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I love where I live

I love living in a small town. That's certainly not a secret. That doesn't mean I don't see the advantages to living in the city, I just prefer where I am.

Why is that? Well, I was greeting Terry, a local nursing home resident the other day, and watching his big smile and it occurred to me how happy he was. He has a great life in spite of a speech impediment. He comes downtown and everyone tells him hello. Dozens of people save aluminum cans for him, and he gets a little money that he "earns himself".

He is delighted when people call him by name, and loves to sit on the sidewalk with the patient guys from McMikel's Cabinet shop, watching the world go by. Have you ever known of a small town that did not have one or more person who had some sort of disability who made regular visits downtown? I go from town to town, and everywhere business owners save bottle caps, or have a treat waiting for these people. They are watched over and watched after and bring a great deal of joy to the people they visit.

This week's paper has a story about "Red Dog", a town dog in Blossom who has recently died after years of wandering up and down Front Street, getting tidbits and scraps. People saw that he had his shots and medical care, good food and lots of love.

That's just not possible in a high traffic, busy city.

Detroit had a much beloved dog several years ago, and Bogata has several "homeless" cats that are properly cared for by business owners.

When Grace Hearron was Postmaster at Talco, she heard a strange noise coming out of the outside mail box. Someone had dumped a little puppy in there. Did someone call Animal Control? No, the puppy was removed, named Zippy (short for Zip Code, I'm sure) and given a home.

Every town has it's people and animals that need a little personal, extra care.

It may be someone who is not quite up to the task of dealing with the day to day world, or some creature that has been dumped off. But, in a small town, we can watch over them, help them and see that they have a great life. It's one of the joys that having a small population makes possible.

Look around, is there someone or something you can make extra happy this holiday by showing them some patience and attention? I guarantee it'll make you as happy as them!

Merry
Christmas

No notices to be sent in December

Just a reminder, during December there are so many renewals that post cards telling people their paper is due will not be sent.

If you think your paper is due this month, just call 652-4205 or 632-5322 and ask, or renew now while they are on sale.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA is the name of this Santa, After Sept. 11 this Santa was released by Possible Dreams. It is absolutely perfect for this year, since it shows the classic American Santa Claus holding the U.S. Flag. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Paper will not publish next week

So that all of us here at Thunder Prairie Publishing can celebrate the holiday with family and friends next week, there will be no paper published.

We will resume publication the first week of January, 2002.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

To the person or persons that took some of our Christmas lights out of our yard at 320 N. Bryson in Bogata, we put the lights up for friends and neighbors to enjoy.

So the lights that were taken left vacant spots in the ball of Christmas light. If the lights meant that much to you, all you had to do was ask and we would have given them to you, rather than your just taking them.

Ima J. Martin



Reverend and Mrs. Lonnie Fortiner

Talco Assembly of God happy to welcome new pastor

The Talco Assembly of God Church is happy to welcome Rev. Lonnie and Carol Fortiner as their new pastor. The couple come to Talco from Paris, Tx. The Fortiner's have four children and 8 grandchildren.

The church appreciates their talents and knowledge of the word. Rev. Fortiner teaches home bound students in the Mt. Pleasant School District. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the preaching of the word.

ECA classes to be offered

In January, the Bogata Volunteer Fire and Rescue will be hosting an ECA (emergency care attendant) class in the city of Bogata, two nights a week.

The group are looking for people in the city or community that would like to join the Volunteer Fire Department and 1st Responders and help out the community.

There will be no charge for the class, only your time. If you would like to sign up for this class and be of assistance to your community contact Angie Burgess at the Bogata City Hall, 632-5315. There will only be a limited number of students allowed for the class so sign up early.

First Place

Christmas Memories...



My memorable Christmas

I was raising my son on a secretary's salary, working in Dallas full time and The Colony part time.

I got notice at Thanksgiving that the landlord wanted to raise my rent, yet again, so I had to move. My co-workers told me that a man in the installation department had a pickup and would probably help me move the heavier things.

While moving, this man asked my son what Santa was going to bring him and his mother for Christmas. Scott told him what he wanted but said that Santa didn't bring his mother anything for Christmas. This man told Scott, "everyone should get something for Christmas!"

After production meeting the following week, this man came up to me and handed me a really big

furry Christmas stocking with something inside. He said it was for me and that I was not to look inside until Christmas.

That man is now my husband, James. Who could resist someone with a heart that big!

Sunny Whitney



GINGERBREAD HUNT-The Kindergarten classes at Rivercrest Elementary celebrated Christmas by having a Gingerbread Hunt. The students hunted around the school to find the gingerbread men and ate them. Mrs. Huddleston's, Mrs. Brown's and Mrs. Wright's classes had a wonderful time. Members of each class are pictured following the fun hunt.



STEEL MAGNOLIA'S-Cast members of the play "Steel Magnolia's" presented at Rivercrest High School last week are: (from the left) Annelle: Melissa Waller; Truvy: Kendall Stansell; M'Lynn: Cassie Perry; Shelby: Candace Davis; Clairee: Michelle Bryant and Ouiser: Kissrynn Munns. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ROAD BLOCKS-were set up on Monday and Tuesday of this week on Hwy. 271 in Talco and Bogata to halt traffic going north of Talco and south of Bogata. Sulphur River overflowed it's banks sometime Sunday night and at print time was expected to drop off the highway by Wednesday morning. Hwy 37 between Hagansport and Bogata was also closed due to Sulphur's escape from its banks. On Tuesday Hwy. 37 was opened to traffic. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Our cook this week has sent us some great sounding recipes and tells us this is some that will prepare to celebrate Christmas "Louisiana style". She is Emma Vancoovering of the Deport area and states that she comes from the "cornbread and chicken and backporch swinging, deep southern/Cajun area and do does her cooking!"

She comes from a small town called Bastrop, Louisiana and it is just a little bigger than Deport. She keeps in touch with news from the Deport Times and Paris News....did I just print that! Oh well...tis the season! She has a daughter Michelle who is in the 4th grade at Blossom and thinks she has the greatest teacher alive...that would be Anna Beth Allen...she is kind of special! Also a son Joshua who played on the 8th grade football team and these two are two very good reasons she moved to Deport. She states that she was told that Deport was a very good one and coming from some of the schools that she is familiar with in Louisiana, she feels that we should feel truly blessed! She also has two older daughters Crystal Jade and Teri Kay. Emma has been blessed with one grandson and one more grandchild to be here by Christmas...she hopes!

As for her hobbies, she has spent most of her life raising her kids and several others and has not had a lot of time for herself. She does enjoy swimming, fishing, deer hunting, church socials, movies, volleyball and barbecue. She enjoys cooking and seeing people eat along with camping out roast-

ing marshmallows and hotdogs. One day she would like to write a book.

She has been a Girl Scout leader (I can relate to that), house mover, done light plumbing, drive trucks (very big trucks) and tractors, sales person, has ran a small business, roofer and has never came us against anything she wouldn't try.

Emma likes change and constant learning and believe that God has certainly provided her with many opportunities of that nature and blessed her with her wonderful children. Her very good friend Loretta McClendon (who is also from Bastrop, Louisiana) of Deport introduced her to this area and urged her to move up this way since they both have no relatives here.

If she cooks as well as she does everything else, I believe we have a winner...hope you enjoy her recipes and we wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in the kitchen!

Louisiana Maque Choux-best served right off of the stove, piping hot!

Louisiana Sshrimp and Ham Jambalaya-serve from casserole dish or in heated bowl and they enjoy with a glass of wine!

Emma's Louisiana Sausage Cornbread Stuffing-serve this with the Honey Glazed Ham with Bourbon Gravy recipe below!

Louisiana Honey Glazed Ham with Bourbon Gravy-this makes about 12 servings and also has an added surprise in the recipe.



EMMA VANCOOVERING is this week's cook, sharing Louisiana-style recipes with readers.

RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

This week's query is from Jesse L. Walker, 4301 W. 49th St., Apt. 206, Amarillo, TX 79109.

He is researching his great great grandfather, Harrison Russell. He would like to know who Mr. Russell received his land from in Red River County. It was on Shawnee Prairie, near Boxelder on the Wagley survey.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

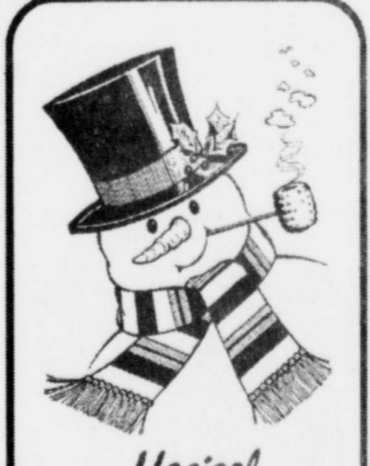
*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

*The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

* Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Post 8187.

Card of Thanks

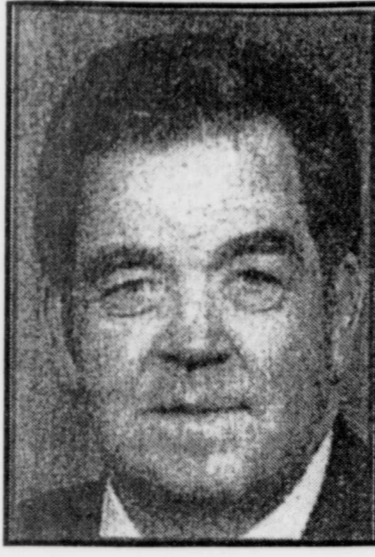
The family of Henry Barton would like to say thank you to each and everyone who made this time easier for us with your kind words, beautiful flowers, food, phone calls and cards. A special thank you to James and Sue Miller for all the times you were called on and came to help Henry. To the ladies who prepared and served lunch at the Community Center, The Clarksville Funeral Home and to Benny Cogburn for giving us a reason to smile again at the cemetery, thank you. God bless each of you.



Magical Christmas Greetings

May your holiday come alive with beautiful moments and memories.

Red River County Treasurer Glenda Garrison & Family



Clarence D. Blalock, Sr. dies November 27

Clarence D. "Yogi" Blalock, Sr., died November 27 in Flint, TX.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 29 at Grace Chapel Assembly of God with the Revs. Tom Maddux and Kalyn Brassfield and Monsignor Joe Strickland officiating.

Military graveside services provided by USAF Honor Guard were in Tyler Memorial Park under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home.

He was born November 22, 1929 in Talco, and lived in Flint for 22 years. He retired after 20 years with the Air Force and 20 years with Civil Service. He was a member of Grace Chapel Assembly of God where he was responsible for the Marquee Ministry. He was past lieutenant governor of Optimist International, past president of Tyler Optimist Club and past chairman of March of Dimes. He was a member of Talco Ex-Students Association and a member of the class of 1947. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Berta Blalock f Flint; a son and daughter-in-law, Clarence and Kathryn Blalock of Flint; daughters and son-in-law, Susan Hill of Flint, Sondra and Kenneth Jackson of Duncanville; a brother, E.E. Blalock of North Richland Hills; a sister, Rose Riddle of Mt. Pleasant; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were provided by Naval Reserve Center of Tyler. Honorary bearers were men of Grace Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Grace Chapel Assembly of God Missions Department, 17269 Highway 69S, Tyler, 75703; or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.



Robert Edward King dies December 14

Robert Edward "Ed" King, age 79 of Bogata died Friday, December 14 at his residence after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Bogata First Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Holeman officiating. Interment followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. King was born April 6, 1922 in Bogata, the son of Walter and Nora Sloan King. He married the former Novell Dodd in 1943 in Rockwall. He was a graduate of Bogata High School in the class of 1940. He enrolled at Paris Junior College and in 1942 he joined the military to serve during World War II in the Army Air Corps 9th Air Force division. He received a Masters Degree in Education from East Texas State Teachers College in 1951 and became principal of Central Elementary School in Sonora. In 1978 he was asked to open the new Hutsell Elementary School in Katy. Mr. King retired in 1982 and moved back to Bogata. Robert E. King Elementary School was later named after him in tribute of his love and dedication to education in the Katy School District. He was a member of the Bogata First Baptist Church.

Mr. King is survived by his wife, Novell of Bogata; three sons, James King and his wife Janet of Overton, Harold King and his wife Shantai of Denton and Richard King and his wife Debi of Dallas; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Zoe Nicole King on November 30, 2001.



Don Earl Davis dies December 6

Don Earl Davis, 58, of Blossom, died Thursday, December 6, 2001, in Houston at which time Bright-Holland Funeral Home received him into their care.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9 at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Henry Blackmon and the Rev. Billy Daniels officiating. Burial was at the East Post Oak Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Davis was born on August 5, 1943, in Floydada to Hubert Earl and Ruby Smith Davis. He married Glenda Giles on September 12, 1963, in Floydada. He was a member of the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church and was a mechanic at Campbell Soup Company.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Guy Davis and wife Tonya of Henderson, Ladd Davis and his wife Beverly of Cedar Park and Gary Don Davis and wife Randi of Henderson, Glynes McNabb and husband Michael of Paris; one sister, Gwen Holladay and husband, Donnie of Clarendon; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers the family requested memorials be sent to the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund, Rt. 1-Box 265, Detroit, Texas 75436.



John Tate Davis dies November 12

John Tate Davis of New Market, TN died Monday, November 12, 2001 after a 10-year courageous battle with cancer. He was buried in Camden, TN.

He was born July 8, 1931 in Talco to Pat and Jessie Tate Davis.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Reva Presson Davis; sons Steven and Stuart Davis; sisters Verbeth Davis Coe of Tuckerman, AR, Lavonne Davis Kershner of Houston and Patricia Davis Loftin of Salem, Utah; and a brother, Quinnon Davis of Houston. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Stanley Tate Davis.

Tate came to Bogata from Talco in 1942. He was a 1949 graduate of Bogata High School. He attended Paris Junior College in 1949-50 and entered the football program as a walk-on. He was a unanimous selection on the 1950 All American First Team.

He was a charter member of PJC's Dragon Athletic Hall of Fame, having been individually inducted in the hall's inaugural year of 1990. In 1999, he was inducted into PJC's Hall of Honor. He served his country as a young lieutenant in the Army infantry.

He believed in giving back. Always grateful for the scholarship support given him by PJC and the University of Tennessee, he established scholarships to help others.

He was a master storyteller who could draw a crowd, whether on a cruise ship at the captain's table or

James Boyd Kerbow dies December 13

James Boyd Kerbow was born January 6, 1932 in Fulbright, Texas and went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 13, 2001 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jonnie James Kerbow and mother, Essie Mae Clarkson Kerbow, and is survived by his wife of 47 years, Katie Naomi Pace Kerbow; his children and their spouses, Michael and Diane Kerbow of Longview; Russell and Becky Kerbow of Lewisville, Gary and Teresa Kerbow of Colleyville, Lisa Webster of Lewisville; eight grandchildren, Christina Kerbow of Dallas, Sherra Kerbow of Longview, Katie Kerbow of Dallas, Adam Webster of Wichita Falls, James Kerbow of Lewisville and Jaelyn Kerbow of Lewisville, Vanessa Farquar of Colleyville and Mitchell Kerbow of Colleyville; a brother, J.W. "Dub" and Ruth Kerbow of Pinegrove, CA and a sister, Nell and Lester Fosen of Morris, IL; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends in the community.

A Texas native, Boyd graduated Fulbright High School in 1949 and moved to Dallas in 1950. After marriage to Katie Pace of Clarksville in 1954, Boyd and Katie moved to Lewisville in 1967. Boyd continued to work in Dallas where he retired from Affiliated Food Stores warehouse in 1984 after 27 years of faithful service. Boyd completed the Dale Carnegie Effective Speaking and Human Relations course in 1981. Although semi-retired, Boyd remained active by working part time jobs and eventually went to work for the City of Lewisville at the Lake Park Toolbooth. Boyd enjoyed the fellowship of co-workers, swapping stories with local park users and spending time with grandchildren. Like ripples from a pebble in a pond, Boyd and Katie touched lives in the Lewisville community.

The family received visitors Sunday, December 16 at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 17 at Lake-Baptist Church in Lewisville with Dr. Ben Smith officiating. Interment followed in Old Hall Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ann's Haven Hospice of Denton or the Vista Ridge Oncology Center in Lewisville.

in an athletic locker room. When Tennessee sports scribes wanted a colorful story about the Vols 1951 National Champions, they usually came to "Tex".

He always felt privileged to have been "one of the Bogata boys who grew up in Mr. Bill Wilkinson's front yard" and cotton patch.

When it comes time to leave this world for a better place some day, the only thing you get to keep is what you gave away.

Rest in peace, Tate. See you later.

Thursday, December 20

Maque Choux

- 1/4 pound bacon-4 to 6 slices
- 1 large onion-or 1-1/2 cups
- 2 cloves garlic-minced
- 2 cups corn kernels
- 2 med. tomatoes-chopped or 2 cups
- 1 large green bell pepper-chopped or 1/2 cups
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

In Dutch oven or flame-proof casserole, cook bacon until crisp; remove and leave drippings in pan. Cook onion and garlic in drippings about 10 minutes or until onion is transparent. Stir in corn, tomatoes, bell pepper, cream, sugar, salt and cayenne pepper. Bring to boil and lower heat; simmer, partially covered for about 10 minutes or until corn is tender. Crumble bacon and sprinkle over corn mixture and serve at once.

Shrimp and Ham Jambalaya

- 1 cup white rice-cooked
- 2 pounds uncooked medium shrimp-shell & de-vein
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1-1/2 cups minced onion
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 can whole tomatoes-chop finely and reserve liquid
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/2 cup minced celery
- 1/4 cup minced green bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh Italian parsley
- 3 whole cloves-ground
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 pound cooked lean smoked ham cut into 1/2" cubes

jalapenos to your taste

Cook shrimp in boiling salted water for 4-6 minutes or until they are pink and firm; set aside. In heavy 5-6 quart casserole, melt butter and add onion and garlic; cook til translucent. Stir in the tomatoes with the liquid and the tomato paste and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in celery, bell pepper, parsley, cloves, salt, thyme, cayenne pepper and black pepper and simmer. Stir frequently until the vegetables are tender and the mixture is thick enough to hold its shape lightly in the spoon. Add ham and cook 5 more minutes. Keep stirring. Stir in shrimp and heat them through. Stir in the cooked rice and cook until the rice has absorbed all the liquid and the mixture is hot. Adjust seasonings by adding jalapenos and serve from heated casserole dish to remain warm. 6-8 servings.

Sausage Cornbread Stuffing

- 1/2 pound spicy bulk sausage
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup chopped onion or leeks
- 2 stalks celery-chopped
- 1 clove garlic-minced
- 1/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup buttermilk

- 1 small red bell pepper-chopped
- 6 tablespoons butter-melted
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1 egg-slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon crumbled sage
- 1 teaspoon crumbled thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Butter an 8-inch square baking dish. To make cornbread mix in flour, cornmeal, brown sugar and baking powder in deep bowl and make well in center. Stir in buttermilk, melted butter and egg together and pour liquid ingredients into your kind words. Gradually stir them together until blended. Do not mix too much! Spread batter evenly in pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool cornbread completely. Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Cut cornbread into 3/4 inch cubes. Put a single layer on a baking sheet and bake about 1 hour until they are dry and crisp. To make stuffing cook sausage in skillet over medium heat for 5-10 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Stir in butter, leeks, celery and garlic; cook about 5 minutes or until leeks are softened. Increase heat to medium-high and add bell peppers and cook three minutes. Stir in dried cornbread cubes, parsley, sage, thyme, salt and pepper. Cool slightly before using. Makes about 10 cups of stuffing. Serve with turkey below.

Louisiana Honey Glazed Turkey with Bourbon Gravy

- 12 pound turkey
- sausage cornbread stuffing
- 1 tablespoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 3 cups bourbon
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 tablespoons flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stuff turkey loosely with sausage cornbread stuffing and truss it. Rub outside of turkey with salt and pepper and then put turkey breast side up in a roasting pan. Mix honey and soy sauce together and drizzle over turkey to coat it completely. Pour 2 cups of bourbon into bottom of pan and cover pan tightly. Take 3rd cup of bourbon and pour over a glass of ice and sip on it as the Cajuns always do! Bake turkey for 2-1/2 hours keeping covered. Baste with pan juices and roast uncovered for 20-30 minutes or until internal temperature of bird of the thickest part of the leg (not your leg, the turkey's leg) is 170 degrees. Baste turkey once or twice and cover parts that are browning too fast with foil. Let turkey rest for 15 minutes and you too, while sipping on that bourbon before carving! Meanwhile, pour pan juices into a bowl. This should be about 3 cups of juices. Cook until mixture is smooth and brown. Gradually whisk in remaining pan juices and cook until it is thickened. Spoon stuffing into serving dish. Carve turkey and serve with gravy.

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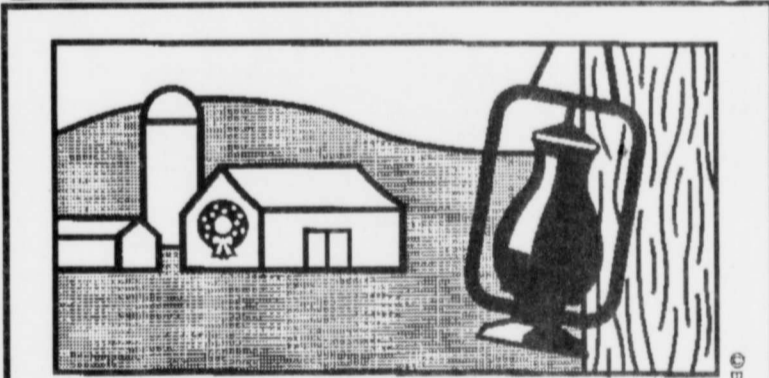
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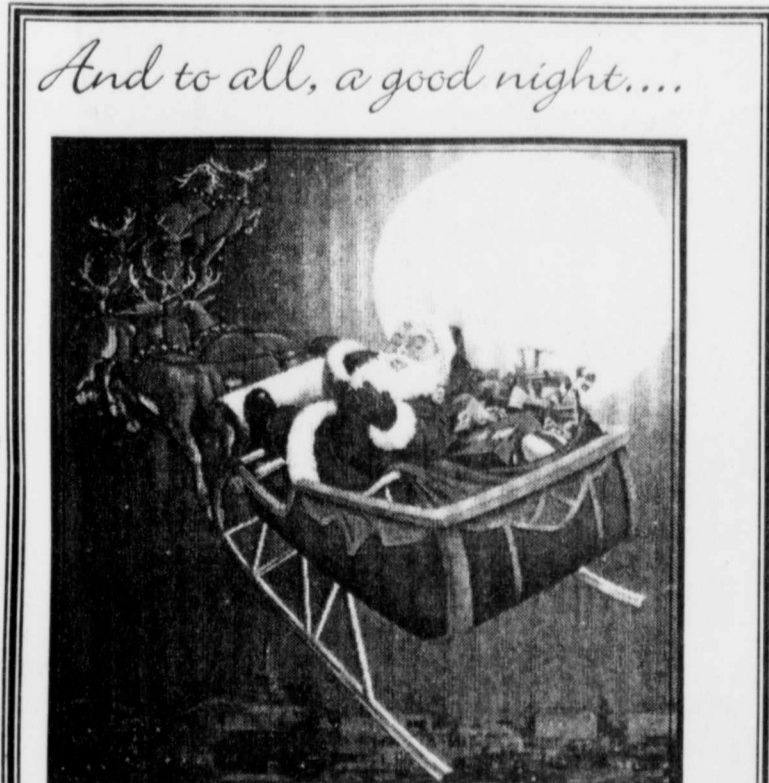
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Service Awards announced

First Federal Community Bank recently awarded the following employees with service awards. Awards were presented at the company's annual Christmas celebration held at the Paris Golf and Country Club.

James Vaughan, vice-president and Branch Manager of the Clarksville location received an award for 20 years of service to the company. Vaughan and wife Pam have two children. James is also active with the Clarksville Rotary Club, the Courthouse Restoration Project, the Red River County Crimestoppers and the Red River Industrial Foundation.

Kim Poteet received an award for 15 years to the company. Poteet, a Staff Accountant joined First Federal Community Bank in 1986. Kim and husband Ralph have one child, Taylor. Kim is active with the YWCA of Lamar County and is also active with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lamar County, is a member of the Leadership Lamar County Class of

2001 and an active member of the First Christian Church.

Susie Bristow, Becky Brown, Susan Coston and Garry Davis were all presented awards for 10 years of service to the company.


Susie Bristow is a Customer Service Representative and Loan Secretary at First Federal's Loop Branch. She and husband Joey have two children, Derek and Bailey.

Becky Brown, assistant vice-president is Internal Auditor for the bank. She and husband Chad have two children, Claire and Grace.

Susan Coston is a Loan Secretary with the bank. She and husband Bubba are active members of the community and have two children, Alyssa and Jeff.

Garry Davis, Assistant vice-president over Loan Administration, is an active member of the Noon Optimist Club. He and his wife Karla have three children, Mark, Kerri and Jill.

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Tuesday December 25th for Christmas



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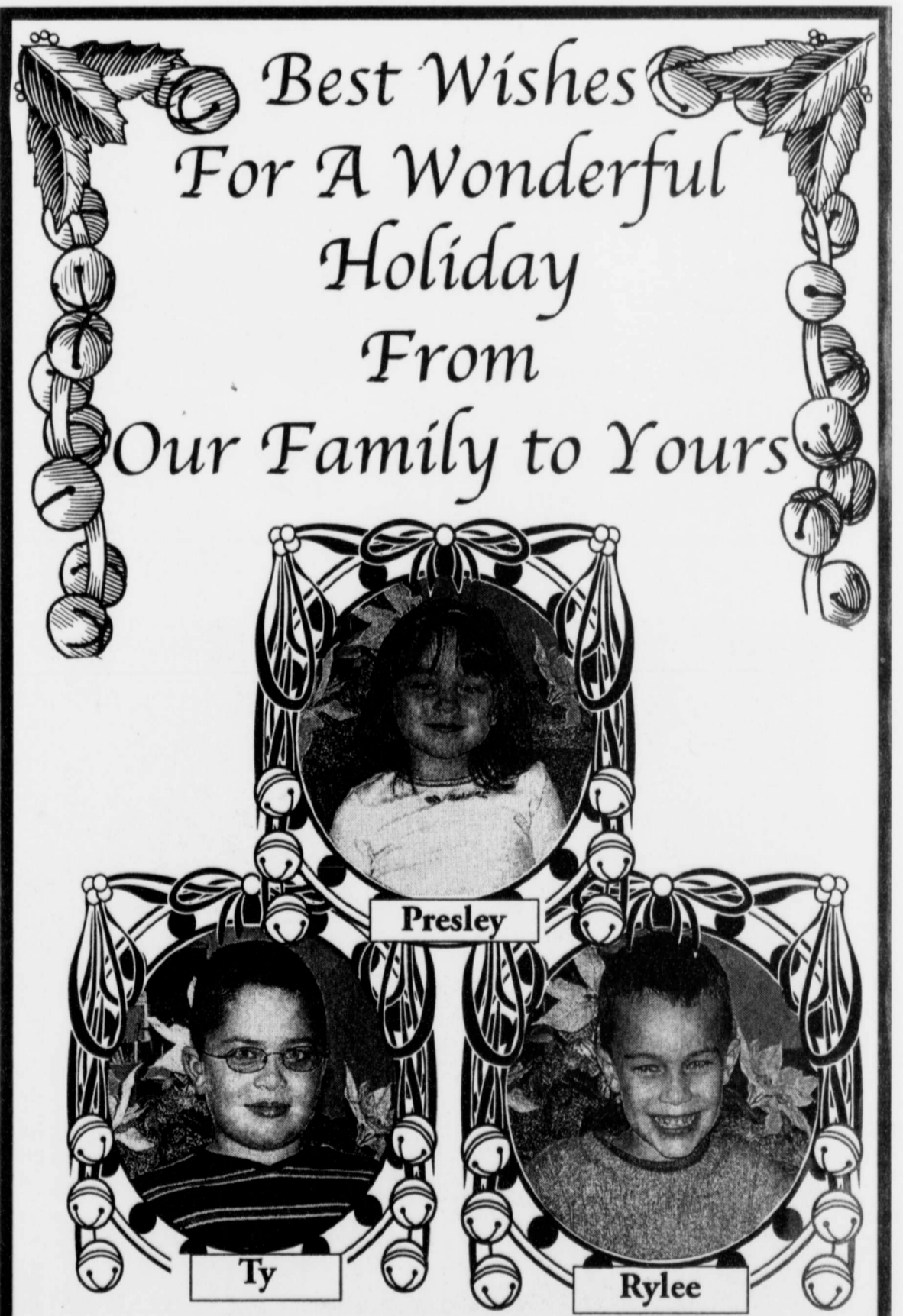
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wood, married 50 years

Woods to celebrate golden anniversary

Paul and Alice Wood will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary December 27, 2001 with a reception hosted by their children, Robert Eric Wood and his wife Vicki of Arlington, Mardell Elaine Robison of Lewes, Delaware and Grant Evans Wood and his wife Susan of Wayland, Massachusetts.

The Woods were married December 27, 1951 in the Central Presbyterian Church, Paris, TX. She is the former Alice Ann Evans.

He graduated from Deport High School, Deport, TX and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Texas A&M College. He then completed U.S. Air Force Pilot training and flew 100 combat missions as part of the United Nations military forces in Korea. After serving four years in the Air Force, he went to work for Chance Vought Aircraft as a Design En-

gineer. While at the company he contributed to the development of the Navy F8U aircraft, the Air Force Dynasoar spacecraft, the NASA Apollo Space Suit and the Army Multiple Launch Rocket System. He is a retired project Manager for Loral Vought Systems.

She attended Paris High School, Paris, TX and Vocational Nurses training. She worked as a surgery room nurse at Irving Community Hospital and as the office nurse for an Irving surgeon. She is now retired.

In addition to their children, they have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They have traveled the world over, seen its sights and made lots of friends.

They have lived in Irving for 48 years and are members of the St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Irving.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, celebrating 65 years

Lee's to be honored on 65th anniversary

Frank and Edna Jaynes Lee were married on December 23, 1936. They have four children, Ollie Lee, Ruth Johnston, Ruby Lee and Anita Bowling. They have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

They are celebrating their 65th

anniversary on Sunday, December 23, 2001 by having a reception in their home from two o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon. All family and friends are invited to attend. Your presence will be the only gift desired.

RRC Genealogical Society meet

The Red River County Genealogical Society met at the historic Lennox House in Clarksville, Texas December 10, 2001. Mary Hausler spoke about the furnishings in the house and the restoration of the building.

Forty-Two members and guests enjoyed a finger food buffet. The

January 2002 meeting will be held a 7:30 p.m. at the Red River County Public Library. The society has enjoyed a large attendance at each meeting during the entire year. Members and visitors are welcome to attend and hear well-informed speakers.

Coats for Kids

The Bogata Lions Club is sponsoring a 'Coats for Kids' drive this year.

If your child has outgrown a coat, please donate it to this project. Coats may be left at Main Street Florist in Bogata or Kim's Kuttin Korral in Bogata and at Westerly's Cleaners in Clarksville who will clean the coats for free. Pick up for kids coats in Bogata Elementary School.

For more information on this important drive call 903-632-5668.

Kristina Cotten graduates UT-Tyler

Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten attended UT of Tyler graduation ceremonies on Saturday. Their granddaughter, Kristina Cotten received her diploma. Other family members attending were Larry and Carolyn Cotten of Bonham, Ryan, Krissy and Candyce Cotten of Canyon City, Amanda Cotten and David Galloway of College Station, Michael Cotten of New York City, N.Y. The group gathered at McAlister's for fellowship following the ceremony.

Restland Cemetery receives donations



Janice Bivins Gentry

Cunningham Restland Cemetery has received the following donations:

In memory of JoDell Cooper from Rickey and Linda Anderson, Velma Cox, The Baker Family, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy and Taylor Ladd, Canard and Deloris Norwood.

Donation to Restland Cemetery by Donnie Lewis and Charlie Baker.

Janice Gentry announces for District Clerk

Janice Bivins Gentry is announcing her candidacy for Red River County District Clerk.

Mrs. Gentry is a life-long resident of Red River County, residing in the Maple community with her husband, Tim, and their two children, Faith and Samuel. She is the daughter of Pop Bivins and the late Bonnie Bivins.

Mrs. Gentry is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently employed by the Lamar County District Clerk's office. She

has worked in that office for 10 years. Previously she worked in the Red River County District Clerk's office for seven years. She feels that with 17 years experience working with the Clerk's offices, that she is very qualified to be the next District Clerk.

Mrs. Gentry urges everyone to participate in the election, to take time out of their busy schedules to go and vote and would appreciate everyone's consideration in electing her as District Clerk.



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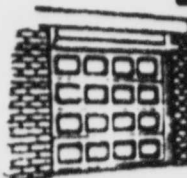
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JULIE DAVIDSON, a 4-H leader of the Cuthand 4-H Club, was honored at a special recognition banquet at Texas A&M University-Commerce on November 13. She was presented a Distinguished Service Award for her commitment and dedication to the Red River County 4-H program. Julie is married to Gary Davidson and has two sons, Jarod and Wesley. The family lives in Bogata.



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Jan. 6: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
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RIVERCREST PIPS-made their first appearance this year at the new gym at Rivercrest last week. The children did a great job in their first performance of the year. Sponsor, Lori Franks stated she was very proud of the group since they have few older members and a lot of young or first year members. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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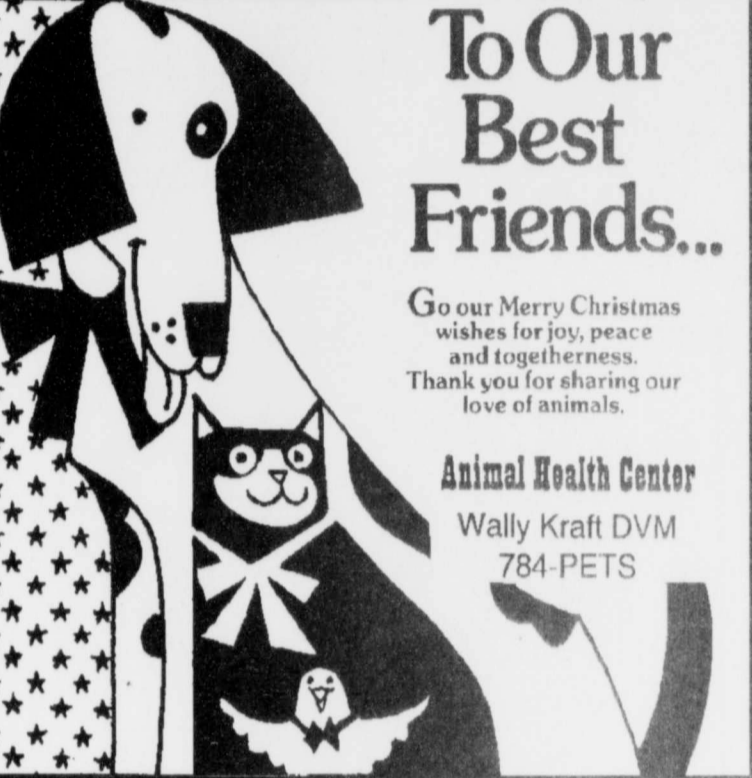


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Beating the holiday blues

"Tis it really the season to be jolly?" According to mental health experts, you are one of the fortunate ones if it is.

The holidays, in fact, are a time when many people feel lonely and sad instead of warm, fuzzy and joyful. Those who feel down around the Yuletide season have what is often known as holiday depression, which is a pop culture term rather than a clinical one, according to Dr. Sally Stabb, associate professor of psychology at Texas Woman's University.

The mere expectation that people are supposed to feel blissful around the holidays is a major trigger for the onset of the holiday blues, she says. There is a lot of pressure for everyone to get along and to be happy. This is exacerbated by media portrayals of unrealistically happy families, surrounded by wealth and good cheer.

Realistically, families have all kinds of ongoing conflicts. Pressure to buy gifts, especially on a limited budget, can also make the holidays a stressful time.

People can feel obligated to buy things they really can't afford. The financial stress may be alleviated by talking to family members before the gift-buying season begins and being honest. Setting a per-gift spending limit-\$10, for instance-can be an effective method of spending control.

This year, in the wake of the

horrific terrorist attacks on September 11, the holidays may be especially difficult. Anxieties about traveling are likely to be heightened, as are frustrating, long delays for airport security. All of these factors can add to the stress many will feel.

Although holiday blues don't always amount to clinical depressions, people should seek help from a mental health professional when a depressed feeling lasts for more than a couple of weeks and impairs daily functioning.

The best prevention, however, is pretty simple; plan ahead., be aware of the expectations and make arrangements with family members you'll be spending the holiday with and express any concerns or needs.


Get some time alone every day during family gatherings, such as by taking a walk. Regular exercise is always a good depression fighter. Holidays can be especially lonely when a person is unable to spend it with family. Spend more time with friends and stay busy, possibly with volunteer work or take people a vacation, one you've always wanted. Remind yourself that it is a passing event and don't buy into society's false notion that being alone on the holidays makes someone less of a person or a failure. Just because other people say it, it doesn't mean it's true.



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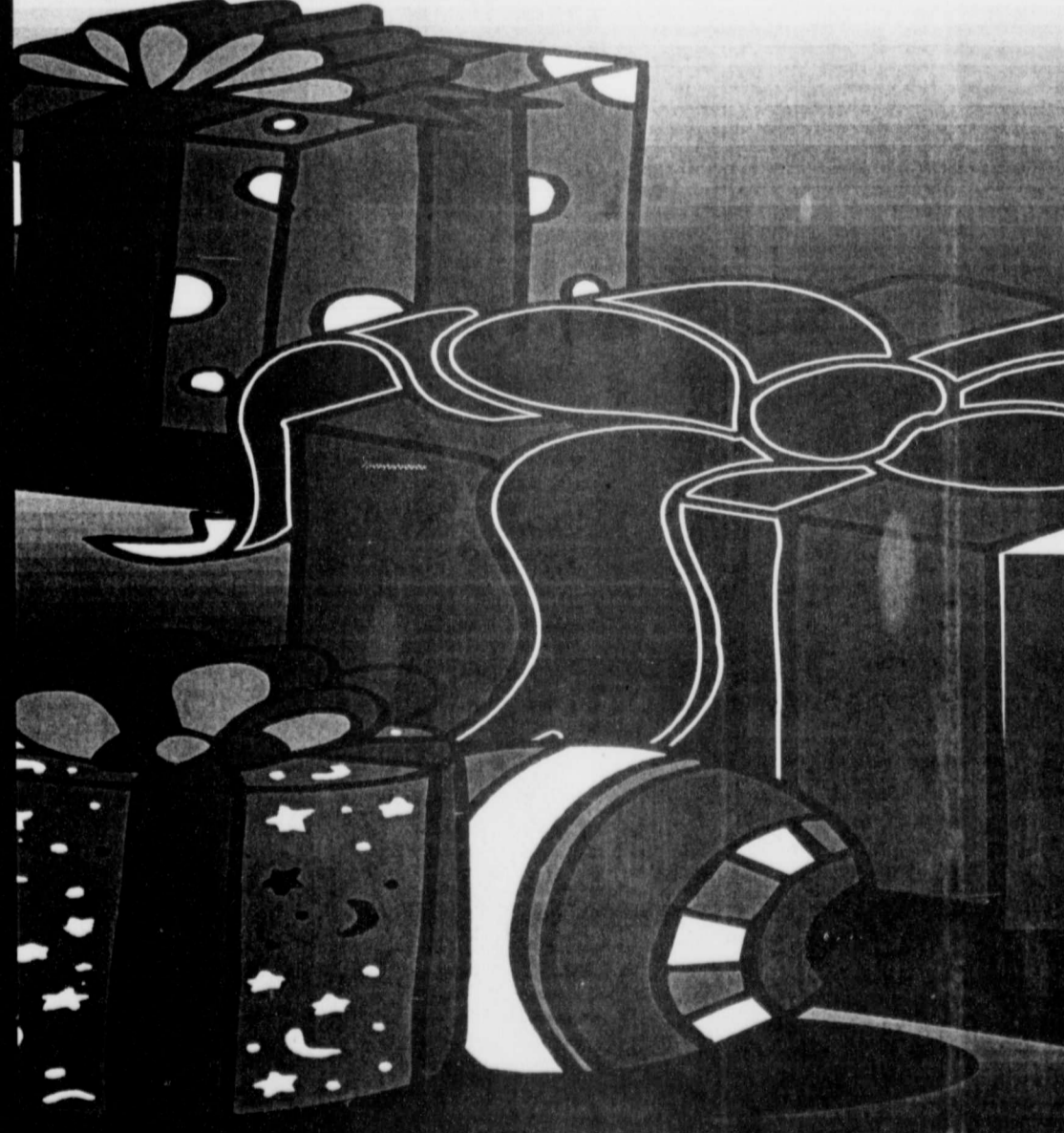
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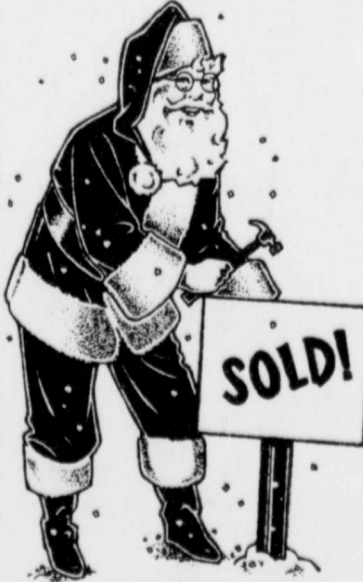
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It started out like it would be a sad holiday, as we were locked in the depths of the Great Depression. I was the youngest child in a family of six children. We mostly lived off what we raised on the farm. But there had been a terrible hail storm that year. It had ruined almost everything we had. I was about six or seven years old.

I started thinking about what Santa would bring me that Christmas. My older sisters and brothers told me that Santa wouldn't bring anything because there was no money. I wondered why. I thought Santa was supposed to bring toys to poor people, just like he did everyone else. But it still worried me a lot.

I think there was a party every night that week in the neighbor-

hood. The neighbors were like us. They were all trying to make Christmas a happy time. There were parties where the young folks could play games and the older folks could sit and talk.

When we came home from a party on Christmas Eve night, my mother went into the house first to light the lamp. Then she called back to us that Santa had already been there.

I ran in and I saw a big rag doll with a pretty dress on. And a doll bed that was painted red, all for me. The bed had a pretty little patchwork quilt on it. It was made out of scraps from our dresses. So was the doll's dress. I picked up my doll. And I embraced it. I looked up at my mother. There were big tears in her eyes. It didn't take me long to figure out that my mother had made me the doll and the bed things and my father had built the bed and painted it. I



named my doll Dinah. But when I said it, it came out "Diner". I loved the rag doll, I played with it more than I did any of my other dolls.

My mother had the doll pattern. When that doll got worn or dirty, she would make me another one. The neighbor's children came to play dolls with me. They liked the rag doll best, too. That was my most memorable Christmas because I realized just how much my parents loved me. There are a few of my friends still around that played dolls with me and my "Diner". One girl is living in Bogata now.

Lucille Preston Knowles

Public Notices

CITY OF DETROIT SEEKING BIDS FOR A STANDARD EQUIPPED LOADER/BACKHOE

The City of Detroit will receive SEALED bids at City Hall, 190 E. Garner, P.O. Box 180, Detroit, Texas 75436 for the following equipment: The loader/backhoe shall be between 70-80 horse power, with a 18" to 24" rear bucket, 82" wide front bucket, 2 wheel drive, 4 post Props Cab, wobble Stick backhoe control, with the longest finance period, lowest fixed rate, with nothing to low down payment. The loader/backhoe shall meet all OSHA and EPA requirements in effect on the date of bid opening and shall be furnished with lead free paint.

SEALED bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2002. The bids will be formally opened at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council meeting, City Hall, 190 E. Garner, Detroit, Texas, the same day and will be considered at that time.

The SEALED bid envelope should be marked on the outside "Loader/Backhoe".

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Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 10497 in Lamar County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with (title of subdivision service extension policy stated in the tariff/policy) (the "Subdivision Policy") contained in MJC Water Supply Corporation's tariff/Special Utility District's policy.

MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District is not required to extend retail water or sewer utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

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MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's tariff/policy and a map showing MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's service area may be reviewed at MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's offices, at P.O. Box 6008, Paris, TX 75461, or phone 903-784-3576 for more information; the tariff/policy and service area map also are filed on record at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the TNRCC, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

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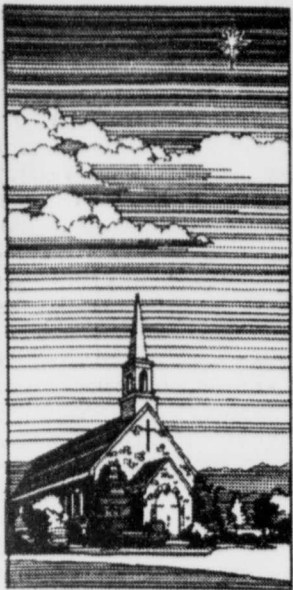


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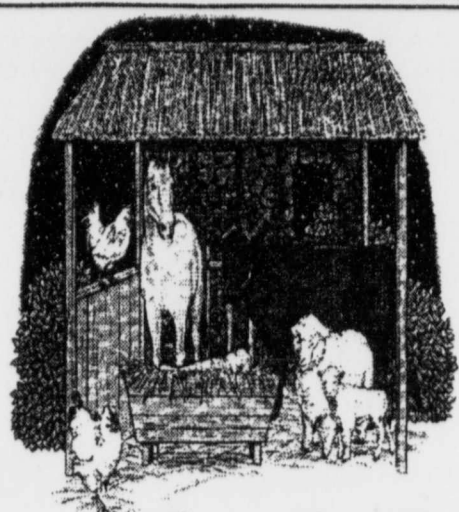
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"TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"-was the theme for the 1st place float in the Bogata Christmas parade held Wednesday downtown Bogata. The entry came from Kid's Stop in Bogata and held children tucked into bed including a smoking chimney to set the warm scene. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



"LAST CHRISTMAS AT RIVERCREST"-entered by the Rivercrest 2001-2002 seniors won 1st place in the float division at the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday on a cold and rainy day. On Wednesday, the float won 2nd place in the Bogata Christmas parade. Congratulations students! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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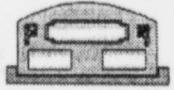


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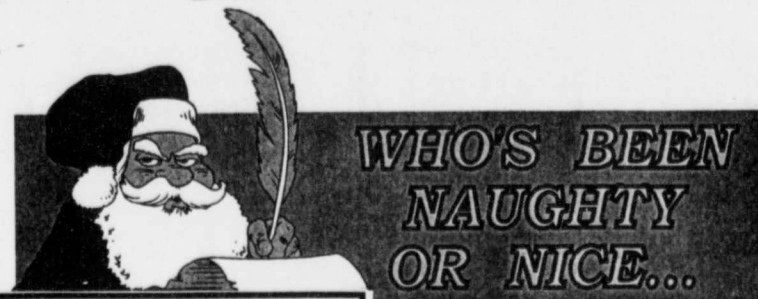


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EVERY home is decked in it's holiday finery for the upcoming Christmas festivities. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



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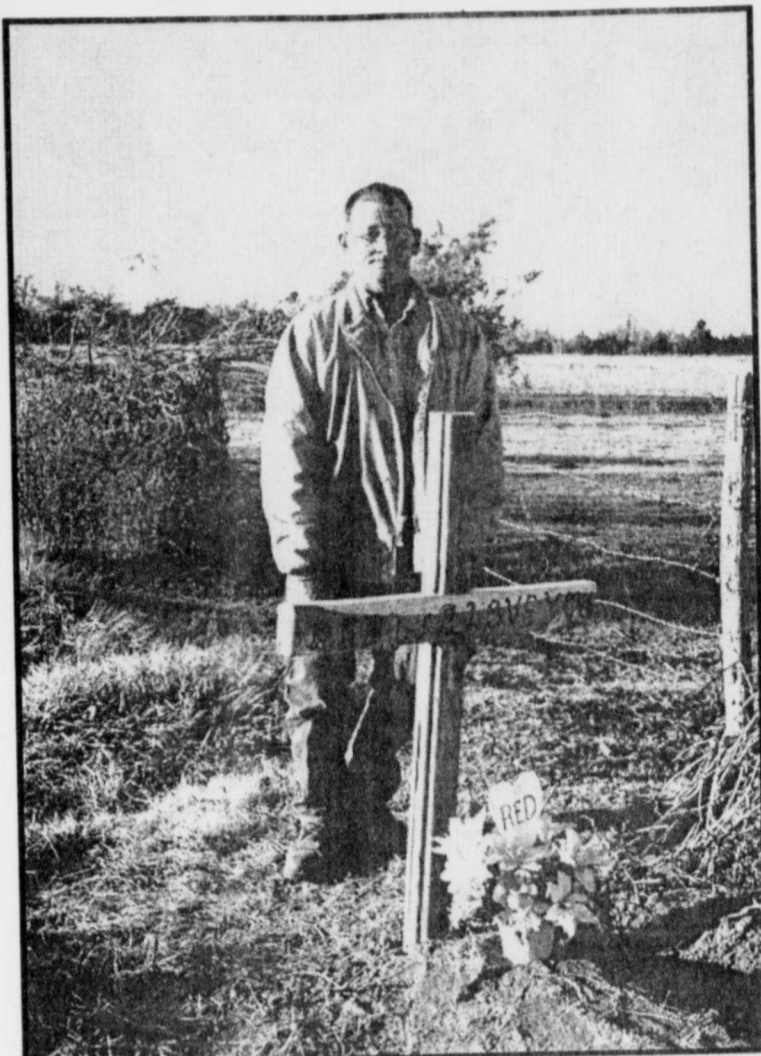
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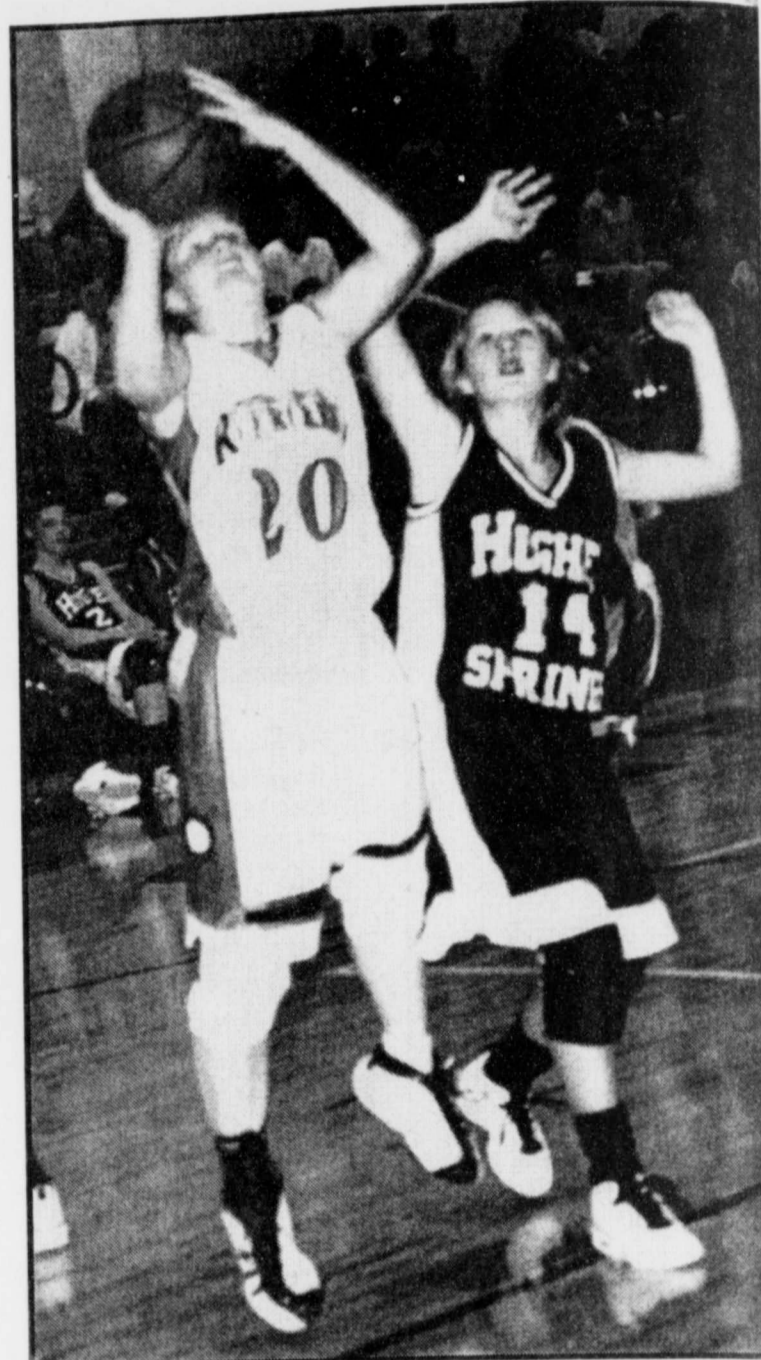
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Jim Whitledge stands beside the marker he made for "Red Dog"

Red rests in peace

By Thomas Nichols
Although Red Dog is gone, his memory lives on in Blossom. Red Dog came to adopt the community of Blossom back in 1991 after catching a ride into town with Loyd Sessums. Loyd had gone out on the Prairie to check on his cows when he saw Red wandering the country side. After a brief introduction, Loyd decided he would go back to town and leave his new acquaintance to roam. After a glance in his mirror he noticed his new found friend racing down the road in an attempt to catch up.
Loyd just couldn't leave the dog behind in that state, so he stopped and called out "Well, come on and ride if you want to!"
Once in town and settled in at the Sessums local gas station, the newcomer soon gained the name of just plain old "Red Dog". He visited up and down the streets of Blossom every day and soon people started to give Red hand outs.
The Blossom Superette and Blossom Feed Store found him treats, from dog food to nice meat scrapes and bones from the Superette meat market.
Red Dog was much more fortunate than most dogs. He had total freedom, and yet the love of everyone he knew in town.
Recently, though, Red developed cancer in a front foot, and even though his friends doctored and cared for him he succumbed to the disease. Fittingly, it was at home of his old friend, Loyd Sessums that he died.
His friends dug him a grave and laid him to rest within sight of the Sessums home.
Another friend, Jim Whitledge, carved his name on a redwood cross with the simple words "Red, We Love You"
It's a fitting marker for a simple creature that brought joy to many.




ERIS FOR ERICA - and Erica Williams is a force for the Lady Rebels of Rivercrest under the goal. She is pictured taking a short jumper as the Lady Rebels met Fruitvale recently. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa.....

- Dear Santa,
Please bring me some camouflage clothes and a hamster cage, a Game Boy Color with a game called Pokemon and I want a wind up toy fire truck and some long sleeve shirts. Your friend, Wesley Davidson
- Dear Santa,
I want a cattle truck, cattle, horses and a dog. Please bring me some clothes and boots. I will leave you a Dr. Pepper and cheese. Your friend, Shyrale Bivins
- Dear Santa,
I want a remote control drag racer and a 4 x 4 truck that has real shocks. I want a baby and a baseball, a blanket, hunting jacket, dirt bike and 94 +4 four wheeler. Your friend, Kellen Stringfellow
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a baby doll and a TV. Your friend, Nida Alvarado
- Dear Santa,
I would like a new VCR, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and stuff for my horse and a plant for my fish. Your friend, Hope Bivins
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trampoline, barbie house, How the Grinch Stole Christmas the movie, Beanie Babies, 6 of them, flip flop mat, Barbie cash register and Kelly with her high chair. Your friend, Allix Brunson
- Dear Santa,
I want a 22 rifle and a knife and a bow and a slingshot, a 4 wheeler and bow gun and a horse. Your friend, Rob Ward
- Dear Santa,
I want a collar for my puppy and I will leave some cookies for you. Your friend, Emily Hale
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a mock control car, legos and a computer and Game Boy and a hachit and a telephone and a lot more. Love, Your friend, Eli Hale
- Dear Santa,
I want a kitten and Barbie doll. Love, Your friend, Chrissy Hume

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Christmas drama set at Lake Chapel

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Free admission and everyone is welcome.
Lake Chapel is located six miles north of Mt. Vernon on Highway 37.




Peace On Earth
Warm wishes for a bright holiday season.

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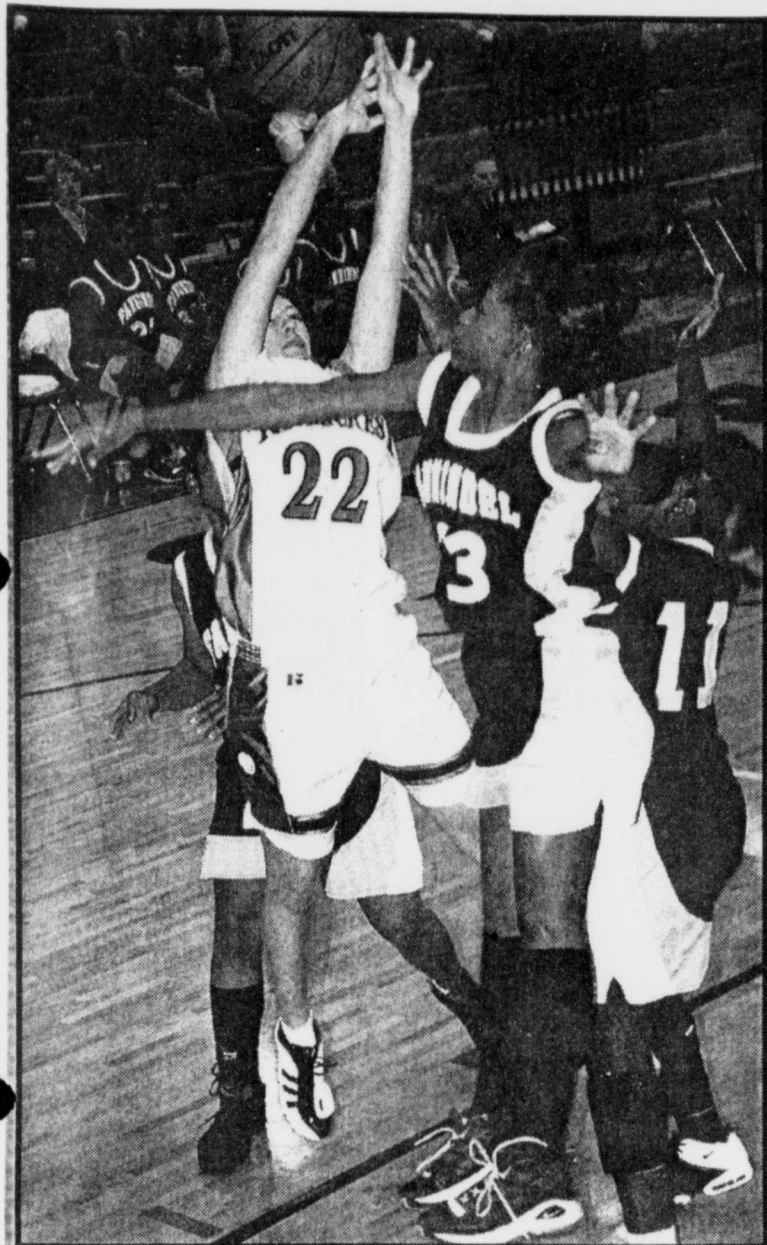
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JESSICA ROSE was working for the rebound under the goal as the Rivercrest Lady Rebels played Fannindel last weekend. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

"Dear Santa,
I wish for my uncle get his seventy percent of his heart back and for me and my sister to get along good and help my Grandma and Grandpa through the winter. Also help me and my family through the winter. Please bless the people on the street and bring joy to the world.
Caleb Carroll"



1ST PLACE-in the 4 wheeler division of the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday in the rain and cold went to Rivercrest Junior High 6th grade Queen, Emily McCuller. The entry also won 2nd place in the Bogata Christmas parade held Wednesday. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Carlos Watson and Amber and Spur Ordorica, Lacy Cole, Jane O'Neal, Andy Syrus and Ann Dye.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight and the Taylor O'Neal family Christmas party in their home Saturday. Attending were Donnie and Clovis Morrison, Ethelyn Davis, A.T. and Claudine O'Neal, Jane O'Neal, Sue and Murray Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Allen Coker, Aaron Martin, Dewayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, James and Kenzie Jackson, Michael Lee and Delia O'Neal, Jeannie, Shannon and Shelby Little, Connie McKnight, Cindy, Reanna and Lee Don Burentte and Johnnie, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson. They enjoyed an evening of eating and playing bingo.

Sunday guests of Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy were Jeff, Zak and Garrett Kennedy, Heath, Missy, Layker and Laytner Kennedy, Cole Kennedy and Josh Vanderburg.

Having Sunday lunch with Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove and Shane and Zarinska Morton. Joining them for supper were Brandon and Marsha Oats, Brad, Rachel, Bradlee and Brett

Watson and Amber and Spur Norwood.

Sunday dinner guests of Billie Joe and Georgia Oats were Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Brad and Georjeana Nutt.

James and Pat Norwood attended the Chapel Hill basketball tournament Saturday to watch their granddaughter, Lacy Cole, play ball. The Prairiland Lady Patriot seventh grade team won first place. Haley Norwood and Charity Musgrove also play on the team.

Canard, Delores, Ricky, Haley and Mattie Norwood ate with Teresa and Jamie Smith Wednesday night. Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith and Delores Norwood ate at the 909 Diner in Bogata Saturday. Kely Mowery went to the movies with Rickey, Pam, Ricky and Mattie Norwood Sunday.

Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane spent Sunday and Monday nights with Billy Ray and Neva Oats. They could not get to their home in Mt. Pleasant because of the high water.

Rachel and Brad Watson were honored with a baby shower Sunday at the Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall. They received many gifts.

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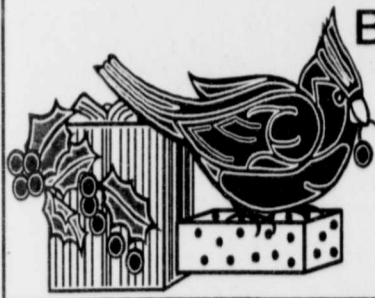
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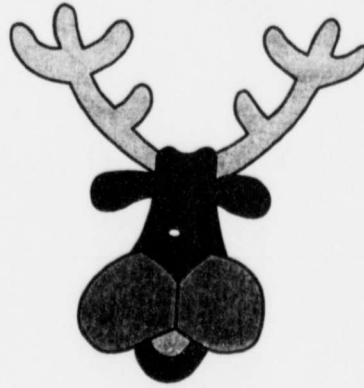
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PIPS

The following is the practice schedule for the Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress). Sponsors urge each member to attend as often as possible and to remember no shoes worn from outside may be worn on the gym floor. Each practice will be important as the group will be working on their performance routine. Members who can not be at a practice must call Lori Franks at 379-9430 ahead of time. If a member misses 3 or more practices, they will not perform. If a member misses a practice before a performance and do not call they will not be allowed to perform during the next performance. The schedule may change according to how well the group is doing.

Nov. 11: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Nov. 18: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Dec. 2: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Dec. 9: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Dec. 16: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Jan. 6: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
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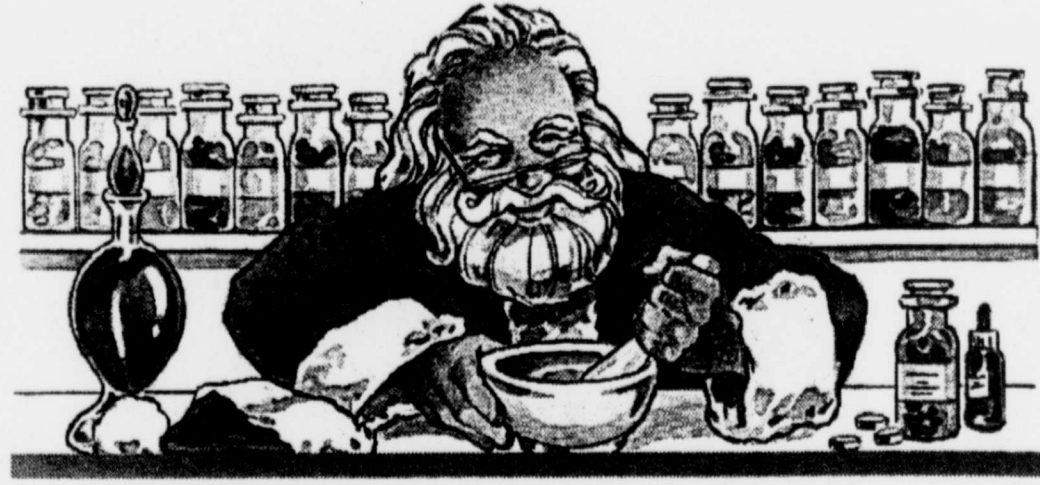
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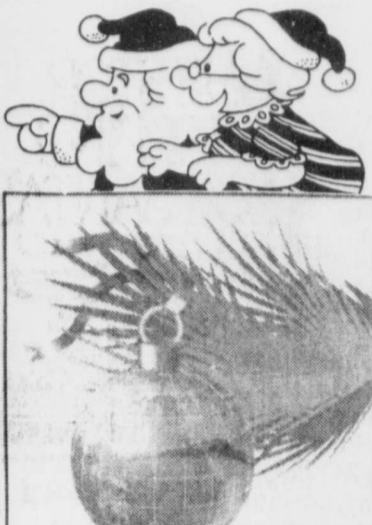
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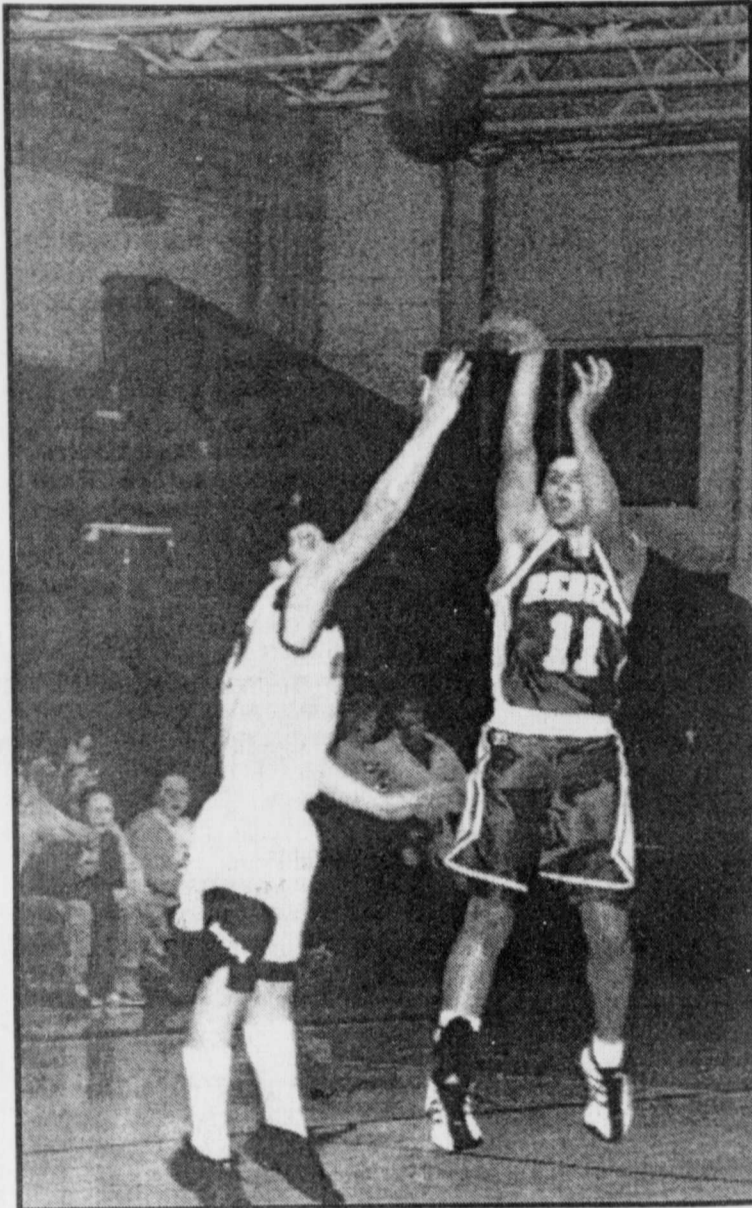
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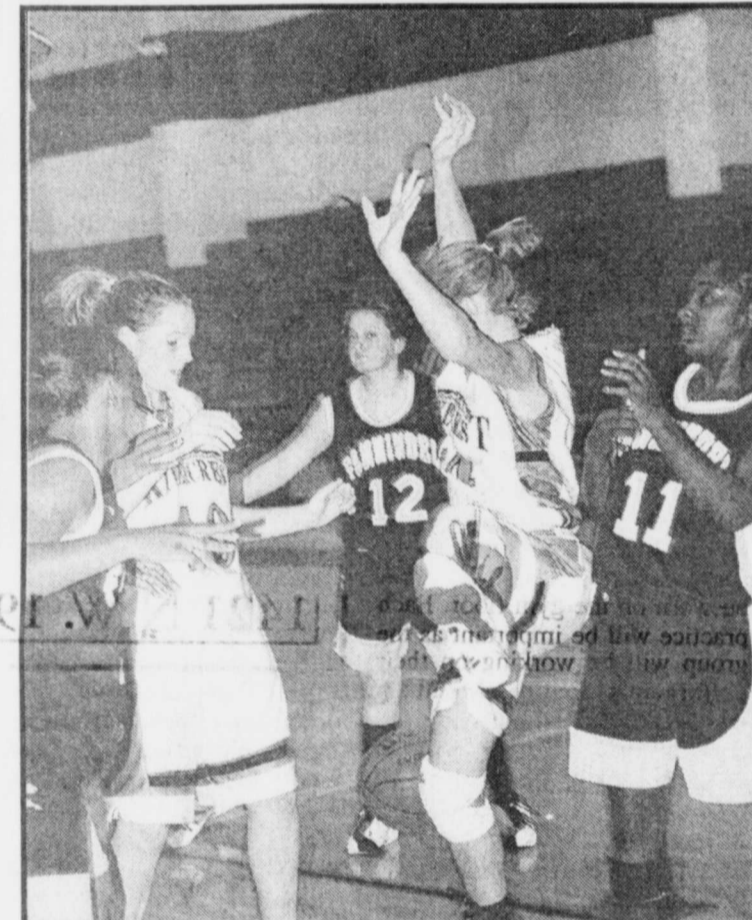
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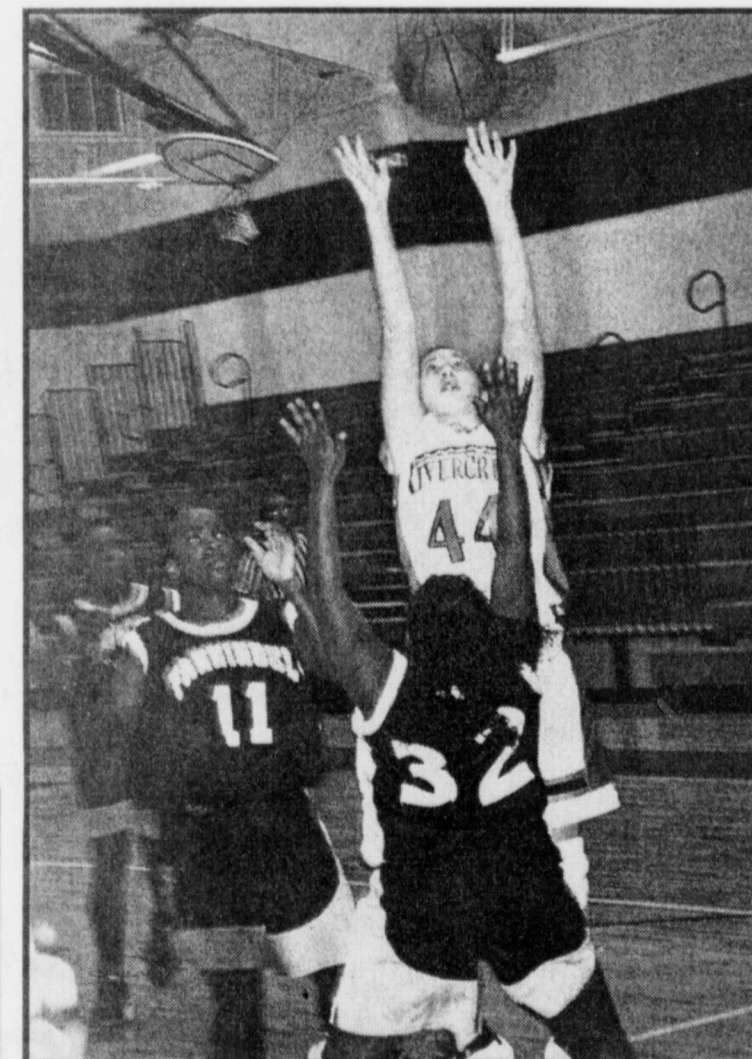
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NATHAN CARROLL takes a shot against an Avery Bulldog at the annual Prairiland Tournament last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



LADY REBEL Brittany Bull and Rachel Case fought for control of the ball when the Rivercrest girls took on Fannindel. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



ASHLEY BEERS took the rebound away from Fannindel defenders in round ball action. (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)

Winners in Christmas Memories Contest announced

The winners in the Thunder Prairie Publishing Christmas Memories contest have been selected by a judge who did not know the names of the entrants.

First Place went to Sunny Whitney. Second Place went to Janie Lowry Ballard, Third Place went to Lucille Preston Knowles.

Honorable Mentions were given to Pat Reger, Renate McCain and Jean Wilkinson.

The First Place winner will receive a certificate of award and a photograph album. The other will receive certificates. As many of the entries as possible are being run as well. Enjoy!



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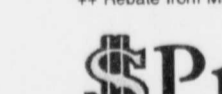


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Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good this year. I hope you can come to see me on Christmas. Please bring me a new bicycle, clothes, cool toys and movies. Please bring my cousin Grady some cool toys too! And also my tow brothers, too. They've been pretty nice this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you at my Grandma's house. Thank you!
Mason Haynes

Dear Santa,
My name is Bianca and I've been a good girl this year so I think I deserve what I'm asking for. First on my list I want a bicycle, Easy Bake Oven and clothes. I have a 1 year old sister named Brooklyn could you please bring her a dress and a pair of shoes. For my mom could you bring her a cadillac escalade (white tipped in gold) and for my dad, bring him a dog. Love, Bianca

Dear Santa,
I would like Barbie Grand Hotel, Barbie car, Barbie cash register and Barbie telephone. Love, Taylor Moles
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Game Boy Advance, 4 wheeler, books, clothes, socks. Bring my baby sister Loren a snowman. We'll leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas, Austin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Play Station 2, RC Jack Knife car and a CBK ring. Love, Carter P.S. Please leave my animals a treat.

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Dear Santa,
I would like these gifts for Christmas. A Barbie doll, Barbie care and Barbie house. Melinda

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Please bring me Dragon Ball Z toys or Game Boy games and Disney park, hopper tickets. Cookies will be waiting for you. Love, Jordan Thompson

CHEERS TO YOU!
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football, a basketball, rubber boots (to walk through mud puddles), a new coat, markers and two coloring books and some new pants. Also please bring me some new socks. Love, Christopher Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Brianna Ramsey and I am six years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas I would really like it if you could bring me a Game Boy and a Barbie kareoke tape player. I would also like to have a Barbie cash register. Could you also bring me a new Backstreet Boy's CC. I also want a really good new watch so I can practice telling time. Please bring me a new skateboard, a 4 wheeler and I want my very own Rudolph. Have a Merry Christmas Santa. Love, Brianna Ramsey

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, a good birthday party, two new birds, good grades in school and what I really want is a safe and merry Christmas. Love, Chloe Hodge

Dear Santa,
My name is Chris Kennedy. I have been a good boy. I want a huge bean bag, a telephone for my new room. Lots of Army stuff. I want some pajamas and a fish aquarium with lots of fish. A desk with a light, some karate stuff and lots of toys. Love, Chris

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashlynn Owens and I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Barbie doll and playhouse. I would also like the Amazing Alley Sister with her cat and an ironing board with iron.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nintendo Game Cube, a new TV and S.S. Gogeta 4. I'll leave you some Hershey kisses. Your friend, Blake

Dear Santa,
I been trying to be as good as I can, but I kind of got in trouble at school. Would you please bring me a 4 wheeler for Christmas and one for my brother. Please make sure all of the other children in the world have a Merry Christmas. Thanks Santa. I love you, Axel

Dear Santa,
I would like an alarm clock, Scooby Doo tape, Scooby Doo dog that talks, Scooby Doo shoes. Shinna

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. Please bring me Extreme motorcycle, a new bike, a bow and arrow, free style game boy game, motorcycle goggles, Texas Longhorn clothes, jack knife diesel, a clock and toy motorcycle. Love, Jacob Harville

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Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. Please bring me Christmas coloring book and Game Boy Color. I would like a bucket loader and a dump truck. A barn and animals would be fun. I need a camo shirt and pants and some good warm gloves. I also want some white tennis shoes. I want an ove to cook real food for my brother and sister to share. I will be a good boy next year too. Thank you, Kendall Kelley

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyn. Please bring me a cheetah purse, new clothes, makeup, games. Aaron Carter CD and jewelry. Most of all, I would like a 4 wheeler. Please don't forget my little sister Jaden. We will leave you milk and cookies. With lots of love, Brooklyn Bishop

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me makeup with lipstick, fingernail polish, a new bike, lots of clothes, a Barbie telephone, a little computer, a pen holder, a desk, hair bands and new earrings. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Kristen Harville age 5

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is Summer and a new Barbie car and a computer and new clothes, new soes, a new Barbie, new baby doll. This one is my sisters. She wants power puff girls and Woody stuff. My other sister wants a new bike. Your friend, Raven

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany. I want a new Back Street Boys CD. I want the Down on Dream Street CD and I want a new Britney Spears' CD and the new Christina Aguilera and a little CD player and head set and age cart and a new bike and a new three wheeler and a bb gun and a new long fish pole and a tackle box. Love, Brittany

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Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike, basketball goal, a gun, 4 wheeler, big bag of candy, a bike, a hot bunch of cars, a monster truck. Your friend, Edward

Dear Santa,
I would like a very special gift form Santa, I would like a Barbie doll and new bike. So please Santa bring me these special gifts. Love, Breanna

Dear Santa,
My name is Darian. I want a Barbie, a tea set, and my hole family to be happy.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I tried to be good this year. All I want is a earpack and nsync chip. I also would like a bean bag chair. May I have a baby born too. And I really need a bible cover. This is the last thing I want, houseshoes. Have a safe trip Santa. We love you. Love, Samantha

Dear Santa,
I want a lava lamp and computer and the movie Shrek and a 100 of candles and a Gam Boy with games, lipstick and a lot of money and overalls. Your friend, Haley

Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa...



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Bogata
(Call your new in a... if the machine is on...)

Visiting Chrystine Baker... day was Billie Welch of Blossomville to shop... Friday visitors of Dixie fellow were Buddy String Paula Hibbard and Janellie, Jessica and N... Tabband Maggie Rkchag

Wishing you and your loved ones a wondrous season filled with all the trimmings and hopes of a prosperous new year.

Thank you for your kind patronage. Your friendship really makes us feel like rating.

Dear Santa,
I hope your are staying warm and well this Christmas. Thank you, Santa for my gifts last year. This year, I hope I'm surprised to see a 4 wheeler, lots of stuffed animals, a singing machine with a microphone, some CDs and a holder for them. Lots of Love, Kacie Branch P.S. Please be kind to all the girls and boys this year.

Dear Santa,
I would like Easy Bake Oven, Barbie doll, Riding Kelly, Barbie doll house, horse, robot dog, new books, more clothes and shoes, Monster's Inc. doll, Power Puff girls blanket, pillow and curtains, bicycle, crayon box, vacuum cleaner and Angel doll. by Kierra Pogue

Dear Santa,
My name is Lexi Earley. I live in Rosalie, Texas. I am five years old. I've tried to be good this year but sometimes its very hard with a brother like Landon and my sister Layna. I am trying very hard but still working on my behavior. I am hoping for a new Barbie or two to play with. A trunk of dress up clothes, Easy Bake Oven with mixes, a Leapfrog imagination desk and I really need a pair of pretty rubber boots to play outside in. New blue jeans, dresses and other clothes for I have grown a lot this year. Don't forget to bring me the Nutcracker Barbie series for my collection. Please bring my sister Layna a Barbie 4 wheeler, a new Barbie, pretty rubber boots, a magna doodle and new clothes. She likes to play with me so it's best we each have our own. You will find us at several families homes so just leave a little here and save some for the other houses. Thank you Santa, we love you very much. We will leave your special snack and we won't forget your reindeer either. Lexi Earley

Dear Santa,
I want a peltalkie and Friend, Natha.

Dear Santa,
I have benn very good. I help my mom with grades. I study hard and make grades. Could you please bring me a Game Boy Advance with some games, Easy Bake Oven, skates and teddy bear. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Your friend, Emily Ward

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a present that is Barbie and some vitamins and Game Boy and a Leap Frog and a pack of gum. Your friend, Dyna Williams

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me some rings, a George Strait CD, a Shane Minor CD. I would like a Billy Gilman CD, some sneakers, some stuffed animals, themovie Shrek and the Grinch movie and lots of love. Love Camen



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Merry Christmas, Friends

Dear Santa,
My name is Luke. Please bring me a red rumble robot, 2 armours, 12 packs of power cards, 4 traps and 3 robo riders, Jacob some power cards. Bring Robert Caul some Power cards and a Rumble Robot. Logan some traps. My sister wants a DVD player. My daddy some tools. My mommy some diamond rings. Alex some CDs, Zeke some Pokemon cards. Love, Luke

Dear Santa,
I would lie a toy dog, firetruck, clothes, toy watch and shoes. by Austin Brooks

Dear Santa,
I would like a Easy Bake Oven, camera, CD player, coat, bed in a bag set, pet rat, Barbie Brittany Spears, 4 wheeler, Baby Born, cat and dog. Savanna

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy battery motorcycle, a toy jeep with batteries and remote control with it, new boots, a toy singer with a tape, a toy book and play money. Love, Jacob Thompson

Dear Santa,
I would like a chair, Barbie house and car, bird house, monster truck and firetruck. Ashton Sellers

Dear Santa,
I hope you enjoyed the milk and cookies I left for you last year, because I sure enjoyed the presents you left for me. I hope the toys I am requesting this year are not too much to ask for. I would like a Game Boy Color and a game. Also a CD player for my room I really like the Scooter doll I've seen on TV. I've got a great idea for my stocking, the new Brittany Spears CD. Since my sisters, Marli and Brylee won't get to send in a letter they asked me to tell you a few things they want this year. Marli wants a Scooter and some camo, she says Blitzin's a nice ten point. Just kidding. You might want to go ahead and bring her one of those Scooter dolls also. Brylee is just learning to walk so anything that would help her master her task would be great. You'd better come to our house first. I don't know how long those cookies and milk will last with Brylee around. Be careful on your trip this year. I'll be looking forward to your visit. Love, Ashton McGee

Dear Santa,
I want braces, a BB gun, a mitt, a toy and a brother. Your friend, Colton Weatherall

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nintendo 64 and the game Zelda. Also rescue heroes and legos, Jack Stone, power rangers and Time Force. Your friend Chase Wilson

Dear Santa,
I would like some skates and paints and a Nintendo 64. Your friend, Bailey

Dear Santa,
I want a Scooby Doo video, the Internet, a baby horse, a computer game, Extreme rodeo and a puppy. Your friend, Sammy Reeves

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a scooter. I want you bring m a blow pen. I will leave you milk and cookies. Your friend, Morgan Cox

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Can I have a Mary Kate and Ashley, Barbie and a Ken doll. Love, Your friend, Jessica Lewis

Dear Santa,
I want some food for my Barbie and a radio and some boots too. Some money and I want to be magic. Your friend, Hannah Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I want a boy motorcycle, little men that come in a big box, Leap Frog learning books, GI Joe, remote control jeep, clothes and Cowboy boots. Your Friend, Jaden Duck

Dear Santa,
I would like a dragline and backhoe, a racing 4 wheeler. I have been a good boy. Thank you, your friend, Cody Williams

Dear Santa,
My name is Maylee Jade Belcher. I am 2 years old. I've tried to be good and I'm always sweet. I love to play with Barbies. Please bring me a new Barbie to play with, a baby doll and Barbie four wheeler. I would like new clothes and a pair of pretty rubber boots to ride the Barbie four wheeler. A Maga Doodle would be nice I like to write my name. Maybe some books or a movie or tow. I really like to be read to and watch movies. You will find me at Bogata, Roslaie and New Boston. Merry Christmas. There will be milk and snacks for you and feed for your reindeer. Maylee Jade Belcher

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In this holiest of times, we are again warmed by His gifts of love and hope.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jordon. I have been good this year. Please bring me some chaps and a cowboy hat and some wranglers and new boots. Love, Jordon Smith

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy this year. Please bring me a Game Boy Advanced, Nintendo 64 with Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2 and book for Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2. Your friend, Jed Burge

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a go cart and a puppy. And I want all my family to be together. And I want it to snow. And I want some toys and clothes. And I want a good Christmas for everybody in the world. And bring me lots of toys. Love, Angela

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, a pen camera, a play cell phone and a new thing for my bike tire, a pony, a pair of ice skates, a teddy bear and a chalk board. Love, Zia

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like to have the car eating robot and the fire ball race track and a monster truck and a CD player and 4 Play Station games, monster ink and Harry Potter and need for speed. Your friend, Joey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trampoline, a diamond ring, Princess Barbie, a Nintendo 64, a horse and a dalmation puppy. Your friend, Misty

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you are doing good. Please bring me a Barbie phone and a Choo Choo doll. I would really like a bike with sparkles. Don't forget to eat the milk and cookies we left for you. Be careful. Love, Carrie Facente

Dear Santa,
My name is Landon Earley. I am 6 years old. I attend Rivercrest Elementary and am in Mrs. Wright's Kindergarten class. I try very hard to do my best and to get as many check marks as I possibly can. I hope you will understand I do have bad moments sometimes. But, whi I do it make Mrs. Wright and my family very unhappy and disappointed in me. So, I do manage to get a lot more checks, than I do x's. I would really like a red dirt bike (with fire decals on it) and a helmet to match. I really need anew pair of lace up boots, wrangler jeans, a camouflagage outfit for hunting and a football helmet, shoulder pads for me to play football with my cousins. A hot wheels fireball race track to play with when I have toy inside and play. I know this is a lot but I have more than one house for you to visit me at, so just spread it around and surprise me. Please don't forget my sisters even if it is hard for me to be nice to them all the time. Have a safe trip and I'll leave you some special treats, I know you have a lot of children to visit and to try to please. I love you, Landon Earley

Dear Santa,
I would like bullets, 22 gun, toy dirt bike, baseball, phone, Army jeep and a back pack. Paden Lum

Dear Santa,
I would like Leap Pad, Sulley and nike, stretch screamers, Just Born doll and a Lava Lamp. Shayclie Austin

Dear Santa,
My name is Kayla Brown. I am three years old. I have been a good girl except when me and my sister Carli fight. I want a drum set and dress up clothes for Christmas this year. Please bring Carli a sewing machine. With love, Kayla Brown

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me two horses and some new cars. I also want a Play Station with a bunch of games. I also need anew race track for my cars and a train set. I would also really like a new stereo for my room. Thank you very much. I love you, Michael Lewis

Dear Santa,
I would like to have Shark Park by hot wheels, Harry Potters, a skateboard and some games: perfection, Hungry Hippos and if you could I also want a toy train. Also would you please bring my brother Trenton some toys. He likes Batman. I have been good this year so please look at my list carefully. Love, Trevor Ellison

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse, motorcycle, big big swimming pool, new stereo, lots of snow, a dalmatian, roller skates, Rudolph's New Christmas, princess and nutcracker. Meagah

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie phone, Barbie doll, Mermaid, clothes and play doh. Kenodra Byrd

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and Play Station 2. Daiton Belcher

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike and TV, sled, lawn mower. Thank you, Cole Strickland

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go cart. Bring Kayla a doll, a baby toy and MaMa a comb. Dad his mail. Santa for you is milk and cookies. Love, Your friend, Russell Jimenez

Dear Santa,
My name is Jonathon Kay. I live in Sugar Hill. I want a Nintendo, trick bike, come cars, new boots and some warm clothes. A rock n roll truck and I will leave you some cookie. Your friend, Jonathon Kay

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffany. I would like to have a computer, Dancin Debbie, clothes, CD player, CD's, sing doll. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Your friend, Tiffany Moore

Dear Santa,
I love you! Please bring me my trampoline. My dad said it has to have a net. A baby that talks. Please make sure the soldiers have a good Christmas. Your friend, Dakota Parrott

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a 4 wheeler, clothes, tractors and trailers. Have a safe trip and stay warm. Your Friend, D.J. Phipps

Dear Santa,
I would like a CD player and a teddy bear and a pretty lamp and a new tea set. Your friend, Valerie Rhoades

Dear Santa,
My name is Candace. Please bring me a CD player, a new bike, a Barbie telephone and Barbie computer. Your friend, Candace Stansell

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I would like Pooh Bear Book, Pooh Bear movie, Singing thing that I saw on TV, Barbie Book, Barbie movie, new shoes, new clothes, Easter Eggs, Easter bunny, snow, Santa Claus, to see my grandmama and papa, to see God and the angels. Thank you Santa. Love Brooke Barrett

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I want a Play Station and some toys. Nikki Norman

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**A Message To The Many
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Thelma Ladd Warren**

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She is recovering from recent problems with her health. She remembers all of you fondly and regrets that she will be unable to send greetings to you during the holiday season. Please accept this message as her best wishes to all of you.

We treasure and appreciate your love and concern for this special lady.

Melba & Carlos,
Marianne & Joe Ladd

visiting recently were Jimmy Stringfellow, Felina and Jerica White, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Danny Tabb, Judi Maddox and Michael Tabb. Susie Fowler of Blevins, Arkansas visited last weekend with Zelma Mauldin and Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer.

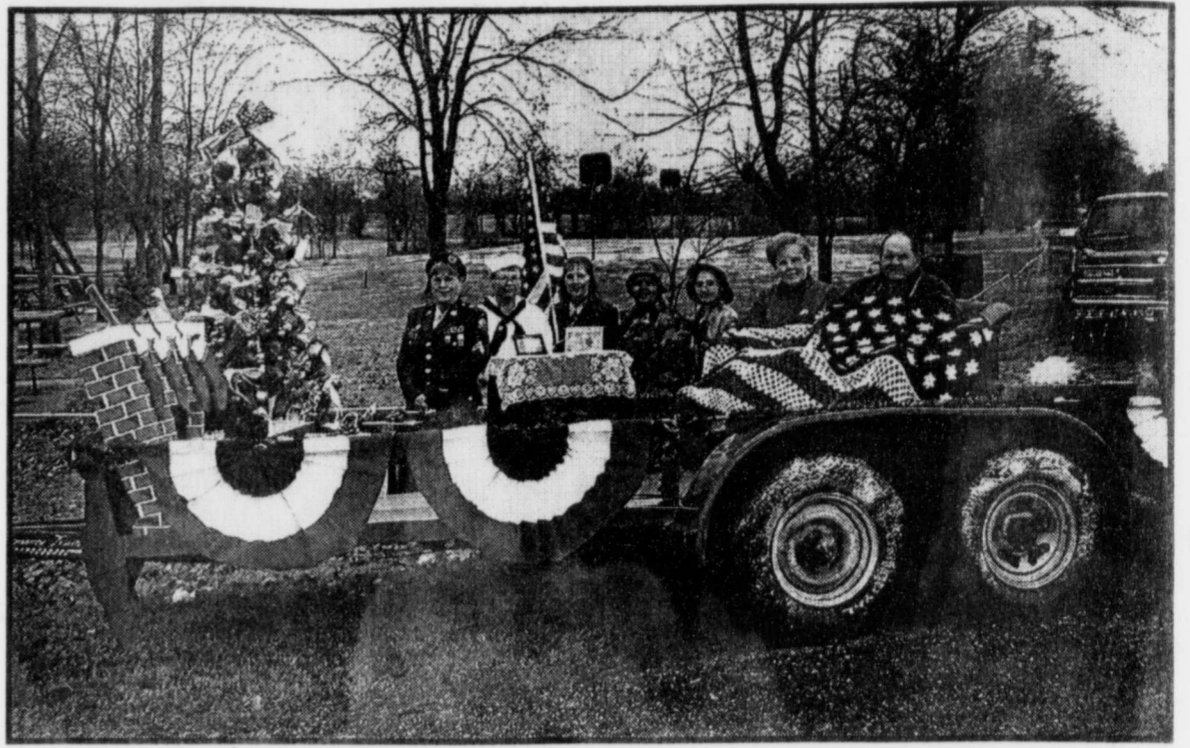
Dixie Stringfellow, Lucille Childers, Edna Earl Dodd, Kenneth York and Betty Joy Puckett met Thursday Dec. 13 in the home of Jan McCuller in Mt. Pleasant for their Christmas party and lunch. Also there for a short time were Melanie Combest, Robbie McCuller, Doug Hawkins and John McCuller.

Happy December Birthday to: Scott Davidson, Jaelee Ward, Sherry Rolan, Nita Golightly, James Duffee, Alexandra Killian, Alice Martin, Cylene Holeman, Lawrence Bell, Chris Clark, Garrett Haynes, Jeremy Mankins, Kathy Stringfellow, Bow Willis, Joann Sherman, Samuel Gentry, Hana Hawkins, Larry Wayne Neeley, Jim Bill Chaloner, Linda Gray, Tracy Denny, Paige Provence, Paula Speir, Carolyn Miller, William Morris, Franky Bush, Maxine Scott, Doris Belcher, Clayton Huddleston, Jerad Guest, Nettie Moore, David Stansell, James A. Freelen, Molee Huddleston, Mary Ann Williams, Patricia S. Taylor, Cassandra Stringer, Brian Hurst, Wyatt Tabb,

Larry Evans, Cristy Kennedy, Charity Huddleston and Pam Hays.

Happy December Anniversary to: Hoyt and Jean Taylor; Leon and Molee Huddleston; Denny and Regina Whitley and Harold and Kathryn Verner.

Maggie Dee Richardson spent last week with her grandparents, Dan and Vicki Tabb. Sunday



I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS-The Red River Healthcare float took 3rd place in the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday and 3rd place in the Bogata Christmas parade held Wednesday. The truly patriotic float honored each branch of the U.S. Military. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Vicki accompanied by Dixie Stringfellow drove Maggie to Sherman where they met her dad, Bob Richardson and she returned home with him to Muenster. Danny Tabb and Judi Maddox also visited with Dan and Vicki during the weekend

The Sunday School classes of First Baptist Church of Bogata taught by Cleavie Coffin, Linda Gray and Johnny Ragsdill celebrated Christmas at the Fish Fry in Paris on Monday, Dec. 10. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, Mr. and Mrs. Glen White, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mrs. Wanda Ragsdill, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coffin, Mrs. Mary Ellen Kain, Mrs. Elvis Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Holeman and McCartney and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gray.

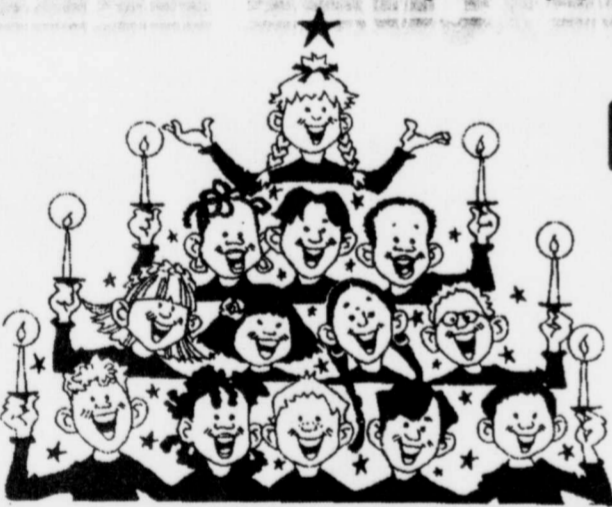
Dana Smith of Florence spent Friday night with her grandfather, Kenneth York. On Saturday she was accompanied to Cisco by her sister and nephew, Jessica and Kyle Eckols who have been visiting with Kenneth awhile. Lynne Knight visited with Kenneth Sunday.

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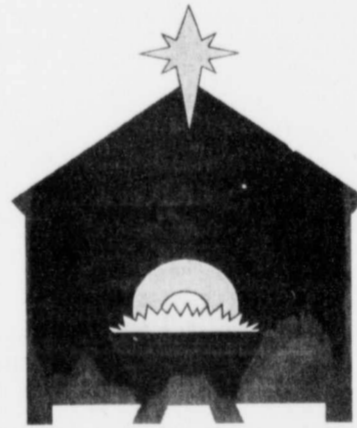
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Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa....

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a few gifts for Christmas, a puppy, a pair of gloves, a toboggan and new clothes. Thank you, Heather Story

Dear Santa,
I have been sort of good. Can I please have these things for Christmas, a puppy, a pair of gloves, a toboggan and new clothes. Thank you, Heather Story

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. These are the gifts I would like this year. I want all the Dragon Ball Z movies. Robert Tully

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. This is what I want for this year. I want a dirt bike, gloves, bike helmet, ear muffs. Well, Santa have a nice Christmas. Thank you Santa, Troy Brooks

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a Monster Inc. movie, some clothes. I also want a go-cart so I can ride in my back yard and a TV. Valerie Vaughan

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Here are some things I would like for Christmas, a lava lamp, a movie of how the Grinch stole Christmas, a Monster Inc. movie and a blue skateboard. Lacey Bryan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a small soldier, a bike, a scooter, a Dragon Ball Z toy, a Harry Potter game, a gun, a telescope, a Dr. Doolittle 2 video. I have been a very good boy and nice to my sisters. Love, Michael Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a girl motorcycle, Barbie, Barbie movie, Princess doll, angel dress, Monster Inc. toys, hair bows, earrings, jewelry box, Barbie answering machine, play kitty, phone and crown. Alex Duck

Dear Santa,
Please bring a trampoline, a motor scooter, a toy rabbit and for Christmas to come so we get lots of toys. Will you please give me a reindeer. I will even give you me J.C. Penny book to see, and lots of trucks too. Thank You Santa Claus, I love you, Croix Parrott

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a VCR, new TV, a new fan, microphone, a My Size Barbie, a Ken and Barbie playset, a clock, shoes, socks and a bag full of money. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you to enjoy on this Christmas Eve night. Thanks A Lot, Nicole Norman

Dear Santa,
Hello! My name is Ashlee Wright. I am 4 years old and I am in Pre-K. My special toys that I want are a baby doll with a bottle. I also want a Mircle Baby and don't forget my big brother Jestin. Please bring him a race car and boat. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I also want a fever baby and a Barbie doll with a baby. That's all I want. Love you, Ashlee Wright

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy gun, alligator, monster truck, Indian, little dog, baseball hat, dump truck, dinosaurs. Love, Marty Fields

Dear Santa,
My name is Dez'rae Nickerson. I have been a good little girl. This year I would like a camera, a bicycle, a Game Boy. I will leave you cookies this year. Thanks Santa for everything. Love, Dez'rae

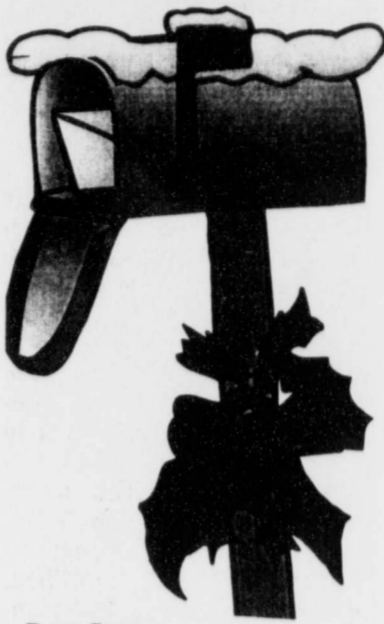
Dear Santa,
My name is Layton Wright and I am 2 years old. I sat in your lap at the Tyler Mall, but I was too scared to tell you what I wanted. Please bring me a 4 wheeler like my Dad's but small enough for me. I also want a Barney Computer, a talking train and some more goodies. I have tried to be good, but it's hard when you are spoiled rotten! Love, Layton Wright

Dear Santa,
I would like a bow and arrow and some bombs (real ones). I would also like a remote control truck and a remote control boat, with a trailer. I would like a pair of roller skates, tennis shoes and a toy robot. Heath and I want paint ball guns. Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
I would like candy for Christmas. I would also like some toys like a doll, some vegi tales and some books to read with Mommy and Daddy. Thank you for my presents. Yours Truly, McCartney Holeman

Dear Santa,
I want me a X Box for and ten WWF men with a wrestling ring and I want Nintendo game and a Play Station 2 and a Game Boy and a remote control car. Then I want a big turkey in juice. Decota Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want a Harry Potter game for Game Boy Color. I also want Pokemon crystal version. I also want a Nintendo game, Cube with Luigi's Mansion. And I want a super Nintendo with a Mario game. I also want a new computer that has Internet. And I will leave you a big hunk of cheese. Matthew Hall





All The Best

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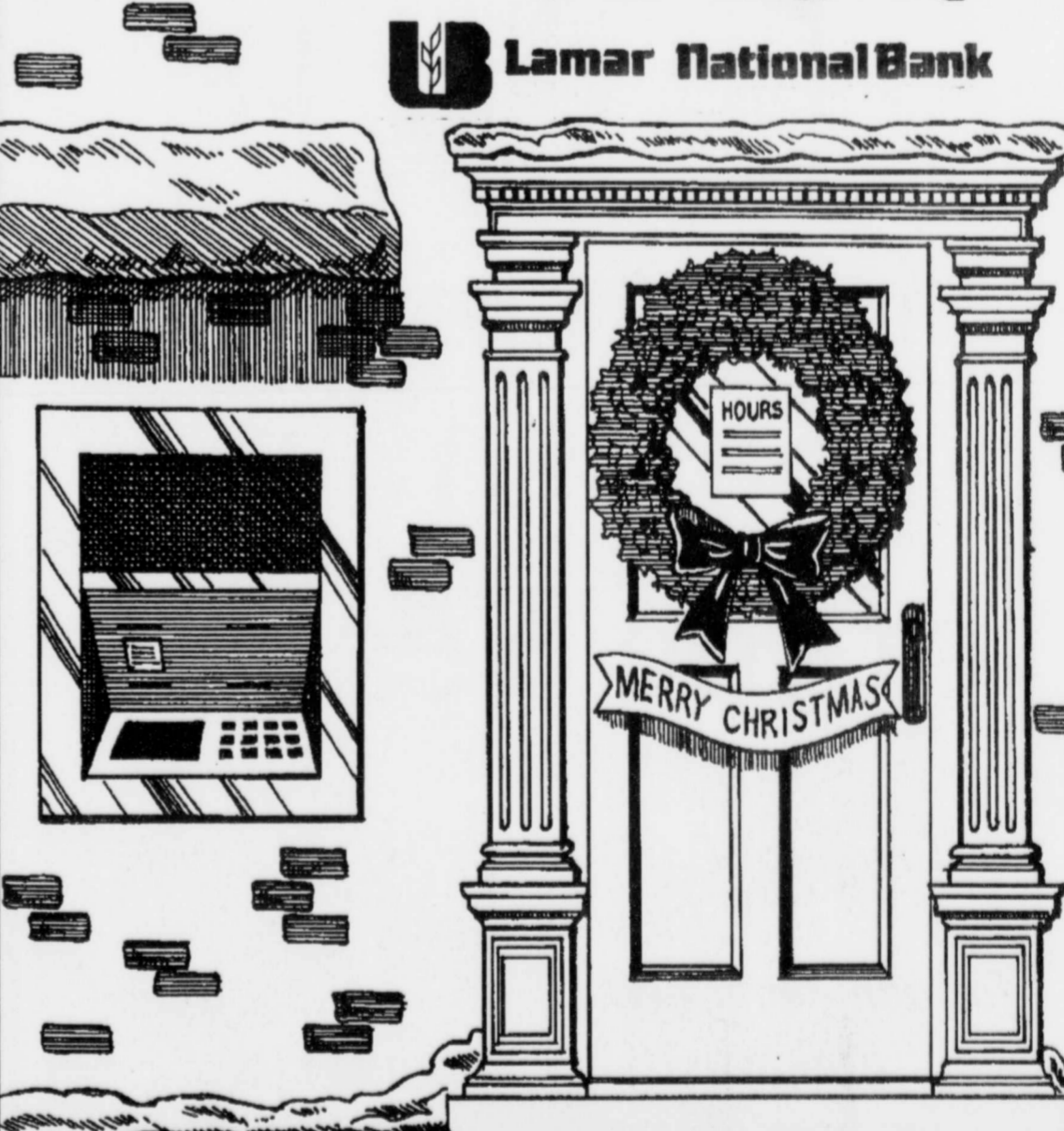


With best wishes to all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

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CATCHING SOME ZZZs this little Santa Claus is all worn out from making all those toys, and catching a little rest before the upcoming big night. (Staff Photo by nanalee Nichols)



ELEANOR FOXWORTH -is pictured with her 90th birthday cake and children (from the left) Russell Foxworthy, Alma Jane Davis and Martha Frazier.

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January

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Childbirth Education Classes* (Classes begin January 3. You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance at 577-6400.)
Thursdays, beginning January 3, 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m., TRMC Board Room

Adult Diabetes Support Group Have a Happy New Year! No class in January.
Call 903-577-6542 for more information.

Better Breather's Club Wednesday, January 23, 1:30 p.m., TRMC Auditorium.
Call 903-577-6588 for more information.

American Heart Association Stroke Support Group Monday, January 14, 2:00 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

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Eleanor Foxworthy celebrates 90th birthday

Eleanor Foxworthy celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at Red River Healthcare in Bogata with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on December 10, 2001. Eleanor was born December 13, 1911. She is the mother of Mary Schoknecht of Yoder, Colorado, who was unable to attend, Alma Jane Davis of Avery, Martha Frazier of Brighton, Colorado and Russell Foxworthy of Talco.

Also attending to help her celebrate were; daughter-in-law, Betty Foxworthy, grandchildren, Kristi Clemmons and fiance Guy McKnight of Roston, Nicki and husband Shawn Roberts of Mt. Pleasant, Theresa and husband Rocy Pierce of Shreveport, L.A., Linda Cowley of Avery and great grandchildren; Kayla and Keyle Clemmons, Shelby and Hunter Roberts and Darren and James Cowley.

Rivercrest Youth Basketball Association to meet January 6

The Talco-Bogata Little Dribblers Association has become one organization, the Rivercrest Youth Basketball Association.

Tryouts/drafts are necessary to promote unity and keep competition levels fair.

After tryouts, teams will be drafted by coaches. All children signing up will be drafted to a team. 3-6th grade teams will travel

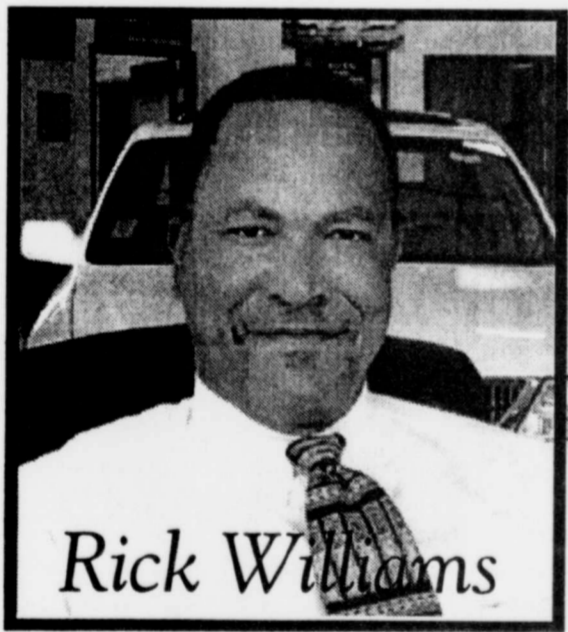
to Harts Bluff, Winfield and Chapel Hill for play. 1st and 2nd grade teams will play locally.

A final sign up will be held on Sunday, January 6 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Rivercrest High School. Fees will be due at this time. A meeting will follow to finalize plans for the upcoming year.

Noel! Noel!

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class McKinney Plays Vital Role In "Silent Service"



Joseph L. McKinney

Deep below the ocean's surface, quiet and undetectable to the world outside, American submarines are on patrol, waiting for a call to action. Sailors like Grand Prairie's Joseph L. McKinney help Navy submarines to maintain the level of readiness necessary to carry out their missions as directed by the president.

Today's submarines are still used for sea lane protection, but they are also capable of conducting intelligence gathering operations, inserting special forces units in areas where surprise and secrecy is essential, and launching precision strikes against land-based targets hundreds of miles inland.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class McKinney, the 22-year-old son of Doug and Donna McKinney of Grand Prairie and the nephew of Richard Parrish of Talco, is an electronics technician on board the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Ofc. McKinney graduated from Charles Page high school in 1998 and then while he was working at Washington Inventory Service in Tulsa, he graduated from American Broadcasting School. Shortly after graduation he moved to Grand Prairie and enlisted in the Navy.

Being on board a nuclear submarine has given submariners a chance to be part of something special. Each job is vital to the success of the submarine's missions.

"If I didn't do my job, we would all suffocate", McKinney said.

Throughout the year, Los Angeles-class submarines like Columbus are forward deployed with aircraft carrier battle groups or they operate independently in the most unstable regions of the world.

The Columbus, which is capable of speeds in excess of 25 knots (29 miles per hour), is armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles and MK-48 torpedoes. These tools give the Columbus the ability to combat virtually any threat.

Columbus and her crew understand that they are an important part in supporting deployments overseas.

"It's important for the Navy to defend democracy because it's our way of life," said McKinney, a two year Navy veteran.

The submarine community is considered by many to be a very challenging community in the Navy's fleet, and McKinney and his fellow submariners' experience and skills will be heavily relied on to keep the Navy's submarine force prepared to protect America's interests. They have demonstrated in the past they are up to the challenge, and they will continue to do so as Sailors of the U.S. Navy.

Dear Ho most a cou want Barbi nd i come doll M My n and e Here! want! Jessic

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Thursday, December 20, 2001

Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa.....



Dear Santa,
How are you doing? It is almost time for Christmas so here is a couple of things I might want. I want a board game, a watch, a Barbie and my mother to get well. And my brother wants a radio, some toy action figures and a Ken doll. My sister wants a baby doll. My mom wants a diamond ring and earrings and Lady Stetsen. Here's what my friends want, they want us to be best friends forever!
Jessica Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cyber race track, a fire ball race track and some treats for Jazz with a dog house, Nintendo games and a little bit of everything. Kevin

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. I would like a hitclip of Britney Spears the song I'm a Slave 4 you. And I would like some new clothes and some shoes, a bike like Jessica's that's dark blue, a clear blue game boy color, a cell phone, a new house, a heavy coat, my own computer, my own hair clips, some fingernail polish, a makeup kit. I would like a bunch, bunch, bunch of money and play rats to put on my mom. And I would like to know who the real Santa is? Amber Whitney

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a house, my mother would like everyone to have a safe and good holiday, my sister would like a portable CD player. I want a book, a VCR, a TV, a CD, a coat, a sweater, a Pooche cat and dog and bird, a rabbit, a dog, a cap, a picture of my family, a tape of Britney Spears and Nsync. My dad would like Harely Davidson pictures and a Harley Davidson and we want to have a happy holiday and the others to. Happy Christmas, Becky

Dear Santa,
How are things up there? How are your reindeer? For Christmas I want a couple of bottles of nail polish a amazing baby doll. We might leave you some cookies. For Halloween I got a bunch of candy. Your friend, Mary Beth Henley
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a rock tumbler and rolling runners. Thank you for the computer you gave me last year. Thank you, Dillon Cortez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 2 dogs and a farm. Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, a robot and play bull. I have been a good boy. Aaron

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a guitar and a farm set and a dirt bike. Love, Matt

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trap, a bike and a tent. Love, Logan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun, a knife and a cowboy hat. Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer, clothes and skooterr. I have been a good girl. Love, Carli

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some clothes and a ball and anything. I am a good girl. Love, Tiffany Black

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a X Box and a bike and a gun. Have a nice trip. Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a cat and a dog. I have been a good girl. Love, Monica

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, a guitar and a cat. I will have cookies out for you. Love, Dustin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a radio, a guitar and a horse and Santa I have a special gift. Love, Destini

Dear Santa,
It's me, Hailey Brown. I want a doll and a beanie baby cat and a new bike and a coat hanger. Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashlyn Kennedy. I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll that matches me. I also want a Barbie microphone so I can sing with Brittany Spears. I hope you bring me other things too. Look for my lights on my house. Say hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer. I'll leave milk and cookies for you. Ashlyn

Dear Santa,
I am two years old and have been very good this year! Please bring me some Dr. Pepper, a new Barbie, a baby doll like my cousin Heather's and a playhouse. I have been asking Mommy and Daddy for "two big blue ones" but you may have to help them out, they don't seem to know what I'm talking about! I will leave cookies and milk by Granny and Papa's fireplace for you and some special reindeer food outside. Love, Marli Hines

Dear Santa,
My name is Bowdy Guest and I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me Jake the Cobra Snake, a brand new fishing pole, some new cowboy boots and a flashlight with a dinosaur on it. Thank you Santa, Bowdy Guest

Dear Santa,
My name is Carmen LeOllie Allen and I'm in third grade. Santa how's your work shop and your deer? Santa I wish for a GAP shirt and some GAP sunglasses. Santa I wish for my mom to have a new dress and a new shirt to wear. Santa I wish for my dad to have a new truck. Santa I wish for my brother Marcus to have a brand new car to drive. Santa I wish for my other brother Michael to have a new house. Santa my little brother wants a little toy truck. Carmen Allen

Dear Santa,
My name is Haley Bivins and I have been good. This year I would like horse things. Please help all the children who lost their parents in New York. Haley Bivins

Dear Santa,
I know I have not been good this year and please forgive me for not getting good grades at school and not being good. I promise to do better in school and I want to tell you something else. I want a computer for Christmas and that's all I want because I think it will help me in school. Taylor Landreth

Dear Santa,
I would like a teddy bear, some baby stuff for my babies, a beanie baby, the elephant peanut game and a big girl bicycle. And Santa, if you really can see me at daycare, I'm sorry for all of those days in time out. Love, Kaitlyn Brown age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, a sling shot and guitar. Love, Kevondrick

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a picture of you, a skooterr and a car. Love, Rebekah

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big girl toy. Love, Lucchese

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hamster and a piggy bank and a violin. Love, Faith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Fever Baby and a Miracle Baby and a play cat. Love, Lori

Dear Santa,
My name is Quinton Anderson and I am 2 years old. I would like any kind of tractor, trucks or farm equipment and cows, horses, sheep or any other type of play animal. Most of all I want to go to the barn with Sherry and Randy Hollis and play with Robyn and Shelly, who are my baby-sitters, to drive my Paw's truck and to play in my Nana and Pa Pa Anderson's yard. I will leave Goldfish crackers and pepsi for you. I don't eat and drink it all myself. Please leave presents for me at my house, my Nana and PaPa Brown's, my Nana and PaPa Anderson's and my Aunt Barbara and Uncle Carl Smith's. Love, Quinton

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Bring me something for Christmas and then make it snow 10 inches deep. Jarid Lyles

Dear Santa,
I love you. I hope everyone gets a present. I think you are very nice. I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas. For Christmas I want a scooter, hat, shoes and clothes. I love you, Colton Phipps

Dear Santa,
My name is Shala. I'm in third grade and I want to tell about my cats. First one of them is a boy but it looks like a girl cat. He's brown on his face and a coco color that's light and he has blue eyes it is a pretty sight. Now for my other cat is black with tan spots with green eyes and it is very skinny and well you could say I'm lucky because I can have two cats at the same time. Shala Ridens

Dear Santa,
My name is Haley Steen. I am in third grade. I hope you can bring these things on my list. A new pair of Nikes, a lava lamp, a CD and a porcelain doll. Haley Steen

Dear Santa,
I am doing good at school. I want a dodge radio control truck. David Stringer

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year and I only want a few things and here they are, a hoola hoop and the new Brittnay Spears CD and that is about it. Ashley Thurreson

Dear Santa,
I wish you a good Christmas and I wish we have a good one too. I hope we will move after Christmas. I wish we can have a horse for my birthday. I wish I can have a glass horse. Kerrie Wright

Dear Santa,
I am in third grade. I wish for the people in Afghanistan to be free and have a good home, food and also for the people in Afganistan not to be under control of Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban. T.J. Stahley

Dear Santa,
This year it was kind of hard to think of something, but I finally did, so her it goes. May I have the remote control car dragon Fly please and may I have the car launcher Super Launcher and may I have a new video game and the movie Monsters Inc. and for the final thing a remote control car that can flip off walls. Jesse Ward Ross

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaden Brown and I will be one year old in February. I would like any toy that makes noise. Please bring me some drums. My parents will love that. Please leave presents for me at my Nana and Paw Brown's, my Aunt Barbara and Uncle Carl Smith's, my Nana and Pa Pa Allmon's, my granny and grandpa Cox's and my house. Love, Jaden

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a doll and a elf. Love, Tiffany

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Play Station 2 and I would like two controllers and I would like some games to go with it and I would like a go-cart and I hope I get all the things that I ask for and I know I have been bad but I will do very good now. Kolton Benson

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Play Station 2, a Nintendo 64 game called madden 2001, boxing gloves, new shoes, new clothes, new bike, a mon-goose remote control car, a basketball, a quarterback throw thing, a 4 wheeler and all the gear for football. Thank you Santa, Brandon

Dear Santa,
I want a Play Station 2 with a controller and a game and a soccer ball, a basketball, a movie of Monster Inc. and a scooter and a helmet for my bike. Jordan

Dear Santa,
I want a soccer ball for Christmas. I also want a robot and a pair of gloves and a pair of golf ball gloves for Christmas. I also want a pair of Levis and I also want a twenty three nineteen and I also want a pair of 4 wheelers and I also want a skate board and a surfboard for Christmas. Sammy Newsom

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Little toe socks, Heads up House, shoes, girl zone, robo baby and hit clips, too cute twins, Shrek, computer games, Play Station, pajamas and Diva Stars. Kelsi Thompson

Dear Santa,
I only want these things for Christmas. I want a Play Station and Mary Kate and Ashley crush course game and folder and I want a green new pooch and Smithsonian and open the door to learning with Leap Frog Leap Pad books, desk and Brittnay Spears back pack, personal player, Glamour boutique and pastel butterfly and skating shoes. Miranda

Dear Santa,
I would like to go to Arkansas for Christmas and see my cousin Audra. I want a big fish tank with lots of fish in it. I want a Smiley face pillow and a heart shaped pillow. But most of all I would like a lot of love. Oh Yeah, I would like a yellow lab puppy too. I would like a Tweety bird lamp. Alison

Dear Santa,
I want creepe crawlers zoids, energy paintball, scan command, silly 6 jeans, Land Before Time 7, a stocking full of candy, apples and nuts. Love, Davey

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a pair of shoes. What I also want is some brand new clothes. Another thing I want is a viser. I want a kitten for Christmas and I also want lots of toys to. And the last thing I want is a very happy Christmas. That's what I want for Christmas. Kari Taylor

Dear Santa,
I would like a go-cart and a Play Station 2 and control. I hope I get both of these things I ask for. I know I've been bad a little so I hope I get these two things I ask for. Ryan Walker

Dear Santa,
I love to write this letter for you. I will like to have three things. First I will like to have clothes. Next I will like to have anew bike. Last I will like to have Easy Bake Oven. Please Santa Claus I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas. Thank you, Love, Sarai Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a CD player and some CD's and I would like to have the Back Street Boys movie and their new CD and a real computer and a sugar plum princess and a hit clip and a phone with my own number. I have been very good this year. Thank you, Tamara Moore

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus come soon to me and bring a football with you. Thank you, John

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabby Maria Torres and I'm 5 years old. Would you please bring me a doctor Barbie, Barbie jeep, wedding Barbie and two baby dolls. A Barbie house would be nice too. Can you please bring me a Barbie fair and a Barbie airplane. I know I'm on your list cause I've been good. I love you Santa, Gabby

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I am six now. I hope you are doing fine. For Christmas, I would like a Game Boy Advanced, Harry Potter spell casting game, reindeer stickers, new clothes, computer games. Thank you very much, Love, Sam

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie car for little girls, Barbie dolls and Barbie stamps. Britney Childers

Dear Santa,
My name is Jestin Wright. I am six years old and I am in Kindergarten. The special toys that I want are a dirt bike man, a remote control monster truck, a race car, a slithering Jake snake, some new CD's for my radio that I go for my birthday. I also want a little 50cc dirt bike in the color blue and don't forget my sister Ashlee. Please bring her a baby doll. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love you, Jestin Wright

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Are you doing ok in the north pole? Santa if you can I would like makeup. I would like skates, boots, clothes, socks and jewelry. Love, Loren

Dear Santa,
How is your year going? These are some of the things I would like. I would like a Play Station 2 and RC car it is called Jackknife. If I don't get a Play Station 2 I want some more Nintendo games and anything else you would like to give me. I hope you have a good year. Brady Kennedy

Hi Santa,
Please bring me toys. Please bring me Baylee toys. Love, Emalee Freelen, age 2.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Roach. I am two years old, but I will be three very soon. I have tried to be a really good boy this year, but my Mommy says the terrible two's caused me to be a little bit bad at times. I promise I am really a good boy most of the time. Please bring me some play horses and a new Blue's Clues movie. I also really want a big Woody and Buzz Lightyear because they are my favorite toys. My Daddy has a horse named Little Bit that I love to ride, but I want one of my own. Please bring me a real horse or tell my Pop to get me one if you can't fit it in your sleigh. Please bring my sissy Sherea lots of stuff, she's been really good too, (but make it cool stuff because she is 13 now). My Daddy needs a new rope to go roping with my uncle Ike. My Mommy says all she wants is for me and sissy to have a good Christmas, but please bring her something nice too. I love you Santa, Jacob Don Roach

Dear Santa,
My name is Mark Gable Jr. Daddy said that I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me any toy that has to do with fire trucks (so that my daddy can play with them), a set of the jumbo lego building blocks and a little red wagon. I promise to leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you. Love, Mark Gable Jr., age 1 year

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like you to bring my brother Asa a pair of Superman gloves, Jordan cowboy clothes and Garrett a radio. I would like you to bring me a Barbie, a Barbie chair with hearts on it, a dress and some makeup. Also I would like for you to bring a computer for all of us. I will leave some milk and cookies out for you. Bailey Tiffie

Dear Santa,
I would like a new big boy bike, a Hot Wheels car hawler, a toy weed eater and lots of candy in my stocking. I have been a good boy this year and when you stop at my house you can have some delicious Christmas cookies and a big glass of cold milk to refresh you for the rest of your long trip. Love, Richard Forsyth

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a gray truck. I have been good. Bring Hunter a basketball. I want a basketball and a brown football. Bring Jace some dinosaurs cause he likes dinosaurs. Daddy, a chainsaw, Joey a dog. Cookies and milk will be on the big table where the chairs are. I love you dear Santa Claus, Jacob Birchfield P.S. I want a dog and a kitty cat.

Dear Santa,
I wish I could play with you and Mrs. Claus. Please bring me a Barbie Nutcracker horse and sleigh. Also a baby doll and a real baby brother. Please bring Marley a baby doll dresser and a reindeer CD. Thank You, Caitlin Tidwell.

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some cookies and milk by the tree. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Leap Frog Learning Pad, a Easy Bake Oven and a doll that has a highchair that changes into a desk. Thank You, Breanna Nikole Bryson, age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Andrew Munoz and I would really love to have a motorcycle under my tree! I also hope for peace and happiness. I love you Santa, Andrew

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, Power Rangers, Spiderman and Batman. Thank you, Dylan Combs

Dear Santa,
How are you? Hopefully good. I wrote this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a Pooh Bear blanket, Barbie cash register, a Barbie cordless phone, Pooh doll playset, a play kitchen and shopping cart, a vanity and stool and a rainbow art. Love, Minniea

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and a bike, a new basketball, a new mmd sponser and I have been good this year and a pair of shoes that are blue and one of my brothers want a getter and the other wants a bike that is blue and red. Jerry

Dear Santa,
I've been a very good boy. I really want a black mountain bike, DVD player, driver's license, a Harry Potter levitation kit, Harry Potter's potion class, Harry Potter miniature Hogwarts school, Harry Potter casting stones and Harry Potter against Draco Malfoy casting spells. Oh! Don't forget I left some cheese. Alan Smith

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bike last year. It was helpful and the other stuff. I just want a couple of things a scooter and some stuff in my stocking. And I am going to leave cookies and milk and a picture of you. Alec Moreno

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. I want a big remote control truck, a bike and a 4 x 4 four wheeler, my birth stone, a Play Station and a Play Station 2, a gun, a remote control boat. I'm going to leave you cheese and milk. Thank you for all of the presents you've got me. Thank you, Brandon Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a Hi-Tech remote control truck, a Nintendo, Play Station and some games. I want some DVD, videos and some Hot Wheels cars. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you for the presents. Garrett Carroll

Dear Santa,
I really think you are nice. For Christmas I want some camouflage clothes and a Yamaha keyboard. I even want the N sync CD Celebrity because I really love the son Pop. I really, really want a TV that has a really big screen. I really want to say thank you for all the stuff you gave me. For your Christmas snack I am leaving a whole lot of cheese and pepsi. Kassie Anderson

Dear Santa,
I have tried so hard to be good this year, but, that can be harder than it sounds. If you can find in your big loving heart to overlook some minor things please bring me a baby doll with a bed and baby stuff, a block table, a shopping cart and an Angel Barbie to add to my collection. I'll leave lots of cookies and milk out for you. Thank You, Sarah Ward.

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. Please bring me some really tiny babies. I also would like some cloths for them. I also would like clothes for my other babies. I would like some cups and bottles for them. I want some black shoes. Any other little girls toys would be fun. Thank You, Kamron Kelley

Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin Gentry and I am always nice, so would you please bring me a CD player and a bicycle plus a couple of CD's. P.S. Please remember my brother, D.J. and my nephew Dakota and niece Kinsley. Thanks, I love you, Dustin Gentry

Dear Santa,
This is Travis. I have been a pretty good boy this year. This is what that I am hoping for. I would like to have a remote control car, a bicycle, clothes and a fishing pole. I would like the fishing pole because I love to go fishing with my Daddy. Please bring my brothers some toys too. They have been good to. I wish for everyone to have a very Merry Christmas. There will be cookies and milk on the table at my house. Travis Emeyabbi

Dear Santa,
I want a 20 gage, some dragon ball Z cards, some ammo for the 20 gage, head phones with CD and dragon ball Z toys plus one movie. Michael Strunc

Dear Santa,
I love you. I'm good. I like snow, please send some but not so much that the electricity goes off again. I want a trampoline, the game Perfection and Shrek the movie. My brother, Evan, needs a toybox, a baby crawling gym and a stickhorse. We'll leave you some Big Red and pecan brittle. Thank you, your friend, Mayzie Purviance age 4

Dear Santa,
I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. Well first I want to tell you that I want 17-18 toys. First I want five new Dragon Ball Z toys, Tapion, Brally, Super Saiyon 4 Gatu, Super Saiyon 4 Vegata, Super Saiyon Gokn, Five burden wind toys 1 model kit of 001, 1 model of 005, 1 model of 0019, 002 and 0B3, a portable CD player, three more Dragon Ball Z toys. Well that's all I want for my presents. Hope you give them to me while I'm in bed. Oh, and there is one more thing I want is a energy paintball gun. Aaron Matthew Burns
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa and like if you would bring me a rocket. Miquel Alvarado

Dear Santa,
My name is Heath Holt. I am 6 years old. I have tried to be really good this year. My Dad and I would like for you to bring us a paintball gun, a camouflage gun, a shot gun, a bow and arrow, fake bombs, 2 scopes for our guns and 2 deer targets to practice our shooting. Please keep these things a secret, because my Mom says I can't have them! The rest of my list is real chaps, a new cowboy hat, new cowboy clothes, new cowboy boots and some new baby calves. I will leave you some milk and cookies to eat. Please be extra quiet when you come cause my Dad does not like it when he gets woke up! Your friend, Heath

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl. Well, here are some things I would like, a bubbles pillow, some earrings, and for my cat and kittens to get a great home. Oh, and for my mommy to get out of the hospital. I want my Aunt Jemae to make a safe trip home. Thank you, Amanda Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like a sewing kit and a sewing machine. Also, I would like some fabric to go with it and I want a go-cart but, that does not matter, I really want my cousin to survive the war. Taylor Stafford

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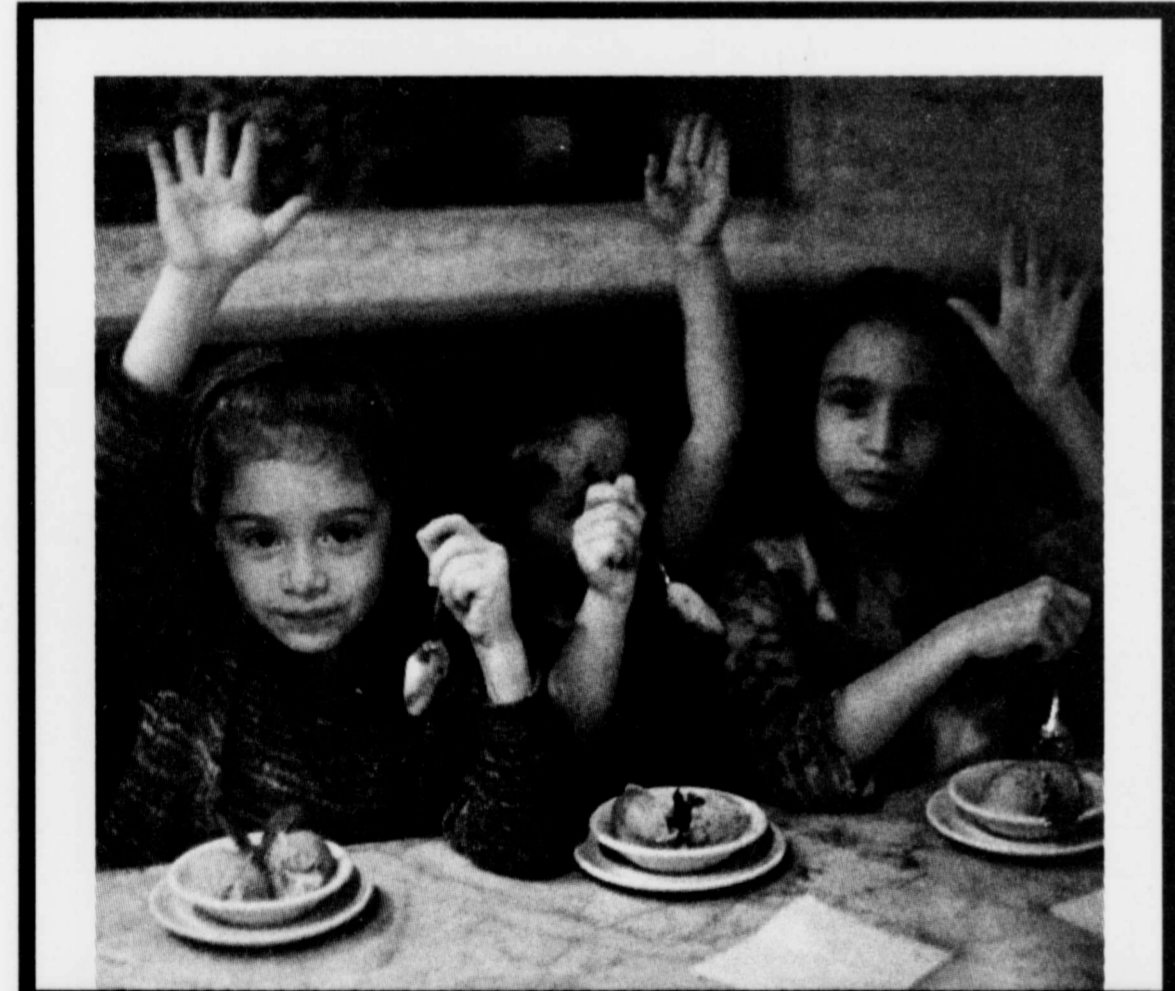
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Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts last year. I have really enjoyed them. I think I've been pretty good this year so would you please bring me some Game Boy games, a new bedspread with moons and stars, some movies, and some new CD's. Some clothes, a hair braider, a really cute puppy dog wrapped in a bow, and a white Christmas. Have a very safe trip. Your friend, Kelsey Franks

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a pair of Skechers. If I can have them. And may I have a lava lamp. I would like to have a blue lava lamp if you would. I would like to have a Password Journal 2. I would like a chain for my bike. I would like to have a Harley clock for my Dad for the house. And that's all we want. Ashley Stinson

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year and these are a few things I want. I want a remote control car that takes fuel and a Play Station game and a walkman CD player and Shaggy the CD. Lance Henley

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want some gifts this year. I want a Play Station game called Nascar 2002, X Box, Play Station 2, dirt bike, 4 wheeler, go-cart. That's all the gifts I want. I hope I get these. Aaron Haley

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I will like to have a Nsync hotline, a phone and a Play Station 2. Can I please get a stereo for my mom, a pair of shoes for my stepdad, some earrings and a ring. Thank you, Ashley Savage

Dear Santa,

I want clothes, Nintendo game, a new gun barrel, CD's, this basketball dill that you can put in your house, my driver license and a DVD player and some movies and I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you, James White

Dear Santa,

I have been kind of good. I want a Play Station 2 and a bike and a Mystery Date. I also want a CD called Oh Avron. I also want a new go cart because mine is broken. I want some roller shoes. I want the game from Harry Potter called Levitation and I hope you give the poor people something. Thank you for all that you got me and there will be some cheese and cookies for you. Please give my mom and dad some stuff. Thank you Santa, Amber Via

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year and I hope you will bring me something good this year. And just to help you this is what I want for Christmas, I want a Mystery Date game, drumsticks, Now 8, my birthstone ring, the Harry Potter movie, some computer games, the Nsync telephone, some more clothes, some new shoes. I would like to thank you for all the stuff you bring me. Oh, and I am going to leave you cheeze. Hailey Screws

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station, a remote control truck, Uno Attack, a bicycle with shocks, and a motorized scooter. I also want a pump-up basketball and another football because I lost the one you brought last year. Thank you for everything you will bring me. I will leave you lots of milk and cookies and cheese. James Harper

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year. For this Christmas I want a X Box, a new 80 size dirt bike, a 20 pack of amazing elastic plastic, a few hi-tech things like jet force Gemini and a lap top with Internet and a big TV. I'm going to leave you cookies and milk. Thank you! Chase Richards

Dear Santa,

I have been real good this year. This year for Christmas I want a phone, some clothes and a big jacked up remote control truck, black with flames, a black and yellow trick bike, a go-cart, a bb pistol, a stud horse, a saddle, a blanket, a bridal, a bit, a rope some feed for him, an ant farm and a Long Horn toboggan. Dakota Earley

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I want a dirt bike, a little one thousand. I want Nike shoes and Nike shirt and a rill cowboy hat. Thank you, David Waymire

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I want a dirt bike, Play Station 2, electric wash burn guitar. I hope you can get these three things that I want very bad. Thank you, Seton Hawkins.

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year. I'd like a trampoline and a Nintendo game cube. Garrett Sheffield

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year and this is what I wish for on Christmas...portable CD player, Now CD, Shrek, Holiday in the Sun, TV (color), Game Boy Color, Game Boy games, cup holder for my bike, computer (lap top), Aggie shirt (Go Aggies!), rubber boats, Play Station 2 or Nintendo, Creed CD, clothes and that's about all. Jessica Jessee

Dear Santa,

Hope everything is alright around your workshop. I'm going to tell you what I would like for Christmas: I would like some CD's, a CD player, some clothes, a new pair of roller blades, my own phone, hair clips, a new homework folder (plastic) movies and fingernail polish. Jordan Jones

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NEW POSITION-for an old member of the Rivercrest ISD staff. Coach Gary Schultz has been named Head Football Coach at Rivercrest High School following the resignation of Coach Keith Brown. Coach Schultz came to the district as a first year coach and began with junior high boys and taught on the Talco campus. After 5 years in the system and the original Kansas boy turning Texan, Coach Schultz left for his home state of Kansas and to a head coaching job. He quickly realized he had become a Texan and loved the Rivercrest School District. When an opening was available, Coach Schultz applied and the system was happy to have him come home. And home is where he has been ever since. He has been assistant football coach, coached baseball, basketball and field events and his success has come through his weight lifting program just started at Rivercrest the past two years. Coach Schultz enjoys fishing and hunting and a good meal. He is still single ladies and waiting on the right person. Coach Schultz has many changes planned for the Rebel team and is excited and ready to begin the season even though it is a year away. Congratulations, Coach Schultz!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

People 'n Things 

RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are:
 Talco School Rivercrest Junior High campus- 903-379-3841.
 Rivercrest Elementary campus- 903-632-5214.
 Rivercrest High School campus-903632-5204.

December 20

The annual Rivercrest Elementary Christmas program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats at the elementary school on Dec. 20, 2001 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parents, grandparents, family members and friends are invited to come and enjoy the children's program.

Mary Kain host 84 Club

Mary Ellen Kain was hostess to the 84 Club Christmas covered dish luncheon at her home Thursday. Beautiful Christmas decorations were carried out through the house.

Three tables were arranged for the games. Place favors were Christmas tree ornaments. The door prize was a beautiful doll made from a song book by the hostess. Donnie Smith was the lucky winner. Attending and enjoying the games, lunch and party were: Ethel Epps, Willie Clark, Maurine Mankins, Molee Hudleston, Shirley Allums, Bonnie Smith, Wootie Harville, Beth Ruthardt, Maggie Lee, Bertha McCall, Helen Williams, Jimmie Kin and the hostess.

Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming.

A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be given at the class reunion.

All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.



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RIVERCREST SOPHOMORE-Christmas Queen, Nikki Burgess won 1st place in the car division at the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday afternoon in the cold and rain. On Wednesday the "Sophomore Safari" won 1st place again in the Bogata Christmas parade. Congratulations Nikki and the sophomore class! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Book Club holiday meeting held Dec. 13

The Bogata Book Club met for a covered dish dinner December 13, 2001 at the beautifully decorated home of Zona Parrish with Juanita Sparks serving as co-hostess. Sixteen members answered roll call with a Christmas Tradition.

Gayle Hervey conducted a Christmas name that tune.

Marjorie Myers gave holiday tips and Mary Vaughan presented history of gingerbread.

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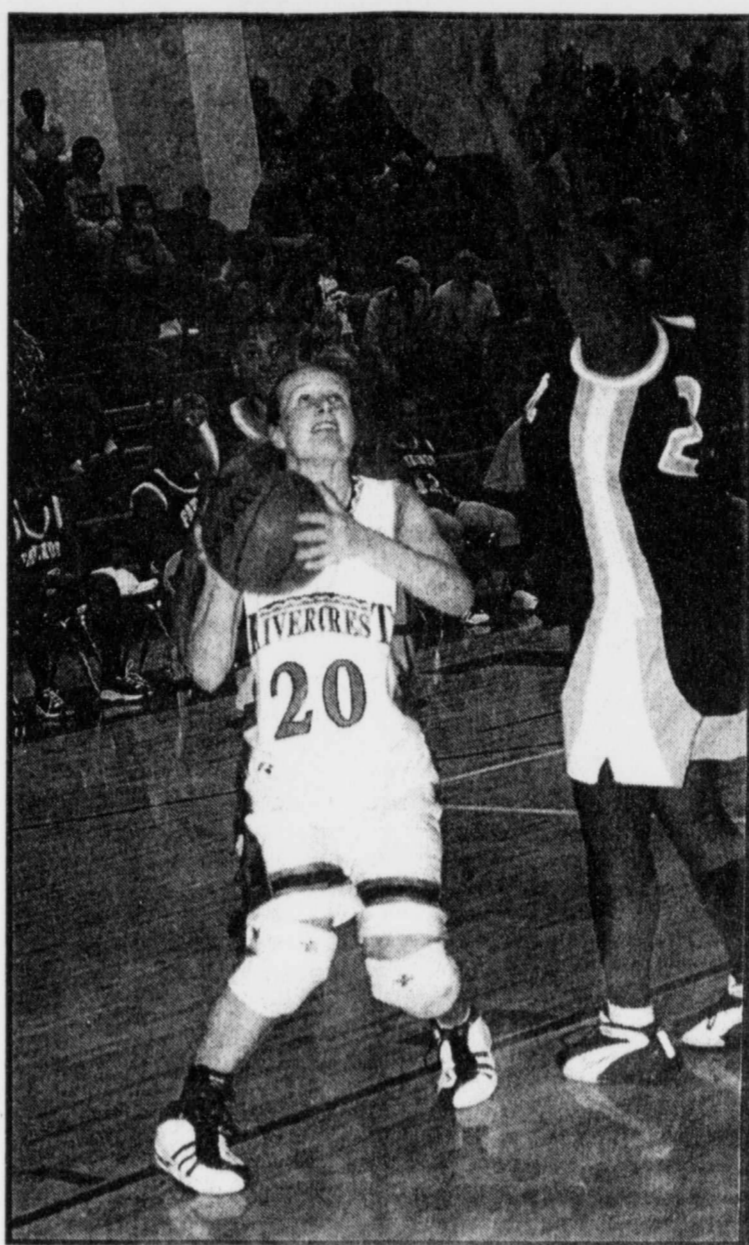
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LADY REBEL Erica Williams aims for two points against the Fannindel opposition last weekend. Basketball is in full swing throughout the area. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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"Steel Magnolias"
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Students at Rivercrest High School performed the play, "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling on December 14 and 15, 2001. The cast for the play were Melissa Waller who played Annelle and looked very much like Darryl Hanna who played the part for the movie. Melissa did a wonderful job. Michelle Bryant played the fun-filled full of life Clairee and though she is much to young to look like Olympia Dukakis who played the part in the movie. Michelle made a perfect Clairee. Cassie Perry played M-Lynn. Sally Fields part in the movie and Sally could not have done better herself. The grumpy Owisser was played by Kissryn Munns who also was a hit with her grouchy, comical yet caring character. Candace Davis portrayed Shelby. Julia Roberts part in themovie, and one of the hardest roles in the play. Julia would be proud of Candace's performance. And a perfect match for Truvy, Dolly Pardon's role in the movie was portrayed by Kendall Stansell and she couldn't have been a more perfect match lacking only the 3 inch fingernails and large upper body Ms. Pardon is famous for. All the young ladies did a wonderful job and anyone who has seen the movie "

Steel Magnolias" saw each character come to life. Great job ladies. The play was directed by Rivercrest Band Director, Steven Moss, Alicia Green and Melissa Ross who also did a great job. Serving in production were: Stage managers; Robyn Hollis and Kristy Riffle; Sound Crew: Steven Moss; Scenic Design: Steven Moss, Alicia Green, Melissa Ross and the Rivercrest Ag. Department; Scenic Construction; Rivercrest Ag. Department; Costume and Prop Mistress; Sarah Kirkpatrick and Stage Crew; Dana Crawford, Kristen Jackson and Stephanie Carroll. Steel Magnolias was produced with permission of Dramatist Play Service, 440 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016. The group would like to extend a special Thank you to: Jerry Perry, Terry Jordan and John Stoner; Mr. Rogers and the Rivercrest Ag. Department students; the parents of the cast and crew and directors; Douglas Hoppock at NTCC Theatre; Gilmer Subway; True Value in Bogata; Coach Steve Weddle; Linda Parish; Judy Sloan, Anita Baker; Jeannie Williams and Christian Galloway for their help which made the play possible.

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A customer walked into our office one day and I heard him say something that made me perk up my ears. He said that Goodland Indian Orphanage in Hugo, OK had children that needed a place to go for Christmas. The rest of the day seemed to last forever. I could not wait to get home and talk to Mother and Daddy about the possibilities of getting a child for Christmas. I said that if I could have one, I would not ask for anything else for Christmas! My Dad was a little skeptical, but after begging from me and some prodding from Mother he agreed that we would go talk with them.

Appointments were made and the day finally arrived that we would make the trip to Goodland. We were seated in a waiting room. After a short wait we were called in for our interview. After finding out that Mother and Daddy both taught in public schools she said that she had two little girls that needed a place to go; however, she would not allow them to go with just anyone. They had been picked up off the street a week or so before by Child Protective Services and brought to the home. She had not had them long enough to know what problems they might have, but she felt that because Mother and Daddy were teachers they would understand. She asked if we would like to meet them. Would we ever! It seemed like an eternity before she brought in two of the most beautiful little girls that I had ever seen. Daisy was 8 and had the most beautiful raven black hair I had ever seen. Ada was 5 and looked like a tiny Cupie doll. Must to my delight my dad said, "When can we pick them up?" We were told that we could pick them up the week before Christmas and bring them back the week after Christmas. Two whole weeks!

As we left that day armed with their Christmas lists, I felt that my heart would burst. The next few weeks were spent picking out the things that they wanted. Clothes and hair bows were bought and the day finally arrived that we would go and get them. They were waiting on us with their little suitcases looking very afraid. I didn't know how long it would take them to talk to us, but by the time we reached the Red River they were chattering like two little magpies, Ada confirming everything by her older sister. Every sentence was ended with, "Do I Daisy?"

As the girls counted down the

days to Christmas, we noticed that every day, many times several times a day, Ada would whisper to Daisy, "Daisy, do you think he will come?" Daisy would always reply the same- "We'll see."

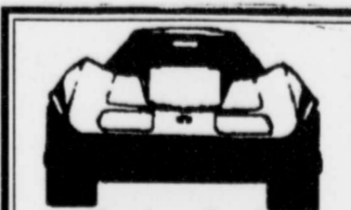
That wonderful night finally arrived and we made the trip to Memaw and Granddaddy DeBerry's house in Bogata. They were wide-eyed at all of the wonderful traditions that we had taken for granted over the years. Mother and I had made them long red flannel gowns with caps to match. They looked for all the world like two angels, and for me they were. They slept in the front room with Memaw and Granddaddy. That night Santa came and left all of the things that they had wished for under the tree. Christmas morning I went in to wake them up to see what Santa had brought. With sleep still in their eyes they stepped inside the door and saw the tree laden with the skates and dolls that they asked for. They did not run, they simply slid down to the floor just inside the door and looked at each other. With tiny faces pale with shock, Ada said to Daisy, "Daisy, he came, he really came!" With a look of relief on her face she replied, "Yes he did Ada, yes he did." It was at this moment that I realized that he had never come before. I wondered how many Christmas mornings they had gotten up to find nothing under the tree, if there was a tree. How many other disappointments had they faced in their short life? How afraid had Daisy been over the past few years that her little sister would once again be disappointed? When they recovered, there were squeals of delight as they ran to see what Santa had brought.

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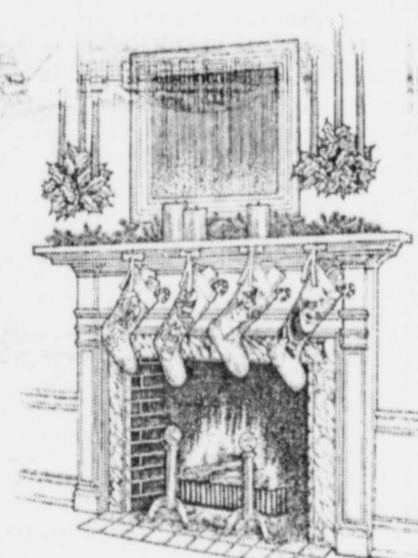


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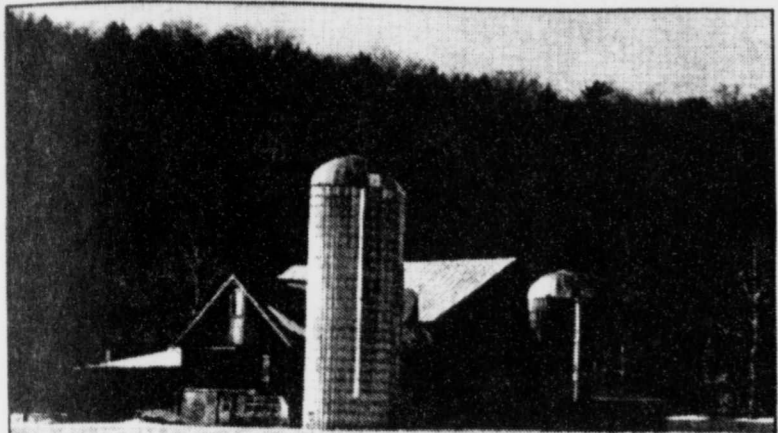
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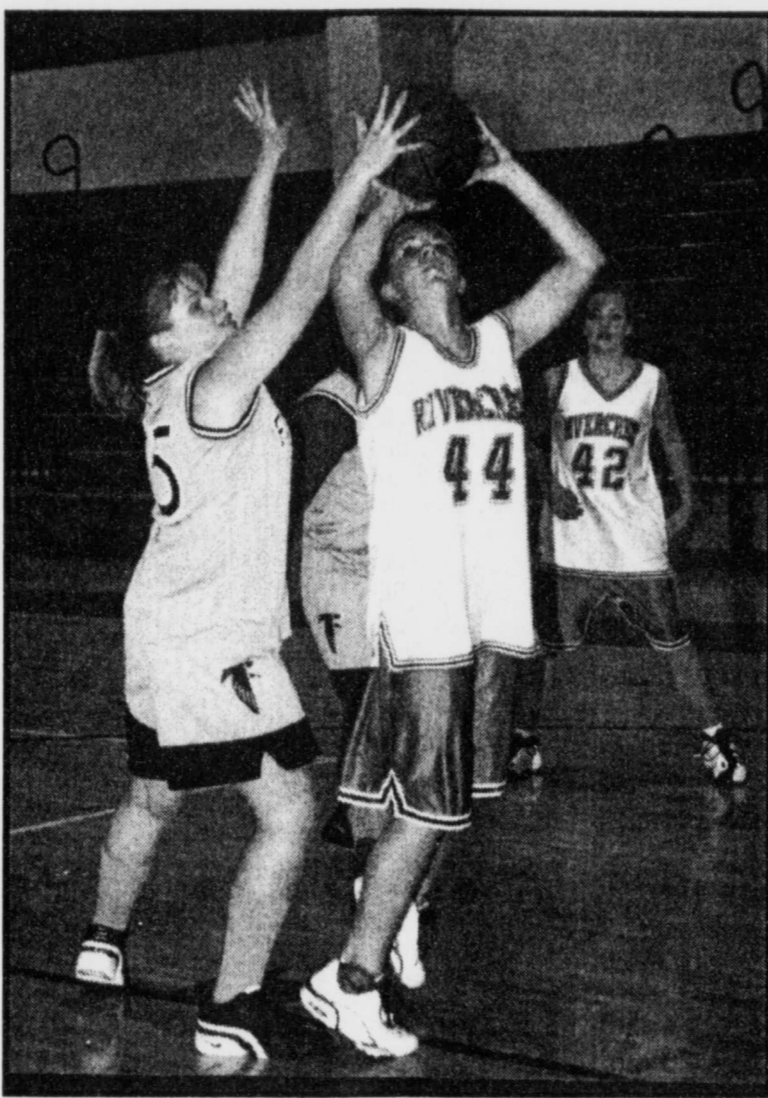
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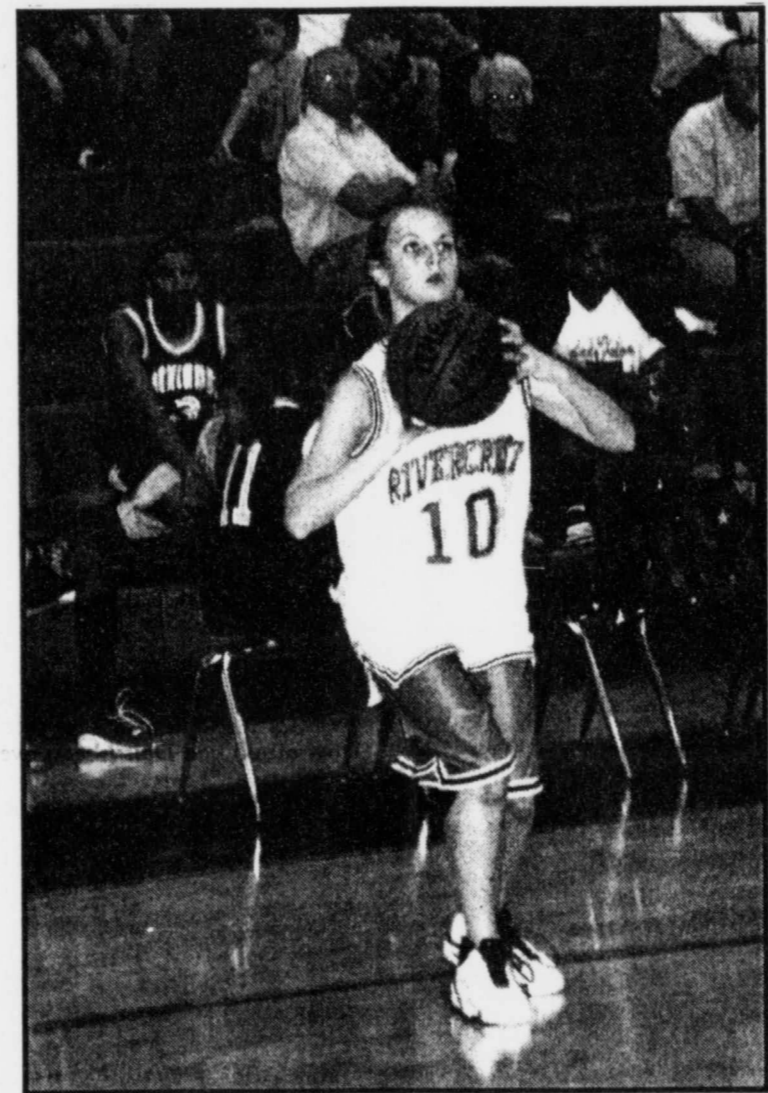
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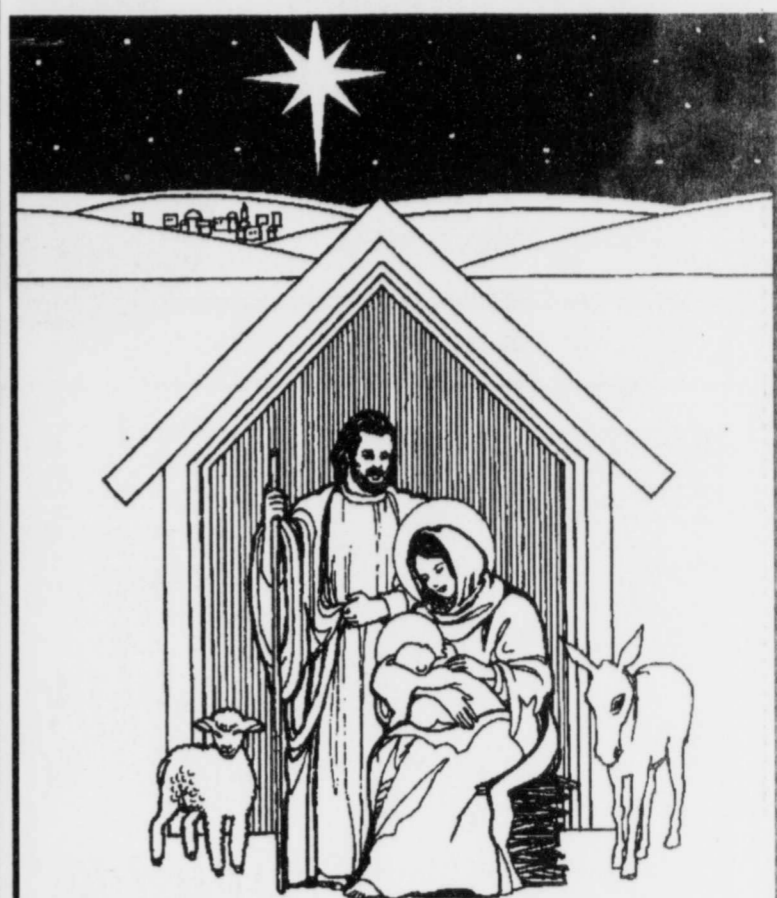
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JV LADY REBEL-Cassie McCuller is undaunted by the Fannindel guard as she goes to the hoop. The Lady Rebels took an easy win over Fannindel in action last week. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



JV LADY REBEL-Kerri Simmons prepares to shoot the ball as the team met Fannindel last week. The Lady Rebels took a huge win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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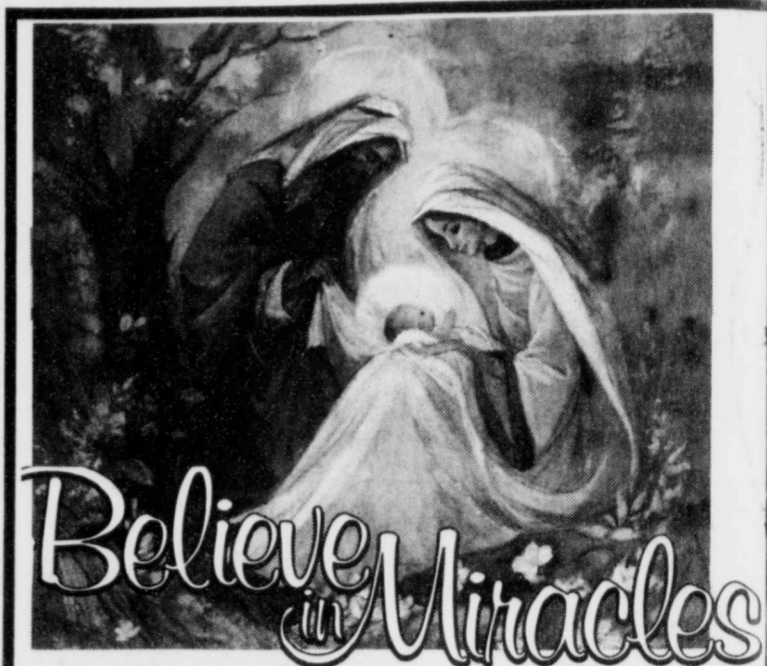
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SANTA ON A CYCLE-Talco Post Master, Ron Sansom posed as Santa riding a motorcycle in Tuesday's annual Christmas parade. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE THE USA was the theme for the second place winner in the car division of the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday. The truck was entered by Rivercrest Junior High seventh grade King and Queen, Destry Nolen and Alex Wright. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

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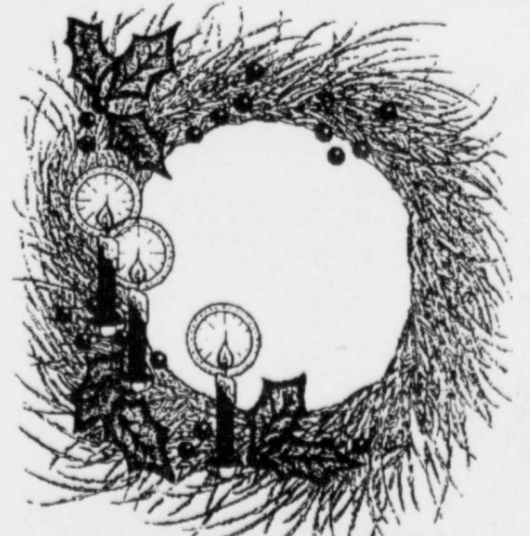


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Our two children were young and the Christmas of 1966 was going to be slim. We had made a major job change, we had moved from California to Colorado, and even though we were novices, we were trying our hand at a home-based business. Sandie was eleven. She had been saving her lunch money in order to get Tim, her younger brother, a Christmas gift he wanted so much - a hamster. She had thought about it and had dreamed of seeing his eyes light up as he opened her gift. She could hardly wait for me to take her to the pet store. It was Christmas Eve and the stores and streets were jam-packed with people and cars. She jumped out of the car to head into the store while I drove around and around and around the block looking for a parking place. When I had driven around the block for what seemed like my hundredth time, she was standing in front of the store proudly holding her bag with the hamster in it. We hurried home, and she disappeared into her bedroom to examine and wrap her treasured gift.

I was busy getting dinner when I noticed her standing in the doorway with an expression on her face I didn't understand. She said, "Mom, I think you'd better come into my bedroom." My

thought was "Oh no, the hamster died on the way home." (We're not real successful with animals and plants.)

I held my breath as she opened the box from the pet store. The hamster was in one box and in the other box that should have contained hamster food were two of the most beautiful exotic song birds I'd ever seen. "What are we going to do, Mom?" The store would be closed before we could drive back to the shopping center. I called the store and told them of the mistake. There was a mixture of incredulity and relief in the voice of the manager as he explained that in the madness and hurry of the last minutes before the store closed, one of his employees had mistakenly put the birds in the bag with the hamster. He asked if we could keep the birds until their store opened again the day after Christmas and please would we take good care of them because they were very valuable and expensive birds and the lady who had thought she purchased them was not at all happy with the store. I've wondered if she received hamster food in her bag? We borrowed a bird cage from a generous neighbor and began enjoying those lovely birds.

Yes, Tim was surprised and his eyes did light up when he saw the hamster he had wanted so badly. My eyes had tears knowing the sacrifice Sandie had made for his gift. I'm glad I didn't have to permanently clean up after birds, but for one wonderful Christmas day we were serenaded by the lovely songs of those beautiful birds.

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Like It Used To Be
By Nanalee Nichols

I was looking through some old issues of the newspapers the other day. As I came to the Christmas issues, I was astonished by the number of strictly local stores that existed. There were advertisements for dry goods stores, hardware stores, gift shops and print shops, appliance stores and more. There were homey stories, a few jokes, no photos, and long lists of people who had subscribed to the paper for friends and relatives as a Christmas gift.

Thinking about the fearsome challenges our nation faces right now, I thought "wouldn't it be nice to go back to that idyllic time?" Well, that's not possible. But it is possible to return to some of those family-oriented, this-is-my-home-town values.

This Christmas, shop at home. Don't drive to Dallas to the malls, utilize the wonderful selection available right in this area.

This Christmas, make the season about gathering family and friends together and counting our blessings, not about who gets the most expensive or most fashionable gift.

Long-ago was not an idyllic time. No time ever is.

But we can return to the things that matter most...family...friends...community and country!



Merry Amos

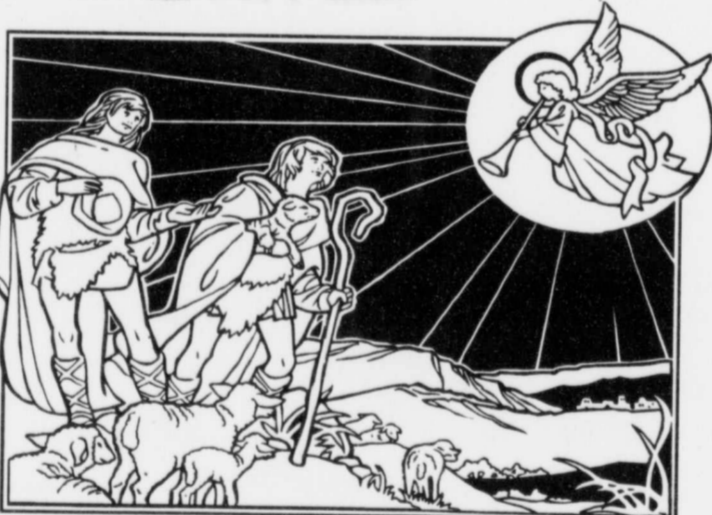
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To Wanda Morgan From Richard Swarts
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 To Jerry Hearron From Helen H. Darnell

Not a creature was stirring?



SUBSTITUTE REINDEER-The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pookie Smith took a ride in the Bogata Christmas parade held Wednesday in a sleigh pulled by a substitute reindeer. The children enjoyed the ride and the crowd enjoyed the children and their red nosed substitute. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



RIVERCREST ELEMENTARY-Second grade class favorites, Camen Calvin and Jacob Harville took 3rd place in the car division of the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday in the rain and cold. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Hi! Merry Christmas



Celebrate with us the joy of giving and the warmth of sharing.

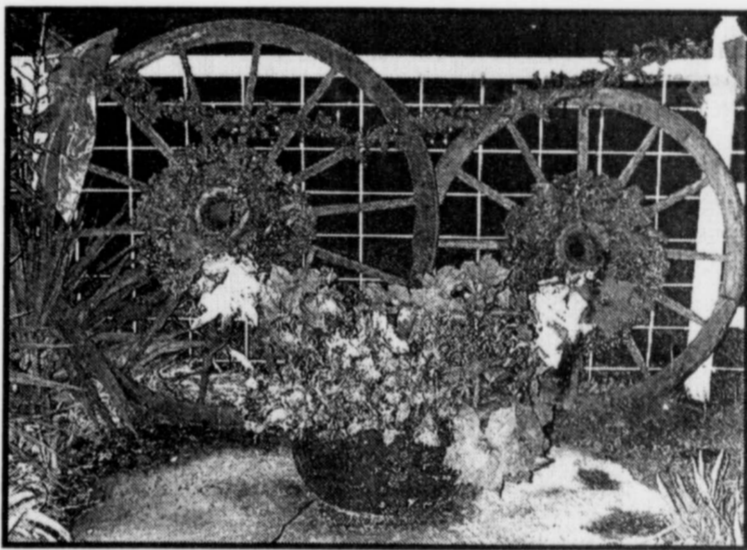
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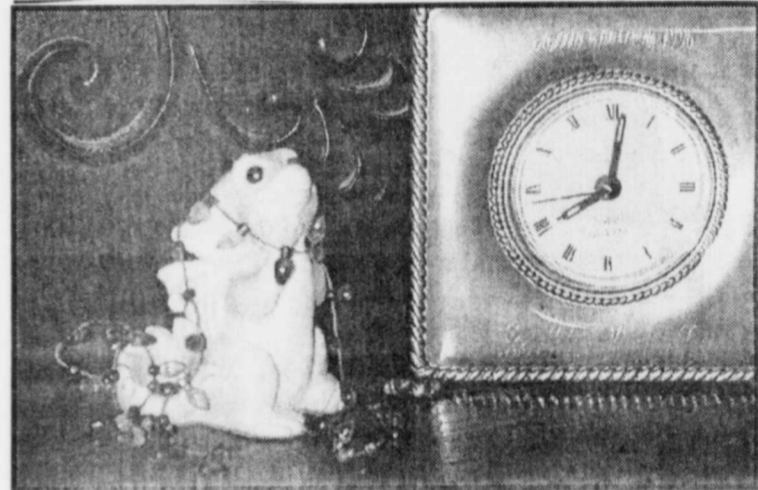
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WESTERN WHEELS-poinsettias and lights make a Texas-style holiday season. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)




TANGLED CHRISTMAS DRAGON-this little fellow seems to have had a run-in with a string of miniature Christmas lights. He's just one of thousands of tiny Christmas decorations to be found right now inside and outside of homes. (Staff photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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LADY LIBERTY makes a glorious Christmas ornament this year, as Americans turn to a more patriotic theme this season. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Honorable Mention 2001 Christmas Memories Contest



My Christmas memory..

It was the undulating wail of the air raid siren that intruded into my sleep. By now it was a common occurrence. It had sounded so many times before it almost seemed like a regular part of life. Just as I came fully awake the last note of it faded away. I lay in bed, the one I shared with my mother and my brother, waiting for my mother's reaction. None came. Timidly I shook her shoulder. "Mutti, the siren went off". Coming awake she listened and then gently shushed me. "Little one, you just dreamed it. Go back to sleep." Reassured I settled back down. Shortly after that the air raid warden hammered on the door of the apartment rousing us all from sleep to let us know we needed to go down to the basement. Now! Immediately! We were the only ones not there. Another bombing attack was on its way.

Mutti got dressed as did my brother Peter. Then he helped me. Brigitte was just a baby. A little over a year old. Mutti took care of her. Peter grabbed the locomotive and the big battery for his electric train set. I hugged dolly. Mutti carried Brigitte. And so we clattered down five flights of linoleum covered stairs. The basement had been converted into a bomb shelter; as had all basements been. I remember crude wooden bunk beds, a toilet and a cold water tap. And people. Children, women and a few old men. To me they all seemed old.

Mutti put us down on the beds and told us to go back to sleep. But it was hard. There was so much noise. People talking and praying and crying. And outside the rumbling. Occasionally the whole world shook. And then that one terrible rumble. The house we lived in, the one above us had been hit and was coming down.

All of a sudden there was even more commotion. People were moving and shoving. Some took

handkerchiefs or pieces of blanket and wet them under the tap. "That's to help against the smoke and the gas and the dust," they said. I thought they looked like Tom Mix with a bandana tied around his face.

We moved with the others. We had no choice. They moved us and it was difficult not to lose Mutti.

But Peter held onto me and Mutti kept talking and calling our names. That helped a little bit. But we were scared. So we moved. Mutti, Baby, Peter and me. We went from house to house through the basements because the firewalls between the houses had all been removed.

This way the basements made block-long tunnels. At the end of the block we emerged into the street, above ground. Or into hell. There was fire and destruction and smoke and dust and more noise.

We started walking. It seemed to me that we were walking for hours and hours and ages and ages. Forever. Through the night. Through the snow. Somewhere along the line Brigitte lost one shoe. Only the light from the burning buildings helped us find our way. We walked through the Grosse Tiergarten, a big park. There was so much snow and it was hard to walk and it was cold. I still had dolly and Peter carried his locomotive and Mutti carried Brigitte. We walked until we came to my Tante Else's street and her apartment. She took us in and there we stayed for three or four days until Mutti got train tickets.

The train was full of people and cold and moved very slowly. And only at night. So it was dark when we got to Gross-Leuthen and we got off. A man who knew my grandmother and also had a car happened to be there. He offered to take us to Pretschen to my grandmother's house. He drove without lights and missed the turn

Peace On Earth

to my grandmother's house and ran into the neighbors' gate. Then he let us out and left. We went into my Mamma's (grandmother) house. Into warmth. The doors were never locked. Through the big kitchen into the stube. I can still see my Mamma there as she looked that night.

She was sitting at the table with a low lamp on that made a small pool of light around her. Her hair was neatly combed back into a bun and the silver streak gleamed in the lamp light. She was writing in her midwifery journal.

She glanced up and over her shoulder in our direction and said: "I'll be with you in a minute". She had not recognized us! She mistook us for one of the refugee or Polish families come to ask for her help in a birthing. She went back to her journals. And I said: "But Mamma, it's us!" She dropped her pen in surprise. Got up and hugged us. We were home. We were safe.

Three days later it was Christmas. I don't remember any presents. Mamma had mailed her goody box to our Berlin address weeks ago. I'm sure something was there. There always was. But in 1943 things were sparse. But that Christmas, as all the Christmases of my childhood, was filled with love and family and songs and a Christmas tree with shining ornaments and brightly burning candles. And we were safe.

As long as we had love and were safe nothing else mattered.

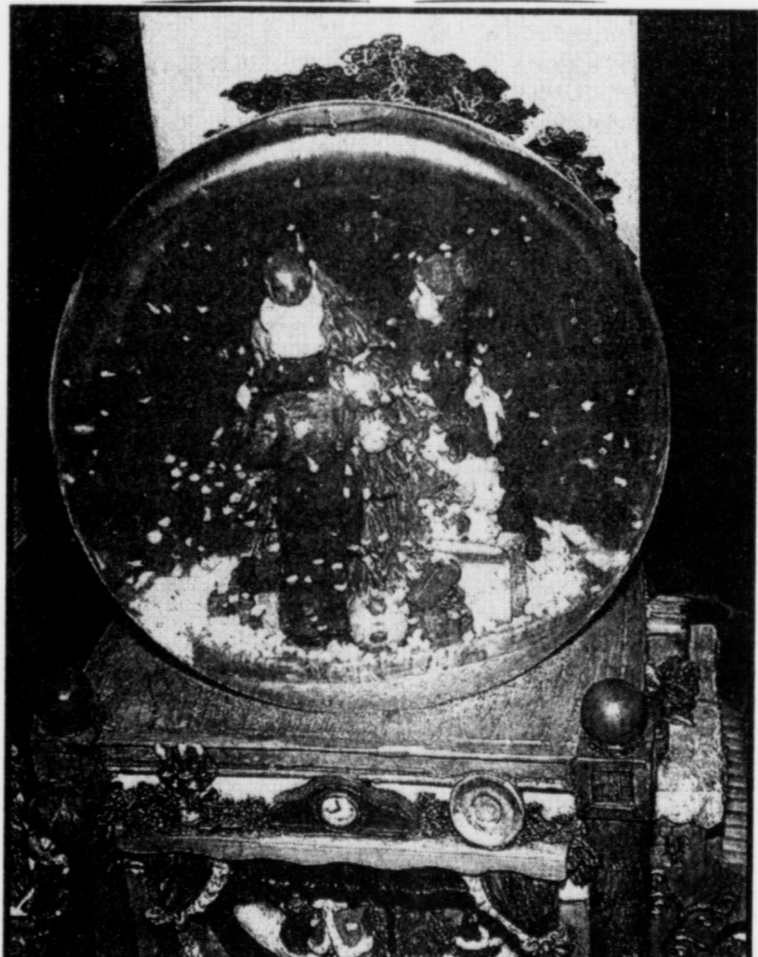
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WINTER SNOW GLOBE-a Victorian Snow Globe shows a family decorating a Christmas Tree. It's probably the only snow to be found in North East Texas this season, but it's still a great time for a holiday! (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Happy Holidays

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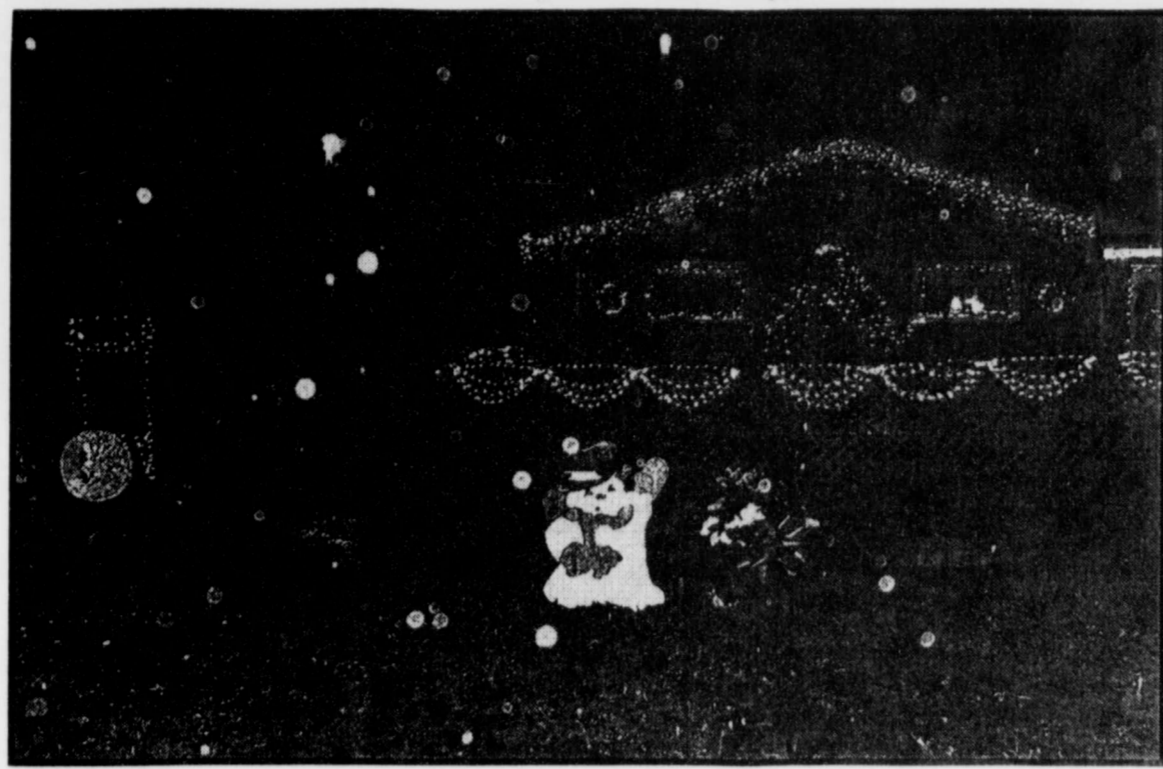
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MAPLE SPRINGS-just east of Talco and west of Sugar Hill has its share of brightly lighted homes. Pictured is the home of Jim and the late Evelyn Cupler decorated by the couple's daughter and step-daughter, Claudette Adams. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Christmas morning.....

by Randall C. Beard
I remember waiting on the stairs. With four sisters and one brother, one of us was sure to snap to attention around 3 a.m. and wake the others. Christmas morning is no time to lay in bed.

We huddled atop the stairs and stared down the mysterious dark tunnel of glory that led to the Christmas tree. By the time five crawled around we had squirmed our way down halfway--if dad coughed we were back to the top like a cannon shot.

One such stairtop vigil my sisters talked me into going on a reconnaissance mission to the living room. With a pounding heart in darkness I tiptoed into the living room. My big toe was on patrol, radar mode, as I inched along. I couldn't make anything out save it be some odd contraption standing next to the tree. I thought surely it had to be a trampoline.

I crept back to the stairs to share the good news. Packed on one step like sardines, all five of them flounced with joy. Then they bolted up the steps in a series of jumps, high-fives and hugs. I followed them feeling like a hero and said yes, a trampoline, as I crossed my fingers. I wasn't about to spoil the celebration by playing the fisherman with the cracker.

A sleepy eyed mom and dad threw on the lights a little after six; we charged toward the trampoline. Some arms were on hips, some were pointing. "That's not a trampoline!" Uhhhh, Ummm, all I could do was throw my arms in

the air and smile. It was a giant and glorious baseball pitch-back. Fortunately my sisters were soon too distracted to jump and pummel me.

One Christmas I had high hopes for a ten-speed bicycle. After rushing in and finding no bike under the tree, I fought back depression and tried to be thankful. Two minutes later dad said he thought Santa left something for me in the garage. I was there in two big steps to find the most beautiful burnt orange ten speed I ever saw. I hopped on fighting back tears of joy.

Out of eight people, my father and brother are the only ones who can sing. We had our chances; we practiced Christmas carols before treating our neighbors. We belted out the melodies until smiling faces peered over us in the doorway. One favorite memory is dad playing his guitar and singing to us.

Tara Hernandez practices Christmas on Thanksgiving. Along with her mother, down south on Interstate 10, they set up Thanksgiving dinner tables at a rest-stop for the truckers. They post large signs for the truckers to exit and enjoy a free holiday dinner. Some eat with tears streaming down their face.

The season's reason can get lost. People like Tara help us remember the birth and example of Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas and may The Lord bless each of you in your 2002 endeavors.

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CAKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

Agricultural Lime
 Delivered & Spread (Bogata Area) 1 ton per acre - 50 ton min.
\$17⁵⁰ per ton
Fertilizer (Bogata Area, 5 ton min.)
 \$2⁵⁰ per acre spreading fee
Ammonium Nitrate ... \$186⁰⁰ / ton
 21-7-14 \$178⁰⁰ / ton
 17-17-17 \$184⁰⁰ / ton
 9-23-30 \$189⁰⁰ / ton
Gravel 23-25 ton load
 (approx. 20 Yds.)
1 3/4" - 3" Limestone
\$250⁰⁰ per load
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BOGATA PAINT & BODY SHOP
 Hwy. 271 S. Bogata Texas 632-4182
 Troy Howerton - Owner
We Do Vehicle State Inspections

MATTRESS SALE: Twin set, \$19 down; full, \$29 down; queen, \$39 down; king, \$49 down. Instant credit, no interest or finance charges and free delivery. Save-More Furniture, 1806 W. Main, Clarksville, TX. M-F, 9-6; Sat, 9-5. MA t/c

ROADRUNNER SELF STORAGE: Call Neil Rozell, 903-632-5752. Now 3 locations to serve you! A size to meet your needs. MA t/c

NEW FLEA MARKET: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Inside and outside spaces available. Prestonwood Village, formerly Highland Lumber/Paris Antique Mall on Hwy. 19&24, 1/2 block from Chisum School. Blue Grass band performing. MA 2-28

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271 MOTEL- Open 7 days a week, reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome. 903-379-5411. MA t/c

ROZELL TREE SERVICE: Tree trimming/removal, 70' bucket, stumps ground. Free estimates. Insured \$2 million. David, Neil & Russell Rozell, 903-632-5617. MA t/c

Lost & Found
REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

JON'S JUNK STORES: Paris and Blossom. Pre-owned household furnishings. 903-982-7000. MA t/c

CHARLIE'S HOME REPAIRS: Small job specialist and trim carpentry, all types of wood fencing. 30 years experience. 903-784-3737. Pager 903-783-8608. MA t/c

FOUND: Female Dalmation with collar. Call 632-0385 or 632-5719. 12-20

FOR SALE: who needs 1 pr. dress boots w/2 1/2" heels, plus 5 or 6 pairs of dress shoes in size 7 1/2 AA & narrow. Joyce, Selby Life Strides, all like new, heels to high. 632-5635. MA 12-20

FOR SALE: 25 acres, 3 miles east of Deport on FM410. Road frontage, 903-784-2870 or 982-5270. MA 1 t/c

\$100 REWARD FOR RETURN of lost dog, no questions asked. Female Jack Russell Terrier, white w/black rump, hip and head. Answers to "Katy". Spayed, collar and tags. Please call 903-632-4072. 12-27

FOR RENT: 972-606-0750 homes in Bogata. Call 972-606-0750 after 7 p.m. for more details. MA t/c

JACK'S TREE SERVICE: Insured with reasonable rates, trees trimmed or removed. Brush clean-up and stump grinding. Edna & Jack Tucker, Detroit, TX. Home 903-674-4945, mobile 903-491-8321. MA t/c

FOR SALE: 1991 Chevy Caprice, 4-dr., loaded, great condition, high miles, \$2,200. 903-652-9986.

FOR SALE: 38 acres in the country, 3 miles south of Rugby, paved road, all utilities. Will sell part or all. Owner financing available. 903-632-4010. MA 12-20

BARNWELL CONSTRUCTION All types of dirt work. Backhoe, dozer, dumptruck. Donnie Barnwell, owner-operator. 903-563-2389 days; 903-632-4544 nights. MA 12-20

FOR SALE: 1978 El Camino, low miles on new motor, \$1,600. 903-652-9986.

NEWER BRICK apartment for rent. 2BR, 2B, CH/CA, range & microwave, laundry room in apt. No pets. Rent \$350 per mo., \$300 deposit. 903-379-9161. MA 12-27

NEED ADDITIONAL telephone jacks or wiring? I do residential or business work. 30 yrs. experience. Call Claude, 632-0090. MA 12-27

FOR SALE: Morris Minor, body only, \$125.00obo. 903-652-9986.

FOR SALE: 300 gallon diesel fuel tank with stand. 903-652-5823 or 652-4205. MA t/c

COOPER BODY SHOP: Paint & body repair & restoration, cars & trucks, semi & farm tractors. 903-632-2206, 632-4839. Hwy. 37, 4 miles N. of Hagansport. MA 12-20

NOTICE: To those people who purchased vehicles from me the last few weeks, I HAVE FOUND THE TITLES. Please call 903-652-2886, Earl Vandiver. 12-20

Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All.



Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas that glows with good cheer.

We value your patronage and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Lamar County
Commissioner, Pct. 1
Mike Blackburn
and Employees

Talco Locals

Happy December Birthday to: Jerry Pittman and David Stansell. Sunday visitors and lunch guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly and Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson.

Happy December Anniversary to Hoyt and Jean Taylor.

Celebrating an early Christmas dinner at the home of Jerry and Joyce Franks Sunday Dec. 16 were the following: Clint and Melanie Tidwell, Marley and Caitlin, Brant and Amanda Carr and Trevor, Carol Laing, Bill Newman, Josh and Connie Abshier and Hanna, Ray and Pam Kirkwood, Michael and Rhonda Kirkwood, Rick and Krista Nordin and Christopher and Britany, Kimberly Rector and Timothy, Mary Lemon and Joel Clay.



MEMBERS of The Bogata area Birthday/Anniversary Calendar 2002 committee are pictured presenting the Bogata VFD and 1st Responders with a check for \$3,325.00 raised through the sales of the calendar.

Bogata area special date calendar drive completed

Monday, December 17, Kathy Williams, Rue Anna Bell, Linda Eilers and Betty Williams made an appearance at the VFD meeting to report results of the calendar drive. The ladies reported \$3,325.00 was profited for the 1st Responders and VFD from the 2002 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars.

On August 26 a meeting was held at the home of Kathy Williams to organize a calendar committee. Duties were assigned and the sales began the following week. Committee leaders included: Rue Anna Bell, Linda Eilers, Betty Williams, Mary Ellen Kain, Kathy Williams and Donnie Lewis. Others volunteering assistance to the committee during the drive were Patricia Freelen, Vickie Bryant, LaTonya Miller and Crystal Davidson.

The committee sold 400 Calendars with 20 ads, 58 phone listings and 1779 individual listings. The drive ended the last week of September. Calendars were completed and back to Bogata the fourth week of November.

Linda Eilers and Rue Anna Bell were Top Sales ladies on calendars and birthday and anniversary listings. They each sold over 100 calendars and over 500 listings. Great job ladies!! Advertisement was sold by Kathy Williams and Rue Anna Bell. Betty Williams and Kathy Williams organized, typed and put the calendar on disc to be submitted for

printing. Bogata News and Nancy Brown made communicating with everyone in town possible. The calendar was a joint effort by several people willing to volunteer time and efforts. Plans are being made to make this a yearly project.

The committee hopes everyone enjoys the calendars as much as they did putting them together. They would like to thank the members of the 1st Responders and Volunteer Fire Department for their 24 hr./7 day wk. emergency stand by assistance. You are appreciated!

If a mistake was made on your listing please accept the committee's apology. A special effort will be made to make it right next year.

Volunteer Fire Fighters Lay It On The Line



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BRISKETS \$1.19 Lb. 		SOUTHERN HENS 4-7 Lb. 59¢ Lb. 		JIMMY DEAN SAUSAGE 2 Lb. Roll Reg. & Hot \$3.49 		IMPERIAL SUGAR 4 Lb. \$1.39 	
FRESH GROUND CHUCK \$1.99 Lb. 		WRIGHT'S SLAB SLICED BACON \$2.19 Lb. 		ECKRICH SMOKED SAUSAGE 1 Lb. \$1.99 		LIPTON FAMILY SIZE TEA BAGS 24 Ct. \$1.39 	
RED RIND WISCONSIN CHEDDAR CHEESE \$2.99 Lb. 		COOK'S CURED HAMS Whole \$1.39 Lb. Shank Half \$1.29 Lb. Butt Half \$1.49 Lb. 		DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIX 18 Oz. All Kinds 99¢ 		PET RITZ PIE SHELLS 2 9" 99¢ 1 Deep Dish \$1.39 	
BLUE BONNET MARGARINE 4 Stick 2/\$1 		PARADE EVAPORATED MILK 12 Oz. 2/\$1 		BETTY CROCKER FUDGE BROWNIE MIX 9 Oz. \$1.19 		GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 5 lb. 79¢ 	
FOLGER'S COFFEE 13 Oz. All Grinds \$1.69 		SCOTT PAPER TOWELS Reg Roll 8Pack \$5.99 		PRINGLES CHIPS ALL KINDS 5 3/4 Oz. 99¢ 		OAK FARMS ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. All Flavors \$2.99 	
BLUE BELL ICE CREAM & YOGURT All Flavors 1/2 Gal. \$3.49 		KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES 22 Oz. \$2.49 		PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 12 Oz. 4/\$1 		KRAFT COOL WHIP Reg. & Lite 99¢ 	
EGGS Grade A Large 79¢ Dozen 		GOLDEN ROYAL MILK Gal. 2% & Homo \$2.99 		TOWN TALK BREAD Lrg. Loaf 59¢ 		FRITO LAY BEAN DIP 9 Oz. \$1.79 	
OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE 16 Oz. 89¢ 		FIRE SIDE VANILLA WAFER 12 Oz. 2/\$1 		SWANSON CHICKEN BROTH 14 Oz. 2/\$1 		PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 Oz. 99¢ 	
CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF CELERY 16 Oz. \$2.29 		NABISCO RITZ CRACKERS 16 Oz. \$2.29 		REYNOLD'S FOIL Heavy Duty 37.5 Sq. Ft. \$1.69 		PRICE PIMIENTO CHEESE 14 Oz. \$2.19 	
RECTANGULAR & OVAL ROASTING PANS Lrg. Size 99¢ 		ROTEL TOMATOES All Kinds 10 Oz. 69¢ 		GLADIOLA CORNBREAD MIX White & Yellow 4/\$1 		DEL MONTE CORN Cream Style & Whole Kernel 15 Oz. 2/\$1 	
REYNOLD'S FOIL Heavy Duty 37.5 Sq. Ft. \$1.69 		PRICE PIMIENTO CHEESE 14 Oz. \$2.19 		COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE 2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1.79 12 Pk. \$3.29 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1.99 		PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$1.99 CARROTS 39¢ 1 lb. ORANGES 49¢ Lb. GREEN ONIONS 3/\$1 WALNUTS \$1.49 Lb. 	
BANANAS 49¢ Lb. 		CELERY STALK 2/\$1 		APPLES 59¢ Lb. 		DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER 2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1.79 12 Pk. \$3.29 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1.99 	