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Worth



Read Them and Weep
Or Laugh, or Ponder

There are a number of Christmas memories in the paper this week. Take the time to read them. They are enlightening, entertaining and touching.

People, and not necessarily "old" people, write about their experiences at the holidays.

Do you know what? Not a single, solitary person wrote that the Christmas they received the most lavish gifts was their favorite one!

No, it seems that the Christmas' that they received something unexpected, like getting home for Christmas, or getting a parent home for Christmas, was more important.

Today's children ask for a lot, and many of them receive a lot.

But something tells me that twenty, thirty or forty years down the line...they won't be any different.

The Christmas they will remember as special will be the be the one where they were all together one last time...or where they met a special person, or the holiday when they watched a little brother or sister receive something THEY wanted, perhaps at the expense of what they wanted.

No, Christmas isn't about lavish presents and spoiling people with material goods.

Christmas really is about love, and trust and surprises.

It's also about a certain amount of sadness and loss, and yes, learning lessons (read "The Big Orange").

Christmas is a beautiful time, and the memories we

have received this year were truly beautiful.

The judges tell us that they had a very hard time selecting the winners.

We agree. Everyone who shared a special holiday memory with us deserves an award.

If you read these memories and come up with a special one of your own...share it. Jot it down and get it to us. We'll hang on to it until next year!

To all of you who generously helped make this special edition our favorite of the year...Merry Christmas. Thank you, and may you have many more memorable Christmas'.



The Rivercrest Tax Office will be closed December 21 through December 27.
The office will re-open on December 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and December 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
It will return to regular hours following the holidays.



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1st Place 2000 Christmas Memories Contest

My Most Beautiful Christmas Ever

The year is 1954. I'm a little cottonheaded four year old. 1954 is the year I discovered ribbon candy, Santa Claus and a love I didn't realize I had for my father.

Mom lifts me over her head so I can see Daddy walk out of sight. This is traumatic for a four year old. A small one doesn't know what is happening. All I know is it's cold and my daddy is leaving. He is hitch hiking to west Texas to roughneck in the oil fields so his three little girls can have Christmas. It tugs at my heart to watch him wave with one hand and blow on the other to keep warm.

The same night I met the infamous Santa Claus. My mother and grandmother loaded the children into our father's '49 Ford and head for Jothtown 'Elevatory School where my sisters and I will attend our first Christmas party.

The children put on quite a show. Two small boys blowing gold colored horns hold me spellbound. It grows dark. The curtain falls. A few minutes pass. It rises again. There he sits in his red suite, white beard and black boots. He's sporting a burlap bag full of goodies.

When a child's name is called, he walks up on stage where Santa sits and receives a surprise from the bulging sack. He calls my name. I just stand there. I slowly approach him with a lot of prodding from my mother. I snatch the gift and run back to my mommy and whisper from where I stand, "Thank You." Mom helps me unwrap my coloring book and crayons. The first I have ever seen. I cry because my Daddy isn't there to see it.

We go home and decorate the cedar tree my grandfather has cut for us from his own pasture. My mind is off my father for a while with all the hub-bub going on. Christmas is coming! There's an endless stream of paper chains and tinsel. I can still smell the aerosol snow we spray over the stencils to decorate the windows.

Christmas Eve finally arrives. It's so cold. The sun going down on the Northeast Texas prairie resembles a huge orange snowball. I stand by the window and shiver. There is an unexplained feeling one gets on a cold Christmas Eve. I can still feel it today.

Mama keeps her little girls warm

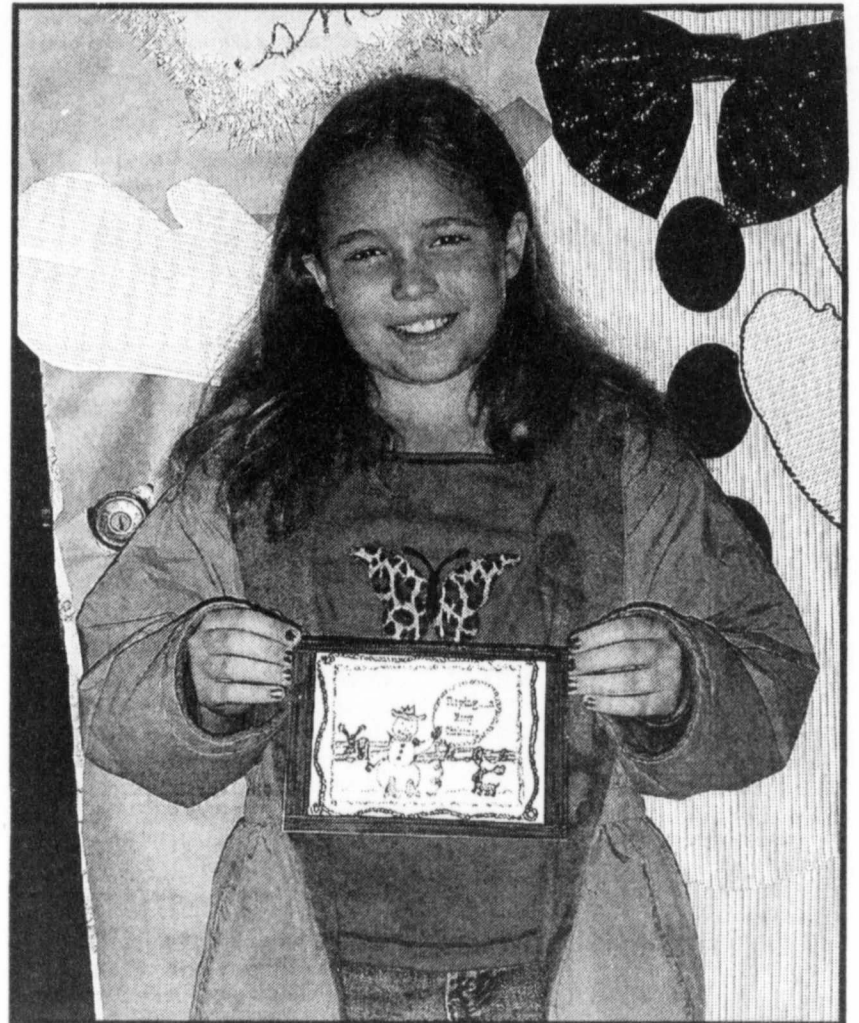
by constantly stoking the fire in the pot bellied stove and keeping endless streams of hot chocolate coming. We three children have a tradition on Christmas Eve. We all sleep in the same bed and whisper about what Santa is going to fill our stockings with. Mama calls lights out. We say our prayers. Each of us pray for Daddy, wherever he is, to stay warm like we are.

Christmas morning bright and early I awake and rub the sleep from my eyes. I shake my sisters awake. We hit the hardwood floor in bare feet. It's almost like sliding on glass. Doesn't matter, it's Christmas!

In the living room under the tree, is a little red Radio Flyer loaded to the hilt with soda pop, candy, toys and mesh Christmas stockings. But the most beautiful sight of all is Dad sitting beside the tree pulling on his boots on that cold Christmas morning.

Daddy never went back to the oil fields of West Texas. I guess he learned he was a rich man after all. He had the four most precious things in the world right there at home.

--Sherryl Christopher Watkins



BRITTANY LITRELL-displays her printed Christmas Card which won the Elementary Division of the Region VIII Christmas Card Contest held earlier this year. Brittany received a \$50.00 award for her winning card. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata student wins contest

Region VIII recently sponsored a Christmas Card Contest and Bogata Elementary Student, Brittany Littrell won in the elementary division.

Brittany who is the daughter of Deana and Bobby Littrell of Bogata, is a third grade student in Mrs. Reeder's class. Her drawing which was titled "Roping the TAAS for Knowledge, Roping the TAAS for Performance, Roping Student

Achievement for Success, Roping Texas 2000 Holidays Best Wishes" has been printed and will be sent to all the regional superintendents, principals, board of directors and the nineteen other education service centers.

Brittany who is pictured with her printed Christmas card received a \$50.00 check as her reward. Congratulations Brittany!!!



2nd Place 2000 Christmas Memories Contest

My Most Memorable Christmas

It was December 23. I was nine years old, a patient at the Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children in Dallas, and reluctantly resigned to spending Christmas over a hundred miles away from my twin sister and the other members of my family. The kind people at the hospital had provided the usual lights, tinsel, and strains of "Jingle Bells". There was a big Christmas tree on the sun porch and under it a gift bearing my name, but these are of little comfort to a child so far away from home at Christmas. The only cure for nostalgia is to go home.

Shortly after noon that day, as I lay on my bed observing "quiet period" and guessing at what the folks were doing at home, suddenly I heard the

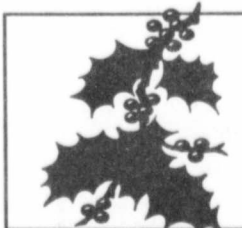
sweetest words I ever hope to hear. They came from my father standing at the nurse's station at the end of my ward. "I've come for my daughter, Ina Sparks". I was going home!

When we got home, Mama was making the dressing in the big dishpan and Old Jack, the family dog, was taking up most of the hearth. My brothers were sitting around the big fireplace roasting peanuts and swapping tall tales. And there was a gift under my side of the bed, as usual, on Christmas morning.

Moments like this are indescribable, but I shall never forget that Christmas. There was peace on earth and good will toward men and I was at home with the ones I loved.

--Ina Sparks

This Christmas Memory was found by "Miss Ina's" twin, Nina Sparks shortly after Miss Ina's death this past year. We wish she could have been here to know it won, and do thank her sister for sharing a very special memory with us.



3rd Place 2000 Christmas Memories Contest

A Jothtown Christmas

Christmas has always been special to me. It is when we celebrate our Savior's birth. It is a time to share with family and friends.

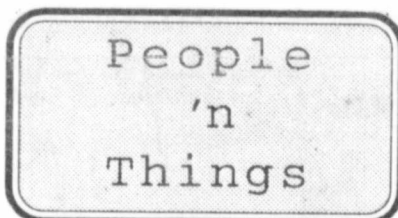
My happy Christmas memories are of the times at my grandparents house in Jothtown. They had a big old house and it was filled with relatives and the smell of good food. Everyone brought food and the table was full of delicious things.

My grandmother always put the Christmas tree in the hall and decorated it with lights and silver tinsel and ornaments. During the second World War she could not buy new bulbs, so there would be a few skips in the lights. Tinsel began to look ragged after so many years but she would string red berries and popcorn. I thought that was the most beautiful tree in the world for it was decorated with LOVE.

There were gifts for everyone, it might be a pair of socks, or handkerchief, or gloves or Blue Waltz or

Evening in Paris (now that was a very special gift), but we were always proud of it. One special gift under the tree was a box of candy covered cherries for every family. It would say "From Santa Claus". We all knew it was from Aunt Irene, and when we got a box of candy with our name on it we knew we were grown. She did not have children but she spoiled all of us and we all loved her dearly. I named my first daughter after her, she was Irene Rebecca and I named my daughter Rebecca Lee. That daughter named her first son Taylor Hawkins and he has the Hawkins dark red hair. I still wrap and put a box of chocolate covered cherries under my tree for every family that comes to our house for the annual Christmas Eve dinner. From Santa Claus.

My Hawkins, Vaughan, Ward and Hood cousins will share the same memories.
--Mary Dryden Stahl



Friday, December 22-
Pattonville Community Center, dance with live music, 8 p.m., proceeds benefit VFD.
Monday, December 25-Pattonville Community Center, business meeting cancelled.



4th Place 2000 Christmas Memories Contest

The Big Orange

The year was 1949, Christmas and our third grade class had drawn names for our gift exchange. The big day arrived as we gathered round for our party and gazed with glee at the wrapped packages, wondering which held "our" name. Gifts were not in such abundance, so the excitement I felt as I tore open the one bearing my name, and discovering I had a new paperdoll book AND nursery rhyme book, gave me a huge grin!! Some parent had spent a dollar or less to make me feel special and I sat clutching them both to my chest. What a great day!!

Then I realized a murmur had risen within the class. A surprised hush. What had happened while I sat in my world hugging my loot and feeling so euphoric? The attention was on a girl sitting, eyes downcast on a big orange. She wasn't able to camouflage her true feelings. She was only eight years old. Her gift from the tree was from a tall boy who looked equally uncomfortable. I recall how

her peers seemed to shrink back into their world (me included) thankful they were not holding the big orange, or the one who offered it!

I think of this at Christmastime. Wondering if I am the only one who remembers of that day so many years ago. The boy brought all he had, likely all he could afford. We all reacted as eight year olds. Not a Christmas goes by that I haven't wished I had had the maturity to hand over one of my gifts to a young girl who was longing for a little more than a big orange. Then, I realize how scarce gifts were in my life and understand I was only eight years old!!
Maybe it was meant for a lesson

for later in life. My hand goes up when a needy child needs a toy or something to make Christmas more special and the economy at their house is lacking to make it so. I want a child to clutch a toy to their chest and not look down at a big orange with sadness and tears yet unblinked.
--Mrs. Ollie Ruth Lee

Texas-New Mexico apologizes for power outages

On Wednesday, December 13th, 2000, Texas-New Mexico Power Company employees started restoring power outages at approximately 4:30 a.m. The outage problems were over the service area from Talco, Bogata, Depot, Cunningham, Pattonville, Blossom, Detroit, Bagwell, Rosalie, Minter, Milton and Jothtown. Tree limbs with ice on them were the cause of all problems. At one time, approximately 2000 TNP customers were without power. Texas-New Mexico Power Company requested a crew from the Lewisville area to help with the outage restoration. Contract tree trimming crews from Whitmore Tree Trimming Service were utilized in removing limbs

and trees that were causing problems. Power was restored to all customers by 9:00 p.m. Wednesday night.

Thursday morning power was reported out to Bagwell area at 3:00 a.m. caused by tree limbs and tree tops. Power was restored by approximately 7:30 a.m. This was one of the better tree trimmed power lines in the area.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company requested customers let tree trimmers remove all limbs and trees possible during their scheduled trimming cycles to help prevent long extended outages during extraordinary weather conditions.

New Bells at Rivercrest

There will be a change in the regular bell schedule at Rivercrest High School when the students return from Christmas break.

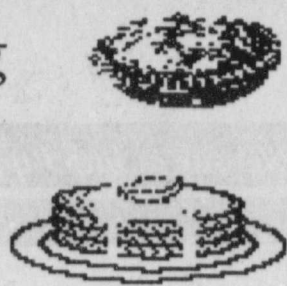
Class times will be as follows:
1st period-8:00-8:45
2nd period-8:48-9:33
3rd period-9:36-10:21
4th period-10:24-11:09

5th period-11:12-11:57
First Lunch 12:00-12:30
Second Lunch 12:33-1:03
6th period-1:06-1:51
7th period-1:54-2:39
8th period-2:42-3:27
Students and parents are urged to make note of the time changes

Obituaries

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin



It is that time of year! We hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year. We are featuring the Deport Cookie Swap this week. They have come up with some really great cookie recipes and I know you will be anxious to try some of them.

So try some of these cookies and let me know how they turn out! Happy holidays and we will see you in the kitchen!

P.S. The Deport Faculty and Staff has compiled a cookbook with a great variety of recipes and so had the Johtown Missionary Baptist Church Auxiliary. Check with them for copies. They make great gifts at \$8.00 each. Watch the paper after the holidays for some of the recipes!

Peanut Butter Crisscrosses-this recipe comes from **Sunny Whitney**. She is a noted cook around the town of Deport even makes her own bread!

Best Ever Butter Cookies-Sue Cross made these moist and delicious cookies and so easy to make!

Peanut Butter Cookies-**Juanita Taylor** makes these from Ritz crackers and peanut butter dipped in white or chocolate almond bark. Wonderful!

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies-these cookies come from the kitchen of Patsy Norrell and make a great cookie!

Chocolate Thins-we all know that anything that **Dawne Darden**

comes up with had got to be good. There are no exceptions!

Oatmeal Cookies-according to **Juanita Sparks** these cookies are "the best"! Try them to see!

Sugar Cookies-Mary Ann baked these and there are lots of sugar cookie recipes around and this one is noted to be very good!

Cheesy Potato Skins, Ham Balls, Ham Rolls and Nik-Nak are recipes from **Juanita Sparks** and I added them because everyone needs something to munch on after the cookies. ...right! Juanita stated that the Nik-Nak recipe came from Rena Good several years ago and is the best she has found.



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

*Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

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

*The VFW will be open on Sunday's for the Dallas Cowboy football games. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the game with friends and neighbors.

*Happy Birthday to Zelma Mauldin.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and family!

Doris Arnold dies December 18

Doris Arnold, age 84 of Paris, formerly of Bogata, died Monday, December 18 at Paris Healthcare Center. Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Arnold was born February 11, 1916 in Red River County, the daughter of Samuel Washington and Alice Eliza Hignight Osborurn. She worked at Red River Haven Nursing Home of Bogata as a medication nurse aide for a number of years.

She is survived by one son, Randy Arnold and one daughter, Sue Sulsar, both of Paris; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Armstrong and Nannie Watkins, both of Paris and Verda Kirkley of Yucaipa, CA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Marvin Arnold on September 5, 1967.

Hazel Elaine Shuman dies December 18

Hazel Elaine Shuman, age 98 of Texarkana, formerly of Deport, died December 18 in the Wadley Hospital of Texarkana. Wood Funeral Homes conducted chapel services on Wednesday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery. Serving as bearers were grandsons.

She was born November 5, 1902 in Deport, the daughter of Will and Annie Bell Hearn. On November 5, 1922, she married Fred Shuman. He preceded her in death May 13, 1987. She was also preceded by two sons, John Mac Shuman in 1945 and James Shuman in November of 1987. She was a long time member of the United Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Texarkana.

Surviving are daughters and son-in-law, Sara and Paul Mazy of Blossom, Geri and Robert Lee Bryson of Shreveport, LA, Beth and Tommy Sullivan and Pat and Jack Simmons of Texarkana; one sister, Melba Carroll of Dallas; nine grandchildren, Bobby Bryson of Bossier City, Peggy Frierson of Paris, Jay Simmons of Texarkana, Ronald Sullivan of Galveston, Melanie Roberts of Texarkana, Denita Martin of Texarkana, James Ronald Shuman of Texarkana and Linda Perry of Texarkana; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone or the love and support during our time of loss. The nurses and staff of the Deport Nursing Home, James and Tim Wood, Bro. Freddie Burden and the wonderful church family of First Baptist Church for all the prayers, phone calls, flowers and food provided our family.

The Family of Ada Chaddick

The Old Home Place

My sister Evelyn and I were watching for Santa to bring our gifts. WE had asked for life-sized dolls. Santa granted our wish, but he bought and hid our gifts in the seed house in the barn. We saw him entering the big gate on the levee and go to the barn. We wanted until almost dark and went to the barn and dug in the seed and hulls until we found our dolls. We played with them awhile and rehid them as Santa had done. On Christmas morning, we acted real surprised at our dolls we had asked for. Santa never did know the nosy kids had been prying. Oh, and for those Christmas's again!

Another thing I remember about Christmas is going down home early and helping my Mom pop corn and trim the tree that Dad had gone in the wagon to the pasture and cut. We put a fire in the fireplace and Mom and I stayed up late into the night trimming the tree with popcorn.

Then Christmas Eve, my daughter, her husband and four babies drove up from Denton to spend Christmas with us. Dad would go to my uncle's grocery store and stock up on Dr. Pepper and boxes of Hershey's for the great-grandkids Sherry, Randy, Sondra and Shelli Grisham. Today, they still talk about that treat their great-grandfather "Big" always had waiting for them when they came for Christmas to Deport. Their grandmother Hazel, mother Mona Lita, great-grandmother, "Georgia" and their dad Bill stayed up half the night Christmas Eve helping Santa left the gifts in Denton, their mother and dad brought them to Deport and we all helped Santa put it all together.

After 88 years I still miss those old-time Christmas's at the home place and those grand kids faces when they ran into see what Santa had left. I still spend Christmas day with my four grandbabies, but it isn't anything like it used to be.

--Hazel Nobles Randolph

TNMP presents mini-grant

Dallas-based TXU Supply Diversity Specialist Darrell King on December 14 recognized twelve TXU Monticello employees for their work with women and minority-owned small businesses.

Since TXU began its minority business development initiative, business with minority vendors has increased from \$9 million in 1990 to

over \$230 million in the current fiscal year.

"It's not simply doing business with TXU that's helping make these small businesses successful," Monticello Plant Manager Ken Smith said, "By working with TXU, vendors are given the opportunity to understand what it takes to do business with a large corporation."

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Thursday, December 21, 2000 Deport Cookie Swap

Peanut Butter Crisscrosses Sunny Whitney
1 cup shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chunky peanut butter
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Thoroughly cream shortening, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Stir in peanut butter. Sift dry ingredients; stir in creamed mixture. Drop by rounded teaspoons on ungreased cookie sheet. Press with back of fork dipped in cinnamon and sugar mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

Best Ever Butter Cookies
1 cup softened butter
1 egg
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon orange juice
1 tablespoon baking powder
Frosting:
4 cups powdered sugar
1/3 cup butter-softened
3-4 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla
Combine 1 cup butter, sugar and egg in large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed until creamy. Reduce speed to low; add flour, orange juice, vanilla and baking powder. Beat until well mixed. Divide dough into thirds; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm 2-3 hours. Heat oven to 400 degrees. On lightly floured surface; roll out dough one third at a time; keep remaining dough refrigerated; to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with 3-inch cookie cutter. Place 1 inch a part on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 6-10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely. In small mixer, combine all frosting ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until fluffy (1-2 minutes). If desired, color frosting. Frost and decorate cookies or use pastry bag to pipe frosting.

Peanut Butter Cookies Juanita Taylor
Ritz crackers
crunchy peanut butter
white or chocolate almond bark
Sandwich cookies together with peanut butter. Press together. Use tongs and dip into melted white or chocolate flavored almond bark. Place on waxed paper to harden.

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies-Patsy Norrell
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup shortening
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1 large egg
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-6 ounce white vanilla chips
1-7 ounce jar macadamia nuts
Beat butter and shortening at medium speed until soft and creamy. Gradually add sugars. Add egg and vanilla. Combine flour, soda and salt; gradually add to butter mixture. Beat well. Stir in chips and coarsely chopped nuts. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls two inches apart onto lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Yields 5 dozen.

Chocolate Thins Dawne Darden
1 cup butter or margarine-softened
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
3 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped pecans
Cream butter in large mixing bowl; gradually add syrup and sugar; beating until smooth. Combine remaining ingredients in a medium mixing bowl; stirring well. Gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape dough into 2 rolls, 2 inches in diameter; wrap in waxed paper and chill. Remove waxed paper and cut into 1/8 inch slices. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 5 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield 10 dozen.

Oatmeal Cookies Juanita Sparks
3 eggs-well beaten
1 cup raisins
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 cup white sugar
3/4 cups chopped pecans
2-1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons soda
2 cups oatmeal of 1-1/2 cups oatmeal and 1/2 cup wheat germ
Combine eggs, raisins and vanilla and let stand for 1 hour, covered with plastic wrap. Cream together butter and sugars. Add flour, salt, cinnamon and soda to sugar mixture. Mix well. Blend in egg-raisin mixture, oatmeal, wheat germ and nuts. Dough will be stiff. Drop by teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet or roll into small balls and flatten slightly on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 6 dozen.

Sugar Cookies Mary Ann
1 cup oil
1 cup butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
5-1/4 cups flour
Mix and roll into small balls. Press flat with glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes or until lightly brown. Remove from pan and cool.

Cheesy Potato Skins
4 cups catsup
3 medium baking potatoes
vegetable oil
seasoned salt
1 cup cheddar cheese
6 slices bacon-cook and crumble
sour cream
Wash potatoes; rub with oil and bake at 400 degrees for 1 hour or until done. Allow potatoes to cool to touch. Cut in lengthwise, carefully scoop out pulp, leaving 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch shell. Pulp can be used for mashed potatoes or reserved for another recipe. Cut shell in half crosswise and fry in deep oil or until lightly browned. Drain on paper towel. Place skins on baking sheet and sprinkle with salt, cheese and bacon. Broil until cheese melts. Serve with sour cream.

Ham Balls
1-1/2 pounds ham-ground
1/2 pound fresh pork
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup bread crumbs
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Mix well and form into balls the size of walnuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until done. Can be frozen after cooked.

Ham Rolls
3 ounce cream cheese
2 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento-well drained
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1-1/2 teaspoon Creole mustard
6 slices boiled ham
Combine all ingredients except ham. Spread cheese mixture over ham. Roll up and secure with toothpick. Cover and chill. Carefully slice into 1/2 inch pieces.

Nik-Nak
1 box Rice Chex
1 box Wheat Chex
1 box Corn Chex
2 pounds nuts
1 pound margarine-melted
4 tablespoons Worcestershire
2 ounces Accent
2 tablespoons celery salt
1 tablespoon garlic powder
dash red pepper
Place cereal in pan; mix other ingredients and add to cereal. Mix well. Bake at 200 degrees for 2 hours; stir every 15 minutes. Other cereal such as Kix, Cheerios or pretzels may be substituted or added to recipe.



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Storm affects blood supply

The recent ice storm not only put a strain on the East Texas community but also on the already short blood supply.

Stewart Regional Blood Center had to cancel eight blood drives in the days following the ice storm and four out of six Stewart facilities were forced to close Wednesday.

SRBC needs 200 blood donations a day to meet the needs of its patients in local hospitals. The center only collected 84 units Tuesday and collected less than 40 units Wednesday.

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FAMILY GROUP-Larry, Judy and Susan Whittle, along with Munchkin and Pepper, sit in front of their new Christmas tree in their new home. The Whittles lost their home to fire in April, but have rebuilt with a very unique structure. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Turning tragedy into triumph

Family turns fire into opportunity to express themselves with new home

By Nanalee Nichols
When Larry and Judy Whittle's home burned April 6th of this year, they felt like the world was almost at an end. Now they have their best Christmas present ever, a new home that reflects their tastes and life-style and is definitely different.

In 1992 Larry and Judy and daughters Penny and Susan moved into their brick house located near Minter. It was the fulfillment of a dream, some acres, a barn and a comfortable house. They soon added their own touches and made it their own. But April 6th, 2000 they stood in their front yard as flames consumed most of those dreams. Judy had gone to work, and Larry, who is a cattle trader, had driven off not long before. A friend driving by spotted the smoke rolling from the house, and managed to save the two inside dogs, but their house, the furniture, family photos and treasured items were destroyed.

By that night the family was ensconced in a camper trailer loaned by a friend, but there was a long road ahead of the Whittles.

Judy recalls that the first time her granddaughter, Anah, came to visit she became very upset because there was no rocking chair for her devoted grandmother to rock her in. She cried and cried, struggled and fought crying "Go your HOUSE" and pointing towards the still-smoldering structure that had been her haven. Soon everyone was standing around crying. Neighbor Jeremy Day of Donald Day and Sons Metal Works made a promise to little Anah

"We'll build you a new house Anah, just as soon as we can", he declared, and soon that is exactly what was taking place.

Donald Day sat down with Larry and Judy and talked over several ways to use the existing slab (which had not been damaged in the blaze) and they went over what they wanted.

Because they are a family that works with cattle, horses and other animals, they wanted the new house to fit in with the farm atmosphere. They wanted a metal home, for many reasons, not least among them fire safety.

One day Judy was on her way to school, where she works, when she saw a nice red and white metal barn. She liked the color, but didn't care for the roof line.

A few days later she took a look at the little farm set her grandchildren were playing with, and an idea was born.

Soon a red and white metal structure was going up, surrounded with porches on all sides and a gambrel roof.

The last of November the Whittles were ready to move in. Inside the unusual home gets even more unique.

The walls are a barnwood paneling, trimmed out in real barnwood from a structure torn down by friends. The ceilings are galvanized metal, plain, old fashioned "barn iron".

Their stairway has wire on it to keep the grandkids from falling, and the upstairs is a big playroom for them, Anah, age 2 1/2 and Houston, just turned 1.

At first sixteen year old Susan said "If you build a barn, I'm leaving". Soon, however, she was as excited as anyone about the new house.

The curtains are hand sewn by Sandy Martin, a friend in Blossom. Made from burlap, gingham and "flour sack" material, they hang on wooden rods supported by horse-shoes.

Some of the light fixtures are metal with cutouts of cowboys and horses.

A pierced tin night light sports a Texas star, a cow horn chair graces the living room, and the main bathroom has a free standing tub with ivy and barnwood trim.

As excited as the family was to move in (the travel trailer had gotten

smaller and smaller as time progressed, they avow) there was a very painful discovery. For years a special satin covered ornament was dated and decorated with each family member's name and placed on the Christmas tree.

But, even though the metal can the ornaments were stored in wasn't scorched badly, inside were only the wrappings the balls were packed in...the plastic and styrofoam had melted completely away. From there they found that none of their Christmas decorations were intact.

Christmas isn't the only thing affected by the fire. They have some family snapshots, but the school photos and photos of the girls with their animal projects were all lost.

Susan mourns the loss of childhood toys and books, stuffed animals and more.

Larry and Judy admit they often think "well, that's in the closet" but it isn't.

But, they admit that what seemed a tragedy has turned into a triumph. They have a home that is custom designed to fit them...and fit them it does. The comfortable, attractive home looks perfect for the family group as they pose in front of the Christmas tree, Munchkin the poodle and Pepper Mae the chihuahua sit secure in laps and outside the doors of the "barn" await Pepper Gene and Puppie the cow dogs, the horses, cattle, chickens and lambs that make up their "extended family".

The Whittles lost a lot in the fire. But they are well aware that the safety of those they love was a great gift, and the warm, secure home they live in now shows the closeness of this family. This Christmas will be special for them. They have started over, defeated their losses and come out of a loss stronger and closer than ever.



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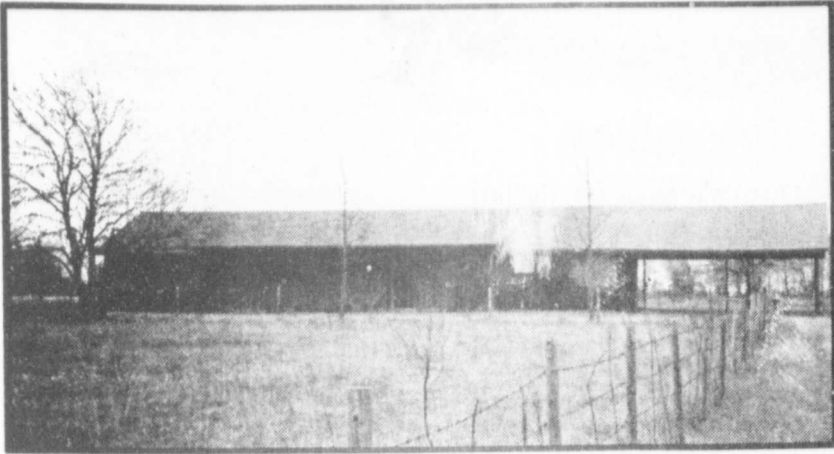
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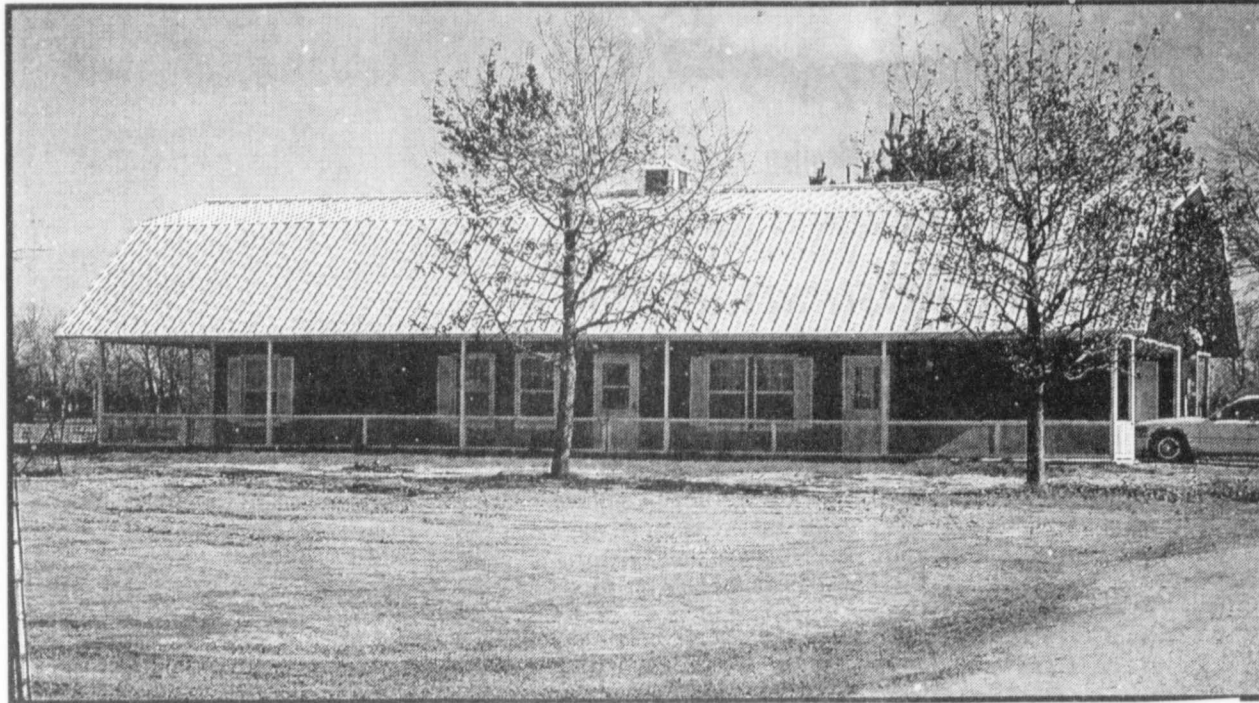
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THIS IS THE WHITTLE Home as it was when Larry and Judy and their girls moved in to it back in 1992. The house burned in April of 2000, and has been replaced by a most unusual structure.



BARN-LIKE house-the Whittle house is very different from what it used to look like. After it burned they used the slab, then put in an all new structure that resembles a barn.

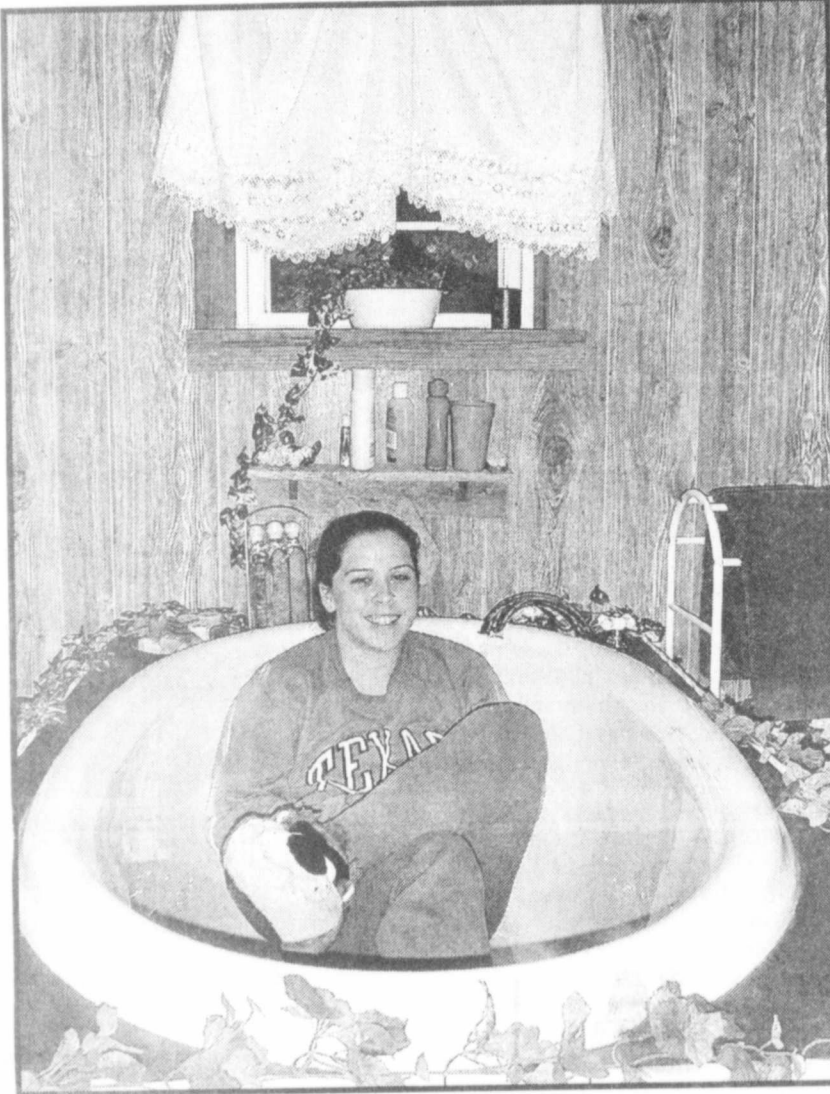
A 1912 Christmas

Everyone says I have a good memory. I'm 97+ years old and my greatest memory in all these years comes when I was nine years old. It was 1912 and we lived on the Davis place south of Bogata. Uncle Dick Lawson came to our house with a big brown grocery sack full of all kinds of nuts, candy and apples and oranges. That was the good old times to me. Now I'm legally blind and old but in 1912 it was my Christmas memory.
Gladys Hamilton Townes

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SUSAN WHITTLE shows off her "Taz" house shoes while sitting in the ivy surrounded "Garden" Tub in the Whittle's new home. The family has suited the decor and structure of their new home to their lifestyle. Their old home burned in the spring. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



LOOKING DOWNWARD from the landing at the Whittle home shows the barnwood walls and galvanized tin ceilings. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Season's Greetings To All
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our friends who have been so kind to us this past year. God Bless You, Ed & Loyce Huddleston

Patriot football video on sale

According to Glenn Scheulke, head coach for the Prairiland Patriot football team, the 2000 Patriot Football Highlight Video is now on sale at the high school. Anyone interested needs to contact Coach Scheulke at 652-5681 or 783-9107 to reserve your copy.

CUNNINGHAM NEWS

The King Family met at the Cunningham Community Center Sunday for their Christmas Party. Those attending were: Lillian King, Thomas, Patricia, Tommy, Danny, Dakota, Jennifer and Justin King, Misty and Jordan Jones, Leonard and Billie Ford, Carol, Bobby, Ashley, Jason and Daniel Arrington, Joyce Yazell, Andrew Bazhaw, Ryan Threadgill, David Ford, Danielle Moss, Tracy Kendal, Jack Jones, Ryan Ford, Marissa, Megan and Riley Kendal, Shirlene, Tommy, Drew and Matthew Owen, Tammy, Darrell and J.D. Barns, Jonell and Courtney Crews, Darlene, Jonathon Francis and Shelby King, Christopher Barns, Shell George, Cassie and Jacob Hignight and Chad Clear.

The ladies of Cunningham Baptist had a Christmas Party at the home of Jane Glass.

Life Tabernacle Church had their Christmas dinner Sunday. Special guest were Gary and Sandra Garner of Danville, Arkansas.

Several in the Community were at the Sterling House Family Christmas Party Saturday night. Silas and Juanita Taylor were there with her father, Mr. Wright. The Watson's, Musgrove's and Norwood's were there with Marie Watson, Jamie, Johnny, Jennifer and Landon Syrus and Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood were there with their grandmother, Zula Todd. Marie Watson's family entertained with Christmas songs.

Sunday dinner guest of James and Pat Norwood were Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Rodney and Tracy Norwood.

Billie Joe and Georgia Oats went to Cooper Sunday to the Lawler Christmas Dinner at the home of Forrest and Wanda Joe Lawler.

Jeff, Cindy, Zack, Garrett, Taylor, Asa, Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy had lunch with Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.

Josh Osburn spent the night with Spur Norwood Friday.

Brad and Georgeanna Nutt were on a cruise to Cozmel with Ronnie, Raylene and Jeff Nutt, Don, Jane and Beth Wikoff.

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Two Christmas Hens

It was the Christmas of 1941, I was working for \$1.25 a day with a family of seven.

I was only making \$7.50 per week and there was no way to save anything for Santa or Christmas so my wife and I talked the matter over and decided to sell some hens off the yard.

They were not laying anyway, so I took two sacks (some folks call them toe sacks, some call them crocker sacks). I put two hens in each sack and cut two holes in each sack and stuck a hen's head out of each hole for fresh air and carried them about a mile and a half down a muddy

road to the highway going to Deport.

A man, I think his name was a Mr. Bryant, stopped and asked me where I was going with the chickens. I told him they were my kids Santa Claus.

He said, "What a coincidence, my wife wanted me to go to Deport and get her a hen for Christmas. Tell you what, put them in the back of the car

and we will see how much they are paying and I'll pay you 2¢ a pound more for the whole lot and bring you back here and you won't have to walk."

He also bought my children a basket of fruit.

Needless for me to say, I'll never forget that man. It was the difference of my children having a nice Christmas and not having one.

Yeah, my wife and her mother got a good sized red corn cob from somewhere and cut a doll's head out of sale paper and pasted it on the big end of the cob with paste made out of flower and water and put a paper dress on below the head. Believe it or not, that girl still has that corn cob doll.

Now those of you that have seen hard times know why I call this my special memory.

Merry Christmas to all.
L.E. Clement

An
Air Force Christmas

When the Air Force had me on special duty in the Middle East in 1957-58, I bought Christmas cards in Bethlehem. Instead of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men", the cards had "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will". I was told this definitely did not mean good will toward ALL men.

---Henry Lee Somerville



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Glorious Night of Miracles!

The year was 1972. I was 13 years old. As a gawky kid, I must have grown an inch every day making my pants eternally too short. My hair was ridiculously curly in an age when long and straight was preferred. As the only girl in my class with glasses, I had been condemned to the position of eighth grade brain. Like many a 13-year old, I was uncomfortable with who I was and worried a lot about how I appeared to others, especially boys!

Christmas time rolled around, and my best friend, Tresa, invited me to go with her family to hear the Christmas Cantata at the Methodist Church. I was excited to go not because of the musical program, but because Glenn, the boy of my dreams, would be singing in the choir. Wanting to look my best, I pleaded with my older sister to allow me to wear something of hers. With all those recently accumulated inches of growth, I was able to fit into one of her cutest dresses, a light brown jumper (polyester knit, of course) with little antique cars printed all over it. I wore a shiny yellow blouse underneath and, although it doesn't sound too appealing now, I looked very nice, and more importantly, I felt like a million bucks.

Off to church we went. We sat in the center of the sanctuary, and I had a perfect view of my beloved Glenn. "Wondrous night of miracles. Glorious night of miracles!" the choir sang beautifully. As the cantata progressed through the story of the first Christmas, I gazed at Glenn, and if he happened to glance my way, I quickly averted my eyes. During that brief moment of eye contact, I felt a tingle up my spine. I mustered up some courage and decided that should he look my way again, I would remain

steadfast and not look away. I wanted and watched. At last, his gorgeous brown eyes met mine. I held my breath and did not dare even blink. And then it happened! He winked at me! I could not believe it. My heart was pounding and I nearly elbowed Tresa off the pew. An uncontrollable smile spread across my face, and I could feel the warmth of a blush beginning at my neck and working its way up. He winked again and flashed me one of his crooked little smiles. I winked back. From across the

church, the sparkle in his eyes melted me.

I could have sat there forever gazing at Glenn, but alas, the cantata was finished. As the crowd began to leave, I rose on somewhat wobbly legs to see Glenn, still in his robe, rushing from the choir loft toward me.

"The choir is having a party tonight. Do you want to come with me?" he asked.

I hemmed and hawed a little, then emphatically replied, "Yes!"

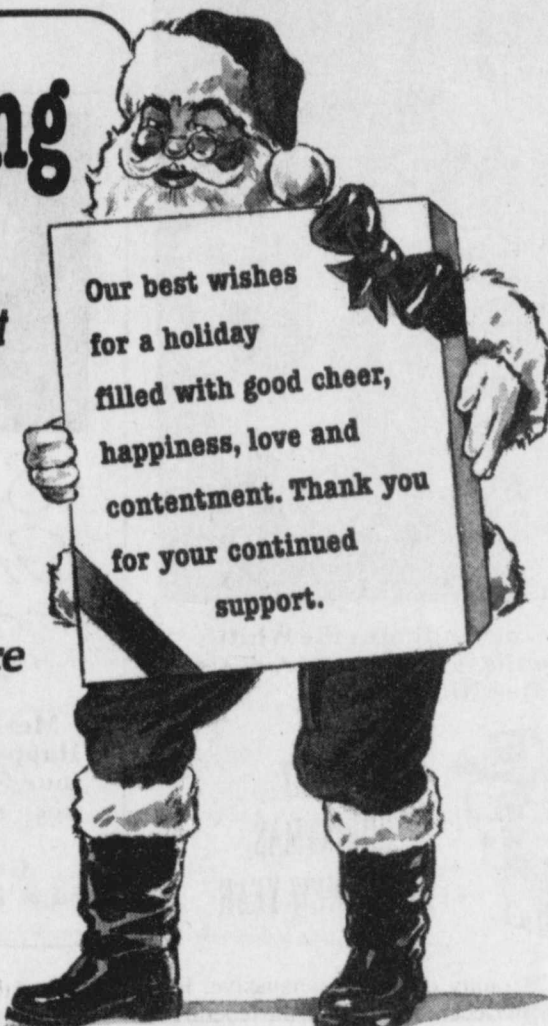
At the party, he treated me like a lady. He found a place for me to sit, and then got me some punch. I was impressed by his charming manners.

I can't recall much more about the evening except that, on the drive home, a possum ran across the road. Slipping out of prince charming mode for a second, Glenn pleaded with his dad to run over the poor creature. Happily for me, his dad did not comply with the request.

Christmas miracles, like beauty, are in the eye of the beholder. And as the choir had earlier sung, it truly was "Glorious night of miracles" for this awkward young girl and a possum somewhere in east Texas.

---Shan Watkins

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A Christmas I Remember

The Christmas when I was about five years of age, my Daddy told us Santa would not come that Christmas. I was aware that we didn't have any money, so I accepted his statement with understanding. My Mother was in bed sick and my little brother was also very sick. I realized later that, even if he had the money, he could not have shopped for little girls by himself.

I went to bed disappointed but knew that if my Daddy said it, then that was the way it had to be. When morning came, Daddy called us to get up. We went into the dining room and were surprised at what we saw. Daddy had managed to get fruit, nuts and candy and had set our places at the table with a generous amount of it all.

I realized that morning just how much he loved us and how much effort he had gone to do this for us.

I think I never loved him more than I did that morning. He had done all the fixing himself and I knew that he had done it all because he loved us. I also became aware of how much I loved him. I kept that feeling for him until he died when he was past 80 years of age. He holds a tender spot in my memory.

I still feel guilty when I let an apple lie on my kitchen cabinet until it ruins.

---Lou Ada Franklin

That Old Cow!

I recall a brief little story that my Grandpa Frank Gibson told. My Grandma was Sarah.

One morning in December, a way back yonder, too far back for me to remember, he said to Sarah "We better load up in our wagon and head for town." Town was Pattonville at that time, as they lived on the Ables farm. They had six boys and six girls in their family. When they returned home, they had to hide all they had gotten in a barrel behind the chimney or in the corner of the chimney. The next morning, all the fruit was gone.

An old cow turned the barrels over and ate all the fruit they had gotten.

---Nanie Bell Ham

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My Christmas Coat

Christmas time on our farm
Mama would string popcorn for our tree.
Daddy would go out into the fields
To find us a special tree.
Soon I would put my coat
on the floor.

Christmas time on our farm,
I would start out early in the year
thinking about where I would put my coat
on the floor.

My coat would soon be put in a corner
for Santa to find, I could not wait till
I would put my coat
on the floor.

Each Christmas eve, Mama and Daddy
would tell me to go find my coat.
And to remember to put down my coat, for
Santa would be here soon to leave toys
on my coat in the corner
on the floor.

My coat would be for Santa to know
where to put my toys on my coat.
Toys that I had asked Santa to bring,
I would spread out my coat in the corner
on the floor.

Oh! I remember always how I would
spread my coat out on the floor.
How excited I would be getting ready for
Santa as I spread my coat all pretty and neat
on the floor.

Winters could be cold on our farm
as we would get up on Christmas morning
I would run to my coat laying on the floor.
All my Christmas presents would be
on my coat all neat, that Santa had left for me
on the floor.

As I sit on my coat on Christmas morning,
it was the most wonderful feeling.
I will always have my memories of the times
I would lay my coat
on the floor.

Now my grandchildren lay their coats
on the floor. They take me back to all
my Christmas' past of laying my coat
on the floor.

Oh! My Christmas past memories
of all the times I laid my coat on the floor,
for generations to come when my
Great-grandchildren will lay their coats
on the floor.
--Nila Phelps
Dedicated to my parents, Leon and Pearl Whitsell,
who gave us so many wonderful Christmas memo-
ries.

My First Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below
with the tiny lights, like Heaven's stars reflecting on
the snow.

The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away the tears
for I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs
that people hold so dear
but the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you
the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description,
to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away,
we really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones,
you know I hold you dear,
and be glad I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory
of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious
than pure gold.
It was always most important
in the stores Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other,
as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessing or love
He has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and
wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.

In memory of our grandparents, Lorene Eliza-
beth Mays and
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The Christmas Eve Reading

Gordon DeBerry had always loved
Christmas. This year, starting in Janu-
ary, he had been terribly sick. His
doctors predicted that he would not
live until June. After spending a long
time in the hospital, he had been sent
home to the old DeBerry home place
to die (the very home that his family
had moved into when Gordon was
one month old in 1901). His devoted
wife, Maggie, stayed with him day
and night taking care of his every
need.

Now it was Christmas Eve. His
only son, Thomas Gordon DeBerry,
lived six miles north of Bogata with
his wife, Ann, and three sons, Tom,
David and Bill. It was cold and rain-
ing a downpour and the only vehicle
that this family had running was an
old white Ford pickup.

Now it had always been the tradi-
tion of the Thomas DeBerry family

to get together with all the family
available on Christmas Eve and read
The Christmas Story from Luke 2 in
the Bible. But this night was terrible
for getting out and that old pickup
would be mighty crowded with two
adults and three nearly grown sons.
They had decided that this year, they
would postpone the Christmas read-
ing until the next morning. But the
idea of changing the custom seemed
altogether wrong.

Ann called her mother and stepfa-
ther, Ethel and Harold Spitznas, who
had moved to Bogata just before
Thanksgiving that year, and who
were living in the house just south of
Gordon and Maggie, to meet them at
the Gordon DeBerry home that night
for the reading of the story of Jesus'
birth.

They all went into the Gordon

DeBerry home and surrounding his
bed, and as tradition had dictated to
them for so long, they read the Luke
2 story and had prayer all holding
hands. The moment was, as always,
a very reverent experience. Then the
families all went to their perspective
homes.

Sometime that night, Gordon
DeBerry slipped into a coma. Family
and friends gathered around the
next day, Christmas Day, to be to-
gether. About noon on that Christmas
Day, Gordon left his earthly tent to
go to his home with his Heavenly
Father.

A sad day, you might think, and it
was, but there was also that glorious
experience of knowing that God had
guided us to be together for that last
Christmas Eve reading.

--Ann DeBerry



Have A Merry Christmas

Michigan Christmas Memories

My family is from Michigan and
my fondest memories of Christmas
are the ones spent at my
grandparent's home.

Beaverton is a small town and
back when I was a child, the churches
would play their church chimes each
evening starting the Sunday before
Christmas. They would start about
6:00 p.m. and play for approximately
one half hour. Each church took a
turn and they played the traditional
carols. We would stand out on the
front porch, my grandparents, par-
ents, aunts, uncles, cousins and my
sister and I.

Somehow it was never too cold to
be out and if we were lucky it would
be snowing softly. I will never for-
get the snowflakes drifting lazily
down under the street lamps and the
neighbors calling "hello" or "Merry
Christmas".

My funniest memory is when my
cousin complained of a hole in her
sock and my brother-in-law told her
if she took the sock off and turned it
wrong side out the hole would be
gone. She tried it (she was only about
6) and was so mad when everyone
laughed because it didn't work!

--Sunny Whitney

Living Nativity Scene in Bogata, Red River Co., 150 Years Ago

In this and other recent Christmas
seasons, the media have sometimes
reported "living nativity scenes" as
something new, but the first example
of such a scene in Bogata, Red River
County, Texas may have appeared a
century and a half ago.

We have no details and no pictures,
but the evidence in a Red River
County census is persuasive. Early
in December in 1850, the federal cen-
sus-taker took down the bare facts
when he appeared on horseback at the
cabin of the William and Mary
Humphreys family, the first settlers
at the site of the future town of
Bogata. (Their cabin then stood a few
feet north of the site of the present-
day First Baptist Church in northern
Bogata.)

The Humphreys couple and their
children are listed and some details
of their circumstances are given. The
separate "Slave Schedule" appears at
first glance to be just a reminder that
human slavery, now only a part of our
distant history, was still a grim real-
ity. The schedule shows two African-
American slaves as part of the
Humphreys household. One slave,
who was in those days as a black
male thirty years old. Another name-
less black male was shown to be "4/
12ths" of a year old.

The almost inevitable conclusion
is that the older man was father of
the four-months-old infant, and that
the mother had died in childbirth, or
shortly thereafter, probably of what
was then called "childbed fever." The
account is a sad memento of pioneer
life in northern Texas in the frontier
era. But that is not the whole picture,
nor the end of the story.

The census also shows that the
Humphreys household included two
teen-age daughters, Mary, thirteen,
and her sister, Elizabeth, fifteen. The
natural maternal instincts of the two

girls make it a virtual certainty that,
as Christmas approached in 1850, a
real, live baby, whose care would
naturally have fallen in large part to
them, replaced their dolls. The
infant's "manger" would in all like-
lihood have been an oak-splint bas-
ket, or perhaps a roughly-made crib
that had previously held younger sib-
lings of the two girls.

As the girls fed the child, or rocked
and cuddled him and lent him a fin-
ger for his tiny ones to clutch, they
doubtless had thoughts paralleling
those of an earlier Mary and Eliza-
beth--that owing to the circumstances
of his birth, the child was fated to
have a difficult future.

It would be hard for us to imag-
ine, in the bi-Millennium year, a more
faithful reenactment of the nativity
scene of Jesus of Nazareth.

Unfortunately, the sequels to this
little story are only partly known. As
for the Humphreys sisters, who re-
enacted the role of Mary and Eliza-
beth as recounted in the gospel of St.
Luke, we know that they married and
were the forebears of dozens of
Bogatans.

Of the little orphan slave-child
who played the part of the baby Jesus,
the rest of his life is lost to history.
Ten years later, the 1860 census re-
corded a slave child, still nameless
on the record, who may have starred
in the living nativity scene of the pre-
vious decade, but even this identifi-
cation is uncertain. We can suggest
no parallel for Joseph of Nazareth's
flight into Egypt to save the infant
Jesus from the wrath of King Herod.

It is comforting to speculate, how-
ever, that the "baby Jesus" of 1850
could have survived well into the
twentieth century, and may have been
the ancestor of many free Americans
celebrating the Nativity in the year
2000.

A Christmas Memory

Christmas childhood memories
float about as warm gold threads.
Magically, I move them closer and
to center stage. The threads take the
form of a slender dark haired young
woman, a laughing young man with
auburn hair that lays in waves on his
head and their little girl.

The year was 1945, Santa Claus
flew over Pattonville several times
that year before Christmas Eve.

It's dark and cold outside, yet too
early for bed. Inside, a radio is play-
ing, the room is warmed with a little
coal oil burning stove. Between fa-
vorite programs on the radio the three
play "I Spy" with the woman's
thimble. Unnoticed, the woman
leaves the room. She returns with a
small sack of fruit and a story for the
little girl. "From the kitchen, the
woman had heard the sounds of bells
and pawing hoofs. Stepping outside,
the woman bumped right into santa
Claus and his team of reindeer. His
sleigh was filled with fruit and pep-
permint candy canes. Santa Claus
handed the woman a sack of fruit and
jumped back in the sleigh. As his
team was ready to fly, he told the
woman to bring her little girl to Sears
Department Store in Paris to visit
with him." Santa Claus brought fruit

a second time that year before Christ-
mas Eve. Much like the first visit, he
was "checking things out" and in a
hurry. The little girl ran outside hop-
ing for a glimpse, but he was out of
sight. Santa and his team travel fast!

The little girl looked forward to
visiting Santa Claus at the depart-
ment store. She had no memory of
ever seeing him. In Sears, she sat on
the lap of the man in the beautiful
red suit and felt of his soft white
whiskers. She thought he was won-
derful. Later she would daydream of
him and his sleigh full of toys.

This year the little girl's grandson
will decide where the most practi-
cal place is to leave Santa's milk and
what pie Santa Claus would like best.
An older cousin will show him how
to spread reindeer feed on the front
lawn. Someone will explain again
how Santa gets past the hot logs on
the fireplace. Then he will hang his
stocking and wait for sleep.

Years from now the little grand-
son will be the maker of beautiful
childhood Christmas memories for
little boys and girls he loves.

Merry Christmas and happy
memories to all the young and old!
--Marylyn M. Cope

My Christmas Memories

Three small girls with hearts
aglow, stringing popcorn on a string,
construction paper cut in stripes to
make a pretty Christmas chain. A
scraggly little Christmas tree that
Daddy cut the day before, a Christ-
mas star to hang on top that we had
cut from some pasteboard, icicles
hanging from each limb (tinsel ones
we thought were great!) Cotton
pieces placed around, we thought
they looked like real snowflakes. We
hung our stockings up with care,
sometime there was a hole or two,
but not to worry, Santa Claus always
knows what to do.

He sewed those holes so not one
toy, in no way could ever slip
through. He filled them up from top
to toe, no bit thing for him to do!
Sometimes candy, fruit and nuts,
maybe jacks or a yo-yo. Sometimes
a pretty little ring down in the bot-
tom of the toe, a play watch, hands
that really moved.

A doll with hair that sometimes

cried, a wagon with bright shining
wheels to take our dollies for a ride.
In school we sang our Christmas
songs. They still remain within my
heart. Angels we have heard on high,
still number one upon my chart! Skat-
ing late upon the pond, our feet were
frozen to the bone. Mama calling
cross the way. Wood smoke curling
in the air, no other smell has ever
been a scent of wood smoke even yet.
Transports me back to home again.
Dinner time on Christmas Day, the
table bountiful was laid, kids lined
up all on a bench, glad that prayers
were finally said. Pass the dressing,
pass the rolls, sweet potatoes down
here, please.

People laughing having fun, my
memories are made of these. Home
with parents so secure. What more
could any poor child ask? It warms
the cockles of my heart, remember-
ing all the Christmas' past.
--Sarah Marris Dennie

A Louisiana Christmas

As I sit here tonight remembering
Christmas that have gone by, the
Christmas of 1959 is so clear to me.

I was so excited. Me, Annette,
Mack and Coletta went with Daddy
and Lottie to Coushatta, LA to have
Christmas with Aunt Nola and her
family. All of Daddy's brothers and
sisters were there with their families,
along with Papaw and Mama Will-
iams.

Aunt Nola's house looked like a
mansion, there was so much food and
her Christmas tree was beautiful. She
had lights on the tree and there were
so many presents, more than I had
ever seen. Of course, I didn't realize
just how many grandchildren were
there.

That night after supper, we all
gathered in the living room and Uncle
Cecil started handing our presents,
calling the kids by name. I sat there
listening for my name to be called, I
listened for Mack, Annette and
Coletta, but our names were never
called. I sat there with tears in my
eyes and told myself I would not cry.
Aunt Nola called Daddy into the
kitchen and she lit in on him like a
cat.

We spent the night there and

Christmas morning we watched the
other grandchildren grabbing their
gifts Santa had left for them, but
Santa I guess didn't know that we
would be in Louisiana.

After lunch, we came back home.
I was so proud to see my home and
ran into the living room where Mama
and Uncle Dick were. I couldn't hold
the tears back anymore. As I sat down
beside Mama and told her about our
Christmas, Uncle Dick walked out of
the room. Mama put her arms around
me and as she stroked my hair she
said, "Carol, you were with part of
your family and being with your fam-
ily and the love you have for them,
Honey, no amount of money can
buy".

Then she told me she had forgot-
ten to let Santa know that we kids
would be in Louisiana for Christmas
and she then showed us our presents
sitting under our little Christmas tree
that I couldn't see earlier for the tears.
I played with my doll until bedtime
and then she and I went to bed. After
I said my prayers, I hollered out
"Goodnight Mama, I love you." A
gentle voice said "Good night, I love
you babies, too!"
--Carol English



JOY

UNTO YOU AT CHRISTMAS.

"I love the Christmas-tide, and yet,
I notice this, each year I live;
I always like the gifts I get,
But how I love the gifts I give!"
- Carolyn Wells

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ELFVIS AND THE SLEIGH RIDERS-made an appearance at the Talco School Monday at the annual Christmas Music Program. The skit performed by the Talco 5th grade under the direction of music teacher, Neva Oats, was a hit. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Deck the Halls!

May it be a beautiful season for all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for stopping by!

Detroit Middle And High School Students, Faculty & Staff




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

DEPORT POST OFFICE

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

Merry Christmas, Friends



ELFVIS AND THE SLEIGH RIDERS-made their appearance at the Bogata Christmas Music Program Tuesday. The skit performed under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats by the Bogata 5th grade class was a hit. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

SEASON'S GREETINGS & MANY THANKS

It's been a pleasure serving you this past year.

**Red River County Auditor
Shirley Anderson
And Staff**

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the magic and mirth of the holidays bring many happy surprises!!

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Festive tidings to one and all.



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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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

Marlin Foster

RIVERCREST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	600-699 Capital Projects Fund	August 31, 2000	August 31, 1999
REVENUES:						
Local and Intermediate Sources:						
	\$ 31,324	\$ -	\$ 6,671	\$ 288,417	\$ 326,412	\$ 86,435
Investment Income						
Other Local and Intermediate Sources	1,030,350	94,401	154,306	2,175	1,281,232	1,223,092
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	1,061,674	94,401	160,977	290,592	1,607,644	1,309,527
5800 State Program Revenues	2,933,133	54,709	213,228	-	3,201,070	2,626,892
5900 Federal Program Revenues	7,442	290,786	-	-	298,228	311,756
5020 Total Revenues	4,002,249	439,896	374,205	290,592	5,106,942	4,248,175
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	2,428,834	195,178	-	-	2,624,012	2,462,374
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	230,384	-	-	-	230,384	200,253
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	335,745	256,582	-	-	592,327	573,934
0040 Administrative Support Services	176,482	-	-	-	176,482	215,738
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	469,376	-	-	-	469,376	593,818
0070 Debt Service	-	-	486,849	-	486,849	129,237
0080 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	583,202	583,202	-
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	134,333	-	-	-	134,333	132,539
6030 Total Expenditures	3,775,154	451,760	486,849	583,202	5,296,965	4,307,893
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	227,095	(11,864)	(112,644)	(292,610)	(190,023)	(59,718)
7020 Other Resources	-	-	-	-	-	5,715,843
8030 Other (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	(15,843)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	227,095	(11,864)	(112,644)	(292,610)	(190,023)	5,640,282
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	348,842	12,843	140,948	5,640,434	6,143,067	502,785
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 575,937	\$ 979	\$ 28,304	\$ 5,347,824	\$ 5,953,044	\$ 6,143,067

All The Best

To You And Yours

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

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HATS OFF

To Our Customers & Friends

You make it all worthwhile! A very, merry Christmas to all.

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84 Club meets

Members of the 84 Club met Thursday with Willie Clark as hostesses for their Christmas party. A luncheon of chicken and dressing with all the trimmings was served at noon.

Two tables were arranged later for the games. The following attended; Maggie Lee, Ethel Epps, Bertha McCall, Maurine Mankins, Bess Ruthardt, Jettie Bond, Helen Williams, Wootie Harville, Bonnie Smith and guest Betty Vaughan and the hostesses.



OFFICERS-for the Rivercrest Youth Basketball (Little Dribblers) this year are; (from the right) President-Jerry Merchant, Secretary-Kathy Thompson, Vice President-Nicky Brown and not pictured Treasurer-Melissa Merchant. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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

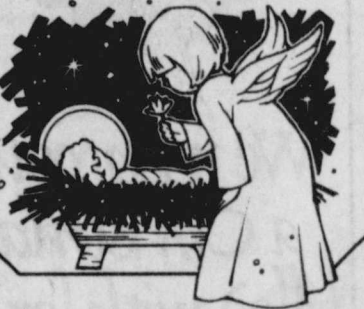
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Danny Efaw, Carol Sessums,
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HARK!

Wishing you a glorious season, with our thanks.

Master Pieces

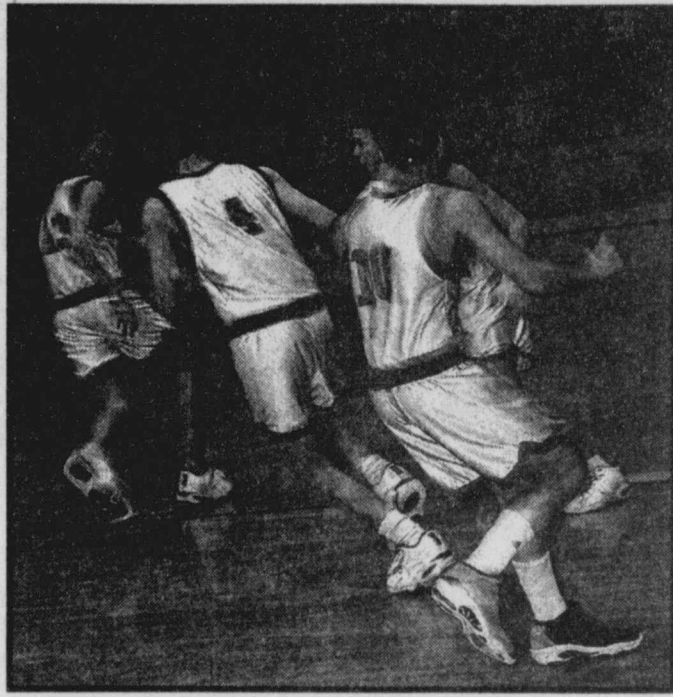
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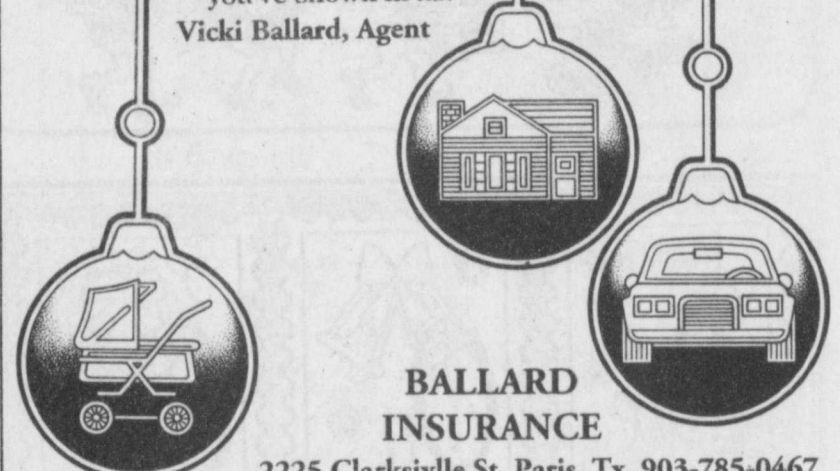
Maple Springs
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CHANGE IN DIRECTION-The Rivercrest Rebel 9th grade team change directions as a team during their tournament play at RHS last Saturday. The boys defeated Caddo Mills but took a loss to Pittsburg. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Warm holiday tidings to you and your families. Thanks for the trust you've shown in us.
Vicki Ballard, Agent



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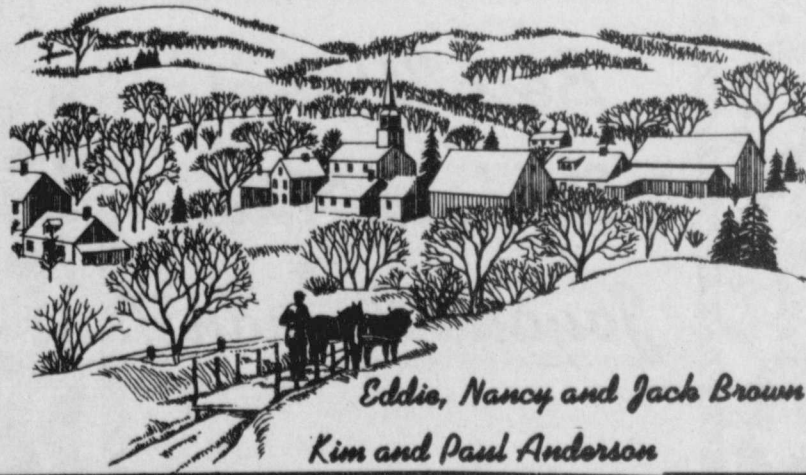
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Christmas Memories

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



Eddie, Nancy and Jack Brown
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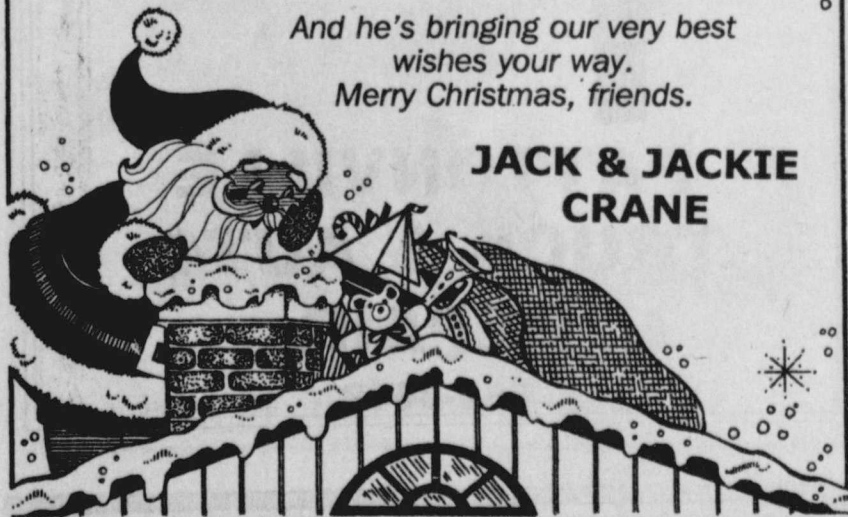
Brian Exum

Tina White

Here Comes Santa...

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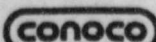


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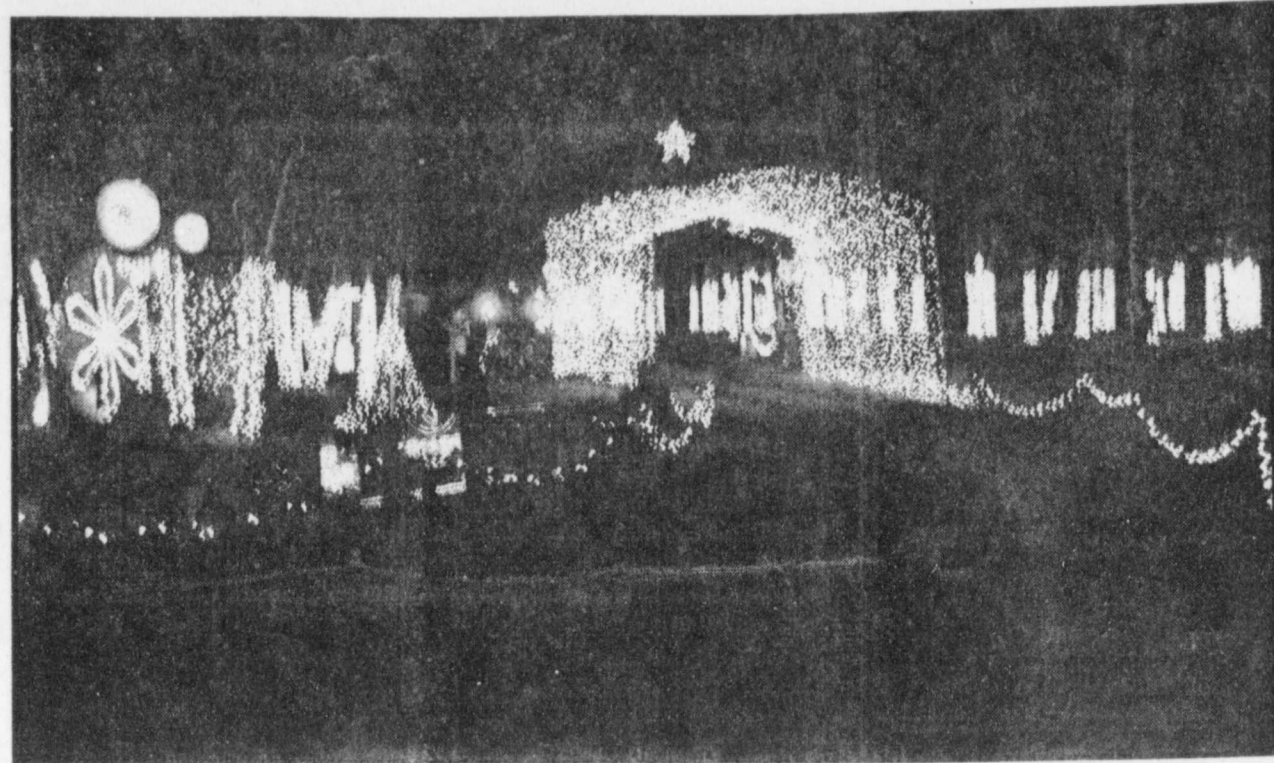
Papers now on sale, save money and fill your Christmas list

The newspaper is now on sale! It's that time of year again, the time when Christmas gift giving is simple! The Deport Times, Blossom Times, Bogata News, and Talco Times will be on sale for \$2 a year off now until the end of December.

If one compares the amount of local news in these weeklies to a whole week's worth of local news in a daily it's clear...the competition isn't even close!

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Take advantage of the sale to send family and friends their home town paper for Christmas, and don't forget to renew for you!



FANTASY LAND-Allen's Monuments, located 13 miles from Rattan, Oklahoma, dresses up for Christmas in an amazing way. It's worth the drive to see the 650,000 lights they have out. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



Have a Merry Little Christmas
Margaret Parks
and
Sandra Gifford

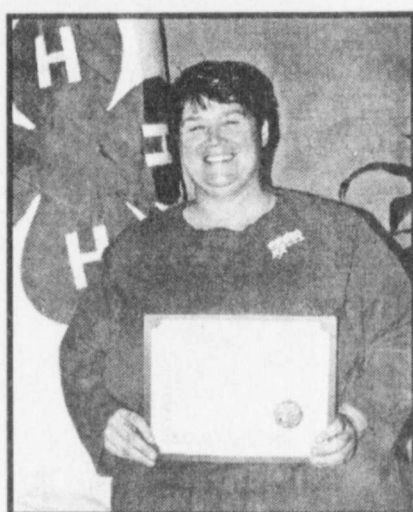
A Little Holiday Cheer Goes a Long Way!

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



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JEAN UPCHURCH AND JOYCE BIVINS represented Red River County 4-H at the District IV 4-H Recognition Banquet held in Commerce at Texas A&M University on November 14. Jean and Joyce of the Cuthand 4-H were recognized as Red River County 4-H leaders of the year. Jean serves and coach for the Red River County 4-H Shooting Sports project and Joyce is assistant.



YOU'RE ON SANTA'S LIST!

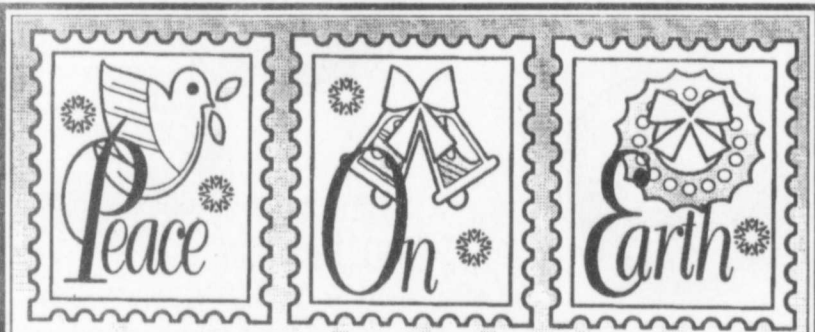
...And ours, too! We're sending our best holiday wishes for a season filled with happiness and cheer, along with our thoughts of thanks for your valued business.

Randy,
Keith, Mike,
Juanita, Marsha &
Danita



We wish you a Christmas filled with love.
Thank you.

Seasons Greetings
This Year To Our
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Robert Lee & Venita
Jo Oldfield Morris



Joyous wishes to all for a wonderful holiday. Our fondest holiday greetings and appreciation to our many dear friends.


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Merry Christmas & A World of Thanks

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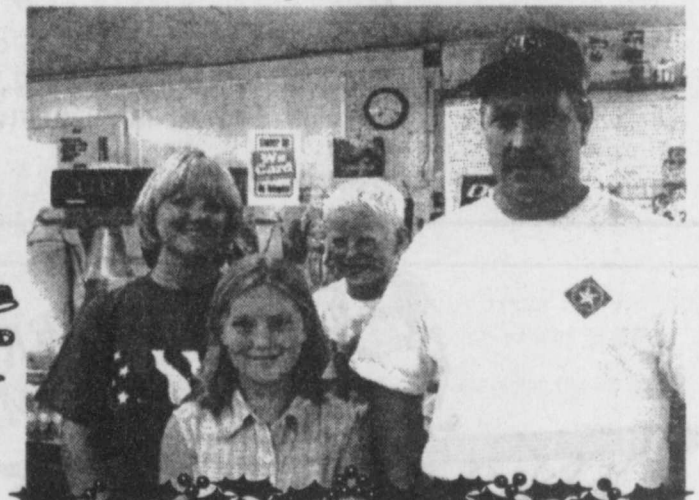


SEASON'S GREETINGS


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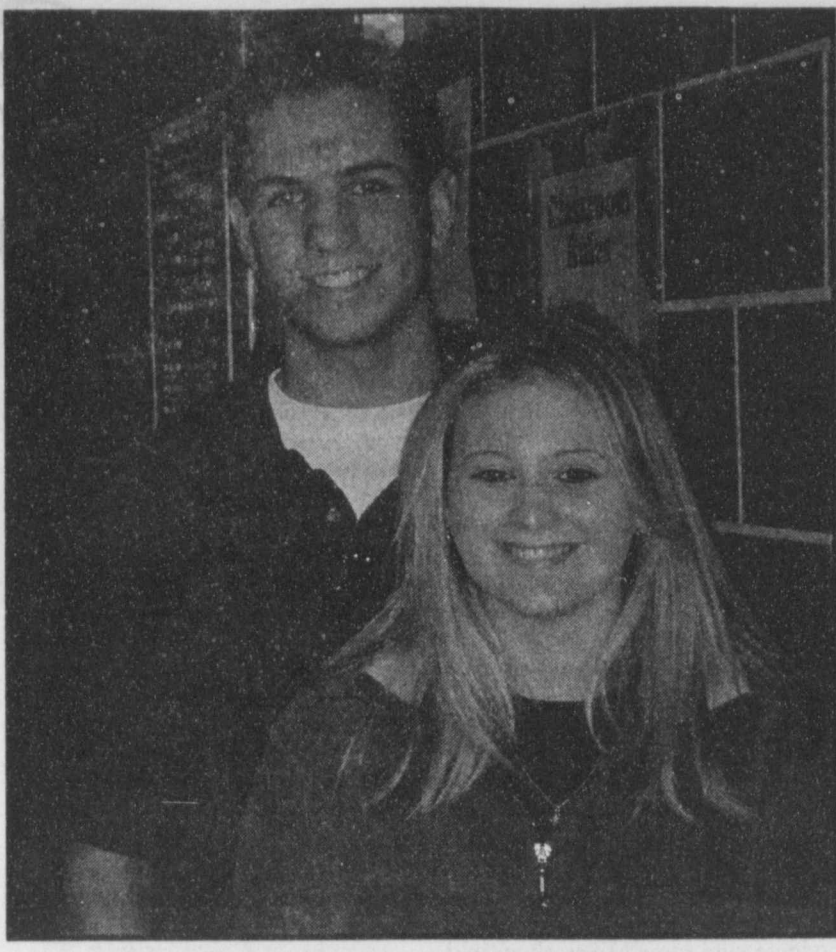


For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

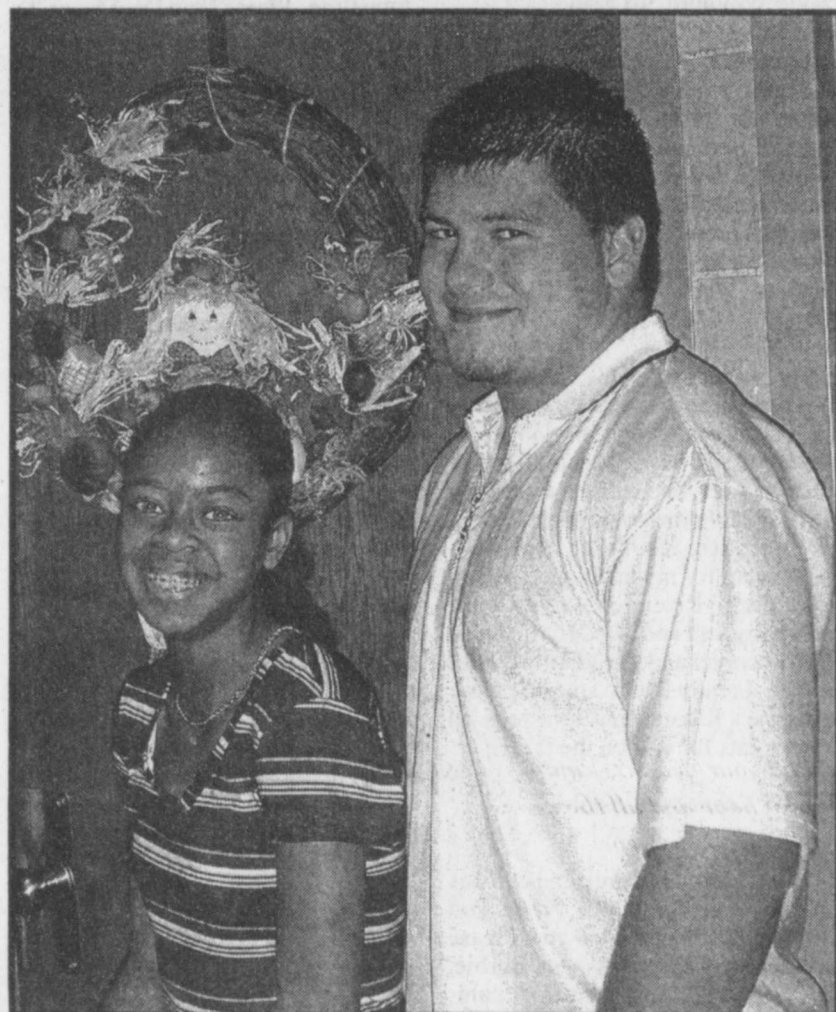
— Isaiah 9:6

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

Detroit 7 to 11
Tom & Bonnie, Stephanie & Heather Green
Kenny, Carol, Brenda, Jodi, Bryan



BEST SENSE OF HUMOR-The girl and boy voted with the Best Sense of Humor from the Rivercrest Junior class this year were Kendall Stansell and Steven Shade. Kendall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kip Stansell of Talco. Steven is the son of Tom Shade and Mr. and Mrs. David Clifton of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



MOST ATHLETIC GIRL AND BOY-Elected as the Most Athletic girl and boy from the Rivercrest Junior class for the 2000-2001 school year are Charla Hines and Zach Ward. Charla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hines of Fulbright. Zach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ward of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels to participate in Quitman tournament

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Varsity will travel to Quitman for tournament play December 28 and 29. The team will meet Hawkins at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 28. On Friday, December 29 they will play Quitman at 5:00 p.m. Team members should be at Rivercrest to leave at 1:30 p.m on Thursday and at 3:00 p.m on Friday. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team as they participate in this Round Robin Tournament.

The Rebel Varsity will participate in an invitational tournament near Ft. Worth during the holiday break.

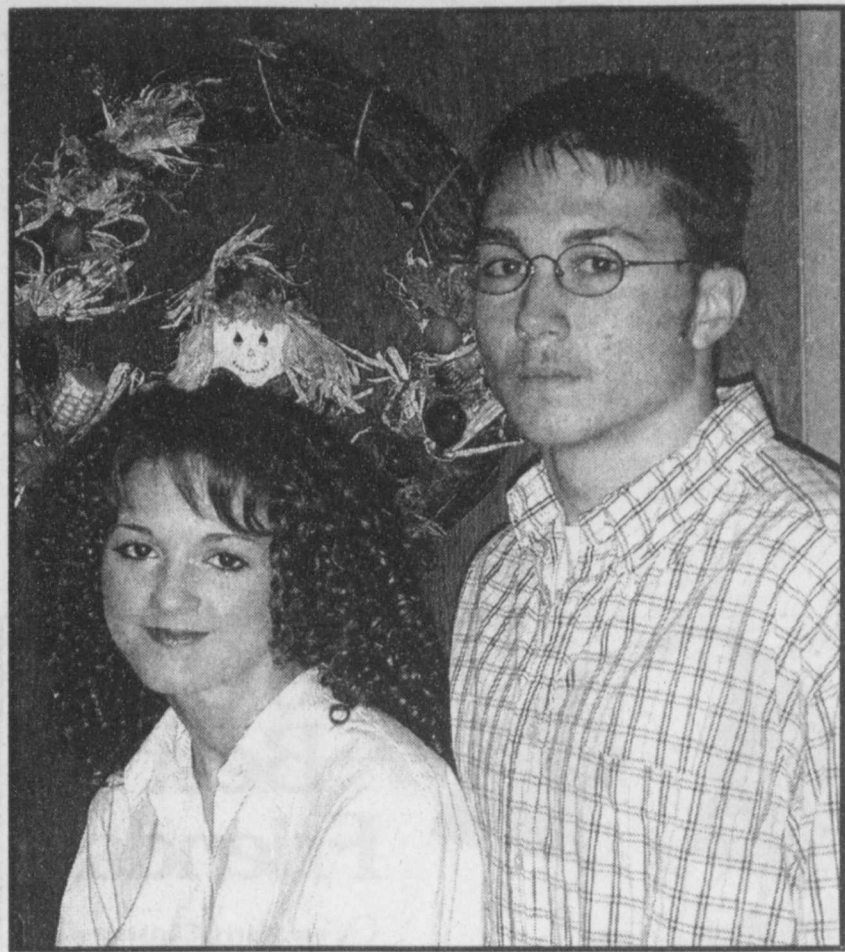
Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.
—Oscar Wilde

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Our House To Yours

Home is where the heart is, and we love being a part of this great community. Thanks for making us feel right at home.

McMIKEL'S CABINET SHOP

MOST POPULAR-Elected Most Popular from the Rivercrest Junior class for the 2000-2001 school year are: Dusty Townes and Ryan Hawkins. Dusty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Townes of Bogata. Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hawkins of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)




JOLLY GREETINGS

Let the season bring us a glimmer of the fun, excitement and wonder that it held for us as children.




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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Remember the best gifts of all are love and laughter for all!


To my friends, neighbors & relatives, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I love you all and miss you so much.

Mary Westbrook



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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JEFFUS
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Bogata Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
I am so glad to see you Santa. I have been pretty good this year. Would you bring me some toys. What ever you bring me, I will love it. I will set some cookies and milk out for you. I will love you always.
Angela Douthitt

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hamster, a scooter, and a game table. I'll have cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Carter

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. I would like to have a new pair of shoes and a four wheeler and a swing set. Thank you.
Ashlei Bolton

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a skeeter for Christmas and a connect four game. I want a whole bunch of candy and the movie "The Grinch" and all the love in the world!
Jessica Bassett

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Lauren Healy I have been a very good girl this year. I hope you bring me these things cause I am sure I will be on your list; I would like my size Butterfly Barbie, a Barbie Rescue CD Rom for my computer also a Rugrats in Paris CD Rom, a Malibu Barbie Beach House, a Kelly and Barbie Mermaid Dolls, a jam box for my room and a cabbage patch doll that has a CD rom with it also I sure would appreciate these things. I will leave you oreo cookies and milk. Thank you.
Lauren Healy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a motorcycle. I also want a four wheeler, and a TV with a VCR. I would also like new clothes, again.
Love,
Taelor Rogers

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stuff last year, but I want a go cart and a scooter, plus a poochie, and some Mikey shoes and some blujnp and a nice shirt. I mitte gite you some milk and cookeys for Christmas. I love you and you a wonderful. Tell the elvs that they are good at macking toys loveyou!!!
David Waymire 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a girlfriend the day before Christmas. I hop I get a dirtbike and a skate board a fourwheeler. A automatic BB pistol. I also want a collectors knife and I also want a bike and some more clothes and some more shoes.
Anthony Watkins

Dear Santa,
My mama and daddy keep telling me I have to be good so you will bring me lots of toys. I've been trying to be good but I still have to get loud sometimes so everyone will see things my way. Please don't look when I'm not acting so nice. I still have a few days to make up for my bad times. When you come to Rivercrest, please leave me a baby doll and a bed for it. I also want a scooter and some Little Critter Books. I really like to sing so please bring me a Karaoke machine too. I'll leave treats for you on the table.
Love,
Ashlyn Kennedy 4 yrs old

Dear Santa,
I am going to put milk and cookies on the table for you. When you come. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a secret messages Barbie, shadow, back pack for my bike, camouflage clothes. I like you and I hope you get here safe.
Hannah Rhoades

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, and a new bike, a new nintendow, and a telephone, a barby car, some roler blades, a swimming pool, and a new tv, a poo-che, a skeeter, and a new pair of ear rings. I love you Santa.
Amber Whitney

Dear Santa,
I want a motor cycle helmet and a pair of motorcycle gloves and a scooter for Crismisse and I want a go cart and I want a tent and I want a sleeping bag.
Ryan Cody Walker

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me some books, a real pet cat and some new clothes. I wish you would bring my sister Kayla some new baby dolls, my mom some jewelry, my dad, new neck ties. I have been working very hard in school on my papers. Have a merry Christmas.
Carli Brown

Dear Santa,
A nitido 64 a sceeter a pypy a box of wood a tornado twister a pump up truke a snowwe Crismus. Thank you.
Kevin

Dear Santa,
Last years presents were good but this year I want a my loco an action man jet pack toy, new jeans and a max steel Mt. Sumoso toy. Thats all. Send me a post card some time. And thank you for last years presents.
Ty Crump 3 grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a backhoe, monster truck and a bike and I will leave cookies for you.
Kellen Stringfellow

Dear Santa,
I would like a new ten-speed bicycle. I want a CD player and a four-wheeler. I have also wanted a remote controlled car and a trampoline for a long time. Please send DeeDee a CD player and a new car for my mom. My brothers need a new vehicle.
Nathon

Dear Santa,
I would lik a four wheeler and a yellow mountain bike. Please bring me a skateboard and some clothes. CJ would like a bike and my mom would like a TV. I thought of something else...a red scooter. I'll leave a snack for you.
Renee

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I'm doing good in school. I like decorating and putting up the Christmas tree. Do you have a Christmas tree? This is my wish list of what I want: a monster truck, a big keyboard like Mrs. Oates has, a scooter, a buckin bull computer game, and a rodeo computer game with buckin horses. Are you going to use Rudolph when you come on Christmas Eve? Do you have any candy canes on your Christmas tree?
Love,
Dustin Rose

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want a Dragon Ball Z toy, remote control car, remote control fighting man, boom box, 30 second cotton candy maker, don't wake Daddy game, and a playstation. I've been good this year. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Aaron Eudy

Dear Santa,
I would like Plasion two. Banjo Toie, Hot wheels tornio twister set. Froger Two sloyps Revenge. Zeda Magers mask. Game boy color. Buzz Lightyear of starcomand. Segadream cast. Nightmare crethurs tow. Super Maro 64. Dranball Z pinball. Toy story 2 the vidio game. Toy story 2 the movie. Buzz Lightyear of Star Command the movie. Buzz Lightyear of Star Command themovie. Banjokorze. Pokenon Bosster paks.
Matthew Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Destiny. I live in Bogata. I want Santa to bring me a trampoline, nickelodeon gak, Barbie fourwheeler, nail creations, blow up chair, computer, my size Barbie. I have been a good girl this year.
???

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like some cowboy boots, spurs, chaps, a go-cart, a black vest and some farm stuff. I also want a guitar and some new clothes and a few toys. I will leave you some milk and cookies and for your reindeer I will leave them some hay in fthe front yard.
Love,
Matt

Dear Santa,
Will you please give at least some of these things. Super poo-chi, scooter, TV VCR, Nsync and Backstreet Boys tape, Gap jacket, clothes, snow, roller skates, hair brush, and a Merry Chrirtmas and pleas don't forget Trevar and Reese.
Jessica Jessece

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop computer and a toolbox.
Dillon Cortez

Dear Santa,
I want a cricke, I wat a bike for Christmas and it will have chrainin wils. I wat a rasllin set for christmas. I wat a shark book for Christmas. I wat a Baby sistr for Christmas. I wat a ncy tap for Christmas. I wat a fish tank with a fish for Christmas.
Johnny Brown

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pokemon video game, racecars and racetrack, Don't wake Daddy Game, a cd player, and a new computer. We will leave you some milk and cookies. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Tyler Easley

Dear Santa,
I want a trapoline and a dirt bike a play station a basket ball and a basket ball goal a go cart a Bmx bike a real football helmet and suit, and a toy motorcycle.
Jordan white

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. please. I want a game boy color. I thint I'm old enough for a four-wheeler and a real gun. I would also like a computer. Nintendo sixty four and a play station. I would also like ten dollars in my stocking.
Ricky

Dear Santa,
For Chrismus I would like a gemory set, a black stallion collector horse, a gocart, a fourwheeler, the Aron Carter CD, The new Nelly CD, The Britney Spears CD, The backstreet boys new album Black and blue, and a portable CD player.
Kaimbri White

Dear Santa,
A Britney Spears camrua and Old Navy jacket. Aaron Carter CD, a ne labtop, some Beannie babys a lava lamp, a password phone. Now 4 C.D.
Brittany Littrell

Dear Santa,
I want a skooter, CDs, a new cd player, Digeman cards, new pokemon cards, beast wars, bateres, a paintball gun with paintballs, new action man toys, and black cats fire cralls, 5 sparkplugs, Dragon ball Z action figures, a new little football, and now 4.
Your friend, Chase Ricards

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A FIREPLACE filled with candles and greenery welcomes Christmas in the home during this most festive of seasons. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



ELECTRIC LINES sagged and broke leaving many area residents without power into this week following the ice storm which hit the area Tuesday night. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



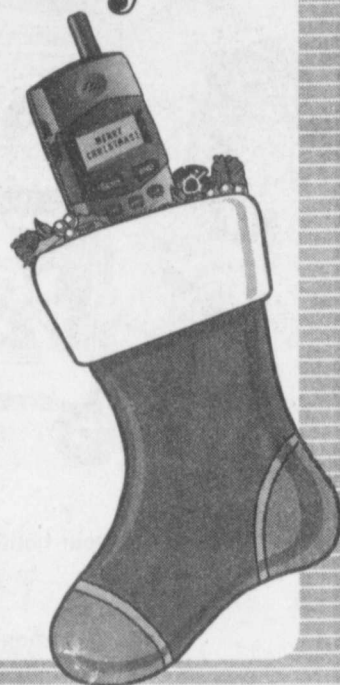
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To see the lights go to Rattan, Ok., go east 13 miles, turn north at the Allen's Monument sign (Turkey Creek Landing Rd) and go two miles. Allen's Monuments is on the left.

Christmas From The Heart Not Being Held This Year

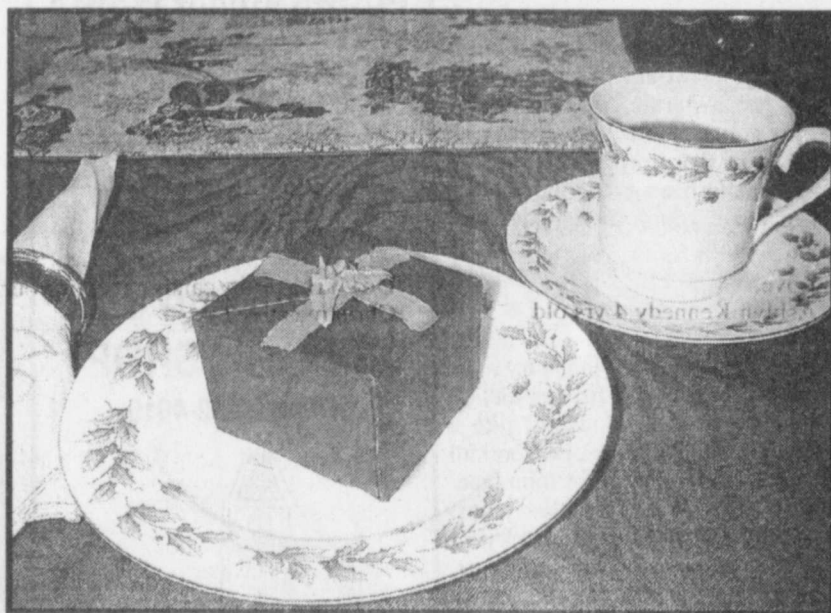
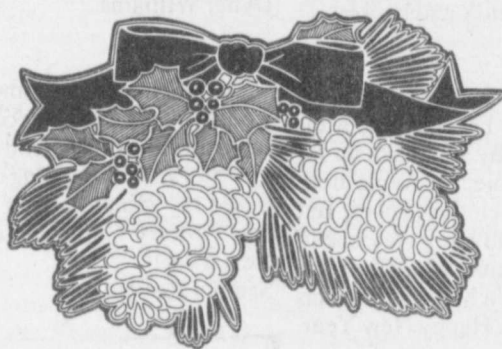
The Christmas from the Heart Christmas meal that has been served over the past few years will not be held this year. The organizers are taking a break and will re-evaluate at a later date.



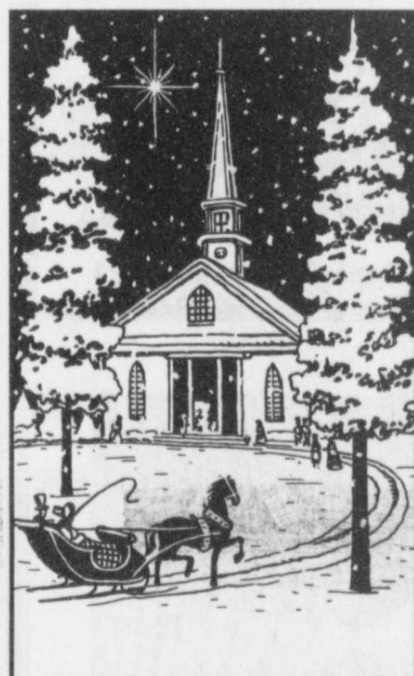
Have a delightful holiday season that's filled with laughter and fond feelings for all.

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CHRISTMAS is a time for delicious foods and pretty table settings. This "package" is actually chocolate, trimmed with icing ribbons and bows. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



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James Don White

Dear Santa,
Shotgun and shotgun shells, skooter, 4 weeller, sports, car Ford, 1,000 peices of lumber, a trampoline, the Matrix DVd, 90 dollers, all the Poke'mon movies and watever my mom is getting me and the Dcs stuff my dad gets at his work.
Lucas Speir

Dear Santa,
I want a skooter, jam cam clothes, Mary-Kate and Ashley doll, jacket, ear rings, shoes, blowup chair, fake make up, movies, hair clips, Teddy Spaghetti, Devastar doll, CD's, Pretty Petal Pals nail polish, pajamas, ornaments, body glitter, Brain Zuiz, caps, Password phone, Fib Finder and darts.
Callie Anderson

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody. I won't a dragline. I won't a ball. and a basketball goal and a crane and a big gift. I will leaue you milk and cookies Loue cod Williams.

Dear Santa,
I liked the things you got me last year. I want a good riding horse. I would like a new saddle. For my mom this year, I'd like ker to have a new car. My sister would like her own TV. My littlir brother would like a new bike without training wheel and with hand brakes. My Grandna would like sme disbes and my Grandpa would like a too set. I'll leane you some milk and cuokies.
Billie Reeves

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a bi-cycle, my real baby and make up for my face. A barbie, an Angle doll. Some books and clothes, shoes, But most of all i would like every one to be well and remember what Christma is all about. Have a Merry Christmas every one. And a Happy New Year.
Tiffany Black

Dear Santa,
My name is Morgan Cox. I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a barbie radio, a spider stomp game, some play money, a robot dog that comes only to my boice. I have been good this year and I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. I try to be good, but's it very hard for me, so please be patient. I would like a Titans football suit, a kicker football goal set, a remote control John Deer tractor, new Wrangler blue jeans, western shirts, boots, and a Backyard football game for the computer. Please bring my sister Lexi a Barbie Shop with me cash register, Layna & my cousin Maylee just something they will enjoy playing with. We all love you.
Landon Earley

Dear Santa,
Britney Spears camera Gap jacket New CD's, Password Phone and Journal, a labtop, Some computer games.
Kaitlan Perkins

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas this year is a horse, basketball, basketball boal, and some boots. Oh! I also so need some horseshoes for my horse and a saddle.
Thanks!
Dana Williams

Dear Santa,
I want Nintindo 64 and playstation gameboy color, Newshoes, New clothes.
Davey Cruise

Dear Santa,
I have been 99% good this year. I would like a poochie, a giant doll house, a scootr, a game-boy and a cd player. Please don't forget my sisters and the other children.
Taylor Stafford

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Heath Holt. I am 5 years old. I have tried to be good this year, but it gets kinda hard some-times. I would like for you to bring me a pretend shotgun, some roller blades, binoculars, a new back back, a pretend horse, a real microphone, a new ball, and some things to decorate my new room (real cowboy stuff please!) My sister, Heather and I will remind Momma to leave you a snack to tide you over. Please try to eat it this year so you don't hurt Momma's feelings. Be scareful and stay warm.
Love,
Heath Holt

Dear Santa,
My want a motorcycle and a racecar. My want a barn and animals. My want a remote control car with different gears and a Dodge Durango. My want a shirt with a boat on it. My want blue jeans and a new coloring book. My want a fire truck. My wanting a fighting Mario game. My want a candy machine. My want a marble game and a football game. My want a dump truck with all the tools with it and a play horse. My want a book with different words and pictures.
Kendall Kelley

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I can not wait until Christmas I want a pretty Barbie doll, a Dalmation dog, a coloring book and crayons, and a watch.
Dyne Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like to get some clothes. I would like to get Woody's friend Jesse and Bull's eye from the movie Toy Story. We are going down south to see my grand-parents for Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Samuel Reeves

Dear Santa,
I would like some new barbies and Jesse from Toy Story II and maybe a new BB gun. And a fishing game for my little brother. We have been very good. Thank you Santa!
Bradly Guest
P.S. And a computer

Dear Santa,
I am so glad Christmas is here. I love you Santa. Please leave me a CD player, a microphone, a fluffy kitty cat, and joy and peace for every-one.
Love, your little girl,
Kacie Branch

Dear Santa,
I was very good this year. For Christmas, I would like a scooter, game boy color, Rugrats in Paris game, Poochi, and gel pens and I would like a Furby baby. And I will leave you cookies and milk.
Kaley Stringfellow 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily Ward, I am five 5 years old. I have been so very good this year. I work hard in school and help with my baby sister, Sarah. Please bring me a CD player, Britney Spears CD, a swimming Barbie, a scooter, new computer games, holey moley, a moochie poochie and a few supprises I will leave milk and cookies for you and special magic reindeer food on the lawn.
Emily Ward

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would want a gameboy color with a gameboy camera and a gameboy game and a gameboy carrier and a gameboy light. And I would also like to see my Pappy Jack he always give me candy and he is always nice and he use to give me bubble gum. I have not seen him since I was little. And I would like to have back street's new CD Black and Blue.
Niki Lewis

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FILMING

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Handling on the same bridge. The insects, however, do not seem to bother most of the cast and crew, but between takes they spend much of their time riding horseback, target shooting and relaxing in the shade.

Liza Minelli, daughter of Judy Garland and Vincente Minelli, while not a Texan, is quite a horsewoman. She spent most of her time Tuesday riding horseback on one of the big horses furnished by Joe E. Russell, on whose land the film is being made.

Blue jeans, levis and elastic pants make up the attire of most of the crew. One prominent "outfit" was a pair of red and white plaid, high boots and hat, all as protection against chiggers and mosquitoes.

Some of the cast members have a great feeling for the area. A Texan in the out-of-door. Most of them have good hair and a large part of the makeup job is to get the hair to look natural in the sun. The scenes taken Thursday represented the hunt by Hamilton for Minelli's sister in the movie, "Home From the Hill".

Robert Mitchum, star of the movie, was not in Clarksville on Thursday. He is in Arkansas with one of the 80-member troupe to be located in Arkansas around the shooting of the final bear scene. The bear scene is the most important scene in the movie. The bear scene is the most important scene in the movie. The bear scene is the most important scene in the movie.

The wild bear was to arrive from Hollywood Thursday. The big bear weighs around 400 pounds and has a special animal trainer.

Spots are being used to create the interior for Hamilton's book. The spots are being used to create the interior for Hamilton's book. The spots are being used to create the interior for Hamilton's book.

Only those persons having a special invitation or permission are allowed on location. Many cars of antiquity makers and people desiring to watch the filming are being turned back due to the limited amount of space.

According to a local spokesman, the shooting operation in Clarksville is the most important scene in the movie. The shooting operation in Clarksville is the most important scene in the movie.



Paris Mayor Robert Glass visits with star George Hamilton.



Director Minelli hands an autograph to an admirer.

The above photos were of Paris Mayor Robert Glass with star George Hamilton (top) and Director Minelli (bottom). These are news photos and articles collected by Yvonne Keener Wilkins back in June of 1959 about the making of the movie "Home From the Hill".

June rains interrupted "Home From the Hill" Filming in '59

The following is a reprint of a 1959 article on the filming of "Home From the Hill" back in 1959.

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TEXAS WEATHER ENDS VALLEY MOVIE WORK

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The group tried alternate shots on East Kaufman here, at Boxelder and on Highway 909 south of Clarksville but failed to get satisfactory results due to the interruption from heavy rainfall.

"Home From the Hill" cast and crew were expected to leave behind an estimated \$30 to \$35 thousand in Clarksville, Paris and the surrounding area.

Hunting scenes from the movie, including the bear scene, were to be filmed in the Sulphur Bottoms near Clarksville. However, the scenes were not filmed and will be shot in California.

Vincente Minelli, director, stated during the shooting in the Sulphur River Bottoms that the shots taken there were some of the best in the movie.

Small town scenes, some of which at first were expected to be taken in Clarksville, were shot in Oxford, Miss. All inside scenes were taken on the MGM set in Hollywood.

"Home From the Hill" is expected to be released in February of 1960.

Yvonne Keener Wilkins sent in pages from a scrapbook kept back when filming of the movie "Home From the Hill" was going on.

The photos and text provided some really interesting reading. The caption under this photo read: "Honorary Texas Citizen—George Peppard, left, of Hollywood, Calif., was presented a citation Thursday night signed by Governor Price Daniel and recognizing Peppard officially as an honorary citizen of Texas. The citation, presented by Bernard Varley of Clarksville, was awarded at a ceremony at The Nicholson House. Peppard, who has been in Paris for the past two weeks filming "Home From the Hill" location scenes in the Sulphur Bottom lands outside Clarksville, plans to buy a cattle ranch in East Texas when Hollywood fame becomes more "lucrative".

Stories run at beginning said everything was perfect

At the beginning of filming "Home From the Hill" this article appeared.

Filming of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie "Home From the Hill" is progressing "better than ever expected", Director Vincente Minelli, Academy Award winner, said Tuesday afternoon between takes on location in the Sulphur River bottoms near Cuthand southeast of Clarksville.

According to Minelli, the river bottom is the perfect place for filming and the atmosphere being created is most unusual and strange. "Everything is working out beautifully".

Anyone watching Minelli direct a film can well understand why he won and Oscar for the director of "Gigi".

Minelli is a complete perfectionist. Even the leaves and branches in a scene are arranged to create the right atmosphere.

Scenes are taken time and time again until they reach the perfection that Minelli desires. While filming a scene with George Hamilton running across an old bridge, leaves and dead branches were placed on the bridge to give the movie audience the feeling that the bridge was abandoned.

Minelli commented on the realism of the location where the movie is being filmed, said that it is nearly exactly as William Humphrey, former resident of Clarksville, described it in his book.

While crossing a log in the Sulphur Bottom, one of Minelli's sound men fell into the bog-like quick sand Humphrey described in his book and sank to his knees before he could pull himself out.

Other aspects to realism, though not desirable ones, are the many insects and snakes that the troupe of 80 are encountering down in the rugged river bottom. Each person has been distributed a spray can of insect repellent to ward off the mosquitoes and other bugs.

Two copperhead snakes have been killed near the filming spot and one was seen crawling across the bridge Tuesday, right before Minelli called "action" for a take of Hamilton.

Between takes the crew spend much of their time riding horseback, target shooting and relaxing in the shade.

Liza Minelli, daughter of Judy Garland and Minelli, while not a Texan, is quite a horsewoman. She spent most of her time on one of the big horses furnished by Joe E. Russell, on whose land the film is being made.

Have A Great Weekend!

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Bogata Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like to have some cool things. What I really want is a game boy color. I really like game boy colors because there not so hard as the other games. Plus you can put in your backpack. I really like video games. I even collected football games most of the time. One of my cousins has a Madden 2001 game. I always wanted one of those but they are to high. So if you have those could you give me both of those cool toys. P.S. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Matthew Haynes



Dear Santa,
Jarod Paul Davidson here. I've been very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, bad as in bad good. Please give me a scoter table and I'm trying to play the guitar so I need a case for it and I don't care just gimme ANYTHING!
An angel,
Jerod

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a TV and some clothes and a toybox and some candy heart and some dresses and a book and a bike and a cat and a movie of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. I want Monopoly and a puzzle of a dog and a hair brush.
Valerie Vaughan

Dear Santa,
I've been good for several weeks. I want some Barbie stuff, a Baby I Know, a Lucky Ducks game, and some books. I also want some scissors, crayons, and pencils to play school. My daddy wants you to bring him some socks please. I'll leave you and Rudolph some Big Red and cookies.
Love,
Mayzie Purviance 3 yr. old

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Car, Clifford beanie baby, colors, coloring books, Barbie House, table and chairs for my room, make up and finger nail polish, new clothes, and a baby sister, santa rock-n-roll toy, puzzle, jump rope, a new folder, new glue, earrings, new dress, a rose, new books, an American flag for my room, a toy phone, a judge hammer, and snow!
Allix Ryan Brunson

Dear Santa,
I do not know if you can hear me, but I want you to know what I want for Christmas "ok". I want a bike, a poochie, a pair of skates, a dancing Debbie, a Barbie house with Barbies, a stocking full of candy, a pair of rollerblades, and three good books.
Thank you
Love,
Jessica Smith

Dear Santa,
I don't know what I want but I need something that I can tell you. I need you to help mom fix my gokart that Randy Carall and his son Nathan Carall are going to give me and I need four gokart tires and a chain. But my mom said that maybe you and her can fix. I want Dragon Ball Z action I want a vegeta super saiyan, trunks super sayan and gohan super sayan or bronier and some movies. Will leave some cookies.
Corey Branch

Dear Santa,
I want a "contindo 64", Barbi doll and some roller skates, size 6x. I love you santa. I have been good this year. I play with my friends and I saved \$2.00 at school. I gave one of the dollars to my friend, Allix Brunson. I will leave you a note along with milk and cookies.
Signed,
Bailey Rhodes
P.S. Would you also send me a "Real Baby"

Dear Santa,
Please give me these toys, Insector, Larry Boy Mobile, Bible Man costume, Pokemon the movie 2000, Air Hogs, Rocket tops, cotton candy maker, Skeeter, Titan A.E., Blo Pens, Pokemon the first movie, and we are going to leave cookies and milk and carrots for your raindeer.
Love,
Jesse Ross
Oh and dragonfly please

Dear Santa,
I want a scotter and a poo-chi.
Sammy Newsom

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Dear Santa can you ples give me Dragon Ballz and Gundam Wing toys and cards? I also want play stacan games. Hav a nics Christmas.
Love,
Jordan Thompson

Dear Santa,
I want an American doll. And a Poochydog. A Scooter too. And a nice soft teddyber. I love the stuff I got last yere. I still have my bike. Thank you for the stuff you gave me.
Kari Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, new boots, talking dumptruck, cowboy hat, belt, bicycle, computer, remote controll jet ski, new motorcycle and some scooby doo movies and could you please bring my brother a remote controll airplane computer and a scooter. Thank you Santa. I love you.
Love Always,
Kaleb S.

Dear Santa,
Hope you have a safe drive, watch out for the dlouds and the cold weather. I would like for you to bring me a few gifts. I have a list below, but it is long. You have plenty to choose from. I have been a very good girl. Operation game, wheel barrow, easy bake oven, tractor and trailer, angel doll, blue clues game, coloring books, Bible story book, CD player and sticker books. Santa, please bring my baby brother (Samuel) lots of toys too. I love you.
Faith Gentry

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I wouldd like a CD player a Brittney Spears CD a Creed CD and a Madden 2001 video game and a video game control.
Ryan Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Could you please bring me play station 64, Western suit, bike, skate board. We will leave milk and cookies.
Thank you,
James Harper 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car and a Santa clrus toy I want a foot ball and I want a go-cart and a desk and a toy dog and a silver bell and a chalk board.
Joshua Walker

Dear Santa,
I hear you come in are door and I want a pet dog and a 4 wheeler, a playstation, and some tapes, a set of logos, and a shot gun, a cmputer, and some games, and thats all for this year.
Jimmy Schmidt

Dear Santa,
I hope you and your family are fine. Thank you for all the toys last year. I really want Tony Hawk pro skater 2, back street boys CD, Aaron Carter CD, Brittany Spears CD, Lap top, motorcycle boots, Game boy with Games.
Love,
Jed Bruge

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a motorcycle every Dragon Ball Z action figure, a ford, a playstation 2, a mansion, a million dollars, a gocart, a radio with two huge speakers, 3 beast machines, and that's what I would like to have for Christmas.
Your friend,
Garrett

Dear Santa,
I want Dragon ball Z action figures. I want a dog that stays in the house. I want a new motorcycle. I want a trampoline. I want everybody to have a great Christmas and let every body that is going somewhere let them have a safe trip.
Seton Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I want a box of crayons and a bike and a hug from you.
Deanna

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa,
Hi, my name is Mackenzie. I have moved to Cuthand this year and I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a baby bed, a highchair, a play pen for all my babies to play in. I also would like a Barbie radio and a baby that I can put in the bath tub. Don't forget about Garrett my little brother please bring him a truck and a candy cane. I will make you some cookies and leave them under the tree with a glass of milk. Thank you.
Mackenzie and Garrett Fields
P.S. Daddy wants a deer rifle

Dear Santa,
I've been good I want some stuff. I want a little tractor I want a globe and that's all. I love you!
Laryn Hanes

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, my four front teeth, a trampoline, and a picture frame for christmas this year! Love always.
Brittany W.

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like to have a skateboard, a pair of skates, a bow and arrow and a real rifle. I love you and I hope you'll come to my house this year.
Love Always,
Rob W.

Dear Santa,
I would like a new fishing game, fishing poles, a new BB gun, buzz from Toy Story, and some guns and a fire station and a police station and a new TV. Thank you Santa.
Bowdy Guest

Dear Santa,
I want a Dirtbike, cat, four wheeler, a basketball, football, a TV, a bike, legos, a bed, a new jacket, a skate board, a good Christmas with me and my parents.
Aaron Haley

Dear Santa,
I have been good in shcool. I'm doing good on my work and I'm making it to centers. For Christmas I want a remote control dirt bike, some western stuff, a toy reindeer. I love you very much,
Love,
Wesley Davidson

Dear Santa,
What I wod like for crims snow and a brbey and tow dalnatiois and a orange kittn ???

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Thank you for the presents from last year. I've been good. This year I would like a scooter, CD player, the Baha men CD, a wolf that howls, an army man, and any thing else you might have picked out for me. I'll leave milk and treats for you and your reindeer.
Love,
Brady Kennedy 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Last year I was only five weeks old at Christmas. I didn't understand what all the fuss was about. All the lights, toys, and paper. Now that I am much older and wiser, a year and four weeks, I know how to tear open those presents, whether they're mine or not, and yank those ornaments off of the tree, of course I am always a good girl. These are a few of the things I want for Christmas. I want a bed bug toy, a musical school bus with pop up animals, a vegetales Junior nightlight, a Bob and Larry from vegetales, a see and say with animals, a stackable ring set, Santa house shoes, and a baby doll. I want lots of hugs and kisses from my Daddy and Momma, my grandparents, friends, and church family. But most of all I want everyone to know the true meaning of christmas...Jesus. he is the reason for the season.
McCartney Holeman

And the happiest of holidays to you and yours.
We so greatly appreciate having good friends

Merry Christmas

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Cliff & Dee Dee,
Cigie & Callie
Darrin & Monica
Chandler, Trent &
Madeline Rebecca
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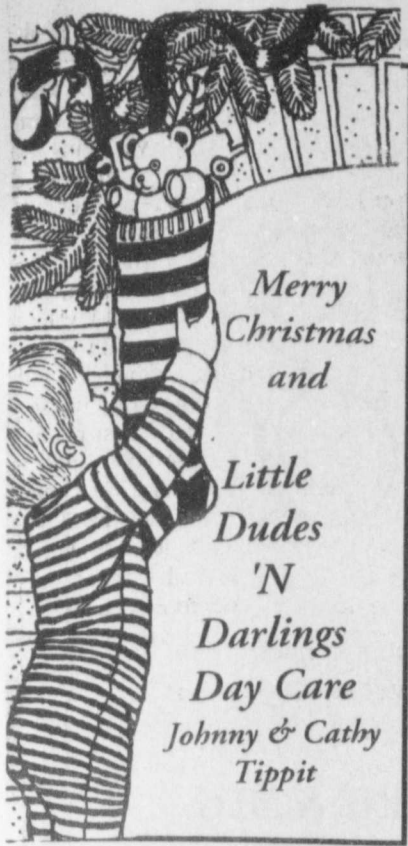
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Merry Christmas and Little Dudes 'N Darlings Day Care Johnny & Cathy Tippit

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I've been helping my mom. I am nice to my sister. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. Please bring me an Operation game, a CD player and the Backstreet Boys CD. I also need new markers to use. I also want a cat Beanie baby and a new Baby doll. We will give you cookies and milk and will leave reindeer food on our yard. Don't forget to bring my sister presents. Kaitlyn has been good.
Love,
Hailey Brown

Dear Santa,
heres what i want a new baby born, a boom box, a dalmation puppy and a skeeter ???

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffany Moore and I have been very good this year. I would really like it if you would bring me a CD player and a CD, a kitchen set that talks, a Barbie tent, Barbies, a Baby Doll and lots of love.
Tiffany Moore



Dear Santa,
I love your reindeers and I really love the one with the red nose. I hope you have a very merry Christmas yourself. This is what I would like for you to bring me: Pink Power Ranger, Ball, German Sheppard Dog, Nintendo Game, Ring, Bunny Rabbit, Beethoven Movie, Puzzle, Candy Canes.
Love you,
Angel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. Please bring me a scooter, drum set, rocl'cor and a play snake. Bring sister and me poochie and please don't forget my little brother. I'll leave you and your reindeers some thing good to eat.
Love,
Trevor Jessee

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Marli and I am 17 months old. I have been a very sweet baby this year. My favorite toys are balls, books, blocks and baby dolls. I also like shoes and puppies! You can find me at Granny and Papa's house on Christmas Eve. Please be careful and tell your reindeer "Hi".
Love,
Marli Hines

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Riley. I am 5 years old and started Kindergarten this year. I would like for you to please bring me a Gameboy, some Poke'mon games, a scooter and some rollerblades. Don't forget-my mommy NEEDS a rabbit! See you soon!
Love,
Riley Reeder

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation and a bike, a four wheeler, a remote control car. And a computer a football. And Fantasia 2000 the movie. a basket ball. I would like a soccer ball. And a motor cycle.
Thank you,
Heston Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a ferby, lava lamp, play station, gameboy, clu, Monopoly 2000, Monopoly the original, Bopit, a little CD player, conect four, Junanji, a planner, a necklace that has my Birth stone, Twister, Trouble, a Make up kit, hair bows, a CD Sysco, a purse.
Signed Staci Whitaker

Dear Santa,
Fro Christmas I would like to have a playstation game for my playstation. I also want a singing Angelica. The last thing I can think of is a puppy.
Love
Taryn Potter

Dear Santa,
My name is Tamara Moore and I have been very good this year and I want a CD player and CD's and a Barbie car and Barbie. Thank you for everything.
Love,
Tamara

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control motorcycle, a scooter, a football, a trampoline enclosure, cologn, clothes, gloves and tobagen, a new leap frog book, some gooze, and please bring my baby brother Keith a fish bowl ball tent, blues clues dog, some clothes, blues clues tape. ABC book.
Love,
Colby Howard

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl most of the time so would you please bring me a Barbie doll, and a set of tea cups and dishes, and a play house for my Barbie Doll, and some games, a ABC board, and if you can I need new skates, or a scooter. Thank you
Monica Bassett

Dear Santa,
I hope to see you soon. I would like anything you think I might need.
God Bless
Shyrale Bivins

Dear Santa,
I want a red bike and a camofloge fourwehler with a gunn on the side of it and I want it to be a 22 and I want a gocart with two seats and I want a new computer and a lot of Pokemone cards and a red remote control truck and a pitbull dog.
Joseph Brown

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good guns and I love your reindeers rudolph and dance. Power rangers a gitar, nintendoe game and some compuer games. Love you,
Chase

Bogata Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. do you now what I would like a gameboy color, Nintendo 64, 3 games for the gamebouy color, 3 games for my Nintendo 64, a computer with games, poke'mon toys, games, bord games, but what I real want is a new house in Deport. Plus new shose. So Santa please bring this stuff. Please.
Thank you,
Matthew Thompson

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit and football tee, drum set that has two sticks, Taco bell playdoo set, a scooter, little kids spurs, and a Reble Football Helmet. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Joshua Newsom

Dear Santa,
I've been good, I wrote you a letter to tell you what toys I want. I want shadow, a cotton candy machine, secret messages barbie, a red vest at Goody's, a real bunny rabbit, I will look for you and your reindeer and leave you milk and cookies on my tray.
Valerie

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I would like a bunk bed, a new bicycle, a Heather Hop Scotch Baby, a lava lamps and a pink play phone. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Thank you, love,
Hope

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a gameboy color, a nintendo 64. I also would like to have a skeeter, a gameboy camera. That's what I want for Christmas.
Kayla Whitney

Dear Santa,
I would like a German Shepherd puppy. I would be nice to him and train him. I also want a four-wheeler, football, and a trampoline. Bring my parents a new car please. I'll leave you milk and cookeis. Oh, I thought of something else. I want some Harry Potter Books and Hank the Cowdog books. We also need an Elf to clean our house.
Charlie Brown

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a singing Angelica doll, a nail salon with beads, and last of all for me and my family to have a wonderful Christmas, together. Also my little sister have been good, too. I will leave milk and cookie for you.
Love,
Camen Calvin and little sister Caley

Dear Santa,
I want to thank you for all the times you came to my house. Thank you for everything I love everything you brought me! I only want one thing or maybe tow. First let my family to be together, also I want to be a important person sometimes. Those where important, well maybe one more thing. I would like my family to adopt an angel for someone who never gets anything! Like I really want you to give someone something who wakes up just to a merry Christmas. I am not like greedy people who don't care I'm not one of them! Thank you for listening Santa Clause let some wake up to a smile!!!
Tara R.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl. Would you bring me these things for jChristmas: a Poochy, a 102 Poochy, a TV, a Lap top, a computer and anything you want to bring me?
Heather Stary 3rd grade

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Thank you for your kind support.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Magical Christmas Greetings

May your holiday come alive with beautiful moments and memories.

Red River County Treasurer
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Festive Tidings

All Of Us Wish You A Very Happy Holiday From **Prairiland C.I.S.D.**



Talco Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is Toy Story 2, pencils, Nintendo 64, dirt bike, fish game, inline roller blades, Digimons, Lamster, Pokemon 2000, TV, Pokemon crayons, basketball and clothes.
Love, Christopher Brooks

Dear Santa,
I want a Tico RC control dirt bike, Sega games, Playstaion games, a real horse, a big catfish, a real dirt bike, the Grinch movie, my front teeth, a playtrock with a sea-doo on it, a 4-10 gun, dress clothes for church, a real jet, want to own Rudolph, a computer, Dragon Ball Z guys, a bulldog, a white and black girl kitten, my dad some Adidas Colonge, my mom dress shoes, Mimi some dresses and my Pop some Dallas Cowboy football shirts and most of all I want a Dallas Cowboy windsuit.
Sincerely, Jordan Smith

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a horse. Scooter, Crash, Bashgame, Nintendo 64, Crock game, Time Capsal, Dragon Ball Z people, Pokemon 2000, Toy Story 2, phone, computer, pencils, computer games, All Pokemon cards, Dragon Ball Z cards, Game Boy games and Bubba teeth.
Your friend,
Jacob Wright

Dear Santa,
I would like a bright red go-cart, a black watch, Poo-Chi, multi-colored dirt bike. My sister would like a gymnastice Barbie, a pony, black and white cat, a bb gun. A diamond ring for my mom. My brother would like a car and a set of Walkie Talkies.
Love, Joseph Edge

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas this year is a computer, 4-wheeler, school stuff, saddle, dolls, halter with lead rope, dog collar, Scooter dog, Nintendo 64, skates, horse, bird with cage, cart, sheep, snake with cage, turkey, clothes, hampter with cage, gueanie pig, clown, swim pool, bookes, puppies, deer, sled, phone, bike, diary, pencils, little play people and Santa Claus clothes.
Your friend,
Stormi Tully

Dear Santa,
I would like a blue 4-wheeler, a computer, a Christmas tree, peach sucker. I also wish for snow, a pair of skates, fire place, a decorated house for my mommy, a notebook for my dad. Pokemon cards for my brother.
Love, Chloe Hodge

Dear Santa,
I would like a blue bird, 2 black jets, gray dirt bike, peacock, a train set for my brother. Gray and white bunny, eagle, my dad would like a shotgun, a set of curtains for my mom, a monster trunk, a 4-wheeler and a remote control airplane.
Love, Shelby Steen

Dear Santa,
I want a Furby, a Poochie, Donkey Kong Game Boy game, Scooter, Locker Barbie, a gold fish, the Grinch movie, a real turtle, my two front teeth, new clothes, a real butterfly, to be Rudolph, a go-cart, a computer, a white cat, a purple bike, my mom some purfume, my dad colonge and I wish for snow, some clothes, gloves, a set of reading books, a white bunny, dalmation dog. Most of all my mom and dad.
Love Callie McGee

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. So if you recheck your list I think you will recognize the something I did. First, I would like a computer, some Christmas books and some clothes for myself. Also, for my mom a diamond ring and for my sisters earrings and a necklace.
Love, Isabella Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a big truck, C batteries, a real dirt bike that is red, a toy donkey, scooter, real bear, real cheeta, a whole zoo, the Grinch movie, a fake laser gun, a double barrell rifle, Dragon Ball Z, to be Rudolph, the Pokemon movie and figures. Also I want a orange weenie dog, a computer, a orange bulldog, a big apple, my two front teeth, monster truck and I wish for snow.
Love, Zack Sewell

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dragon Ball Z cards, a robo, Dragon Ball Z action figures, a diamond ring for my mom, a Ty Beanie Baby, Nanook, a bulldozer for my dad, a scooter, a blue 4-wheeler, a camoflage rifle, several toy cars, a new Play Station with games, computer and Nintendo with games.
Love, Luke

Wishing you and your loved ones, a beautiful season with all the trimmings. Thank you for bringing us so much joy this past year.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We're putting on the dog to say, Hope your season's purr-fect in every way. And to all our best friends far and near, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dr. Sam B. and Suzy Kelsey D.V.M.
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Merry Christmas

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Mike Blackburn and Employees

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Talco Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas this year is 2 things. A bowl of fruit like every year. I also want a special doll, not a glass doll, a doll with hair. Can I ask you a question? How come you don't want kids to see you? Will you get back to me on that?
Love,
Dayka Presley

Dear Santa,
I hope that you come to my house on Christmas Day. I wish you would give me a Air Hogs Aftershock car or insetter or a Air Hogs plane or a

football that flies real far. I wish for a very very good Christmas Day.
Your friend,
Terrance Cannon

Dear Santa,
I want a horse. I want snow, I want a CD player, I want a computer, I want a lap top computer, I want a printer, I want a roping saddle.
Your friend,
Bud Douglas

Dear Santa,
I want a lap top computer. I also want a CD, a kitchen center, pictures for my room, dry erase board, chalk

board dry erase markers. P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Brooke Wilson

Dear Santa,
I would like a go-cart and I would like a lava lamp and some video games and I would like some for my daddy too.
Your friend,
Kayla Birchfield

Dear Santa,
I want a TV with a VCR and a new pair of overalls and a new tackle box.
Your friend,
Jordan Wright

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a baseball cataloge that tells how much baseball cards are, a Nintendo and Madden 2001. That is all I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Jasper Hodge

Dear Santa,
I would like a car and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Donald Rivera

Dear Santa,
The only three things I really want is a kite, put flowers on it, I would really like that and a dirt bike, that is the main thing, but, if you can, make it little a guitar.
Your friend,
Emily Rector

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a 4-wheeler. I also want a 223 rifle with a scope on it. I also would like for you to change my dads plans of going back to Mexico and stay here.
Your friend,
Saul Vazquez

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. So if you think I have been good enough this is what I would like, a bike, a

leopard skin vest with some black pants. I would like 4 different sizes Liberty Bear. I also would like a very large Sweetheart.
Love,
Jillian Sloan

Dear Santa,
I want a DragonBall Z action figure for Christmas. I want some Play Station games. What I really want is a go-cart.
Thank you, your friend,
Tyrone Sanders

Dear Santa,
May I have a horse and clothes, shoes and hair bows. I also want books, a new back pack. I want 2 spirals. I want a fish. Last but not least, film and a go-cart. I'm going to leave out cookies and brownies and milk for all your hard work.
Your friend,
Jesslin Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a robot dog, a toy Tiger, a million dollars and a cup holder that I can take to Sonic. Please bring my sister some baby toys and ice cream. I will leave some milk for you.
Love, Ashton McGee

Dear Santa,
I want a baseball bat and ball for Christmas. I also want a small soldier toy. I have been good.
Love, Nathan Thompson

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart, a baby doll, Furby and some blocks.
Love, Channen Martin

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. I want a remote control car, a water gun, a basketball goal and a football with a holder so I can kick it. I also want a dirt bike.
Love, Christopher Horton

Dear Santa,
I fell on the concrete the other day and hurt my leg real bad. Please bring me some Barbie dolls, a jump rope, a basketball and a Slinky. I also want a baby doll and I'll name her Ashton.
Love, Emily Hale

Dear Santa,
I love you. Would you come bring me some toys? I want Hot Wheels, remote control car and a remote control truck that goes "zoom". I want a BB gun and jacket.
Love, Jonathon Kay

Dear Santa,
I have been doing good work at school. My writing is real good. Please bring me a black shadow dog, a robot dog and more toys. Bring my mom a cat because hers got run over.
Love, Paige Vandever

Dear Santa,
I want a cap gun, a Karate suit and belt. I also want a play gun, play knife, remote control airplane and a water gun. I have been good.
Love, Eli Hale

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I have been a good boy. Please bring me a robot dog, some tractors, a Poo-chi dog and a bike.
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Should Christians Observe the Lord's Supper Each Sunday?

It is true that Christ, Himself, so far as the New Testament reveals, did not specify a certain frequency for the communion, nor even the day of its observance. But before we jump to hasty conclusions, we must remember two things. First, not everything that Jesus taught is recorded in the Gospel accounts (cf. Acts 20:35). Second, Christ sent the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles (and though them, the entire church) into truth which He did not personally commit to them (cf. John 16:13). Accordingly, it is not merely a matter of what the Lord Himself taught, but also what was the practice of the early church under the leadership of inspired men? An understanding of this is tremendously important.

The first century church observed the Lord's supper with a consistent frequency. Of those early disciples it is said: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers". (Acts 2:42). The phrase "the breaking of bread" is a reference to the communion supper. The definite article "the" specifies a particular event, in contrast, for example, to a common, daily meal as mentioned in verse 46, "breaking bread at home, they took their food..." (W.E. Vine, Expository Dictionary, 1, pp. 146, 147). The verb rendered "continued steadfastly" (vs. 42) is in the Greek imperfect tense, suggesting their customary or habitual practice of eating the Lord's supper. Still, however, the time has not been stated.

Later, Luke writes: "And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread..." (Acts 20:7). Here we do have a time specified - the first day of the week, Sunday. But why this day? Obviously because it was the Lord's resurrection day? Thus, by observing the supper on Sunday, the Savior's death and resurrection are intimately joined. Now here is a very significant question: why would one commemorate Christ's resurrection each Lord's day (by regularly assembling on that day), and not also recognize the need to remember His death by faithfully communing with the same degree of consistency? Would there have been a resurrection if the Son of God had not died? No one can argue the case for meeting each Sunday without also contending for weekly communion!

But consider some additional important points in Acts 20:7. (a) The disciples "were gathered together." The verb is in the passive voice, indicating that the assembly was not of their initiative, obviously, it is a divine appointment (b) The infinitive phrase "to break bread" (the Greek may be literally rendered "for the breaking of bread") denotes the primary purpose for which the Christians were assembled. Thus, the design of that meeting on the first day of the week was to observe the Lord's supper. Now, if one can learn the frequency of their Sunday meetings, he will know precisely how often, under divine guidance, the disciples remembered the Lord's death in the supper. The answer is supplied in 1 Corinthians 16:2, where Paul admonishes the saints to give into the church treasury "on the first day of every week" (NASB). The King James Version omits the word "every". It is, however, clearly in the Greek text. This demonstrates that the early Christians met each Sunday. Since the purpose of that assembly was to "break bread", it conclusively follows that they observed the Lord's supper each Lord's day.

All who are interested in pursuing the Christian system as it was practiced originally, will partake of the communion each week as they are able.

This article is brought to you by the Talco Church of Christ that meets at 5th and Lide in Talco. We welcome all visitors! Our meeting times are: Sunday Bible class 9:45 a.m., worship hour 10:45; evening worship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Rebel win first district game

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels traveled to Hughes Springs December 12 for their first district game of the season.

After one quarter the Lady Rebs were up by 2; 14-12. Erica Williams, Cheryl Griffin, Kim Shirley, Kim Ross and Rachel Case had scored. At the half the girls had settled into a comfortable lead of 30-21. Kim Ross hit 3 treys in the quarter, Kim Shirley added one troy, Rachel Case a field goal and Erica Williams 2 free shots.

In the third the Lady Rebel hit a hot streak. Shirley busted 3 treys and 2 free shots, Ross added a troy, Case, Williams and Griffin added scores to go up 52-31. The final quarter saw the Lady Rebels at the free shot line all to often where they made 10 of 13 shots for a final score of 64-33 and their first district win.

High scorer for the evening was shared by the Kim's, Ross and Shirley with 18 points each. Also scoring were Cheryl Griffin-2, Erica Williams-12, Jennifer Hays-2, Rachel

Case-12. On Monday, December 18 the Lady Rebels hosted North Hopkins for a high scoring game. In the first quarter Erica Williams went to the hoop for 13 points along with scores from Kim Ross, Jennifer Hays, Kim Shirley and Cheryl Griffin to go up 29-9 over the North Hopkins ladies. By the half the score stood 45-28 Lady Rebels.

In the final quarters the Lady Rebs added 32 points to their score. Jessica Rose was lost to foul trouble in the 4th but the team made up for her absence. Final 77-51 Lady Rebels. High Scorer for the game was Erica Williams with 22 points. Also scoring were: Brittany Bull-10, Jessica Rose-2, Cheryl Griffin-8, Kim Shirley-14, Jennifer Hays-8, Kim Ross-9 and Rachel Case-4.

The girls were set to play a tough DeKalb Lady Bears team on Tuesday night at RHS for their second district game of the season. Go Lady Rebels!!!!

Rivercrest Youth Basketball draft held Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball Organization met Saturday, December 16 at the Rivercrest High School Library to draft teams for the coming season. Past President, Ricky Franks introduced this year's officers, President-Jerry Merchant, Vice President-Nicky Brown, Secretary-Kathy Thompson and not present, Treasurer-Melissa Merchant.

Rules were discussed and all returning coaches will continue to hold their teams. The only way a coach does not get his or her past team is if he/she are voted out by the group. Those present who were interested in coaching were invited to help with teams who already have a coach. Concessions were discussed. The 8th grade class at Talco will be in charge of providing food and drinks at the games and Bogata's concession will be sponsored by various groups.

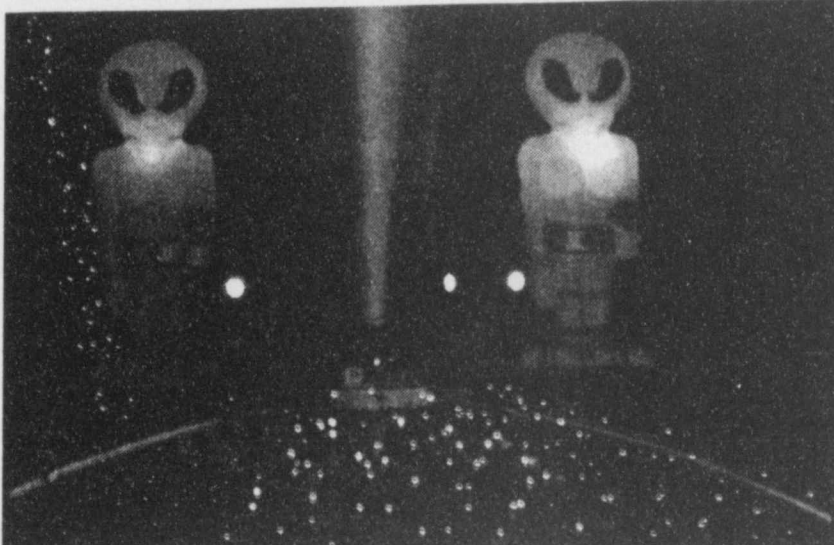
The group had been invited to join the Chapel Hill, Harts Bluff and Winfield league this year and voted not to join as a whole. However, several teams will participate in the other league as well as the Rivercrest program.

There are 15 teams this year between Talco and Bogata. Coaches as teams are as follows:
Bogata-5th and 6th grade boys, 2

teams, Coaches Donnie Hays and Christi Ussery; 5th and 6th grade girls-2 teams, Coaches Jerry Merchant and Bobby Thompson and Tammy Duck; 3rd and 4th grade boys-2 teams, Coaches Kathy Hawkins, Joe Rose and Randy Kennedy; 3rd and 4th grade girls-2 teams, Coaches Brian Williams and Stanley Jesse and 1st and 2nd grade teams are in need of coaches.

Talco-5th and 6th grade boys, 1 team, Coach Kip Stansell; 5th and 6th grade girls, 1 team, Coach Nancy Brown, 3rd and 4th grade boys, 1 team, Coaches Jimmy Via and Nicky Brown; 3rd and 4th grade girls, 1 team, Coach Ricky Franks and 1st and 2nd grade, 1 team, in need of coaches.

The group voted to begin practice January 3, 2001 and begin play on January 11, 2001 with the end of season coming during the week of February 8, 2001. Practice schedules will be given to players as soon as possible. The Chapel Hill league will begin February 8, 2001 and end in time for students to begin baseball and softball practice. Anyone interested in coaching the 1st and 2nd grade teams in Bogata or Talco may contact Jerry Merchant in Bogata or Nicky Brown in Talco.



ALIEN HOLIDAY! these glowing green men and a ten foot high rocket welcome visitors to Allen's Monuments, which is an amazing Christmas display in Oklahoma near Rattan. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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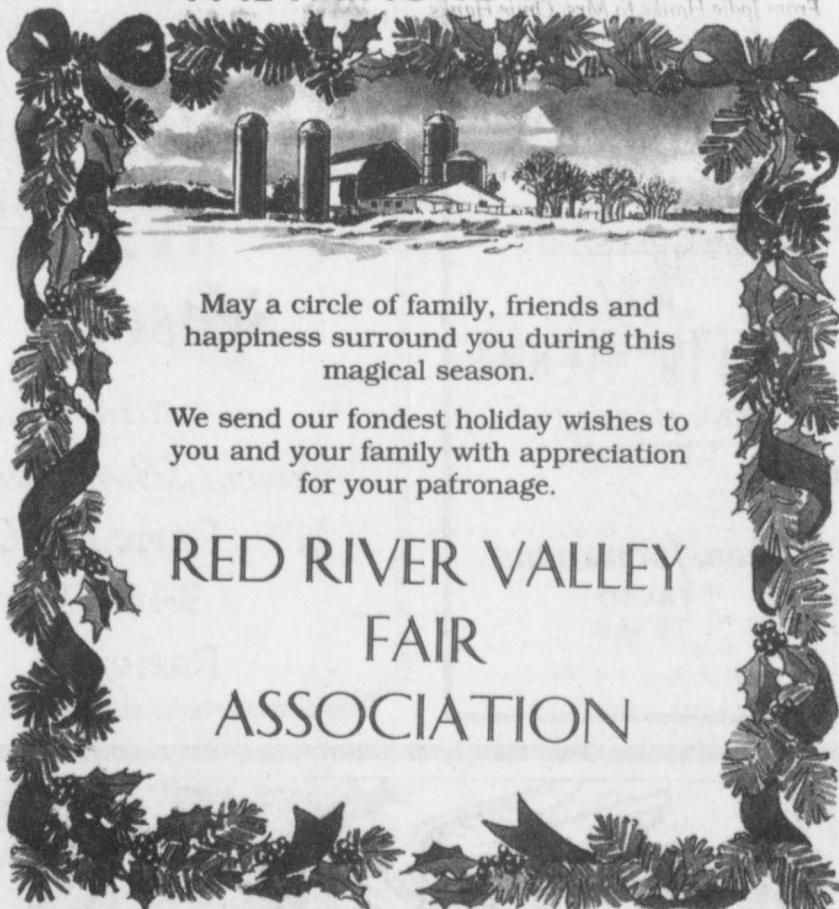
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Happy December Birthday to Wade Cline, Russell Smith, Bradley Smith, Vera Pittman and Jerry Pittman.

The Brown family Christmas was held this year at the home of Lou Ann and Mike Derry Berry and Abby in Greenville. Attending were; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Brown of Quitman, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and grandson, Quinton Anderson of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adler of Plano, Ms. Martha Cody of Lewisville and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tatum, Mark and Nick of Plano.

Sue Wilson hosted a Christmas party for employees of Sherwin-Williams Saturday night at her home in Talco. Attending and enjoying a chicken spaghetti with all the trimmings meal and playing games were; Sue's husband, Dwayne Wilson and daughter, Jamie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Chaney, Coleman Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jerney Price and daughter, Joey Tay-

lor and Wendy Gentry, Jamie Craig and Taylor.

Nancy Brown and Trisha Pittman enjoyed shopping in Sulphur Springs Saturday.

Vera Pittman and Jerry Pittman were honored with a surprise birthday party Sunday at the home of Vera and Rayford Pittman in Maple Springs. Attending and enjoying lunch and birthday cake were; Rayford Pittman, Trisha and Mike Pittman, Tommy, Linda and Shari Wisinger, Rene and husband and Haley Eudy, Reagan, Terry and Cody Howell and cousin, Justin of Longview.

Jack and Jennifer Brown of Paris spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown.

The Harris Chapel and Maple Spring Churches held their annual Christmas program Sunday, December 17 at the Harris Chapel Church in Sugar Hill. Following the program everyone enjoyed refreshments and visiting.

Revival services at Coston Chapel Holy Sanctuary Church

The Coston Chapel Holy Sanctuary Church located at 1000 West Main in Clarksville, Texas will hold revival services December 26 through December 29 beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Services will be conducted by Pas-

tor, Bishop Archie Coston. On December 31, 2000 the church will also host a "Watch Meeting" beginning at 10:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the revival services and the "Watch Meeting".

Bogata Methodist Women enjoy Christmas meeting Dec. 13

The Bogata Methodist Women met Wednesday, December 13 at the home of Judy Marshall for their Christmas meeting and luncheon. Mary Kathryn Cotten presided at the business session and opened the meeting with the thought: "The Living Bible" people really read is you. Anita Stubblefield presented the Christmas program reading the stories: "If You're Missing Baby Jesus, Call 7162", "Hi, There" and "Gabriel". These stories told about the real meaning of Christmas; the birth of our Savior, the gift of love and sharing with those less fortunate.

The meeting closed with dismissal

prayer. The group were encouraged to go see the Christmas decorations in the halls of the Red River Healthcare nursing home facility. Various local groups decorate these areas yearly. The Methodist Women decorate the dining area. A gift exchange and a Taco salad luncheon was enjoyed by; Mary Kathryn Cotten, Dorothy Gill, Gale Hervey, Eleanor McCluer, Judy Marshall, Margie Myers, Betty Puckett, Anita Stubblefield, Edith Ruth Swaim, Virginia Donaldson and Carol Jean Leake. The next meeting will be in January and Jimmie Lou Pope will present the program.

Granddaughter-Mother slumber party held for 5th year

The 5th annual Otto and Hattie Baker Granddaughter and Mother Slumber Party was held on Saturday, December 2, 2000.

Dinner was enjoyed by sixteen ladies at TaMolly's Restaurant in Paris, Texas. After the meal, the homes of Kathy Williams, Leon and Molee Huddleston, Charlie and Barbara Smith and Donita Emery, all of Bogata, were visited to view Christmas decorations and enjoy festive Christmas party favors.

The guests then moved on to the home of Donnie Lewis for the night where secret pal gifts and Christmas ornaments were exchanged. The door

prize was won by Janie Hawkes. Plans were discussed for the 2001 party.

Those attending this year's slumber party were; Janie Hawkes, and Dean Ogdon of Longview; Rhonda Smith of Rowlette, Judy Shew of Mesquite; Bea White of Bogata; Vickie Armstrong of Mabank; Dedra Jones of Dallas; Nell Baldwin of Reno; Donna Gifford of Paris, Lisa Slagle of Eules; Jenita Baker of Cunningham; Jenissa Hogan of Paris; Donnie Lewis and Donita Emery of Bogata and Linda Baker and Jane Malone of Paris.



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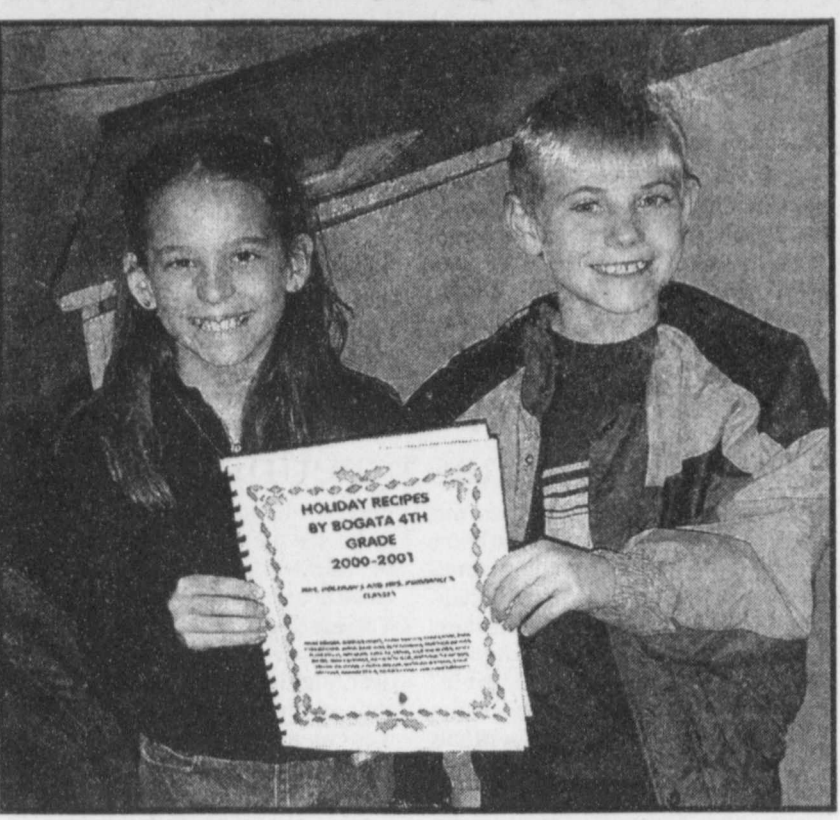
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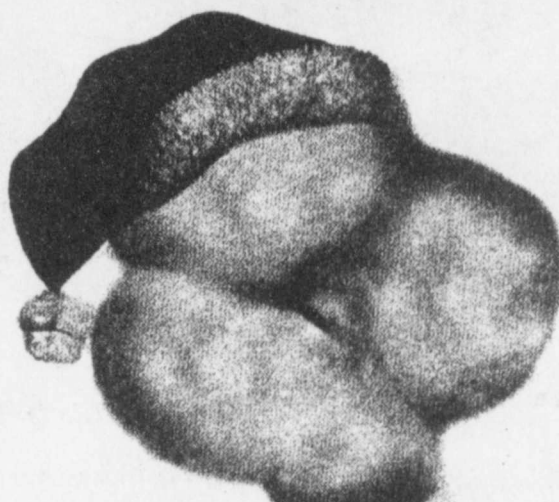


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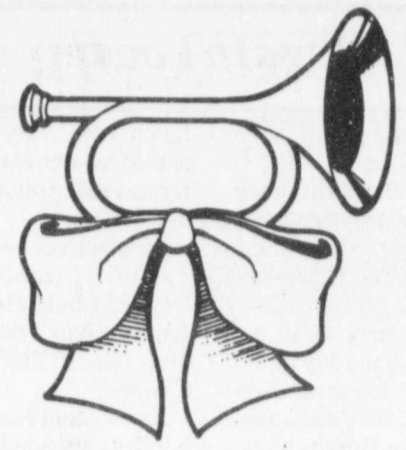
ALL TOURNEY-Rivercrest Lady Rebels, Kim Shirley and Cheryl Griffin were named to the All Tournament Team at the Prairiland Basketball Tournament held Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2000. The girls and their teammates brought home a 2nd place trophy. Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shirley of Johnstown. Cheryl is the daughter of Staci Carney of Mt. Pleasant and Dale Griffin of Talco. Congratulations girls!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



GLITTERING ice-last Thursday it was a winter wonderland as the world was coated in ice. Warmer temperatures melted the cold stuff off rather quickly, but not before the day before had quite a few power outages. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



TALCO VFD MEMBERS-were on hand to serve as Santa's elves at the annual Talco Christmas Parade held Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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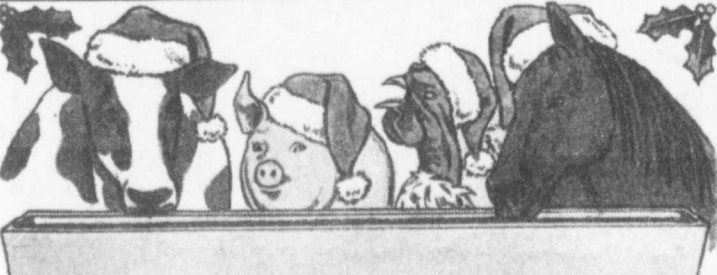
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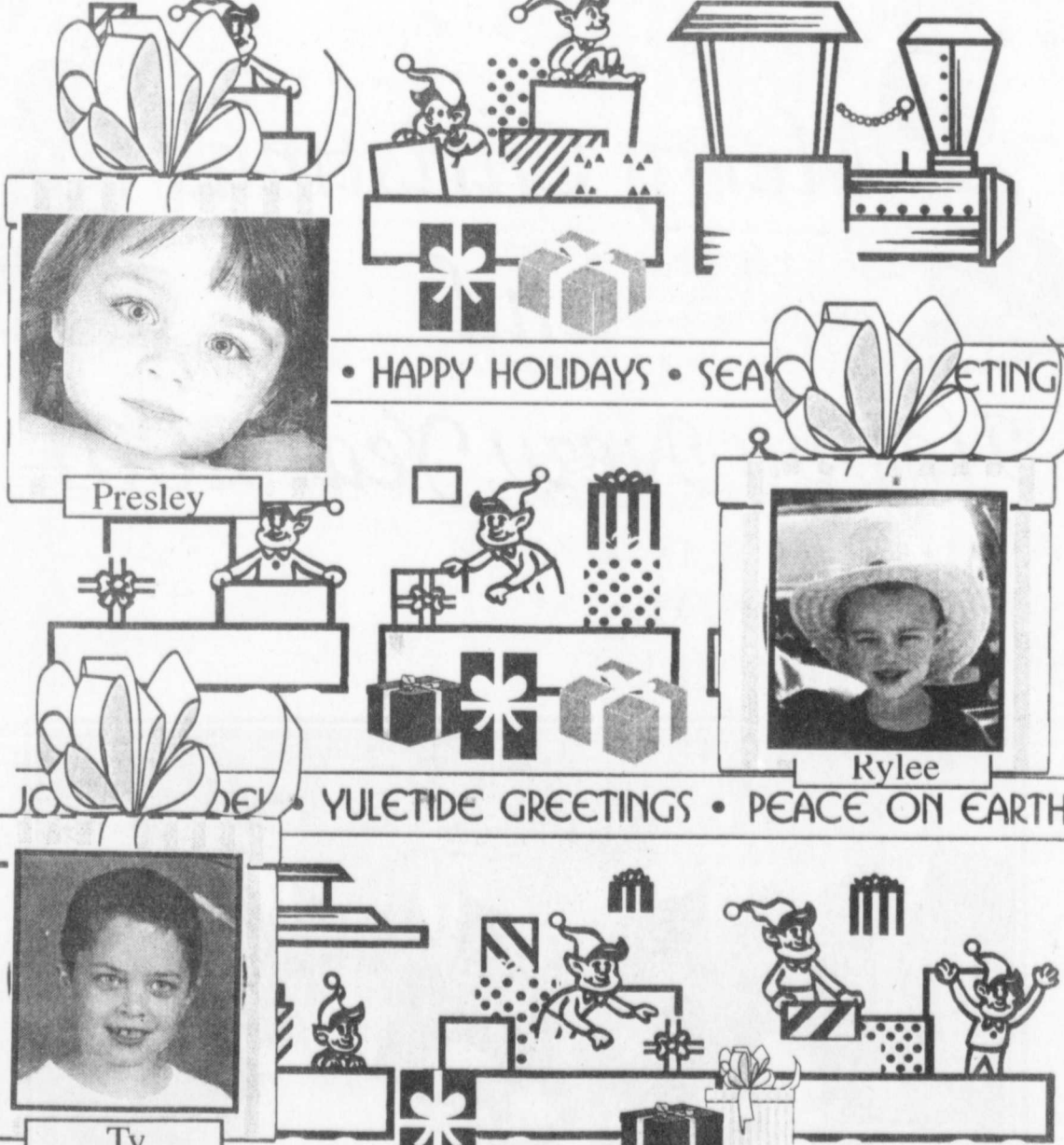
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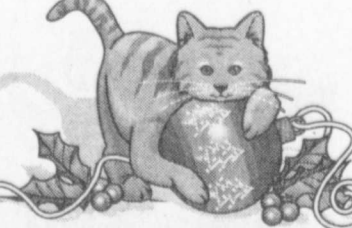
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Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines met Jennifer and Riley Reeder, of Dallas at the Cracker Barrel in Greenville Friday evening for dinner and visiting. Riley Reeder came back to Bogata with Jessica and Danny and spent the weekend with his Granny Gerlyn and Papa Jerry Gray and Margaret Davis. On Saturday he and his Granny did his Christmas shopping in Mt. Pleasant. They had a great time and had lunch at Burger King.

Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer visited their daughter and family, Tricia and Rick, Corey and Casey at their home in Bismark, Arkansas over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scews visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guerra and Christopher in Paris Tuesday. They all enjoyed lunch at Imperial China.

Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt, Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines, Jennifer and Riley Reeder enjoyed

lunch with Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis Sunday. Jennifer and Riley returned to Dallas Sunday evening.

Happy December birthday to: Pete Taylor, Elizabeth Rozell, Tracy Denny, Linda Gray, Nettie Noore, James Alvin Freelen, Zelma Mauldin, Lancel Franklin and Bobbie Cawley.

Jessica and Marli Hines and Gerlyn Gray attended the Annual Christmas Pageant at the Cuthand Methodist Church Sunday night. It was wonderful as always.

Jennifer Reeder and Jessica Hines visited their grandmother, Willie Mae Gray at Red River Healthcare Sunday.

Harold Holt was a patient at Titus County Regional Hospital Wednesday and Thursday. He was treated for blood pressure problems.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scews and Tana last week were Mike, Bren, Kara and Hali Scews of Deport.

Have A Nice Weekend



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

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Lady Rebel 2000-2001 basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov. 14	Pittsburg (9JV/V)	There	4:30
Nov. 17	Chisum (JV)	There	6:00
Nov. 16/17/18	Dodd City Tourn. (V)	There	TBA
Nov. 20	Quitman (9JV/V)	There	5:00
Nov. 21	Clarksville (JV/V)	There	6:00
Nov. 27	Saltillo (JV/V)	There	6:00
Nov. 30/Dec. 1/2	Mt. Pleasant Tourn (JV)	There	TBA
Dec. 5	Pathway Academy (9)	Here	5:00
Dec. 5	Mt. Vernon (JV/V)	Here	6:00
Dec. 7/8/9	North Hopkins Tourn. (V)	There	TBA
Dec. 12	*Hughes Springs (JV/V)	There	6:00
Dec. 15	Winnsboro (JV/V)	There	6:00
Dec. 18	North Hopkins (JV/V)	There	4:30
Dec. 19	*DeKalb (JV/V)	Here	5:30
Dec. 28/29	Quitman Classic (V)	There	TBA
Jan. 2	*Chapel Hill (JV/V)	There	5:30
Jan. 5	*Chisum (V)	Here	5:30
Jan. 9	*Prairiland (JV/V)	There	5:30
Jan. 12	*Paul Pewitt (V)	Here	5:30
Jan. 11/12/13	Chapel Hill Tourn. (JV)	There	TBA
Jan. 16	*Hughes Springs (JV/V)	Here	5:30
Jan. 19	Winnsboro (JV/V)	Here	6:00
Jan. 20	Mt. Vernon (9JV)	Here	10:00
Jan. 23	*DeKalb (JV/V)	There	5:30
Jan. 26	*Chapel Hill (V)	Here	5:30
Jan. 27	Cooper Tourn. (JV)	There	TBA
Jan. 30	*Chisum (JV/V)	There	5:30
Feb. 2	*Prairiland (V)	Here	5:30
Feb. 6	*Paul Pewitt (JV/V)	There	5:30

*Denotes District games
Coaches Debbie Williams, Karl Whitehurst

2000-2001 Rivercrest Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place	Teams
Dec. 5	Leonard	5:00	Leonard	9, JV, V
7-9	N Hopkins Tourn.	TBA	N Hopkins	V
12	Bonham	4:30	Bonham	9, JV, V
14-16	Rivercrest Tournament	TBA	Here	9, JV, V
18	Redwater	4:30	Redwater	9, JV, V
19	*DeKalb	5:30	Here	V
28-30	Whataburger Tournament	TBA	Ft Worth	V
Jan. 2	*Chapel Hill	5:30	Chapel Hill	V
5	*Chisum	5:30	Here	JV, V
6	Chapel Hill	10:00	Chapel Hill	9, JV
9	*Prairiland	5:30	Prairiland	V
11	Chapel Hill	7:00	Chapel Hill	9
12	*Paul Pewitt	5:30	Here	JV, V
16	*Hughes Springs	5:30	Here	V
18	*Hughes Springs	5:30	Here	JV
19	Bye			
23	*DeKalb	5:30	DeKalb	V
25	Paul Pewitt	7:00	Paul Pewitt	JV
26	*Chapel Hill	5:30	Here	JV, V
30	*Chisum	5:30	Chisum	V
Feb. 2	*Prairiland	5:30	Here	JV, V
6	*Paul Pewitt	5:30	Paul Pewitt	V
9	*Hughes Springs	5:30	Hughes Springs	JV, V

Head Boys Basketball Coach, Steven Weddle
Asst. Boys Basketball Coaches, Brandon Oats and Derek Bowman
AD/Principal, Keith Brown
Superintendent, Dr. Gary VanDeaver

Applications for emergency farm loans now being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by excessive heat and drought that occurred on July 1, 2000 and continuing in Oklahoma, which is contiguous to Red River county in Texas are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Clarksville, or Mt. Pleasant, Sheila L. Osbourne, Farm Loan Manager, said today.

Red River County is included in those in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from excessive heat and drought that occurred July 1, 2000 and continuing.

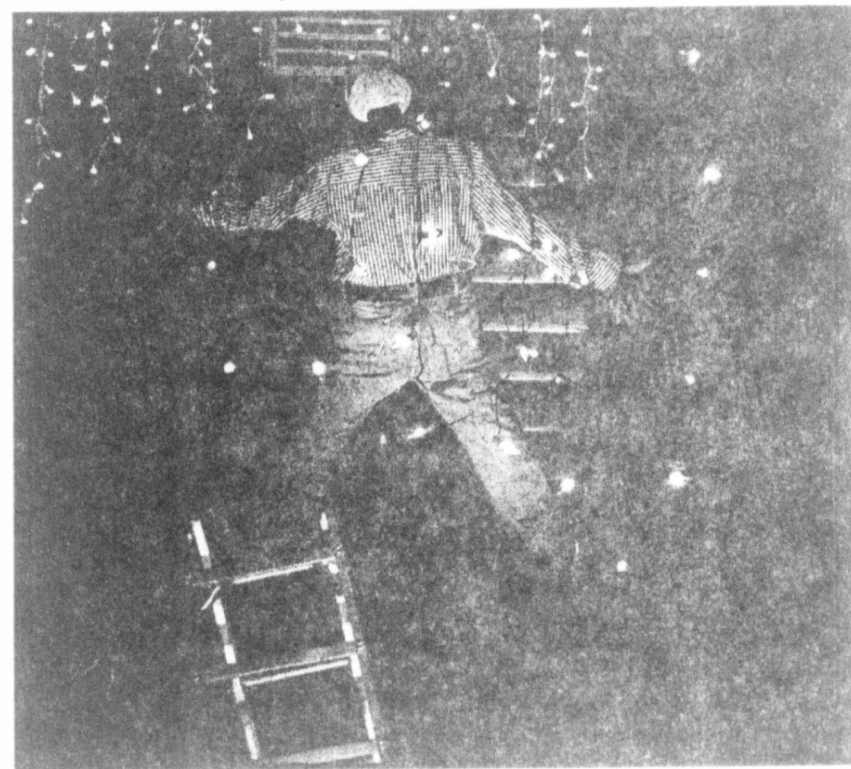
"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Ms. Osbourne said.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 2, 2001, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Ms. Osbourne said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. Citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

Ms. Osbourne said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000 whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

FSA offices are open from 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.



OOPS-this "fellow" is in dire straits as he loses his balance putting up Christmas lights. It's all in fun, just a Christmas joke. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2001



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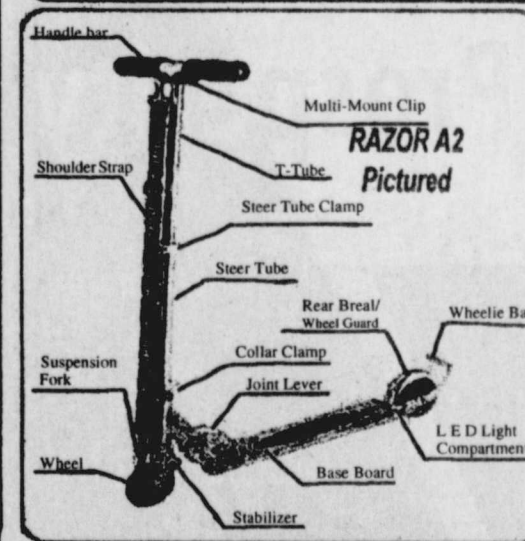
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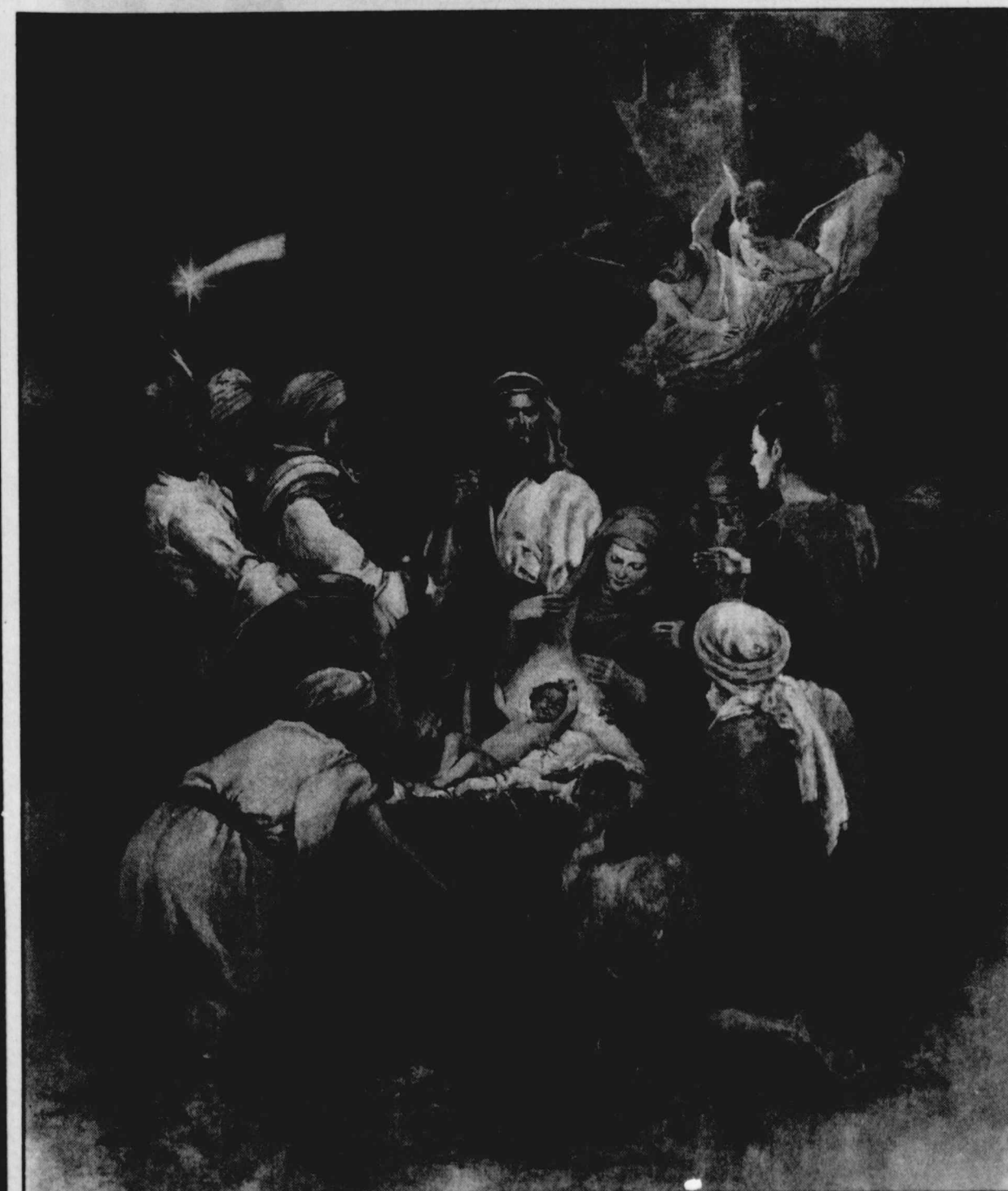
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Bogata Letters

To Santa

Dear Santa,
Hi My name is Heather Holt. I just turned 7 years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like a scooter, a new backpack, an orange lunch box like my brother Heath's, some new shoes, and a ball for my cousin, Marli. I have been really sweet this year and have taken good care of my Momma, Daddy, and brother. Please remember to leave something at the cemetery for my other brother Hayden. Fly carefully. We will leave a nice snack for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Heather Holt

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie phone and a set of drums and a poochy and a cotten candy maker and Barbie Detective. I've tried to be the best girl I can. And Santa please bring me those drums because I love the drums. I love you Santa. See ya!
Love,
Haley Lemme
P.S. Have a Jolly Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
You know, I havn't been that bad. So what if I fougth with my brother about 10 times, there's still 365 days in the whole year. And so I want some presents. Dont worry I only want about 3. First I want a new pair of scissors for my Mom (she keeps losing hers). And two things of chocolate for me. Now I know I said only 3, so thats all I want! Thank you thank you very much.
Tora Cunningham

Dear Santa,
How is it going in the North Pole? I have tried to be good this year. If you think I have been good enough will bring me a computer, video game of any kind and a rock action figure? Well, I have to go now. Say hello to Mrs. Santa and the reindeer and the elfs. Maybe I will see you on Christmas.
Hailey Screws 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I went a bick and a dog a go-kart and a 4 wheeler and my brother to leave me alone and a deer rifle.
Blake Kelley

Dear Santa,
I want a bridle, saddle, a blanket. And please bless everyone else with presents too.
Justin A. Bowers

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like like an off bilet, a saddlepad, a few Breyers, a computer, playstation games, and gameboy game so that is what I would like for Christmas.
Chevenne Williams



"Do You Have What It Takes Concert" held December 10

The Rivercrest Rebel Band was featured in the "Do You Have What It Takes Concert" on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at Rivercrest High School auditorium beginning at 2:30 p.m. under the direction of Acting Director-Mona Pitts. The day's entertainment began with the Beginner Band who were in their first ever concert. The group played "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree, Up On the Housetop" and "Silent Night" which featured Carissa Carroll on the flute.

The Rebel High School Band played "We Three Kings", Christmas march, "Away in a Manger" which featured Cassie Perry, "Hopak", "Cantique de Noel" and "Pictures at an Exhibition". Both groups did a wonderful job and guests were impressed with the students performance.

Members of the Beginner Band are: Lillian Baird, Lauren Beers, Katherine Brink, Carissa Carroll, Jessica Espinoza, Danielle Fulbright, Drew Godwin, Brooke Hale, Micah Haynes, Emily Hood, Courtney Merchant, Callen Morgan, Kirby Needham, Destry Nolen, Danielle Pirtle, Julie Pirtle, Dwayne Sanders, Vallery Schmidt, Vicki Schmidt, Kelly Shade, Lyndel Shelton, Ashley Shew, Krystal Smith, Melanie Smith, Rachel Smith, Kelsey Taylor, Erica Tucker and Chris Watts.

Members of the Rebel High School Band are: 7th and 8th graders-Jessica Allen, Cyndi Blankenship, Tiffany Giles, Sarah Hare, Miranda Mauldin, Josh McGee, Erica Moreno, Josh Nailling, Nikki O'Donnell, Dustin Perry, R.C. Pitts, Heather Presley, J.D. Sessums, Bailie Spencer, Callie Stafford, Kacey Van Deaver, Kati Ward and Jennifer White and 9th-12th graders; Krisha Allums, Stephanie Carroll, Jessica Forsyth, April Keymon, Angela Lester, Ashley Mankins, Kissryn Munns, Keith Perry, Cassie Perry, Pearl Ponthieux,

sica Espinoza, Danielle Fulbright, Drew Godwin, Brooke Hale, Micah Haynes, Emily Hood, Courtney Merchant, Callen Morgan, Kirby Needham, Destry Nolen, Danielle Pirtle, Julie Pirtle, Dwayne Sanders, Vallery Schmidt, Vicki Schmidt, Kelly Shade, Lyndel Shelton, Ashley Shew, Krystal Smith, Melanie Smith, Rachel Smith, Kelsey Taylor, Erica Tucker and Chris Watts.


Mindy Riffle, Kristy Riffle, Kristin Simmons, Justin Tucker, Misti Tucker, Danielle Varner, Melissa Waller an Cody Winniford.

Acting Director, Mrs. Pitts said, "I would like to thank everyone for attending the concert. I know that every note that these students play, whether right or wrong is coming from their hearts. I knew they were dedicated, but, I don't think I ever really realized how dedicated. We have every right to be proud of them. Even during a very sad and trying period in their lives they stepped up to the challenge that was presented to them. I commend them for doing so and challenge them to take the knowledge that they have and use it. They really do, "Have What it Takes". I appreciate the opportunity to work with them".

Those attending the concert report a wonderful performance.

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Clay Rose 3rd

Dear Santa,
How have you been this year? I have been good. Is there a Ms. Clause? I would like to have a Laptop computer and Poke'mon cards and Dogomon action figures. I'll leave you a present and cookies.
Alec Moreno

Dear Santa,
I have been trying my best to be good, I hope you come and see me. I would like a dragon ball Z toy "Cell", a game table for my playroom, Game Boy Color with Pokemon Gold and Silver, and some surprises. I will leave you some treats.
Love
Blake Richardson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a CD player, a watch, and skates and clothes. I've ried to be good. Bless my family. Bring other familys gifts too.
Thanks,
Laynee 5 yrs.

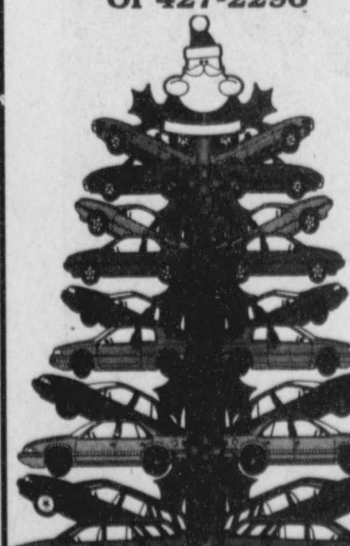
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a 243. I want a knife and a nintendo sixty four game. I want the movie "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"
Seth Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I would like clothes, shoes, hairbarretes, lotion CD's, CD holder, earrings, neckles's, bractlet's, money, perfume, walkman, walkie talkie, piania, a real puppy, micropup, lobbble lamp, keyboard.
Love,
Haley Bivins

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From Eona Mauldin to Zelma Mauldin, W.S. Blisard and Bernice Beers

To Doris Glover, Scott Branch, Brad Branch and Rhonda Modesitt from Jim and Barbara Branch.

People 'n Things

Third Tuesday of each month
Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

Third Tuesday of each month
Free commodities are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bogata.

Tuesdays
BAM! (Bogata Area Moms) play group for stay-at-home moms and children will be meeting weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All interested should call Kelly at 632-4493 for day and more information.

Bogata Public Library/Museum
The Bogata Public Library/Museum is open each Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and each Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. A library card is available to all citizens of Bogata and the surrounding area. Come by and enjoy the Museum and check out a good book for your reading pleasure.

January 3
School will resume following the holiday break.

January 5
Report cards will go out to Rivercrest ISD students for the 3rd Six Week and Semester reports.

January 8
The Talco Historical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Trader's Villa downtown Talco. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

January 15
Rivercrest ISD will observe Martin L. King Day as a school holiday.

January 17
Spring portraits will be made at Bogata School. Packets will be sent home with students prior to picture taking.

Cooking Rebel Style cookbooks still on sale

"Cooking Rebel Style" cookbooks are still on sale at the Talco School, Talco and Bogata Guaranty Banks.

The 300 recipe cookbook is selling from \$10 each and all proceeds will help benefit the Junior High Science Department. To purchase one contact the Talco School at 379-3841, Leah Bull or Tina Nolen.



Everyone is invited to attend. "Home For Christmas" a candle-light worship service on Christmas Eve beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Bogata Methodist Church. Come and enjoy the blessings of this special holiday.

GREETINGS!



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

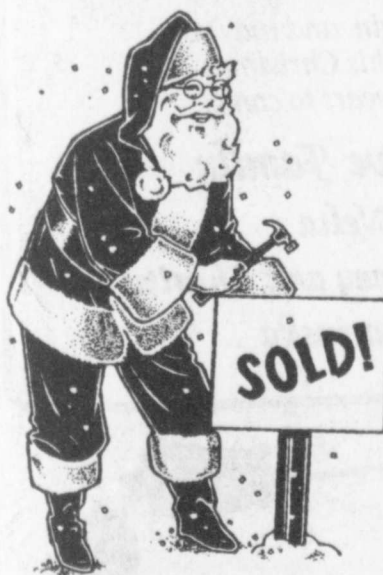
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Your friend,
Cody Cox

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Your friend,
L.B. Morris

Dear Santa,
I want to tell you what I want for Christmas and this is what it is, a go-cart and if it is not too much to ask for, a horse.
Your friend,
Crystal Dewitt

Dear Santa,
Would you please get dress shoes that are black or red for my dresses. Please, I need these things because I got panty hose and they were having white lines on them. I need panty hose bad and clothes too. I will try to give you some cookie and milk.
From your friend,
Amanda Sloan

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. I would like for you to bring 3 packs of Pokemon cards, a Nascar Heat Game Boy Color

game, some Hot Wheels and Match Box cars and some trucks, some Nascar toys, some Nascar posters, some Johnny Lightening cars and trucks and a red 4-wheeler.
Your friend,
E.J. Via

Dear Santa,
Yo quisiera ir a nadar al rio Brockembor tambien quieriera un sillón inflable color morado, un reloj quisiera ir a ver a mi familia a Queretaro quisiera dos pantalones de mesclilla y contro blusas y una chamarra.
Ruth Vazquez
Dear Santa,
I want to go swimming in the Brockembor River, an inflatable chair (purple), a watch, to see my family in Queretaro, two pair of pants, 4 shirts and a jacket.
Ruth Vazquez
(Note: Ruth's letters will surely reach Santa since they are in Spanish and English)

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun, a deer, a lots of toys and a bag. Nanny is supposed to have a doll. Moses needs a four wheeler and I want a motorcycle and a fish and a frog. I have been good.
Love, Austin Brooks

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car, Barbie glasses and two little Barbie cars.
Love, Britney Childers

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me skates, ski's and a picture. I want a book, paints and a brush too.
Love, Lexi Earley

Dear Santa,
I want to go skating for Christmas. Thank you for coming to my home.
Love, Melinda Barbosa

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Born and I've been good. I also want a book.
Love, Kristen Harville

Dear Santa,
I want a little Teddy Bear, ball, new scissors and a new box.
Love, Austin White

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and some boxing gloves. I have been good.
Love, Trevor Ellison

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, motorcycle what runs on the battery and a four wheeler what runs on the battery. I don't know what else yet.
Love, Jacob Thompson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll, a Barbie, a Barbie car. Bring my little sister a baby doll.
Love, Janie Moreno

Dear Santa,
I want a baby sister. I also want a baby doll, a Barbie and some shoes. I will act better at school.
Love, Dakota Parrott

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a game, some Pokemon toys and a toy car.
Love, Jonathan Moore

Dear Santa,
I have been real good. Please bring me a dirt bike, a skateboard, a baseball, a new crayon box and a 4 wheeler and a soccer box.
Love, Paden Lum

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a 4 wheeler, a big water gun, motorcycle, a play gun, a toy dog that carries a bone and an eagle. I also want a jeep. Please bring my family something too!
Love, Cristian De la Hoya

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys. I want some Hot Wheels, a BB gun, a remote control truck and a remote control Volkswagon.
Love, Colton Weatherall

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best on my work. I want a remote control dirt bike and 4 wheeler, a basketball goal for outside, a 4 wheeler to ride at my house. Please bring my sister a baby and a play phone. She also likes Barney and a buggy to carry her baby in and a doll cradle.
Love, Mason Nichols

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, some toy trucks, a Barbie house and a Barbie car.
Love, Kimberly Parker

Dear Santa,
I will give you milk and cookies when you come to my house. I want a bicycle, a baby doll, a Barbie, clothes and a tea set. Please bring my brother a motor bike.
Love, Candace Stansell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a car, some clothes, a truck and a new toy box.
Love, Anthony Childers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys. I want a car, a Nintendo and a basketball.
Love, Ralph Guevara

Dear Santa,
I want some Power Ranger toys, a toy gun, a toy monster truck and an action man toy. Bring my sister, Kayla, a toy.
Love, Russell Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll riding in a car.
Love, Nidia Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year therefore I believe that I deserve a robo, a Dragon Ball Z cards, a go-cart, a computer, and a Dragon Ball Z action figure. Also for my mom a diamond ring. Then for my sister a little crying baby doll. When you come to my house there will be cookies and milk by the door.
Your friend,
Juan

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to Christmas. For Christmas I would like to have my two front teeth. Please, may I have clothes, please, would you please bring me make-up. May you bring my mom a purse. Thank you, Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave your reindeer some oats.
Thank you for your help,
Loren Rivera

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a nice year. Would you please bring me some arrow heads. Please, Please, bring me a remote control car. Please bring my mom a dress. Dear Santa, I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.
Thank you,
Logan Wright

Dear Santa,
I can hardly wait till Christmas. For Christmas I would like to have Gold Version for Gam Boy and Meow-Chi and a pet bird. Will you please bring a Play Station game for Emily. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.
Thank you, Santa,
Kyle McCuller

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NOTICE OF TNMP'S APPLICATION TO INCREASE ITS FIXED FUEL FACTOR AND I IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM SURCHARGE OF FUEL COST UNDER-RECOVERIES

TEXAS-NEW MEXICO POWER COMPANY ("TNMP") hereby publishes notice that it filed on December 7, 2000, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") an APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS FIXED FUEL FACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM SURCHARGE OF FUEL COST UNDER-RECOVERIES pursuant to the provisions of 36.203 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") and P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.237. The changes made by this application will be subject to final review by the Commission in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation proceeding. This application affects only the fuel portion of the rates charged by TNMP for electricity in Texas and has no effect on TNMP's non-fuel base rates.

Increased fixed Fuel Factor

TNMP seeks approval to increase its fixed fuel factor effective January 8, 2001. The proposed increased fuel factor is calculated to recover fuel and purchased power costs for a projected rate year of January 2001 through December 4 2001. The proposed fuel factors are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Fuel Cost Factors	Proposed Factors
Overall Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0294457/kWh
Distribution Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0296637/kWh
Transmission Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0279813/kWh

Surcharge of Fuel Cost Under-Recoveries

TNMP also seeks authority to implement an interim surcharge in the amount of \$15,687,268 effective March 7, 2001 on bills of its Texas retail customers, consisting of the under-recovered fuel and purchased power costs as of the end of September 2000 and interest through February 2001. TNMP proposed to make the surcharge during the period from March 7, 2001 through December 31, 2001 for all customers.

All of TNMP's Texas retail customers to which fixed fuel factors apply are affected by the requested surcharge. The amounts surcharged will be subject to final review in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation before the Commission.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Texas-New Mexico Power Company at: 4100 International Plaza, Suite 800 Fort Worth, TX 76109 817-737-1336

A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call toll-free at 888-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may call 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company
www.tnpe.com

FOOT NOTES

Fungal Infections

Shoes and socks create a dark, moist environment for the feet, making them especially susceptible to fungal infections. Various kinds of fungi are prevalent everywhere, and most are harmless unless they penetrate the skin. A fungus can penetrate a minor cut or cause the toenail to separate from its bed after an injury or repeated irritation. Fungus may cause the nail to thicken and turn brownish or yellow. As it grows, a foul smelling, moist debris can be seen. The toe may hurt because of pressure on the thickened nail or the buildup of debris. Early treatment is best as the accumulation of debris can lead to an ingrown nail or more serious infection that can spread past the foot.

Are you plagued by foot fungi or any other unpleasant foot condition? One of the best things you can do to take good care of your feet is to treat them to regular professional podiatric care. With all they do for you, we feel your feet deserve it. At DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC we'll do all we can to teach you how, together as a team, we can keep the smile in your step. Please call our patient friendly office for an appointment time at 784-5585.

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P.S. To reduce the pain associated with thickened, infected toenail, a doctor may file the nail plate down, thinning it. Oral and topical medications may also be prescribed to treat the symptoms.

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Talco Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Would you please bring me an ice cream maker, clothes with shoes that match, earring set? Would you please bring my mom a suit of clothes. I will leave you some cake and milk. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thanks Santa, Love,
Sidney Edge

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year will you please bring me an Easy Bake Oven, a bike and a Barbie doll. Can you bring my sister a computer and a Barbie? My brother wants a remote control car. I want you to have a good Christmas.
Thank you,
Sara Martinez

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Would you please bring me a radio, Girl's Privacy Book and a real puppy? Would you please bring my mom a jewelry box. Would you please bring my father a new gun? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you,
Haley Steen

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a nice year. For Christmas I would like to have a Girl's Privacy Book, make-up and jewelry. Please bring my cat, Lucky, a cat to play with. I will leave you some cookies and milk and I will leave your reindeer some hay.
Thank you, love, Abby Godwin

Dear Santa,
I can hardly wait till Christmas. Would you please bring me a camouflage coat and gun. Bring my daddy a camouflage jacket. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thank You,
Montanna Martin

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Would you please bring me a stunt bike, Hot Wheels and airplane? Would you please bring my mom a set of earrings. I will leave you some cookies.
Thank you,
Aaron Blankenship

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Would you please bring me a Poochie, Girl's Privacy Book and Gooz? For my mom please bring jewelry box. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you,
April Shumate

Dear Santa,
I can hardly wait till Christmas. Would you please bring me a Nintendo 64. Please bring my dogs some bones. I will leave you some milk and cokes on the table.
Thank you,
Morgan Buchanan

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a teddy bear, Poochie, Girl's Privacy Book. Would you please bring my mommy a ring. I will leave you some cookie and milk. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you,
Kelsi Thompson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a computer, a password journal, and a leather jacket? Please bring my little brother technopuppy, a poochie puppy and a remote control race car. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Thank you,
Haley Eudy

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Would you please bring me clothes and shoes that match, Girl's Privacy Book and a stunt bike? Would you bring Sidney a Barbie jeep? I will leave you some cookies.
Thank you,
Brooke Edge

Dear Santa,
I think that I have been good this year. May I have a Play Station and some games? I want some books and movies. May I have some board games and clothes?
Thanks,
Jerica

Dear Santa,
I had been a good boy this year. I had tried to study hard to. I would like you to bring me a big remote control truck for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Luis

Dear Santa,
I tried to be good this year. I would like to have a phone. Can you please give my brother a Pokemon, my sister would like a job. I would love to have a bike. I thank you.
Thank you,
Ashley Stinson

Dear Santa,
I think I have been good this year. I want a Sega dreamcart and Play Station2 and a lava lamp and Pokemon Snap and a blue phone and a Dragon Ball Z movie.
Your friend,
Joshua

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. I want a scooter, Easy Bake Oven, earrings, a puppy, some Pokemon cards, some C.D.'s, a club house, a new computer, some clothes, an inflatable chair and a pillow.
Thank you,
Brandi Via

Dear Santa,
I think I've been pretty good this year. Please bring me a stereo, C.D.'s, C.D. Walkman, Game Boy games, some clothes and movies. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Kelsey Franks

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like My Dream Baby and baby. I know I would like a fun mat to practice gym, some jewelry, a lot of clothes and I would like for it to snow.
Thank you Santa, Love,
Amber Via

Dear Santa,
I want a present for my parents. I would like a remote control car.
Love,
Miquel

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want clothes and toys, T-Rex dinosaur, small soldiers and a bike.
Love,
Troy Brooks

Dear Santa,
My name is Mickael Horton. I live in Talco, Texas. I would like a lot of things for Christmas. The present I want most is a 4-wheeler. Santa please try and bring me this gift.
Thank you Santa,
Mickael Horton

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. My sister to have a boyfriend and my mom to be happy. My sister wants jeans. My mom wants better and happier years and us to mind. I did this for my family.
Yours truly,
Jenny Livingston

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want a bike and a fish. I want some clothes and my mama wants some pigs and my papa wants socks and shoes.
Your friend,
Cody Brown

Dear Santa,
Santa, I have been good this year. So will you please give me a Star Skater Barbie and pajamas with teddy bears on them. Will you give me a ABC store and a cheerleader set. Then I want a Let's Put On A Show set. Then I want a TV Show Host desk set and a computer.
Your loving friend,
Ashley Savage

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a Poo-Chi and a puppy. I want \$15.00 that's all.
Love,
Amber Choto

Dear Santa,
I want a 4-wheeler, a 223 gun, Dragon Ball Z cards, Dragon Ball Z all of the figures, some clothes, Play Station games, Game Boy games, Silver Version Madden 2001, Tony Hawk Play Station game, new shoes, Pokemon 2000, a snake and a dog for Christmas.
Your friend,
Chris Nolen

Dear Santa,
I want football equipment and thigh pads. I also want some Gameboy and Nintendo 64 games and a Rumble Pack to go with it.
Sincerely,
Stephen Jackson



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Green Thumb, Inc. Sponsors Website

One-of-a-kind website featuring unique handcrafted products launches...

Arlington, VA, December 7, 2000- Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, today launched Geezer.com. This distinctive virtual marketplace is up and running and active for this holiday season. Geezer.com offers online shoppers the handiwork of seniors from cities, towns, villages, and ham-

lets all across the country. "Geezer.com is unique," says Andrea Wooten, president and CEO of Green Thumb, Inc., which sponsors and created the site. "It provides talented seniors, even those without computers and Internet access, with a worldwide market for their handcrafted goods. The site brings the unique products of America's seniors to people who don't regularly travel the back roads. Shoppers looking for unusual gifts and accessories

will find them right here." Wooten says the site's name may raise a few eyebrows, but it has a positive connotation and visibility among baby boomers who are surfing the Internet looking for distinctive gifts. "We're changing the stereotype of older individuals," she explains, "by demonstrating that seniors

are in fact talented, generous, and fun-loving. What better way to dispel the 'geezer myth' than to use the word 'geezer' to reflect the positive characteristics and skills of American's seniors!"

Geezer.com features scores of artisans and craftspeople, and more than two thousand hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories including Apparel, Artworks, Doll House, Holiday Shop, Home & Hearth, In the Kitchen, Music & Videos, Pet Store, Sports and Recreation, Toys and Games, and Yard & Garden.

Diane Cowan, state director of Green Thumb, Inc. in Waco, TX, one of 29 Green Thumb offices in 44 states and Puerto Rico, says the e-commerce site makes products accessible to consumers everywhere. "Online shopping couldn't be easier with Geezer.com's shopping cart that permits buyers to load up items from a variety of vendors," Cowan says.

In addition to providing a website for consumers to purchase unique products online, the opportunity for senior artisans to sell their products, says Cowan, is especially significant. "We are giving seniors across the country the opportunity to supplement their incomes, launch new businesses, and expand the market for their hand-crafted goods."

Developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Green Thumb's Geezer.com is designed to help older Americans, primarily from rural areas and small communities, with online access or without, to capitalize on the reach and market potential of the Internet. The site not only provides senior artisans the opportunity to sell the craft items they love to make, but soon it

will also help seniors gain access to the information they need to start home-based businesses, Cowan explains.

As the premier site on the web for senior-made crafts, Geezer.com brims with the vitality, good humor, and special gifts of America's older generation—a generation that knows the value of hard work, loyalty to family, and contribution to community. As Wooten remarks, they are "our esteemed geezers."

Green Thumb, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization best known as America's leader in the field of older worker training and employment. Its mission is to strengthen families, communities, and the nation by providing older and disadvantaged individuals with opportunities to learn, work, and serve others. Founded in 1965, Green Thumb was first chartered to use the "green thumbs" of retired farmers to improve our nation's parks and highways. The four-state pilot project soon evolved into one of the most innovative and cost-effective of all workforce initiatives, the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Over its history, Green Thumb has expanded its services to bring workforce opportunities each year to more than 125,000 mature workers, dislocated workers, welfare recipients, and adults with special needs in 44 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Green Thumb, Inc., is funded under a grant with the U.S. Department of Labor and approximately 75 other grants and contracts with state and local governments.



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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. 10724-001
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Detroit, P.O. Box 180, Detroit, Texas 75436, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 10724-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 108,000 gallons per day. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on May 10, 2000.

The facility is located approximately 1200 feet south of U.S. Highway 82, approximately one mile southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Farm-to-Market 2573 in Red River County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Scatter Creek; thence to Cuthand Creek; thence to the Sulphur River/South Sulphur River in Segment No. 0303 of the Sulphur River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life uses for Scatter Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0303 are high aquatic life uses and contact recreation.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at City of Detroit City Hall, 190 East Garner, Detroit, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public hearing about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments were received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION: The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final

approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Detroit at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Ashley Lassiter at 903-785-0303. Issued December 11, 2000

*LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
12-21*

ORDINANCE NO.01-006
AN ORDINANCE of the City of Blossom, Lamar County, Texas, prohibiting the dumping of trash, garbage, refuse or hazardous waste within the City Limits of Blossom and its extraterritorial jurisdiction; providing that State Statutes and Local Government Codes shall prevail; providing that prior or existing Ordinances are superceded; providing that this Ordinance is cumulative; providing for severability clause; providing for penalty and enforcement clause; and, providing for emergency clause to enable this Ordinance to take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring such.

Regulation Prohibiting Dumping of Trash
A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw out, or discard any trash, garbage, refuse or waste onto any roadway, street, public right-of-way, utility easement, or private property within the City limits of Blossom or its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump or deposit any trash, garbage, refuse, or waste into a commercial trash dumpster not contracted for by that person or persons, within the City limits of Blossom or its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Penalty and Enforcement
A. Any person or person who violates any Section or Clause of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor.

B. Such person or persons who is guilty of violation of this Ordinance, pursuant to Paragraph D. Section 54.001, Local Government Code, shall be subject to fine of up to \$1,000.00 for each separate offense.
C. Any person or persons guilty of dumping hazardous waste, as defined in Section II, Paragraph C.2., this Ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of up to \$2,000.00 for each separate offense.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 14th day of December, 2000.

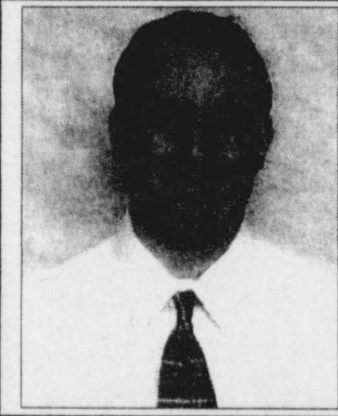
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The Paris District- The Texas Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for the Conditional Grant Program. Applications will be considered for the following degree areas: Civil Engineering and Computer Science. Students must follow the instructions carefully when completing application material. Deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2001. Applications must be mailed to the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th, Austin, Texas 78701.

The program, which is open to minority and female students, pays for tuition and fees, and includes a stipend for students who participate. Applications are available at area high schools, and local Department of Transportation offices in Cooper, Bonham, Mt. Vernon, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, Greenville, Paris, Emory, and Clarksville. The grant amount varies each semester, with a maximum amount of \$2,500 per semester, or \$5,000 a year.

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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Doyle, Audrey and Chad Brown of Euless spent a few days with the Crumps recently. DeWayne and Charity Halbert and girls came over for dinner with them one night after the men had been deer hunting.

The Crumps attended the graveside services Friday in Athens for her cousin, T.J. Wager of Alvin and visited with Lucy Miller and Korene Parker in Alba.

Cheyenne and Bailey Halbert were honored recently with a 6th and 5th birthday party at their home in Detroit.

Betty Rodgers and Connie Phosay attended the Lions Club Christmas party at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport Thursday night.

Harvey King of Kansas City, KS visited with his mother, Jimmie King, last week.

The Baptist Church members had their Christmas dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno spent Wednesday with Jimmie King.

Karen Baker and friend Linda of Hugo came by Saturday evening for a visit with Betty Rodgers.

Monte Rodgers of Tigertown visited his mother, Betty Rodgers, Sunday and then they and Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga helped Monte's wife, Shelley, celebrate her birthday with a meal and gifts at Sirloin Stockade in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King spent Friday with Jimmie King and took her to Paris for a doctor's appointment.



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