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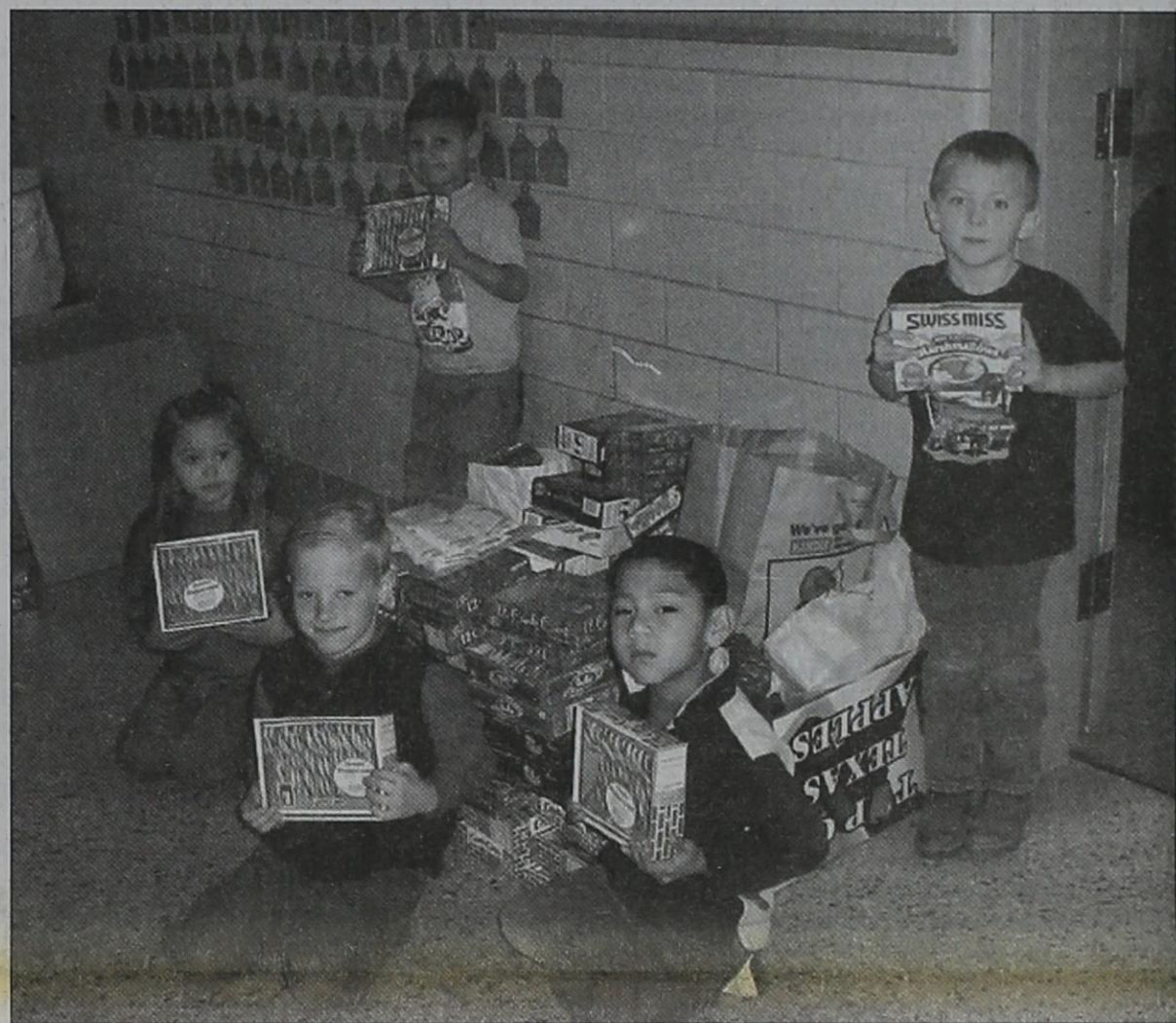


## Happy Holidays



REMEMBER the reason for the season. Scene from the First Baptist Church drive through nativity.

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IN THE Christmas spirit, students in Friona's Primary School collected candy canes and hot chocolate. The students above represent the entire school as they pack the box to send to Ben Osborn who is serving in the Army in Iraq. The peppermint and hot chocolate will be shared by Ben with his Army buddies to have a taste of home while they are serving our country overseas. Good job kids. Have a blessed Christmas.

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THE National Weather Service in Lubbock has honored Bill and Carol Ellis' 15 years as local weather reporters. Family friend Claire Blanco, left, the Ellises, and NWS meteorologist-in-charge Larry Vannozi, right, and the official rain gauge. See story below.

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## Ellises Log 15 Years Reporting Weather

If you want to know how much rain we received on this date ten years ago you could contact the National Weather Service (NWS) or you could call Bill Ellis. Might take him a few minutes to dig it out but he would eventually get it for you.

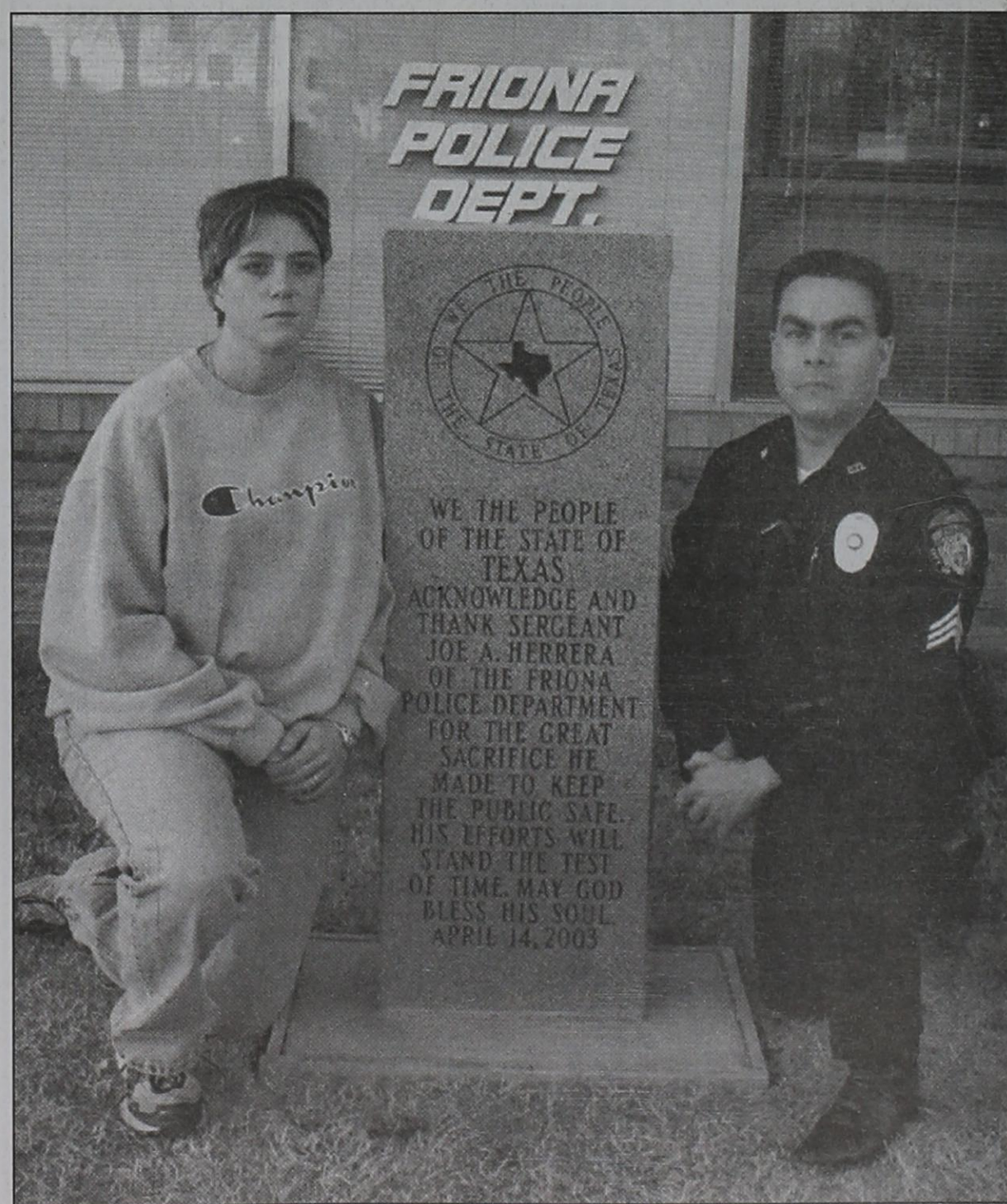
Bill, assisted by wife Carol of course, has been the official Friona NWS weather reporter for over 15 years. That means each day they record the high and low temperature, wind direction, and

the amount of moisture received. The latter, moisture measurement, doesn't keep a weather reporter very busy in Parmer County but Bill doesn't mind. He has a keen interest in all things weather-related, including cloud formations and tornado watching.

His 15-year anniversary with the NWS was actually May 19, 2003. But they just got around to visiting with Bill and Carol last week to move his official rain gauge from the side of the house into

the back yard and present him with a certificate of service. NWS meteorologist-in-charge Larry Vannozi from Lubbock and an assistant came to Friona for the presentation.

Bill and Carol are the retired publishers of the Friona Star and having the rain gauge in the back yard should make life easier for them now that they don't have to walk so far to check the moisture.



IN MEMORY of Friona Police Sgt. Joe Herrera, a permanent monument has been installed in front of the Friona Police Dept. Sgt. Herrera's widow, Rachel, a Friona police department dispatcher, and Friona Police Sgt. Junior Lopez are shown with the memorial. It reads "We the people of the State of Texas acknowledge and thank Sgt. Joe A. Herrera of the Friona Police Department for the great sacrifice he made to keep the public safe. His efforts will stand the test of time. May God bless his soul. April 14, 2003."

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

Birthdays for the week of December 21 through December 27.

Dec. 21—Robert Sandoval  
 Dec. 22—Sabrina Clark, Jane Houlette, Chris Halle  
 Dec. 23—Sue Wells, Lavenia Duke, Uldene Grimsley  
 Dec. 24—Jon Osborn, Bert Osborn, Wana Brewer, Gabriel Baca, Mike Herbert

Dec. 25—Bob Hurst, Dr. Bob Sanders, Betty Smock, Michael McLellan, Mickey Harrelson  
 Dec. 26—Wade Cargile, Lindsey Jennings, Guy Ellis, Tony Day, Opal Baxter, Teresa Taylor, Lynda Grimsley, Tyler Peace  
 Dec. 27—Joanna Schueler, Johnnie Walters, Micha Duke, Levi Whitney Bandy

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 by Tuesday noon and report it.

When you see names, which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago  
 December 21, 1928

During the past two weeks there has been considerable road and street improvement going on in and near Friona. Two weeks ago commissioner Jones assisted by Doc McLellan and L.F. Lillard, graded the road leading north from the east part of town, using a heavy grader drawn by horses, four of the horses belonging to Mr. Jones and six to Mr. Lillard, and representing ten of the best horses in the county.

60 Yrs. Ago  
 December 17, 1943

During the latter part of last week and the early part of this week, Frank A. Spring and his secretary, Miss Mary Spring, have been busy assisting farmers in making out their Income Tax reports.

J.L. Lookingbill, for many years a farmer and stockman in this territory, has sold his farm southwest of Summerfield and will have a farm sale Tuesday afternoon.

45 Yrs. Ago  
 December 18, 1958

It is good to see Charles Beaton and Roy Young around town. These two are serving Uncle Sam and are home from Germany on leave. Think they'll have to go back the first week in January. Charles belongs to the Estes Beatons southeast of town, and Roy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah T. Young, live west of town.

Seems that geese are more plentiful or the hunters are having better luck this year. Several families are planning to have roast goose for Christmas dinner.

35 Yrs. Ago  
 December 19, 1968

A group of 13 Parmer and Deaf Smith county farmer-stockmen announced plans this week to build a 20,000-capacity feedlot near Summerfield in Parmer County. It will be an investment of approximately \$1 million.

The Medlock Company of Lubbock has announced plans to build eighteen apartment units north of Friona High School at 9<sup>th</sup> and Greene.

25 Yrs. Ago  
 December 17, 1978

The Friona area has been hit lately with a wave of burglaries. The latest reported theft occurred Tuesday night of this week, when burglars took the safe from Friona Wheat Growers' office just south of the city.

20 Yrs. Ago  
 December 18, 1983

The Friona Star volleyball team won first place in the women's division of the Hereford YMCA volleyball tournament. Members of the team are Donita Martin, Mickie Cochran, Jayne Looper, Lisa McLellan, Vickie Copley and Sharon Rector.

15 Yrs. Ago  
 December 17, 1988

Friona High School senior Ben Osborn was pictured holding a fledgling quail which was hatched at the FHS Ag Department. Osborn is a student in the new "Wildlife Management" class, which hatched out 13 Pharaoh Quail and two Bobwhites. When the birds are grown, it is planned to set them free in hopes that they will get established in the area. The class may later hatch some pheasants in a similar program.

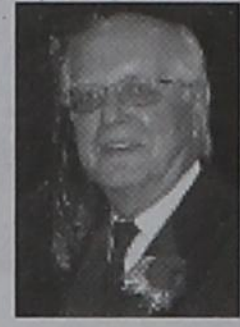
10 Yrs. Ago  
 December 18, 1993

The Friona Squaws were the number five-rated team for class AAA teams in the state of Texas, according to the ranking published this week.

5 Yrs. Ago  
 December 18, 1998

A \$1,000 donation has been made to the Friona Public Library Renovation Fund by Ron and Vikkie Hale of The Woodlands, Texas. Vikki is the granddaughter of Lillie Taylor, longtime resident who passed away recently.

Friona's United Way reached its goal of \$29,250, it was announced this week by the Friona United Way's board of directors.



## OUT HERE

BY RON CARR

America is gloating this week. We are pretty good at gloating and bragging here in America. We are a "make my day" kind of society. We don't mind rubbing noses in it and we sure like to be in charge with the big stick on our side, ready to whack in a heart-beat.

The TV networks are doing their part to work us into a frenzy again. Saddam was captured hiding in either a spider hole or a rat hole, depending on which network you watch. A U.S. Army general said Saddam was hiding in a hole like a rat. The TV yaks said he looked dirty, disheveled, disoriented, and was a coward.

After all, when the soldiers dug him out of his crude little bunker, he had a loaded pistol and didn't even have the guts to kill himself. If he was any kind of dictator at all, he should have had the dignity to blow his own head off.

They all gloated over the fact that he ended up in a tiny, cramped, dirt hole while "just across the Tigris River were his opulent palaces that he lived in while robbing the Iraqi people." And now, he is getting what is coming to him. We like that in America. We like it when outlaws and bandits and people who are not as good as we are get what is coming to them.

And we sure as hell expect to see some remorse. We want remorse when they are caught and at the trial. Just before the lethal injection takes the last breath, we long for even the tiniest sign of remorse.

According to the members of the Iraqi Council, who questioned Saddam after his capture, he didn't seem to show any remorse. They asked him why he murdered somewhere around 1 million people and he said they were all

thugs from Iran. (By the way, TV guys, we don't need to see that Army doctor looking in Saddam's mouth any more.)

They asked him about the WMDs. Don't have any, he said. They asked him why he ran the inspectors out. Invading the privacy of my palaces, he said. As though anybody expects Saddam to tell them anything, especially the truth.

Several reporters took us on a tour of the hut Saddam was hiding in. We got to see the messy rooms, some of his underwear, the uneaten food, and a glimpse of his "fraidy hole." All along, the reports were derisive and arrogant. Just look how he ended up. Got what he deserved, we reckon.

Even our president couldn't resist the opportunity to gloat (and smirk a little more). We gotcha. We told you we would getcha and we gotcha, hiding in a hole. Like some kind of rat. "We are going to let the Iraq people bring him to justice," Dubya declared. The U. S. president taunted Saddam and the terrorists by saying, "Good riddance Mr. Saddam Hussein." Speculation is that he will be on trial in a couple of weeks and killed (executed) no later than July. If we had caught him in Texas, he would no doubt be injected by now.

One report said that a soldier told Saddam when he climbed out of his hole, "We bring you greetings from the president of the United States." I doubt that happened but it makes good patriotic TV. It seems that many of the events of Jessica Lynch's capture and rescue were not true (i. e., lies). Even Miss Lynch said that what was widely reported never happened.

So why should we swallow everything being reported about Saddam's capture? Because we like to gloat. During one broadcast on Fox News, they said Saddam had been whisked away to Qatar, then had to retract the false report.

Our enemy, fanatical terrorists that also live in holes, hated us before Saddam was caught. Now that we are showering the world with our we-told-you-so attitude, those millions of fanatics that want to kill us all no doubt want to kill us all even more.

With the kind of rhetoric we are using about Saddam it fans the flames of hatred in the hearts and minds of our enemies. And we don't really know who they are until the next car bomb explodes.

Don't get me wrong, I believe that Saddam is beyond evil. Let's turn him over to the Iraqi people and report it on live TV when they tear him apart in the most humanitarian of ways. I support the young military Americans that have done all that has been asked of them. I also believe that the

## The "Hole" Truth

invasion of Iraq, which has cost over 400 of those young American lives so far, was done partly as payback by George W for the way Saddam treated his daddy, George H.

Contrary to the current hoopla over Saddam's capture, Dubya has not made friends for America around the world. The countries friendly to us are small and weak and want something from us. They are weaker than us and so it behooves them to stay close and nod their heads yes at the appropriate times.

As Dubya said once, you are either with us or against us (except you Saudi Arabia) and if you are against us, well, tough noogies. We are America and we have right on our side. You saw what we did to that sniveling old man in Iraq, didn't you? If you don't want the same thing to happen to you, you better show some respect and throw in a pinch of remorse.

And so the haters keep hating and the terrorists keep plotting. Hatred for America is not less today than yesterday, in spite of what Saddam and the stock market did. Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean said that America is not a safer place today just because Saddam was captured.

It is the only statement that Dean has ever made that I agree with. We are not safer today. If

anything the threat of terrorism is probably more likely.

I wonder if we will be bragging after the suicide bombings in America begin. God PLEASE bless America.

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(PAMELA SUZANNE BROWN)

### Brown & Potter Wed In Las Vegas

Pamela Suzanne Brown and John Potter III, both of Lubbock, were married October 26, 2003, in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Excalibur Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Sandra Brown of Friona and Jim Brown of Kerrville, Texas.

The bridegroom is the son of Annalee Potter of Fort Worth and the deceased John Potter, Jr.

The matron of honor was Angela Butler, sister of the bride, of Lubbock. The bridesmaid was Debbie Tyler, sister of the groom, of Fort Worth.

The best man was David Comola and the groomsman was Eric Butler, both of Lubbock.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Lake View High School and a 1998 graduate of Angelo State University.

The groom is a 1979 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas and attended Texas Tech University. He is employed as Operations Manager for Lowe's Home Improvement.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas the couple will reside in Wichita Falls, Texas.

### FCCLA Seeking Recipes For Heifer International

During the 2002-2003 school year FCCLA coordinated two multicultural fairs to benefit Heifer International. Heifer International is a charity that takes the saying, "give a man a fish and he eats for a day, but, teach him to fish and he eats for a lifetime", and puts it into practice. The charity provides animals to impoverished areas around the world.

Last year Friona schools raised enough money to purchase one heifer, two goats and three flocks of geese. These animals allow families to sell excess animals, milk, eggs, etc. For many families this help allows them to improve their diet, build or improve their home, and for many children it means they can go to school for the first time.

This year the FCCLA and Family and Consumer Science classes have partnered with the primary school, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Larner,

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Allen, and Ms. Wright's classes, along with the students in all the buildings for a new project.

Family and Consumer Science classes are asking all students in the Friona Schools to submit a recipe. The recipe can be for a food the students like to make, one they like to eat, or a family favorite.

The recipes will be put together in a cookbook tentatively named, "Friona Schools Feed Hungry Children". The cookbooks will then be sold and the profits will go to Heifer International. If you have not submitted a recipe for your children it is not too late.

Recipes can be turned in to a child's teacher, at Friona High School, in care of Ms. Murdock, or they can be mailed, c/o Ms. Murdock, Friona High School, 909 E. 11<sup>th</sup>, Friona, Texas 79035.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like Yo-Gui-yo-cot cards.  
Love,  
Luis  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a doll.  
Love,  
Julisa Jaramillo  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like yu-Gui-yo cards.  
Love,  
Alex Cardona  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a T.V. and yogloyu cards.  
Love,  
Jose  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a baby doll.  
Love,  
Valeria Joanna Martinez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Your toys give me I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love Stephanie Vera  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Sant,  
I like you. I would like a dvd Player and a big Screen TV.  
Love Deysy  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a Barbie House.  
Love Lupita  
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Dear Santa,  
I lik your sleb and your reigndeer. I want a fast and furious car.  
Love Rae  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox and halo and a nuhoosh.  
Your friend,  
Christian  
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Dear Santa,  
I like you coat. I would like a remote control car.  
Love Joshua Gomez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I like you. I would like a barbie doll. I would like a big screen tv.  
Love Sabrina Vargas  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a screen tv.  
Love Brandon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bule for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Cassie  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big screen tv. My famil says we do not wont aney more. I like yor hat.  
Love Emily Harris  
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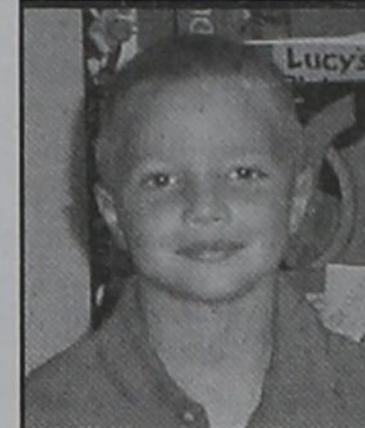
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### Meet the Class of 2016



William London

William is a Kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Rick and Becky London. He has one sister, Becca, and one brother, Maverick.

William likes jumping on the trampoline and school. His favorite foods are pizza and steak.

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## Merry Christmas

A world of thanks and best wishes to our neighbors, customers and friends. We feel fortunate to serve great folk like you!

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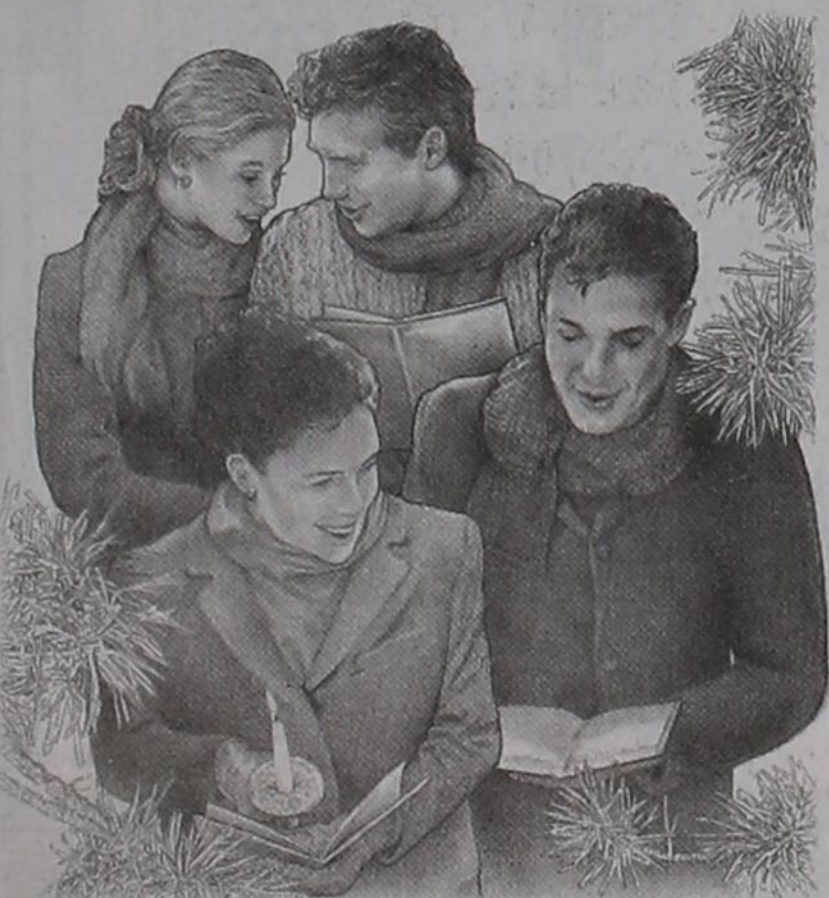
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Our Baby Girl Is Forty

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## Friona 8th 48 Lockney 30

The Friona 8th grade Braves improved to 3-2 before the holiday break with a victory over Lockney.

Sawyer Reed led with 15 points, backed up by Ryan Gerles with 10. Jared Boyd and Kaison Graham contributed 5 each, Dillon Welch and Eric North 4, Gerald Padilla and Trent Hutson 2, and Alex Gurley one point. Graham had the game's only 3-point goal.

The boys trailed 15-14 after one quarter but went on a 34-15 run the rest of the game to handle Lockney easily.

Coach Rex Cumpton said, "Good way to finish up before the holidays. We continue to improve each week."



Trisha Winebrinner



THE CHIEFTAINS Beat Bovina Tuesday 43-39. In action are, L-R, Hugo Aguillon (4), Brock Field (11), Josh Shelby (21) and Jon Nava (41).

Record is 10-2

# Squaws Get un-Happy At the Farwell Tourney

The Friona Squaws' junior wing Trisha Winebrinner has contended with a sore ankle the last few games but it didn't stop her from making the all-tournament team at the Farwell Tournament.

The Squaws, never lacking for excitement, saw senior post Ashley Smiley in action in Saturday's final tournament game after suffering a one-car rollover Saturday morning. Smiley survived the accident with bumps and bruises but later the same day helped Friona to a 3rd place victory over Elida.

In only their second loss of the year, the Squaws lost the second game in the Farwell touney to state-ranked 1A, Division II Happy. The Happy girls had only 7 players on the roster but it was enough to slide by Friona 62-55, with two Happy girls, Brittaney Spradling and Lana Moudy accounting for 27 and 22 points respectively, netting 49 of Happy's 62 points.

**Squaws 74-Highland Park 33**

In this rematch, Katy Welch dropped in three 3-point goals and

led with 17 points. Brenda Murphree also had three 3s, and Shayli Reed tossed in two 3-point goals, a team total of eight 3-pointers. Reed had 14 points, Murphree 13, Trisha Winebrinner 10, Andrea Gerles 8, R.J. Barrett 6, Ashley Smiley 4, and Misty Adams 2.

The Squaws were never in trouble in the game as their smothering press caused the Lady Hornets a lot of turnover trouble.

**Squaws 36-Whiteface 32**

In the first game of the Farwell Tournament, and in spite of another one of their 4-point quarters, the Friona girls easily slid past Whiteface 46-32. The Squaws saw a comfortable 25-13 halftime lead vanish to a 29-26 lead at the end of three. Friona managed only four Winebrinner free throws in the third quarter while Whiteface rallied with 13 points.

They came back to life in the fourth, outscoring Whiteface 17-6 to cement the victory. Katy Welch again had three 3-pointers in the game, High scoring honors went to Welch with 11 points, Winebrinner 10, Gerles 8, V'Lesha Wilcox and Smiley 4, Barrett 3, and Murphree one point.

**Happy 62-Friona 55**

In spite of two 3's and 19 points by Trisha Winebrinner, the Squaws could not harness Happy in the second tournament game. A 6-point first quarter put Friona behind and they never caught up. Down 37-24 at the half, the girls did rally with 31 second half points but the state ranked 1A Happy girls maintained the pace to outlast the Squaws 62-55.

Katy Welch added 15 points with two 3-pointers, Smiley had 10, Misty Adams 5, including a 3-point goal, Gerles 4 and Wilcox 3.

Squaws 52-Elida 31

The Squaws had to settle for playing for third place and won handily, defeating Elida, NM, 52-31. Thirty two points in the first half, and ahead by 32-12, Friona coasted with 20 second half points and held Elida to only two points in the fourth quarter.

Winebrinner again had 19 points to lead scoring. She was also selected to the Farwell all-tournament team.

Welch kicked in 12 points, Brenda Murphree 7, Smiley 6, Adams 4, Gerles 3, and R. J. Barrett 2.

**Friona 83-Bovina 22**

In a Parmer County contest, the Squaws met the Bovina Fillies for the first time in over 10 years and it may be awhile before the Bovina coaches schedule the Squaws again as Friona overwhelmed the scrappy Fillies 83-22.

Nine Squaws scored in the fast-paced game, led by Winebrinner and Smiley with 16 each, Gerles 13, Welch 11, Adams 10, Murphree 8, Wilcox 4, Haleigh Herbert 3, and Barrett 2. Twelve of Winebrinner's points came in the fourth quarter as Friona pumped in six 3-point goals, two each by Adams and Murphree and one each from Gerles and Welch.

For Bovina, Sandra Moreno and Amanda Martinez each had 5 points to lead scoring for the Fillies. Flor Sanchez had 4, Isabel Guevara 3, Dorothy Martinez, and Irma Rocha, 2 each, and Jessica Bachicha one point.

The Squaws are 10-2 and host Dimmitt Friday night. They will participate in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock December 29-31.

## Chiefs Struggling To Find Success

Coach Jeff Isom's varsity Chiefs are struggling along. A few injuries, younger players, starter Dustin Thompson left the team, and not quite enough height has presented a big challenge to the second year head coach.

The Chiefs managed one win against two losses at the Farwell tournament and beat the Bovina boys Tuesday night. Their record is now 4-7. They will host Dimmitt Friday night and participate in the Littlefield tournament December 29-31.

**Melrose 47-Chiefs 38**

In this first round game, Marc Haile led scoring with 10 points, Matt Gammon and Rudy Gonzalez had 7, Dustin Thompson 6, Ricky Dickson 4, R. Alaniz and Brock Field 2.

**Chiefs 52-Elida 35**

Point guard, senior Ricky Dickson decided to take charge

in this second round game and led his teammates with 19 points, Jon Nava had 12, Haile 8, Keith Hunt 5, Gammon 4, Rudy Gonzalez and Field 2.

**Whiteface 57-Chiefs 39**

The boys managed only 13 points in the first half of this one, spotting Whiteface a 15 point lead at the half. Dickson again led scoring with 11, Nava 8, Haile and Hunt 6 each, Gammon 4, and Gonzalez and Field 2 each.

**Chiefs 43-Bovina 39**

The Chiefs outlasted the Bovina Mustangs who were playing without two of their starters that helped Bovina to a 7-2 record. Tied at 22 at the half, it was 21-17 in favor of Friona in the second half.

High for Friona were Nava with 17 and Dickson with 14. For the Mustangs, Jonathan Chisom had 15 and Mike Nieto 7.

## JV Chiefs Second in Tulia Tournament

Same song, second verse. The Friona JV Chiefs won two and lost one just like the JV girls did at the Tulia tournament. The boys also lost to host Tulia in the championship game. Just like the JV Squaws.

**JV Chiefs 39-Boys Ranch 25**

Cody Jameson picked up 9 points, Hayden Patton 8, Steven Sanchez 6, Pedro Ramos, Kelby Monroe, and Antonio Monreal 4 each, Andrew Aguirre and Chad Hutson 2.

**JV Chiefs 39-Nazareth 36**

Coach Towner's charges bested the Nazareth JV in the second round at Tulia. Monreal led with 9 points, Jameson and Monroe had 7 each, Patton 6, Hutson 5, Sanchez 3, and Will Hughs 2.

**Tulia JV 52-Chiefs JV 43**

Hayden Patton drained 4 three point shots, Hutson and Monreal also had a 3 pointer each, the Chiefs only shot 36% from the free throw line, 5 of 14. The could-have-been good news is that the Tulia JV made only 9 of 28 on trips to the free throw line. They had 13 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter, one less than Friona had the entire game.

High score in the loss was Patton with 13 points, Monreal had 10, Hutson 7, Sanchez 6, Monroe 5, Jameson 2.

The JV Chiefs and JV Squaws both beat Nazareth, both won two games, both lost to host Tulia in the championship game and both brought home second place metal. Happy holidays!

## JV Squaws Claim 2nd In Tulia Tournament

The Friona JV Squaws, following in the footsteps of their varsity counterparts, are rolling along with a string of victories.

Only some controversial calls and a little bad luck kept the girls from bringing home the first place trophy at the Tulia tournament. In spite of the odds, the JV Squaws came within three points, losing the tourney championship to host Tulia.

**Friona JV 39-Happy 20**

The score was 11-0 at the first quarter, 23-8 at the half and never in doubt. Eight JV Squaws scored in the game. Courtney Adams was high with 10, Yvonne Vega and Lucretia Field had 8 each, Tiffany Vasquez 4, Breann Barnett and Molly Carthel 3, Krista Graham 2 and Staci Murphree one point.

**JV Squaws 52-Nazareth 47**

In the second game of the tournament, the JV girls jumped out to a 17-5 first quarter lead, then settled in to match up on offense and defense for the victory.

Adams popped in ten 2-point goals to lead with 20 points, Vega had 11, Field and T. Vasquez 8, Murphree 4 and Graham one point.

**Tulia 60-JV Squaws 57**

The Tulia JV girls attempted 43 free throws in the championship game. Friona JV attempted 22. Tulia made 21 free throws, Friona made 12. Friona was ahead 44-37 at the end of the third quarter. One of the officials is said to have a daughter playing on the Tulia team. Tulia had 15 free throw attempts just in the fourth quarter.

One JV Squaw was called for a technical foul in the fourth quarter as she expressed her displeasure with a foul called. Coach Graham said he didn't blame her. In any event, the JV Squaws settled for a second place finish.

Yvonne Vega led all scorers with 18 points, Molly Carthel had 11, T. Vasquez 8, Murphree 7, Adams 5, Graham and Field 3 each, and D. Vasquez 2.

**JV Squaws 62-Bovina 5**

The JV girls hosted Bovina for the first time in many years and blasted the Fillies with nine players in the scoring column.

Vega and Murphree led with 13 each, T. Vasquez 12, Graham 8, Barnett 5, Adams 4, D. Vasquez 3, Field and Carthel 2.

## "A" Maidens 27 Lockney 17

The Friona 8th grade girls close out 2003 games with a 5-0 record. Their next game is January 8, 2004 against Dimmitt here.

In the Lockney game, high scorers were Erin Anthony with 8 points, Miranda Frye 5, and Ashley Ingram 5. Ingram and Michelle Martin each had one 3-point goal. Ingram also had 6 rebounds and 5 steals.

The B team girls posted a 6-5 win, leading scorers were Morgan Anthony with 5 points and Julissa Saenz had one. Their record is now 6-1.

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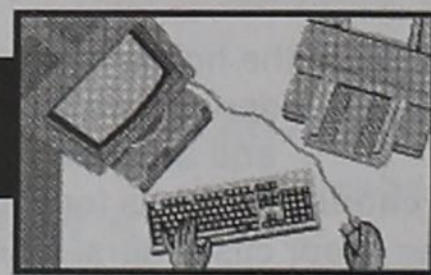


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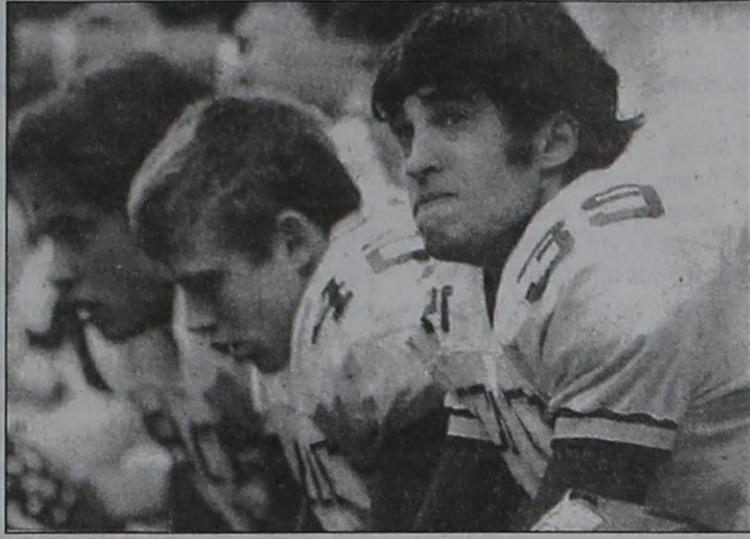
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**Friona Connection**



ADAM PARSONS (39), right, watches time tick away at Texas Stadium in this Dallas Morning News photo, as his Highland Park Scots lose their 4A Division II semi-final game to Denton Ryan. Parsons caught a TD pass on the game's first play and scored twice for the Scots. See story for the Friona connection.



**Adam Parsons Grandson Shines in 4A Texas Stadium Playoff**

A young man with Friona ties has had a sterling football career at Highland Park High School in Dallas.

HP senior Adam Parsons finished his Highland Park season last Saturday before over 17,000 fans in Texas Stadium, as the Highland Park Scots lost to Denton Ryan 45-21 in the 4A-Division II state semifinals.

Parsons scored two of Highland Park's three touchdowns. On the first play of the game, Parsons caught a 73-yard touchdown pass. Later in the game he scored again on a 28-yard reception. The 6' 1", 180-pound wide receiver caught 17 touchdown passes and had 1,497 receiving yards this season for the Scots.

He is the son of Dale and Amal (Malouf) Parsons. Dale is a 1974 Friona High graduate and was a member of the 1974 Chieftains basketball team that went to the state basketball finals. He also

played football and ran track. He still holds the Friona High School record for the mile run at 4:28.3. Amal Malouf Parsons was a 1975 FHS graduate and a cheerleader.

The couple lives in Highland Park where Dale is a real estate attorney in Dallas and Amal recently opened a jewelry store. They have two other children, a daughter Adrian who is a junior at Texas Tech, and a son Evan, who is in the 8th grade.

Adam is the grandson of Percy and Margaret Parsons and Hannah and Linda Malouf, all of Friona. According to grandfather Percy, Adam has no plans at this time to pursue a college football career and is considering attending Texas Tech with his sister. Tech is also dad Dale's alma mater.

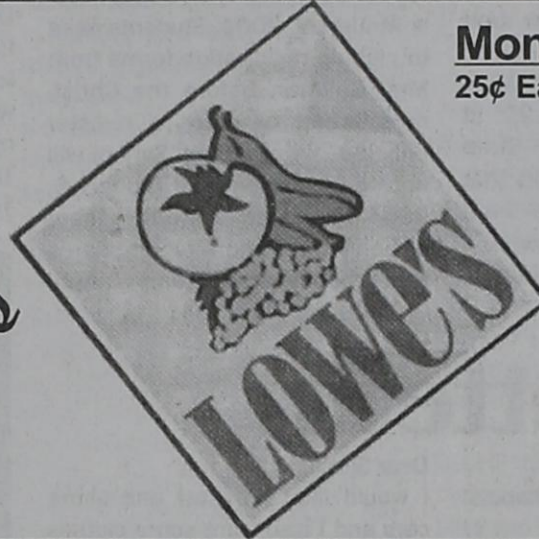


SQUAWS & FILLIES in action, l-r, Hilda Quintero (00), Dorothy Martinez, (32), Flor Sanchez, R.J. Barrett, Haleigh Herbert, and an unidentified Fillie (54). ron carr photo

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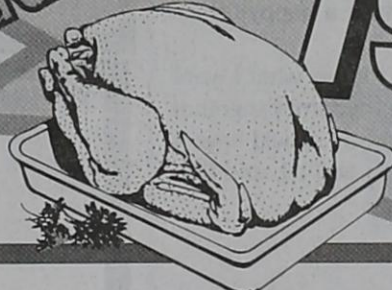
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We reserve the right to approve all copy and edit submitted article for space reasons. Let us hear from you.

UMW have a new shipment of pecan halves for sale just in time for the holiday! They are \$6.50 a pound. Contact any UMW member for more information.

Private Applicator License training and testing will be held December 18, 2003 in the Farwell Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with no lunch break. This class is offered by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. For more information contact Cody G. Hill, Parmer County Extension Agent at 806-481-3619.

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"A Thrill of Hope" Christmas Cantata will be presented by the Calvary and Grace Baptist Churches on Sunday, December 21, 2003 at 6 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Friona United Methodist Church will be hosting a Christmas Brunch December 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Also during morning worship on that morning at 11 a.m. the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will perform.

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Rick Ellis of Los Angeles will be at home in Friona a few days early for Christmas and will be giving a free yoga class on Monday evening, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Friona State Bank Meeting room. He asks that you bring a mat or a large bath towel to the yoga session and wear sweats or other loose clothing.

Children age 13 and over may take the class. However, participants are requested not to bring younger unsupervised children as they can disrupt the concentration of the class.

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Rick is the son of Bill and Carol Ellis and is a 1991 FHS grad.

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United Methodist Church will host a Come and Go Communion December 24 from 4p.m. to 5 p.m. and a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. the same evening.

\*\*\*  
The registration deadline for the February 7, 2004 ACT test is January 2, 2004. Students need to pick up registration forms from Mrs. Gallman before the Christmas break or plan to register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). School will not be in session until January 6, 2004. Please be aware that there are only three more testing dates this school year, February 7, April 3, and June 12, 2004.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
I like you because you send us presents. I want a game cube, and a charte remote control motorcycle.  
Love Keaton Irons  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
i like your belt i wont the Hulk hands.  
Timothy Travino  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I like your red jacket I would like a wes welker 27 jrsy and nascar thunder 2002 and a helmet that fits me.  
Mason Loflin  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa, I like Santa to give me a present. I woad like you to give me some clothes. Promis I love you santa. Ho ho ho merry christmas.  
Nicole Tapia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I wot a keryoki ples. I wot a puppy ples. I wot a doll ples. I wot a baer ples. A wot a cumputer ples.  
Your friend,  
Josephine  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbie I want makeub.  
Your friend,  
Diana  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dog and a horse and a Rabbt.  
Your friend,  
Angela  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a trafmr and 5 Blabats. Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Marcel  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicke.  
Your friend,  
Estevan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love Santa you are special to me. you bring lots of favorite toys. I would like a Girl Power Pink BIke, a Swan Lake Barbie and Prince and a crown with diamonds. I have been a good girl. Thanks!  
Your friend,  
Lariat Lynn Lamer  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a xBox and a trampoline. and the world to have a happy Christmass.  
Your friend,  
Joselito  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby and a rabbit for Christmas.  
Love  
Emir Campolla Lee

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby and a rabbit for Christmas.  
Love  
Emir Campolla Lee

Dear Santa,  
I would like a tractor and some cars and I also want some clothes and shoes, a cap, a ball, a cool t-shirt that says may name on it.  
Your friend,  
Marcos Juarez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want swimming pool, a christmas movie, a new Ken and Barbie, baby Jesus Doll, doctor stuff, teacher stuff, roses, mom stuff, santa doll, makeup. thank you.  
Your friend,  
Lori  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa:  
This is what I want for Christmas! I wan a toy ranch, a toy train, race cars, a control motorcycle, a control toy truck.  
My name is Edgar D. Ramirez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus  
I want you to have a happy Christmas.  
This year I don't know what I want and I just want my family together and I really think you should have a Christmas to you and all, and that is all.  
Love  
Hillary Bermea



**Meet the Class of 2016**  
Adrian is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Felipe Gomez and Nora Munoz. He has one brother, Aaron. Adrian likes to ride his bike, and play with his friends. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is blue.  
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## Santa Wishes From Bovina

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Biarble Shop With Me and a Biarble Cash register for Christmas. that is all I want for Christmas. I will give you milk and cookies on Christmas Eve. I will also give you an apple and some carrots for Rudolph.  
Sarah Gallegos  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I am doing good, how about you? What I want for Christmas is a stuffed panda and a globe that tells me where you live. I hope you get my letter, I love you Santa. I hope you bring all the reindeer.  
Ashley Gallagher  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a toy robot. Could you bring my mom and dad some new shoes?  
Ari  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy. Not to expensiv or not to cheap. I also want a pair jeans. I want a brat doll her name is Jasmine. I am counting on you Santa. Thank you Santa.  
Your friend,

Bianca Garcia  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I feel happy because of Christmas. When it get's closer I feel colder. I hope I get shoes. I wish toys for friends and family. I had a dream of Santa's houes. He had a lot of elfs. But Christmas is when Jesus was born.  
Ivan Ramirez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I'm glad Christmas is coming. I've been good all year. For Christmas I want my gocart to be fixed. And I also want a Goat scooter. I now Christmas is not just about presents. It's about Jesuses birthday. That's why it's so special. Christmas is a fun holiday.  
Love,  
Justin Curtis  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I fell happy about Christmas. For Christmas I want some playstation games. I want a hummer and a drum set. I want us to have a happy christmas. I want some clothes and a

gameboy advance. I want some good grades for my report card.  
Kristian Antillon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love christmas and the snow. I love snow a lot. I know I have not been good. I also I don't do what im told. I also do not do what im sposed to do. Christmas is about presents and thank for all that we get for christmas is also about Jesus birthday. We should be thankful that Jesus died on the cross for us. I love christmas a lot. It makes me feel warm and cozy.  
Taylor DeLeon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Is Christmas the best or what? I don't need that much stuff. I only need four things. I want a real dirt bike. And a spider man web blaster plus a candy cane. Also more candy cane. I cant whate til I get my things.  
Love,  
Daniel Salazar  
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### Average Price Received By Growers Through October 2003

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on cumulative marketings through each month.

Average Price Received For 2003-crop Upland Cotton (Weighted by Marketing)

Month	Marketings (1,000 bales)		Price Received	
	Month	Cum.	Month	Ave. (Weighted)
August	420	420	46.30	46.30
September	769	1,189	55.70	52.38
October	1,783	2,972	68.00	61.75
November	na	na	64.10	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

### Beltwide Cotton Conference, Jan 5-9, 2004

Friday, December 12, 2003 By Shawn Wade

Texas cotton producers play host to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Beltwide Cotton Conference, January 5-9, 2004, in San Antonio.

Sponsored by the National Cotton Council, the theme for the 2004 Beltwide is "Today's Challenges—Tomorrow's Solutions".

This year's Beltwide Conference will provide cotton producers across the U.S. an opportunity to gain new insight into key legislative, regulatory and trade issues and also expose producers to new production and marketing strategies they can employ to maintain profitable cotton operations.

Beltwide registration begins January 5. The conference's General Sessions and workshops begin the morning of January 6. The Production Conference will be followed by the two-day technical conference, January 8-9.

For further information, visit the NCC's web site at [www.beltwide.cotton.org](http://www.beltwide.cotton.org) or contact the NCC's Debbie Richter, P.O. 820285, Memphis, TN 38182 (901) 274-9030 FX (901) 725-0510 or email [drichter@cotton.org](mailto:drichter@cotton.org).

### TCP/TSSC Meetings Cover Key Cotton Issues; Address Cotton Research Priorities

Friday, December 12, 2003 By Shawn Wade

College Station provided the backdrop for an informative set of meetings that brought Plains Cotton Growers representatives together with cotton growers from across Texas.

The PCG group participated in the meetings to discuss important cotton issues and hear updates on cotton research programs being directed by cotton producers through the Cotton Incorporated State Support Program.

The week started with a meeting of the Texas Cotton Producers organization. TCP is the statewide organization comprised of the nine regional cotton organizations representing producers in Texas.

TCP agenda items included: adoption of a 2004 operating budget, discussion of U.S. trade policy and its effects on cotton marketing and prices, boll weevil eradication, crop insurance, and reports on activities of the National Cotton Council and the Cotton Board.

A special guest at the TCP meeting was Dr. Ed Hiler, Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Head of the Agriculture Program at Texas A&M University. Dr. Hiler discussed issues involving cotton and the Agriculture Program at TAMU.

The TCP group concluded their meeting with a luncheon with members of the Texas Farm Service Agency and the Texas State FSA Committee.

#### TEXAS STATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

One of the unique ways that cotton producers benefit from their Cotton Research and Promotion Program is the Cotton Incorporated State Support Program.

The State Support Program provides cotton growers across the nation the ability to direct the expenditure of CI research dollars in order to develop solutions for the key production and profitability challenges that they face.

The majority of this research addresses issues such as cotton marketing and economics, cotton breeding, genetic improvement, insect management, irrigation and fertilization management, weed control, production systems, as well as harvesting and ginning issues effecting harvest efficiency and crop quality.

Members of the Texas State Support Committee met on December 10 and 11 to hear updates on the progress of research projects funded for the 2003 crop year. A total of 43 projects were reviewed during the two-day meeting.

Each year the Texas State Support Committee receives projects in six broad research categories: genetic improvement, pest control, fertilization/irrigation, production systems, harvesting/ginning, and marketing/economics.

For 2004 the Texas State Support Program has approved approximately \$790,000 to fund projects covering the full range of research areas. The biggest adjustment for 2004 was a renewed emphasis on getting individual researchers working on similar issues to work together. The goal is to build closer working relationships between both research organizations and the individual scientists involved.

The Texas State Support Committee also finalized the timeline for soliciting proposals and approving projects for funding in 2005.

## Neugebauer To Join Delegation Two-Fold Trip To Middle East

Congressman Randy Neugebauer, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, will travel with a bipartisan delegation of six Committee Members led by Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) to the Middle East, at the direction of the Speaker of the House.

The purpose of this trip will be two fold: they will assess the progress being made in the rebuilding and stabilization efforts, including agriculture, in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and they will also take time to visit with American troops presently deployed overseas. The delegation will meet with new government leaders from both countries.

Neugebauer plans to keep a journal about his experience and will share his thoughts with the media upon his return.

Joining Neugebauer on the tour are Committee Members: Representative Leonard Boswell (D-IA), Representative Doug Ose (R-CA), Representative Tom Osborne (R-NE), and Representative Dennis Rehberg (R-MT).

## More Santa Letters From Friona and Bovina

Dear Santa  
for christmas I want a gun, aircraft carrier, \$10, and some John Deere toys. Also, please bring a tractor with a loader for Truman. Merry Christmas! thank you.  
Tyler Hough  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have time this year. I would like a Barbie, a doll and clothes.  
Love  
Graciela Lopez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like shoes and a bike.  
Love  
Ramiro Solis  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a Barbie the talks and walks.  
Love, Estevanig  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a Mario Brothers nintendo game and a little doll.  
Love,  
Gabi Minos  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a house with everything.  
Love,  
Mitzy  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a sponge Bob square game.  
Love  
Cassandra  
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Dear Santa,  
I like it when Chirsmas is coming. Chirsmas means a lot to me. The way I act at school and at home is why my teathers brag on me. I'm hoping Santa brings me something like a gameboy. Chirsmas is the best month ever!  
Eduardo Salas  
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Dear Santa,  
Santa, isn't Christmas such a good holiday! Santa I really don't need many presents. I want a x box. I want a cool toy set. I really want a playstation II. My brother and I want a baby poodle really bad. We want to be white. Santa, Christmas is such a cozy holiday.  
Jesus Esparza  
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Dear Santa,  
They say you are not real but I know you are real. Never mind that. How are you doing? Good, I hope Santa, for Christmas, I know I have been bad. But I want a bike, a go-cart a new teacher for next year, and a horse. Santa, you are a good guy every body loves you!  
Marco Terrones  
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Dear Santa,  
I like that you deliver Christmas gifts to all the children in the world. This year I only want one thing. All I want is a dog. I want a toy poodle. I don't want a plastic dog. I want a real, live dog. I love Christmas.  
Heather Miller  
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Dear Santa,  
I am so excited about christmas this year. I really do not need that many toys. But there is one thing I want to see what my mom bought me. Santa I really have been a bad kid at home. I really want a go-cart, pro football, a pittman jersey from the Bucaneers. Also, I want a picture of the cowboys cheerleaders Santa. I like christmas not for all the presents. It is a time we can enjoy something special.  
Andrew Marrufo  
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Dear Santa,  
I really like Christmas. I would peace on earth. I want you to have a Merry Christmas. I would love a dog for Christmas. bring my my a makeup set. My sister wants an angel doll. My brother wants a motor cycle. I would like a horse. I want the teachers to have a Merry Chrimstams.  
Carmen  
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Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. A plastation 2, a game boy. Oh and a nicer sister. I want a broter. And that there was no school. I wish you were real. I love Christmas because your with your family.  
Your friend,  
Jorge Salas

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a house with everything.  
Love,  
Mitzy  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a sponge Bob square game.  
Love  
Cassandra  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a house with everything.  
Love,  
Mitzy  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a sponge Bob square game.  
Love  
Cassandra  
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## Thank You

There are many blessings, living in a small town, and the caring people is one of them. I want to thank them for the prayers, cards, and flowers, but especially for the prayers. It's going to take time, but I'm going to come through with flying colors.

Chuck & Rex Blackburn  
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Family

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Don't miss out on the blessings of God simply because they are not packaged the way you expect them to be.  
We are touched and blessed by God every moment of our lives.  
He never forsakes us.  
(By AL MAXEY)

Be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."  
(Heb. 13:5)

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Dear Santa,  
How are you this year? How are your elvs? I suppose you are really busy right now. How is Mrs. Claus? busy making lots of goodies? I have been sorta good this year. But I would really like for Christmas is the new Lizzy McGuier Movie and a cotton candy maker.  
Tanner Coy  
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Dear Santa,  
I want to tell you that I want a new bike and a huge forum you. I want you to bring presents to my sisters and my brother. I want you to bring presents to my Mother and father. My Mother wants a new christmas tree. My Dad wants a new car. I hope you bring my a new bicycle.  
Abiut Marin  
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Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas. I've been good and mostly bad. And this year I want five things, a Xbox, gamecube, grand theft auto 1 2 and 3 and thirteen. That's all I want. I want to make Mrs. Deen and Mrs. Reed and my family and the class happy. I love Christmas and Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Deen and every one else.  
Love Arturo Aguilon  
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Dear Santa,  
Santa I am glad that it is Christmas. For Christmas I do not need a lot of toys. I want a trumpet and a flute. I also a new millenium Barbie doll and a new and nicer dog. I want a new Barbie car with a new Barbie doll. A new CD and for my grandma new plates. I will also leave you cheese and coke.  
Love,  
Amber DeLeon  
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Dear Santa,  
Santa I am glad that it is Christmas. Santa I want a piano. My sister wants a Blue Angel. My brother wants a big football game and a picture of Santa Clause. If we are not good will not get anything for Christmas. We are glad that it is Christmas.  
Roxanne Zalazar

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**THE CHIEF'S CORNER**  
By ROYCE L. GOODSON  
Chief of Police  
Friona Police Department

Most people have experienced the "oh no" feeling after seeing a police car in the rear view mirror. Most people hit their brakes, even if they are not speeding.

Personal reactions and experiences can influence perceptions of traffic enforcement efforts, and often prevent people from realizing its true benefits. Traffic enforcement is the most recognizable and universal police function. Marked police cars are easy to see and most Americans have been stopped for a traffic violation. Because of the punitive consequences attached to traffic enforcement, many do not have an appreciation for the positive benefits. Additionally myths can result from misconception about the goals and motivations of traffic enforcement. We need to dispel the myths and know the facts:

Myth—Traffic problems are not that big of a deal.  
Fact—The average American is more likely to be involved in a traffic crash than be a victim of a crime.

Myth—If I am injured in a traffic crash, it affects only me.  
Fact—Everyone pays for traffic crashes and economic costs are significantly more than crime. In 1995 crashes cost Americans \$150 billion dollars.

Fact—I personally have collected detailed statistics that show a dramatic increase in traffic accidents when traffic enforcement declines. The opposite occurs when there is an increase in traffic enforcement, the number of accidents decline.

Myth—Police Officers should be arresting criminals, not writing traffic tickets.

Fact—Traffic enforcement regularly identifies criminals and results in their apprehension.

A license plate violation resulted in the apprehension of the suspect in the Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing.

During 1994, traffic enforcement stops in Grand Prairie, Texas, accounted for 66 percent of all warrant arrests and 50 percent of the arrests made for non-traffic related offenses.

In Peoria, Illinois, an increase in traffic enforcement contributed to a six percent decrease in violent crimes and a twelve percent decrease in crashes.

Stolen vehicles are often recovered from traffic stops.

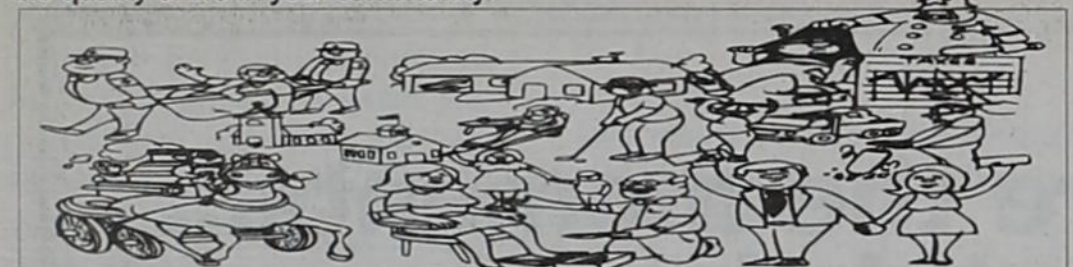
Drugs, weapons, contraband and fugitives are all frequently found in vehicles during "routine" traffic stops.

Criminals normally get to work the same way as the average person, they drive a vehicle, and often the fruits of their crime can be found in the same vehicle they are operating.

September 1, 2003, a law was passed in Texas to protect law enforcement officers while they are conducting a traffic stop. The law now requires the following:

Drivers must vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle; or slow to a speed not exceed twenty miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or more, five miles per hour when the posted speed limit is less than 25 miles per hour.

When you see a car pulled over, remember that the law enforcement officer may be doing more than writing a traffic citation. The officer may be apprehending a felon, child molester, a murderer or removing weapons and drugs from your community. Traffic enforcement can, and does, contribute to the quality of life in your community.



**Onion Poultice Miracle**

By Marvel L. Stephen

Before the days of "wonder drugs", pneumonia was an extremely serious illness. A bout of pneumonia called for home remedies and helping a neighbor in need.

I believe my father would have rather helped someone than go hunting—and that's really saying something. He was an excellent shot and almost never came home without a deer, elk or moose to provide meat for months to come.

Mother canned much of it and made her special mincemeat, and my father made some of it into jerky each hunting season.

Back in the 1920s, we lived along a country road lined with a few small farms of about 4-10 acres each. We all had at least one cow, a pig and some chickens, and sometimes ducks and rabbits. The wives took charge of the children, the livestock and a large garden. The husbands worked wherever they could find jobs.

One winter, during one of Daddy's jobless periods, our neighbor Johnny became very ill with pneumonia. Daddy checked on him each day. One day he reported to Mother and me that it didn't look good. If the crisis didn't come soon, he was afraid Johnny wouldn't make it.

My usually jovial father quietly told Mother that they would have to make onion poultices for Johnny. They'd use a worn-out woolen blanket to make square poultices about the size of his chest and back.

My Mother immediately began sewing the bags and cooking sliced onions in a huge kettle on our trustworthy kitchen stove. I was big enough to keep the wood box full of split wood from the woodpile outside the kitchen door.

Daddy began filling the poultice bags with smelly onions. When he had filled four bags and sewn them shut, he put them in the roaster pan, jumped into our ancient Dodge touring car and drove over the icy, rutted road the short distance to Johnny's house. Minnie quickly put the poultices on Johnny's chest and back, holding them on with a towel pinned firmly in place. The two extra poultices were placed in the oven to stay hot until it was time to replace the first pair when they cooled. This continued throughout the night.

When Daddy finally came home early the next morning, he told us that Johnny's fever had broken in the night and the crisis had passed. Johnny would be all right, though he'd have to be very careful not to have a setback.

Johnny fully recovered in time for the birth of their sixth child, a little son. They chose to name him Walter, after my father. My father was proud and honored to have Johnny and Minnie's baby boy named after him.

(Reprinted from the Good Old Days magazine.)



Lighting Up Bovina

**COURTHOUSE NOTES**

The Parmer County Courthouse has released the following warrant deeds this week.

James Bradley Perry, Sharon Perry; Luis Gausin; W/100' L13-16 B63 Friona.

Cecil E. McMorris Family Inv, Nellie McMorris Family Inv; Denise Michele Lookingbill, James Brant Lookingbill; 142.46 AC TR S35 T2N R2E.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sherron Reid; LT4 N5' E65' L5 B24 Friona.

Nelson O. Welch Estate; Melody Drake, Owen Drake; 3.857 AC TR SE\4 S31 T1N R4E.

E. Bruce Curry; Billy Don Read, Joyce Read, Mike Read; S/2 S11 BLK A.

Sharon Diane Curlee; Gaylord Stowers; NW\4 SEC24 T6S R3E. Hud; Aide Mendoza, Jose A. Mendoza; LT5 BLK9 Friona.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

December 9, Adam Daniel Gomez, 19, of Odessa, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on two Ector County warrants. Pending transport.

December 9, Joel Morales, 34, of Hereford, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with DWI. Pending County Court.

December 10, Paulino Gonzalez, 21, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with theft. Pending Grand Jury.

December 13, Alex Jimenez, 22, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with driving with a suspended license. Pending County Court.

**Deadline For WTAMU Scholarships Approaching**

The application deadline for West Texas A&M University scholarships is fast approaching, and students are encouraged to start thinking about the applications process now.

February 1, 2004 is the scholarship deadline for the fall 2004 and spring 2005 semesters, and that date comes quickly after classed begin January 13. Applications for scholarships are available online at [www.wtamu.edu/scholarships](http://www.wtamu.edu/scholarships).

The WTAMU scholarship committee has made the application process easier this year by eliminating the requirement for letters of recommendation and transcripts.

"Students should take their time filling out the application to ensure they include all pertinent information and proofread carefully before submitting," Velma Murillo, assistant to the president, said. "The holidays are a great time to do this since most classes are not in session."

Scholarships are available to WTAMU students, transfer students and entering freshmen. Last year, WTAMU awarded approximately \$454,800 in scholarships. Students can apply online at [www.wtamu.edu/scholarships](http://www.wtamu.edu/scholarships).

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**YOUR EYES**

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The monovision approach consists of wearing a contact lens on one eye for distance vision and on the other for near vision. Although this is a popular option, some individuals have difficulty with depth perception. Ask your vision-care specialist to suggest an alternative for your specific needs.

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Dear Santa, Can you please Lizzie Mcguire the F.M. lim them on L.V. want a Big is very Fuzz Candy Machi I Brou one And I want Cody Banks. Santa Claus. Samantha R. \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa, I believe in y a robot boy want an ice game, a ne present a c person does hope yo do peple believ you. You are Love, Samone Beta \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa, My name is Gameboy SP decks of Cyl new Beyblad tang remote X box with a most thing I sure do love any holiday. Aaron Castan \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa, I don't know or nice. I hop box. I want a new game. I want the bes Zachary Cast \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa, I want a bab rings. Santa and cookies. Claus. Santa in you. I hope love Christmas Letty Castro \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa, Hi Santa. My I want a giant ster truck an \*\*\*\*\*

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## More Santa Wishes From Bovina Children

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a CD of Lizzie McGuire and a Brat doll with the F.M. limo every time I see them on t.v. I really want them I want a Big teddy Bear Because it is very Fuzzy. I want a Cotton Candy Machine that is real Because I Brout one and it dosen't work. And I want a movie called Agent Cody Banks. I really Belive in you Santa Claus.  
Samantha Banuelos  
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Dear Santa,  
I believe in you Sana Clos. I want a robot boy for Christmas. I also want an icemaker, a candyland game, a new radio, one more present a cutare. Santa clos a person doesnot believe in you. I hope you don't fill bad but other people believe in you. I wate for you. You are my bestest friend.  
Love,  
Samone Betancolia  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Aaron. I want a Gameboy SP. I want yogoio card decks of Cybas deck. I want a new Beyblade and a new mustang remote control car. I want an X box with a remote control. The most thing I want is my family. I sure do love Christmas more than any holiday.  
Aaron Castaneda  
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Dear Santa,  
I don't know if I've been naughty or nice. I hope nice. I want an X box. I want a new bike. I want a new game. I want a new toy car. I want the best Christmas ever.  
Zachary Castillo  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll. And a set of rings. Santa I will levaey you milk and cookies. I belive in you Santa Claus. Santa a person don't belive in you. I hope you don't feel bad. I love Christmas. I feel happy.  
Letty Castro  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. My name is Jacob Cruz. I want a giant remote control monster truck and a remote control

hummer. Santa, how come you have reindeers to pull your sled, why not dogs? I forgot to ask one more thing. Did you really meet Rudolph? Well good by.  
Jacob Cruz  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been good and can I please have of Christmas a big teddy bear because thir fousi and a CD of Shakira bcause when I was a little girl I use like and a Aaron Cates CD to please and a fack puppy and a box of nails and a house of brats. thank you.  
Love,  
Isela Fernandez  
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Dear Santa,  
Today all my class is writing a letter to you so they can tell you what they want for cristmas. What I want for cristmas is the CD of Lizzie McGuire. The other thing that I want is a big Teddy Bear. I want the teddy Bear because I have a collection of teddy bears. The reason that I want the CD of Lizzie McGuire is because I like how she sings. The other thing that I want is guitar. I like cristmas because Jesus was born on December 25.  
Maridena Flores  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Gamecut and a remot car with its own bout. And an Xbox and a plastation 2 becaus ther fun to play with. And becaus you can put games in the plastation 2. and the same in the Xbox. And the remot car because you can control the car. And the bout.  
Juan Ramiro Garcia  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Oscar. I want a playstation 2. and the game smack down here comes the pain. I want the movie the night before christmas. and I want a new remote control Viper. I allways wanted the Cd of Cingy fackpot. I want a good gift.  
Oscar Jasso

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Dear Santa,  
I want a 2 in 1 Land Air R.C. I want a 2 in 1 Land Sea R.C. I want the Cat in the Hat game. I want a Play Station 2. I want a snowboard. I want a skateboard. I want the snow board game. I want a Game Cube. I want the Star Wars game. I want a Game Boy. I want Spider Man games. I hope I get some of this stuff.  
Love,  
Stefan Knoll  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Jacob Lara. I want a playstation two. It is cool. I want Yogiho cards. I want Cyvas cards because it has the Blue Eeys Ultament Dragon. If I act good I want the Matrices Revolutions. A bad out car that is if I am acting good. I want the Berenstain Bears book. They are cool and have a good tome playing with your frieds all day. Have fun playing in the snow too.  
Jacob Lara  
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Dear Santa,  
I want an X box because it is fun. And you can play lots of games. That why I want an X box. You can play baseball racing cars. That's why I like an X box. I will play all day.  
Your friend  
Abel Rocha  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Game link cable set. I also want the game Digmon for Game Boy Advance. I want a Blablad. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a deck of Yogi. I really want this things. I will have a preasent for you too. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Your friend,  
Juan Pinela  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi I am Nick. I don't know if I been bad or good but I would be good. I want a remote control car. I want a box of macaroni and cheese. And I want to be with my family.  
Thank you. Happy holidays. Good bye.  
Your friend  
Nick  
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Dear Santa,  
I have so much to say you probably couldn't read it all in one day. How are the reindeer. Will Rudolpf guide your sleigh this Christmas? Is Mrs. Claus making good cookies for you and are the elves making good toys for boys and girls? I appreciate the wonderful toys you gave me last year. How are you doing at the North Pole? I would like Bratz dolls, a mini-motorcycle, and a surburban. A good little girl.  
Love,  
Savanna Barksdale

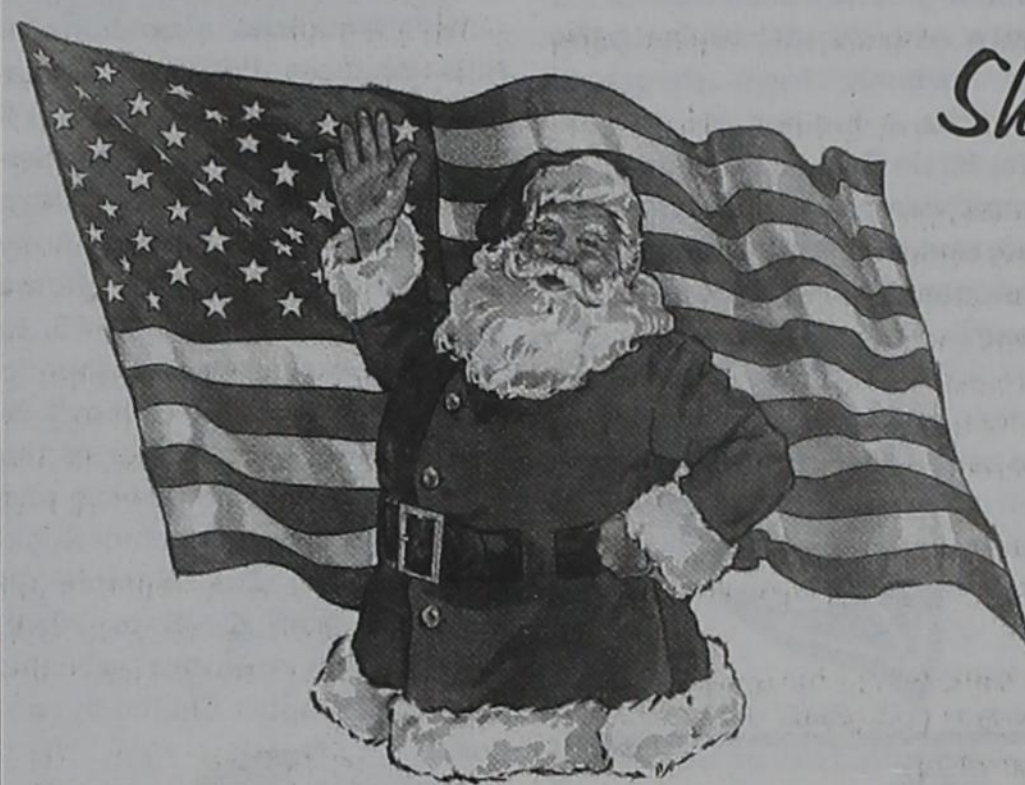
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Playstation 2, yu-gi-oh! Cards, DVDs, a new watch, a DVD player, two shiny rings for a boy, remote control car, trampoline, football uniform, dukusk, go-cart, puppy, and a new bike next with supertubs 2 of a bike.  
A good boy,  
Bryan Garcia  
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Dear Santa claus,  
How is Ruloph doing? I want Yo-Gi-Oh! Card, game cube, the legacy of Goru and give my mom and dad a present too. I will leave a big cookie and milk. How are you doing?  
Love,  
Luis Garcia  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a computer a bratz a trampoline a baby and a Barbie car Suburban clothes swimming pool swings pup rabbit cat horse toys.

And Santa Claus, how are you. Love Santa Claus Like you to. Thank you for giving me what I wanted. Please rember all children.  
Love,  
Mirely Grado  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I really want a Play Station 2, motor scooter, and the best thing I really want is a Blitz bike. How are you doing at the North Pole? How are the reindeer?  
Love your pal,  
Alejandro Guevara Rivera  
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Dear Saint Nicolas,  
How are you doing? At the North Pole How are the reindeer? Will Rudolph guide your sleigh this Christmas? Dear Santa I want a computer, jukusky and a trampoline and Bratz doll. Thank you for bringing what I wanted.  
A good girl,  
Stephanie Rigina Hernandez



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# Obituaries

## MINNIE BELLE GOWENS

Funeral services for Minnie Belle Gowens, 100, of Floydada and formerly of Lubbock were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2003, at the Primitive Baptist Church in Lubbock with Elders Cleveland Bass, Michael Gowens and George Johnson officiating.

Burial was at the Crosbyton Cemetery with Elders Ronnie Hedges and George Johnson officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Gowens passed away December 7, 2003, at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center in Floydada. She was born to Henry and Mary Bass on December 17, 1902 in Hopkins County, Texas. She married Sylvester Gowens on December 7, 1929 in Crosby County. They moved to Lubbock County from Crosby County in 1948 where her husband was a minister. Two of her sons and grandson are also ministers today.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester, on August 3, 1984, and six brothers and five sisters. She was a homemaker and a member of the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by four sons, Bernard and wife, Lynn Gowens of Friona, Norman and wife, Tippy Gowens of Waco, Clifford and wife,



MINNIE GOWENS

Lenora Gowens of Wylie and Jimmie and wife, Sandi Gowens of New Deal; two daughters, Gwendolyn and husband, Richard Gentry of Lamesa and Geraldine and husband, Travis Gentry of Floydada; a brother, Harvey and wife, Marie Bass of Muleshoe; 18 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and Minnie's first great-great granddaughter is expected this month.



## J. M. HEFNER

A chapel service for J. M. Hefner, 84, of Lubbock, was at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe, with Pastor Scott Malone and Howard Rhodes officiating. Visitation for family and friends was 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 16, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Muleshoe, Texas.

Mr. Hefner died Sunday, December 14, 2003, in Covenant Medical Center. He was born July 31, 1919, in Chimes, Arkansas.

He married Leta Mae Dickerson in Frederick, Oklahoma on December 6, 1941 and she passed away January 29, 2000. On September 9, 2000 he married Leona Evans in Lubbock.

Mr. Hefner was a graduate of Hills Business College in Oklahoma City. He was in World War II where he served as a Master Sergeant in the United States Army. Upon his discharge from the Army he moved to Altus, Oklahoma where he lived from 1945 to 1963. He moved to Muleshoe in 1963 and then to Lubbock in 1983. He was a member of the Muleshoe American Legion and owned and operated Hefner Bookkeeping and Tax Service in Muleshoe from 1968 to 1983. He was a member of the Broadview Baptist Church in Lubbock.



J.M. HEFNER

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leon and Orville.

Survivors include his wife, Leona, of Lubbock; one daughter, Tana Young and husband Marshall of Dimmitt; one sister, Eula Mathis of Clinton, Arkansas; three brothers, Lloyd Hefner of Mira Loma, California, Jesse Hefner of Madera, California, and Clovis Hefner of Antioch, California; two grandchildren, Dana Jameson of Friona and Jim Holmes of Lubbock; four step-grandchildren, Patricia Conduff of Lubbock, Velma Grisham of Texas City, Jimmy Evans of Little Elm and Darla Rice of Canyon; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to your favorite charity.

## ROSA CASTILLO

Services for Rosa Castillo, 52, of Friona, were held Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Victory Family Worship with Rev. Rick Beard and Rev. Ruben Rivera officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home, Friona.

Mrs. Castillo died Monday, December 15, 2003 at Highland Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born to Jose Manuel Perez, Sr. and Maria Rincones Perez on November 18, 1951 in Memphis, Texas.

She was a homemaker and a 46-year resident of Friona, formerly of Odom, Texas.

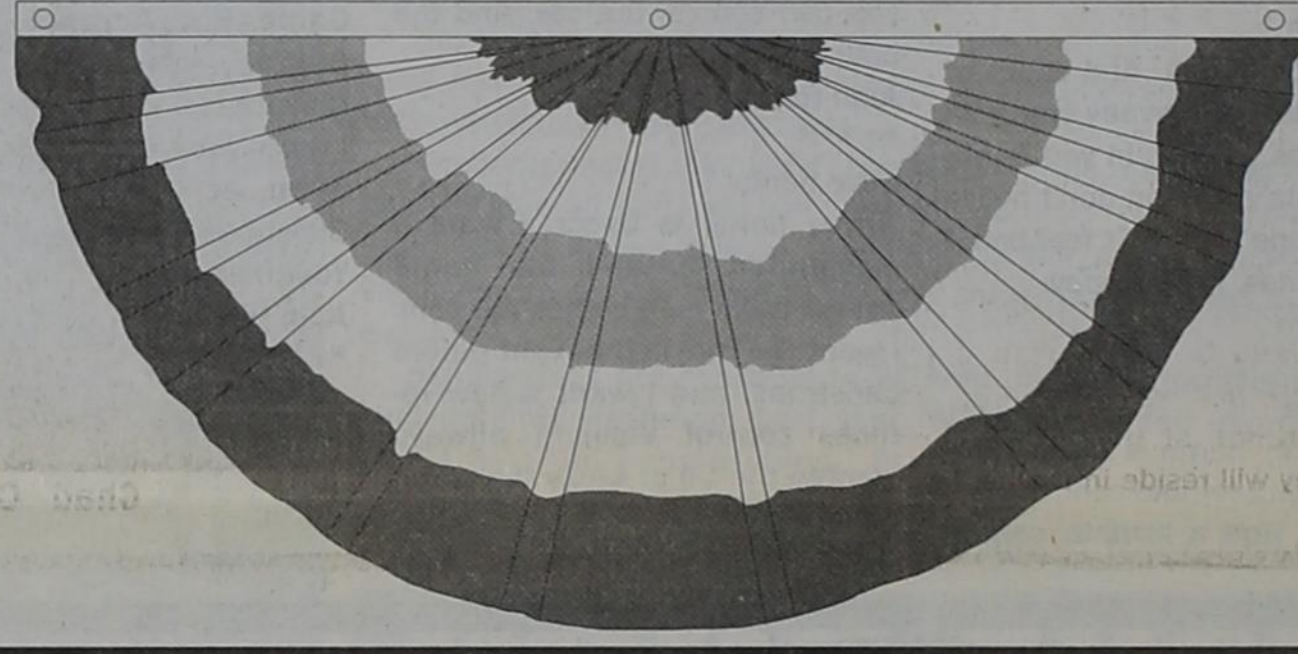
Rosa was preceded in death by one sister, Estela Montemayor in 1997; and two brothers, Amadeo Perez in 1962 and Conrado Perez in 2001.

Survivors include her husband, Mario Castillo, of Friona; three sons, Mario Castillo, Jr., Andy Perez, and Dale Perez, all of Friona; three brothers, Rene Perez and Jose Perez, Jr., both of Amarillo, and Sam Perez of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Irma Raymond of Friona and Amelia Rodriguez of Hollis, Oklahoma; and one grandchild.

The family of Jay Claborn would like to express our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your visits, prayers, food, memorials and words of encouragement. Jay love this community because of the many kind and caring friends and neighbors. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

Jonell Claborn - Amy Claborn  
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LET THE "SON" SHINE  
"TIS THE SEASON"...To Be Joyful. We will hear "Joy to the World". Let's remember that the reason for real joy is that indeed a savior was not only born but died so we can live eternally. Let us rejoice in the Lord always". (Phil. 4:4)

Have a great week! (TLT)



### Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE BIBLICAL ARMIES

THE ARMY OF ISRAEL CONSISTED OF INFANTRY ONLY AND WAS COMPOSED OF SPEARMEN, SLINGERS, AND ARCHERS. (NUM. 11:21) IT INCLUDED ALL THE ABLE BODIED MEN OF THE NATION FROM TWENTY YEARS OLD AND UPWARD, ABLE TO GO FORTH TO WAR. THE LEVITES WERE THE ONLY MALES EXEMPTED FROM SERVICE BECAUSE THEY WERE THE PRIESTHOOD. WHEN KING SOLOMON RULED, HE ADDED CAVALRY AND CHARIOTS TO HIS FORCES, SWELLING THE NUMBERS AND THEREBY INCREASING THEIR EFFECTIVE POWER. HOWEVER, WHEN IT CAME TO GREAT POWER, THE ANCIENT ARMIES OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR OF BABYLON OUTFRANKED THEM ALL! BESIDES INFANTRY AND CAVALRY HE EMPLOYED A CORPS OF ELEPHANT DRIVERS, POSSIBLY THE FORERUNNER OF THE MODERN-DAY TANK. IT WAS JUST SUCH AN IMPOSING FORCE THAT ONE DAY, SUDDENLY, ENCIRCLES JERUSALEM.....

...AND JERUSALEM LIES AT THE MERCY OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S BESIEGING ARMY.

IN FIERCE ARRAY, THE BABYLONIAN ARMY STANDS BEFORE THE LOCKED GATES OF JERUSALEM - NEBUCHADNEZZAR IS DETERMINED TO BREAK THE SIEGE AND END THIS REVOLT OF THE JEWS AGAINST HIS POWER AND AUTHORITY!

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Virginia & Thomas Rhodes (1953)



Thomas & Virginia Rhodes (2003)

### Rhodes Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Virginia and Thomas Rhodes of Amarillo celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a reception and brunch, November 23, 2003, at the Amarillo Country Club.

Hosts for the event were Robyn and Alan Rhodes of Amarillo and Rhonda Rhodes and Terry Howard of Englewood, Colorado.

Rhodes married the former Virginia Bailey on November 26, 1953, in Clovis, New Mexico. The couple previously resided in Bovina. They have lived in Amarillo for three and one-half years.

Rhodes is a retired farmer. Mrs. Rhodes is a retired teacher.

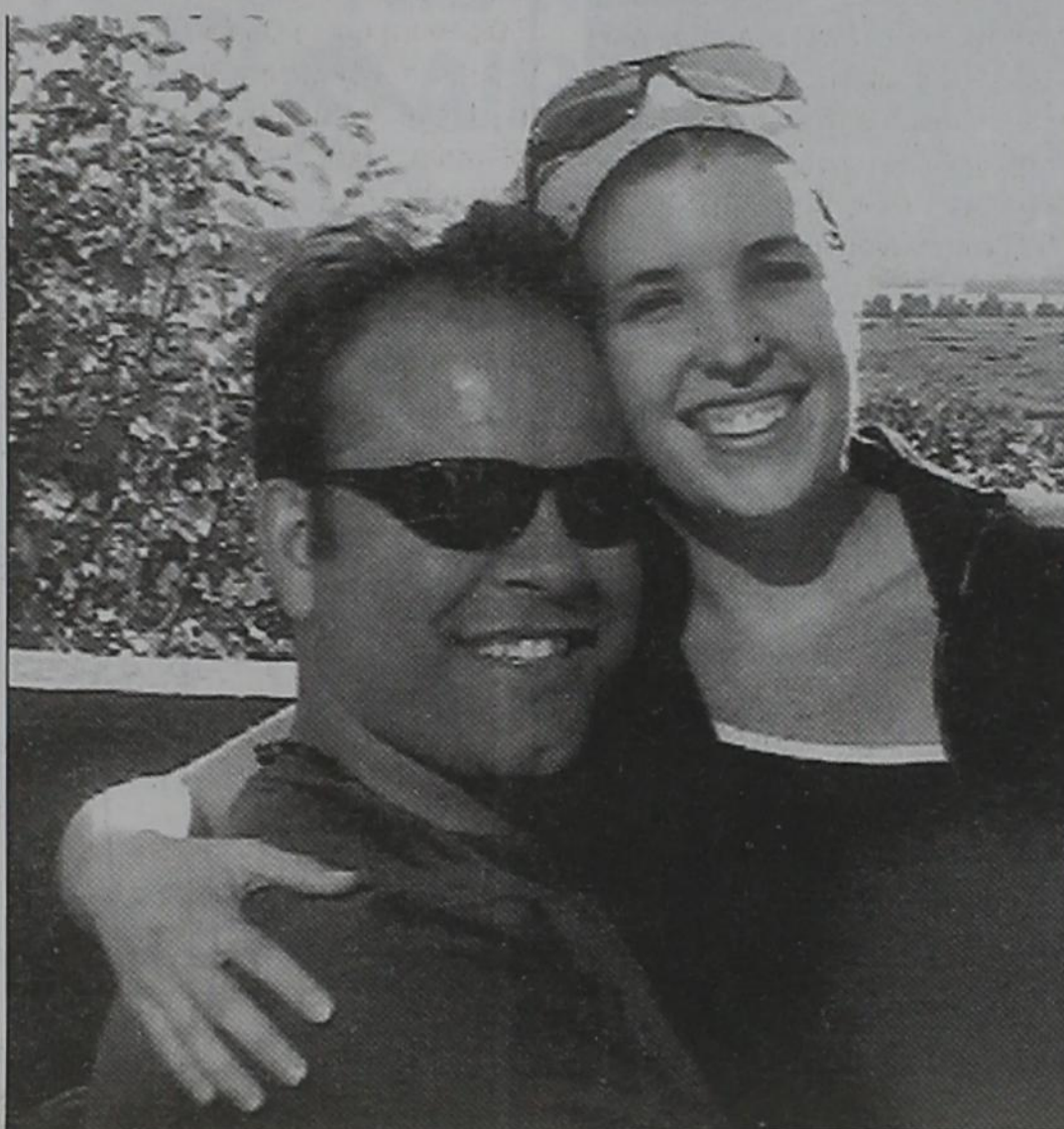
### D. Maxfield & C. Clayton Engagement Announced

Bonnie and Mack Heald, of Farwell, and Dickie Clayton, of Bovina, announce the engagement of their son, Chad Scott Clayton, to Danille Marie Maxfield, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Jennings, of Lake Whitney, and Mr. and Mrs. William Maxfield, of El Paso.

Miss Maxfield graduated from high school in El Paso, Texas and is a Texas Tech University graduate. She is currently employed by Lewisville High School as an English Literature teacher.

Mr. Clayton is a Bovina High School graduate and a Texas Tech University graduate. He is self-employed as a Personal Trainer.

The couple will marry Saturday, December 27, 2003, at 5:00 p.m., (mountain time), at Holy Mount Episcopal Church in Ruidoso, New Mexico. They will reside in Dallas, Texas.



Chad Clayton & Danille Maxfield

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA

Birthdays for the week of December 21, 2003.

- Dec. 21—Tomas Fuentes, Sr., Brenda Wilson
- Dec. 22—Dick Steelman, Tabitha Englant
- Dec. 23—Artie Faye O'Hair
- Dec. 24—Nita Marshall
- Dec. 25—"Jesus Christ" Maria Robledo
- Dec. 26—Dean Wines, Kenneth Estes
- Dec. 27—Norma Villarreal, Joe Steelman

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 by Tuesday noon and report it.

When you see names, which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

### BOVINA REFLECTIONS

45 Yrs. Ago

December 17, 1958

More than 100 persons, including members and guests, were present Friday night last week when the Farwell Lodge No. 977 AFAM celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

A number of friends gathered Friday afternoon in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Woltmon, for a surprise visit. Mrs. Woltmon, 91, is reported to have enjoyed the visit and gifts the ladies presented to her.

40 Yrs. Ago

December 18, 1963

Mrs. Joe Mack Dutton was honored with a come and go bridal shower Saturday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ.

Spanish Baptist Mission has planned its annual Christmas program for Tuesday evening, December 24, at 7 p.m. at Mission Church.

35 Yrs. Ago

December 18, 1968

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church held its Christmas party last week when the group had dinner in Clovis.

The Guadalupean's fiesta was held December 12 at St. Ann's in Bovina beginning with mass at 7:30 p.m.

30 Yrs. Ago

December 19, 1973

Members of the Thrifty Club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Douglas for that organization's annual Christmas party.

The Bovina 4-H Club met Saturday night at The Salt Company. Those attending played games and then went caroling. They also gave gifts of fruit and cookies to shut-ins in Bovina.

25 Yrs. Ago

December 20, 1978

Because of the generosity of businesses, civic clubs and individuals in the Bovina area, citizens can boast of one of the best equipped ambulance services in this part of the state

20 Yrs. Ago

December 21, 1983

Clayton Farm Center is a brand new business in town and is owned and operated by Dickie Clayton. It is located at 700 Third Street.

Billy McAlister of Hereford is now managing Lone Star Insurance Agency and secretaries are Gina Sandberg of Friona and Lori Miller of Bovina.

15 Yrs. Ago

December 21, 1988

Among the special holiday events held locally this season was the Christmas program at First United Methodist Church. The program was directed by Brenda Wilson and was entitled "Wise Guys and Starry Skies."

The Bovina Mustangs broke Farwell's 14-game unbeaten winning streak by downing the Steers, 80-71 in boys' tournament finals.

10 Yrs. Ago

December 18, 1993

Sunday afternoon, residents were surprised with a storm of rain, hail, lightning and thunder and winds that were clocked over sixty miles an hour.

Dale and Sharlet McCormick of Bovina are the parents of a baby boy, Levi James, born November 30 at 12:24 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

### Hart 41 7th Fillies 36

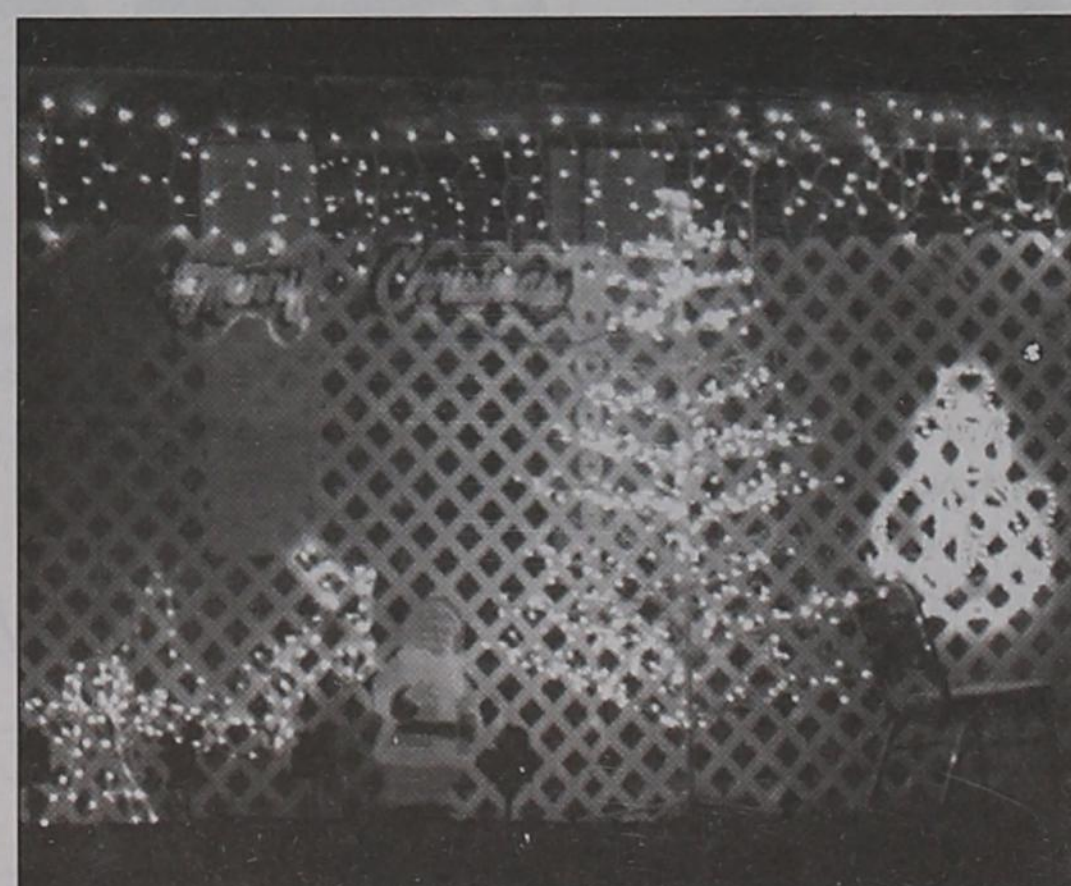
The Bovina 7th grade girls lost a close game to Hart 41-36. The game was tied 23-23 at the half and 30-30 at the end of the third quarter.

"A freak injury to point guard Lucy Saucedo in the pre-game warmups really hurt us," said Coach Eric Dominguez. "We were missing another player with illness. This and early foul trouble hampered us."

The foul trouble forced Bovina to finish with three players on the court. Ruby Vela scored 11 points, Hortencia Lara also had 11, Yesenia Guevara 5, Haylee Hughes 7, and Yaniree Martinez 2.

### Hart 29 7th B Fillies 28

Coach Dominguez said the 7th girls started slow but made a good run in the fourth quarter with 16 points. Denise Larrea and Karla Robledo had 6 points each, Sandra Ortiz and Yadira Vela 4, Audrey Terrones and Esmeralda Saucedo 3, and Daena Carrillo 2.



Merry Christmas From Bovina

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### Methodist To Hold Christmas Eve Service

The Bovina United Methodist Church invites the community and surrounding area to make worship a part of their family Christmas festivities.

Pastor Quita Jones said, "We welcome everyone and encourage you to attend our Christmas Eve candlelight service." The service will begin at 6 p.m. December 24.



### Deaf Smith Co-Op Has 5 Scholarships

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence.

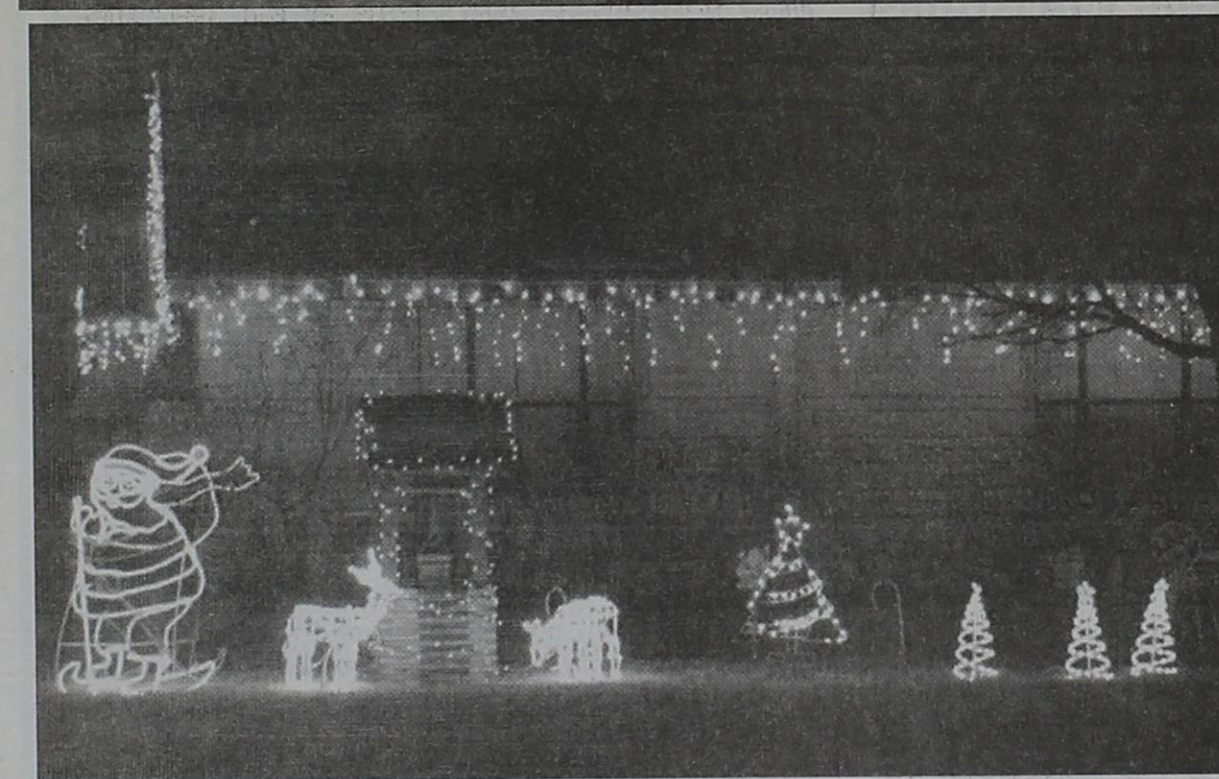
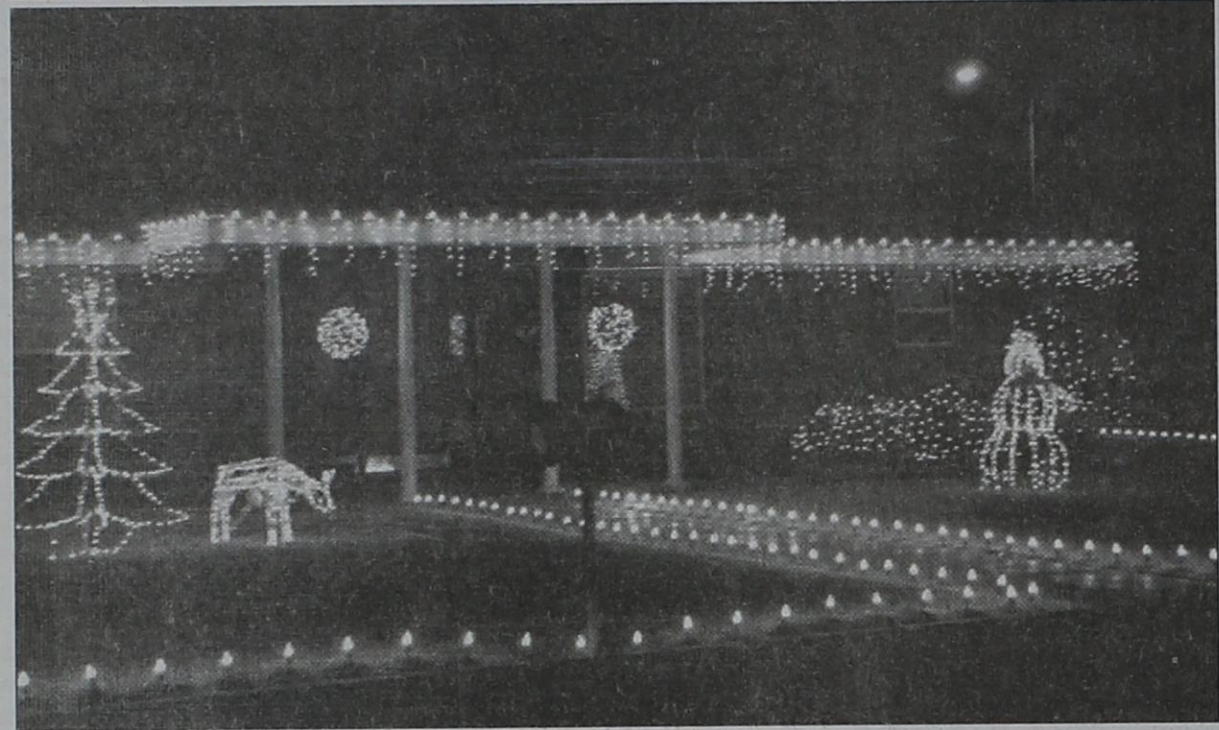
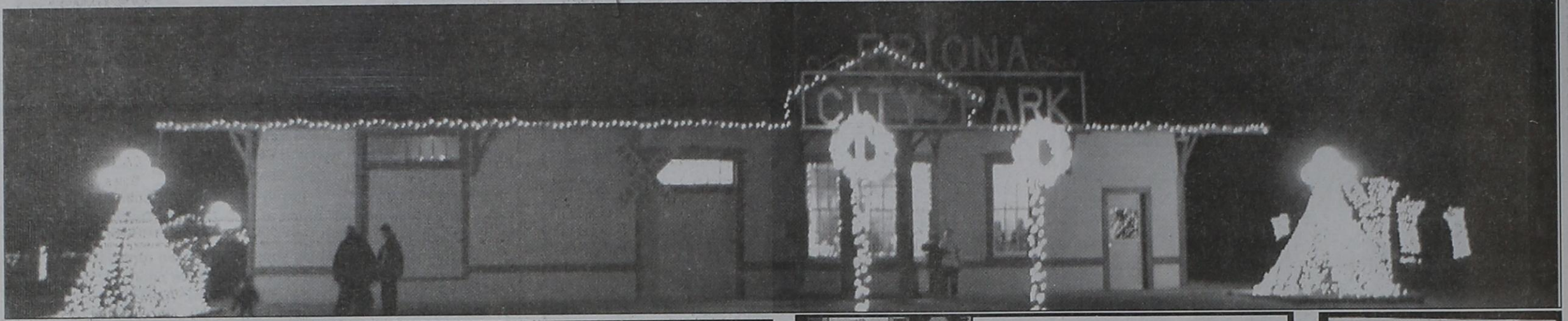
Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, or counselors. Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include: written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 12, 2004. Awards will be announced within sixty (60) days of this date.



# The Christmas Spirit Shines On Friona



Misty Villanueva

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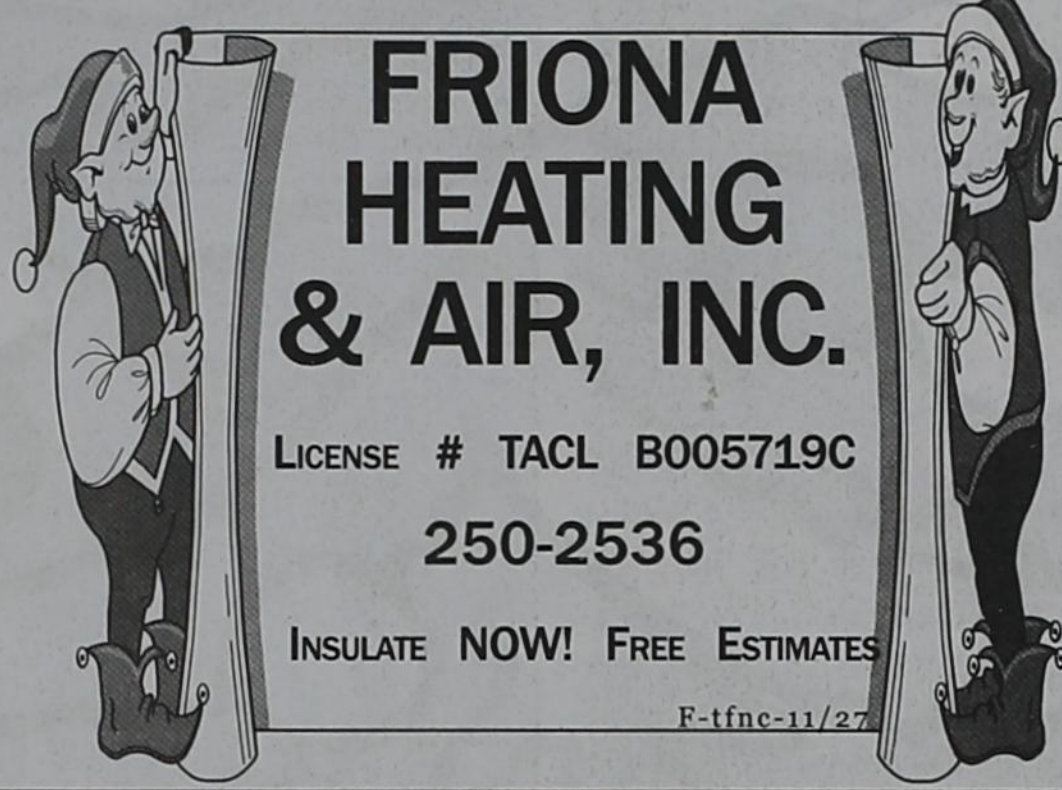
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Friona Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors voted to provide a grant to Lone Star Dairy, Friona, TX. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at which time the public may be heard.

**HELP WANTED**

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**Happy Holidays from Holly!**



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and prayers while I have been in the hospital in Amarillo and Friona.

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Parmer County Community Hospital,

Jessica Viernes

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, on November 24, 2003.

Vivaliah Hutto  
Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas  
PO Box 849  
Bovina, Texas 79009



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NEW LISTING 3BR, 2Ba, Nice Size, 1-Car, 2 C/P.....\$37,250  
2 small rent houses, corner lot, investment prop.....\$23,000  
2 BR, 1 bath, large living area, basement.....\$35,000  
4BR, 3 baths, 2 car, 2 living, BIG, metal roof.....sold.....\$81,900  
3BR, 1 bath, 1 car, new paint, carpet.....sold.....\$38,000  
3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, brick, quiet street w/nice covered porch...\$60,000  
3 br, 1 bath, 1 car, new SAU.....sold.....\$30,500  
3BR, 2 bath, basement, 2 car.....sold.....\$80,000  
Small Office/studio with 1/2 bath, to be moved.....\$5,000  
3-4 Br, 1-1/2 ba, metal roof, .4637 acres.....\$58,000  
3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car garage, newly repainted.....\$72,000  
Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex.....sold.....\$21,900  
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2 BR, 1 bath home plus mobile home lot.....\$25,000  
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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## A Gift Idea for Christmas

BY ALVIN PETTY, Calvary Baptist Church of Friona

Here is a great gift idea for Christmas. Give yourself permission to learn to practice positive imaging. You already have the gift of positive imaging within you, from your creator. You need to give yourself permission to become aware of its power and practice it to change and improve your life.

Norman Vincent Peale is perhaps my favorite American minister. Over the years through his writing he has been my pastor and has helped me to successfully keep and live my faith more than any other one person. He wrote a book, "The Power of Positive Imaging".

In it he says that positive imaging is faith, or positive thinking carried one step further. You not only believe your desired goal is possible, "but you see or visualize it in your imagination and reinforce it in prayer". Constantly seeing the goal before you releases inner powers that work mightily to help you achieve the goal.

Peale was a rather shy and inhibited young man with great promise. But his self-confidence was lacking. A college professor challenged him to change himself and live up to his potential. He prayed for God to help him change. He came to realize that an image "vividly conceived and stubbornly held has a reality of its own". He became one of the twentieth century's greatest pastors and most beloved speakers.

The depth and intensity of focus of believing in the images does make the difference in how well positive imaging works for one. Jesus taught us to pray imaging the desired goal and acting as if we have it and then eventually we shall receive it (Mark 11:24). We can use the tool of positive imaging to help solve our financial problems, marital problems, personality problems and loneliness problems.

Positive imaging will not help us to perform things impossible in the natural order. But it can help us to achieve our very best possibilities within the natural order or created universe. God's power does not come from outside the natural order, but it is all the power within the natural order. "God's imperial rule is within you," said Jesus (Luke 17:21).



## One Little Angel

By Mary Dalton Crump

One Little angel flew below to Bethlehem that night.

"Tho he was told he could not go, he had to see the sight

Of midnight skies where one Lone star had stopped to shine above a manger where the baby lay

Who brought the world god's love

He stood beside the shepard boy and blessed him as he knelt in awesome wonder, and he knew how God and Mary felt.

He stayed there in the stable to keep watch that Christmas night.



He'd sneaked away from heaven just to see that wonder sight.

When the older angels found him, how could they reprimand?

Because the little angel was holding Jesus' hand.

The Holy Babe was smiling at the angel kneeling there.

How could there be a reprimand with Christmas in the air?

The angel kept the Holy Watch and stayed until the morn.

He witnessed all that brilliant time when Jesus Christ was born.



### HI PRO FEEDS

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## Friona

Dear Santa,  
I want a cope der for chrisams becose I just need one becose I like copeders I like to play games and wanta play tashon for and I want a cd player I love lison to mulic I want a modersid for chrismas happy.  
Love Angel

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed raindeer that talks and walkes and I want a coda bear and the sleeping buitey movey and movey of the cat in the hat and a stuffed santa that talks and a stuffed elf and a new ring that is pink and shiny and the movey of home olone two.  
The end and Love Teri Reed

Dear Santa,  
I don't know if I've been good this year. But I know you have! So if I have been good would you pleas get me a reindeer bell? If you don't want to would you get me a personal CD player, or a black bike that's my size. Let me just tell you that I beleve in you but I want a remot contel car!  
Love & truly yours, Kailey

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and new furitture. I want a rell car and remote car. I wount a P.S.2. I wount a big screen tv one raindeer is name is Vickson. I been good and bad, I been lying. I have been mostly good.  
Love, Tuffy

On Christmas I want a computer and my own room and to be rich. I want a reindeer named Rudolph and a bell from you Santa. I want a ginny pig. I have been good Santa. Love Sant.  
Love Bianca

Dear Santa,  
I wont a brother because my brother hides in my mom's stemick.  
Love Sergio

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl but the thing I really wint for Christmas is reindeer's. I want Prancer and Dasher and Dancer and Donder and Cupid and Comet and Blitzen and Vixen and and Rudolph.  
Love, Destiny

Dear Santa,  
I was kinda bad by not cleaning my room while I promised to do it but I was good because I cleaned my room and I got a CAO for tuming in a tobagan hat Monday morning. So I guess I can have a present please but if you give me coal it's okay Santa I understand but if I still can get a present that is very sweet of you Santa. So I want a volleyball net and a volleyball and a boy Barbie because I don't have a boy Barbie, pleas.  
Love Mykelti Rhodes

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck with traler and anomes to play with from for I can't wach carchoon neawer.  
Love Ahaymi

Dear Santa,  
I was good and Bad this year. Becus I was saying Bad things and the Good news I lission to my teacher. I want for chrismtmas a computer. I want my bike to be pink, and blue and red.  
Love, Liliana Amezcua

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie her name is rapansel and I want you to bring a CD her favret CD's Chakira. And I want fore you to bring fore my dad is a new bike because my dad never had a bike before. And fore my sister I want for you to bring a new baby doll. And for my brother is a new basketball so he can play with it on the tramplein.  
Love Liliana

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some present for Chirstmas and I was good and bad. I am a good and bad girl I want a book and I want a cow girl toys and I want a December towy. I am good to my mom.  
Love, Rosy Calvillo

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV, a Game boy, a Huver Disc, an Elvis wig and costume, an Elvis cap, a Hillary Duph CD. Have a nice Christmas. Please remember my friends in Memphis and all of my friends in Friona.  
From: Brady Hansard  
P.S. Remember my brother too.

Dear Santa,  
I want a sewing machine, plain makeup and real make up. Or a doctor thing, or the baby in the bath. Or baby nursery.  
Love,  
Claudia  
(Claudia Willow Alexander)

Dear Santa,  
I went a doll house and acear Bear and sent a leter back to me and will sent back to you on Chrismus and I went lec make and more toys for my Brother's and sister and the ret of my famly gets toys even you Santa you get some toys too mery chrismus Santa.  
Love, Kelly

Dear Santaclaus how is Rudolph I have been good like lette kibbs shood. please bring me a Nintendo game cube and games that you mite bring me Billy hatcher and the giant eff and mario doule dash and Yugioh! game all game cube games  
Love Haden Frey Smiley  
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Dear Santa Claus  
How is Rudolph? I have bee good. Can you giv me a Boing Bus and Dos Ding to hit rit deh and sum fun stuf. And sum uf dos mankeying tat you to poot togetr. And a snace egg. Pes. Dag Yua santa claus. hav a grat christmas  
Joshua



## Holiday Greetings

May the coming season bring peace, joy and harmony for you and your loved ones. For your trust, we are truly thankful.



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## Happy Holidays To You

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# Greetings of the Season

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Healthy

Heartwarming

Hopeful

Harmonious

Hasslefree

Heavenly

## Holiday Season

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# Christmas in 1940

It was our first Christmas at Boy's Ranch. Robert (my twin brother) and I arrived in February of 1940 and began what, for us, was the start of a wonderful and fantastic time of learning and doing that provided us with the knowledge and tools we used to deal with all the good times and bad times of our lives.

It was a time for milking cows twice daily, doing the chores that make up much of farm life, cutting trees into firewood, keeping the wood box filled, going to school and studying our lessons every night in front of the fireplace in the courthouse. And, it was a time for learning how to do things with our hands and how to think and do our best. We learned how to work together. These were only a few of our finest Christmas presents that year.

Sometimes I find it hard to recall what happened yesterday, or maybe last week, but it's very easy to remember that first Christmas. There were only 18 boys at the Ranch, and we all lived, slept and ate in the old courthouse that is now the Julian Bivins Museum. Our winters were cold, but filled with fun. We had one "retired" cow pony named Strawberry; Pet and Meg, our mule teams; five or six milk cows; a few chickens in an old bunkhouse from Tascosa days; and two lovable dogs, Jimmy and Scout. Our heat was the fireplace. We all wanted to chop wood, but the bigger boys usually won out, for using an ax and pulling on an old cross-cut saw took a little more muscle than some of us had. We all got to carry the logs up to the courthouse though, one by one, till we had filled our woodbin.

That first Christmas was more than "presents" to us. Every day was a "present". But, there were actual presents too. In early September, the Ranch was visited by "Mother" Bivins, who came from her home in Amarillo to see us. She let each boy select, from a short list, the one thing that he most wanted Santa to bring him.

By Boys Ranch Alumnus  
Richard Strain

We wrote our name and what we wanted on a piece of paper and gave it to her as she sat in the courthouse living room, talking to us. Then, we helped her into her car, and we put our wishes away for later, hoping that they'd come true. Of course, they always did. Shortly before Christmas, Mr. Weeks, our Ranch Superintendent, returned from Amarillo, his auto packed to the roof with food and other "goodies", and of course, a present for each boy. On Christmas day, we all went into the living room, sat in a circle around our fireplace, and gave prayers of thanks for what we had. Then we feasted on punch, candies, popcorn and cookies before we opened our gifts. There were other, more practical gifts to excite us as well. We ate much and we grew fast, so we were always in need of shoes and clothes. Mind you, many of them weren't new in those days, but they were clean, and seemed to always be what we needed the most. Even now it's hard to put into ordinary words how much we appreciated all the donations that came from every direction to keep us clothed, fed, healthy and happy.

In 1940, our cook, Ms. Massie Owens, lived in one room upstairs in the courthouse. She cooked for everybody, six days a week, on a wood burning stove in the kitchen at the rear of the courthouse. She performed culinary miracles in her tiny kitchen. Homemade rolls, roast turkey and ham, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes topped with marshmallows, all the foods that we had dreamed about for months, we had for our Christmas Day meal—one that will remain forever in my memory. And, of course there were the "leftovers" that we enjoyed for several days after.

You see, in those days, the Ranch was young, and of course,

so were we. We grew up as parts of one another until, without realizing it, we became as one. The love and discipline of those who watched over and guided us, the skills we learned, the training and ideas implanted in our minds during our stay at the Ranch came together in a way that enabled us to go out and make our way through the lives that we've been living.

To be sure, all our days weren't happy ones. There was much work and we had to do it all. We had goals to meet and were required to give answers if we didn't meet them. We had to study, clean a million dishes and eating utensils every day, sweep, mop, dust and stand "inspections", then go outside to do the many things needed to take care of our animals and keep the Ranch going. Older boys helped the younger ones, both at study as well as work. When someone fell behind, there was always loads of help from his buddies.

I will forever remember the visits of Mr. and Mrs. Farley who, more often than not, would surprise us, suddenly arriving at the Ranch for a short visit from the office. As busy as they were, and faced with the problems and challenges they had to meet everyday, they made time to be with us, the boys, who stopped everything but their chores while they were at the Ranch.

There are so many things to remember about the early days at Boys Ranch. The ordinary folks who gave part of what they had to the Ranch, who drove the then dirt and muddy roads to get to us, bringing clothes, canned goods, often homemade cakes and cookies, so many things, all of which we needed desperately.

I thank my Lord for my first Christmas at Boys Ranch. And, I won't ever forget to say "Thanks" in my thoughts and prayers, for all those who somehow saw to it that our needs were met.



Boys Ranch in the 1940s

There's No Place Like Home...  
Especially At Christmas



*If home is where the heart is  
ours is certainly with the  
people we've had the privilege  
to serve this year.  
We're proud to be part of  
this community and wish you  
all a very merry holiday  
season.*

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# Christmas in the 1930s

By LaVonne M. Sparkman

I was the middle child—not the middle child in one family, but in between aunts, uncles and cousins on my father's and my mother's sides of the family. All three families were close and we celebrated holidays together, taking turns hosting the rest of the group.

No one had a table large enough for the crowd, so we children had a separate table where we were served after the adults had loaded their plates with the abundant, mostly homegrown food. No one even thought of turkey during those Depression days; all three families raised chickens, and two or three roasting hens were a treat.

Without enough chairs to go around, we sat on the piano bench, end tables and apple boxes. Because we kids knew we could depend on Cousin Barbara spilling her milk, we never relaxed, but were ready to jump up to avoid the flood.

After dinner, if it wasn't pouring rain—as it frequently was in western Washington—we played cops and robbers or cowboys and Indians. The boy cousins supplied the firepower with their cap guns, al-

though we seldom had store-bought caps. But we didn't need them; we just yelled, "Bang-bang!" The only arguments arose over who was "dead" at any given time.

Christmas gifts were few, but we never would have expected multiple gifts like we exchange today. My best present ever was a delightful surprise, even though I had caught my mother making it at the sewing machine after my bedtime. But she had been able to quickly hide her work, and that Christmas, I found under the tree an unbleached muslin doll with an embroidered face and a pretty dress. I called her Raggedy Ann, even though she had black yarn hair and did not resemble the original.

I learned to sew by making dresses for my doll. Now, almost seven decades later, Raggedy Ann sits on the back of my davenport wearing a red taffeta dress I make when I was about 11 years old.

Raggedy Ann was definitely a special gift from my mother. The most disappointing gift came from my older boy cousin. He was so excited about his present for me that he could hardly wait for me to open it. Thinking it must be

fabulous, I tore the wrappings off to find two of the old 78-rpm records. So far so good, but for someone who disliked what we called "cowboy music" (now called country), it was a shock to see they were Ernie Tubbs records. In my estimation, he was the worst singer of all.

Shirley Temple, of course, was at the height of her popularity. A few Christmases after I received my homemade doll, my mother managed to squeeze out enough money to buy me a beautiful Shirley Temple doll the size of a 6-month-old baby. She had a hard head and legs, a soft body, and rubber arms that have not survived. Mother was so happy to be able to give me Shirley, but I never loved her like I did my homemade doll. Raggedy Ann was soft and cuddly and nice to take to bed.

We no longer have big family dinners. Barbara isn't here to spill her milk, and the cops and robbers of long ago grew up.

But I still cherish my fond memories of Christmas in the Good Old Days.  
(Reprinted from the Good Old Days magazine.)



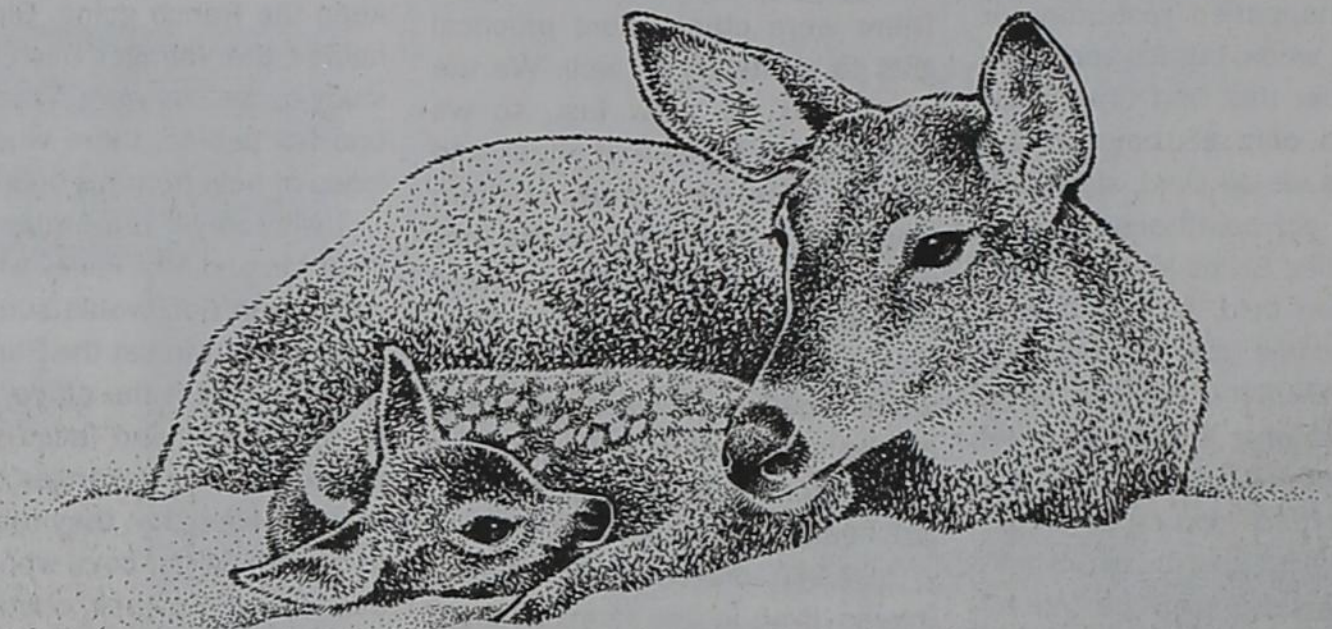
First Baptist Church Living Nativity

... *And To All A Good Night!*

*May all your dreams come true during this magical season.*

*We couldn't have wished for better friends than you.*

*Thanks for everything!*



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# Best Wishes At Christmas



At this beautiful time of year, we wish you a season filled with cheer.

As the snow falls to the ground, may peace and joy reign all around!

Thank you for visiting us this past year.

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## Contentment At Christmas

Submitted by Elders Ron Smiley and Gerall Wyly,  
10<sup>th</sup> St. Church of Christ, Friona

Statistics indicate this time of year can be particularly painful for many. Contentment can be illusive. Life can become stressful. Paul learned to cope.

Phil. 4:11 "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content".

Paul tells us contentment is something we learn.

Mentally focusing on what one doesn't have or the troubles one has tends to bring on a mindset of discontent.

Paul learned something that changed his life radically. Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". His mental focus was on Christ. Paul had much going on in his life that couldn't be defined as good by any stretch of the imagination.

It is hard to imagine singing praises at midnight after having ones clothes ripped off, taking a severe beating and being placed in prison. Paul and Silas were doing just that in Acts 16:25.

Another clue from scripture is Phil. 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you".

Peace can be ours according to Paul.

Another secret Paul reveals: Col. 3:2 "Set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth". That puts Paul's mindset in a nutshell for us. He practiced what he preached. His affections were on "things above". May your holiday season be filled with peace and praise for Christ.



Christmas Lights In Friona

## Best Wishes at Holiday Time



Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health.

The Board of Directors and Employees of  
**Parmer County  
Community Hospital**

## Merry Christmas



*...And in the spirit of the season may we say Thank You to all the many fine folks in Friona, Bovina, and elsewhere in Parmer County. You have been so kind and we appreciate all the support you have given to Prairie Acres over the years.*

*Our wish is for Peace and Happiness at this Christmas time and throughout the coming New Year.*

# Prairie Acres Nursing Home





Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a big Barbie and  
sum clothes  
Luv Karina Hernandez  
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Dear Santa Claus  
How is Rudolph Please bring me  
a four ten a four ten is a shot gun  
it is for kids bring me some bul-  
lets  
Louv Dan oBrian  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus  
How are you and Mrs.Claus?  
Please bring me a remote control  
car Please bring me it Please.  
Justin Rocha  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa claus.  
Is the weather nice? How is  
Rudolph? I wont a game boy and  
a jungle game game boy  
Love Peria Trevino  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me toys. How is  
Rudolph?  
Love Daniel Iraheta  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me The Barbi Cruise  
Ship Barbie Sea Splash teddy bear  
How are you and Mrs. Claus Is the  
weather nice How are the rein-  
deer  
Luve Kreisun Dominguez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are the Reindeer Plese bring  
me a cologne and can you bring  
a red car end a uthr red car have  
a merry Christmas  
Love Manuel Rosales  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa claus  
Bring my two pease  
Louv Arianna Morenoe  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus  
How is Rudolph? I want a teddy  
bear Rudolph I like every thing  
Bring me whatever you want. Merry  
christmas  
Love Avery Jones  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
I want a toy car. I want toy soldier,  
and a scooter, and a skate board.  
Thank you, Santa  
Isaac  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
I want a play station 2 for Christ-  
mas. I also a football game, and  
a basketball game for my play  
station 2. A basketball goal that  
keeps score.  
from Tyrone (Shelby)  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus  
How is Rudolph I have been good  
I wish you a Merry Christmas! I  
want a game cube leed for speed  
under ground  
Love Isaac Orosco  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a 4 10 shot gun  
love oran London  
Please bring me some bullets  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wont BeeB gun I want Motor-  
cycle I wont horse I wont desk I  
want game boy a munstr I wont  
muntruck hov a gud Christmas  
Santa  
Jeremy Raymond  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I wont xbox and hashot and otmes  
and vekran.  
Your friend,  
Jonathan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
how are you I would like a hot  
wheel track. 2 game cube games  
and a CD player.  
love, Trey Hurst  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
Saul wants a remote control truck.  
Saul  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear, Santa  
Jessie wants a trailer with some  
horses.  
Jessie  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
Bank c coinsorting, produce scale  
playset, rainbow arts  
Love  
Courtney  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How have you been this year? Me  
pretty good. For Christmas I would  
like ninja turtle cell phone, ninja  
turtle playset, hulk monster truck,  
fast & furious red car and for my  
little sister Victoria could you  
please bring her a Barbie.  
Love,  
Aaron  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love you! How is your wife at the  
North Pole? May I please have a  
Leap Frog Pad with Bob the  
Builder books? Can I please have  
a picture of your reindeer? The  
one with the red nose? I will leave  
a gingerbread man and milk.  
Bye Bye,  
Juanito Samarron HO HO HO  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
I wont a Diglmon clds.  
Clara Salinas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you I would like a police  
cruiser Alpine command center  
and Billy Bigs rescue heros for  
Christmas. thank you  
Your friend,  
Brent  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
For Christmas i would like a metal  
detector, motorcycle, playstation 2,  
pellet gun with a scope, skate-  
board shoes, virtual reality, skate-  
board, skateboard ramp, battle  
ship game.  
Gavin Douglas  
\*\*\*\*\*



Dear Santa,  
I wot a puoeples. and I wot a  
Basablou. and I wot a BaBe. and I  
wot a Bal. and merry christmas.  
Your friend,  
Danielle Ortiz  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear santa  
I wish if I wasentd sick anymore  
because I want to staid weth my  
theth and my freo and weth my  
my lugz famel want to get betto  
Kayla Castillo  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa clause  
i want to wish one more ting all  
the Yugioh! cards in Yugioh! life  
but i have 26 cards and there  
names are Lord of Dragons. and  
time-wizard. Dark Titan of Terror.  
Scapegoat. And karbona La War-  
rior Darkworld thorns. Wasteland  
and Monster egg. Kurama and  
Vemurko. Banisher of the Light.  
and Mystic plasma zone. Sogen  
and Larvas. Gala The Draon-Cham-  
pion. and Steel Ogre-Grotto #1.

Queen Bird red-medicine Trial of  
Nightmare Hitotus-Me Giant. and  
Follow-Wind. Petit angel and  
Dissolverola commencement  
dance. Terra-The Terrible. And Sil-  
ver Bow and dont forget the  
Gamecube. Please can I have one  
of those cards and two for the  
rest ok Santa  
Love Haden  
\*\*\*\*\*

dear santa  
I wish I can have a semi for  
christmas  
Love  
Mario  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear santa  
I've been a good girl this year.  
Can you bring me a Brat's mall,  
Brat's limo, the board game sorry,  
a slushy maker, and a hand held  
video now game. That's all for  
now.  
Thanks  
Jasmine Rodriguez

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Dear Santa,  
I would like these things for Christ-  
mas: Pink Girl Power Bike, Prin-  
cess crown with diamonds, Swan  
Lake Barbie and Prince. I have  
been a good girl. I love you.  
Love,  
Lariat Lynn Lamer  
\*\*\*\*\*

Deer: Santa  
I like yor belt I wont a Hulk Hans.  
Dear santa,  
I wish you a very christmas and I  
want a Bardie That's all.  
Love,  
Samantha Cruz  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want this for christmas. The Lizzie  
McGuire movie and Lizzie stuff. a  
computer, the Cheeta girls movie.  
A bratz. A barbie a ful house book  
and cheeta girls stof. I will have  
milk and cookie.  
love,  
Keren Ortiz



Marc, Chris, Patty, John David, Allan, Nathan

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*Happy Holidays*



## Coming Home For Christmas?

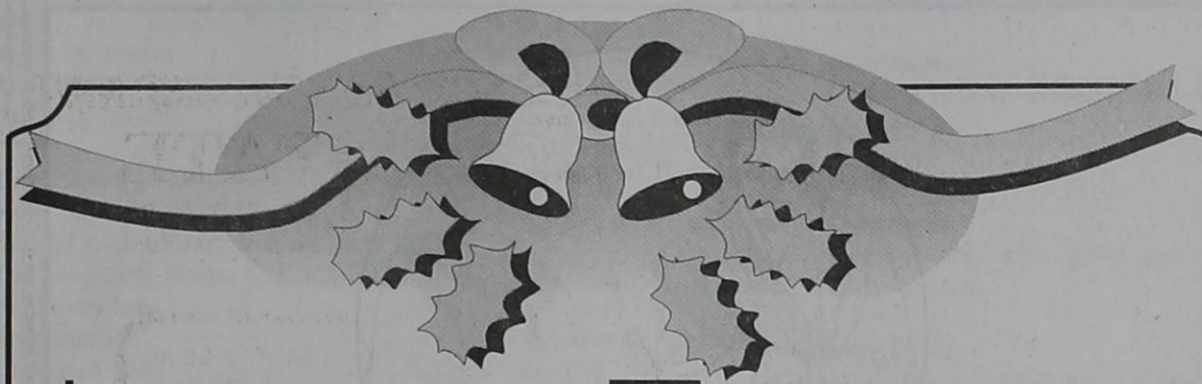
Submitted by Mark Stovall, Pastor, First Baptist, Friona

I want to propose that Christmas is all about: Coming Home. This year many families are separated because of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. It just seems wrong for the ones we love not to be home at Christmas. This is a time when families should gather around the table for a meal, exchange gifts, and be close enough for love to flow freely one to another. Unfortunately what should be is not always reality. In some families thousands of miles separate loved ones. In other cases loved ones are across the street or even across the room from each other and yet are separated

by barriers of greater magnitude than distance.

This is why I believe Christmas is all about Coming Home. From the beginning of His creation, God desired to have an intimate, loving, interactive relationship with us. The Scriptures depict the nature of our relationship with Him as being a Father sitting at a table with the children that He loves. Beginning with Adam we have proven our inability to be right in our relationship with God and often with one another. In a sense, we run away from our heavenly home and our source of love and security.

Therefore: "...when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons", (Gal. 4:4 & 5). Simply put: God reached down from heaven and provided a way, through Jesus, for you and I to truly be at Home with Him. When we have "Come Home" to the Father through the gift of the Savior then He wonderfully works to sustain us and to overcome the separations we are experiencing in life.



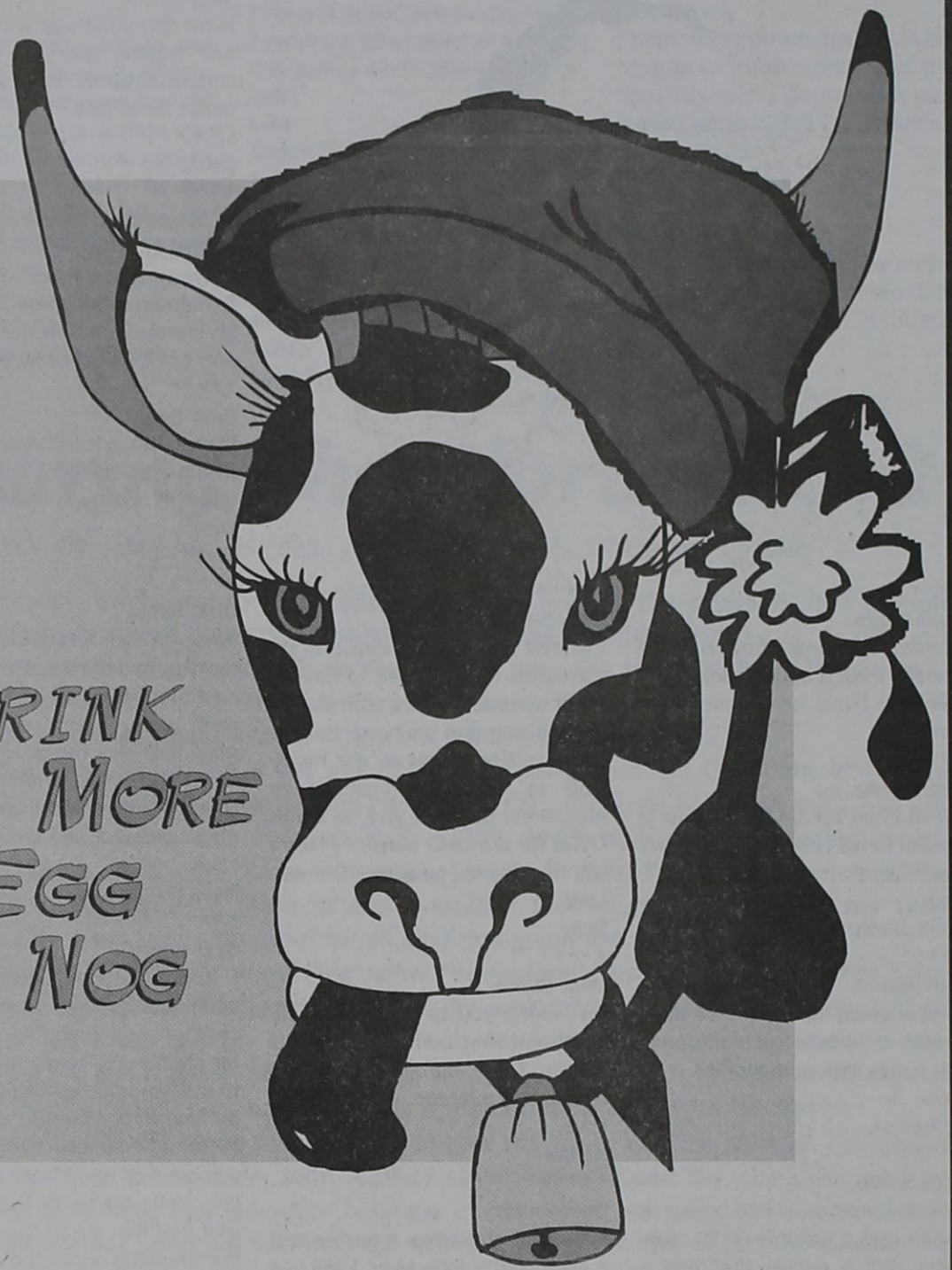
## JOYOUS TIDINGS

This Christmas season gives us the opportunity to send greetings and best wishes to all our good friends and customers. Thanks for allowing us to serve you again this past year.



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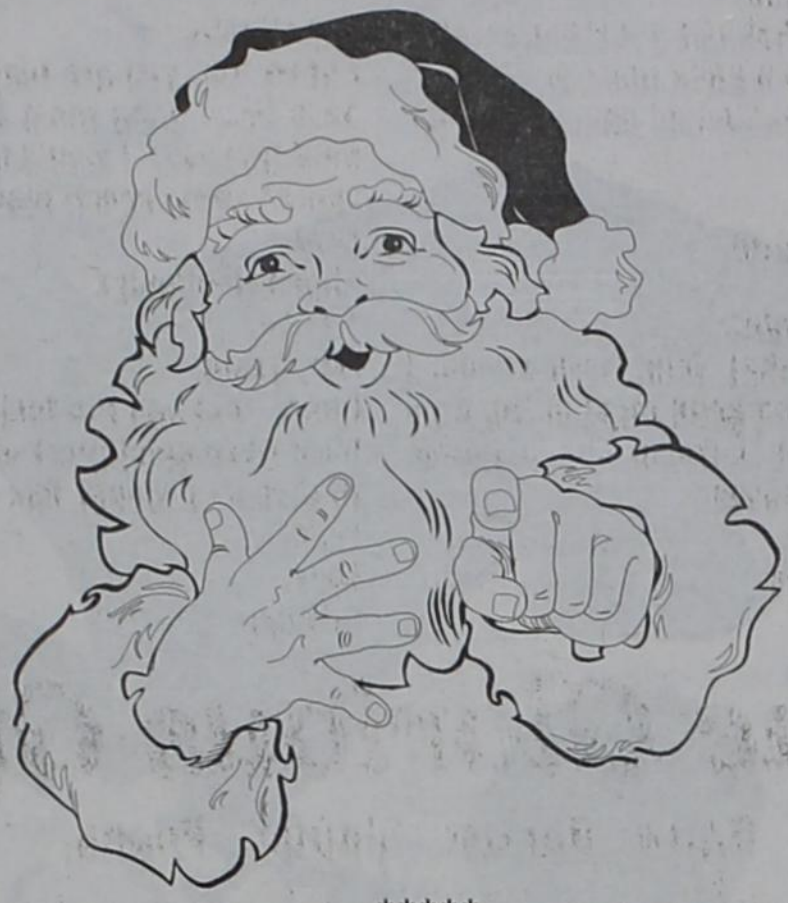
**Our best wishes to all you home folks for a blessed Holiday and a wonderful New Year. We hope this Christmas Season brings you lasting health and happiness.**

**We enjoy serving you and want you to know how much we appreciate your loyal business year after year.**



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Dear Santa,  
I want a Game boy How is Rudolf? I hope he is good.  
love  
Omar  
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Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a little puppy how is Rudolf and all the Radears Santa?  
Love  
Emily Barraza  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could have a moter cikle. I want a monstr truck. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Andres  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a motoe car and a citar. a wotch and a raderoe. a TV computer and a necles that has a cros. a vido gam.  
Love  
Ricky Rincon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want this for Cristmas. A drtbike, mocentrole hummar, pavrranger storn the blue and red one. Merry Christmas.  
Love Justin  
oh yea i am going to leav you suam coocys and meilk.

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Dear Santa,  
I whoad like to have some Brats icessres. I would love to have a lot of the cheeta girls stof. Coud I have a pop sun sashene Barbie. Can you find a way to get Hilary Duff to ask for drecshans to Muleshoe. Can you give us some DVDs for are DVD player? Pless I will try to leve you some cookes.  
Love,  
Holly  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Im asking you to give me a microphone that comes with a CD player. Thers something else a Radio. and a labtop.  
Love,  
Karina  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want for christmas a barbie and a bratz and a tede bear. I will live some cooks and milk.  
Love,  
Makayla  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a paint ball gun and a backpack that is red an it has a motersico in the front.  
Love,  
Brad  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I wut for christmas it is a Bratz and Barbie and get me a CD christmas carils. I wut al songs a bbout Reba CDS.  
Love,  
Dallas  
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To: Santa from: Tylin Stephens  
Dear Santa  
I want scener-cmeders and Trmanaer for a game boy corler. My moma wants a molln dollers and three tickis for hwie  
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Dear Santa,  
I want Bratz for Christmas and I want a game Boy. I also want makeup and thats all santa.  
Love,  
Niomi  
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Dear Santa  
What do I wish for? I want transformers and a bike. Green and no cantrol modersikle, ok Santa? And were gona make cookeis and milk. and give me power rangers ninga storm and transformers and Ninga Turtles stuff and a red ninga with a sord.  
Love,  
Issac Summerlin  
\*\*\*\*\*

dear Santa  
I hope you will have a good christmas you are so nice to the children and I want a real semi for christmas I think you are nice to me. you give us presents if you be nice to our brother and I want to take a picture with you and you are real and I want to go with you. You can go to the chimney and you can go to the door and put presents under the christmas treeds.  
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Dear Santa  
I wunt a very very prity little dog and I wunt a bedroom set that is a barby and a stuf dog the end  
Love Mercedes  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a BeeBee gun but I am to little. The things that I want is a game boy and a hamster and a plow for my tractors. Do you buy the toys or do you make them? Can you let me have a bell from a reindeer if I'm good? How do you go down the chimney of do you go in the door? I will try to be good. Are you going to put a rock in my stocking? How do you go around the world in one night?  
Love,  
Jacob  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a bike and clothes and some cool shoos and boots. Lots of boots for my nephew wants yugloh cards and yigloh clothes and Pjomos My niece wants rupunzel toys and my mom wants clothes too. My

brother wants shoes and clothes and my sister wants shoes and clothes. My other sister wants boots and my brother in law wants lots of shoes. I have never been bad. I have never ever been dad. I have been good for a long

time. My parents love me and I love them and my sister and my brother and my other sister. My family wants lots of presents for Christmas. They don't have lots of presents.  
Love  
Stephanie Martinez



**At this time of the year we should all be grateful for what God has given us.**

**Therefore during this season it is also good to acknowledge the help from customers and friends who have patronized Brockman Sales this past year.**

**We pray everyone will have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2004**

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**PEACE,  
HOPE,  
JOY**

**Here's hoping  
your holiday season  
delivers it all!**

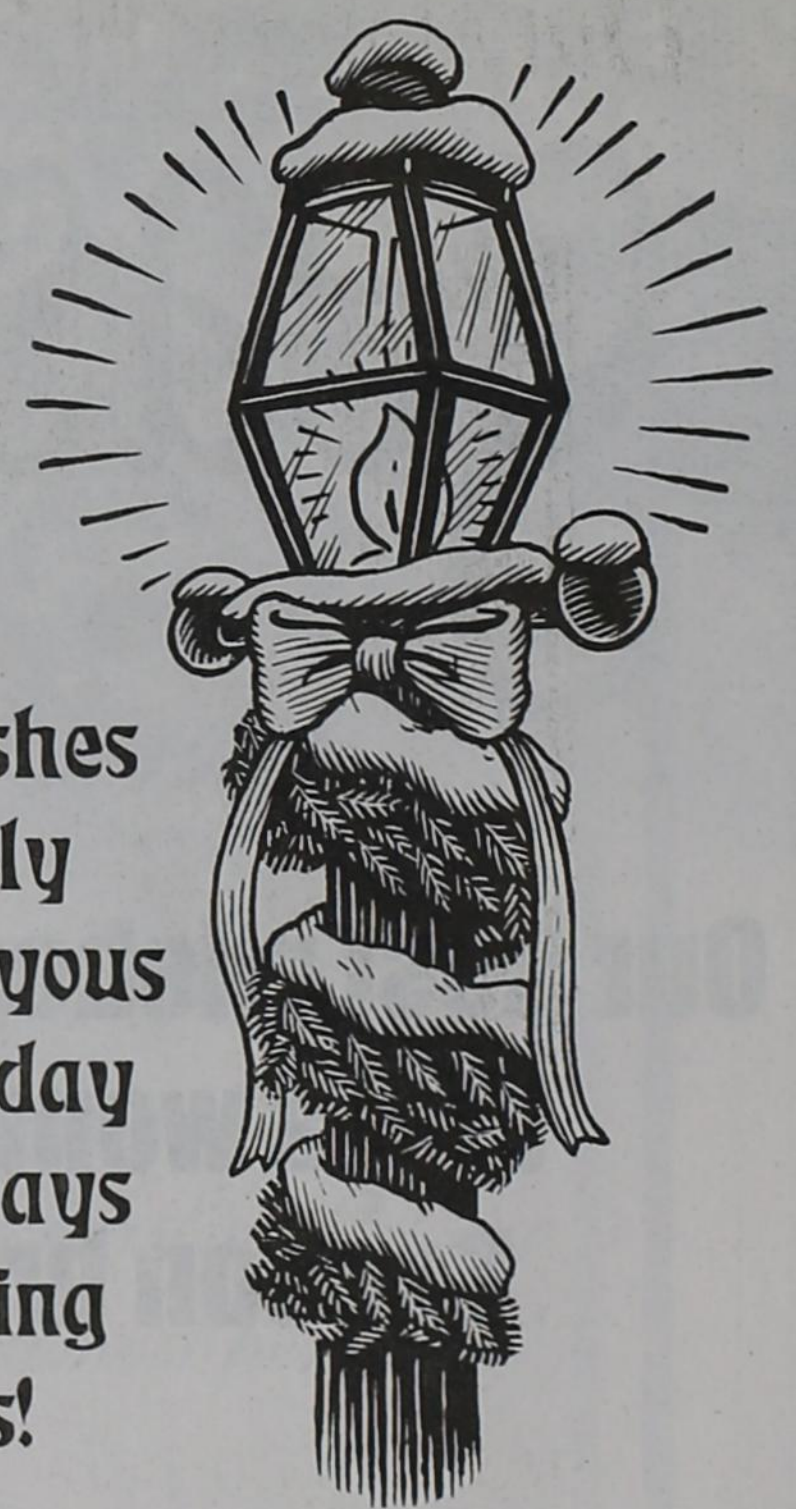
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With warm wishes  
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to yours for a joyous  
and bright holiday  
season. It's always  
a pleasure seeing  
you. Thanks!



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## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
I want a pupay and I want my mom to git owt of work and I want my dad to git lots of money.  
Julissa Gallego  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Saga. Santa how hav you ben? I hop you are fin. Hav a good Christmas.  
Edgar Guerrero  
\*\*\*\*\*

Santa,  
Hav you bin fedn your elves and Rudolph santa? I wot baby kittens and for Truman he wants a tractor. I want a bebgun. I want 10 dolrs.  
Tyler Hough  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? Is Rudolph giding your sleigh? Ples breing me a fyrr truck.  
Your friend  
Brandon Trevino  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? Are you dooling good to day? Ill have sum cookies at my houes and milk at my houes too.  
Your friend,  
Miranda Parvin  
\*\*\*\*\*

Santa,  
How ar you doing? I want a metal detectector, a motercycle, a scateboard ramp, a bord game of craps, scateboard shoes.  
Your friend,  
Gavin Douglas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I haf bing gud today. Is Rudolph fling for christmas? I want a Red power rahgere , ninja storm, a scarf, a vegeto and a spino.  
Your friend,  
Henry Alvarez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? How is yor reindeer today? For Christmas I want a Barbie Jeep.  
Kayla Castillo  
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Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer dooing? Santa what is your favrit cuces? Is roodorf being gud? Is Mrs. Claus dooing gud? are the elves dooing gud? Santa Claus I wat for cridmismas is a Brbe camera.  
Love Madison Gatlin  
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Dear Santa,  
is Rudolph fin? bekus I hop he is fin. I want a hot wheel car.  
Your friend, Mike Ramos  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I lik makeg snowman. I want a Gamkub and a xbox and a Gamboy.  
Giovanni Centeno  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I am doen good. I wot to git a barbie. I wot a pink bike. I am in Frs grade.  
Your friend,  
Bianca Arellano  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are u to day? I want a Bratz car. My mom wants a Hummer.  
Luv Karina Rocha  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Hav you ben feding your reindeers? I want a sling shot and a paint ball gun and a remot control car and gam cube gams. My mom wants a minichr dosin.  
Brayden Pope  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbey Jep. My dad wants a car. I wil giv you mik and cuces.  
Love  
Alyssa Salazar  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I think you are nice. I want a Dirt bike.  
Love  
Israel Espinoza  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? Is it Kold at the North Pole? Ples bring me a car that I can put togethr.  
Love,  
Kc Padilla  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
how is your Rudolph? I hope your ok. I wnt a BorBle fr Christmas.  
Your friend  
Paulina Jaramillo  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a sling shot and a pant ball gun and a rumo conterol car. My mom want a minichtr dosin.  
Love  
Brayden  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am doing good I wanted to ask you if you can bring me a miniature doll house, a pink bike and a Barbie. Thank you!  
Love Bianca  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
I want a xbox for shrismas please for me  
Brandon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I wnt a exbox and a game qub.  
Love Brandon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you I have been a good girl. Please will you bring me a doll and a necklace and a DVD player. My sister Briana wants a kim possible watch. My brother Anthony wants a truck.  
Love Denise Padilla  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Clause  
How are your and Mrs. Clause doing? I hop you are great. What I want for Christmas is a stereo a leapfrog and clothes. For my sister Karina she wants a leapfrog clothes and a stereo. For my mom a haeppy life. Thank you.  
Love,  
Anahi Gomez  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope you have had a good year, and I hope you get plenty of cookies and milk, and have fun with your reindeer! For Christmas I want a new Barbie, some new clothes, and my two front teeth! Be sure to tell Mrs. Clause hello, and please be careful going around the world!  
Love,  
Johnna Thompson  
P.S. We'll see you next year!  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like some crayons.  
Love,  
Lizett Garcia  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I hope that your feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a Barbie talking house.  
Love,  
Lizet Pina  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope that you are feeling well I have been good most are of tha time this year. I would like a play station game called Blade Blade.  
Love.  
Abdon Hernandez  
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Dea Santa  
I hope that you are feeling well. I have been good most of the time this year. I would like a motor-cycle.  
Love,  
Cristian  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Sharing The Glorious Gift

Submitted by Donna Mears, Grace Baptist Church, Friona.

I look forward each year to celebrating Christmas and all the activities that go with it—decorating my home, Christmas services, cantatas, parties, gift giving, family get-togethers—but most of all to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to realize that God came to us in the form of a baby, became a man, and died on the cross for us, and rose again, that we may live with Him eternally.

I have been reading some of the early history of Texas and the Christians who came to make Texas their home. On December 25, 1821, Stephen F. Austin with his 300 families reached Texas and camped by a creek which they named Christmas and celebrated with a Christmas dinner of hominy and fresh milk. For this meager fare they thanked the Lord. When I think of the bountiful food that I will put on my table Christmas Day, I am really thankful for all God has given me.

I also read with interest about the term "tin-headed", that one of our early Texas Baptist preachers used. This term was used by preachers who sacrificed principle for the sake of popularity. As tin is a very soft metal susceptible to being easily dented without breaking the surface, so a preacher, whose head was soft enough to be marked by the hammer of popularity, soon had this appellation tacked on to his name.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth to give his life to pay the ransom for sinners who could not save themselves. John 3:16-17 says "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." He was tempted by his disciples to be a worldly king and suffered temptations by the devil, one being to bow down and worship him. Hebrews 2:18 says, "Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." Jesus stayed true to the will of his Father and fulfilled all the Father asked. Laying down his life so that we might have eternal life is a gift that can never be matched.

So let all Christians everywhere truly celebrate Christmas as it should be—to thank God for His glorious gift and to share the gift with others who do not know Him, not being "tin-headed" and compromising God's truth for a temporary popularity, but, remembering that Jesus Christ gave all for us—can we do anything else but give our all for Him?

## DREAMING OF CHRISTMAS



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# Bovina Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas Eve because you give us presents. I also like it because Christmas Eve brings a family together. In our hearts we have a warm feeling. Christmas is the best holiday and people get presents all around the world. The present I want is a bike that is a two wheeler and make it smaller for me so I can ride with my brothers. We can go to Allsup's or go with my mom and buy food that I like. I also want a remote car track like my brother David got. We could go and play with it until we go back to school. We can have a lot and lot of fun thank you. I hope you can get me all of these presents I want.

Your friend,  
Julian Martinez  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie of swan lake with all the stuff. I want a barbie house with a car. I even want some new clothes. I want a pink t-shirt and pink pants. I want a computer and a trampoline. I want a princess doll that is my size and a girl neckless. I hope you fill my stocking with candy.

Your friend,  
Brittany Perez  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Scooby-Doo Barbie doll, Scooby-Doo stickers, a CD of Scooby-Doo, and a Scooby-Doo toy, too. I want a CD player like my sister Karina. I want some clothes and a big doll the size as me with a crown. I want a bike and an Angel for Christmas. I want a trampoline too. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,  
Cynthia Jasso  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation II, a bike, a game, a watch and a toyland Xbox, boy neckless, new clothes, and a car.

Your friend,  
Michael Ramirez  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation 2 and a computer. I want you to eat our cookies and milk.

Your friend,  
Jairo Salas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy for Christmas or a bike.

Your friend,  
Ernesto Carrillo  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a pool table, soccer ball, motor scotter, a sacophone, a trampoline, a gocart, a motorcycle, a ring, and some drums.

Your friend,  
Diego Perez  
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Dear Santa,  
I wish you would bring me a lap top to play with and a Sega.

Your friend,  
Claudia Garcia  
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Dear Santa,  
I will leave you cookies under the tree. I will leave you some milk. You can leave some cookies and some milk. I want a trampoline I want a life size princess doll that has clothes with a pretty ring and ear rings that sparkle. I want a bookstick that has lots of stickers. I want a barbie and a barbie car. I want a panio. I want lots of book so I can study.

Your friend,  
Vanessa Garcia  
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Dear Santa,  
I wish you could bring me a gocart and a bike. I want a power ranger. I wish I had a reindeer and a motor cycle. I want to go to the North Pole to see the elves. I am going to leave you some milk and cookies. I want some shoes and a bear. I want a computer for my sister.

Your friend,  
Bryan Roldan  
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Dear Santa,  
I want make up and a life size princess doll. I want a trampoline for my family. I have been good. I want lots of clothes and toys. I want to say thank you Santa. I will leave milk and cook-

ies for you. Merry Christmas. I love you.

Your friend,  
Samantha Villarreal  
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Dear Santa,  
I like christmas Eve because it snows and you could build a snowman. Christmas Eve is fun because you give us some presents. I like Christmas Eve because you come. I like Santa's presents because they are very clean and they smell pretty. Santa you are the best. Santa you are my best friend. Santa when you come to Bovina are you going to give everyone a present. If you do I will say thank you for giving us some presents. I am glad that Santa Claus came and give us some presents.

Your friend,  
Gaby Flores  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Today me and my class are writing a letter to Santa. I want a game boy advance. I want a nintendo 64. I want a game for nintendo 64. I want a remote control truck. I want a go kart too. I think that santa is nice and good.

Daniel Guevara  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been good some timi and I want the cheetuh girls dolls. I want the cheetuh girls CD and I want the cheetuh girls moovie. and I am going to leav you som cookies and milk. I want a puppy and his color is white and black with spots.

Jessi Ramon  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a leather jacket. I want a Go-Cart. I do love you very much. I will leve you some hot-choklit and some cooklies. Please bring me what I want.

Joshua Cruz Marnufo  
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Dear Santa,  
I was good all year. I want a puppy for Christmas.

Brianna DeLacruz  
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Dear Santa,  
Hot Wheels are cool because they are faster and the other cars are slowpoke. I want a Hot Wheels cars.

Brett Riley  
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Dear Santa,  
Can I give you cookies, and some milk? Can you give me a football and a bike for me? I live in Bovina. Thank you. I love you.

Alex Garcia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Santa can you bring me anything that you want to bring me. Santa I will be a good girl. Santa I love you. Santa you will see cocoa on my couch and cookies.

Desaray Vargas  
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Dear Santa,  
I want ZipZap an a Go-cart and a X-Box. I want a Play Station 2 and a football. From Joel Salas I will give you milk and cookies I live in Bovina. I love Santa very much.

Joel Salas  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Batman toy so I can play with it. Santa Clos I live in Bovina Santa Clos I will give you cookies and milk.

Israel Ramirez  
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Dear Santa,  
Please bring my own toy. I want a Zip Zap and and X-Box. I will leave milk and cookies with hot milk. I love Santa a lot. I live in Bovina.

Leonel Carrillo  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been very good so I want you to bring me a Go Cart and a Zip Zap. from Alex Ramos. Love Alex Ramos

Alex Ramos  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll and a Barbie for Christmas. I also want

my baby sister to be born on Christmas.

Miriam  
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Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers. How are the elves. I would like clothes for me. I would like barbie. I have been a good girl. Can my sister have barbie clothes like me. I hope you have a safe trip.

Destiny Winn  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Hot Wheel Computer. I want a guitar, a motorcycle, and a hug for my brother Marcos.

Love,  
Tony  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy tractor for Christmas. your reindeer are pretty.

Daniel  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi. How are you. Is it cold in the North Pole. If you can could you bring a microwave that cooks food. Could you bring my brother a toy truck and a horse. I love you Santa.

Love,  
Laura  
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Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me some Dragonball Z cards? I would also like some hotwheels, a skooter, and a computer.

Carlos  
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Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? Would you please give me markers? Could you please give my sister a star?

Love,  
Jesus  
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Dear Santa,  
Your reindeer are pretty. Are you going to give me a present this year. I would like a car to ride in.

Love,  
Ricardo  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer for Christmas. How are the reindeer?

Love,  
Amy  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a car that opens? I would like a toy plane? The reindeer are hot. Give them a drink, please.

Love,  
Jose Ivan  
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Dear Santa,  
You reindeer are pretty. I wish you were happy to give me toys. I wish you give me some Barbies in the truck. I wish your reindeer were different colors.

Love,  
Brianna  
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Dear Santa,  
Could you give me Barbies? Could you give me a play baby? Could you bring me a pair of shoes?

Love,  
Jolyssa  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would love a little brother. I would love clothes for him. I like a Barbie. I love you, Santa. I hope your safe on your ride.

Love,  
Denise  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeer. Could you bring me a horse. I would like some tissues. Could you bring me a Christmas tree. Could you bring my mom a house. I will leave some cookies for you.

Ivan  
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Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph. How do you feel. I hope your reindeer are are not tired flying. I would like a firetruck. Can you bring my brother a firetruck and my sister a barbie. I put some cookies for you.

Adrian  
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Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas. Do reindeer like toys? Give me fireman toys. Give me a goblin.

Love,  
Yeva  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Would you please a baby that's very special to me. I hope it's a baby girl or a boy. I wish that you could give me a real puppy that's black like my other puppy.

Love,  
Sidney  
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Dear Santa,  
I clean my room when my mom asks. I read with my mom. Santa please bring me a black leather jacket.

Dear Santa,  
Joseph Brito  
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Dear Santa,  
I help my mom clean my room. Please give me a big monster truck.

Omar Sanchez  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and I think I will have a wonderful day to. Thank you for the toys that you are bringing this Christmas.

Antonio Tienda  
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Dear Santa,  
I help my mom with my baby sister. I want a tv and get a tv and get my brother one. Thank you for the presents.

Sierra Villarreal  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been frendly to all my friends. Please bring me a black jacket and a remote controle Harley. Please bring me a pair of Jordan tennis shoes. Please bring me Justins.

Grey Johnson  
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Dear Santa,  
I help my mom clean the kitchen and I want for Christmas is a baby with a crib I should thank you for the present. Can you give my sister a television?

Audelia Rosa  
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Dear Santa,  
I keep my room clean. So can I please have a trumpet, horse and one hundred dollars and sixty cents? Thank you for the presenets.

Elisa Granado  
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Dear Santa,  
I clean my whole house every year whole they make a mess. Please bring me a monster truck remote control trailer with a motorcycle on a trailer.

Jacob Hiebert  
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Dear Santa,  
Thank you because you are going to give me a present for Christmas. I want four bracelets and a barbie.

Eva Lilla  
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Dear Santa,  
I help my dad cut the grass. Santa bring me a remote control for my Nintendo. I think you are real Santa Claus.

Efrain Martinez  
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Dear Santa,  
I like a bike for Christmas. I like a little dog four wheels.

Clarisa Cardenas  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to give me a Barbie. One more thing to give my mom a jacket and a letter.

Corina Arroyo  
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Dear Santa,  
Jaqueline Garcia

What I want for Christmas is a guitar and a telescope, please.

Federico Solis  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I'm okay working really hard in school. Could you please bring me a red remote car and motorcycle. Please bring my friends at school their presents too. Please bring Mrs. Beall her presents too.

Mason Ecklund  
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Dear Santa,  
Can you get me a new game for my Game Boy Advance and can you get my sister a Game Boy?

Andrea Villarreal  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy sword and Santa put a candy cane in my stocking.

Vincenzo Mesa  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a girl beta fish and to have a good Christmas. I want my mom to be off work.

Destynee Rodriguez  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a Playstation two and a train. My brother wants a Batman toy too.

Marcial Cotena  
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Dear Santa,  
I want some cars for Christmas. I want a Netido and some games. Santa would you please bring my sister some dolls.

A.J. Bermea  
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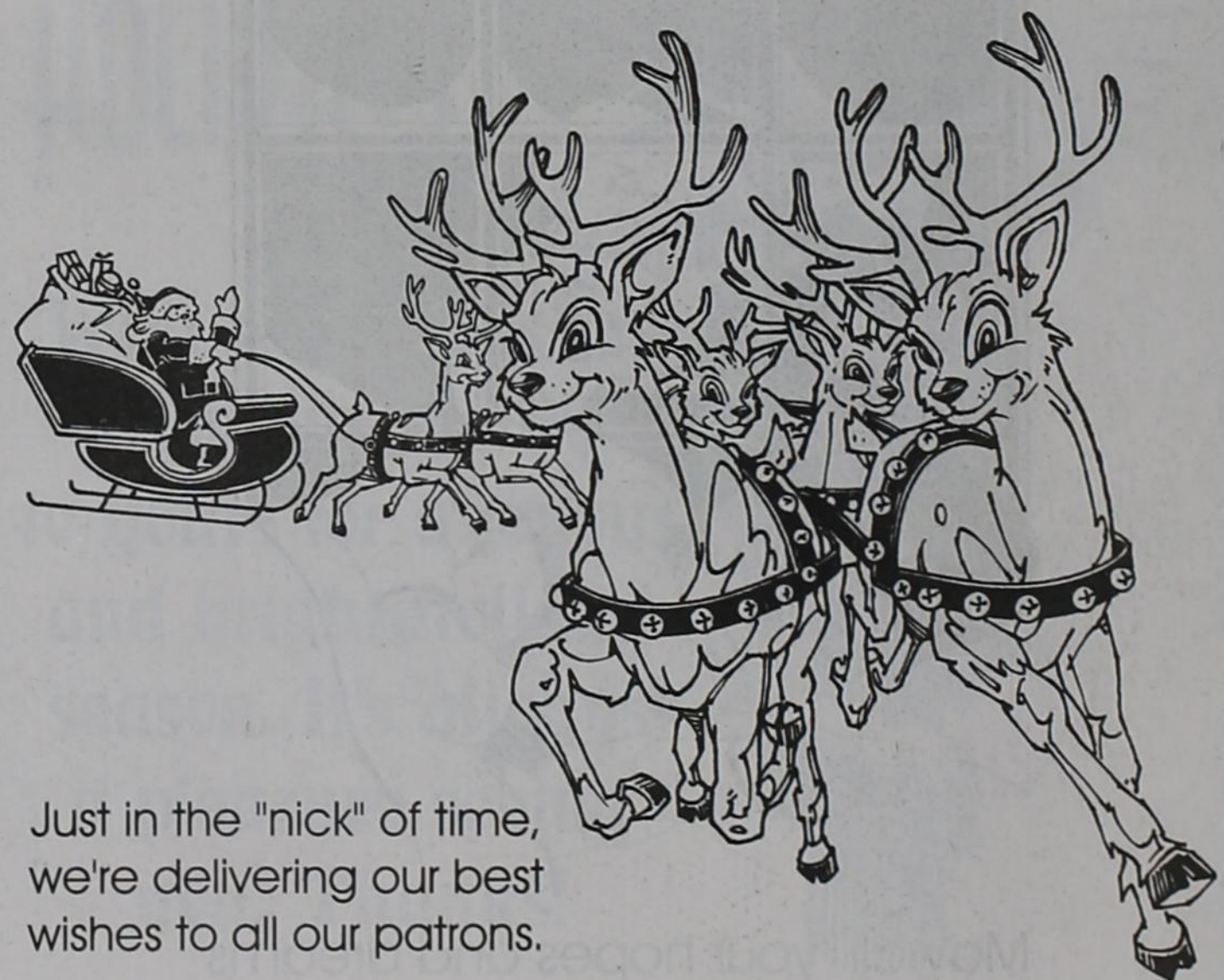
Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Baebblade Arcade Challenge and a Baebblade. I hope that everybody has a good Christmas.

Justus Brozek  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and jumprope for Christmas. I would like presents for my cousins too. They want toys.

Jaqueline Garcia

## Merry Christmas, From the Whole Gang!



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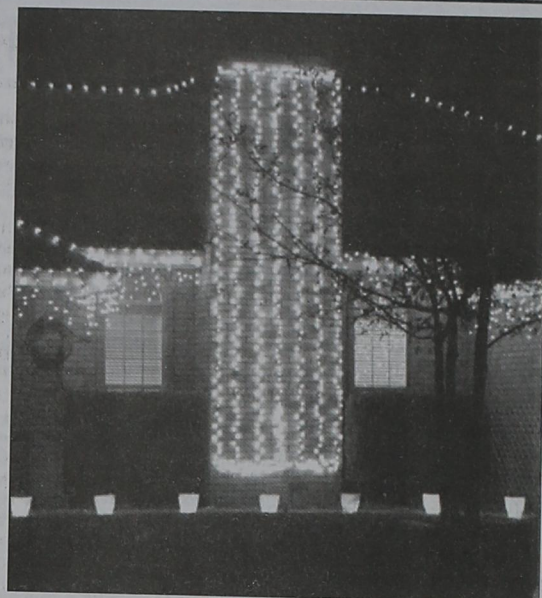


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We're making a list of all the people we'd like to thank this holiday season and your name is on it!

**Merry Christmas, everyone!**



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## Christmas, A Wonderful "Holiday"

Submitted by T. Leon Talley, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ, Friona.

God made a journey a little over 2000 years ago from the throne of Glory to a stable in Bethlehem. God set aside His comfort and convenience and took on the form of a helpless baby, not to understand us, but to show us what He was like.

Actually, no one knows the date of the birth of Jesus. The birth of Christ was not celebrated by the early church.

As we celebrate Christmas, we need to be careful to distinguish between a "holiday" and a "holy day". To view Christmas as a "holy day" is to attach meaning to it that God has not done. Some have called Christmas "the highest holy day of Christianity". What that has done is create a seasonal devotion to God. Nothing could be more disgraceful to the teachings of Christ than to perpetuate the idea that being a Christian means simply to go to church on Christmas or Easter. We are to take up our cross daily and follow Him, not once or twice a year.

Christmas has come to mean a lot of things to different people. It's without a doubt, one of the most universally positive holidays we observe. It's a time for families and memories. A time for fruitcakes, cookies and gifts.

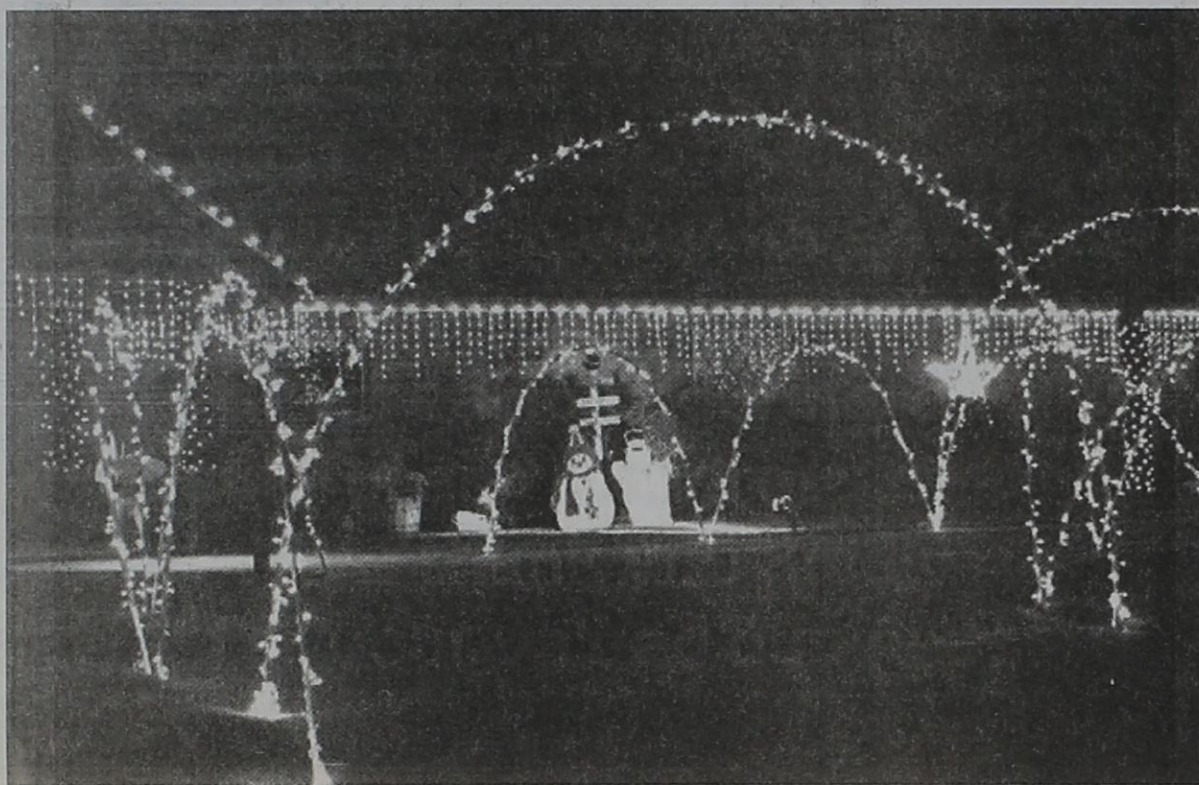
Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to teach. It's a time to look beyond baby Jesus to the ultimate gift of Calvary. We need to surrender our life to Jesus and accept the benefits of His death. We need to have our sins forgiven. Nothing short of that will make us right with God.

You see, Jesus didn't come to earth just to give us a touching story of a baby in a manger. He came to die!

Let's praise God for sending His son because baby Jesus changed everything!

Have a wonderful Christmas!

I love you, T. Leon Talley



Friona Christmas Lights

## Yuletide Greetings

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Your Family a  
Peaceful Christmas



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## The Spirit of Christmas

Submitted by Bro. Steve Patterson, Friona United Methodist Church

Christmas has a way of clearing up our confusion about what love really is. Minister and author Hoover Rupert tells the story about a beautiful incident that took place in the Mohawk Central School in New York State.

The principal of that school was concerned that some of the children were from impoverished families and would have no Christmas gifts. He set up a Santa's Helpers Fund and encouraged students to contribute, if they were able, so that gifts might be bought for the underprivileged children in the area.

One thirteen-year-old boy was touched by the idea. He scrimped and saved for weeks so he could help some poor child to have Christmas gifts that year. He managed to raise fifteen cents.

On the day the contributions were to be received, which was the last day before Christmas vacation, there was a terrible blizzard, and school was canceled. With snow and ice everywhere, no buses were running.

Convinced that there would be someone at the school to receive his money, this thirteen-year-old boy walked through the blizzard to the school and placed his fifteen cents into the hands of the principal. As the boy turned to go back out into the blizzard and head home, the principal swallowed hard and blinked back the tears, because he knew that this boy's name was on the list of underprivileged children who were to receive gifts from the Santa's Helpers Fund.

This boy had within him the true spirit of Christmas: unselfish, sacrificial love. That's the good news of Christmas, and that's what keeps us going. It happens right in the middle of all the confusion and chaos. I hope and pray that you see it, hear it, feel it, and share it this year...as never before!

God Bless You All!



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To all of those whom we hold dear  
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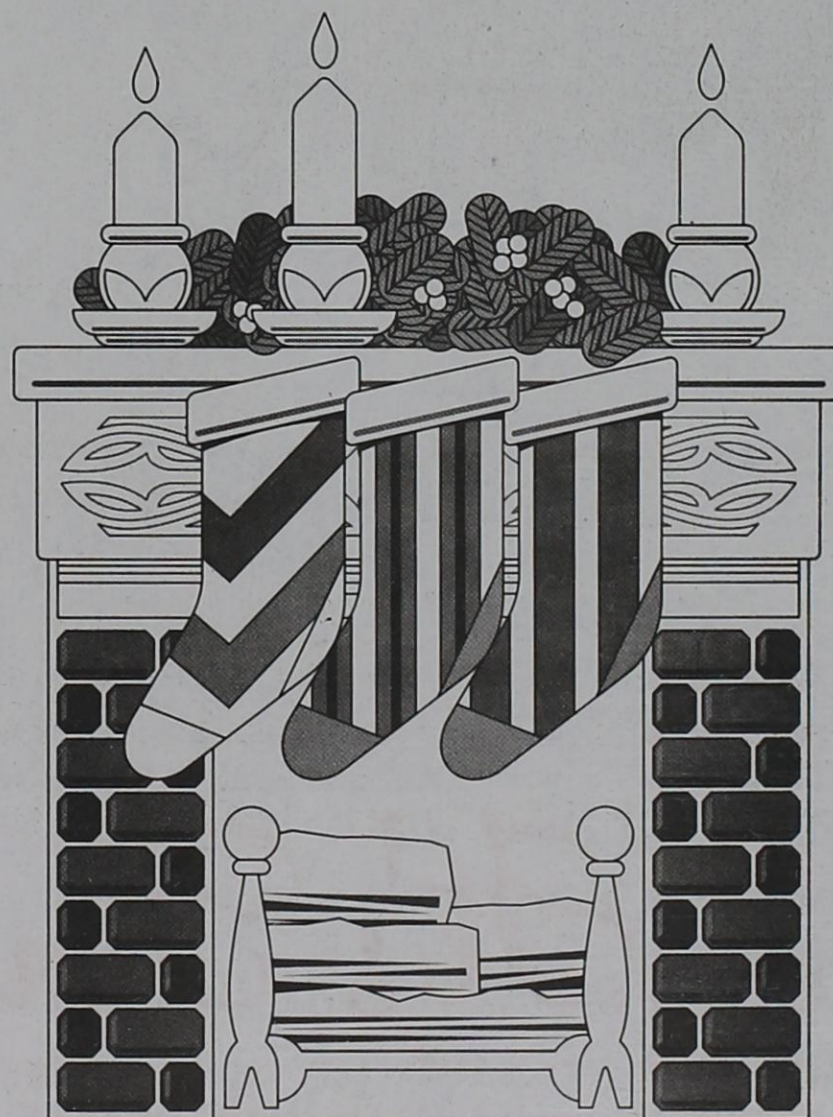
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# *It's Time for Christmas!*

We asked Santa to deliver best wishes to all our employees, friends, families, and customers who helped make the past year merry and bright for us. Thanks and have a safe and happy holiday season

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