

## Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols

*It's wonderful to be rich!*

Two ten year olds, Angel Mantooth and Rachel Yarbrough, trimmed my Christmas tree for me this year.

At first I had some reservations about letting kids dig out my ornament collection and put my precious things on the tree.

But it turned out to be a wonderful thing. The girls took great pains to be careful. As they pulled each ornament from it's nest of cotton, or tissue paper they asked questions about it. "Where did this one come from, who gave us this one, wasn't this one adorable?" they exclaimed.

And they listened carefully as I told them about finding the tiny horse drawn wagon in a tiny shop in Zematt, or told them about the shabby angel painted by one of my nieces twenty some odd years ago.

I showed them the tiny sequined wise men that my mother and aunt Leota stitched. There was the beautiful crystal angel candlestick and the collection of ornaments with geese, angels, nativities and other things given to me over the years by my beloved Helen Moore.

There was the bell from India given to me, and the crystal star from Sweden.

Revealed to the light once more was the skunk my mother gave us the first Christmas we had our little Westie. Mother gave it to me in honor of his first disastrous encounter with a skunk.

There was the gold snowflake from my dad, and the kittens in a boot from Helen Nance.

A little handmade snowman created by a 10 year old takes pride of place, and handcarved santas, wheel barrows, balloons and more came to light and were carefully hung by the girls.

There were several little airplanes, souvenirs of the years we flew. In memory of our trip to New England and Nova Scotia was a lighthouse and a lobster trap. Handblown animals from Canada went high in the top of the tree. There was my lighted bird feeder and tiny English house from my niece Christy, and funny cats from nieces Joyce and Marsha Jane.

Our statue of liberty, Star Trek ships and other Hallmark ornaments were wired in to blink or talk or play music.

In all, the girls trimmed my tree for about 3 hours. Then they stood back and admired it. It glittered and glistened, twinkled and shone and made us all proud. And little Rachel exclaimed "Oh, Nanalee, you are so RICH in these!"

And you know what, she is so very, very right!

Trim your tree, and ponder all the joys that it represents. And you may discover how wealthy you are in memories and joy!



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# Merry Christmas

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## First Place

### Christmas Memories Contest

By Jorene Carpenter

"Dad, Dad, will that trap catch the reindeer, too?"

All three Carpenter children couldn't believe their father was actually going to put a coyote trap on the roof near the chimney.

"Well, I just wanted to warn Santa about our new roof and thought this would get him to come in the front door!", their dad replied.

As Russell put the trap and secured it on the roof, there were three sets of wide eyes on the ground, watching every move he made.

The very first thing Christmas morning, Rusty, David and Karen zoomed out of the house without looking at their stockings or gifts under the tree. "Let me see, let me see", they shouted at each other. "Dad, Mom, come quick--there IS something in the trap!"

Soon as we got outside, we could see the red piece of material dangling out of the trap and blowing in the wind. How relieved three little tykes were to see only some red flannel material.

When they could settle down and come inside the house, they were grateful Santa DID leave presents and ate the snack left for him. Rusty said, "I guess Santa got the hint and came in the door."

When school was back in session after the holidays, the students in their classes couldn't believe they had a piece of Santa's pants. To this very day--ten years later--that piece of Santa's pants goes on the hearth by the Christmas tree.

## Prairiland Board attends to business, accepts bids for vans

The Prairiland ISD board of trustees met December 11 and heard and approved the audit report from McClanahan and Holmes.

A local district policy on student travel was adopted and a team development plan for the board of trustees was discussed.

An AEIS report was presented by Mr. Buddy Freeman and the board heard a report on District Objective and Compliance visit from TEA.

The textbook committee for 1997-98 was approved as was the Campus Improvement Plan for all three campuses.

A bid from Kennedy Ford for \$23,657.99 was approved for a fifteen-passenger van.

A bid from Lowry Chevrolet was approved of \$21,760 for a seven passenger van.

The board renewed membership in Independent Retainer Program with the legal firm of Walsh, Anderson, Underwood, Schulze and Aldridge.

The board went into executive session at 8:50 p.m. and came out at 10:20 p.m. No action was taken on a discipline matter, and the board hired Tony Corso as a teacher at the high school for second semester.

Minutes were read and approved, bills okayed for payment and the tax reports for October and November were approved.

## Christmas from the Heart to be held Christmas Day

Deport is preparing for the third annual Christmas From The Heart meal at 12:00 noon at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport. The dinner is for anyone who might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day and would like to celebrate the season with friends. For more information contact Tim Wood at 652-3195 or Gilbert Arriaga at 652-9255.



FIRST PLACE in the miscellaneous division of the Deport Christmas Parade went to Mrs. Watson's K-2, King and Queen Ashlie Thomas and Chase Stogsdill. They traveled in style in a hansom cab. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



FIRST PLACE in the car division was Mrs. Brooks' first grade class with it's dalmations. Queen and King were Jenna Patterson and Brett Watson. It was a hit at Friday's parade in Deport. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

## Something to reflect on

By Nanalee Nichols

Last year was one of the nicest Christmases we have ever had. I put a story in our papers asking people to call us so that we might help them with Christmas if they were having trouble. I had a number of calls, but not a single person asked for themselves, it was always for someone else. This renewed my faith in human nature, and we received a wonderful gift, the gift of knowing we managed to help a few people who really needed it. But I want to relate to you one story which has haunted me all year.

A woman called to tell us that her daughter desperately needed help for Christmas, help with food, or clothing or absolutely anything. She explained that she and her husband usually were able to help, but that he had been laid off his job and things were so bad that they couldn't even afford her own heart or diabetes medicine.

She explained that her husband had a new job in a few weeks, but it would be over a month before he could get a paycheck. She hated to ask, it was obvious that it cost her an effort to sacrifice her pride and call. She said over and over, "we've always been able to take care of our own". I assured her that I would see that her daughter received help. Since most of my small fund had been exhausted by then, I contacted a number of people who wanted to help and they pitched in to provide food and clothing and some Christmas presents for this woman and her child.

Satisfied that I had done what was possible, I forgot the incident, until that night. And as I lay in bed I kept thinking about the woman mentioning, casually and without complaint that they were so broke they couldn't purchase her medicine. All night that bothered me. So, the next morning I mailed her a check. I really didn't feel I could afford it, but I knew I couldn't afford not to do it.

A few days later I received the most moving and beautiful thank you letter from her that I have ever had. She expressed deep joy at what had been done for her daughter, and she said she had gone out immediately to refill her prescriptions. She would feel better now, she felt, since she had her medicines.

It made me feel really good. Imagine how I felt, though, when I received the woman's obituary notice the very next day!

How long had she gone without her medications, letting her pride keep her from applying for help or calling someone for help? How could this happen, here, when there were many people who would have helped her?

It has haunted me for the whole year, that perhaps she would have been alive and well today had her medicines been available to her.

There's no conclusion to this story, but one thing I will always be grateful for...I am so glad I sent the check. What would be on my conscience if I had ignored the little voice in the night that told me I had to do something?

It is a life lesson, and one that I intend to keep in mind from now on.



FIRST PLACE float in the Deport Christmas Parade was very impressive. Mrs. Norwood's Sixth Grade was represented by Heather Barnes and Arron Arrowsmith. The float made use of natural materials such as hay and cedar. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



JUST SCOOTING ALONG-leading the way for the Methodist Truck entry were Nina and Ina Sparks, who zipped along on their decorated Little Rascal scooters. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

## Prairiland ISD to hold early dismissal

The Prairiland ISD has released the dates for the Christmas holiday early dismissal schedule.

Classes on the Prairiland campus will be released at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17 and Thursday, December 18. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5 at 8:15 a.m.

Classes on the Deport and Blossom campuses will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17 and Thursday, December 18. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 1998 at 8:00 a.m.

## Papers will publish early next week

The papers will have to publish a day early next week, in order for employees to enjoy the Christmas Holiday.

All advertising and news must be in by Monday in order to appear in the Christmas edition.

Local correspondents are urged to please send their news in early. Anything that does not appear in next week's paper will be published later.



## Country Cooking

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking Column, call 982-5829 or 652-4205. Look for us on the Internet!  
http://www.1starnet.com/tp

Liz Irwin

This week's cooks column is an annual one that we started last year. It is the Cookie Swap from a group of Deport ladies who get together to share recipes and "swap" cookies.

Pat Norrell sent in this recipe for Whit Trash using cereal, nuts and white almond bark.

Ann Lee made Merry Sugar Cookies and pressed semi-sweet chocolate morsels on top before baking.

Dawne Darden made Mocha Chunk Cookies using liquor and coffee crystals.

Juanita Taylor concocted Mini Kiss Blondie Bars with Hershey's mini-

kisses.

Dot Nichols used a skillet and came up with Skillet Cookies.

Chocolate Crackle Tops were made by Bocky Norman and are loaded with chocolate.

Chocolate Coconut Crunchers uses a cake mix and crushed cornflakes.

Swirled Mint Cookies came from Nanalee Nichols using a combination of food colorings to make the peppermint.

We hope you enjoy these cookies and I know that they are all good and nutritious! See you in the kitchen!



Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bailey

### Baileys to be honored on 25th anniversary

There will be a party to honor Ronnie and Nelda Bailey on their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Robert and Melody Bailey on Clarksdale Street in Deport.

### Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cutshall to be honored on golden anniversary

A golden anniversary reception will honor Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cutshall on December 28, Sunday, from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Deport. Hosting the event will be the couple's children, Georgia Talent, Sharyl Thompson, Timm Cutshall and their families.

The honorees request your presence at this reception in lieu of gifts.

#### Swirled Mint Cookies

Nanalee Nichols

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
1 cup butter or margarine  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp peppermint extract  
10 drops red food coloring  
10 drops green food coloring  
sugar

Stir flour and baking powder together, set aside. In lg. mixing bowl with mixer on medium to high speed beat butter for 30 seconds. Add 1 cup sugar; beat til fluffy. Add egg, vanilla and extract, beat well. Add flour mixture, beat til well mixed. Divide into three equal portions. Stir red food coloring into one portion, stir green coloring into another. Leave other portion plain. Chill one hour or til easy to handle. Divide each color dough into four equal portions. On a lightly floured surface, roll each portion into 1/2 inch diameter rope. Place one red, one green and one plain rope side by side. Twist together. Repeat with remaining ropes. Chill 30 minutes. Cut ropes into 1/2 inch thick slices for larger cookies or 1/4 inch slices for smaller ones. Carefully roll into balls, blending colors as little as possible. Place about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten to 1/4 inch with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar.

Repeat with remaining dough. Bake in 375 degree oven til edges are set (allow 8 to 10 minutes for larger cookies, 6 to 8 for smaller) transfer cookies to wire racks; cool. Makes about 72 1/2 inch cookies or 144 1/4 inch cookies.

#### CHOCOLATE CRACKLE TOPS

Bocky Norman

1 3/4 cups Flour  
1/4 cup Cocoa  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp Salt  
4 (1-oz.) squares chocolate (unsweetened)  
1/2 cup unsalted butter  
1 3/4 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
2 tsp. vanilla  
3/4 cups each Min. sweet choc. chips & nuts  
Powdered sugar

Melt chocolate and butter (stirring over low heat). Cool. Mix chocolate mixture and sugar, add eggs one at a time. Mix in vanilla and add other dry ingredients. Mix well. Add chips and nuts. Chill overnight. Make into 1 inch balls ( 1 Tbls. dough) Roll in powdered sugar. Bake in 350 degree oven on greased cookie sheets, place 2 inches apart. Bake 10-12 minutes. Allow cookies to crack.

#### CHOCOLATE COCONUT CRUNCHERS

Juanita Sparks

1 box German Chocolate Cake mix  
1 cup margarine or butter, softened  
2 eggs  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup crushed cornflakes cereal or other cereal flakes  
1 cup rolled oats  
1 (6 oz.) pkg. (1 cup) semi sweet chocolate chips  
1 to 2 TBls. sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees, combine cake mix, margarine and eggs; mix well, add coconut, walnuts, cereal, oats and chocolate chips; mix well, drop by teaspoons 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten with glass dipped insugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 12 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute, remove from cookie sheets, makes 60.

#### MOCHA CHUNK COOKIES

Dawne Darden

2 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/4 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. instant coffee crystals (French roast or dark coffee)  
2 tsp. coffee liquor  
1 cup white sugar  
3/4 cup dark brown sugar, packed  
1 cup salted butter, softened  
2 large eggs  
2 cups (10 oz.) semisweet chocolate bar, coarsely chopped  
Yields 4 dozen

Preheat oven to 300 degrees in a medium bowl combine flour, cocoa, soda and salt. Mix well with a wire whisk and set aside.

In a small bowl dissolve coffee crystals in coffee liquor and set aside.

In a large bowl blend sugars with an electric mixer at medium speed. Add butter and mix to form a grainy paste. Scrape down sides of bowl. Then add eggs and dissolved coffee crystals and beat at medium speed until smooth.

Add the flour mixture and chocolate chunks and blend at low speed just until combined. Do not overmix.

Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. Bake for 23-25 minutes. Immediately transfer cookies with a spatula to a cool, flat surface.

#### MINI KISS BLONDIE BARS

Juanita Taylor

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 cup packed light brown sugar  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
1 3/4 cups (10 oz. pkg.) Hershey's Mini Kisses Milk Chocolate, divided  
1 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Beat butter and shortening in large bowl on medium speed of mixer just until blended. Add brown sugar and granulated sugar; beat well. Beat in eggs, vanilla and baking soda. Gradually beat in flour (if dough becomes too stiff, stir in remaining flour with spoon). Set aside 1/2 cup mini kisses; stir in remaining kisses and nuts. Press dough into ungreased 15-1/2x10-1/2 x1 inch jelly roll (dough will be stiff). Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until top is golden. Remove from oven; immediately place reserved Kisses over top, pressing down lightly. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. 48 bars.

#### SKILLET COOKIES

Dot Nichols

1/4 lb. oleo  
2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup chopped dates  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 cup chopped dried apricots  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
2 heaping cups Rice Krispies

Melt Oleo in skillet, then beat eggs and add sugar. Add dates and apricots. Cool 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Then add vanilla, nuts and cereal. While warm, roll into balls, then roll in coconut. Refrigerate one hour before serving.

### Billy Murray Foster dies December 6

Billy Murray Foster, age 74 of Denison died after a lengthy illness in a McKinney nursing home on Friday, December 6. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8 at Center Ridge Cemetery in Maud with Rev. Kris Segrist officiating.

Mr. Foster was born March 19, 1923 in Maud, to Katie Estelle and James Young Foster. He graduated from Talco High School in 1941 and served in the Army in the South Pacific during World War II. He graduated from Youngs School of Art, Dallas in 1947 and was a commercial artist in Dallas for 39 years. He was a noted artist in the East Texas area.

Survivors include two sons and one daughter-in-law, Billy and Sharon Foster of McKinney and John Foster of Dallas; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Janie Goodwin of Tulsa; one brother, Gerald L. Foster of Longview. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Goodwin, formerly of Talco.

### Clyde W. Roberts dies December 12

Clyde W. Roberts, age 98 of Bogata, died Friday, December 12 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held Monday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the Red River Healthcare Center Chapel with burial in Bogata Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes of Bogata had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Roberts was born May 25, 1899 in Red River County, the son of William Joe and Mary Mabel Phillips Roberts. On October 4, 1941 he married Aredna Cranford. She survives, as does a daughter, Juanita Fisher of Bogata; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by six brothers, Luther, Morris, Roy, Ethel, Boss and Hobart; and four sisters, Hazel, Lena, Addie and Lula.

### M.L. Floyd dies November 30

M.L. Floyd, age 69 of Dallas, died Sunday, November 30 at his home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 3 at Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Rhoades of Millbrook Baptist Church of Lancaster officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Floyd was born July 9, 1928 in Shady Grove community to Earl Kelley and Lillian Whitten Floyd. He attended schools in Pattonville and graduated from Deport High School. He was a member of Creekside Baptist Church in Canton and a former member of the Mesquite Masonic Lodge. He retired in 1980 from the asbestos business where he was an asbestos worker and insulator.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Floyd and wife Kay of Garland and Curtis E. Floyd and wife Sheryl of Lancaster; a daughter, Deborah Whitten of Dallas; a daughter-in-law, Linda of Paris; five grandchildren; brother, Kelly W. Floyd of Dallas; and four sisters, Clyde Cunningham of Paris and Paulina Secrest of Paris, Mrs. J.E. (Mildred) Kincaid of Dallas and Mrs. Joel B. (Mary Jo) Hughes of the Belk community. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Floyd and four brothers, Howard, Jack, Robel, and Dempsey Floyd.

Bearers were Bobby Floyd, Garret Floyd, Ronnie Floyd, Derrell Pettit and Mike Secrest and Brad Hughes.

### Fay Lucille Crittenden dies December 10

Fay Lucille Coffey Crittenden, age 91 of Heritage Park Nursing Home in Plano died Wednesday, December 10 in Columbia Medical Center in Plano. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home with Dr. Wayne Smith officiating. Burial was in Detroit Cemetery. She had lived in Detroit until several years ago, when she moved to Plano.

She was born May 2, 1906 in Texarkana, AR, the daughter of William Fian and Tott Roberts Coffey. She married William Thomas Crittenden in Texarkana on December 14, 1930; he died December 27, 1984. She was a housewife and member of First Presbyterian Church in Paris, a member of Nu Phi Epsilon Sorority; McCuiston Hospital Auxiliary for 30 years during which she logged some 3,196 hours of service; the New Century Club of Clarksville; R.S.V.P. and Ladies Circle at First Presbyterian.

She is survived by two sons, W.T. (Tom) Crittenden of Houston, Carlton Crittenden of Plano; three grandchildren, Bob and Mike Crittenden, both of Dallas, Karen Emberley of Longmont, CO and one great-grandson, Anthony Michael Emberley.

Bearers were W.C. Covington, Floyd Maynard, Dale Miller, Charles (Smithy) Allen, Bill Neeley and Dr. Craig Stephens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to McCuiston Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Memorial Fund.

### Barney Alsobrook dies December 10

Barney Alsobrook, age 95 of Bogata, died Wednesday, December 10 in the East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Alsobrook was born May 1902 in Manchester, the son of Bessie and Cora Covington Alsobrook. He married the former Vada Srygley on November 13, 1927 in Faight. She preceded him in death on December 28, 1983. He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, E.L. Williams in 1976. He was a retired farmer and long time member of the Bogata Church of Christ.

He is survived by one daughter, Mary Ann Williams of Bogata; three grandchildren, Lesa Clarkson of Blossom, Todd Williams and Tracey Williams of Bogata; four great-grandchildren, Ethan and Eric Williams of Bogata, Jasper and Nicolas Clark of Blossom; two brothers, Doug Alsobrook of Deport and Wayne Alsobrook of Rugby; and one sister, Mrs. Zuma Ham of Bentonville, AR.

The family requests that donations be made to the Bogata Cemetery Association, or the Manchester Cemetery Association.

### Elva Lee Smith dies December 16

Elva Lee Smith, age 76 of Detroit died Tuesday, December 16 in St. Joseph Hospital and Health Center. Services were scheduled for Thursday, December 18 in the Faith Baptist Church of Deport at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. L.C. Stout and Rev. Larry Solice officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Deport.

Mrs. Smith was born November 20, 1921 in Arkansas, the daughter of James Wesley and Susie Knighten Barnett. On April 15, 1937 she married William Fred Smith. He preceded her in death in August, 1974.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Eva Louise Nowlan and husband Max of Waco, Leon Smith and wife Mary of Detroit, Kenneth Smith of Detroit, Larry Smith of Detroit, Virginia Farris and husband Robert of Deport, Odell Smith of Savoy, Joyce Harp and husband Richard of Bagwell, Dennis Smith and wife Florence of Paris, Karen Sotelo of Detroit, L.C. Smith of Detroit and Ronnie Smith of Deport; 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by two sons, Cecil and Jackie Smith; one grandson, Todd VanSickle; three brothers, Loranza, Raymond and Ray Barnett; and two sisters, Gracie Wear and Mae Welch.

#### Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, food, flowers and prayers since I broke my leg. We really appreciate it.

Yuba Sparks

#### Card of Thanks

My sincere appreciation to my family and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and good food my neighbors helped furnish since my surgery.

God bless you,  
Cora Tidwell

#### Card of Thanks

Thanks to everyone; friends, neighbors for the prayers, cards, flowers, to the Drs. and Nurses Titus County for their care, during my illness.

May God richly bless you all.  
Sincerely,  
Ruby Hornn

#### Card of Thanks

Thank you for taking the time to visit, call or pray for me during my recent stay in the hospital. I cherish your friendship. May God bless.

Sincerely,  
Latane Roberts

#### Card of Thanks

I want to thank both friends and strangers for the successful auction on Saturday. I really, really appreciate your support.

Cordell Alexander

#### Card of Thanks

The family of Hester Lee Kennedy Keith would like to thank the many friends and family for the lovely flowers and plants, for their support and for their loving thoughts and prayers.


Thank you Rev. Rick Holeman, First Baptist Church of Bogata and Wood Funeral Home of Bogata for your support and help.

Thanks to Dr. Nada and the nurses and staff of Red River Healthcare Center.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Keith Babb

## Booting Up All the Best

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Dear Santa Please bring me Jewel, CD, Love, Hanah Noe

Dear Santa Please bring me a bike, Tom, Love, Charles Lar

Dear Santa Please bring me a Giga pet, Tom, Love, Monica Hay

Dear Santa Please bring me a volcano, Love, Jacob Malor

Dear Santa Please bring me a Talkin Bubb, Love, Bianca Carr

Dear Santa Please bring me a Dear Santa, Please bring me a Josey Francis

Dear Santa Please bring me a Mike Secrest and Brad Hughes.

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# Deport Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Giga pet, a Prity Magic, Stroller Princess, baby game.  
Love,  
Kaylee Miller

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a CD player, CD Jewel, CD Matchbox 20.  
Love,  
Hanah Norwood

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a four wheeler, bike, Tomagotchi Alien.  
Love,  
Charles Landry Packrd

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Nano baby, Tomagotchi, Giga pet.  
Love,  
Trinity Dawn Perry

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a 101 Dalmation, Giga pet, Tomagotchi bike.  
Love,  
Monica Hagood

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me 4 Giga pets, and a volcano blow out.  
Love,  
Jacob Malone

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie, Real Talkin Bubba and Barbie night shirt.  
Love,  
Bianca Carroll

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Play Station, 10-Cunningham speed bike and pellet gun.  
Love,  
Dustin Hood

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a go-cart, a police car, a remote control jeep, an da bunch of hot wheels. I will leave you M&M cookies with chocolate milk.  
Love,  
Charles Clausen

Dear Santa,  
I will set some cookies by my door for you to eat. Santa, please bring me some toys. I want a teddy bear, a CD, a new bike and the real talk BuBu.  
Love,  
Dustin Parker

Dear Santa,  
I will leave you cookies and milk on the table. I want a truck and a car and a game and a new bike. I hope you have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Hunter Burris

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. I want a computer and a puppy and Star War toys. I also want Jurassic Park the Lost World movie. I will leave you cookies and milk for a snack.  
Love,  
Ben Dickinson

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? I want some jewelry, a CD player, a computer, a lava lamp, a bedtime Sabrina, I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Megan Spann

Dear Santa,  
Here's what I would like, please bring me a desk, a soccer pal, roller blades. I will leave cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Reagan Harrell

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new pair of roller blades, stickers with Barbies on them, a different colored bouncy ball and a chalk board. Would you please bring my brother Chris a giga pet and some roller blades. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Elizabeth Brunson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a CD player, Spice Girls and a Giga Pet. Are you alright?  
Love,  
Susan Elizabeth Anderson

Dear Santa,  
I will put milk and cookies on the table when it is Christmas and I will turn the light out after you leave. Will you leave me some surprises?  
Love,  
Wesley Sullivan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Crocodile Dentist game, and a checkers game. I also want a cowboy hat, and some puzzles and a new deck of cards and some video games would also be great. I hope you have a nice trip.  
Love,  
Cody Burnett

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is fine. I would like a CD player, and a computer, and a Spice Girls and a bike, a TV and a boombox.  
I can wait for Christmas.  
Love,  
Lisa Barnes

Dear Santa,  
I would like a book, a yo yo, a toy puppy. I also want a lava lamp and a teddy bear. I will leave you some milk and cookies and something for your reindeer.  
Love,  
Jennifer Melvin

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some presents. Santa, I want a tamagotchi, a desk, a lava lamp, a new 18-speed bike, some shoes, a new backpack, a computer, a TV and a VCR. I hope you have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Kelci Crawford

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll, diaper bag, with lots of baby stuff and baby clothes, and one more thing for my family. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Nisha Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Barbie vanity, Nano puppy, My Size Rapunzel.  
Love,  
Hielly Owens

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a My Size Rapunzel, Barbie vanity and Pooh tent.  
Love,  
Lindsay Hoover

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Tybro Man that is red, and a Ninja turtle toy, and also a big fire truck that has firemen on the truck, and I also want a white football suit and the last thing I want is a Power Ranger. Billy wants a diesel toy truck and a computer. I will leave you some oreos and milk.  
Love,  
Christopher Young

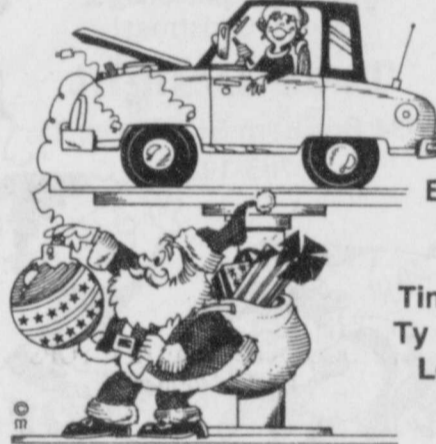


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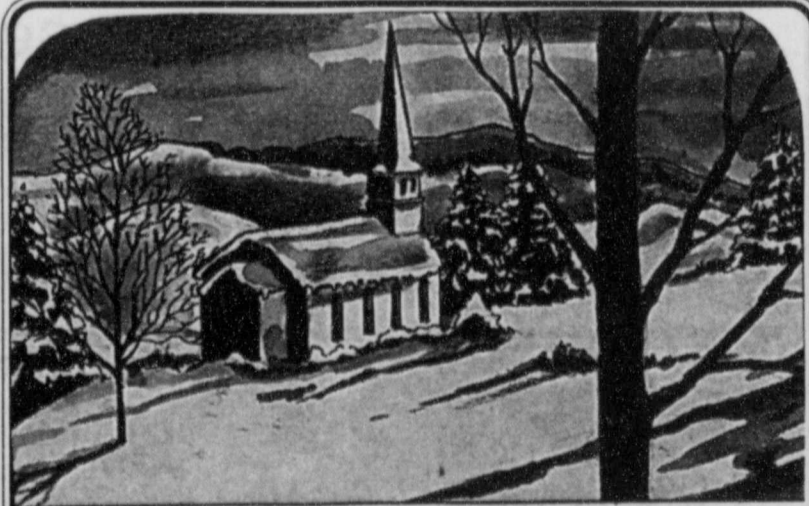
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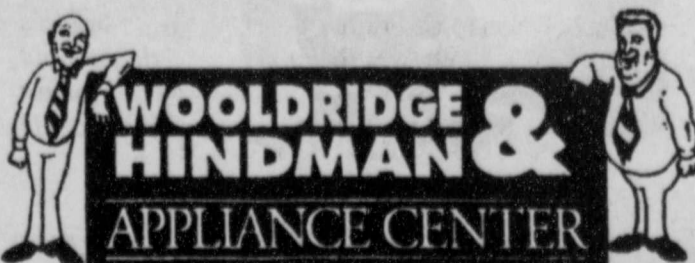
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— Luke 2:8

Wishing you a world of peace and joy at the celebration of His birth.



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS

To all our fine feathered, furry and human friends, we wish a very merry season and joy with no end. Although we're animal lovers we know that it's true, that it just wouldn't be Christmas without great folks like you!

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May God bless.

# Blossom Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,  
My name is Allen and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Battleship game and a Star Wars Lazer Tag for Christmas. Also bring a Pooh Bear stuff for Travis. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Allen Baldwin

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a knife, bike, bb gun, baseball bat and ball.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Autumn and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me two baby dolls for Christmas. Also bring a Christmas bell for Grandma. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Autumn Nation

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ethan Barnard and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a football and a baseball for Christmas. Also bring a football for my dad. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Ethan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Joaquin Zermeno and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a remote control truck and a car for Christmas and also please bring a Barbie car for my sister. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Joaquin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Justin Myers and I am 9 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a nintendo and nintendo games for Christmas. Also please bring a Superman for Steve. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Justin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Derek Atnips and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a remote control airplane and a train for Christmas. Also, please bring a Super Nintendo for Taylor Fendley. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Amber

Dear Santa,  
My name is Christopher Hyde and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a fire truck and some hot wheels for Christmas. Also please bring a Barbie doll for Mandy. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Christopher

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gage Booth and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a race car and a movie for Christmas. Also please bring a Barbie for my girlfriend. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Gage

Dear Santa,  
My name is Devin Withers and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a computer for Christmas and also please bring a Barbie for my sister. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Devin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ryley Johnson and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a truck, a wheel road and 2 hot wheels for Christmas. Also bring a Barbie doll for Shawna. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Ryley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Laura Mitchell and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a rabbit, a Beanie Baby for Christmas. Also please bring a Beanie Baby for Katelyn, Alyssa and thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Laura

Dear Santa,  
My name is Amber Clowers and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie, a Barbie camera for Christmas. Also please bring a rattle for Tanner. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Amber

Dear Santa,  
My name is Todd Fendley and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a 4-wheeler and a turbo man for Christmas. Also please bring pretty dresses for mom. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Todd

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tanner Connot and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a 4-wheeler and a car for Christmas. Also bring a foot for Lance. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Tanner

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaime Sanchez and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a bb gun and a package of bb's for Christmas. Also bring a baby for Shelby and thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Jaime

Dear Santa,  
My name is Matt Merrill and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a race bed and a Jurassic Park car for Christmas. Also please bring a race car bed for Steven. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Matt

Dear Santa,  
My name is John and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a motorcycle and a 4-wheeler for Christmas. Also, please bring a dress for Grandma. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love John Halenkamp

Dear Santa,  
My name is David Bishop and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a gun and a dog for Christmas. Also, please bring my sister a bicycle. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love David

Dear Santa,  
My name is Arturo Peralta and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a motorcycle and toy cars for Christmas. Also bring a toy truck for Miguel. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Arturo

Dear Santa,  
My name is Clint and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a nintendo 64 and Hot Wheels Valcano Blowout for Christmas and a blow dryer for mom. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Clint Winters

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aaron Cockburn and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a brown football and a glitter for Christmas. Also please bring a football for my brother. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Aaron

Dear Santa,  
My name is Taylor Fendley and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a blue castle and a set of army men for Christmas. Also bring a teddy bear for my sister. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Taylor

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brandy and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Bouncy Baby and Sleeping Beauty movie for Christmas. Also please bring a toy jet for Justin. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Brandy Enox

Dear Santa,  
My name is Miguel Smith and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Batman cassette and a truck for Christmas. Also, please bring cartoons for my brother. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Miguel

Dear Santa,  
My name is Stesha and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a puppy and a Barbie for Christmas. Also bring a toy dog for my sister. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Stesha

Dear Santa,  
My name is Calvin and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a rocket with GI Joe in it and a go-cart with 2 seats for Christmas and also please bring a wedder for dad. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Calvin Goodin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Michael Womack and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a toy dolphin and a toy lion for Christmas. Also bring a baby doll for my sister. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Michael

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gwen Lerro and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie and a Cabbage Patch Kid for Christmas. Also, please bring a baby doll for Alice. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Gwen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bryce and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a aKacey go-cart and a Bubble baby for Christmas. Also bring hot wheels for Jordan and Seth. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Bryce Walker

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jerica Langston and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Kacey go-cart and a Bubble baby for Christmas. Also please bring a hot wheels for my Kacey and thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Jerica

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyle Upchurch and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a 4-wheeler and a hot wheel for Christmas. Also, please bring dolls for Courtney. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Kyle

Dear Santa,  
My name is Joel and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a bicycle and a computer for Christmas. Also please bring a computer for dad and thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Joel Cortez

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nichole Kilpatrick and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a 4-wheeler and a stereo for Christmas. Also bring a 4-wheeler for my dad and thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Nichole

Dear Santa,  
My name is Karissa Woodall and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a puppy and a mermaid toy for Christmas. Also please bring an interactive toy for Megan. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Karissa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Blake Gordon and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a nintendo and a superman toy for Christmas and a Winnie-the-Pooh for Tiffine. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Blake

Dear Santa,  
My name is Steven Ruckman and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a nintendo and a nintendo game for Christmas. Also bring a bicycle for Blake Gordon. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Steven

Dear Santa,  
My name is Melanie Barnes and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a walking dog and a Barbie for Christmas. Also please bring a necklace for mom. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Melanie

**GREETINGS**

Here's wishing you the best of holidays with friends and loved ones all around you!

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Thanks To All Our Customers... We appreciate You.  
Barbara, Rita, Geneva & Clark

# Deport Letters To Santa.....



Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Kitty Giga Pet and Pretty Pretty Princess game and a gray, play kitty.  
Love,  
Jessica Malone

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control truck, a four wheeler, a big truck, Justin shoes and Nintendo 64.  
Love,  
Brett Watson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a puppy, Super Nintendo and a go-cart.  
Love,  
Ty Figueroa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real motorcycle, a construction set and a race track.  
Love,  
Matthew Smith

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me 2 Giga pets, a little play horse and new Nike shoes.  
Love,  
Anna Baker

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me 2 Giga pets, and Dalmation Curtains and a bike.  
Love,  
Jenna Patterson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a frog Giga Pet and a guitar and a Nano puppy.  
Love,  
Layton Norwood

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real Talking Bubba, Truth or Dare game and 5 Giga pets.  
Love,  
Kolbie Carlow

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Batman, Robin and Mr. Freeze tent, a Nintendo 64, Buzz Lightyear and Giga pets.  
Love,  
Matthew Thompson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me overalls, Doc's Silver Tabs.  
Love,  
Kolton Bret Edwards

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a microscope, telescope and computer.  
Love,  
Blake

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Brash back, Nintendo game and XKS.  
Love,  
Laura

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a baby doll, a Barbie set and a Dalmation set.  
Love,  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a cordless drill, a Barbie set and Dalmation set.  
Love,  
Courtney Filkins

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a boye a race bow and arrow, a squirt gun and a hot Also please wheels set.  
Love,  
Jeremiah

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a TV, Nintendo 64 and Sega.  
Love,  
John Michael

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a 4-wheeler, dirt bike and XKS.  
Love,  
Trey Towers

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a dirt bike, a TV and BMan.  
Love,  
Ryan Ford

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a motorcycle, an XKS and a Sega.  
Love,  
Stephen

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a brush teeth baby, a giga pet, a dirt bike, a Barbie for Megan, a scoo-by-do for Chance, new dishes for my mama and my grany for Ronnie.  
Love,  
Hailey

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Nintendo 64, a puppy and a Sega 67.  
Love,  
Si Davis



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*May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always.*

*We wish you the blessings of health and happiness this season and in the coming year.*

Dear Santa,  
I would like for Santa Claus to bring me a doll, some dishes, truck, Little Tikes Wange, some apples, oranges and candy. I stay in Deport at 294 Jeffus Street.  
Chelsey Watkies

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like for Santa Claus to bring me a train, Dodge truck, Little Tike Wanga, some apples, oranges and candy. I stay in Deport at 284 Jeffus Street.  
Joshua Watkies

Dear Santa,  
I would like a giga pet, Walking Barbie and a trampoline for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year.  
Love,  
Monica Hagood

**GET SET TO CELEBRATE!**

Hope your holidays are trimmed with much joy!

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*Good Tidings*

Celebrate a safe and warm holiday season with family and friends. Many thanks for your valued patronage.

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*Here's hoping your Christmas yields big returns! We value your business and your friendship.*

# Deport Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old and live in Cunningham. I have been a very good boy. The one thing I really want is a Big Truck like my Daddy's. I also would like a Talking Elmo, a guitar and a play tent.  
Would you please bring my baby sister, Shanie, a pretty baby doll.  
Love,  
River Dean Cole

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old and live in Cunningham. I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a Barbie Sleeping Bag, some movies, a new gown with robe, and a bath set. I also would like a giant coloring book, some puzzles and a memory game and a lot of toys.  
Would you bring my sister, Makynzi, a Barbie disc. She is a good sister to me. I love you.  
Love,  
Kaitlynd Borden

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old and have been a very good girl. Please bring me a Baby Born, an activity desk, some movies, a Barbie Sleeping Bag and a new gown with robe. I also would like a bath and body set, some High Heels, puzzles, a memory game and a giant coloring book.  
Would you bring my sister, Kaitlynd, a baby doll. I will leave you a glass of milk and some cookies.  
I love you,  
Makynzi Watson

Dear Santa,  
I am eight months old and live in Cunningham. I have been a good girl this year. I would like you to bring me a book, a baby Bungee, a play phone and a pretty baby doll.  
Would you bring my big brother, River, a big truck. We will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Shanie Harte Cole

Dear Kris Kringle,  
How are you doing? I am glad that you are coming this way. I hope the reindeers are fine. I want a pair of boots, some Nike shoes and a ping pong table. Can you give that to me?  
Love,  
Paige Martin

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. I am glad that it is Christmas. Are you. For Christmas, I want a Nano Baby and a CD and a Giga Pet. How are the reindeers and Mrs. Claus?  
Love,  
Jerricka McKee

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? How is Rudolph? I want another golf cart.  
Love,  
John Francis

Dear Santa,  
I would like a watch, a book and a game. How are your reindeers?  
Love,  
Paige Freeman

Dear St. Nick,  
Is Rudolph leading the sled okay? This year I want a surprise. I liked the radio that you gave me last year.  
Your pal,  
Sarah Murdock

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I hope you are rested up for Christmas. I would like to get a Giga pet. My sister wants a Nano Baby. My brother wants a baby T-Rex Tomagotchi. My dad wants some shirts. My mom wants a walk mobile.  
Love,  
Erika Ham

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nano Baby. How are the reindeer doing? Does Rudolph really have a red nose?  
Love,  
Casey Gibson

Dear St. Nick,  
I want a puppy dog. I want a Dukes of Hazard car.  
Your pal,  
Dillon Gibson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie, a book and a kite. How are your reindeer?  
Love,  
Kaylien Clausen

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station and a pelet gun and a bike.  
Your friend,  
Bradley Frazier

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer doing? Does Rudolph really have a red nose? How is Mrs. Claus doing this year? I would like to have a diesel truck.  
Your pal,  
Matt Nichols

Dear St. Nick,  
How is Rudolph doing? Christmas is fun, don't you think? You are nice, how is Mrs. Claus? I would like a Giga pet.  
Love,  
Danielle Holland

Dear Santa,  
I try to be a good girl, I help clean and pick up my room. I am 4 years old. Can you please bring me a Barbie CD player, Barbie talking telephone an a Baby Diaper Surprise.  
My baby sister, Lexie, is 6 months old. Please bring her a Glow Worm, an activity walker and som esurprises.  
We will leave you a snack and some hay for the reindeer.  
Love,  
Laney and Lexie Jackson

Dear Santa,  
Are your reindeer ready for the 25th of December? Is Rudolph's nose working good for you? I will give you a piece of pie. I want a 4-wheeler, a TV and VCR.  
Love,  
Landon Syrus

Dear Santa,  
I want a Disney Crawling Baby, Barbie, and a set of cars for Christmas. I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Maycee Hagood

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie, a Barbie car, necklace, ring, watch and shoes. Also please bring Daddy a flashlight and mommy a mirror, they've been good too.  
Love,  
Camen Rea Calvin

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tape recorder and a tree house. I would like you to bring a Nike shirt for my brother. I will leave you carrots and cookies to eat on the fireplace.  
Love,  
Wesley Murdock

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a fire truck, a giga pet, and some money. Please bring my mom a pursae, some boots for my dad and a train set for my brother. I will leave you milk and cookies by the Christmas tree.  
Love,  
Garrett Newman

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Rapunzel doll. The second thing I want is a Licaty Treat and it is a baby doll that licks a lollipop by herself. I also want you to bring my sister a bouncy baby. I will leave you cookies and milk for you.  
Love,  
Lily Norwood

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a swing set. I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.  
Love,  
Tony Sawyer

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Rapunzel Barbie and a baby doll. For my mama I want a diamond ring, necklace and a pair of earrings. I will leave you milk and cookies on the bar.  
Love,  
Jayci Whitley

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Rudolph is my favorite reindeer. What's your favorite reindeer? How do the reindeer fly?  
Your pal  
Kayshia

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a jacket, Rug Rat game, I also want a big swimming pool. For my older brother and sister you can bring them real nice bikes. For my mom and dad you can bring them some shoes. I will leave you some cookies and milk on a table.  
Love,  
Taylor P.S. How do you make all the presents?

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a batman car and a pair of mud boots. Please bring my sister a Barbie jeep. Also bring my mother and father a ring and a gun. I will leave you a note, brownies and a glass of milk.  
Love,  
Marcus Wolf

Dear Santa,  
I am two years old and live in San Antonio. Grandma Pennington thinks I have been a good girl and hopes you will bring me a Rosie doll and other fun toys.  
Love,  
McKensi Pennington

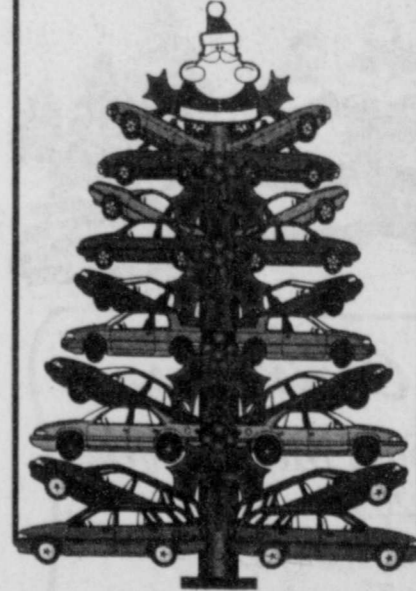


Dear Santa,  
First, we want to wish Jesus a Happy Birthday. Second, I think we have been pretty good. My name is Blake and I would like a telescope, a microscope and a computer. My sister Jenna would like another doll, a grocery trolley and a busy phonics. We will be at Granny and PaPa's this year in Detroit, just down from Jan K Ranch on the right, so please bring them there. We will have goodies for you so please drive carefully.  
Love,  
Blake and Jenna Barnes

## Shift Into Holiday Gear

Wishing you a high-powered holiday loaded with extras like good times, great friends and fond memories. We thank you for your steadfast support:

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**Wintertime Greetings**  
Here's hoping your season shimmers with fun and sparkles with joy. Thank you for your warm friendship and loyal support this holiday season.

**Leslie Nix & Staff**  
Red River County Tax Assessor/Collector

**Blessings Of The Season**  
Merry Christmas to you and yours.

**RED RIVER COUNTY AUDITOR**  
Shirley Anderson



**Christmas Joy to All**  
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655 Clarksville St. Paris 785-7461

Dear Santa,  
My name is Courtney and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie jeep and a purse for Christmas. Also, please bring a puzzle for Nanny. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Courtney

## Blossom Letters To Santa



### An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

*Christmas has always meant reflecting upon one's blessings. We wish much happiness to all who bestowed good fortune upon us this year. God bless you all!*



**WELCHGAS**  
Hwy. 271 South, Bogata  
632-5341

Dear Santa,  
I am trying very hard to be a good boy and to help mama take care of my baby brother, Stephen. Could you bring me a remote control backhoe, a remote control bull dozer and a blue and white ball. I would also like a T-Rex truck please.  
Love Shane Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you? I have been good girl this year. This is what I want for Christmas. A gameboy, giga pet, Barbie song, roller blades and more Lisa Frank stuff. Thanks for considering my list.  
Love Dana Dalby

Dear Santa,  
I am Dakota Ray Henderson. Would you please bring me a Walkie Talkie, bicycle, Super Sonic truck and a nerf gun.  
Love Dakota

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Movin' Groovin' Barbie, 5 puppies, all the same kind for Melissa, Shawn, Me, Mom and Craig. Baby Go-Bye Bye, Lickety Treats, Hula Hoop and a Talk-With-Me Barbie.  
Love Ashley Ballard

Dear Santa,  
I would like som new jeans, baby doll, Giga pet and a microphone and I've been a good girl.  
Love Misty Dennis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new pink four wheeler, My Size Dancing Barbie, Red Doc Martins and a red go-cart.  
Love Britney Crew

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ty and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a robot for Christmas. Also please bring a tractor for Ryley. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Ty

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brad and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a cd player and a nintendo 64 for Christmas. Also, please bring a hot wheels for brother. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Brad McFadden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Maci and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie doll house and a puppy for Christmas. Also bring a toy dinosaur for Dillon. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Maci Adkins

Dear Santa,  
My name is Miranda and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie jeep and a Barbie for Christmas. Also please bring a pet bed for Spice and thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Miranda Stevens

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ryan and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Super Nintendo and a jet ski for Christmas. Also bring an action figure for Curtis and thank you for all you do.  
Love Ryan Mackey

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lauren and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie car and a book for Christmas. Also please bring a gumball machine for mom. Thank you for all the good you do.  
Love Lauren Bowen

Dear Santa,  
I want a giga pet and a nintendo 64. I want a bb gun. I want a happy Christmas Eve with my family.  
Love Mike Smith

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Knot-Yo, leather ball, Sega CD, back pack, roller blades and CD walkman.  
Love Derek Williams

Greetings!

*A Wish For A Happy Yuletide With Trimmings*

**BOGATA BARBER SHOP**  
Linden Horn

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*A guiding star. A heavenly chorus. The Wise Men's search. The Shepherds' awe. And, in the manger, the newborn King.*

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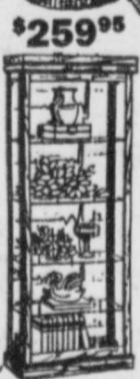
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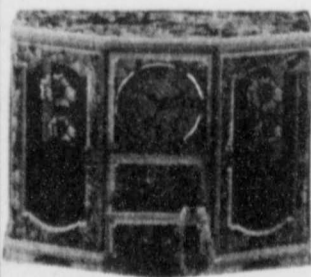
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*Thanks for banking with us!*

**Merry Christmas**

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# CHRISTMAS

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# Blossom Letters To Santa.....



**Wishing You  
Happy Holidays  
& The Best  
New Year!!**

*Donald, Judy  
& Tana Screws*

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. I would like a new bike, 10-speed, Deluxe Pranksters set, video recorder w/carrying case, battery re-charger, battery, lens cap, sno-cone machine, cellular walkie talkies, new porcelain doll, a tornado lamp or lava lamp. Did you know my parents believe in you? So could you bring something for my mom, ex. foot massage kit, or a bath and body works kit, please, and for my dad, ex. new set of golf clubs with new case, new brief case or new mobile phone? Thanks for your time.

I love and believe in you.  
Tons of love,  
Emily E. Fendley

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good this year, but it's been hard at times. I would like you to bring me a Pooh tree house tent and a jeep with police sirens. Please remember my big sister, Jordan.

Love,  
Chase Hunold

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a Water Baby and a puzzle for Christmas. Also please bring a book for Laura. Thank you.

Love,  
Kate

Dear Santa,

This year I want a 22 and a CD player and a Game Boy with the game Donky Kong 3. I also want a new game called Street Fighter and I also want a new game called Yoshy World. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,  
Josh McClain

Dear Santa,

I have a sister named Kelsey Brook Klinger. I want some clothes and shoes for Christmas. My sister wants a Mug a Bear and clothes and shoes. And my sister is 4 years old.

Love,  
Lindsey Nicole Sugg

Dear Santa,

I'm in 4-B at Blossom School. I love you.

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike, guitar and a tractor.  
Your friend,  
Dustin Jones

Dear Santa,

I would like a Little Mermaid doll and Barbie and Rabbit.  
Love,  
Daisy

Dear Santa,

I would like a guitar and a rabbit.  
Love,  
Jesse Clark

Dear Santa,

I would like a Jurassic Park dinosaur and a rabbit and a bird.  
Your friend,  
Alyssa Pitcock

Dear Santa,

I would like a rabbit, bird and a horse.  
Love,  
Dakota Swindle

Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy, chalk board and chalk and an eraser.  
Love,  
Sherri Patterson

Dear Santa,

I would like a guitar, piano and bike.  
Love,  
Christopher Anderson

Dear Santa,

I would like a dog, piano and bike.  
Your best friend,  
Chase

Dear Santa,

I would like a dog.  
Your friend,  
Tyler Bowd

Dear Santa,

I would like a piano, 4-wheeler.  
Your friend,  
Brandie

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a 22 gun, a board game, a lava lamp and a skate board. I have been a very good boy.  
Love Timothy Henry

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a ring, beanie baby, California Roller Girl, Christmas Holiday Barbie and a Brush-my-teeth baby.  
Love Rachel Morgan Hostetler

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Barbie jeep and a pony named "Pigtail". Bring some Michael Jordans for my dad and a baby brother for mom. I love you.  
Allison Ann Marie Ensey

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a play tent and soem play dough and other toys and stuff.  
Love Hunter Sanders

Dear Santa,

I would like a Dalmation dog.  
Eove,  
Kaleb Price

Dear Santa,

I would like a John Deere tractor, rabbit, train set.  
Your best friend,  
Ben Blount

Dear Santa,

I would like a Mermaid, Barbie and Ken Barbie, cook and bake oven.  
Your friend,  
Whitnie Stone

Dear Santa,

I would like a rabbit, dog, bird.  
Your friend,  
Zach Cullum

Dear Santa,

I would like a mountain bicycle, skates and telephone.  
Your friend,  
Morgan Burchinal

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a new Lost World Jurassic Park movie, giga pet, Wrestler men and a tether ball.  
Love Zachery Jester

Dear St. Nick,

Please bring me a California Roller Girl, roller blades, Swimming Barbie and five Winnie the Pooh movies. I have been good.  
Love Christin Holland

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a ring, Kowal gigapet, beanie baby, Brush-my-teeth baby, Christmas Holiday Barbie and California Roller girl. I have been a very good girl.  
Love Brittnee Nichols

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a super pound play van, wiggle and walk pound puppies alarm clock. I have been a good girl.  
Love Laura Roberts

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a new lava lamp, a new bike, a new play station game, a California Roller Girl and Spice Girls cd.  
Love Kori Hulén

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bike, little car and the Lost World race track. I have been a good little boy.  
Love Cody Upchurch

Dear Santa,

I want a plane. I want a dinosaur and I want a car.  
Love Joseph Stevens

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a go-cart, lazer challenge, battleship and a saxophone.  
Love Cole Shannon



## Country Holiday Greetings

We wish all our neighbors a beautiful season.

*Merry Christmas  
And A Happy New Year  
The Allens*

*John, Phebe, Zachary, Dustin & Hollie*

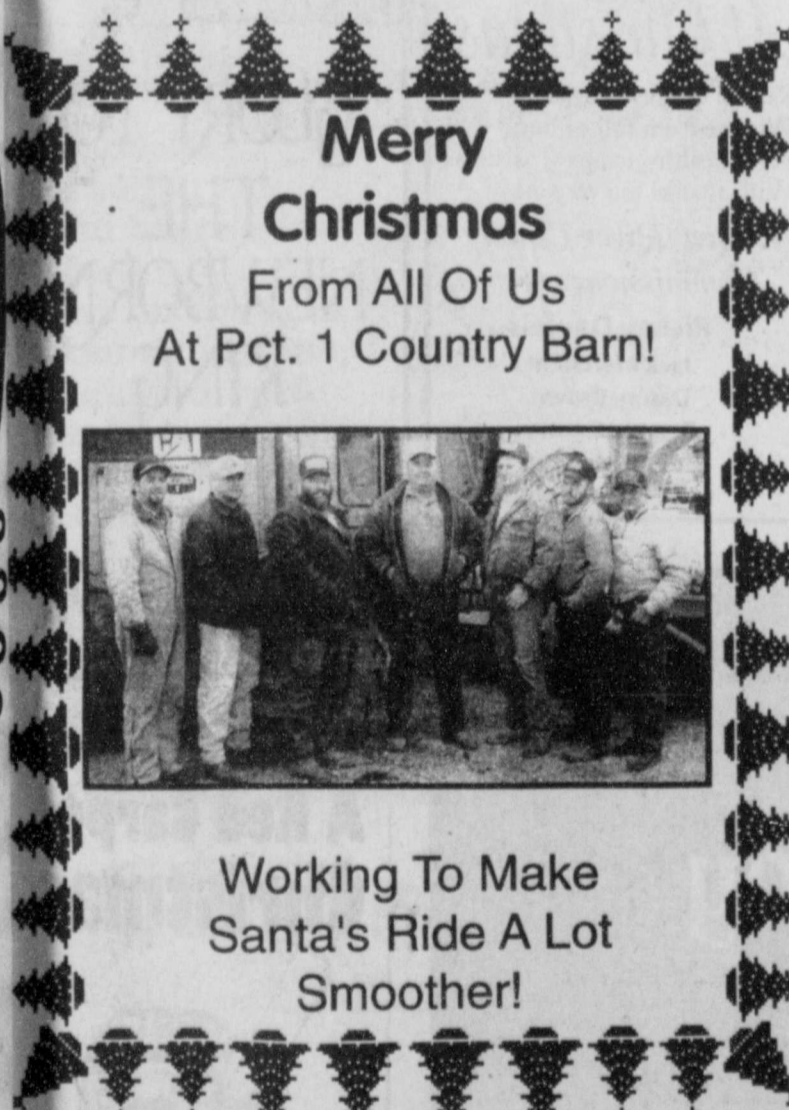


## Season's Greetings

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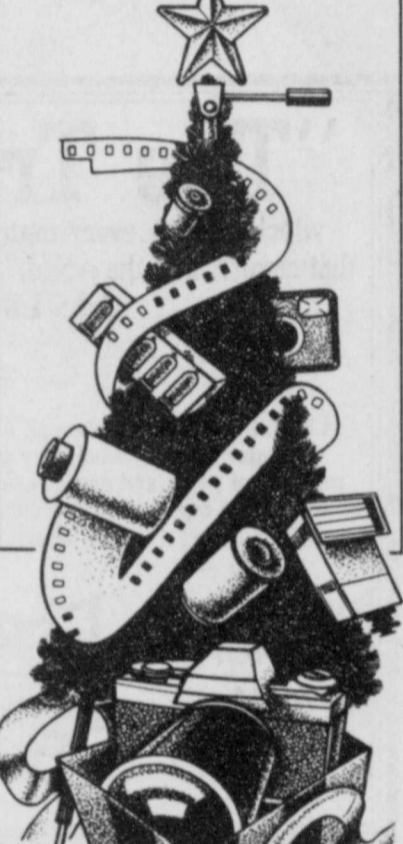
**BEST  
HOLIDAY  
WISHES**

Here's hoping  
your holidays  
bring the best of  
everything all the  
way around!  
**Don, Peggy  
& Tera  
Anderson**



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& Happy New Year**  
The Musgrove Family




**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Here's hoping your season gets off to a flying start, and brings  
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As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us give  
special thanks for the blessings shown us.  
Best wishes for a joyous Noel to one and all.

**J.A. & Juanita Sparks**



# Deport Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a phone, remote control car, go-cart, three wheeler, 2 giga pets, and some new boots. I would like you to bring my sister Kelcey some new shoes, four wheeler and a Barbie doll. Would you bring my dad some new shirts, pants and boots. My mom would like a new truck. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Broc Crawford

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a trampoline, some school clothes and shoes, a jacket and a Hula Hair Barbie. I also want you to bring my sister, Carley, a little 4-wheeler. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Ashley Thomas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Nintendo, blocks, hats, computer, a remote control car. Please bring Nikki and Catlin a bicycle.  
Love,  
John English

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer, a Barbie, a chalk board, a bike and some clothes. Bring Tracy a radio, Charlie a motorcycle and Waylon a radio. Please bring mom and dad a coffee pot.  
Love,  
Amanda Gilbert

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, some clothes, a Barbie doll and a Barbie car. My sister wants a guitar and a microphone. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the kitchen table.  
Love lots,  
Niki Malone

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big bicycle, a giga pet, my sister Ashley would like a radio set. My mom wants a breakable Barbie doll and my dad Clint Davis wants a big car with a remote. I will leave you oreo cookies and miolk.  
Love,  
Marli Elrod

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie doll shopping house and a big rocket ship. My big sister would like a Barbie house and my brother would like a dump truck. I also have a baby sister who would like a rattle. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and a big glass of milk on the table in the kitchen. I love you.  
Love,  
Candra' Hepburn

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby All Gone, Rapunzel Barbie, a Newborn Diaper Surprise Baby and a Cabbage Patch Paintin Faces. Bring my sisters a laughing Winnie the Pooh, and some baby bottles. Please bring my dad some dress shoes and my mom a dress. I will leav eyou some brownies and milk by the Christmas tree.  
Love,  
Kaylie Hines

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer and some computer games. Bring my brother a gun and a giga pet. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and some milk on the table.  
Love,  
Marissa Kindle

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a giga pet, bike, baby that brushes her teeth, two twins that are babies, a snowball with snow in it and a CD player. Give my moma a necklace and earrings, give my brother Kyle a CD player and my other brother some fruit. I will leave you some milk and cookies to eat.  
Love,  
Katrina Malone

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a TV, Rapunzel Barbie, a Panda ring and a Looney Tune watch. Please bring my mom some clothes and my dad a nice watch. I will leav eyou cookies and milk wrapped up in a present beside my Christmas tree.  
Love,  
Maggie Miller

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a puppy, Rapunzel Barbie, piano, homework, Ariel doll and one of Santa's workers. Please bring my sister a Casie Cartwheel, and my mommy a new book, my daddy also wants new tools. My kitty needs a new bed, too. I will leave you cookies and milk in the kitchen.  
Love,  
Molly Minter

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer, chalk board, go cart, bicycle and a car track. Please leave my brother Blake a play well. I will leave you some cookies.  
Love,  
Chase Stogsdill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control car, and a remote control truck. I also want a Christmas book, a play clock and a play dog. Please bring my brother Jason a Nintendo, a new clock for my dad, a play ball for my dog. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
K.C. Barber

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a blonde Barbie, a Barbie car and Barbie shoes. Please bring Heather the same things. Earl Jr. wants some Batman shoes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Felicia Filkins

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll that brushes her teeth, a Barbie that is an angel princess, a Barbie house, a Barbie car, a desk to draw pictures on, and crayons and marker colors.  
Also get my brother, a fire truck, also a basketball. Also get my parents a picture frame, a Christmas ornament. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Kaley Stringfellow

Dear Santa,  
I've been a sweet girl this year. Please bring me a swing set and Barbie jeep. I'll leave some cookies out for you and some hay for RLolph.  
I love you,  
Anna Watson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike, Nintendo 64, and the game Mario 3 to go with it. I will leave you cookies and milk by the fireplace.  
Love,  
David Barnes

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a dump truck, Game Boy with Mortal Kombat and a Power Ranger game, an alarm clock and 2 karate fighters. Please bring my brother Josh a Tonka bulldozer, a folder with Michael Jordan on it, and a battleship that floats. It has been good. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk on the coffee table.  
Love,  
Dylan Cathey

**"The True Light,**  
which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."  
John 1:9

Like the morning sun through a window, may this holy day's message of peace and goodwill to all brighten our lives in this and every season.

**BEST WISHES  
DETROIT  
7 to 11  
Jim & Margaret  
Missildine**

**HARK!**

Wishing you a glorious season, with our thanks.

**George & Robbie  
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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May you rejoice in the splendor of His many wondrous creations in this season of love. Merry Christmas!

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**At Christmas**

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# Blossom Letters To Santa.

Dear Santa,  
I am Taylor Gillie and I am in the 3rd grade in Mrs. Burnsed's class. I would like some cd's and a mini cd player that you can carry to games. Clothes and I would like a Christmas Holiday Barbie and some new dresses and another cat because my cat needs a cat friend. I will be sure to leave you a lot of cookies and some milk out for you but this time please do not make a mess on the table. Oh yea, in my stocking I would like some treats. Well, I'm sure that is all, but be sure to get something for my mom and dad and sister and my cute cat.  
Love Taylor Gillie

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. A puppy, hairbow, book, watch, puzzle, fish and I am in the 3rd grade.  
Your friend Jennifer Filkins

Dear Santa,  
My name is Diann. I want some pencils and Cassie Cartwheel and doll clothes and a camera and Tweety backpack and a blanket for my bed and a nintendo 64 with Mario 2.  
Love Diann

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I want a 1959 Cadillac, Nintendo 64, WCW vs NWO World Tour, Jaguar and a dad.  
Steve

Dear Santa,  
My name is Scott and for Christmas I want a four-wheeler and a nintendo with games, bee bee gun with a scope and a baseball glove, a football and a chrome Huffy at my house.  
Your friend Scott

Dear Santa,  
I want a cd player and a dog and cat, a gigapet, pool, trampoline, the cd butterfly, tetherball and I am in the 3rd grade and I have been good.  
Your friend Courtney Weehunt P.S. I want a tv.

Dear Santa,  
I would like lots of things for Christmas, but I would really like a four-wheeler. Christmas is getting closer. I would also like a computer and some sega saturn games. That's all.  
Love Cale

Dear Santa,  
I want a pinball game, a nintendo 64, a computer with some games with it.  
Your friend Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo 64. How is your day and the elves day? I want a barbie doll and a doll that looks like a real baby, shoes, wide leg pants, Nike hat and Nike clothes. In my stocking I want a lot of candy, a watch and a picture frame and also carmacks.  
Love Haley

Dear Santa Clos,  
Si Puedes traerme una chamarra y un Microwave oven y para Mi hermano. Joaquin una computadra chiquita para que aprenda las letraa. y para mi Hermanito chiquito un Morosauco. Gracias. Love Juana Zermeno

Dear Santa,  
I want a fake kitty, fake doggy, fake rabbit, fake buffalo, fake deer and a new doll for Christmas.  
Love Laura Smith

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tonya Fry. I have been a very good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, a Tickle Me Elmo, clothes book, new shoes and a Barbie house.  
Love Tonya

Dear Santa,  
My grandma wants a wheelchair, my daddy wants to win the lotto, my brother wants a batman car, I want a Barbie car, my grandpa wants a new car and my cat Friskie wants a rubber mouse.  
Love Rachell Procella

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control plane and a new bike.  
Love Carl Wood

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline for Christmas and a Holiday Barbie. I want new clothes, new shoes and new socks.  
Love Megan Thomas

Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Kaylee Delarosa! I want a ring, Giga pet, clothes, Nike shoes, watch, crayons, scissors, house, Barbie doll, glitter, earrings, necklace, hairbow, jeans, binder, stickers, lead, pens, boots, cowboy shirt.  
Love Kaylee

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jeanette. I'll tell you what I want for Christmas. 8 baby's, baby clothes, a super nintendo, a Lion King tape and a sega video game.  
Your friend Jeannette DeCrane

Dear Santa,  
I'm the one who sent you e-mail, Blake Connot! I want a nintendo 64 and some gigga pets, winnie the pooh bed spread and a matching pillow, some clothes, some toys and a George of the Jungle, Bean, Flubbe and anything else you want to give me.  
Love Blake  
Your e-mail pal

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shawna Johnson and I want some pencils and a cd player that has three cd's. I want some books, a nintendo for myself, two nintendo tapes and two movies. I want a new pair of four-wheel skates and I want skates with smiley faces on them. And I want a Nana baby.  
Your friend Shawna

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jessica Tidwell and I am 8 and I want 5 giga pets and a dresser, adress book and a puppy.  
Your friend Jessica

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want clothes, computer, shoes, movie called Hercules, Men In Black and Salena.  
Your friend Claudia

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob Corley. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a nintendo 64 with games WCW, NWO World Tour, Chicago Bulls 5 time Champion video from Sports Illustrated  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a deer rifle, pellet gun bickana, 4x4 four-wheeler and a pet horse.  
Love Jay Henderson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Corey. I want a Ninetendo 64 and the game WCW NWO World Four, the game, a watch, camera, clue football 98, sunglasses, dude rag and Mario Kart 64.  
Your friend Corey

Dear Santa,  
I would like a coon dog and a cat.  
Love Michael L. Smith

Dear Santa,  
I love a bake and a race care. I love a ball and a football and I love a baseball and a bat.  
Love Alex Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like a bow and target so can practice with my dad. Please bring my brother and little sister something too.  
Love Cade White

Dear Santa,  
Hello! My name is Kandace Burchinal! If you think I have been a good girl this is what I want. Giga Pet, computer, swimming pool, swing set, dresser, new bed, clothes, shoes, jewelry, dress, book. Well, I think that is all I want.  
Yours truly Kandace

Dear Santa,  
I want a copper head, red rider bb gun with a scope, a I want a play station at my moms and I want a bunk bed. I want the game Henry, don't get a super inintendo and all I want is snow and around \$300,000.  
Your friend Zachery

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun, some toys, nintendo 64 and sega saturn.

Dear Santa,  
I want the Spice Girls CD, talking whiz kid notebook, giga pet pocket puppy. How are you? I am fine. I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love Lauren Ausmus

Dear Santa,  
I want a B-B gun, nintendo 64, VCR, tv, remote control car, telephone and some football stuff also.  
Love Kyle Blanton

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of skates, a pet mouse, and a club house. How is it in the North Pole. Please write back. I hope you have a jolly Christmas. I've got to go.  
Your pal Matt Corley

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike with hand radio, Barbie with a house, a cart with play food set and I also want a red cat.  
Love Erica Ray

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Have a happy Christmas. I want a giga pet for Christmas. I also want a bean bag, jewelry box this year. I want a walkman for this year.  
Your friend Leigha Stone

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nano Puppy for Christmas. I would like to know how you are doing today? I even want a real kitten and a radio.  
Your friend Ashley Lester

Dear Santa,  
How is your day? I want a remote control car and basketball and nintendo 64 and game called Goldeneye.  
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Dear Santa,  
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Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a really pretty doll, a very fun Christmas, a horse and a lot of surprises.  
Your friend Bailee Berry

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart, mountain bike, hockey stick and hockey puck.  
Tyler Graham

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and bad this year. I would like a batman figure, army dolls and lazer tag.  
From Jordan Walker

## Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
The fat and jolly man. Here is the list I want. O.K. Good here they are. Suzuki dirt bike, pellet pump rifle, huffy cyclone, radio control airplane, hot wheels volcano, tetherball, electric football, electric train, remote control car called the slammer, Jurassic Park, the lost world car set kinda thing. I want you to pick the rest.  
Kenneth Price

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player, cd's, clothes, \$100, a diamond ring, games and puppy dog.  
Courtney

Dear Santa,  
I want 3 giga pets, 2 nano babies, tomagochi and some cd's and cd player, ring, some clothes and some games and a bike and that is all.  
Kara Nation

Dear Santa,  
I want a diamond ring, a new cat giga pet, dog giga pet, a horse, a diamond ankle bracelet and cat collar for my kitten Coccie.  
Thanks Haeley McHam

Dear Santa,  
I want a giga pet for Christmas and a CD player too and bring me a real saler phone for Christmas too and a earrings and rings too.  
Love Kayla Craig

Dear Santa,  
I want a baseball bat and glove, new bike, pet mouse, fishing pole, fishing lures, RC racecar, Datona 500, eight Hot Wheels, Super Nintendo with fishing game and chalkboard.  
Kevin Baugh

Dear Santa,  
I want a race car, bike, tv, cb, baseball, baseball bat, a toy and a gun.  
Miguel Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a new toy. Please will you come to my house.

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy gun, game boy, cash box, blue jean shirt, blue jeans and an Old Navy shirt and \$100,000.  
Tel Pitcock

Dear Jolly Man in the North Pole,  
I want a Gigapet, skateboard and bike too.  
Chris McKinney

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and that is all. I am going to Granny's.  
Holly Westbrook

Dear Santa,  
My name is Chris Wilkins and I go to Blossom school and I am in the first grade. I would like for you to bring me a fire truck, clothes and a computer.  
Love Chris Wilkins.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a football, a Red Rider gun, pocket watch, bike and a Patented jacket. I have been good.  
Dayne Sessums

Dear Santa,  
My name is Coydean Harmon and I am in the 1st grade at Blossom School. I would like a Lost World race track and playhouse. I also want a Hot Wheel garage.  
Love Coydean Dear Santa.

I have been a very good boy. For Christmas I would like to have a bike, racecar track and helicopter.  
Phillip Filkins

Dear Santa,  
I want a pcket watch, hockey table, nintendo tapes, metal molder, tennis shoes. Please have a nice trip. Will leave you milk and cookies and say hello to Rudolph.  
Love Ricky Latham

Dear Santa,  
I have been an okay kid. I would like a BB gun, bow and arrow set and please bring my sister Kasea a sing-n-stay Ernie. Thank you very much.  
Love Josh White

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike, pirate army, shirt, clothes, tetherball, four wheeler, play batman and pool table.  
L love Santa,  
Sacey Fendley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Amber Hoselton. I live Rt. A-Box 313-C. I hope you come to my house. I have been a very good girl. I would like a Dalmation dog and you can bring my brothers a race track. Thank you.  
Love Amber

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a bike, dog, gigapet, cd and please bring my brother a truck and guitar. I will be looking for you. I will also leave you a snack.  
Love Kayla Craig


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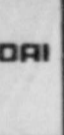
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**Merry Christmas To all our friends, on the farm and in town**  
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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS


Wishing you a season filled with great joy!  
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## CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

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**Friday 42 club meets with Robbie Gooch**

The Friday 42 Club met with Robbie Gooch on December 14th. Two visitors were Dorothy Holt and Mae Storm. They tied for high score for visitors high score. High score for members was won by Robbie Gooch and Jimmie King. The next meeting will be with Alma Scaff January 9. A delicious refreshment plate was served.

Dear Mr. Santa:  
Hi my name is Chadlee Devere Johnstod. I am 18 and a half years old. I am a SENIOR at Prairiland H.S. I have been very good this year and I hope that you bring me everything that I ask for. I want a 1998 GMC Yukon Z71, and a new house, and to win the LOTTERY, and my very own A.T.M. machine. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I will be waiting up on you.  
Love,  
Chad



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**Christmas Memories Contest**

By Mary Jane Lowry

I remember one of our Christmas traditions at our house (Clarence and Genevieve Deberry) centered around our friends, the Alfred Fleming family.

Mary and I started school together and have continued to be such good friends throughout the years. My daddy dealt in beef during the Depression years, butchering it and delivering it house to house.

We never did fatten a hog and have pork. The Flemings always did and when I would spend the night with Mary I'm sure I made a pig of myself over the breakfast sausage.

At any rate, it became a tradition that they sent us a sack of sausage for Christmas for many years and it made Christmas so special after Santa came and gifts were opened. We continued to have that treat for many years after and even after I married (until we were warned about fat). When I do occasionally break over and have it, it brings back such sweet memories of depression day sharing!

EXHIBIT A-2

PRAIRILAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only) as of August 31, 1997
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,167,351	\$ 102,148	\$ 49	
5800 State Program Revenues	3,633,102	32,398	-	
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	342,387	-	\$ 1,259,548
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 4,800,453	\$ 481,522	\$ 49	\$ 3,666,090
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
0010 Current:				
0010 Instruction & Instructional Related Services	\$ 3,045,966	\$ 179,270	\$ -	\$ 3,225,236
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	245,889	-	-	245,889
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	546,969	321,556	-	868,525
0040 Administrative Support Services	172,207	543	-	172,750
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	593,129	-	-	593,129
0070 Debt Service	-	-	-	-
0080 Capital Outlay	23,781	-	-	23,781
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	239,553	-	-	239,553
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 4,807,312	\$ 501,369	\$ -	\$ 5,308,681
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (6,859)	\$ (19,846)	\$ 49	\$ (26,656)
7020 Other Resources	11,267	-	-	11,267
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 4,408	\$ (19,846)	\$ 49	\$ (15,389)
0100 Fund Balances - September 1 (Beginning)	\$ 622,356	\$ 59,571	\$ 2,787	\$ 684,714
1900 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	239,553
3000 Fund Balances - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 626,764	\$ 59,571	\$ 2,787	\$ 689,114

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Elmore family holds Christmas**

The Elmore family Christmas Reunion was held to honor Granny Elmore of Deport. It took place December 7 at the Deport American Legion Hall.

Ones from Deport attending were: Faye Elmore, Ruth Whittle, Jesse, Carla, Brittney and Courtney Filkins, Billy, Becky and Emory Robinson; Chad and Cindy Robinson from Caviness; Jacky and Melba Elmore of Minter; Jimmy, Pam, Jimalyn, J. Kurt, and Jerrica McKee of Pattonville; Beulah Randolph of Sulphur Bluff; from Paris, Joyce and Bill Smith, Donna and Charles Slaydon, Bene't and Dorothy Smith; Carl, Vicki, Michael, Carl Jr. and Clayton McKissick of Red Oak; Rick, Brandy, Nicki and Stacy Westerman of Hagansport; Johnny Henderson of Dallas; Mike, Carla, Dylan, Dustin Smith of Garland.

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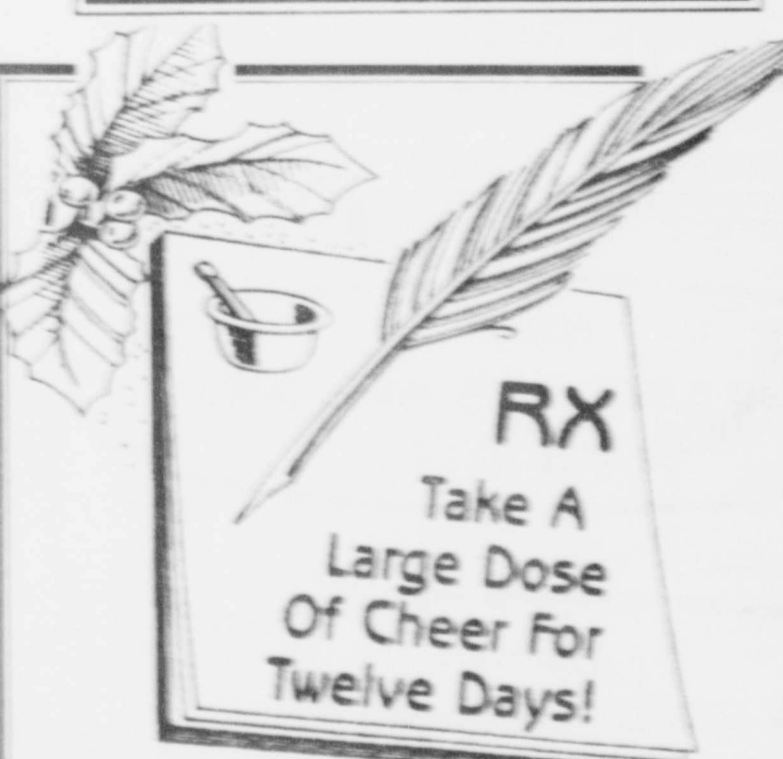
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## Patriot freshman defeat Chisum 40-36

The Prairiland freshman boys team traveled to Chisum Monday night and to play. The Chisum team went ahead quickly as they scored 6 points before the Pats could successfully hit the basket. Although the Pats trailed the entire game they were able to rally in the 4th quarter and defeat the Mustangs 40-36.

Kyle Malone was high scorer with

16 points and 2 steal. Jason Elrod put in 8 points with one successful steal. Michael Platt popped 2 three pointers for 6 and Chris Berry put in 4 puts and Aaron Murdock scored 2 points. Drew Riddles stole the ball three times. Casey Upchurch had one steal. Berry had 2 steals and Platt and Gordon each had one. David Newman also played well for the Patriot victory.

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By Liz Irwin  
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Santa Clause will be at the Cray House on Saturdays to visit with everyone.

Patriots and Lady Patriots participated in the Sulphur Bluff Cap Herman Tournament over the weekend.

Alan and Amy Dabbs and Mandy and Patrick Williams and several others from this area attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas over the weekend, leaving on Friday and returning Monday.

Visiting with Ann Sanders was Sheila and Allison Ann Marie Ensey of Paris.

School will be dismissed early on Wednesday and Thursday and 1:15 on the Prairiland campus and Deport and Blossom will dismiss at 1:30.

Visiting with Pauline and Dr. Weddle this past week was Vivian and Olat Neal of Paris and Steven and Stacy Weddle of Bogart.

Sheila, Lesa and Laci Thompson, Jessica Mitchell and Pauline Weddle visited the Avery Assembly of God Church on Sunday.

## Lady Pats claim 2nd at Cap Herma

In first round action, the Lady Patriots played Sulphur Bluff's JV team and won 76-32. All of the girls saw lots of playing time.

Felicia Taylor led the scoring with 14 points while nabbing down 9 rebounds. Tammy Nichols had 13 points and Brandie Upchurch had 12 with 3 three-pointers. Christy Patterson added 11 points. Along with Crystal Davis 8 points along with 6 assists and 8 steals.

In the semi-finals, the ladies took the Sulphur Bluff Bears and defeated them 70-58. Prairiland started off strong and led by 16 points during the first part of the second quarter, but fouls and turnovers allowed the Lady Bears to come back. A big 25 point 4th quarter guaranteed the victory.

Can Irwin led the Lady Patriots

with 15 points and nine rebounds. The final match with Saltville was a 35-48 defeat for the Lady Patriots. The first quarter was led by Lady Patriots 14-9. But Saltville at halftime 18-19 to claim the 33 win.

Irwin again was high point woman and Irwin and Crawford tied with rebounds each.

Upchurch, Taylor and Patterson were named to the all-tournament team.

The JV team also competed in tournament. On Thursday they played Saltville and fell 15-61 with Jennifer Taylor scoring six points.

On Friday they played Sulphur Bluff and fell 10-59 with Taylor Clarkston having high with 18 points.



LADY PATRIOTS Kim Gibson and Christy Patterson defend the goal in action during the Cap Herman Sulphur Bluff Tournament over the weekend. The ladies took 2nd with Patterson, Brandie Upchurch and Felicia Taylor.

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### Lady Patriots fall to Clarksville

The Lady Patriots riddled themselves with turnovers Tuesday night as they fell to Clarksville 60-44. Trailing 33-21 at halftime, the Lady Patriots only scored four points in the third quarter, hitting only two of nine from the floor.

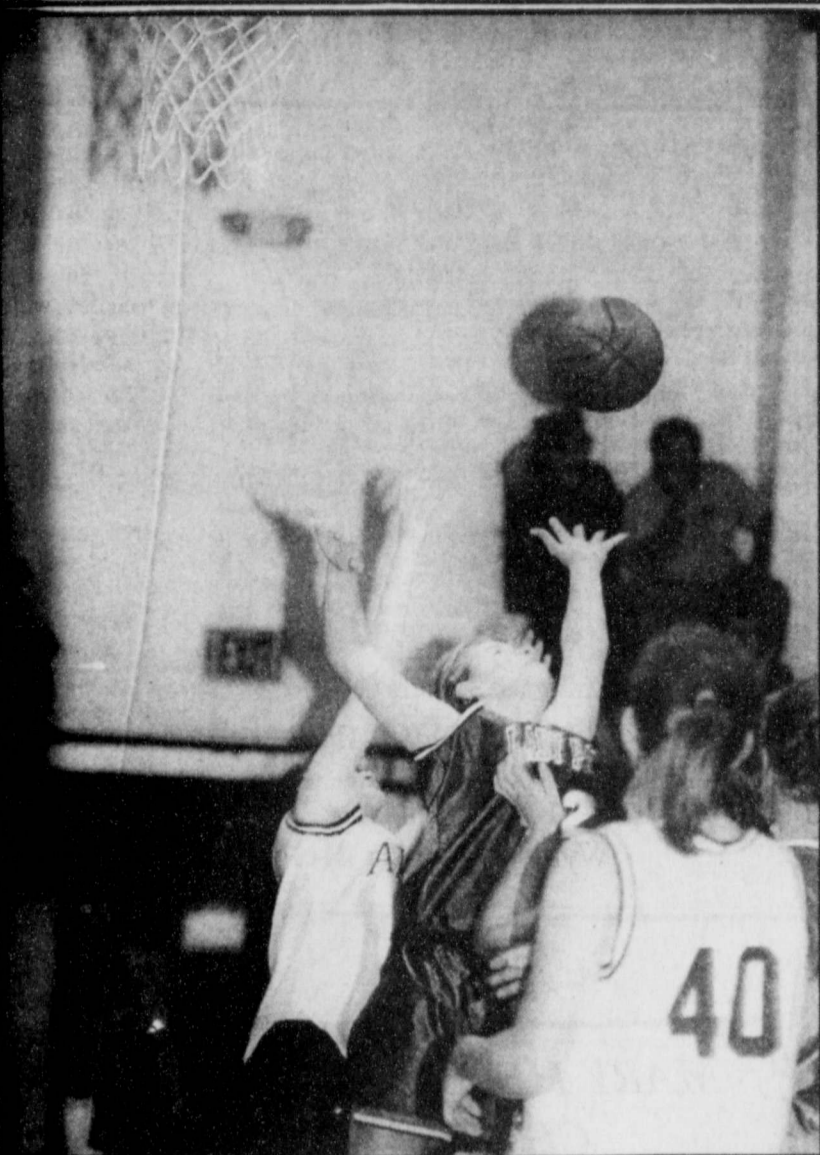
However, Prairiland did match

Clarksville's 18 fourth quarter points but were unable to make up the point deficit.

Brandie Upchurch led the scoring with 15 points while Cari Irwin chipped in nine points. Katha Crawford pulled down nine rebounds, and Christy Patterson had six assists.

#### Stats vs. Clarksville

Name	Reb.	Asst.	Steals	F Throws	2 pts	3pts	Total
Brandie Upchurch	6	4	3	6/6	3	1	15
Tammy Nichols							
Stacy Harrison							
Crystal Davis			1		1		2
Cari Irwin	4		2	3/4	3		9
Katha Crawford	9	1	2	2/2	2		6
Kim Gibson	4	3	2				
Christy Patterson	4	2	6	1/2	3		7
Felicia Taylor	1		2	1/2	2		5




**BLOSSOM LADY PATRIOT** Emilee Bolton goes up for the rebound in basketball action recently. The girls are having a good year and enjoy the game.



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*Dearest Folks,*

I received mail from you yesterday which brought the mail pretty well up to date, your latest letter being Dec. 13. I was glad to hear from you and to know you are all still in good health.

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**HOLIDAY** Health-St. Joseph's Health Clinic in Deport held a Healthy Holiday Cooking Experience last Wednesday. Healthy foods, a presentation by Tania Jaeger, Lifestyles Resource Co-Ordinator for the hospital, and recipes were shared with those who attended. (Staff Photo by Cindy Allen)

**Cunningham News**

By Linda Anderson  
652-3502 or 652-2059



Visiting Bill and Pat Page this weekend were Ricky and Channing Page from Granbury.  
Saturday, Linda and Cindy Anderson went to Greenville for a Christmas party at Sharon Speir's home. Those attending were Tracy Chipman of Milton, Sandra Burnett of Cunningham, Carol Newberry of Paris, Christy Godwin of Celeste and Pam Speir of Celeste. They ate at Appleby's and then went to Sharon's for dessert and exchange of gifts.  
The Baptist Church Women's Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 13 at Jane Glass's home in Bogata. Those attending were Lucy Fowler, Lorette Pynes, Carol Dorsey, Jennifer Dorsey, Deann Presley,

Shelby Kennedy, Debbie Gilbert, Pat Norwood, Mandy Cole, Ida Mae Norwood, Jennifer Barnes, Jenna Barnes, Lorene Lewis and Mary Ann Hart.  
Wendy and Carlos Ordorica attended her school Christmas party Saturday night at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club.  
Darold and Ida Mae Norwood had lunch Sunday, December 14 at Deport for the Foster Christmas lunch. John Darold Walker of Paris visited Sunday night.  
The Cunningham Community performed a live Christmas program of the birth of Jesus. Neva Jean Oats did as great job of directing and planning the program with many from the com-

munity singing and performing. It was well attended by the community at the Community Center.  
Johnny and Joyce Smith spent the weekend in Rosharon.  
Visiting Lou Hatfield over the weekend was her daughter, Sheran Johle of Georgetown.  
Velma Cox visited her sister, Dora Hester of Paris on Friday.  
Jerrod, Susan, Chance and Gerrie Bankhead of Cunningham, Bryan, Kristy and Kaden Callihan of Mt. Pleasant and George and Maureen Richardson of Paris spent the weekend in Dallas visiting Bud and Sallie Richardson. They attended the Christmas play at the Prestonwood Church in Dallas.  
Sunday, the Cunningham Baptist Church had their Christmas lunch after services.

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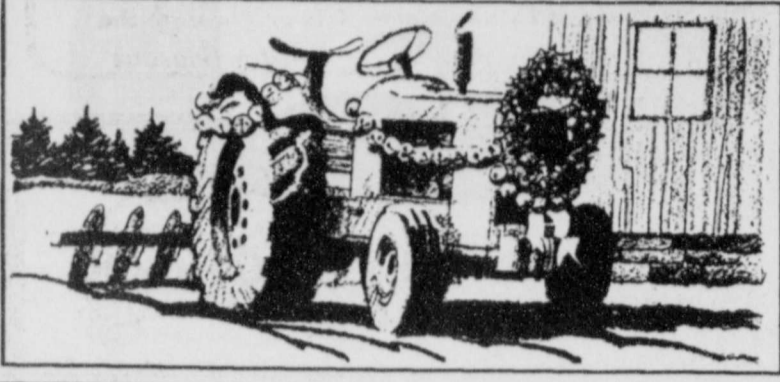
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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### Blossom ladies lose two to Saltillo

On Monday, December 8, the Blossom Lady Patriots hosted Saltillo. Game one was the "B" ladies. The girls played a good game with Jency Ritchey scoring high with 6. Jessica Spencer took 4, Tammie Anthony and Kelli Hamil with 2 each. Amber Brumbalow had one. Spencer, Brumbalow and Hamil had 2 fouls a piece while Megan Filkins, Anthony, Ritchey and Catherine Smith had one each. Mallory Woodall and Lindsey Peel played a good defensive game. Saltillo take the win 23-15. The Lady Pats "A" team had a bad road ahead of them as they seemed unable to keep the ball away from the Saltillo ladies, who took advantage of the situation at every turn. Emilee Bolton and Ashley Athas tied for high score with 4 each while Sheena Jones claimed 2. Bolton once again proved to be the aggressive one with 4 fouls. Jones and Athas tied with 2 fouls. Jordan Hunold, Chaity Nation, Natalie Wilson, Amie Love and Brittany Bailey each with one. Ashley Moffitt, Andi Gillie and Holly Jones fought hard for rebounds but the Pats lose to Saltillo.

### Blossom Lady Pats in NHopkins tourney

The Blossom Lady Pats "A" team traveled to North Hopkins on December 4-6 for the tournament. However the Lady Pats drew the team that was to claim first place and they came out on the short end losing 22-33 to Sulphur Bluff.

Emilee BHolton claimed top point of this game with 12! The ladies faced Saltillo next and stomped them 31-6 with no problems at all. Ashley Athas claimed high point taking 10. The girls were in a real battle in their final game as they had to face their sisiters-the Deport Lady Pats! The battle for consolation was on! Britt Bailey and Bolton claimed high with 6 each. Athas had one. Chasity Nation proved to be top aggressor with four fouls. The ladies played a tough game and fought valiantly but Deport took the game 17-13. Total points are as follows: Andi Gilliem Holly Jones and Sheena Jones with 2 each. Amie Love (newcomer to "A" team) had 4. Jordan Hunold 5. Athas and Bolton tie with 14 each and Bolton once again took high with 21 points in three games.

**To Our Valued Customers**

*As the season unfolds  
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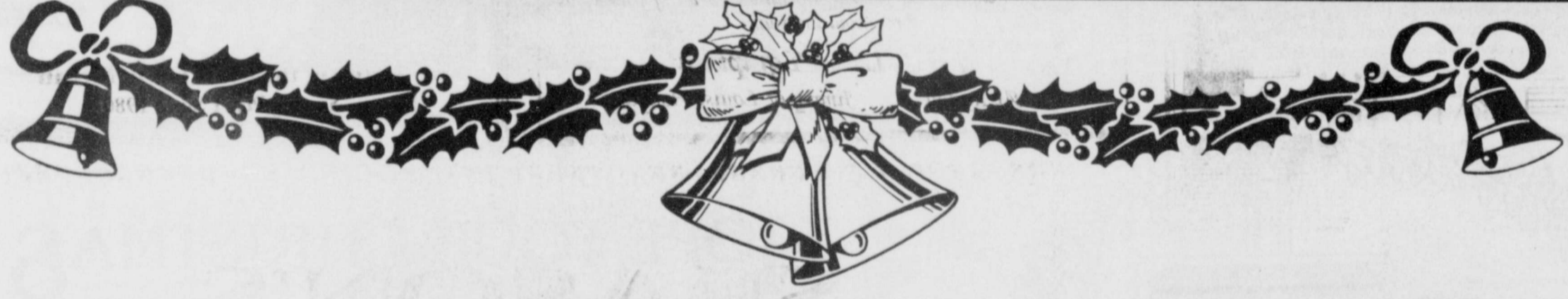
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## DEPORT LOCALS

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Sam Upchurch and girlfriend Bonnie visited L.C. Ballard for three days this week. After visiting L.C., they went to Arkansas to visit her aunt. Dorothy Scott, Theda Short and Richard Redus, all of Paris, Penny Cooper of New Braunfels visited the Walker Devlins over the weekend. Cari Beth of Oklahoma City visited Dick Burden this week. Alma Scaff visited Lucille Mor-

gan on Monday. Mary Bumgardner visited Linnie Bailey on Monday. Willie Mae Speirs visited Estelle Chessire Monday. Sharon Hatcher of Paris had dinner with Katherine Green Friday. Also visiting Katherine over the weekend was Frances Davis of Ft. Worth. Jessie Woodard visited Frances Franklin Monday.

Saturday night Dicky and Jayne King, NeLeigh King and Larry Rhea had dinner with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and exchanged gifts.



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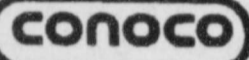
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## MANY THANKS TO YOU!

When it comes to the holidays, fill 'em up with the best fuel of all, peace and joy. We wish you all the best, because you are the best.

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## Oh, Blessed Season!

Just as a star showed them the way, may His light guide you through each passing day.

**Blossom Church of God**

Larry Bridges, Pastor



## Presbyterian Women meet

The Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church of Deport met Monday evening, December 8 in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Following the invocation, a buffet meal was served. The tables were laid with red tablecloths and Christmas napkins. A red poinsettia was in the center of each table. Poinsettias were placed at other focal points in the room.

Following the meal, Reba Temple,

moderator, introduced Suzy Kelsey, who gave a review of Billy Graham's book "Just As I Am."

Mrs. Kelsey was presented a gift of appreciation from the group.

Mame Cutshall gave a handmade bookmark in the shape of a cross to each one present at the meeting.

Special guests were Sharyl Thompson and daughter Anna; Virginia Kirkland and Mrs. Kelsey.



## THANKS FOR COMING!

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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# Post Oak News

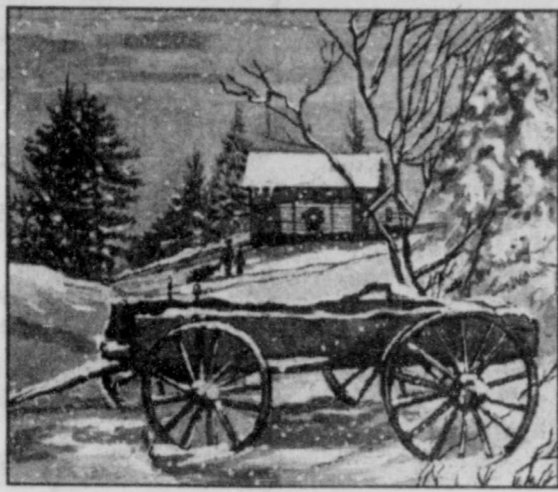
By Geneva Lee  
982-5309

Visitors at the East Post Oak MBC Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Allen and son Dustin of Carrollton. They visited his mother Ruby Allen over the weekend. Phillip came forward on profession of faith at the

morning service. Midweek service will be Tuesday night. Georgia Clark had balloon surgery on her heart last week at St. Joseph and is now out of ICU into a

private room Sunday and Monday left the hospital to go to her daughters Monday. Vernon Stevens is in St. Joseph ICU and very ill. Alma Stevens was in St. Joseph last week for blood and diabetic problems but home now. Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee attended New Haven Missionary Baptist Church in Dimple Sunday where he preached morning and night in the absence of their pastor Bro. Steven

Hill. He and Mrs. Hill was in Mt. Pleasant hospital waiting the birth of their first child. Seven was present at last week's Fire Department meeting. Clint Herron joined the department as a new member. Tony Ellis was released from Baylor Hospital last Wednesday and came to the home of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee. He was admitted to McCusition Saturday with possible blood clot in his leg. Winfred Lee spent a few days in McCusition last week and returned home Wednesday. Word has been received that Abbie Walker of Rowlett Nursing Home, 94, daughter of Crate Walker, died recently there. She was married to Reno Rocelle on December, 1925 in Post Oak and she previously lived in Littlefield and Lubbock.



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*Honorable Mention*  
**Christmas Memories Contest**

**Santa In A Dark Sedan**  
By Thomas Nichols

I grew up in the country, and at Christmas time each year, we were visited by a Santa Claus delivering fruit. As a kid, I would start looking out the window every few minutes anticipating his arrival. We had no TV so we would play games like dominoes, checkers or battleship to pass the time, and a visit from Santa was a really big deal.

Santa always came after it was real dark. He arrived, not in a sleigh, but in a large dark sedan. I can remember the light beams from the sedan piercing the darkness, providing a visible route for him to our porch.

Santa was very tall, and seemed so large to my young eyes. He would approach the house with a deep voice rolling out the "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas" greeting. The bag he gave to me, my brother and any other kids that might be on hand, contained an apple, orange and peppermint candy.

The bag was always stuffed with the best tasting fruit I had ever tasted. After all, it was from Santa Claus!

As the years passed, and I began to wonder why this Santa seemed so familiar to me. That voice! Even though it sounded different, it still seemed so familiar.

After I had my bag of goodies and I retreated inside the house to enjoy them, my dad would stand on the porch and visit with Santa. My dad drove a school bus part-time to supplement his farm income. How did he know Santa so well?

One Christmas, right on time, the big dark sedan slowed to a stop with the light from the beams leading the way to our porch. I ran out to meet him and took the bag of Christmas he offered. I don't know why I did what I did, but I took the bag, looked him in the eye and said "Thank you, Mr. Isbell".

When I retreated once again into the house, my mother scolded me for exposing the big Santa to everyone. I didn't think about what I said as being rude. I just wanted to thank him for his annual visit with the Christmas goodies. I did feel bad, though, that I had exposed Santa to any of the younger visitors at our house that night.

More than 40 Christmases have come and gone since Mr. Gordon Isbell, Principal at Deport Elementary School, made those home deliveries of fruit in his dark sedan to my house, but every year at Christmas, I always remember him. The way he looked, his "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas" greeting, and the delicious fruit he had to offer. I doubt that he knows just how special he made those Christmas holidays.

I don't see Mr. Isbell very often anymore. Most on election day at the poll where he serves as an election judge, but once again at Christmas let me say, "Thank you, Mr. Isbell" for all those years of being my Santa Claus in a big, dark sedan.

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Season's Greetings



A Word From The Wise:

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FIRST PLACE in the truck division went to the Methodist Church of Deport. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Dear Santa:

Hi, my name is Cari Irwin and I am seventeen years old and I attend Prairiland H.S. I have been pretty good this year. I want a black Carhart Jacket and some clothes. I would also like to have some new pairs of blue jeans. I would really like a new car or truck. Have a Merry Christmas. Love, "Moose"

Honorable Mention Christmas Memories Contest

By Ruth O'Brien

It was 1940, Craig School's last year to be used, our teacher was Mrs. Mildred Nettleton. I was six years old. We were just one of the families in that community that were often referred to as "Mudville". The state curtain was down and at the front of the room stood a huge cedar Christmas tree, all decorated and it was a cold night, but most of the community was there, our family had eight, from 20 years of age to an eleven month old baby. Our parents took us all, gifts were passed out, and how I treasured the little set of green dishes and a small doll dressed in a blue knit suit, the boys all got gifts of toy guns and the baby a rattler. Such fellowship, and "Dear Old Santa" was there, a treat for us all! This is 57 years ago, most of that community's older ones have gone on to be with the Lord. My parents, two brothers, aunts, uncles and our dear friends and neighbors but such an occasion has never been forgotten, or the dark star studded sky above as we walked home, our hearts were overflowing with such a joyous night.

United Methodist Women hold Christmas meeting

The Deport United Methodist Women met in the fellowship hall of the church on Monday night, December 15.

Present were Ruth Cheatham, Debbie Campbell, Ruth Chipman, Juavane Carpenter, Martha Glover, Marianne Ladd, Melba Ladd, Margaret Parks, Lucille Pickering, Beulah Shipp and Juanita Sparks. Evelyn Barns was a guest of Ruth Chipman and Nannie Bell Ham was a guest of Nell Shull.

A motion was made to add to the Christmas Mission work with response to a known need in this community. Juavane Carpenter will make the purchases assisted by Ruth

Chipman.

Ruth Cheatham read from Luke the story of events that led to the birth of Jesus. Appropriate poems and personal reflections were shared as well as to remind the group of the reason for the season.

Martha Glover played the piano while all sang "Silent Night." The meeting adjourned with the Mizpah.

Covered dish refreshments including festive holiday punch and foods were enjoyed. Ruth Chipman led the group in gift swap escapades.

The next regular meeting will be Monday night, January 5, 1998.

Hwy. 271 **PATTONVILLE NEWS**  
By Rita Cox 784-0283  
Or Call The Deport Times at 652 4205

The Pattonville Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department will have their breakfast on Saturday, December 20 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. All you can eat for \$4.00. Everyone is welcome.

Bill and Ruby Blevins visitors Friday were Mickey Keener, Linnie Bailey and Ruby visited Alice Bumgardner.

Buster and Louise Crossland, Ruby Ray of Blossom, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver all went to Bonham to Bonnie

Clarks and had dinner Saturday.

Barbara McDowra and Gerald's visitors Monday were Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Hood, also Mr. and Mrs. Denny Hood.

Don and Peggy Gentry went to Cody Oliver's Christmas Concert Monday night at Aiken Elementary School.

Mary Head, Rita and Randall Cox had dinner with Allen Phillips and family on Sunday.

Genealogical Society meeting held

The Red River County Genealogical Society met Monday, December 8, at the Detroit Museum. Mrs. Delores Henexson gave a very informative talk about the start of the Museum, from its beginning up until the present time.

Mrs. Martha Sue Stroud, a society member and author of Gateway to Texas History of Red River County, presented a copy of the book to the Museum after Mrs. Henexson spoke. There have been very few books written about the area.

Added excitement for the evening

came with Mrs. Leta Hall giving the Norris Hotel register to the museum. The register is nearly one hundred years old and filled with names and addresses of guests of the Norris Hotel that was located at Detroit, Texas.

At the present time the Detroit Museum is the only museum in Red River County. The society applauds their efforts to preserve history of the area.

A large crowd was in attendance for the program and finger food buffet.

Foster family holds Christmas dinner

The Foster family held their Christmas dinner on December 14 at the Deport American Legion Hall.

Those attending were Geraldine Patterson of Dallas, Darlyne and Richard Nix of Rockwall, Kenda Foster of Arlington, Willard and Carolyn Brown of Hugo, OK, Ann Sisk of Daingerfield, Morris, Ginger, Jill and Alison Foster of Bogata, AL

Foster of Paris, Mattie Bramlett of Paris, James and Virginia Foster of Paris, Steve Foster and Linda Hood of Paris, Del and Zackery Walker of Paris, Darold and Ida May Norwood of Cunningham, Marlin Foster of Deport, Charles and Maxine Foster of Deport and Daniel and Joseph Foster of Paris.

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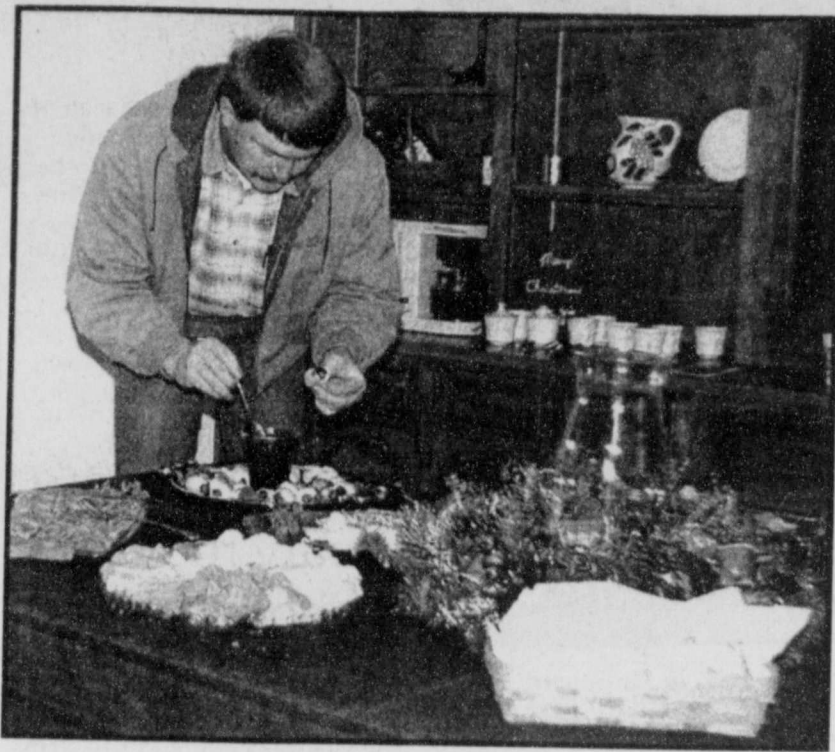
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**Cookie exchange held**

The annual Cookie Exchange was held Friday night, December 12th at the home of Bocky Norman. Members brought seven dozen cookies of one kind and returned home with seven dozen different cookies.

They all brought covered dishes items to share for dinner. Attending were: Patsy Norrell, Ann Lee, Dawne Darden, Juanita Sparks, Nanalee Nichols, Dot Nichols, Juanita Taylor and hostess Bocky Norman.



(Staff Photo)

PRAIRILAND FFA advisor and ag teacher checks out the "goodies" that were provided by the Prairiland FHA last week on campus. The FHA sponsors this annual event each year during the holidays.

**LC Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week**

You can earn up to \$1000.00 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime. Sometime during the Thanksgiving Day afternoon, unknown suspects forced entry into a home in the 1900 block of N. Main St. in Paris. Once inside, the suspects ransacked the home. This felony burglary of habitation resulted in the loss of over \$1,200.00 in lost and damaged prop-

erty. If you have any information of this or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by **December 22**, an arrest and indictment is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. **So lets all work together to fight crime!** Call Crime Stoppers today **785-TIPS! (785-8477).**

**Blossom boys take Saltillo 40-25**

The Blossom Patriots traveled to North Hopkins on December 4-6 for the tournament. The boys came up against Sulphur Bluff. Making short work of them 35-18. Derrick Loveless took high with a whopping 14 points. Next up was Detroit and once again Pats rule 45-18. Only this time David Keen took high with a full dozen! North Hopkins was next with this game going for first place. Cards seemed to be stacked against the Pats from the beginning as Josh Dawson racks up 4 fouls with 4:32 remaining in the 2nd quarter and the team is unable to sink a majority of their throws. At halftime, North Hopkins led

26-7 and the Pats were in major trouble. The referee calls were beyond questionable with Coach Weddle, while defending the Pats took a technical foul. The Pats rallied and took a valiant attempt to come back, but came up short losing 30-39. But in truth, they do not lose as they came home with 2nd place. Brad Gray grabbed top point with 12 for the championship game. Point totals for tournament are as follows: Jimmy Smith and Colt Hatfield 12 each. Brandon Bettis and Steve Tillery 4. Eric Berry 6. Shawn Steinkamp 10, David Keen 12. Josh Dawson 18. Brad Gray 23. Derrick Loveless 29.

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 Your Rural Letter Carrier

We'd like to start by spreading a little goodwill and best wishes right here at home. Many thanks to all our kind neighbors.  
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A PAT (Prairiland Academic Trust) FOUNDATION planning meeting was held in the Board Room of Prairiland High School on Monday night, December 15. The group will be holding a dinner with entertainment on February 12 at Prairiland.

**Prairiland Academic Foundation holds planning meeting**

The Prairiland Pat (Prairiland Academic Trust) Foundation met for a planning meeting in the board room of Prairiland High School on Monday night, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairman Wally Kraft with the invocation given by Dr. L.C. Stout. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with a financial report also given. Old business was covered with a report on tax free status covered and Anita Unruh being elected as the new treasurer.

Martha Castleberry, Frankie Norwood, J.R. Ray, Alice Anderson and Chet Downs.

Realizing the important need for an educated work force for the continued prosperity and welfare of our community, state and nation; and being aware of the escalating costs to achieve the degrees, skills and training required through colleges and technical institutes, the board feels a deep sense of responsibility to help our students with the finances to continue their education. The purpose of this Foundation is to provide scholarship funds which can be used to prepare our students to be successful, productive, contributing citizens for our communities, states, nation and world.

Short term goals set for the year include providing seven (7) \$1000 scholarships to members of the 1998 Prairiland graduating class. A goal has been set to raise \$10,000 this year. Seventy percent will be given in scholarships and thirty percent will be placed into the Foundation for growth and future scholarships.

Long term goals include seeking foundation monies from businesses and corporations; the foundation is also requesting gifts from individuals (these being tax deductible); also asking people to place the Foundation in their wills. A \$10,000 gift to the Foundation would provide a scholarship of \$1000 (listed in the donor's name or a name of the

donor's choice) for years.

There is an old African proverb that state: "It takes a whole village to raise a child." This is truer today than ever before. Our future is dependent upon the future of our children. The future is dependent upon the help that we are willing to give. For further information on the PAT Foundation, contact Dr. L. D. Stout, Administration of Prairiland ISD at 903-652-6476 or at P.O. Box 200, Pattonville, Texas 75468.

Committees were assigned and tickets will be in circulation within a week. The Foundation has been a dream come true for the administrators, faculty, students and communities which make up the Prairiland District. Representing all areas of the Prairiland district, community members came together this summer to organize the PAT Foundation, Inc. The current Board is made up of the following: President Wally Kraft, President-elect Jim Love, Secretary Judy Freeman and Treasurer Anita Unruh. Also Nanalee Nichols, Max Ballard, Johnny Patterson, Liz Jones, Daphnia Downs, Virgil Jones, Betty Taylor, Max Ballard, Joe Thompson, L.C. Stout, Lesa Clarkson, Betty Holland, Brenda Gibson.



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**Fulbright**

By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Karen Baker had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cox in Detroit Saturday. Dianne Woods of The Colony and Carole England of Euless visited in the afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Smith is in critical condition in St. Joseph Hospital in Paris. The members and friends of the Fulbright Baptist Church had their Christmas dinner at the fellowship hall Sunday and Christmas play Sunday night at the church.

Betty Rodgers and Marcella Wright enjoyed Saturday Christmas shopping in Paris.

**Library receives memorials**

The following memorial gifts were given to the Blossom School Library.

**The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn given in memory of Janet Bishop by Prairiland Administration and Board members.

**The Dallas Cowboys** by Chip Lovvitt in memory of Bill Babb given by Bill and Sue Scudder.

**A Tribute to the People's Princess Diana** by Peter Donnelly in memory of Bill Babb given by Carl and Robbie Boren.

**A New Way of Looking at the World-Now You See It and Visions a New Dimension** by N.E. Enterprises in memory of Alvis Thomas given by Mr. and Mrs. David Doyle and girls.

**Musing Moments** by Mary Aufrecht given by Mary Jane Lowry.

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To Juanita Garrett and Lloyd Willard from Dorothy J. Myers. To Monty Lee Johnston from Peggy Johnston.



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

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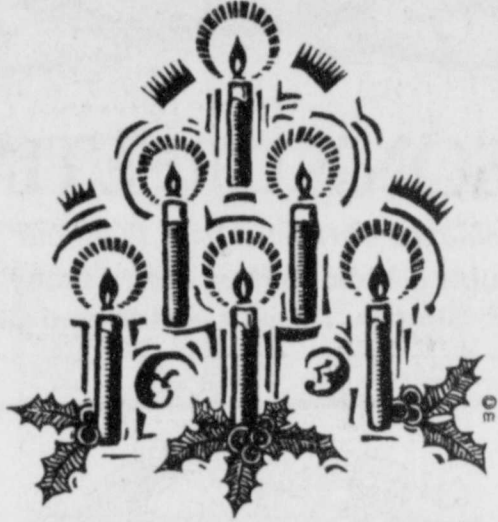


DEPORT FIRE Truck had a rider at the Christmas Parade. Jolly Old Saint Nick distributed candy and fruit to the youngsters. (Staff photo by Mike Francies)



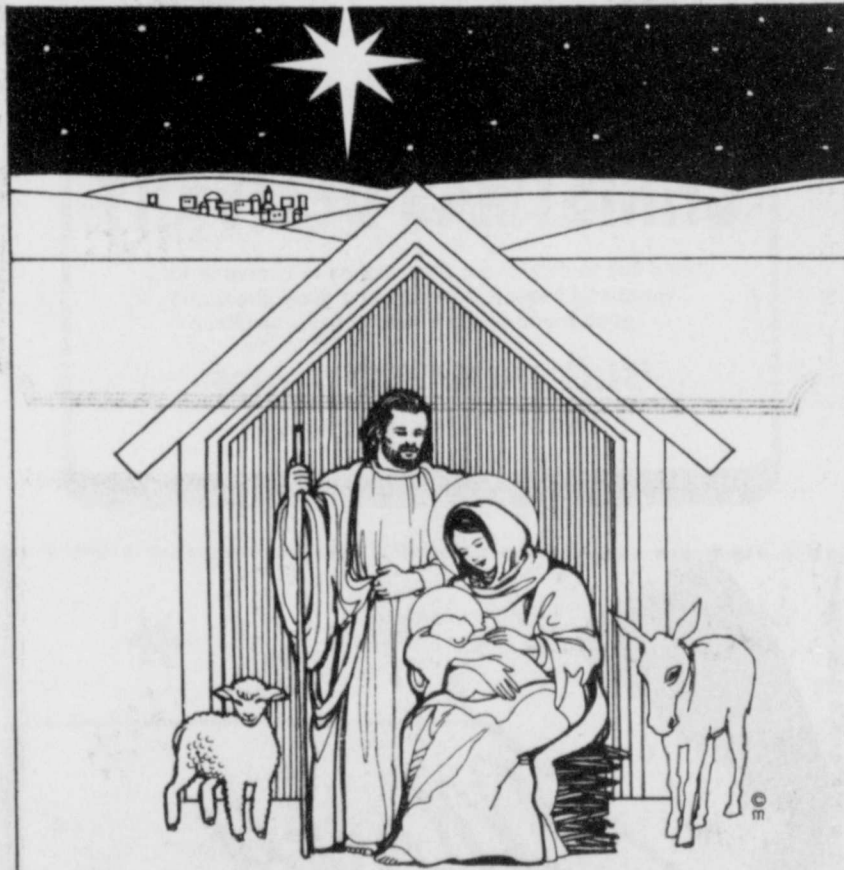
TINY PARADE ENTRANT-this tiny youngster was pushed all through the Christmas Parade in her little car, making a hit with spectators. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

# BRIGHT WISHES



We've been burning the candle at both ends to get ready for Christmas, and now that it's here we'd like to say "thanks", to all of you who've helped light up our lives throughout the year!

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May peace and happiness  
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And to all our good friends  
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## Second Place Christmas Memories Contest

By Teddy Igo

I was privileged to grow up in a town where Christmas was a joy, and a honor to be a part of every year. Christmas was such fun at school, the Christmas Parade with our King and Queens in beautifully decorated cars, also Santa throwing us bags of candy with apples and oranges. I never realized how much I looked forward to that simple mix of kindness and tradition from the local fire department. Christmas was even more than that in our community. All the churches would pool their most talented, and put on the best Christmas programs I remember. The "Reason for the Season" was carried out in our community wherever you went.

Growing up in Deport at Christmas at our home was a time of remembering whose birthday we were celebrating, with a dash of St. Nick thrown in for fun. I had so many fond memories of Christmas at the Igo's house that it was hard to pick one until I was visiting Deport and drove by our old home recently and started to remember our neighbors. Neighbors, you know them, they're the ones that lived next door, across the street, two or three houses down. I remember mine. Mr. and Mrs. Read across the street, Mr. and Mrs. Story, I fondly called him "Mr. Pete". Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kelsey on the corner, and the Fullers on the county line. I remember all the wonderful people on our street that watched over us, throughout the year. One tradition that our neighbors got to share with us was fireworks. That's right, somehow Santa got the idea that fireworks was on our Christmas list. I suspect Dad must have always gotten that on our list for himself. Christmas evening we had a neighborhood, come as you are, fireworks show. Sometimes it lasted up to 30 minutes, before the fun ran out. One Christmas my brother Paul, his friend Jimmy Isbell and myself were responsible for setting off the fun. I'm still not quite sure who fired the first shot with the Roman candles, I think it was Jimmy. There were firing off shots toward each, laughing and ducking for cover, until I shot Lemuel Paul square in the chest setting his new coat that he had received for Christmas on fire. He was patting out the flames leaving one big black burn on the coat. I knew I was done for, I kept telling him "If it will make you feel better you can shoot me in the chest." I really didn't mean it, but it sounded good at the time. Jimmy had disappeared of course, and I had to spend most of the rest of the holiday in the house. How lucky we are sometimes not to get hurt, thank goodness I had a understanding Dad.

Years later I realized why Dad had always had the fireworks on Christmas evening, it was to celebrate Jesus' birthday and we just thought it was for our neighborhood. Thanks for letting me share this memory with you on this holiday season.

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**MILTON NEWS**  
By Mattylu Upchurch

Harvey and Jean Bell of Cypress Springs visited Holland and Elizabeth Bell Friday.

Robbie Slaton of Halesboro visited Nell and George Wolf Friday. Eran Yoder is in Alabama this week deer hunting.

Traci Chipman and her mother, Sandra Burnett attended a Christmas party in Greenville Saturday.

Betty Warden of Brookston visited Bill and Mattylu Upchurch Thursday.

Sheldon and Ann Lee and Dr. Sammy and Suzy Kelsey of Deport attended the Paris Community Theater production of "It's a Wonderful Life" Thursday evening.

Ruby Lee is staying with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee while her son Tony Ellis is recuperating.

Eran and Mary Yoder attended their church adult Christmas Party. Friday night at the home of Mike and Audrey Gordon of Minter.

The George and Nell Wolf family celebrated George's birthday Sunday.

Frances Davis of Saginaw and Katheryne Green of Deport visited Bill and Mattylu Upchurch Saturday.

Ruth and T.J. Johnson and Steve and Vickie Reeves spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee.

Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumb visited his mother Edna Talley Sunday.

Nathan Yoder spent the weekend with his mother in Paris.

Ann Lee attended the annual Christmas Cookie Swap at the home of Bocky Norman in Deport Friday night.

Nannie Bell Ham visited Nell Wolf Saturday.

Shasta Riley went to her church's progressive dinner Saturday night.



**Happy Holidays**

**Blossom boys take Saltillo 40-25**

The Blossom Boys "A" team stormed the court only to have Saltillo take the lead and give the fans a few minutes of doubt as to whether the Pats could hold Saltillo back. The lead was not to last long as the Pats fought back, caught and passed the Saltillo score.

Derrick Loveless took high point with 9, Josh Dawson claimed 8, Brad Gray and Eric Berry 6, David Keen 4, Shawn Steinkamp 3, Steven Tillery and Jimmy Smith 2.

Loveless was the hot player of the game, making 5 of 7 foul shots. Dawson 2/4, Steinkamp 1/3. Fouls

go to Steinkamp and Dawson with 2 each, Loveless and Gray each pulled one.

The Pats played a good, hard game in the 2,3 and 4th quarters, making up for any slothfulness they might have displayed in the first of the game.

Brandon Bettis and Colt Hatfield did a super job assisting and defending the goal and Pats win 40-25. The Blossom Patriots have a dynamite team this year, so come out and watch them play at home on the 15th of January. There is sure to be plenty of action

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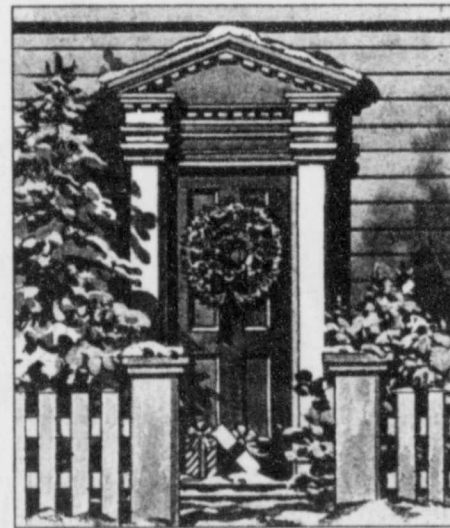
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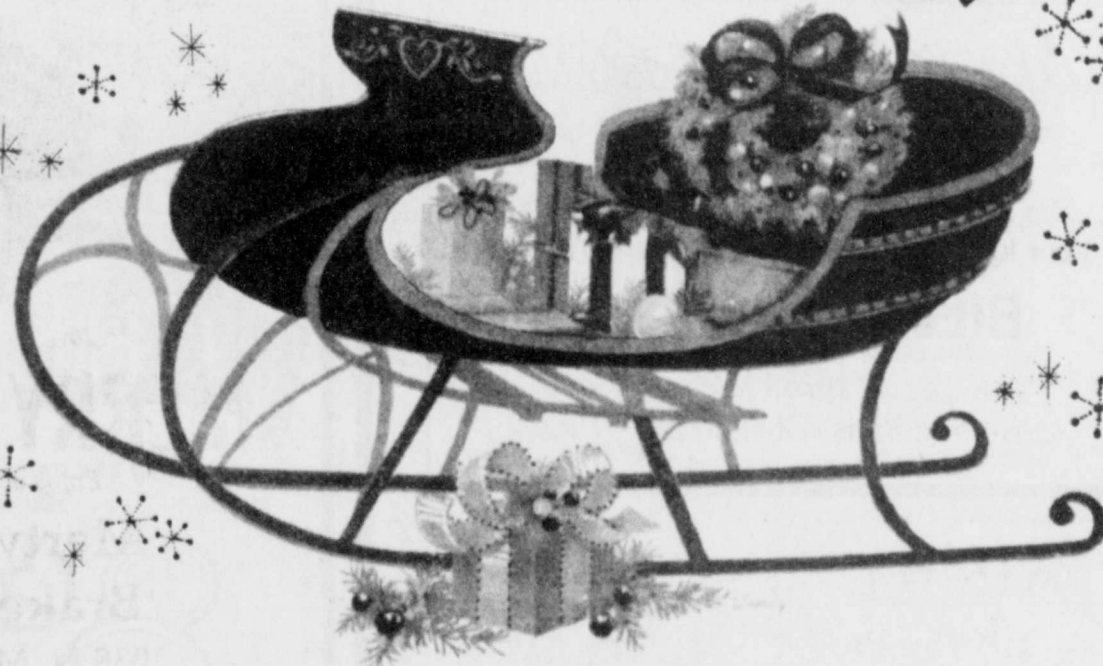
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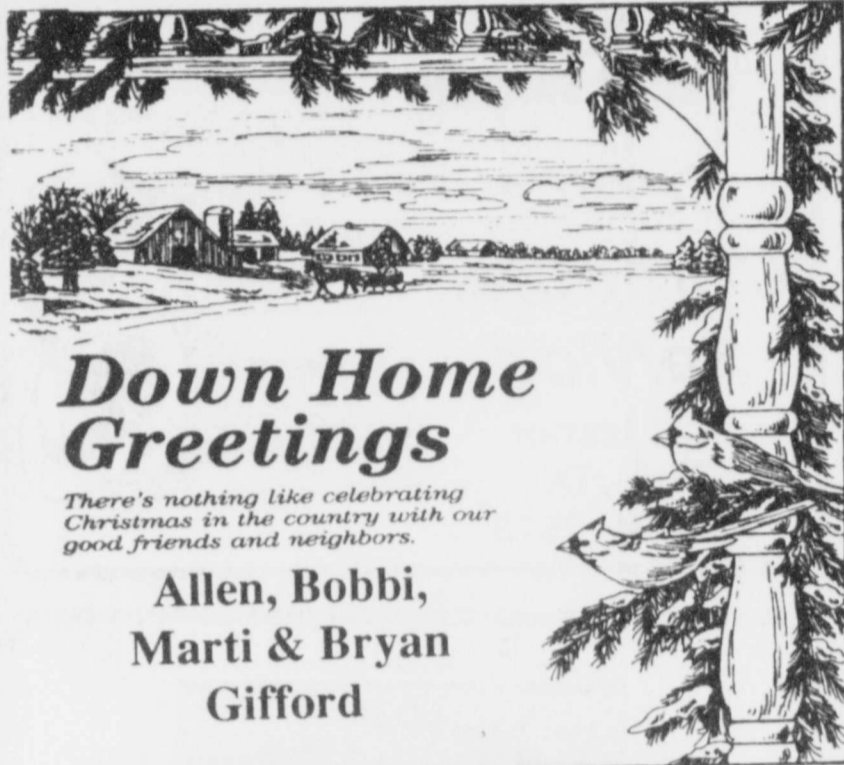
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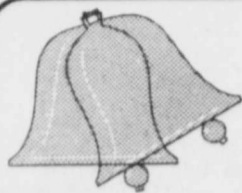
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**Yule Never Forget**  
*By Kitty Mays*

Just a few days ago, my memory went back to when I was a child. I had a large family, four brothers, myself and my parents, which made seven of us. I can still remember sitting seven plates on the kitchen table. That was a lot of plates, I thought. My parents worked hard for all of us kids, times weren't always easy but they were good times. I kept things going at home little time did I have for much of anything else. Keeping four brothers going wasn't easy. We didn't have much back then, but we were happy with what we had and what God provided for us. The thought was always what counted. My parents worked hard trying to keep us all together. Myself, I worked hard trying to keep house, cooking and cleaning and keeping my brothers at home. I can remember how horrified I was of Santa Claus, oh, how I cried my heart out everytime I looked at him especially his white beard. Little did I know as a child, my Paw Paw was Santa Claus and he knew I was scared of him, I can still hear his laughter, but I knew God was on my side, I kept thinking.

The aroma of apples and oranges smell like Christmas to me and Yule Tide Old Fashioned Ribbon Candy brings back old memories. I love the smell of apples on my kitchen table. My husband brought in a box of fruit just the other day and I had to stop and reminisce. I have an uncle that always gave me a bag of apples, oranges and candy. I can smell the aroma now. Long ago, I went to a small community country church called Sherry. I now live in (no longer active). One Christmas we had a singing as I walked into the church I could smell apples and oranges and there it was, sitting off in a corner, a big box of apples and oranges in paper sacks. I can walk in a grocery store today and smell apples and I know Christmas is near. My husband just remodeled my kitchen for me. I can remember now why I wanted apple decorations in my kitchen. Isn't God good to us?

Every Christmas, apples remind me of my uncle. I was gone Christmas shopping must the other evening. I came home, there sit three bags with an apple, orange and candy my uncle had just came and left, the first I had gotten from him since I was a kid. I almost cried. God does love each and every one and he works in mysterious ways. May God bless you all and to all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Pictures  
Next  
Week**

**BIRTHS**

**Brandon Kissieme Alvarez**

Brandon Kissieme Alvarez was born October 13, 1997 at 5:15 p.m. McCuiston Hospital. He weighed pounds, 5 ounces.

Parents are Carmello and Virginia Alvarez of Bogata. Proud big sister Angela DeLaRosa. Grandparents are Sammy and Ercell Croly of Blossom and Jose Reyes and Silveria Alvarez of San Luis de la Paz, Mexico.



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**Lady Patriots 76 vs Sulphur Bluff JV 32**

	rebs	Assists	2 pts	3 pts	free shots	steals	total
Brandie Upchurch	3	1	-	3	3/3	5	12
Tammy Nichols	3	4	6	-	1/4	4	13
Stacy Harrison	-	2	3	-	-	2	6
Crystal Davis	6	5	4	-	0/2	8	8
Cari Irwin	6	2	2	-	2/2	-	6
Katha Crawford	6	1	2	-	2/2	2	6
Kim Gibson	3	6	-	-	-	2	-
Christy Patterson	3	3	5	-	1/2	4	11
Felicia Taylor	9	-	7	-	-	5	14

**Lady Patriots 70 vs Sulphur Bluff 58**

	rebs	Assists	2 pts	3 pts	free shots	steals	total
Brandie Upchurch	6	2	1	2	5/7	4	13
Tammy Nichols	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Stacy Harrison	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crystal Davis	1	-	1	1	-	1	5
Cari Irwin	9	1	7	-	1/3	6	15
Katha Crawford	7	-	5	-	2/2	2	12
Kim Gibson	4	7	2	-	-	4	4
Christy Patterson	3	5	4	-	3/4	5	11
Felicia Taylor	4	3	5	-	-	3	10

**Lady Patriots 35 vs Saltito 48**

	rebs	Assists	2 pts	3 pts	free shots	steals	total
Brandie Upchurch	1	2	1	1	-	3	5
Tammy Nichols	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stacy Harrison	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Crystal Davis	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Cari Irwin	7	2	3	-	3/3	2	9
Katha Crawford	7	2	3	-	-	1	6
Kim Gibson	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Christy Patterson	-	5	3	-	1/2	1	7
Felicia Taylor	4	2	3	-	-	2	6

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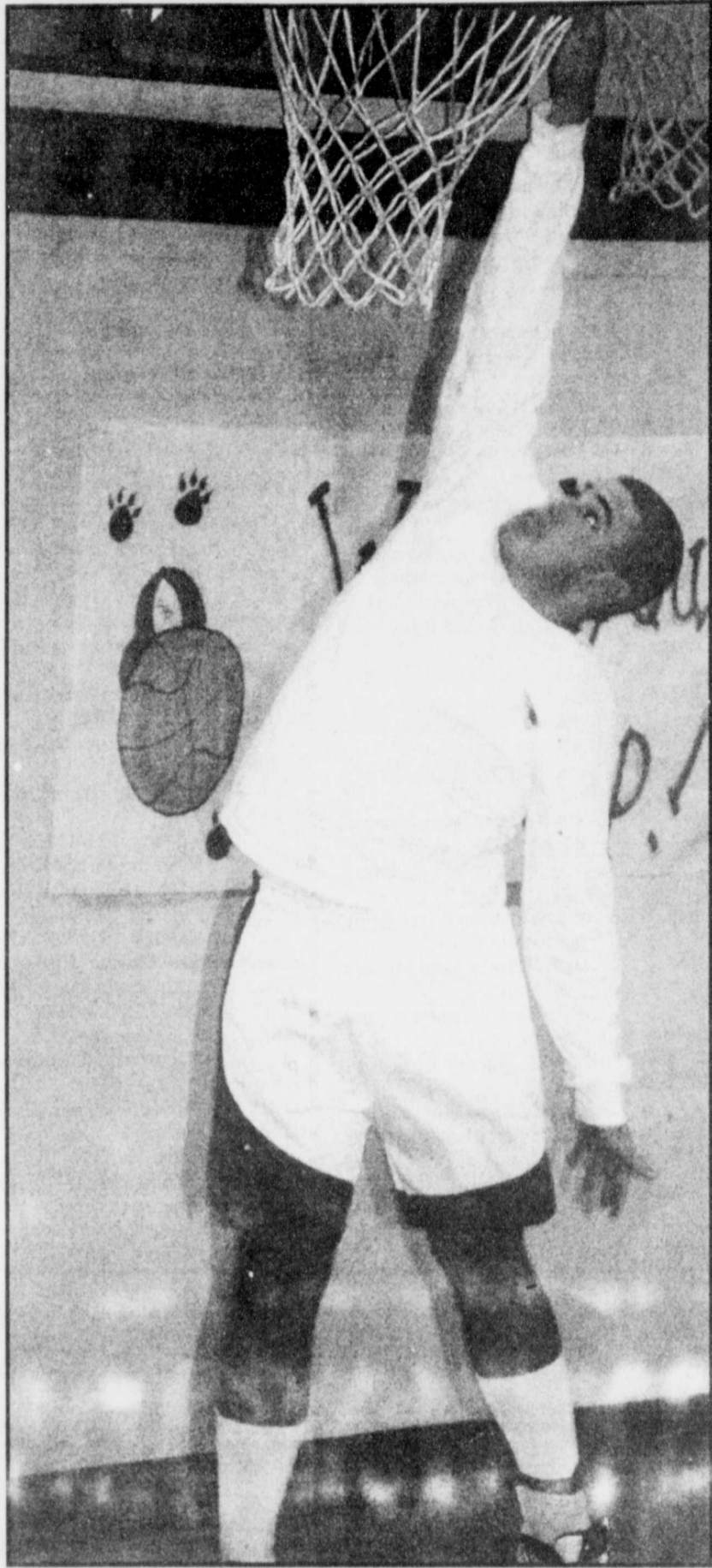


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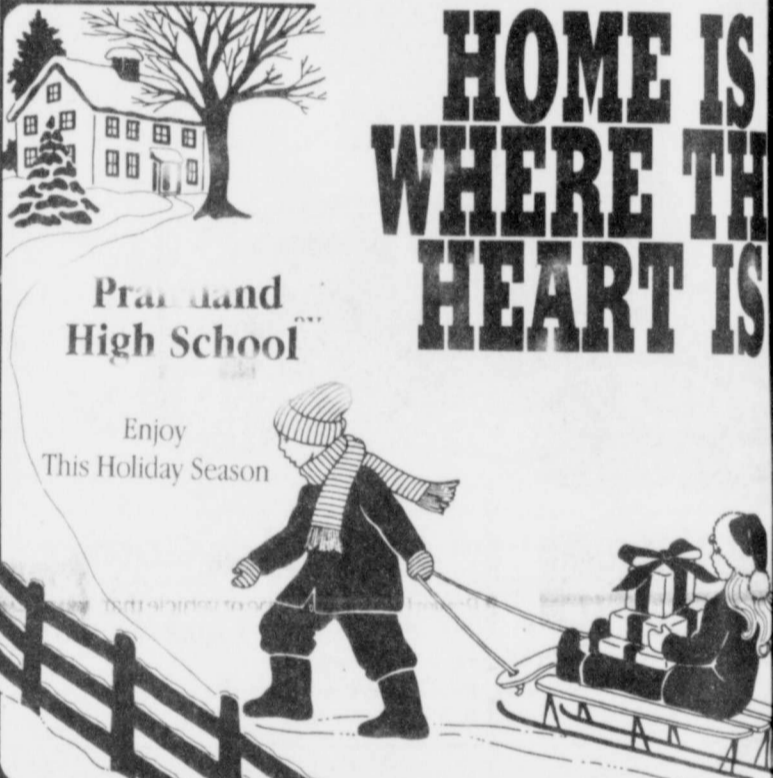
PATRIOT LUCAS RODDY dunks the ball in warm-up action during the Cap Herman Sulphur Bluff Tournament on Saturday.



SECOND PLACE in the miscellaneous division of the Deport Christmas Parade was the Green faced clown (Nita Sullivan) on the unicycle. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



CONVERTIBLE SLEIGH-second place in the Deport Christmas parade went to Mrs. Boren's third grade, represented by Lacie Co and Chris Parker. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



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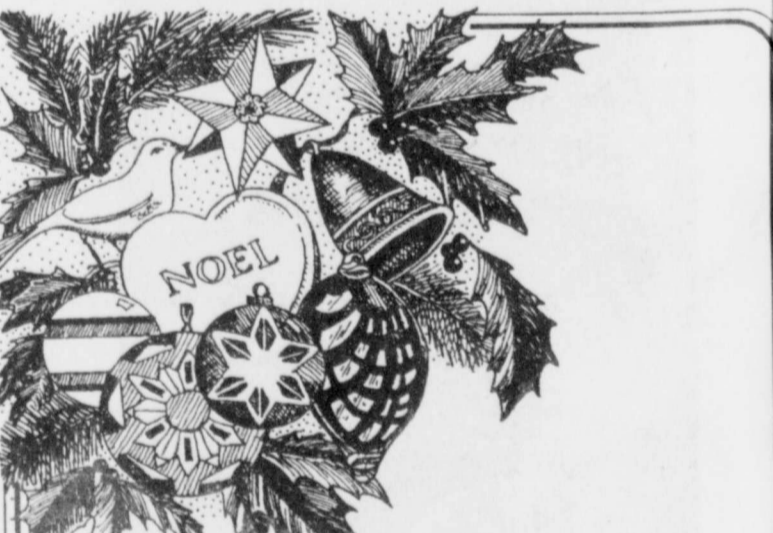
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 The VFW Post 8187 no longer has Bingo on Saturday p.m.  
 \* Broadway Junction Band will play for a Christmas Dance December 20. See you there for a night of good dancing and fun. The Broadway Junction will also play for New Year's Eve Dance. So make plans to be there for New Year's Eve.  
 \* Happy Birthday to Bobbie Hervey, Iva Carr, Geri Knowles, Wootie Harville and Zelma Mauldin.  
 \* Get Well Wishes to Amos and Betty Spencer, Bill Eudy, Seaborn Coggins, Rufus Merritt and Iva Carr.



CHRISTMAS GOODIES-one of the joys of Christmas seems to be indulging in home cooked goodies. Ice cream and delicious cookies, served on a Christmas plate make a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

### Papers on sale now

December 1st is the beginning of the annual paper sale. The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on sale through December 31st at \$2 off their regular price.  
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