wand and a magic star.
Love
Krystin Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want a real cat, and a Rapunzel game, and a cat house and a DS and a magic star.
Love,
Olivia Fowler

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, and I want some more horses, and I want a scarf. And I also want some new markers, and I want some kitchen stuff, and I want stencils.
Love,
Jolie Gressett

Dear Santa,
I want a dancing baby, a puppy that comes with a leash and a bone, and a My Little Pony Pinkie Pie, and a jeep, and I want tinsel, and I want a room full of fun. And my own candy, a scrapbook that comes with a light, a Barbie that comes with a bathtub. And Barbie camper with a swimming pool, and a wolf that reads a story to you and comes with a story, and a jingle bell.
Love,
Haven Hill

Dear Santa,
I want Tangled and a Barbie.
Love,
Marily Mandujano

Dear Santa,
I want a Peterbuilt, a garbage truck and a planter.
Love,
Cade Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a necklace, and a playroom with a music song thingy, and make-up, earrings and dresses.
Love,
Nevaeh Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a Play Station and that's all.
Love,
Justin McCleskey

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie's, and dog toy, and a blanket, and presents and paper.
Love,
Ayla McDonald

Dear Santa,
I want a make up set and stuffed dolphin and that's all.
Love,
Jacelyn Perryman

Dear Santa,
I want a bike.
Love,
Daniel (Bubba) Quilimaco

Dear Santa,
I want an ipod and Barbies
Love,
Emory Rains

Dear Santa,
I want a football jersey that's a Matador, a football helmet, a Motley County football pads, Woody and Jessie and that all.
Love
Jason Richards

Dear Santa,

I want a make up set, a bike, a big stuffed puppy and a doll.
Love
Ximena SanRoman

Dear Santa,
I want a Smokey the Fire Truck, and a deer shooting set, and a new coloring book.
Love
Brock Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you? I was wondering how the reindeer fly? I will leave cookies and mile for you. Could you bring me a Nintendo 3 DSI with a new game, the Operation game, and some dress-up clothes. I have been good and my brothers have too. Come soon!
From
Arianna Sanders

1st Grade
Dear Santa,
I want a car and a remote control, football, and a baball. I will leave milk and cookies
Your friend,
Manuel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a Ipod for Christmas. You are the best, I wanta dsi. I pad,
Love
Tylee

Dear Santa,
I want a rope and a nerf fun and a bell and a rope pink. I want a legins and a regin a I pad Ergy.
Love
Kylar

Dear Santa,
I want a back hoe and a simi truck and a triler and cattle and I want a nerf gun and a flatbed truck and a steam roller and a bb gun and a bell and a horse and a

rope
Love
Brock

Dear Santa
I want a pop blue. Iaro p geen plese. I want a rop orange. I wanta rop orange. I wanta spdrmienbus I wanta legins krosreng felthath. I wanta fun. I wanta gun 2403.
Love
Ryder

Dear Santa,
I Phone You're the best 2nd person in the whole wide world. I want a I pod for Christmas bitty baby cloths. Dsi. I pad.
Love
Reese

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a ipod,
Love
Jaden

Dear Santa, I want an ipod, legins, felt hat and spurs.
Love
Brogan

Dear Santa,
I want a pink in blue rope I want a I tuh for Christmas.
Love
Journi

Dear Santa, I want five dolrs and a ipod and bike a game and a bed for my moma and my sisters and bruthre and my sefe
Love,
Mariana

Dear Santa, I want a I pod
Love
Trinity

Dear Santa,
I want a rrfе gun dinosors and a Big T REX
Joe



Peace

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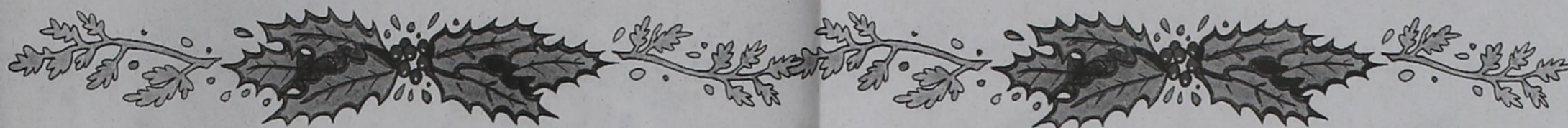
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In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.


The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"


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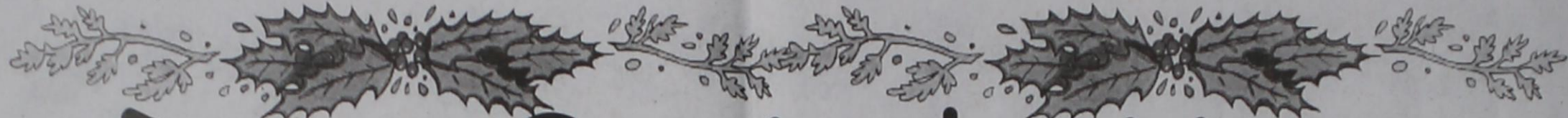
*Jesus Christ,
ruler of everything*



May the wonder of
His birth
and the
anticipation
of His
return fill
you with
hope every
day.

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda,
art not the least among the princes
of Juda: for out of thee shall come a
Governor, that shall rule my people
Israel. Matthew 2:6 (KJV)

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Dear Santa Letters

2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you? I want a bike and a DSI and a remote control car.

Your friend,
Braeden Moncrief

Dear Santa Clause
How is Mrs. Clause, I want a mp3 player and a computer and a pillowpet.

Cheyenne Mount

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I want a ninten. How is mes klos how is the efs doin I want a bow. I want crayons.

Kyler Barton

Dear Santa,
I want a Greenbay, Aaron Rodgers fat head, and how is your reindeer? And also I want a guitar how is Mrs. Claus? I want a green bay pillow pet.



Also I want Greenbay football equipment. I also want a New wii with madden 12 football. And I also want a psp with NFL football.

Jackson Rains

Dear Santa,
I would like a Green Bay football helmet and also knee pads and football pads and cleets. And a Jersey Number 2 and also I want a psp that comes with a college football game. And lego kingdom the out post tower. And also could I have a black under armor shirt. Also I want a remote control truck.

Santa Claus thanks for being so cool.
Jacob Richards

Dear Santa,
I would like a long horns blanket, and a Dallas Cowboys blanket. How are your elves and your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus doing alright? I want a Nintendo 3DS with the game super Mario 3D land and sonic deluxe. I



hope you have a great Christmas. Thank you for all the hard work you've done to find holiday cheer and presents for everyone. You're the third best in the whole wide world the first is God, the second is my family. I like your outfit. Were did you get it at? I just want to say thank you for everything you've done for me.

Wyatt Perryman

Santa,
how is your elves and your deer? Can you please give me a football and a toys car and a bike and a besetball. Merry Christmas

Ashton Quilimaco

Dear Santa,
I will Like a toy 306. We will Like a plastasin3, I will like a toy pistall, How are the elves? Is Mrs. Claus is she doing good? How are the randeer? How is the baby? Santa you are osum. Thank you for the presents.

Harley

Santa,
I want to know how Mrs Clause and the reindeer are doing and the elves are doing? Santa, I want a Lunch

box for Christmas and a santa hat for Christmas and a box of clos for Christmas. How are you doing santa. I love you santa and Mrs Clause and the elves and the reindeer and you are cool.

April Gray

Dear Santa,
I want a football How are the elves doing? And I want a buck gun. And a pet puppy and a joy frog. What is you reindeers names santa clause. Were are you santa clause and I will bring you some cookies.

Carlos

Dear Santa,
I want a football, a collage football game for the Wii, and I want a baseball bat. I also want a new B.B. Gun I would like a Under Amour shirt and a jacket. I would like the shirt to be black. I would like the jacket to be Gray. How are Mrs. Claus and the elves and the raindeer? I wish yall a marry Christmas. I would like some baseball pants. Andrew Stafford

Dear Santa Claus how are you doing and Mrs. Santa Claus

doing? And the elves are doing and the reindeer doing? I want a 3Ds games. I want to new gloves and a new 3Ds games. it is a football games.

Braxton

Dear Santa,
Green Bay football PSP, basket ball, toy machine gun, air soft bebe gun machine gun. santa how are the rain deer? Santa when you deliver the presents in my house look on the café table. Do you ever give the elves a break? Dear Mrs. Claus Can you make me a suit like Santas red one? Thank you for all the hard work. Can you bring a green Bay Foot ball helmet.

Kason Degan

Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas, I want a PSP, a XBOX with a god father game with it and a four wheeler and a lap top and a big army knife. what are the elves doing and



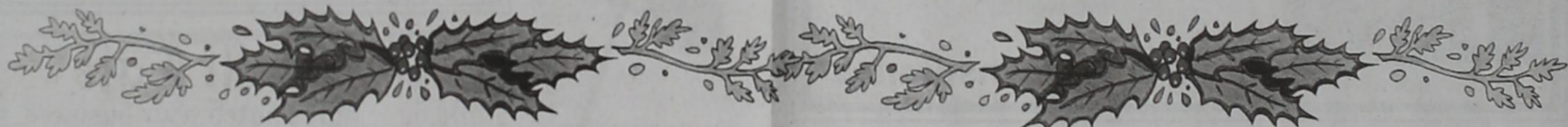
Mrs. Claus? I hope there ok, I would also like a under armer back pack and 3DS with Mario kart7 game and wii game. And green bay packers t-shirt and a move that is the godfather and a dirtbike and a ramp for my dirt bike and that's it.

Thank you santa
Trace Osborn

Santa,
I want a football, and Kneepads and some shoulder pads and a xbox connect and a red wii and a football and PSP games. How are your elves and Mrs. Claus bring a polo shirt and bring me some underarmor and some crayons and some beebes and pelits and Merry Chiristmas.

Demitric Sims

Santa,
I would like motercycle equipment. I would also like lego city police station. I would also like a xbox 360 with Call of Duty Black Ops and Call of Duty World at War and Battle Field 3 and Bio Shock and Grand Theft Auto 5. I would also like a red and Black rip stick. I would also like football equipment in Green



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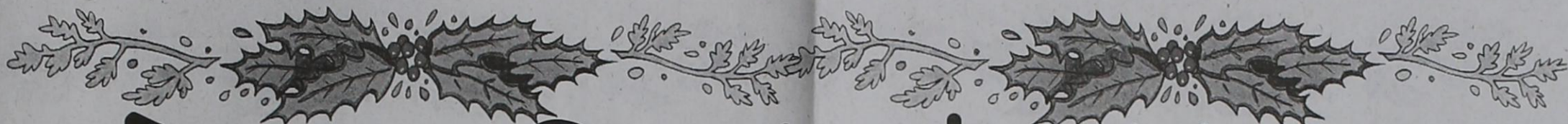
FULL OF LOVE, LAUGHTER AND CHRISTMAS CHEER! THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE AND PLEASE COME AGAIN.

Motley Mill & Cube

Hotel Matador

Our Wish For You

We wish all our friends, near and far, all the magic and wonder that is Christmas. May you have many merry days to come.



Dear Santa Letters

Bay Colers. I would also like a toy cross bow.

PS Keep up the good work.
Jace

Santa,
I want an Ipad touch, some clothes, books. How are you doing? How are your reindeer and your Elves. How is Mrs. Clause.
Thank you
Tyne Marshall

3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a camo four-wheeler with a rifle holder on the front, also a x box 360 with call of Duty Modern war fare 3 and some gas for the four wheeler.
Love
John Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas an xbox connect lego Harry Potter for my xbox 360 a thomus the tank engine a remot control eight team wheeler a just dance 3 for my xbox connect and a ipad. Santa hope you do good.



From Dallas

Dear Santa,
I want the wii game Rangos and the P53 game Uncharted 3 and cars & stuff.
Sincerely,
Case

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike and a Hawk eye blue sky.
Sincerely Love,
Prescott

Dear Santa,
I really want a Iphone for Christmas. On my contacts I want just people in my family. Can I have a All American Doll? I've wanted one for eight years. I also want a four wheeler and a dirt bike. Dan I have a bell from your sleigh. What kind of cookies are your favorite? Would you rather have vallana cookies or sugar cookis. Do you want white mild or pink milk?

Love,
Joley

Dear Santa,
I don't want a lot for Christmas because I am going on a ship but here is what I want. I want a Ipad tuch, or

even a dsi. And a movie and a game. But what I want most is to have a great Christmas. An you to and your raindeer too. Which is Rudolph, Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzin
Love
Kylee Ones

Dear Santa,
I want a DSI3D. And DJ hero and a new Mario game. And Just Dance-3. And lead pencils and pencils.
Love
Krysta

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of tome shoes and a movie. We will make you some cookies. I also want a bike, a chucky doll and a car and a dsi.
Sincerely,
Your friend, Sydnie

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wuld like Mario Cart and a DSI XL. I hope we all have the best Christmas ever! I hope you feed the reindeer enough food. I hope



your flight is good and your hungry enough for all those cookies
Your friend,
Colton

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a word search, a bike, books, pencils, pens, games, a Rudolph, alarm clock, a snowman that light up and Christmas songs.
Sincerely
Your friend, Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep that's purple and I also want two puppies and two kittens and an ipad, ipod, and a new phone. I also want a house for my Barbie you gave me. I also want a DSI. I hope you have a nice trip.

Victoria san Roman

Dear Santa,
I would like a hard drive for my xbox 360. I would like the movie santa paws. I love some drum and a guitar. I'd like cowboy rodeo set. Cowboy game for my xbox360. I'd love cars 2. I'd love a red plow. I'd love the best Christmas ever.
Keygin

Dear Santa,
So how you doing?

For Christmas can I have a Nook Color, Laptop, Super bowl tickets, show gun and Ipad.
Your friend
Kade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a wii for my room and ten pencils anda ipad. How are you doing and howis your reindeer doing.
Kenzie

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an Ipad2, EReader, Bike, Legos, and the movie Cowboy and Aleins.
Your friend
Nathan

Dear Santa,
I only want my family to have the best Christmas ever. I only want that for Christmas.
Sincerely your friend
Isabella

4th Grade

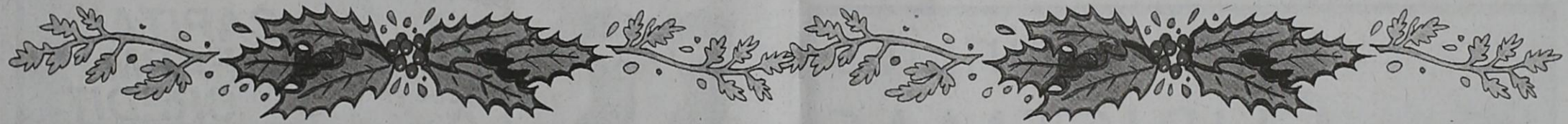
Dear Santa,
I want a pocket knife and a xbox Kenect and hunting boots, vest and cap. How are you this year I hope your not sick and I hope you and reindeer are fine. How is you're wife aren't you glad

it Christmas you cant play in the snow ive always wondered do you're elves make toys during summer. Do sometimes you're elves mess up, I hope they don't because that would be bad on Christmas right. That wouldn't be good whats your sons name oh yea what I want for Christmas is a starter Jacket another one
Matthew Moncrief

5th Grade

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I'm doing great! I've been pretty good this year. I only want one thing this time. If you could find time in your busy busy schedule to bring me this, I will be thankful. All I want for Christmas is a little calico girl kitten. I have 3 crazy dogs who live outside, but I just want a calm calico who lives inside. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you have a great Christmas!

Love
Crystal Collett



Many kind thanks



We had a wonderful year, and for that, we can't thank you enough. Your support has been tremendous. Best wishes for a jolly Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Script Printing, Bobby and Barbara

At
Christmas,
play and make
good cheer,
For Christmas
comes but once
a year!

J O Y



*May the blessings of
the season be yours
now and forever.
The Insurance Store*

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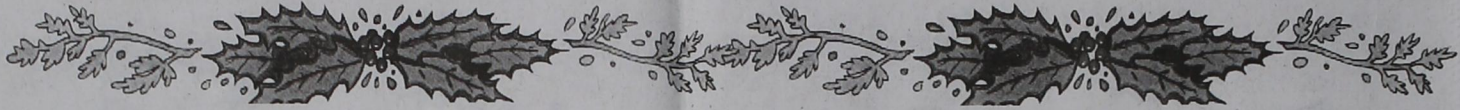
New to You



We wish all our friends, near and far, all the magic and wonder that is Christmas.



**Merry Christmas to all and to all
a good night.
Jennifer, Allison, Matthew and
Braeden**



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TO ALL
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Janelle Jackson Shirley

Children with great anticipation,
Looking forward to Christmas Day,
Knowing Christmas is for children,
And Santa will soon be on his way!

Children with excitement and awe,
Awaiting the day with eyes aglow,
Writing letters to Dear Santa,
Telling Santa what he should know.

Children with gladness and glee,
Wrapping up the gift giving scene,
Swimming in a sea of pretty paper,
Silver and gold, red and green.

Children with pure angelic voices,
Singing carols loud and clear,
Bringing happiness to one and all,
Soon Christmas will be here.

Children with hearts full of joy,
Trusting they've been good all year,
Leaving cookies and milk for Santa,
And snacks for Santa's reindeer.

Children with happy expectations,
Making memories to impart,
Confirming Christmas is for children,
And we're all children at heart!

Happy Holidays

and Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
from all of us at the
Red Ball Gin

**This is Christmas,
this is love**

May God bless you this season and
fill all of your days with joy.

Matador Ranch

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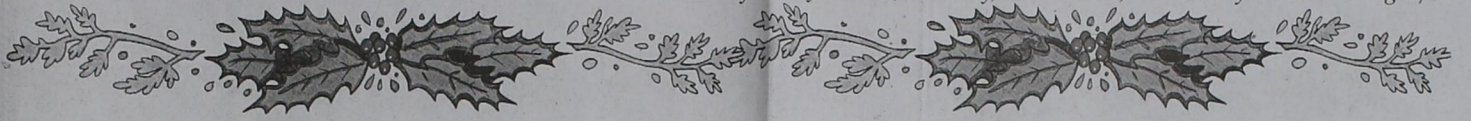
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Don't forget to put out Santa's milk and cookies

Don't forget to hang the mistletoe

Don't forget the batteries

Don't forget whose birthday we're celebrating



Merry Christmas
Lowe's
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Warm, Fuzzy Wishes



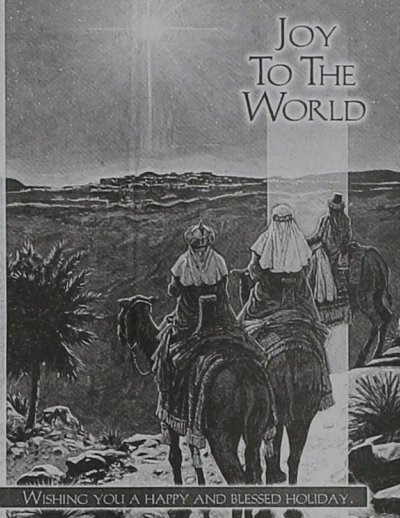
For the best holiday season ever.
Merry Christmas!
Meredith Gas and Supply

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Here's hoping you enjoy every minute of it!

Ken's RV and Mini-storage
Ken and Mary Marshall




JOY TO THE WORLD

May the joy of Christmas and the magic of the season live in our hearts all year around.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND BLESSED HOLIDAY.

Merry Christmas
Lee's Insurance

The annual You Don't Have to Dine Alone on Christmas Day Dinner will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Christmas Day at 12:30. Folks who have no family or friends to dine with and would be alone on Christmas Day are invited to come.



Hope Burns Bright

May you bask in the glory of the season and feel the joy of the spirit in your heart.

Thank you for making our business year bright with promise. Merry Christmas



"Helping you change things for the better"

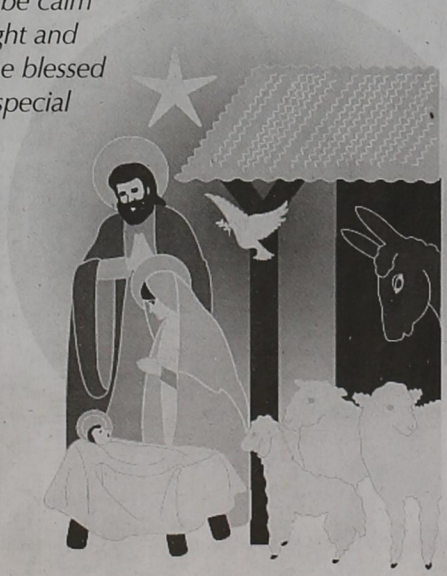
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O holy night

May all be calm and bright and everyone blessed on this special night.



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&
A Happy New Year

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