

Merry Christmas Y'all

The McLean News



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High Speed Chase Ends With Gray County Deputies Shooting Out Tires

Gray County deputies and area DPS officers were forced to shoot out the tires of a stolen vehicle during a high speed chase.

The chase began just after 9:30 a.m. when a Georgetown man, James Andrew, Dornwell, driving a 2003 Chevrolet pickup stole guns from a Shamrock station. Deputies attempted to stop Dornwell, but he fled the scene.

When the chase moved onto Interstate 40, deputies were joined by Department of Public Safety officers and

the pursuit reached very high speeds and quickly became very dangerous. As the chase neared McLean, deputies made the decision to shoot out the tires after attempt to put out stop strips failed. When the pickup was stopped, Dornwell was taken into custody without further incident. He is currently being held for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest in the Wheeler County Jail on \$4000 bond. No officers were injured in the chase.



Local children visit and get their picture made with Santa at Bank of Commerce



Editorial

McLean Has The Christmas Spirit

For the five years I have lived in McLean, I have been amazed at the generosity of this small community.

This week I received a letter from a man who lived in McLean many years ago. He had noticed Ben Reeves' article on the shelter given to travelers during our snow storm. Mr. Lockridge wrote a letter of praise to the Route

66 National Historic Federation praising the McLean and Groom communities. He also sent me a copy of the letter. There are so many clubs, individuals, and businesses that work hard to make this a better place to live. It is never more noticeable than at Christmas. Everyone pitches in and makes sure that it is a blessed time or

year for even the most disadvantaged among us.

This year, the Angel Program provided at least five or six very nice presents for over forty children. The PTA provided soaps and toiletries. The school children collected canned goods to be given to Loaves and Fishes. The Boy Scouts

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FFA Competes At Clarendon College



Pictured Left to Right: Trent Cadra, Mitch Steward, Sandi Anderson. The Ratio Team placed second.

Once again, FFA members are working hard to bring McLean the recognition it deserves. For the past few weeks, members have been working on events that they competed in Saturday, November 16, on the Clarendon College campus.

The quiz team consisted of Nick Odom, John

Haynes, Mitchell Steward, and Kevin Smith. They had to study parliamentary procedure and the FFA manual and take a quiz of a one hundred questions. They placed fourth in district, but will not be advancing on to area.

Trent Cadra, Sandi Anderson, and Mitchell Steward competed in Farm Radio. They had to write a

script for a radio broadcast and then hide behind a curtain and present it into a microphone to a judge. Out of the nine teams that competed from our district, our team received second place, and competed in the Area I contest, November 23, at Clarendon College. The Radio Team received 7th place out of 12 districts.

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MCLEAN BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 19 - Colleen Mertel, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Stacie Bolton, Catherine Calcote.
December 20 - Candi Morris, Jamie Kingston, Ann Lamb, Lukas Seymour.
December 21 - Jana Davis, Clay Cooper, Emory Crawford, Nathaniel Conners.
December 22 - Glyn Dora Rice Moore, Sherry Martindale, Tracie Cooper, Laura Willis, Mike Darsey.

Florence Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stillwell (A), Don and Glenda White (A).
December 23 - Sue Cubine, Ott Davis, Deb Crockett, W.A. Davis, Sasha Fish, Bill and Katy Graham (A).
December 24 - Alexis Rae Cook.
December 25 - Ted Simmons.
December 26 - Janet McCracken, Chet Bohlar.
December 27 - Jan Haynes, Joe Magee, John Griffin, Herman L. Petty, Harold C. Petty, Jane Herndon, Christy Steward, Saralyn Beth Richardson.

December 28 - Stefanie Turpen, Rosa White, Michael Doniz, Darel Lee, Anne Weaver, Sammy Averett Ted and Imogene Longino (A).
December 29 - Kyle Woods, Evelyn Pennington, Lacey Wallis.
December 30 - Trevor McDonald, Olene Brown, William Floyd Smith, Bobby and Missie Richardson.
December 31 - W.C. Kennedy, Beverly Odom,

Dusty Moody, Blaze and Amy Herring (A), Gabe and Cozy Parson (A).



Pictured Left to Right: Kevin Smith, Mitch Steward, John Haynes and Nick Odom. This Quiz Team placed fourth.

FFA

Both teams competed under guidance of FFA advisor Bill Layman.

Dear Santa,

My name is Miles Coltn Cook. I am one year old and have TRIED VERY hard to be a good boy this year. (Mom and Dad said I have been, most of the time.) For Christmas, I would like a battery powered car, Little Tykes Work Bench and whatever else you think I might like. Have a safe trip.

Love,
Coltn

Dear Santa,

I would like a Dragon Ball Z toy for Christmas. I have been a good boy for my mommy and for Santa too. Bring Sissy a Barbie or something.

Love,
Me,
Jack Reyna, 3 years old

Pioneer Club Meets

The Pioneer Study Club met in Mickey Jackson's home December 12. Mickey's home was decorated with many beautiful Christmas decorations, even lighted candles floating in her bath tub. Ruth Trew called the meeting to order. After the reading of the minutes, Mickey presented a program on Christmas Celebrations and traditions around the world. Refreshments consisted of different Christmas

dishes from each club member. Christmas gifts were exchanged by everyone present. Those attending the Christmas party were: Ruth Magill, Mary Emma Woods, Ruth Trew, Zeld McClellan, Mindy Reeves, Lynn Reeves, Mary Lou Glass, Mickey Jackson, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Pat Stubbs, Barbara Bodie and Ticie Taylor. The Senior Tea date was changed to April 27. The next meeting date will be January 16, 2003.

Letter From Santa

My hands were all shaky, my face had gone pale. A letter from Santa just arrived in the mail. It was hand written in ol' fashion ink pen. And was dated twelve ten, now listen up! I'm writing you because, this year I have changed my naughty, nice laws. Now I urge you, be culgar and crude. I love it when children are mean and rude. Burp at the table and gargle your peas. Never say thank you, your welcome or please. Talk back to your mother, don't do as you are told. Stick

your tongue out at your Dad every time he scolds. Drive everyone crazy, I really don't care, act like a jerk, any time any where. Good kids make me sick! And then I woke up!! All kinds of thoughts ran through my head as I tossed and turned all over my bed. I hate being good, but I try to fake it. Just a week before Christmas and I don't think I'll make it. Sincerely, St. Nick

Merry Christmas

project that will take years to complete. Everyone in McLean is encouraged to contribute with either money donations or by decorating your own home or business. If you have a donation or questions, you can contact Judy or Linda at Wood Group, 779-2417 or McLean City Hall, 779-2481. An account has been established at the Bank of Commerce and you can make your donations to the "Christmas For Our Town" fund any time during the year.

The High School students provided reindeers and a sleigh and wooden cutout candy canes. Sadly, there has been some vandalism to the decorations. Last year, the sleigh and reindeer were damaged. This year, the decorations at the gazebo in the bank's parking lot were destroyed. Someone removed the lights and broke them in the street. In spite of the vandalism, everyone's enthusiasm is still high. The damaged pieces were removed and replaced. Plans are being made for improvements for next year, so if you want to get involved, there is plenty for you to do. Select an area and get going!

EDITORIAL

placed bags on every McLean resident's doorstep in order to collect canned goods. The Scouts distributed over 400 bags and got more than half of them back filled with food and personal hygiene products. The canned goods went to Loaves and Fishes and the hygiene products went to Helping Hands. Helping Hands is a new pantry opened in McLean to help the needy. If you wish to donate, take your donations to Paula or Gaylene at Pucketts.

Loaves and Fishes provided hot meals for shut-ins all year long. The meals are made and delivered by volunteers. If you are interested in Loaves and Fishes, they can be contacted at 779-3239. This is just a small sampling of the sharing and caring that takes place in McLean. McLean businesses never say "no" when asked to donate or to sponsor programs that will benefit our community. Many of the programs would fail without their support. In addition to the giving

of gifts, there are those who have set about to make McLean a more beautiful place to live. Last year, during our Gray County Centennial, there were a lot of makeovers completed all over town. A group of citizens also began a program to help pay for an improvement on the town's Christmas decorations. Last year, new wreaths and bows were purchased and displayed on Main Street. More greenery, lights and bows were added this year. This is an ongoing

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First Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church
Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Reverend Carl Cox
779-2175
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm, (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacher Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm, Wed. Choir 7 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm,
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Letters To



Santa Claus...

Dear Santa,

A stuff puppy, A stuff fox, A stuff rabbit big thin Hogans, stereo, I want a playstation 2, a phone some movies a Beanbag, some clothes. Thank you.

Your friend,
Jacie

Dear Santa,

I want a snowboard and a Game Boy Advance with a scooby doo and a Dirt Bike game. I also want a hot cop game. Christmas is a good holiday.

Your friend,
Jordan

Dear Santa,

I want a train set, a chess game, a checkers game, Bob the Builder, a fish, a toy truck, some legos, remote control car.

Your friend,
Cody

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? I like it in Texas! I have been very good. Please bring me a my size Barbie Repunzel Doll. Please bring my family and my dog Ben something too! I love you!

Your friend,
Shelby

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good at the North pole. Santa for this Christmas I would like to have: Jake the snake, Octoblast, a football the movie Spirit and a bike. Thank you.

Your friend,
Oscar

Dear Santa,

I want a Spider-man action figure. I would also like a robo-wheels racetrack, a octoblast racetrack, and a hotwheels city jet racetrack.

Your friend,
Jacob

Dear Santa,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like a pogo stick, star wars II movie, Spirit, Lilo and Stich, a castle bed, a Barbie talking townhouse for Christmas. Mom said that I have been good. I will leave you some goodies on the bar.

Your friend,
Tristan

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaleb. How are you? I have been a good boy. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a spiderman toy, a blue ranger, and a sponge bob game.

Your friend,
Kaleb

Dear Santa,

I want a spiderman web blaster, BB gun, tonka 20 pack, Jake the snake, Harry Potter, and a stocking full of bubble gum and beef jerky. Please give Mrs. Gideon something pretty because I love her. Thank you!

Your friend,
Braxton Cooper

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would a jake the snake, a GI Joe original grenade launcher man, a racing game for playstation 2, a b.b. gun, some camoflauge bed sheets and comforter, Spirit and Ice Age on dvd, some cds, I would like are Now 11 and The Spirit soundtrack.

Sincerely,
Ian Wyatt McMordie

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want a play station II, a gameboy

advance, new bike, a skateboard, a GI joe jeep, a go cart, a knex pinball game, a knex rollercoaster, a video game.

Your Friend,
Ethan

Dear Santa,

I Daymon Flores am in the 1 grade. I am writing you a little list to tell you what I wish. Paper wheel race track, Spider man gameboy, Playstation 2, Transformer and powerwheel cars. Just so you won't think I'm greedy. Can you bring my sister a doll house. Don't worry I've been good all year round. The night you'll be

coming I'll have some cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Daymon

Dear Santa,

I hope you have been fine. I hope you are feeling fine. I have been as good as I can. I would like whatever I can have. Merry Christmas. Ho Ho Ho.

Your friend,
Rachel

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas is: a baby doll, a Polly Pocket doll, a brat doll, a Barbie Volks wagon

micro bus, some more baby doll cloths, a new horse, Spirit on DVD, Buity and the Beast special addition and a new collectable baby doll.

Your friend,
Miranda

Dear Santa,

I want a plow, tractor, 1 CD player, a round baler, and some new clothes. I also want a swather a red combine and a trampoline.

Your friend,
Shiloh Brown

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In these difficult economic times, Texas needs dramatic investments in telecommunications technology.

As Texas legislators assemble at the Capitol in January, they will be confronted by a state economy that continues to sputter. Many economists agree an effective economic catalyst to recovery is investment in new technology.

SBC has been Texas' phone service provider for more than 100 years, but we also want to be a leader in the broadband (high-speed Internet access) market as well. Broadband service is a means to transform the American economy, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce recognized this by recently adopting a broadband policy citing its potential for generating an economic impact of \$500 billion annually.

Unfortunately, current rules and regulations are a potential dam to this economic waterfall. While competition flourishes in the local and long distance phone markets, choices are few for broadband. Current rules allow cable companies monopolies for their broadband service yet require SBC to lease its network to competitors at below-cost prices. This is an economic disincentive for new investment in broadband.

SBC is not asking to be treated any better than our competitors, we are proposing simple changes to be applied equally and provide certainty to all telecommunications providers to help spur the Texas economy through capital investment in technology.

When dramatic investments in telecommunications technology happens, Texas consumers will benefit from advanced services and the economy will benefit from business growth. We look forward to sharing that important economic solution with legislators.

Gary Stevens

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Director, External Affairs

McLean Man Writes Letter To The Editor

Dear Donna and staff,
Merry Christmas and
thanks for past favors.
For the past year or so
you may have seen my

letters on various subjects.
They were written largely
in an effort to develop
community interest in
events occurring in

McLean and Gray County.
I assumed it might just be
possible through the
written word to develop in
people a greater interest in
activities of tax supported
entities. I discovered a
couple of things. Many
residents have about as
much concern in these
activities as they do a rats
bottom. Another slice of
the population evidences
an interest but are unable
to overcome inertia and
become involved. A third
percentage still believes in
the easter bunny and the
tooth fairy and they get
real claustrophobia in
December each year. They
will accept anything that
comes along that does not
require their energy,
funding and participation,
if someone else will do it,
it will be just fine.

To those of you who
resented my attempts to
bring some light into
things that didn't smell
quite right, you will happy
to note that I intend to lay
off for awhile. The hiatus
is due to a slow down in
the production of satirical
material by city, county
and school sources.

To those who have
expressed appreciation for
the letters, they will
recommence as material is
provided by our local
entities; but rest assured,
provide it they will.

Whether or not the letters
are published is another

matter entirely. We must
have a "black hole" in
Gray County similar to the
ones in space, where things
are pulled in and
disappear. Some missing
items are as follows: No
resolution for 6 years for
band instruments that were
purchased with 50% of tax
payer funds. The school
cafeteria problem is in the
"put it behind us and move
on" category. The Texas
Ranger investigation of the
local school. The illegal
stop, search and abuse of
one of our citizens in
Pampa by an unidentified
renegade type law person
has failed to interest the
attention of legitimate law
enforcement. These are
countered with Alanreed
getting their property back,
a competent and capable
school board and
administration.

Thanks again. Wishing
you a happy and
prosperous new year.

Bill Reeves



Trey Skipper shot this 10-point buck (2 points are hidden in this picture). The buck was shot November 10, 2002 in Wheeler County.

Thanks you,
Deza Ray Blaylock

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie car
that I can drive in and a diva
star that can dance and talk.

Thank you,
Jasmine Montoya

Dear Santa,
I would like a blue
power ranger, a plastic
alien, and a jumping frog
that doesn't run out of
batteries.

Thank you,
Daniel Hutchison

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie car,
pencils and erasers and glue.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a
toy.

Thank you,
Juan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy truck, a
remote control car and more
tractors.

Thank you,
Gage Martinez

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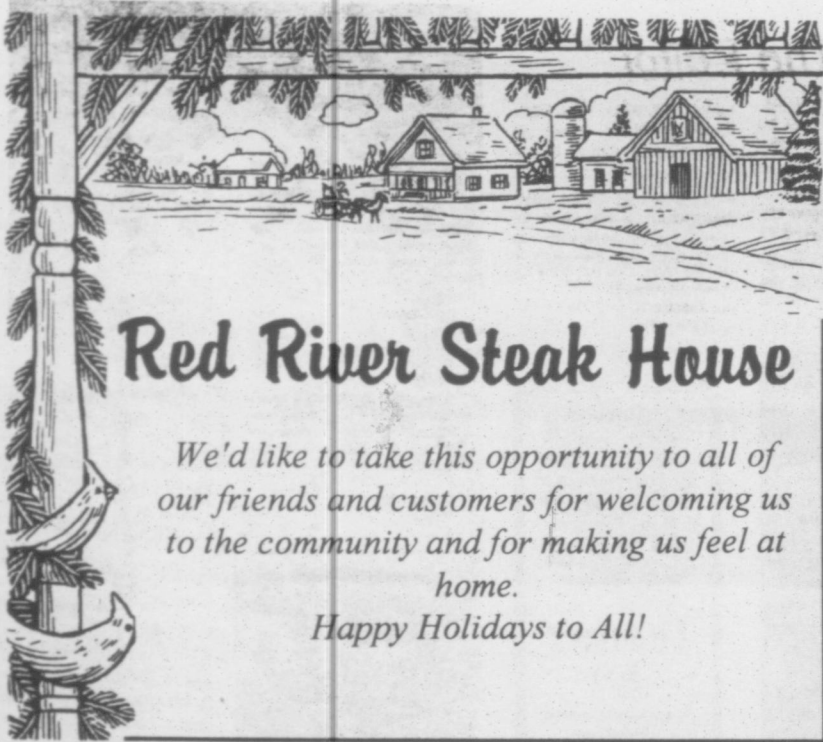
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To All The McLean
Cagers & Cager Fans!**

We will return after the break with more exciting basketball
action from the McLean Tigers and Lady Tigers.



Red River Steak House

We'd like to take this opportunity to all of our friends and customers for welcoming us to the community and for making us feel at home.

Happy Holidays to All!



Dear Santa,
I would like a big barbie and a baby with a stroller and a barbie horse with a barbie on it.
Thank you,
Kendalyn Richardson

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie jeep, snow globe, and a ziploc bag for my money.
Thank you,
Camrynn Richardson

Dear Santa,
I would like an octopus truck, X-box and a new transformer.
Thank you,
Jared McClellan

Dear Santa,
I would like a calendar, glue, a lock, and a bigger backpack.
Thank you,
Julia Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like pencils, crayons and a transformer.
Thank you,
Mason Reynolds

MANY MERRY WISHES

We hope Santa brings everything you're hoping for. Have a blessed and fulfilling holiday.

Thanks for dropping in this year.

Merry
Christmas,
Cindi Glass
Avon Representative



"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"
-Oscar Wilde, A Midwinter Night's Dream

Kinneth & LaRue Hambricht

Behold the Spirit of Christmas



And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.
-Luke 1:31



When Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.
-Luke 1:41



And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.
-Luke 2:4



And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.
-Matthew 2:11



Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many.
-Luke 2:34



But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
-John 1:12

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like a ballarina Barbie for Christmas and some makeup and please make it shiney and real and please I would like some lipstick.
Your friend,
Candace

Dear Santa,
Will you please give me a new bike and a skateboard and a scooter a yoyo a dodge viper. And how are you doing? Merry Christmas.
Your friend,

Justin West
Dear Santa,
How is it at the north pole? I know you are kind of busy. I don't want any presents or toys.

All I want is my grandma to come over and Jesus to have a happy birthday. Say Hi to the elves.
Your friend,
Rocco

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some boots and a scooby-doo poster and a hole-punch and bridle-rains with the bit and a giant candy cane and a wheel for my bike and some spur rowels and a new pocket knife.
Your friend,
Stormy

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. How are you doing at the north pole? I would like a necklace from you.
How are your rainders doing? How are Mrs. Clause and the elvs doing? Well I trust.
Your friend,
Kaala

Dear Santa,
Hou is your Christmas? I bet it is very busy. Well I bet you know what I want could you please make me a Barbie van, a Polly Pocket and a picture frame. I can't wait!
Your friend,
Cassondra

Dear Santa,
How are you? Well, anyway I am great. How is Rudolph? Can you please get me a Barbie and every thing that goes with the Barbie. Also, a car that is my size.
I love you, santa.
Your friend,
Lenny Sims

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, a new voice to sing, and box of candy. I love Christmas and the presents and joy you bring to us each year.
Thank you. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kendra

Dear Santa,
I wonder how you are doing? Can I please have a t.v.? Can I please have the new movies? Can I please have a play station? Can I please have some play station game? And I want a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Jack

Dear Santa,
I would like crayons, glue, pencils, barbie nightgown and a doll.
Thank you,
Jordan Cox

Dear Santa,
I would like a rescue police car, robot, and a rescue hero remote control.
Thank you,
Britten

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a beanie baby, ACD, a trampoline, telescope, a bean bag, and lots of goodies.
Love,
Kalyn Averett

Dear Santa,
I would like a beanie baby puppy for Christmas. I want a barbie house for my beanie babies. I want a video game called Spiro game. Can I ride in you sleigh? Can I live with you? If I can't come then write me a letter at my house.
Love,
Chelsey Ho, Ho, Ho

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a squiggle fun pen. I would also like a doodle top. A squiggle fun pen is a pen that has changing colors in it and it squiggles. A doodle top is a top that has a pen on the top when you spin it the doodle top will write! If you even only get me those two I will be so happy. I've been nice. I turned 8 on May 26. I hope I've been good.
Love,
Saber Bohlar

JOY LOVE PEACE FAITH HAPPINESS FRIENDSHIP

With your talents and industry, with science and that steadfast honesty, which eternally pursues right, regardless of consequences, you may promise yourself everything but health, without which there is not happiness--
Thomas Jefferson

Merry Christmas
from

McLean Home Health Agency
Larry, Lynn, Dan, Peggy, Shelly, D'Anna,
Julie, Katrina, Debbie, and Delinda
A special Thank You to Jeanette and Bob
(Cletus) Fish for their vision that continues
to inspire us daily



HOLIDAY JOY
May your holiday be a great time to reflect and relax.
We appreciate your continued support.
**Dan Fish
Tax Preparation
Dan, Sasha,
Taylor & Parker**



Away In a Manger
Mary Dwyer



CHRISTMAS Is In The Air
It's just days before Christmas and all through the town,
We see happy people, not even one frown.
It's good to see folks who show so much care
For their friends and their neighbors - today it's so rare.
So we'd like to thank you this time of the year
For all the memories we hold so dear.
As neighbors, you all mean so much
To us, your community and all whom you touch.
Have a wonderful holiday!
**The McLean-Alanreed Area
Museum**



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
To Our Friends & Neighbors
Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the company of love, peace, good fortune and cheer.
Thanks for your support and hospitality.
**Alanreed
Travel Center**



CHRISTMAS Is In The Air
Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the company of love, peace, good fortune and cheer.
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Ring in Peace

We wish everyone the gift of peace and understanding.
All the best to you and yours.

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Dear Santa,
I would like glue,
pencils, and some more
things.
Thank you,
Summer Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard
and some people and houses
and cars and Power Rangers
3 movie.
Thank you,
Chris Walker

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Rep.
Roxie
McMordie

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a
move of spirit and lilo and
stitch please. A little
stapler, a sphere ball, Indian
doll please and thank you. I
would like it if you would
fill my stocking with bubble
gum and beef jerky.
Love,
Britnie Cooper

Dear Santa,
I would like a Game boy
advance with a game, Harry
Potter and the chamber of
secrets game, and a paint
ball gun, and the spiderman
movie.
Love,
Chase West

**Expressly For You At
Christmas**

As Christmas draws near, we wish you a season filled
with heartwarming memories as you celebrate with
those near and dear to you.

We want you to know that your patronage means a lot
to us, and we're here to serve you with our continued
commitment of quality care
Thanks, folks!

The McLean Care Center
Billy Ray Johnston, Director; Lisa Patterson,
RN Directory of Nursing; Cecilia Hutchinson,
LVN Assistant DON; Nita Massey,
Business Office Manger; and
all the Staff at the McLean Care Center.

**CHRISTMAS
BLESSINGS**
To Our Friends & Neighbors

Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the
company of loved ones, good fortune and peace.
Thanks for your support and friendship.

Allison Panhandle
Realty LLC
Jim and Johnnie

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BLESSINGS**
To Our Friends & Neighbors

Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the company of loved
ones, good fortune and peace.
Thanks for your support and friendship.

Manager Laphé LaRoe and the employees of the McLean Feed Yard LTD
would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MFY **McLean
Feedyard, Ltd.**

HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY

We hope that your
Christmas season is
the most joyful and
picturesque yet.

Merry
Christmas
and
Happy New
Year,
Bill & Lynn
Reeves

**Joy
to the World**

The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.
-Joy to the World-

God bless you and your family
this holiday season.
Carl Cox & Members of the
First Baptist Church

Dear Santa,
I want a collectible barbie with a purple dress with blond hair. I have been good this year. I want some new clothes and shoes. I hope I get some computer games for my brother's computer so I can play them. I will give you some cookies for the way home.
Love,
Ashley Russell
HO - HO - Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a few movies and a few other things. The movies I would like are Star Wars 2, Ice

Age, and Spider Man. The other things I want are a Digital Blue and a big ball for me and my baby brother Jack and for my family to be happy. That's all I would like for Christmas. Merry Christmas.
Becca Reyna

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. My big sister has been rude to me but I haven't been rude to her back. What I want for Christmas is for me and my big sister to get along well. That is all I want for Christmas. Oh one more thing. I want my family to

be happy. That is all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Jamie Alvarez

Dear Santa,
How is everything at the north pole? Are you and your friends and your wife doing okay over there? I hope you are because there is something I want for Christmas. It is micro pets that obey a command with 18 things and tricks and with a singing dogs and dancing bears and cats. So don't forget to get it for me.
Love,
Kirstie Perkins

Dear Santa,
I'm having a good time. I bet you are too! Last Christmas was fun! I got a lot of stuff (which you know) I bet I'll get more this year won't I?
Love,
Mariah Woodridge

Dear Santa,
I want a telescope and I also want earrings and a necklace. And I want a Dell laptop computer. My mom is going to get me an icecream maker.
Santa I hope that you bring lots of toys.
Ashlee June Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Skateboard and that's all I want. I don't want you to fill up my stocking because I don't want a lot.
Love,
Rena Alley Smith

Kelly McClinton
Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a barn clothes, CD, barbie doll house, polly, some shoes, and a santa hat.
Love,
Victoria Newton



Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. I wish I could have a X box but my mom won't let me. I want a new bike.

Greetings to All Our Friends
OUR FONDEST HOLIDAY WISHES ARE ON THE WAY. MAY YOU KNOW PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL THIS COMING YEAR.
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
The Cactus Inn
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Gordon, Jane, Ilene & Laura

A Child Is Born!
Rejoice and embrace the spirit of the first Christmas when our Saviour was born. With deep appreciation for your loyal patronage and continued friendship.
Taylor Food Mart

Christmas is in Bloom!

Roll in the Christmas cheer and watch good tidings blossom! Happy holidays from all of us here.
Devil's Rope Museum

IT'S CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

May a circle of family, friends and happiness surround you during this magical season.
We send our fondest holiday wishes to you and your family with appreciation for your patronage.
Lorry Ann Carda Arley
LeWayne & Roy
C & H Supply

Our Fondest Wishes at Christmastime.

May you enjoy a holiday rich in happiness with a wealth of blessings! Many thanks to our valued customers. It's been a pleasure doing business with you, and we look forward to a bright future together.

Bank Of Commerce
DIRECTORS and Employees
Member FDIC

Away In a Manger

Let each of us remember His message of peace, love and goodwill to all this Christmas season.
Have a holy and happy holiday.

McLean United Methodist Church

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Holiday Greetings!




We'd like to deliver our sincere best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season!

Bill & Dorthy McKee


Pile On the Christmas Spirit!

To all our loyal customers, friends and neighbors, we'd like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and healthy holiday. May it be heavy with blessings and joy. Many thanks for your loyal support and friendship.

Your Friends At Puckett's Grocery



Glory to the Newborn King



Glory to the Newborn King
"And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for behold, I bring
you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people."
Luke 2:10
The First Assembly of
God Church wishes
you a joyous
Christmas season.

Magical Christmas Greetings



May your holiday come with friendship
and love.

Charlottes
Unique Stop

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. I'd like to see you and your reindeer. I would like to ride with you on Christmas night. Can you bring an elf? I would like to see where you make the toys. I'd like to see where the reindeer stay.

Your friend,
Dimas Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
This year I have been really good. I have done my

chores and I have listened to my parents. I've done really good in school. This Christmas, I don't want much. What I really want is that my family is happy.

Love,
Rudy Rodriguez

black mini football. I hope that you and your reindeer are hungry because we might set some stuff out. Hope you and every else are doing good. I'm doing good down here.

Love,
Jace Melain



Dear Santa,
I want a snow board, X box game, blitz 2003, match box, New Bryer horse for my collection, Hunting boots, the new sled, football pads, basketball shoes, red,

DREAMING OF A White Christmas




May all your hopes and dreams be realized during this idyllic season.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Wood Group Turbine Components

HOLY NIGHT

Rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.
Wishing the happiest of holidays to all our friends and neighbors.

Heald United Methodist Church



It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

Opportunity's knocking
And we'd just like to say,
Hope your season is perfect
In every way.

May it open the door,
For good tidings and cheer —
Merry Christmas to all
And a joyous New Year.


THE COUNTRY CORNER
TEXACO CREW




CHRISTMAS Is In The Air!

IT'S JUST DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH THE TOWN, WE SEE HAPPY PEOPLE; NOT EVEN ONE FROWN. IT'S GREAT TO SEE FOLKS WHO SHOW SO MUCH CARE FOR THEIR FRIENDS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS - TODAY IT'S SO RARE. SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU THIS TIME OF THE YEAR FOR ALL OF THE MEMORIES WE HOLD SO DEAR. AS CUSTOMERS, AS NEIGHBORS, YOU ALL MEAN SO MUCH TO US, YOUR COMMUNITY AND ALL WHOM YOU TOUCH.

The City of McLean
HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!





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Yips-mas!
The Lyles
Don, Mary Sue, Julie,
Aimee, James, Hunter,
Darcee, Paul,
Therron, Grant &
Squirts says "Me too!"

Jingle Bells... Jingle Bells
Wishing you a dashing good holiday season



Ellis & Roxie
Stapp

DECK
THE
HALLS
*With Love
and
Laughter!*



Wishing you and your family every
happiness this holiday season.
Thank you for your patronage.

Groom Flying Service
Craig, Monica, Caren, Kecia, Karla & Keeli Howard
Harris and Cleta Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo, a
Mountain board, a new
computer, a telescope, a new
T.V. pixter, make up, new
cloths and Digital blue. I
would also like meet you
and an elf this year.
Your friend,
Tori Bybee

As we think on all He's
done for us, may we
become all He wants us to
be! May His blessing and
love be yours this
Christmas and throughout
the new year!
The Donnie Conrad
family

- Groom Birthdays
& Anniversaries
December 19 - Stella
Patterson, Amanda Martin,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rennie
(A).
December 20 - Wade
Ritter, Mrs. Bill Bohr, Shirley
and Gary Parish (A).
December 21 - Thane
Barkley, Franklin Leven,
Joannie and Douglas Kling
(A).
December 22 - Jerry
Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph
Hutsell (A), Mr. and Mrs.
Milton Thompson (A).
December 23 - Marion
Pool, Rebecca Conrad.
December 24 - Margie
Stephens.
December 25 - Kristy
Whitley, John Fraser III,
Karen Fields, Malene Burk.
December 26 - Jerry
B r i t t e n .
December 27 - Kevin
Brown, Connie Britten,
Laurissa Noack, Mr. and Mrs.
Barry Fields (A).
December 28 - Bobby
Babeock, Larry Reid, Mr. and
Mrs. Jerome Weinheimer (A),
Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser (A).
December 29 - Tony
Treadwell, Macie Ann
Britten, J'lyna Fink, Brad
Rainer.
December 30 - Mrs. Bob
Corbin, Whitney Evenson,
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crowell
(A), Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur Britten (A).
December 31 - Tom
Lambert, Ty Lambert, Mr. and
Mrs. Greg Lambert (A), Mr.
and Mrs. Monte Ray Schaffer
(A).
January 1 - Victoria
Brown, Tanner Paul Britten,
Cody Lane Kling, Matt &
Aimee Fields (A).



Santa Saw

NAUGHTY
Tammy Case for locking
herself out of her house.

Tim Case for
complaining about having
to drive home from
Amarillo just to let his
lovely wife into their
humble abode.

Ronny Fields for being a
tattle tale.

Fuzz Wills for backing
into Tim Case at the Dairy
Queen while he was taking
his lovely wife her keys.
Fuzz is also being naughty
because he fled the scene.

NICE
Donna Burton for taking
her father to see the Nites
of Lites in Amarillo and
buying his dinner.

Diane Bruso helping
organize the Senior
Citizen's gift exchange.

Lucille Britten for having
the most holiday cheer,
reminding us what
Christmas is really about.

Johnny Brooks for
checking on the well-being
of a hard working news
editor.

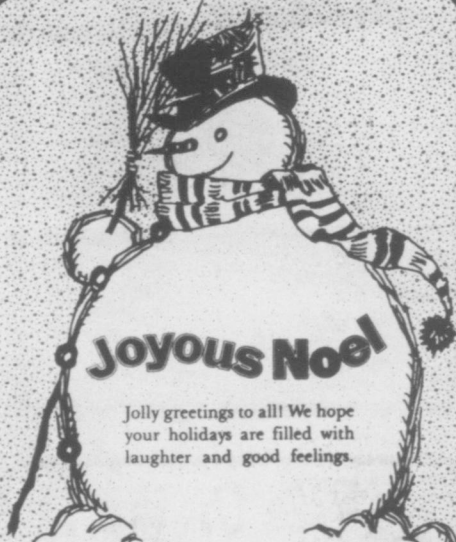
WH Ollinger accepting
kisses (candy, that is) from a
lady (not his lovely wife,
Evelyn) at Senior Citizen's
Luncheon

Toni Pavlovski
cheerfully helping get
packages in the mail for
delivery in time for
Christmas.

POSEY

Vehicle Theft Division and
the Carson County
Sheriff's Office were able
to gain the information
which allowed the theft
ring to be broken and
ultimately prosecuted,"
stated District Attorney
Stuart Messer. "I
particularly want to
acknowledge the hard work
of Sergeant Steve
Talkington of the

Department of Public
Safety. His and many
other officers' hard work
resulted in clearing up a
serious problem in our
area. The twelve jurors in
this trial took their oaths
very seriously and were
willing to stand up and see
that justice was done. I
believe the jury in this case
has made a strong
statement for justice in
Carson County," said
District Attorney Messer.



Jolly greetings to all! We hope
your holidays are filled with
laughter and good feelings.

The Groom-McLean News
Phil, Donna, Ella Mae & Tammy

Joy, Peace, Happiness
Good Fortune ...

We wish you a list full of blessings this
holiday season. Thanks to all of our
customers for making this year such a
special one.

We look forward to doing business
with you in the new year.

Harvey's Body Shop



You're Invited!
Customer Appreciation &
Hospitality Days
December 23 9-3
December 24 9-12

"Happy Christmas to all,
and to all a good-night!"

- Clement Clarke Moore, A Visit from St. Nicholas

Christmas is here, delivering good cheer to people everywhere. So, rejoice and be merry as you celebrate the
happiest of holidays! We welcome this opportunity to say thank you to all of our faithful friends and customers.
You've helped make this a wonderful year for us, and we look forward to serving you in the new year.



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A Christmas Wish
For You

We're hoping that your season brings
Lots of glad tidings and beautiful things,
The warmth of family,
The blessing of friends,
Plus peace and joy
That never ends.

May all your hopes and dreams come true.
That's our Christmas wish for you!

Carson County
Sheriff's Department

Gary W. Robertson, Sheriff
&
Staff



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WINDSHIELD CHIP and cracks repaired or windshield replaced. Call (806) 256-2276. Also, wheel-alignment at Wollards Garage, 1109 N. Wall, Shamrock. Call Jackie at (806) 256-2461.

FOR SALE: 10 MT Delco Starter, 305-350 454 GM, new \$86, rebuilt \$38; CS 130 alternator for most GM cars and pickups, new \$86, rebuilt \$68; 454 irrigation filter \$2.18. Britten Supply.

HOME FOR SALE in Groom. 2 story home with basement, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, corner lot, new paint inside & out. Call 806-248-7224 or 806-676-6503.

LAST MINUTE Christmas shopping. Home Interiors & gifts open house. All day Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21. Barbara Homer's, 203 Ware Street. In stock merchandise on sale including Christmas items!

HOUSE OR FOUNDATION SETTLING? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call **Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling** 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX.

NOW HIRING! IMMEDIATE OPENING! At McLean Care Center in McLean, Texas. Weekend RN and CNA's. See Administrator Billy Ray Johnson. Call 806-779-2469.

NURSES UNLIMITED, Inc. needs attendants to assist with personal care, meal prep and light housekeeping. Part-time basis. Please call 1-888-859-0631 M-F; 8A-5P. E. O. E.

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RED RIVER Valley Irrigation, Memphis, Tx. Sales and Service for Valley Center pivots. For fast, reliable service, Call 806-259-2757.

CHRISTMAS PUPPIES for sale. AKC Labs, 2 Blacks, 2 Chocolates, 4 yellows. Excellent bloodlines, great hunters, good with kids. 248-8629.

NEEDED FULL-time housekeeper, call Palo Duro Nursing Home, 226-5121.

CARE ATTENDANT needed 16 hours per week in McLean. Outreach Health Services. 1-800-800-0697. E. O. E.

FOUR RENT: 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, attached garage. NO PETS. \$300 month plus deposit. One mile north of Groom. Call (719) 477-9900

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 Call For Appointment
806-273-7771

Writing all of those return address getting you down? Call today and get a self-inking rubber stamp for under \$20! The Groom-McLean News 248-7333 779-2141

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 Lots of room in this 3 BR, 2 BA with attached garage, kitchen cabinets galore, high ceilings, basement, covered porch PLUS "mother-in-law" quarters or additional house for rental income. 501 E 5th
MAKE OFFER: Must sell 3 BR, 2 BA stucco with 2/detached garage. Call for appointment. 303 Broadway
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Boneless Whole Hams
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SANTA'S TOP PICKS
New! Oranges or Wash, Extra Fancy Red Delicious Apples
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Frontier Rolls
Assorted
12 count pkg.
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Shurfine Large Eggs
Grade A
18 count
99¢

Dinner Rolls
Tender-Crust
12 count pkg.
2\$1

Whipping Cream
Whipping Cream
1/2 pint
2\$1

Cream Cheese
Shurfine Reg. or 1/2 lb.
3\$2

Whipped Topping
Shurfine
2\$1

Shurfine Coffee
For All Coffee Makers
12 count pkg.
2.99

Shurfine Broth
Reg. Fat Free Chicken or Beef
14.5 oz. can
3\$1

Flour
Gold Medal All Purpose
5 lb. bag
69¢

Green Onion
3 \$1

D'Anjou Pears
2 \$1

Green Beans
2 \$1

New Red Potatoes
2 \$1

Baking Potatoes
3 \$1

Mixed Nuts
1 \$1

Fresh Asparagus
2 \$1

Crisp Broccoli
1 \$1

Gift Box Oranges
8 \$1

Gift Box Grapefruit
7 \$1

Sno White Cauliflower
2 \$3

Gift Box Apples
9 \$1

- Shurfine Milk, 1 gal..... 1.99
- Angel Soft Bath Tissue 4 Roll..... 79
- Shurfine Blackeye Peas... 3/99
- Swanson Pot Pies
Chicken, Turkey, Beef
7 oz..... 2/1.00
- Santa Fe Salsa
16 oz..... 1.99

Venture

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Bone In Shank Portion
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Butt Portion
Cook's Bone In
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Milk
Shurfine or Shur Saving
Premium Qualities Selected Varieties
Gallon
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3 Liter 2/\$3
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6 pack cans \$1.49

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Asst. 16 oz..... 1.79
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16 oz..... 99
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AA/AAA 4 pk..... 2.99
C/D/9 V 2 pk..... 2.73
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Cream Soup
Campbell's
10.5 oz. can
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Mixed Nuts
Shurfine
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2.99

White Coconut
Shurfine
14 oz. pkg.
99¢

Shurfine Marshmallows
18 oz. bag
69¢

Evaporated Milk
Shurfine
12 oz. can
2\$1

Shurfine Sugar
Powdered
5 lb. bag
99¢

Olives
Shurfine
14.5 oz. can
99¢

Corn Syrup
Shurfine
16 oz. can
99¢

Maraschino Cherries
Shurfine
10 oz. can
99¢

Shurfine Pineapple
Shurfine
12 oz. can
69¢

Dressing
Shurfine
16 oz. can
2\$3

- Little Smokies, 1 lb..... 2.39
- Boneless, Skinless
Chicken Breast..... 1.99 lb
- Bottom round or Rump Roast..... 1.99 lb
- Top Sirloin Steak..... 2.79 lb
- Beef Brisket (Packer Trim)..... 99 lb
- Beef Chuck Roast..... 1.59 lb
- Beef Chuck Steak..... 1.79 lb
- Butt Pork Roast..... 79 lb
- Pork Steak..... 99 lb
- Ribs (Country Style)..... 1.19 lb
- Ham, Shank Portion..... 69 lb
- Ham, Butt Portion..... 89 lb
- Morrell Boneless Whole Ham..... 3.99
- Spiral Sliced Ham..... 1.99 lb
- Cure 81 Boneless Whole Or Half Ham..... 2.79 lb
- Whole Mini Pit Ham..... 2.39 lb
- Half Mini Pit Ham..... 2.49 lb
- Sliced Bacon, 1 lb..... 2.49
- Little Sizzlers, 12 oz..... 99
- Owens Sausage 2 lb..... 2.99
- 1 lb..... 1.69
- Bar-S Sliced Bacon
12 oz..... 1.69
- Bar-S Meat Franks
12 oz..... 59

Happy Holidays To You & Yours

The Groom News

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Thursday, December 19 2002

Community Calendar

CHRISTMAS IS a time of traditions and special events. Be sure to turn in your holiday happenings and visitors. The Groom-McLean News will take a much needed break next week, returning December 30 for the January 2 issue. The paper will have an early deadline due to the New Year's holiday. All news needs to be turned in on December 30 for publication that week. Submissions may be slid under the door or dropped in the mail during our week off.

Season's Greetings

FIRST BAPTIST Church will not be having Sunday School on December 22. Morning worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. There will be no evening services.

THE GROOM High School gym will be closed until after Christmas so that the gym floor can be resurfaced. School officials stated that the gym will reopen December 26 or 27.

THE TIGERS and Ettes will play Channing this Friday, December 20, in Channing instead of at home as listed on the schedule.

GROOM SCHOOLS will release at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 1:00 p.m. Friday. Students will return to classes Friday, January 3.

DON'T FORGET to vote for your favorite decorated home in Groom's Holiday Decor Contest. Ballots are in this week's paper.



This nativity scene is on display at the First United Methodist Church to remind us what this holiday season is all about.

Groom High School Gym Stays Closed As No Volunteers Come Forward

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on December 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the school administrative offices. The following members were present: Clifton Britten, Tim Case, Tony Treadwell, Mike Friemel, Denny Babcock and Tony Britten. Kevin Noack, Superintendent was also present. Guests present were Curtis Downs, Donald Burgin and Ellis

Stapp. The minutes of the November regular meeting were read and approved.

During open forum, comments were made concerning opening of the gym after hours. The gym has not been opened as no volunteers have come forward to monitor the gym. The gym floor will be stripped and waxed over the Christmas holiday.

The Board voted to approve the Hutchinson,

Armstrong, and Carson counties Shared Services Arrangement Agreement.

Mr. Noack presented a list of checks written as well as a budget analysis for the board's perusal.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Carson County Jury Sentences Man To 99 Years

A Carson County Jury convicted Larry Posey of Amarillo of the 1st degree felony offense of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity. The trial, presided over by District Court Judge David McCoy, began on Monday, December 9. After three hours of deliberation, the jury returned a guilty verdict on Wednesday, December 11. During the punishment phase of the trial, it took the jury only 45 minutes to sentence the defendant to 99 years in

prison and a \$10,000 fine. The basis of the engaging in organized criminal activity involved a theft ring which was using a Carson County farm as a place to store and dismantle vehicles.

"This case was a result of a good investigation by several different law enforcement agencies cooperating together. The Panhandle Regional Drug Trafficking Task Force in cooperation with the Department of Motor

See Posey, pg. 22

Bank Robber Steals Local Man's Pickup In Amarillo

Groom's local superintendent, Kevin Noack, got a big surprise just in time for Christmas! While in Amarillo picking up supplies for the school, he stopped to do a good deed for the annual staff by picking up some photographs that were being developed.

When he came out of the store on I-40 and Washington, much to his dismay, a man was pulling out of the parking lot in his pickup! "Now that's a funny feeling!" said Noack.

Fifteen minutes later, the car thief pulled into the parking lot of a bank just off I-40 and Georgia. He went inside and approached a teller. He laid a handgun on the counter and demanded money. The teller gave

him all the money from her drawer.

Apparently, the man was not satisfied and demanded more money, which she promptly retrieved from another drawer.

Upon leaving the bank, the criminal drove the familiar green pickup to a nearby apartment complex and then fled on foot.

Amarillo Police Department officers quickly apprehended him after a brief foot chase.

Mr. Noack was asked to identify the man by police. Apparently, the man had robbed several banks and restaurants in the Fort Worth area to pay for a drug habit.

Mr. Noack was able to get his pickup returned in tact with all his personal items, and make it back to school before the day ended.

Groom Ambulance Service In Dire Need Of Volunteers

Volunteers for the Groom Ambulance service are a scarce commodity these days. "We are down to one or two volunteers who can cover the area during the day," said volunteer Rick Prather. "We are having to depend a lot on other area towns to cover Groom while most of our volunteers are at work."

While this is not the best situation for obvious reasons like distance and waiting time, it also leaves the town the ambulance comes from short-handed. According to ambulance volunteers, two EMT's are required to be in the ambulance for it to

transport a patient. Anyone who is interested in helping may contact Rick Prather for more information. A new EMT class is scheduled to begin the first week in January in Clarendon. The class will be paid for by the Groom Ambulance Service if the person is willing to volunteer. Anyone 17 or older may take the class. Contact Rick Prather for more information at 248-9005.

"We would appreciate any time volunteers can give us," said Prather, "and we really appreciate the help from other area service, especially White Deer for covering us."

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Groom Enthusiasts Attend Ballet

Melanie and McKenna Britten hosted a night at the ballet by escorting family and friends to "The Nutcracker" on Sunday. Invited guests were Amy Weinheimer of Groom,

Joanna Bridgeman (Melanie's mom), of Dalhart and Rac Nell Andrews of Dalhart. The group had a wonderful time and were delighted with the production.

Local Happenings

STUDENTS ATTEND BALLET

Groom fourth, fifth and sixth graders got a real treat last Friday. They attended "The Nutcracker," a ballet performed annually by the Lone Star Ballet Company at the Civic Center in Amarillo.

Most were spellbound by the traditional story. According to sponsor Melanie Britten, the "culture" was lost on a few boys who thought it was boring, but most really enjoyed the event. The 40 students and five adults enjoyed ice cream at Braum's afterward.

BRUSH AND PALETTE MAKE TRIP TO TULIA

Brush and Palette made their annual trip to Kenneth Wyatt's in Tulia on December 3. A good time was had by all - even the blizzard!

Our Christmas luncheon was at Pat Ashford's on December 16. We dined on wonderful food, exchanged gifts and played Christmas games by Nita Ramming.

ILL OR RECOVERING

Hannah Yelverton
 Fern Anderwald
 Christy Weller
 Michael Kelly

It's A Girl!

Landry Elyse was born November 10, 2002 to B. J. and Kelly Hardin of Humble, Texas. Landry weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long.

Proud grandparents are Rodney and Margaret Hardin of Cedar Park, Texas and Jerry and Glenda Harrison of Houston, Texas.

Great grandparents include Jack and Bettye West of Groom, Texas, Mildred Harrison of Idalou, Texas and Wade Burleson of Houston, Texas. Landry also has a great-great grandmother, Maggie Johnston of McLean, Texas.

Kit Black To Graduate From Texas A & M

Kit Black, grandson of Kenneth & Betty Black and the late Nadine Black, will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering on Friday, December 20th, 2002. Kit is an active member of The American Society of Civil Engineers and The Institute of Transportation Engineers, and is currently employed by the Texas Transportation Institute. In January, he will begin pursuing his Masters of Engineering degree at Texas A&M. Kit is the son of Kyle & Veretta Black of Amarillo.

Mason Eric Welcomed To Zamudio Home



Mason Eric Zamudio was welcomed home by his

parents Eric and Maggie Zamudio of Pampa just in time for Christmas. He was born on December 11, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. He weighed 5 lb., 12 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Mason's grandparents are Elisa and Juan Zamudio of Pampa and John and LaVerne Thomas of Groom. Proud great-grandparents are Hazel Yingling of Orville, California and Silverio Ancira of Junction, Texas.

BUSINESS HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Here is a list of offices and business that will be closed or have shortened hours over the Christmas holidays:

- Groom Library-Closed December 24 and 25.
- City Hall-Closed on December 24 and 25. Resume normal hours on December 26.
- Groom S & H Grocery-Close at 4:00 p.m. December 24. Closed Christmas Day.
- State National Bank-Closing at noon on December 24. Resume normal hours on December 26.
- Post Office-Closing at

1:00 p.m. on December 24. Resume normal hours on December 26.

- Brumley Insurance-Closed on December 24 and 25.
- R & L Fuel-Closed at noon on December 24. Resume normal operation hours December 26.
- Dairy Queen-Close at 3:00 p.m. December 24, closed December 25. Close at 3:00 p.m. December 31, closed January 1.
- Stop N Shop-Close at 3:00 p.m. December 24. Closed Christmas Day.

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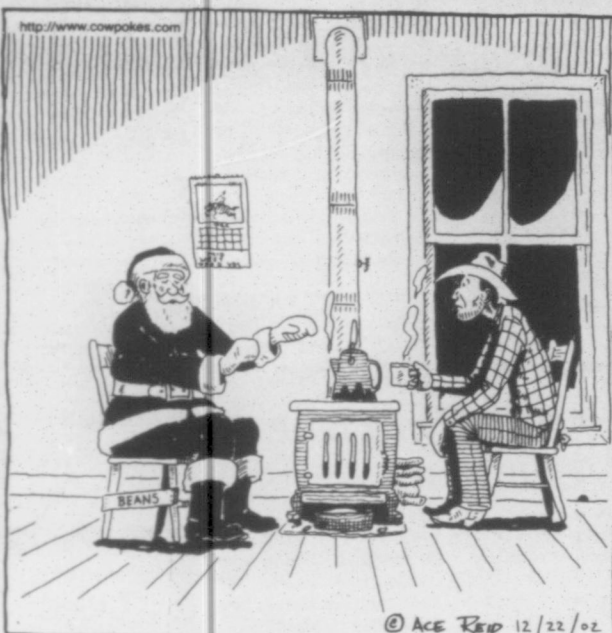


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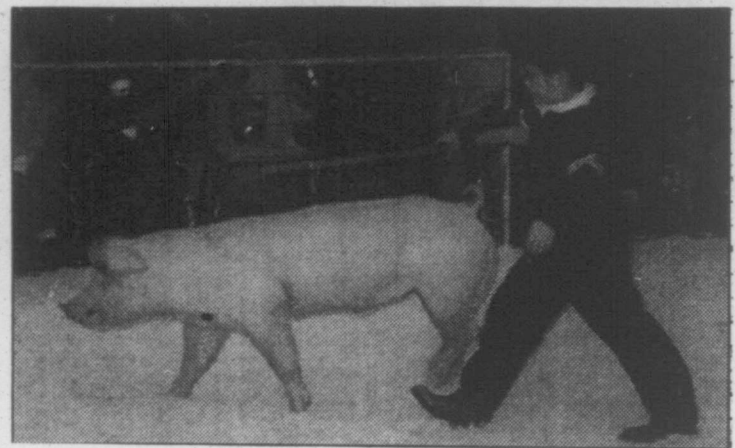
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Chris Homen, 9, of the White Deer Jr. FFA, showed his pig, Sam, recently in the Ochiltree County Jackpot in Perryton. Under the leadership of advisor, Will Edwards, Chris' Landrace pig won "Best of Breed."

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Love,
Eric Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have been helping my mom and I have been nice to my brother. I would like a Rapunzel Barbie and roller skates with four wheels on each side. I love you.
Love,
Christy Painter

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me Dragon Tiger from Dragonballz. I also want a dirt bike that is just my size. I have been helping my daddy milk cows I have been helping my mom clean-up our house. I will send you a thank you card. I want to see your reindeer.
Love,
Nick Bohr

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have been helping my mommy with my new baby brothers. May I please have a mermaid Barbie that lights up and a beautiful long pink dress and little high heel shoes size 11. Please bring my baby brothers little baby motorcycles and please bring Trenton a racecar if he is good.
Love,
Raleigh Welch

Dear Santa,
I love you and Rudolph. I have been very good this year. I am going to hang a sock in my living room so you can put candy in it. I would like a Rapunzel Barbie and roller skates. I am going to leave you some cookies, milk and some cheese.
Love,
Brenda Fehr

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been very good. I helped my grandma put an angel on top of our Christmas tree. We keep a picture of you and Mrs. Claus on our door. I would also like a motorcycle. I would also like a G. I. Joe and a toy fox.
Love,
Brice White

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I like the movie with Rudolph in it. I have been taking the trash out for my mom and Meme and I have been nice to my brother and sister. Would you please bring me a race track and some Starwars Legos. I will put out some chocolate cookies for you.
Love,
Hayden Ritter

Dear Santa,
I like presents. Does Rudolph's nose really light up? I have been helping my mom and dad a lot this year. I hope it snows on Christmas day. Would you please bring me a G. I. Joe Mountain Climber and a toy Christmas tree and a dirt bike? I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Trenton Fields

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a make-up box and a number book. I would also like a Barbie doll. I have been very good this year.
Love,
Alexis Kosechata

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I have been good. How is the North Pole? I would like a doll with a bunch of clothes. I would also like a Barbie Rapunzel that is my size. I love you.
Love,
Cari Weinheimer

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. I will bake you some special Christmas cookies. Will you please bring me a collector's doll?
Love,
Caroline Herndon

Dear Santa,
I hope you are getting ready to ride in the big red sleigh. Would you please bring me a Spiderman movie and a Spiderman city with bad guys and a stuffed tiger and the Power Puff Girls movie.
Love,
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? I want some pink cowgirl boots and clothes.
Your friend,
Megan

Dear Santa,
We have our Christmas tree up and stockings. I want a Care Bear Barbie shop with my cash register.
Love,
McKenna

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas. Will you please bring me a hotwheels track called hotwheels octoblast?
Your friend,
Blain

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas. And by the way I want jewelry. I really want hausa shoes.
Your friend,
Shaunna

Dear Santa,
I want a baby turtle for Christmas. At my Aunt Barbies house Foxy has a stocking. Will you get her a present?
Your friend,
Cheyene

Dear Santa,
We are getting redy for Christmas. I want new house shoes. I want some makeup. I want a radio.
Love,
Katelin

Dear Santa,
Is yor sleigh big enough for all those toys? Well I want a 70,000 dollar bill for my mom and dad.
Chase yor elf

Dear Santa,
You don't have to give me all of this but first thing I have to get is a karaoke machine and then I would like a game boy color and please would you give my mom and dad a Suburban of their dreams and a Diva star and some of her cloths and I would like som cloths for myself and please give my brother a air plane toy and my other brother would like a baby toy and my sister would like a toy kitty that acts like real and one more thing I would like is jewelry with a jewelry box I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Amy

Dear Santa,
I want a little black lab puppy. I want a gameboyadvace. I would like a hamster for Christmas. How is Rudolf and the other reindeers doing? Are your elfs working good? Santa do you think I could see you on Christmas day?
Your friend,
Brody

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas. We have a new house so I hope you get the right house. I like Christmas and I bet other people do. I would like a juke box, a disco ball, and a game boy advance game that is called Tony Hawk pro skater 4.
Your friend,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I can't wait till Christmas and go to my dad's house. I hope the reindeer are ready to fly. I bet those elfs are workin hard. I think Mrs. Claus is making you food probly Santa can you wake me up when you are about to go to the next house. Well I will probly see you when you come to my dad's house.
Love your little friend,
Caleb

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas. What I want this year is a CD player and a hamster and everything that it needs and a rabbit and everything it needs and a real cell phone with easy games on it and a new train for my little brother and jewelry for my mom and a new Dallas Cowboys T-shirt and a candycan and jewelry that is all Thank you.
Your friend,
Mace

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas. How are the elfs doing? I hope good. I wish I had a motorcycle that I could ride and a toy one with a man that can do tricks.
Your friend,
Brady

Dear Santa,
I just want to ask you if Rudolph is real? Because I want to see him some day. And I also want to see Donner-Blitzet-Commet-Cupid-Dasher-Dancer too. And when you get to my

house better watch out! Because Chester the dog will bark at you. And please give him some presents too.
Love,
Lane

Dear Santa,
How are your elv's doing? I was wanting a portable radio.
Your friend,
Kylar

Dear Santa,
I would like a pool table, please and a robot. The last thing I want is for my family to be together.
Your friend,
Jesse

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bratz and a bratz car. I want some more cars too. So how are the reindeer? Mr favorite reindeer are Dancer and Blitzen. I want a barbie with a motorcycle and I want a remote control p. t. cruiser.
Love,
Keeli

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher, Dancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupit, Donder and Blitzen and Rudolph? How is the weather? I want a remote control boat that goes 600,200,000 mph.
Thank you,
Johnathon

Dear Santa,
I want a game cube. I want a puppy so I have some one to play with. I want a black Game boy advance. I want my family to be together because my favorite thing about Christmas is being with my family. I want my family to be together. I want my step sister and step brother to be home for Christmas. I want a toy bowling ally. I want a neckless for my sister. I want a bull dog and a big cat. I want a little toy for my cousin. I want a big ster cow for my step dad.
By, Chris Homen

Dear Santa Claus,
how are you? Are you getting redy for Cristmas Eve? I want a bunch of stuff for Christmas! Like a stuffed zebra! Because I lost mine when we went on vacation. This is a thing that I want bad! The movie Spirit Stallion

of the Cimmaron! I also want a hit clip! I also want a My Scene Barbie doll called Madison! Then I want a chalk board so I can play school with my little sister! With markers!
Love,
Neva Marie Corley

Dear Santa,
I want a Reindeer that can fly high in the sky and his name is Rudolph. I also want a dog that is a chihuahua that is white and brown and that is small that name is Masy. A remote control boat that can go 500 miles per second and a foot ball. I would like a sled with 50 dogs and a puppy on the back of it, a pool table, and a horse that can go fast. I would like a game boy with lots of games and CD's for my playstation.
Thank you,
Kevin

Dear Santa claus,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? Can I have new boots so I can work with my dad and spurs so I can ride my horse? And the last thing I want is a bow and arrow so I can buck hunt.
Love,
Taylor

Dear Santa,
I would like a Hacky sack, a playstation 2, Spiro 3 Enter the Dragonfly, and a mother Spiro game, please bring a Ratchet and Clank, a remote control hackey and soccer. I want a ping pong and a pool table, bowling alley and a snow saucer.
Love,
Trent

Dear Santa Claus,
Happy Christmas. I want a jeep and a baby. We have a

lot of snow this year. My dad has your phone number. How is the North Pole? I wish I could go to the North Pole. How are the reindeer?
Love,
Kattie Davis

Dear Santa,
Is it cold up at the north pole? Is it snowing a lot up there, well it's snowing a lot down here too. How are the reindeer? I got my house decorated. This is what I want, a spider-man web shooter that shoots a real web.
Love,
Josh

Dear Santa,
I would like the game twister. I would like twister because it doesn't have many parts that go to it. Why I want a game that does not have many pieces is 'cause I can't keep track of many pieces. It would be good to play when friends come over. You might not be able to do what I'm going to ask...next is to let the war end.
Love,
Bekah

Dear Santa,
I would like a diva doll. I would like a Cindy lou doll off the Grinch. I would like a ken doll. Please bring me a game boy. Oh please bring me the kitten in the Albuquerque pets Mart. He is black and white. He is in a big cage. I really like the kitten. Please, please please.
Thank you,
Cheyenne

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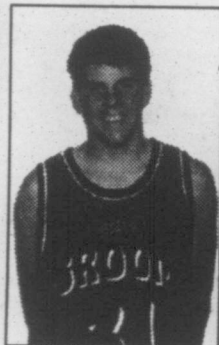
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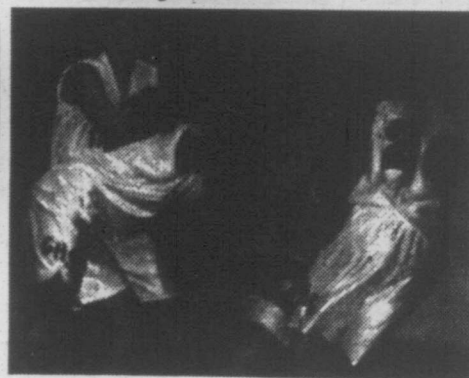
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Greg & Dena Lambert



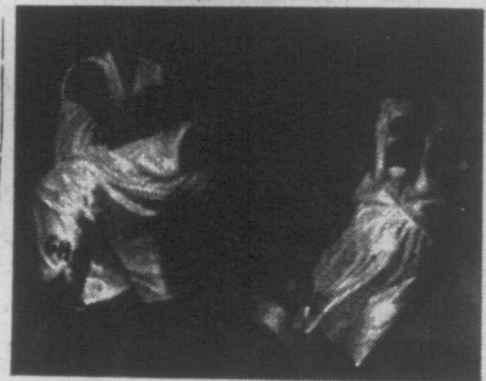
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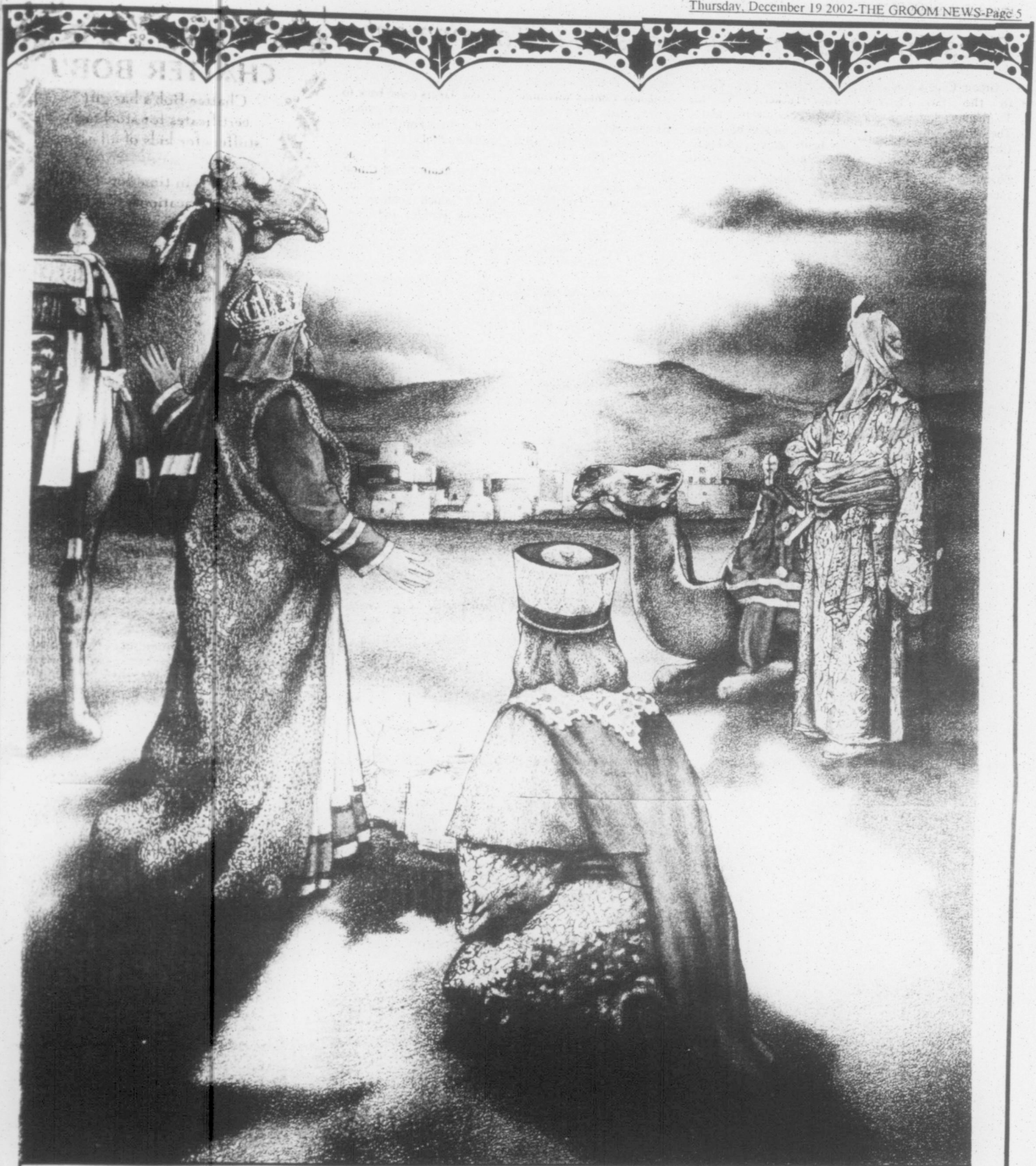


Lance Ollinger



Doug Fields





Star of Wonder, Star of Night

As we rejoice in the miracle of Christmas, let us give thanks for the message of love, faith and hope that was discovered in a manger so long ago. May a feeling of peace stay with you throughout the year, and may you and yours revel in a joyous holiday season.

The Directors and Employees Of
The State National Bank Of Groom
Member FDIC

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
How is your reindeer up there in the North Pole? It must be cold up there. Santa I want a new dog and a new cat too. I want a baby sister and a new bike too. I want a Christmas tree.

Love,
Sophia Mae Leven

Dear Santa,

I want a microphone that has a petal at the bottom that can clap and laugh. I want a hacky-sack, basketball net, motor sleigh, a diary with keys, a yo-yo. Please bring me a pair of ice skates, a Nintendo with games for it. Please bring me some dress up clothes like my cousin

light up?
Cady Wilson and a baby puppy, a real one. How are you reindeer? How are you? Does Rudolph's nose really Love, Hali



Merry Christmas To Our Friends Near And Far Hope Your Holiday Is The Best Ever!

Herbert & Annie Hoyt

MANY MERRY WISHES

We hope Santa brings everything you're hoping for. Have a blessed and fulfilling holiday.

Thanks for dropping in this year.

Groom S & H Grocery

Sharlene, Jimmy, LaVonda, Tammy, Marcia, Lainie, Laurissa, Penny, Howell, Michael & Jeremy



Abundant Holiday Joy

Although the weather is getting colder, My heart is cheered by your friendship and love through out the years. God Bless you all at this Holy time of year!

Bobby Cornett



Joy to the World

Sing out with joy and love this holiday season, just as we're singing the praises of our many good friends.

The Homer's
Joe, Barbara, Daryl, Robert, Stan, Tony, Conner & Zack

May you all have a very Merry Christmas
Nathan, Sherri & Maddie Wieberg

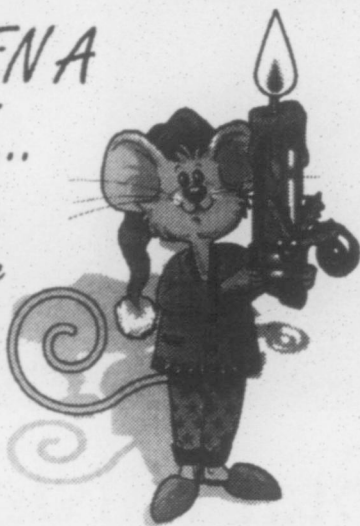
Pile On The Cheer!

Here's wishing you a big stack of holiday greetings and a season that brings you much joy and happiness.

Merry Christmas to All,
Helen Witt

NOT EVEN A MOUSE...

Can resist getting into the Christmas spirit!



We hope this holiday season is the brightest and merriest yet. Thank you for your valued business.

IPM

Dale, Tammy, Brittany & Haley Kuehler

From our house to your house, may the spirit of Christmas be with you now and throughout the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ashford

Wishing you love, happiness, peace and joy throughout the Holiday Season. Merry Christmas to all.

Jack & Juandell Bivens

FILL'ER UP WITH CHEER

Because good customers are at such a premium these days, we're extra grateful for your loyal support.

R & L Fuel, Inc.
Bonny, Linda & David



May the joy, love, and peace of Christmas be yours throughout the year to come.
Al Aboard

The Holy Season is here. May it bless each of us with love and joy.
Earl & Vonnie Barker

May our wonderful God bring to each of you His love and His blessings, too! Have a joyous and prosperous New Year.
Rose, Juan, Antonio & Stephen Lopez

May the spirit of the Christ Child strengthen and brighten your life and bring you countless blessings.
Wayne & Adela Kotara

Season's Greetings from #9 Primrose Place, Amarillo, Texas 79106.
Glynn D & Sybil Harrell

May your heart and home be filled with peace and happiness this holiday season and throughout the New Year.
Irma Ray Rutherford

May there come to you at this Holiday time an abundance of precious things of life: Health, Happiness and Enduring Friendships.
Points West

DECK THE HALLS
With Love and Laughter!

Wishing you and your family every happiness this holiday season.

Ronny, Linda, & Shannon Fields
Kim & Joe Rae Richardson
Brady, Roni Michelle,
Mason & Ginna Miller

Glory to the Newborn King

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2: 10

Spread the good tidings of Christmas.
Bill & Georgann Hinson

WISHING YOU THE Happiest of Holidays

Wishing You The Happiest of Holidays You've helped make this past year everything we wished it would be.

Melvin & Sue Wells
Floyd, Lorie & Logan Wells
& Theresa Wells

HOME ON THE RANGE
There's nothing better than being home with family and friends, during the holidays.

Happy Holidays & Best Wishes

Carson County Judge's Office
Lewis W. Powers, Judge & Staff

This brings a prayer at Christmas time that God will always bless your home and you and those you love with lasting happiness.
Jim & Donna Burton

WARMEST WISHES

May the spirit of Christmas keep you warm all season long...and the happy glow of holiday joy stay with you throughout the year. Your business...and friendship...mean the world to us. Thanks.

West Texas Gas, Inc.

Donald, Robert, Joel, Judy, Kevin, & Al

Christmas On The Farm.

A very happy holiday to all our good neighbors. Thank you for putting your trust in us.
Farmer's Equipment

Bill, Jan, Lee, Tony, Joe & Desi

It was on that night His miraculous birth took place. Let's hold this Holy time close to our hearts now and forever.

BRITTEN SUPPLY
Tom & Doris

Members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Wish You A Merry Christmas

Seasons Greetings

Wishing all a blessed Christmas with gifts of love and laughter and peace unending.
Cleo Nix

May beauty of the holiday season be with you and yours throughout the coming year.
Jean Morrow

May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, it's friendships stronger and it's hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.
Jack & Bettye West

The Shining Spirit of Christmas

Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmastime: the birth of our Savior and His message of eternal life. We hope you enjoy a happy and holy holiday.
John & Janice Koetting



PEACE TO YOU AND YOURS AT CHRISTMAS
A.J. & Leona Newsom
& Bunny York

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Bobby & Stephanie Shields

May God Bless Your Home This Holiday Season

Wherever you live, may you be visited by faith, love and good fortune in the year to come.

Troy, Kim,
Jessica
& Brandi

Christmas-what a beautiful season! - Jesus-what a loving Savior! As we think on all He's done for us, may we become all He wants us to be! May His blessings and love be yours this Christmas and in the new year.
John & Patsy Fraser

Joy to You and to Those You Love! Glynda Eschle in Lubbock; Darron and Brandi Eschle, Madison, Bailey and Leighton from Flower Mound; Erin Kate and James Wolf, Elysa, Camden and Keston from Austin and Jason Eschle in Dallas.

Share The Joy!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Al & Agnes Homer

Expressly For You At Christmas

As Christmas draws near, we wish you a season filled with heartwarming memories as you celebrate with those near and dear to you.

We want you to know that your patronage means a lot to us, and we're proud to have you as our customer.
Thanks, folks!

The Friemel Brothers
Gary, Mike, Joe, Richard,
Shane, Travis,
& Marla

Joy to the World

The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.
-Joy to the World-

God Bless You & Your Family,
First Baptist Church
of Groom



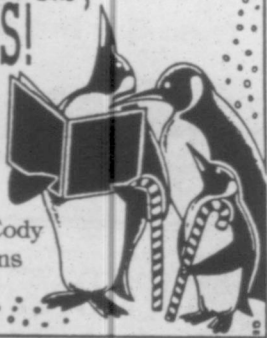
May the Blessing of This Holy Season Be with you the whole year through!

Due to my health, I will not be sending
Christmas Cards this year.
Merry Christmas To All
Bertha Knight

GREETINGS, FRIENDS!

Our very best wishes
to you and yours
this holiday season.

Mark, Tammy, Cody
& Magan Bivens



a Savior is Born

*"And she brought forth her
firstborn son, and wrapped him
in swaddling clothes, and laid
him in a manger." - Luke 2:7*

May you keep the spirit of
Christmas in your heart
all year round.
We are thankful for your continued
support and look forward
to serving you in the new year.

All The Crew At
Stop N Shop
Texaco



*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*
The Max Wade Family

*May you and yours be
blessed with the peace of
this season of joy and love.*
Kenny & Linda Babcock

Peace at Christmas



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the
heavenly host praising God, and saying, glory to God in
the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- Luke 2:13-14

Wishing you a blessed holiday.

Mike, Marla, Macie, Wyatt,
Lainie & Caroline Britten

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

To Our Friends & Neighbors

Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the
company of loved ones, good fortune and peace.
Thanks for your support and friendship.

Larry, Karen
& Shye Brown



Magical Christmas Greetings

May your holiday come alive with beautiful
sounds and memories.

Irene Kotara



CHRISTMAS Is In The Air!

It's just days before Christmas and all through the town,
We see happy people; not even one frown.
It's great to see folks who show so much care
For their friends and their neighbors - today it's so rare.
So we'd like to thank you this time of the year
For all of the memories we hold so dear.
As customers, as neighbors, you all mean so much
To us, your community and all whom you touch.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Attebury Grain, Inc

Bob, Tony, Judy, Corkey, Javier, Bobby,
Dwayne, Linda, Russell, Cesar, Daniel, & Mike

The Greatest of Gifts

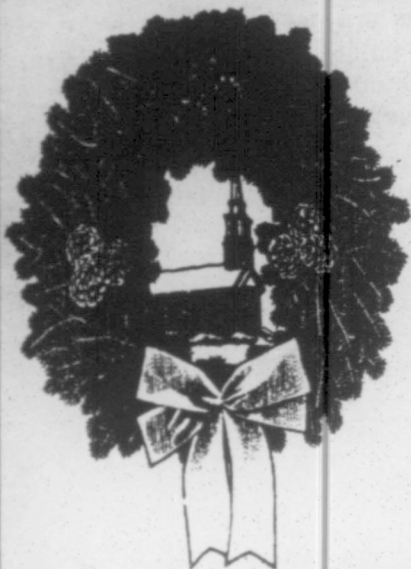
It is at this time of year that the gift
of God's love is fully realized.
This Christmas, share the greatest of gifts-
Love, not just with those you know and care for,
but everyone you meet.

Bless you for your kindness throughout the year.

Merry Christmas.

Great Plains
Crop Services

Tim, Tammy, Tyler,
& Tanner Case





As we bask in the light of His love, let us remember the ever-inspiring message of that first Christmas. May the warmth of the holiday bring you joy.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Ashford's
Jenny, Pam, Nick, Tami, Cassie & K'Leigh

**NO
NO
EL**

Enjoy the season and all that it brings!

We wish you a wonderful holiday and thank you for all the little things.

*David, Lanna,
& Brody Brown
Chris & Amy
Williams*

*Christmas Greetings and
Best Wishes!*
Jess & Dorothy
McMullen

*To our Friends in
Groom: We wish each of
you a Happy and Joyous
Holiday Season.*

*The Robert Cole
Family*

*May the happiness of
Christmas be in your heart
to stay, to brighten all your
moments long after
Christmas day.*
Katie Talley

*May the spirit of
Christmas abide with you
throughout the coming
year.*
Doris Kuehler

*May you and yours
enjoy the spirit of the
season which is peace,
hope, & love.*
Sybil Brown

May your holidays
be the best ever...

Bronco & Alice Kuehler & Family



**Merry Christmas
From Our House to Yours!**



*Dean & Donna
Burger*



**It's Beginning
To Look A Lot
Like Christmas!**

*Opportunity's knocking
And we'd just like to say,
Hope your season is perfect
In every way.*

*May it open the door,
For good tidings and cheer —
Merry Christmas to all
And a joyous New Year.*

*Brent, Bea, Michael,
& Michele, Stephens*

REJOICE



*Merry Christmas
& A Glorious New Year*

SCHOOLER
FUNERAL HOME

IT'S CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM



*May a circle of family, friends and
happiness surround you during this
magical season.*

*We send our fondest holiday wishes to
you and your family with appreciation
for your patronage.*

**Hansford
Implement Co.**
Pampa, Tx

Christmas Greetings

Let us rejoice in the glow of a warm and loving Christmas season.
Don & Karen Case

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you now and always. Have a wonderful holiday season.
Rick, Sharon, Jason & Tammy Prather

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!
Dennis & Kristi Cockrell



Peace Be With You

May you enjoy God's gifts during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year!
Best Wishes To You All,

Keith, Shirley & Stacy Fields
Matt, Aimee & Laurel Fields

Santa's Watching You!

So You Better Have A Great Holiday Season!

David & Diane Bruso



SWEET TIDINGS TO YOU

Hope your holiday is filled with lots of sweet surprises. Serving you has been a real treat for us.

MONTE, SANDI & CODY SCHAFFER



Christmas is a journey of the heart, bringing peace and happiness to all. May Christ, whose birth we celebrate, Bless you and those you love with peace and happiness.
LaVesta Barnett

HO...HO...HO...
We know...know...know...

You've Been Good -- Especially To Us!

We're filled with cheer, thinking of the past year and how we couldn't have succeeded without your trust and support.

Wishing you bundles of joy at Christmastime. We hope your season delivers everything you've ever wanted.

Thank you for your kind patronage

Richardson Custom Baling
Joe Rae & Kim Richardson & Terry Timmons



May you have the Spirit of Christmas, which is Peace; the Gladness of Christmas, which is Hope; the Heart of Christmas, which is Love.
Kenneth & Betty Black



In keeping with the spirit of the season, celebrate with friends and family and please accept our sincere thanks for your support.

Happy Holidays!

Keith's Automotive
Chatter Bob's
Keith, Kathleen & All The Crew!

In This Season of Enlightenment

In This Season of Enlightenment Like a candle burning brightly, God leads us in the right direction. May you enjoy a blessed holiday.

Amos & Loretta Britten

It's A Wonderful Life

...When You Live In This Town!

We're proud to be part of this fine community and are thankful for the many good neighbors we've come to know.

From all of us, to all of you we send our very best wishes this holiday season.

THE CITY OF GROOM

Joe Homer, Ellis Stapp, Don Case, Forrest McLaughlin, W.H. Ollinger, Chris Welch, Mary Sue Lyles, Donnie Evans, Louis Leven, & Donna Burton



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Christmas Greetings
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Happy
Holidays!

Merry
Christmas



Tony, Tina, Brady & Christy Painter

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best wishes for a happy holiday.

Darrell, Charlotte, C.J.
& Dara Whatley

Away
In a
Manger



Let each of us
remember His
message of peace,
love and goodwill to
all this Christmas
season.
Have a holy and
happy holiday.

BILL & NORMA JEAN
HOMER

Season's Greetings

"With a golden joy in a silver
mirth,
Thank God for life!"
-James Thomson; Life, Love and You

One of our greatest joys at Christmas is the
opportunity to express our gratitude,
appreciation
and best wishes to friends like you.

Circle B Meat Company
Bill & Linda Bohr, Leon & Mary Bohr
And All The Family


Season's
Greetings

May the Prince of Peace
bring love and joy to you
and yours this blessed
Christmas season.
W.H. & Evelyn Ollinger

FELIZ
NAVIDAD

MUCHOS
GRACIAS,
AMIGOS!

Bobby & Judy
Babcock



This year we're trimming our tree with

JOY
LOVE
PEACE
FAITH
HAPPINESS
FRIENDSHIP

We hope your holiday is enriched with these same treasured gifts.
Thanks for your kindness and support.

Dav's Tire Service
Dav, Tom, & Luke

E.M.S. PRAYER

As I perform my duty Lord
Whatever be the call,
Help to guide and keep me safe
From dangers big and small

I want to serve and do my best
No matter what the scene.
I pledge to keep my skills refined
My judgement quick and keen

This calling to give of myself
Most do not understand,
But I stand ready all the time
To help my fellow man

To have the chance to help a child
Restore his laugh with glee.
A word of thanks I might not hear
But knowing is enough for me

The praise of men is fine for some
But I feel truly blessed
That you oh Lord have chosen us
To Serve in E.M.S.

Merry Christmas !
Groom Volunteer
Ambulance Service

John Bohr, Donald Burgin, Scott Fields, Louis Leven,
Sabrina Leven, Jason Prather, Sharon Prather, Rick
Prather, Brent Stephens, Doug Kling, Kerry Jenkins,
Charlotte Whatley, Skye Brown, Todd Gray, Dewayne
Gray and Daniel Treadwell



Magical
Christmas
Greetings

May your holiday come
alive with beautiful
moments and memories.

Norris and
Allie Hoyt



"And she
brought forth
her firstborn
son..."

May your holiday nurture a feeling of joy that lasts throughout
the year,
and may it be filled with loving friends and all that you hold dear.

Heartfelt best wishes from our family to yours.
We appreciate your loyal support.

Mary's Restaurant
James & Carolyn Moranic

Merry Christmas Y'all

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High Speed Chase Ends With Gray County Deputies Shooting Out Tires

Gray County deputies and area DPS officers were forced to shoot out the tires of a stolen vehicle during a high speed chase.

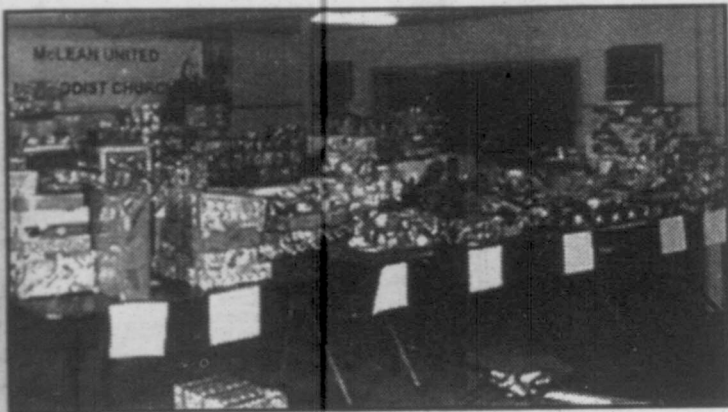
The chase began just after 9:30 a.m. when a Georgetown man, James Andrew Dornwell, driving a 2003 Chevrolet pickup stole gas from a Shamrock station. Deputies attempted to stop Dornwell, but he fled the scene.

When the chase moved onto Interstate 40, deputies were joined by Department of Public Safety officers and

the pursuit reached very high speeds and quickly became very dangerous. As the chase neared McLean, deputies made the decision to shoot out the tires after attempt to put out stop strips failed. When the pickup was stopped, Dornwell was taken into custody without further incident. He is currently being held for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest in the Wheeler County Jail on \$4000 bond. No officers were injured in the chase.



Local children visit and get their picture made with Santa at Bank of Commerce



Editorial

McLean Has The Christmas Spirit

For the five years I have lived in McLean, I have been amazed at the generosity of this small community.

This week I received a letter from a man who lived in McLean many years ago. He had noticed Ben Reeves' article on the shelter given to travelers during our snow storm. Mr. Lockridge wrote a letter of praise to the Route

66 National Historic Federation praising the McLean and Groom communities. He also sent me a copy of the letter. There are so many clubs, individuals, and businesses that work hard to make this a better place to live. It is never more noticeable than at Christmas. Everyone pitches in and makes sure that it is a blessed time or

year for even the most disadvantaged among us.

This year, the Angel Program provided at least five or six very nice presents for over forty children. The PTA provided soaps and toiletries. The school children collected canned goods to be given to Loaves and Fishes. The Boy Scouts

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FFA Competes At Clarendon College



Pictured Left to Right: Trent Cadra, Mitch Steward, Sandi Anderson. The Ratio Team placed second.

Once again, FFA members are working hard to bring McLean the recognition it deserves. For the past few weeks, members have been working on events that they competed in Saturday, November 16, on the Clarendon College campus.

The quiz team consisted of Nick Odom, John

Haynes, Mitchell Steward, and Kevin Smith. They had to study parliamentary procedure and the FFA manual and take a quiz of a one hundred questions. They placed fourth in district, but will not be advancing on to area.

Trent Cadra, Sandi Anderson, and Mitchell Steward competed in Farm Radio. They had to write a

script for a radio broadcast and then hide behind a curtain and present it into a microphone to a judge. Out of the nine teams that competed from our district, our team received second place, and competed in the Area I contest, November 23, at Clarendon College. The Radio Team received 7th place out of 12 districts.

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