



By Nanalee Nichols
'So many memories'

While we have been holding our Christmas Memories contest, we have read lots of good stories. We have also heard many stories from people who haven't taken the time to actually write them down, or are too shy to do so.

Christmas is so filled with memories. Some are wonderful, some are sad, some can even be really disturbing. Something about the season always sets us to looking back as well as anticipating the upcoming new year.

One lady at a party recently recalled a Christmas where she did not get as much for Christmas as usual. She remembered being really upset because she had tried so hard to be good. What she didn't realize was that her aunt and uncle usually came on Christmas eve, and they contributed heavily to the gift giving. When they arrived the next afternoon she was thrilled that THEY thought she was good, even if Santa didn't.

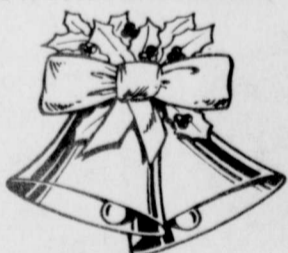
Another woman remembered a Christmas as one of the best ever because of the teasing and joking that went on, and the fact that she received a locket and bracelet that she especially wanted. When she mentioned that it was a special Christmas years later her mother was amazed. "That was one of the poorest Christmas years we ever had" she exclaimed.

Others recalled the sorrow of a Christmas when a loved one was dying, or that sad holiday season when for the first time someone special was forever missing from that Christmas gathering.

But even those memories, though touched with sadness, are precious.

So I conclude that the best Christmas present comes without wrapping paper, without gift card, without financial cost. Christmas Memories are there within us all, their only price that tiny tinge of sadness.

Without the memories of Christmas past, the Christmas present would have so little meaning! So do your remembering....and don't forget to make some more memories to recall in the future!



Merry
Christmas

1st Presbyterian Church to hold Christmas Eve Service

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Deport on Thursday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend this special Christmas Eve service of worship, Holy Communion and the Passing of the Light.

Make this the highlight of your Christmas season!

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Christmas comes alive with nativity scenes

By Liz Irwin

As you step into the home of Robbie Boren on Highway 1502 in the Red Oak community, you are quickly drawn to the many figurines that are placed throughout each room. But around Christmas time, her home is filled with clusters of nativity scenes in various shapes and sizes. The figurines line the shelves, under and around the Christmas trees and other nooks and crannies.

It is a chore to unpack them each year but she gets enjoyment from seeing them anew. With a total of around 63 or 64 nativity scenes to unwrap and unpack each Christmas season, it is like meeting an old friend again.

She started in 1981 collecting with her first one coming from her oldest daughter Leslie Martin. Leslie painted the ceramic set in her teen years and Robbie gives it a special place on the mantle each year. They mushroom from there and her collection has grown from year to year. Her children and grandchildren have helped her with her collection over the years. They will see one that they think she will enjoy and pick it up for her. Robbie says that price does not have a lot to do with her collection. She has some that are quite expensive and others that have come from flea markets or other inexpensive places. Her latest scene came from her 6 year old grandson Chase Hunold. The school held a Christmas bazaar for the children to do their shopping last Friday and Chase found a small, inexpensive, miniature nativity scene for his grandmother and just knew she had to have it. She placed it on her window over the kitchen sink with several other miniatures.

Her most unusual one has two baby Jesus', but no Mary. She ordered it through the mail and when it came in, it had two babies but no mother. Robbie decided to keep it and not send it back and she enjoys the looks from folks when she asks them what they see different about this one.

Robbie also has two animated scenes. One is noise activated with a waterfall. When the dog barks or someone talks near it, it comes on, complete with light and carols. The other is a larger scene which winds up and music plays and the characters move around the area.

She has a smaller wooden set with the figures 8-10 inches tall carved. She purchased these from Tinsel and Tidings last year and went back this year and purchased a larger set that stand around 2-3 feet. She placed it on the front porch and it is a most unusual grouping.

A small Christmas tree in one of the spare bedrooms is totally Hallmark ornaments and nativity scenes. She began collecting them and they offer different pieces each year and she hopes to collect all of the pieces.

On the piano is several different types from various cultures. There is an Eskimo scene complete with polar bears and fur coats and hoods. The African scene denotes the colorful costumes of the area and dry, barren land. The American Indian nativity scene is most unusual with the character dressed in leathers and beads and baby Jesus as a papoose.

Robbie also collects the Dreamscapes and Precious Moments pieces. Quite a collection resides in a glass curio cabinet. Most of these are numbered pieces she has ordered. She also has a lighted Precious Moments set that is around 12 inches high and was given to her by her grandchildren Chase and Jordan Hunold last year.

She purchased the grandchildren stocking mantle hangers from the dollar store. Each one depicts Mary and Joseph and holds the children's stockings. She even has a nativity throw that resides on the couch. Small miniatures are placed throughout the house on window ledges, small tables and any space that is available.

Robbie not only collects nativity scenes, but is also an avid collector of the "Denim Days" that is put out by Home Interior. She has one curio

cabinet that is nothing but these. They depict the different seasons of the year and the various holidays.

She also collects Barbie dolls and has quite an extensive collection. It began with her youngest daughter Carla. When she was younger, she enjoyed the dolls and began her collection. Now each year they purchase the newest Barbie's that come out for the granddaughters as well. This year is the last of a series of eleven.

Robbie is also a very "crafty" person. She participates in the Prairiland summer programs each year and also has served as a judge for the Christmas Bazaar that Prairiland holds each year in the Home Economics Department. She is currently in the process of doing embroidery work on bedspreads for the grandchildren in the form of a quilt. Each grandchild enjoys a favorite activity and this is what they are centered on.

Robbie and her husband Carl have lived in their home in Red Oak for the past 15 years, moving there from Blossom. They have three daughters. Leslie, the oldest lives "across the pasture", after having built a new home in the area. She is married to Bruce Martin and they have two children. Jonathan is a sophomore at Prairiland and Jennifer is a seventh grader at Blossom.

Middle daughter Leasa and her husband Dale Hunold live down the road and they have two children. Jordan is a freshman at Prairiland and Chase is in Kindergarten at Blossom. Youngest daughter Carla also lives right down the road and is married to Lynn Graham. They have two boys. Tyler is a fourth grader at Blossom and Layton is four years old.

Robbie and Carl are owners of the Blossom Superette and Robbie also works for a home-health company and enjoys her volunteer time she does at the school in Blossom. They are all members of the Blossom United Methodist Church.



SOUND ACTIVATED NATIVITY SCENE—Robbie Boren is pictured with one of her many nativity scenes. This nativity plays Christmas Carols and sets the waterfall in motion whenever a sound is made. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Chili Supper/Concert upcoming at Prairiland

The Prairiland Band Booster Club's chili supper and Christmas Concert will be held December 17.

The chili supper includes hot dogs, desserts and drinks. Serving time is 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Price for the meal is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and five years and under

are free. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Tickets are available from all band members or at the door.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy a good meal and good singing to bring in the holidays.

"Christmas From The Heart" is gearing up for third year

Approaching its third year, Christmas From The Heart will be held again this year at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Bogata and at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport.

Organizers are making plans that will enable people to spend the holiday with friends as opposed to being alone. Last year over 100 people were

served in both communities including workers, guests and carry-out plates. The event is done strictly on a volunteer basis and is open to everyone.

To volunteer, make reservations or request more information contact Wood Funeral Homes at 652-3195; Dave Seber at 652-6052 or Gilbert Arriaga at 652-9255.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

ESKIMO NATIVITY SCENE from Robbie Boren's vast collection.



AFRICAN NATIVITY SCENE from Robbie Boren's collection.

Papers to publish early next week

Due to the Holidays the paper must print early next week.

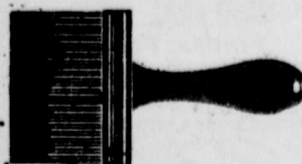
Due to this, all ads, locals, and news must be submitted by Monday.

Anything that comes in after Monday will be included in the next issue of the paper.



Happy holidays to all!

PEOPLE N THINGS



Saturday, December 19

The Pattonville VFD breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m. Eggs, gravy, bacon, sausage and pancakes will be served at an all-you-can-eat price of \$4.00

Monday, December 21

Pattonville VFD will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 28

Pattonville Community Center and VFD will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thurs.-Fri., December 17-18

Prairiland ISD students will have early release days on Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18 at 1:15. Deport and Blossom campuses will release at 1:30. Teachers will return for a workday on Saturday, December 19.

Teachers will return on Monday, January 4, 1999 with students returning on Tuesday, December 5, 1999.



First Place

1998 Christmas Memories Contest

My Most Special Christmas

By Pam Davis

My most special Christmas memory happened when I was 11 years old. December 1964. My brother had polio and part of his treatment was to go to Scottish Rite Hospital regularly for check-ups. That December, his appointment was around the first part of December. Both of my parents, my brother, my two-year old sister and a friend of my Mom's, went to Dallas.

On the way home, as they were going through Sulphur Springs, a car hit them and my Mom and her friend were critically injured. My Mom was in ICU at Baylor Hospital for several days and wasn't released for almost two weeks due to the severity of her injuries.

My Mom was a stay-at-home mother to five children and my Dad worked road construction which is very seasonal. They had only done the barest of Christmas shopping and it didn't appear that there would be opportunity or money to do any more before Christmas time. The rest of us kids were staying with a family friend at home and were very sad that no preparations had been made toward Christmas at all. She took us down

in the woods and helped us to cut a tree and bring it back to our house and we decorated it as only children can.

My Mom's sister and her family bought each of us a gift so there would be something from Santa under our tree on Christmas morning. We were all worried that Santa wouldn't know where to find us as we were not where we were supposed to be. But most of all, we were worried that Mama wouldn't be home for Christmas.

That year I remember two things. I got two Barbie dolls for Christmas, the only thing I can remember asking for, one from my aunt and one from Santa. The other thing I remember is my Mom came home a couple of days before Christmas. Rather worse for the wear, but beautiful to us! It was the most wonderful Christmas in my childhood.

I still have the Barbie that Santa gave me and I wouldn't trade her for anything. I still have my Mom and she's even more special. I'm very thankful that Mom was home with us that day, it wouldn't have been Christmas without her.



Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our featured cook this week is Francis Richeson of Talco. Francis seemed the ideal person to have this week because of her rather large family. She and her husband L.D. have eight children.

Francis and L.D. enjoy their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. (There is a total of 19 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and one on the way!) There is a steady stream of people coming in and out at all times. In her spare time... what little she has, Francis takes time to care for her plants and she has a wide variety of them in and around her home. She also works as a guard at Tumco in Winfield South near Mt. Pleasant.

Her oldest daughter is Sandra Milner of Mt. Pleasant and she has four children.

Ricky Dale Richeson is from Mt. Pleasant and he has four children.

Cynthia Jones of Talco and she is married to Stanley and they have one daughter.

Sheila Keel is married to Troy and they live in Talco and they have a son.

Amanda Jones of Talco and she has two daughters.

Lisa Smith of Marshall is married

with Wade Smith and they have three children.

Mark Wade Richeson has two children.

Joe Dan Richeson is the youngest and he is married to Terrye and they live in Bogata and have two children.

We thank Francis for letting us use her recipes and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we know we will see you in the kitchen!

Jam Cake-is filled with a concoction of just about everything and is delicious!

Icing for Jam Cake is a mixture of sugar and milk and boiled to a soft ball stage.

Red Velvet Cake-this recipe takes a little to prepare but is well worth it!

Icing for Red Velvet Cake-anytime cream cheese is used in a recipe you know it is good.

Giblet Gravy-everyone needs this gravy on turkey and dressing!

Buttermilk Pie-this is one of my favorite pies for anytime of the year!

Turkey-there is a variety of recipes on how to prepare turkey and here is another one!

Dressing-another variety of dressing recipe are available also. Everyone has their way of preparing it!



FEATURED COOK OF THE WEEK-Francis Richeson of Talco is getting ready for the holidays and plans on celebrating with all of her eight children and their families. She is pictured here with five of her eight children. Front row left to right is Amanda Jones, Ms. Richeson and Ricky Dale Richeson. Back row is Mark Dale Richeson, Sheila Keel and Joe Dan Richeson.

Tuesday 42 club meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met with Laverda Westbrook at Mary Alice Enox's home.

Thelma Shelby won high score for members.

For visitors there was a tie, with Janice Nitions and Eunice Erwin winning high score.

A refreshment plate was served. Next meeting will be in January with Myrtle Singleton.



Card of Thanks

Thank you to James Taylor and the Blossom Fire and Rescue Unit for giving us the opportunity to have a Christmas Parade this year. We need more people like you in our community. I'm looking forward to participating again next year. Mary Crouch of Mary Jane's Crafts

Obituaries

Billy Bro Lovelace

Billy Bro Lovelace died at their annual sonville, Florida on November 11, 1998. He was born to Bro and Arlene Lovelace on October 11, 1927 in Childress County, Texas.

Practically all of his schooling was in Blossom, Texas. He graduated from high school at Blossom in 1946. After graduating he volunteered for service in the Air Force where he became a Master Sergeant.

Bill married Aggadine Henders first in Blossom, MS, June 6, 1951.

He is survived by two daughters, Becky and Judy and one son, Bill Jr., one grandson, one sister, Rherron of Paris, Texas and brother, Jim Lovelace of Seymour, Texas. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Inez Hagerman and Rice and his parents, Bro and Arlene Lovelace.

Willard Osmen Bonner dies December 2

Willard Osmen Bonner, age 88, Blossom died Wednesday, December 2 at Cherry Street Manor in Paris. Graveside rites will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 4, Knights of Honor Cemetery in Blossom with Rev. Tom Buck and Rev. Glenn Renfro officiating.

Mr. Bonner was born December 1909 in Omen, TX, a son of J. Osmen and Nellie Blythe Alexander Bonner. He was a graduate of U.S. schools and a member of the United Methodist Church. He was a retired builder and grocer.

He married Kitty Orene Thomas on February 27, 1929.

Survivors include his wife of Blossom; a daughter, Rita Mears of Bedford; two sons, Larry O. Bonner of Sylvan and M.H. Bonner of Bedford; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

Card Of Thanks

To the community of Detroit, I, Amber Tucker, would like to thank everyone who helped support me by personal donations, and those who helped by baking goods for my bake sale, allowing me to go and participate in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Program.

Thanks again everyone in the community of Detroit. May God bless you.

Amber Tucker

December 17, 1998
Richeson Family of Talco

Jam Cake

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 cup sweet milk
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup floured raisins
- 1 cup blackberry jam
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 cup cherries

Bake in 5 layers. Cream eggs and butter well. Add sugar and mix baking powder in sweet milk. Sift flour using large cup. Mix buttermilk and soda and then all other ingredients.

Icing for Jam Cake

- 3 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk

Boil until forms a ball when dropped into cold water

Red Velvet Cake

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1-1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 ounce red food coloring

Combine ingredients and bake in 350 degree oven.

Icing for Red Velvet Cake

- 8 ounce cream cheese
- 1 box powdered sugar
- 1 stick of margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecans-chopped
- coconut-optional

Giblet Gravy

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 stick butter
- giblets
- salt
- pepper
- broth from turkey

Pour flour into skillet of butter. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir in your sliced giblets and add broth. If gravy is to thick add more broth.

Buttermilk Pie

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 6 whole eggs
- 2 sticks butter
- vanilla flavoring

Mix dry ingredients, then milk, butter, eggs and vanilla. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Turkey

Cook turkey and giblets in a large pot until tender. Take from water and butter turkey and bake on low 300 degrees until done. Chop giblets for gravy and set aside.

Dressing

- 1 stalk celery
- 6 onions
- 1 delicious apple
- salt

Combine ingredients and cook on top of stove until tender and set aside. Cook cornbread. Crumble bread in large pan and add black pepper, sage and salt to your taste. Pour in cooked vegetables and broth until very moist. Add chopped eggs and mix well and brown in oven.

Hope all of your Christmas wishes come true and have loads of holiday fun!!

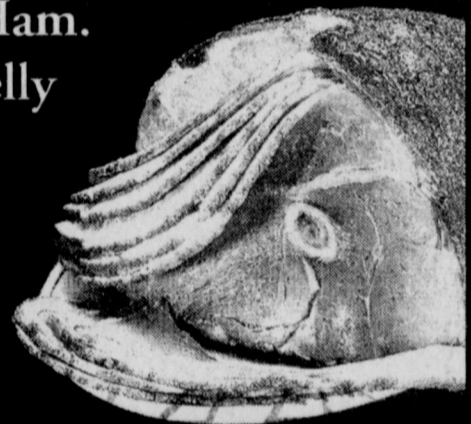
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*New Aces Band will provide music for a New Year's Eve dance at VFW Post 8187 in Bogata December 31, starting at 8:00 p.m. They play music everyone can enjoy. Black eyed peas and cornbread will be served.

Make plans to stay close to home and see the New Year in with your friends and neighbors.



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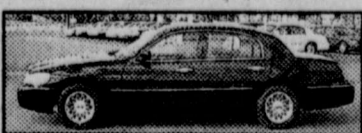
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Fourth annual Baker Reunion held

One again the daughters and daughters-in-law of the late Otto and Hattie Baker of Cunningham have hosted their annual "Slumber Party Reunion." The aunts and girl cousins started off with a meal at Magels' in Paris followed by a memory walk and a "coin-toss" into the famous fountain on the Paris square. The party ended again at Donnie Lewis' at Blossom in Bogata where everyone exchanged their secret pal, exchanged the Air Forristmas ornaments and played Easter Sargeango. Recipes were shared to start the first Baker family cookbook followed by a craft demonstration which was given as a door prize. After many laughs and shared memories, plans were made for the next reunion in 1999.

Those attending were Nell Baldwin of Reno and daughters, Lisa Slagle of Eules and Donna Gifford of Deport, Bea White of Bogata and daughter Vickie Armstrong of Mabank, Ronda Smith of Rowlette and Judy Shew of Mesquite, daughters of the late Margie Byers, Jenita Baker of Pattonville and daughter, Jenissa Stephens of Paris, Donnie Lewis and daughter Donita Lewis of Bogata, Dean Ogden and daughter, Janie Hawkes of Longview, Ann Baker of and daughter Stephanie Packard of Pattonville, and Linda Baker of Paris.

Deport Nursing Home News
By Candy Larkin

Mrs. Johnnie Warren was visited by Virginia Rhoades, Larry Crawford, Candi Larkin, Nanie Bell and Friend, Purna Haydock, Lila and Hali Screws, Barbara Crawford, John and Phebe Allen, Philip and Joyce Love, Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff, Cecil Allen, Evelyn Roach, Angie Wolf, Bessie Garret and Juanita Garret of Blossom.

Viola Barham was visited Donnie, Candy, Donnie II, Chad Larkin, Ella Titsworth, Cecil Allen.

Russell Grant was visited by Nancy and Cristina Murphy and Cecil Allen.

Cletus Thomas was visited Inez Luttrell, Faye Burns, Lucy Cooper, Beall Thomas, Arlene Bryant.

Lucy Blount was visited Ann Sanders, Sheila and daughter Lucy received many Christmas cards to brighten her day.

Audie Reed was visited by Dean and Glenna Watson, Audie received many Christmas Holidays.

Betty Gardner was visited by Pat Talley and friends.

Dean Boulware was visited by Juanita Boulware.

Bill Powers was visited by Ceci Allen, Bonnie Crawford, Ida Lampkin, Barbara Crawford, Bobby Crawford. He received many cards.

Mary Matthews was visited by Faye Burns, Inez Luttrell, Lucy Cooper, Nancy Murphy, Melvinia Dinwiddie.

Roy Wells was visited by Mary Ann Miller.

Jean Burgess was visited by Jake Faulkner, Sharon Conway.

Ina Heddrick was visited by Norma McIntire, Doris Haning.

Thelma Ward was visited by Jenna K. Ward, Sandy Yarbrough.

Sara Gilmer was visited by Marline and Dewey, Suzanne, Don and Kyle, Jill Owens several times this week.

Jo Wrenn was visited by Jo Ann Henson, Wynell Calloway, Nanie Bell Ham, Lila Screws and Becky Proctor.

Alma Montgomery was visited by Monda Fults, Peggy Parsons, Tom Fults and Cecil Allen.

Ada Chaddick was visited Patsy Ham, Christine Basham, Donald Basham and Cecil Allen.

Angie Smith was visited by Ruth Coleman, Dale, Larry, Shirley, Barbara Merchant and Grandson, Heather and Candace Miller, Purna Haydock, Dale Filkins, Smith, Clista and Earl Filkins, Donald and D Lynetta Smith, Ruth Coleman traveled to see her mother from Southaven Mississippi.

Kathleen Goldsberry was visited Tim Woods.

Annie Roberts was visited by Buck Roberts.

Lora Hulsey was visited by Joyce and Phil Love.

Edna Gifford was visited by Kenneth Gifford, Theresa Crawford, and boys, Kenny and Fair Shae, Trey and Cecil Allen.

Lois Dudley was visited by Claudie Dudley, Jerry Dudley, Kenneth Gifford, Roger Dudley of Duncanville.

Brodie Bell and Reecie Kelsey were visited by Martha Glover, Dewayne Glover, Sammy and Suzy Kelsey, Betsy Glover, Peyton Chapman and Marilyn Glover.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Claudie Dudley, Ray Jenson and Cecil Allen.

Virginia Carrell was visited by Donna Vaughn, Angie Allen, Ester Malone, Patricia Symer, Ronnie Carrell, Larry Carell, Ronald and Joann Stewart, Linda Kay, Valarie and Aubrey Vaughn, William Vaughn.

Purna Haydock was visited by Dick Haydock of Deer Park, Philip and Joyce Love of Ft. Worth, Bessie and Juanita Garrett of Blossom, Ceci Allen and Johnnie Warren.

David Geer was visited by William and Ann Geer, Cecil Allen, Purna Haydock, Harold Norris and Phil and Joyce Love.

Edith Franklin was visited by Mary Ann Franklin.

Terry McDowra was visited by Barbara Fambro, Cherry Walker and Sue Salter.

Dortha Elmo was visited by Joann Henson, Wynell Calloway.

Milow Hume was visited by R.A. Norman and wife of Oklahoma and Stasha Hume and Weldon Hume.

Mamie Fletcher was visited by Mike, Lila, Bren, Hali and Kara Screws, Becky Proctor, Jimmy Fletcher and Annie Fletcher.

Ruby Crawford was visited by her son.

Visitors of Raymond and Edith Crawford were visited by Bessie Garrett of Blossom, Juanita Garrett of Detroit, Winnie Steele of Trenton and Bonnie Crawford.

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Milton News

By Mattie Upchurch

Allen and Stacy Huddleston attended a fish fry at the home of Allen's father, Gary Huddleston, Saturday with other family members attending.

Stacy Huddleston visited her grandmother, Mildred Wright, Saturday.

Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby spent the weekend with his mother, Edna Talley.

Freddie and Marsha Burden visited Stacy and Allen Huddleston Tuesday.

Eran and Mary Yoder and Joe and Shannon Barrentine went to Sulphur Bluff Friday night to a ball tournament.

Ann Lee attended the Christmas cookie swap party at the home of Dawn Darden Friday night.

Having dinner with Stacy and Allen

Huddleston Sunday were her parents, Donnie and Laura Wright, Matthew and Lindsey and Jason Anderson and Destiny.

Velma Temple and sister went to Duncanville Sunday to the open house of her nephew, Rick Jaynes new Jaynes Memorial Chapel.

Mary and Eran Yoder attended the open house of tour of homes sponsored by their church at Joe and Shannon Barrentine's.

Allen and Stacy Huddleston attended their Sunday School Christmas party at the First Baptist Church in Deport Thursday night.

Edna Lee, Ruth Johnston and Anita Bowling attended a meeting in Emory Monday night.

Edna Lee has received word her brother, Jim Jaynes, is in the hospital in Paris.



Paige D'Elva Lyon with fiance Jeffrey Jennings Clark

Lyon-Clark to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Lyon of Blossom announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Paige D'Elva Lyon to Jeffrey Jennings Clark.

The wedding will be Saturday, March 6, 1999 at seven o'clock in the evening at Fellowship Baptist Church of Blossom. Dr. L.C. Stout will perform the ceremony.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wall of Paris and Ms. Margie Lyon of Paris and the late Mr. Clem Lyon. She is a

graduate of Prairiland High School and attends Paris Junior College. She is employed by Educare Community living of Paris as Habilitator.

Her fiance is the son of C.J. Clark of Roxtom and Gary and Bonnie Cunningham of Powderly. He is the grandson of the late Mr and Mrs. G.H. Hodnett of Tigertown and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark of Roxtom. He is a graduate of North Lamar High School and is employed by JMAG, Inc. in Chicota.

Bangs is nominated for award

Rhonda Bangs, Home Economics teacher at Prairiland High School, has been nominated for the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers sponsored annually by the Ex-Students' Association and the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin.

137 teachers were nominated by their principals for the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding Teach-

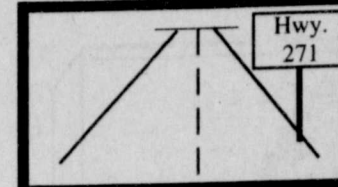
ers. Candidates were nominated based on their exemplary teaching and support of students. Ten nominees will be named in January to receive \$1,000 each and a custom-designed bronze sculpture. In February, the ten honorees will be flown to Austin, courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to attend a conference with professors, teachers and education leaders.

Burglary is Crime of the Week

Crime Stoppers is seeking your help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

Sometime during the night of Tuesday, November 29, unknown suspects forced entry into a home in the 4000 block of S.E. Loop 286 in Paris. Once inside the residence, the suspects stole a television, a Sony Play Station, some cash, jewelry, and many other items. This burglary resulted in lost and damage dproperty

valued over \$4,000.00. If you have any information this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives information by August 24, an arrest and indictment is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-Tips! (785-8477)



PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Nettie Lois Powers, Hattie Hobbs, Connie Hobbs, Helen Temple, Matthew Thompson and John Nash.

Visitors of Bill and Ruby Dee Blevins were Alice Bumgarner of Deport and Mickey Keener of Longview.

Sandy Ring, Heather Anderson, Ashleigh McLean, Ruby Blevins, Sharon Sullivan, Dale and Peggy Crenshaw, James and Katy Winters, Nettie Lois Powers, Kenneth and Linda Craig, Glen and Dorothy Renfro attended church at Bethel Baptist in clardy Sunday where they enjoyed a Christmas program and singing.

John Clayton had angioplasty Monday in Dallas at the VA hospital.

Buster and Louise Crossland visited his sister, Ruby Ray in Blossom Saturday. Brandon Wright of Deport and Howard Higdon and Peggy Parsons were Sunday visitors.

Keith and Peggy Parsons spent last week in Branson, Mo where they

enjoyed the Christmas shows, light and shopping.

Barbara Dawson and Rita Cantrell treated customers of the Pattonville Post Office to customer appreciation day on Tuesday, December 15 with free gifts and refreshments.

Don and Sherry Denison and Kandace have been attending to mother, Ruth Denison of Paris, who had surgery last Thursday at McCuiston Hospital.

Dee Betenbough has returned from Silver City, NM where he has been visiting with his daughter and family since August and receiving treatment at the VA hospital in El Paso.

John Nash of Sanders Cove, Krieger and Leah Boren were visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons.

Barbara Dawson visited her son Tommy Davidson in Lindale during the weekend.

Mike and Mary Bove attended the Kimberly-Clark Christmas party at the Love Civic Center in Paris on Monday.

Foster family holds Christmas gathering

The Foster family gathered for their annual Christmas reunion on December 13.

Those attending were Darlynnne and Richard Nixon, Rockwall; Greg Nix, Rockwall; Lindsey Nix and Jeff Hobbs, Rockwall; Wilt and Carolyn Brown, Hugo, OK; Kenda Foster, Frisco; Ann Foster, Paris; Mattie Bramlett, Paris; Annie Marie Sisk, Daingerfield; James Foster, Paris;

Daniel and Joseph Foster, Paris; Marlin Foster, Deport; Ida Mae and Darold Norwood, Cunningham; Geraldine Patterson, Dallas; Morris, Ginger, Jill and Alison Foster, Bogata; Phyllis Webb, Garland; Lisa Lowan and Kisney, Forney; Steve, Karen and Dakota Foster; Melissa and Boyd Blair, Garland; Del, Zack, John Walker, Paris; Charles and Maxine Foster, Deport.

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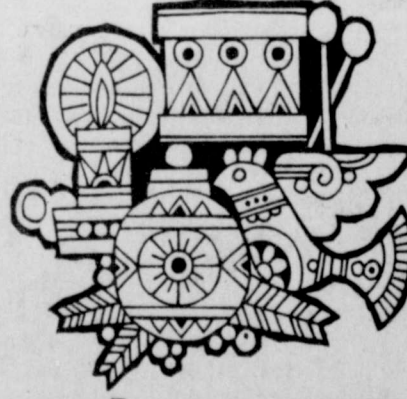
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Northeast Travelers Christmas
The Northeast Club met Saturday Christmas Party. Those attending were: Susie O'Neal-McCraw, James McCarty, Sue Malone, Schroeder of Paris, Hugh and Denise Iso, Anita Davis of...

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Northeast Texas Travelers hold Christmas Party

The Northeast Texas Travelers Club met Saturday, December 12 for Christmas Party. Those attending were: Charles & Susie O'Neal-Mt. Vernon; Wayne & Sally Reed, Clarksville; Curtis Swearingin & Nadine of Mt. Pleasant. James McCarty, Lynn Bell, Buddy and Sue Malone, Herb and Ruth Schroeder of Paris. Hugh and Vicki Jeffus, Tommy and Denise Isom and Sonny and Juanita Davis of Deport.

Deport Locals

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Cindy Talley
652-2954



Jack Baker will celebrate his 84th birthday on December 15.

Norma Jeffus' sister passed away December 10. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Ruth O'Brien and granddaughter Rachael recently visited her cousins, Nina Jo Gantt and Glenna Gooding of Caviness.

The O'Brien brothers of Euless and Mesquite were recently deer hunting at Chicota with their father, Stanley O'Brien on their farm.

Ruth O'Brien received word that her cousin, Louise Keel, age 77 of McMinnville, TN had died. She was the widow of Frank Keel and is survived by several children.

Judy Day and Ruth O'Brien had lunch in Paris recently.

Ruth O'Brien had surgery at Baylor Hospital in Garland on Monday.

Stanley O'Brien received word that his sister is terminally ill in Florida. She was recently visited by relatives.

The O'Briens had a nice visit by telephone with Harold Nelson of St. Petersburg, FL, it had been several years since they had heard from each other.

L.C. Ballard spent the night with the Jack Ballards of Texarkana.

Sam and Bonnie Upchurch returned to Amarillo on Tuesday after several days visit in Lamar County.

Jack, Glenda, Marlena and Jordan Ballard were in Deport on Saturday.

L.C. Ballard visited his brother in Clardy on Sunday.

Visitors this weekend of Sonny and Juanita were Ira and Mary and Larry Norman of Edmond, Ok. and Dwayne and Virginia Rhoades of Deport.

Happy birthday to Gail Rhoades, George Wolf, Mandy George, Melissa Phillips, Chris Chipman, Lawrence Woods, Wayne Williams, Jane Griffis, Joey Francis, Tres Andrews, Edna Hadaway, Delisa Speed, Ruth Denison, Trista Nailing, Avis Dennis, Andrew Elmore, Thelma Shelby, Terry Frazier, Bobby Brooks, Vita Bratton, Russell Riddle, Connie Mac Hobbs, Nettie Lois Powers, Hattie Hobbs, Helen Temple, John Nash.

Happy anniversary to Corene and John Roach, Maxine and Charles Foster, Charla and John Guyon.

Ed Helleny has moved back to Herrin, IL. Kathy Whittle Bice and husband Lee of Dumas have bought his house.

Reba Temple, Virginia Kirkland, Ina and Nina Sparks, Keith and Peggy Parsons were in Branson, MO last week. They enjoyed the Christmas shows, lights and shopping.

Ruth Denison had surgery in McCuiston Regional Hospital last week.

Phyllis Gifford had surgery last week in St. Joseph's Hospital.

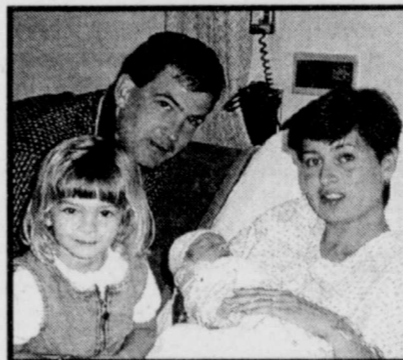
Thomas and Nanalee Nichols had Dicky, Jayne and NeLeigh King as dinner guests Sunday night. They exchanged gifts after the meal.

Visiting with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols on Saturday were Nellie Denman, Lola Plata, Victoria Henry and Maria.

Mike and Mary Bove attended the Kimberly-Clark Christmas party at Love Civic Center in Paris on Monday night.



BLAKE LYON, son of Marisa Lyon of Blossom, celebrated his fifth birthday with a hunting party at the Redbud Ranch on December 13, including a fishing trip and wiener roast. Family and friends celebrating the fun with Blake were Marisa Lyon, Stacy and Donett Lyon, Paige Lyon, Jeff Clark, Ina and Stormy Pricer, Nelson, Mary Alice, Benton and Deanna Cobb, Noah and Lucas Chipman and Valarie and Hunter Harp. A good time was had by all.



DOUG, MONIQUE AND DAUGHTER MCKENSI welcomed Ian Douglas Pennington, 7 1/2 lbs., 20" long on Wednesday, December 2 at North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. Grandparents are Bill and Joyce Pennington and Emilio Rico and Juanita and Joe Graskey of Los Angeles. Great-grandparents are the A.F. Penningtons of Hainesville and the late Pat and Sammie McGill of Deport.

Have you seen an Angel?

The angel tree has arrived at the Clarksville Wal-Mart Store. As you stop by, you may adopt your own angel from the tree and leave your unwrapped gift(s) at the Wal-Mart customer service desk or drop them off at the Clarksville Fire Department. Each angel has been screened for eligibility and the gifts are equally distributed.

Please have all your adopted an-

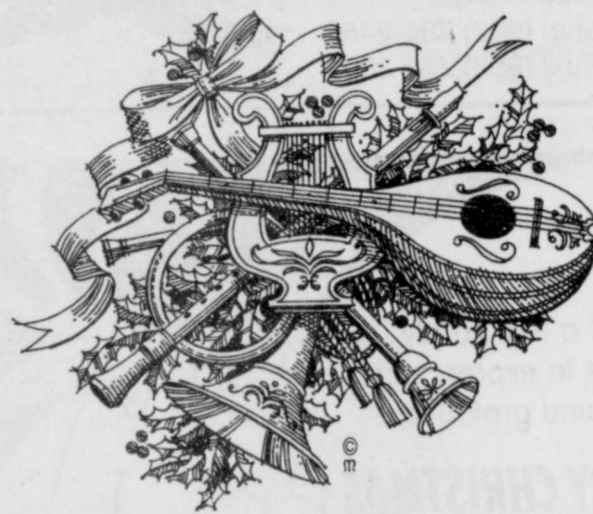
gels gifts returned by December 18. If your schedule does not permit you to shop for your adopted angel, you may send your donation to the Clarksville Fire Department, 300 Pecan Street, Clarksville, TX 75426. Please help spread the word to Red River County families that may be in need of assistance so that their children may have a Merry Christmas. All applications must be in by December 7.

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Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson
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Friday night the ladies of the Cunningham Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party at Jane Glass's home in Rosalie. Those attending were: Jane Glass, Jennifer Barnes, Mendy Cole, Pam Norwood, Lorette Pynes, Melba Baker, Linda Anderson, Wendy Ordorica, Paula Taylor, Ida Mae Norwood, Delorise Norwood, Shelby Kennedy, Pat Norwood, Debbie Gilbert, and guest Karen Francis. The devotional was given by Pam Norwood.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood were in Denton for a Christmas Party with Shelia Norwood this weekend.

Saturday night James (Pete) and L'Wanda McKnight held a Christmas family party. Those attending were: Pete and L'Wanda, Clovis and Donnie Morrison and family, Joe and Emily Morrison and Kyle, Jane O'Neal, Karla, Andrea, Kara and

Arron Palmer, Fran, Johnny, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Murray and Sue Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon and Connie McKnight.

A group from the Cunningham Baptist Church enjoyed a trip to Lindale to see the beautiful Christmas lights on Tuesday.

Velma Cox visited Dora Hester of Paris Sunday.

Debbie Cole and daughter, Shanie, spent the weekend with her parents, Burl Dean and Glenda Watson.

Neal and Ann Baker had Christmas Sunday with Ann's family, the Boyds of Canton. They celebrated the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her sister and husband, Gilmer and Louise Coil that afternoon.

Please call in your local news, many people are depending on YOU to provide them with information about their friends and neighbors.



CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

May this be a season of love and happiness for your whole family!

Virginia & Dwayne Rhodes



Season's Greetings

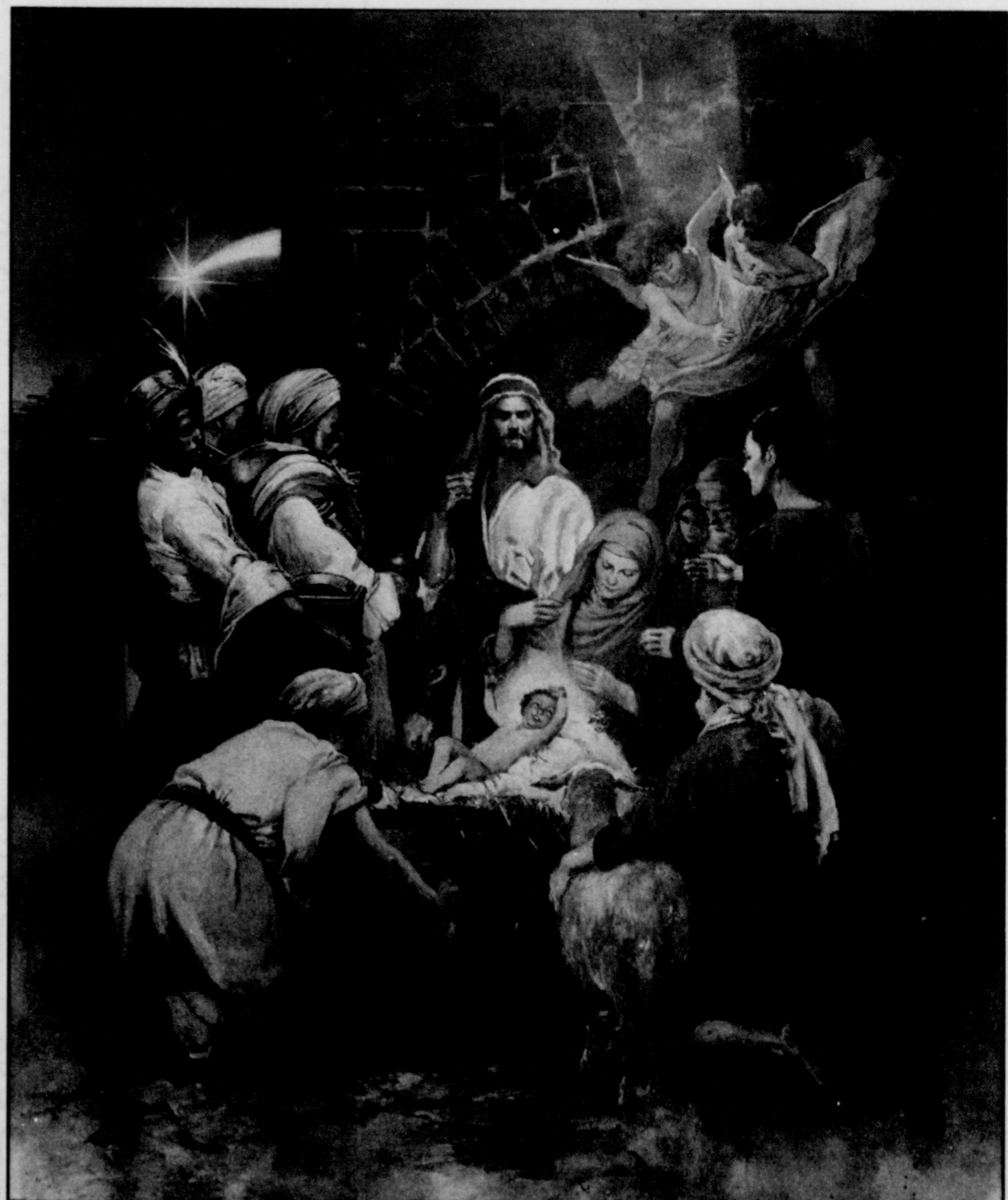
To all those near and "deer" to us, our deep gratitude and warm regards for a joyous holiday season.

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SENIOR STUDENT Sarah Hooke stands behind the canned goods and food items that she collected from the students of Prairiland High School. The canned food drive was a National Honor Society project. In all, 1,014 items were donated to Christians in Action to be distributed to the need. Pictured left to right is principal Ronnie Baker, Ms. Hooke and a representative from Christians in Action.

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Book Dedications for Prairiland High School Library

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National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Rocks and Minerals-in Memory of D.L. Wilson from the Pattonville Baptist Church.

Chicken Soup for the Country Soul-in memory of Ray Byers from the Alvin Malone Family.

The Confession-in memory of Robbie Nell Scudder from Jerry & Dorothy Richey.

King James Reference Bible-in memory of Robbie Nell Scudder, from Rick & Sharon Connot.

Mark McGwire: Home Run Hero-in memory of Robbie Nell Scudder from Dick and Yvonne Gray and Charles and Jenita Baker.

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soull in memory of Becky Dunagan from the Bill Scudder family.

Talking Irish: The Oral History of Notre Dame Football-in memory of Amanda Vandavever from the Pattonville Baptist Church.

Storming Heaven-in memory of Floy Sparks from Charles & Jenita Baker.

The Treasury of American Poetry and The Plains Indians in memory of Jessie Powers from the Pattonville Baptist Church.

The Reckoning -in memory of Floy Sparks from Jerry & Dorothy Richey.

A Tree Within-in memory of Floy Sparks from Barbara McDowra.

Night of the Twisters-in memory of Floy Sparks from Dick and Yvonne Gray.

The Meaning of Flowers-in memory of Bertha Boren from John Henry and Sandra Graves.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May the warmth and wonder of this joyous season embrace you and yours, now and throughout the year.

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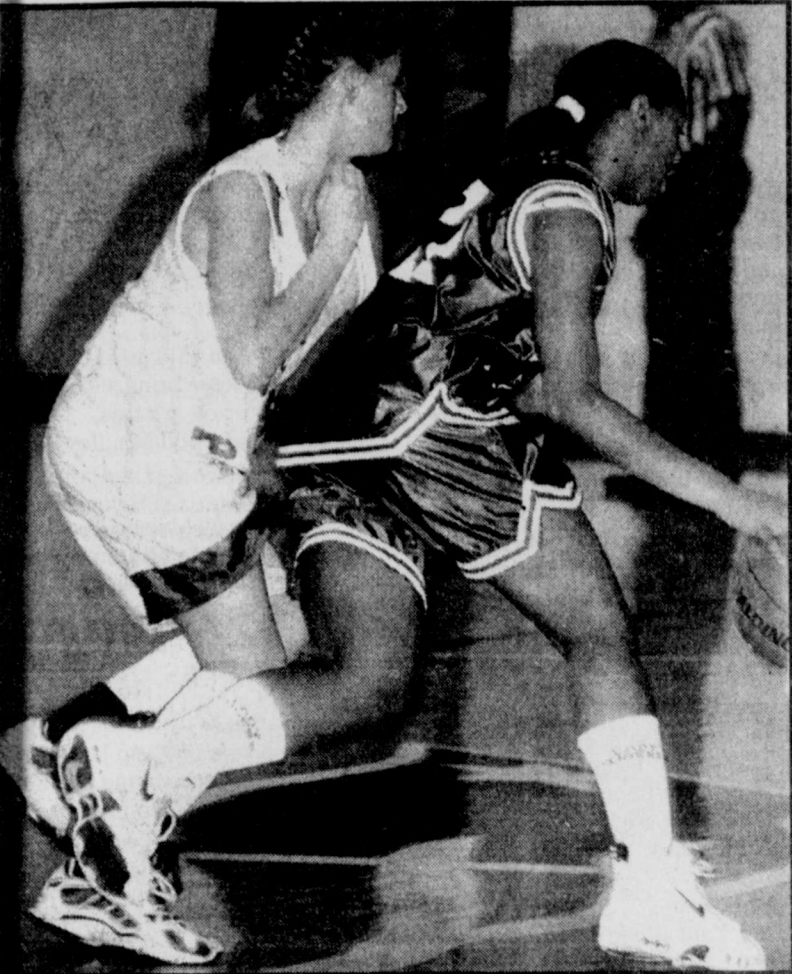
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FRESHMAN KAMI HUDSON is pictured here defending a player in recent basketball action. The girls captured third place in the Cap Herman Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

Prairiland Patriots are 2-1 in season play

The Prairiland Patriots are 2-1 for the season with their first loss coming from Pleasant Grove on December 1st.

The Pats came out sluggish in this game with only ten points in the first quarter while Pleasant Grove slammed the nets with 19.

Second quarter action was not any better as the Pats could only manage 5 points to PG's 17. They went into the half 15-36.

While PG slowed down in the third with only two baskets, the Pats managed two to match them. Fifteen points from PG in the fourth could not be matched as the Pat's Gifford went to the free line 3-4 times and hit for 8 points to be the only Patriot to score in the fourth. The game ended 55-30 Pleasant Grove.

Trey Gifford was high with 20.

Brad Barrentine and Joel Hudson each had four and Daniel Sepulveda had 2.

On Tuesday, November 17, the Pats traveled to Avery and took the win 52-43. The Bulldogs outbit the Pats by two in the first quarter 11-13.

Second quarter action saw Barrentine hit a three pointer along with Gifford's 9 points and 1-1 free throw from Sepulveda. They going into the half 24-23.

Four Patriots added points to the board in the third to remain one point in the lead with a score of 35-34.

The Pats pulled away in the fourth by adding 17 to the boards to the Bulldog's 9.

Gifford was high with 25. Aaron Williams had 8. Sepulveda had 7 and Lucas Roddy and Barrentine each added 5. Dustin Bangs added two.

When the DeKalb Bears came to

town on November 23, the Pats took the win 52-47. They scored 13 in the first quarter to the Bears 8 points.

Pats hit for 11 in the second while DeKalb hit for 10 and they went into halftime 24-18 Patriots.

DeKalb hit the first troy of the game in the third and went on to outscore the Pats 13 to 9 while in the fourth they got hot with 16 points to the Patriots 11. But the Pats came out on top 52-47.

Gifford was again high with 18. Williams and Sepulveda were in double figures with ten each. Roddy went for 7 and Barrentine had 6 and Cavender added 1-1 free throw.

The Pats will begin their Christmas layoff on December 22 and come back to play Honey Grove on Saturday, January 2 at their gym.

Merry Christmas

Hope your holiday is a glowing success, filled with bright times and warm friendships.

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Nominations being accepted for outstanding women

Nominations for outstanding women in Lamar County are currently being sought by the YWCA. The women will be honored at the Sixth Biennial Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 18 at the Paris Golf and Country Club.

The purpose of the Awards Banquet is to honor women in the community who have distinguished themselves from others with the work and commitment they have displayed to community oriented projects.

Individuals, organizations or businesses may nominate women for any of the awards. Women nominated are not required to have an affiliation with the YWCA either past or present.

Nominees must be current Lamar County residents. Past award recipients, current members of the YWCA Board of Directors, and YWCA Staff are not eligible for nomination.

The YWCA will make three presentations at the Awards Banquet. The Kay Harris Brooks Volunteer Service Award, the Professional Woman Award and the Pioneer Award.

The Kay Harris Brooks Volunteer Service Award honors a woman who has exhibited exceptional leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life in Lamar County through volunteer community service.



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BLOSSOM SUPERETTE

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(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

HEATH SESSUMS goes in for the dunk in recent basketball action for the Prairiland Patriots. They took third place in the Cap Herman Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

Prairiland Calendar of Events
Week of January 4

4 PIP Practice
5 Students back to school
6 Beginning of 4th Six Weeks
7 Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m.
8 Blossom PIP Practice, 7 p.m.
9 Blossom PIP Performance, 7:30
 Little Dribblers

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a math book. I'm trying to do my best in school. I have got a little Christmas tree in my room. I would like you to get me a go-cart and a trampoline. When you came to my house last year you were very loud. I would like lots of books too. I'm in the third grade.
Sara Mansfield

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have to be good. Please bring me a B Horse and carriage. I hope you fine.
Your friend Courtney

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

Dear Santa,
It's me Brittnee. I just wanted to know if you can bring me some presents. Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a Spice Girl tape, a 10-speed bike, new born baby, a TV and whatever you want to get me.
Love Brittnee Nichols

Dear Santa,
I've been good this Christmas and so have my friends. Please bring something for Mrs. Smith because she has taught us lots and lots this year. Guess what? My birthday is on December 25! Let everyone have a nice Christmas. Let Mrs. Burnsed have a nice Christmas and bring her something nice. I would like for my mom to have a nice birthday. Please let me get to see by best friends on Christmas. I would like something to play on my computer. Get my brother a truck please?
Katie Clark

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have to be good. Please bring me a big and a pair of roller blades size hope you are fine.
Your friend Todd Fendley

Dear Santa,
My name is Garon Booth and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring a real puppy and a bow and arrow set for Christmas. Also, please bring a power ranger for Nicole. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Garon

Dear Santa,
All I want this year is a gocart with a roll cage, shocks and big wheels like at TSC.
Cole Shannon

Dear Santa,
I want all the go-carts I wished for and a play station and a Spice World video and a computer and let my mommy and daddy stay together for life.
Thanks Brittney Croy

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I am 6 years old and I have to be good. Please bring me a big and a pair of roller blades size hope you are fine.
Your friend Jerica Langston

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

Dear Santa,
I want a Play Station and a Spice World video and a computer printer.
Love Sierra Barner

Dear Santa,
Can I have a Nintendo 64 and game. I will put milk and cookies. I will be surprised.
Thank you
Steven Ruckman

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have to be good. Please bring me a board and I hope you are fine.
Your friend Tanner Connot

Hi Santa,
I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas! I want a pair of Dr. Martins and some Nikes and some cd's and some games.
Kori Hulén

I would like a new bike, lap top computer, roller blades, a cd player, vcr, 4x4 fourwheeler 600, a new pair of sandals, Nike, Reebok, Adidas, Fila breakaway pants, new pair of FILA shoes, Nike hiking boots, jeans pants 36 inch, a new pair of camo overalls and a toper gun.
Derek Williams

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a dirt bike. I hope you are fine.
Your friend Riley Johnson



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Dear Santa,
I would like to have some sneakers, a skateboard, a fake set of frogs, snakes, bugs, a china tea party, a pair of boots, a laser light, one of those that looks like a pen and new tires for my bike and seven beanie babies.
Your friend,
LeeAnn Warren

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, tent, fishpole, gocart, tv, playstation, computer and a boat and tackle box.
Dakota Henderson

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Powerwell Motorcycle and skates. I hope you are fine.
Your friend Clinton Lane Winters

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Yuletide Greetings

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Chandler, Trent & Madeline Rebecca
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE WHOLE GANG!

Wishing you a season that's merry and bright, filled with laughter, love and much delight! It's been a privilege and pleasure serving you this past year. Thanks, friends!

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Second Place

1998 Christmas Memories Contest

The Childlike Wonder

By Mary Jane Lowry

Almost it is Christmas time again and I feel the stirrings deep within of the childlike wonder of it. Thank you, good Father, for the feeling. The yearning in my heart for that of that sweet spirit to fill me, the inner glowing warmth of precious memories of Christmases long past, at ever new. The little stucco doll house, the red wagon, the little "Jo" doll with tiny straw-stuffed body and eyes that really opened and closed! The red folding iron doll bed sent from a "Lubbock Santa" during the depression and spread with the little quilt Grandma made. The melt in our mouth divinity, the smell of oranges and apples, pine tree resplendent with the same sweet, delicate decorations each year. The terrifying recrackers and roman candles I could never shoot and the cold, exciting ride on my brother's back in a few hours of Christmas morning across the street to see what our cousins had, and have rich hot chocolate with a fat marshmallow on top. Always sack sausage, hot biscuits with butter and ribbon cane syrup so thick you had to dig it out of the tcher with your knife for Christmas

breakfast. All these belong to my childhood recollections of this special time.

But as the child grew, the meaning grew and the awesome wonder of the special feeling that fills the air. The extra love, the warmer smile, the sparkle in the eye, the handclasp, the greeting, the look that speaks of angels, shepherds, wisemen and a star. The generosity that prompts secret surprises hidden under the bed or on the top shelf of the closet, or the stolen moments to sew doll clothes or stitch an apron or a pot holder, or crochet a doily for that very special one.

The messages of love and appreciation that fly across the miles in cards and letters to say "I love you" still. The unbelieving joy in a child's eyes as she places with tender touch the tiny figures of Mary, Joseph, the manger with its precious occupant and the wee lambs. The loving arms stretched out to say "Welcome, Merry Christmas!" when we journey home. The eternal promise that it will always feel like this until He comes again!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King!



Honorable Mention

1998 Christmas Memories Contest

A Christmas To Remember

by Belle Martin Griffin

It was December, 1920. My father died during the flu epidemic of 1919. We were living in the Lone Oak community with my grandparents, the W.S. Lathams.

On Christmas Eve, it was a time when all the community went to Uncle Dick Hall's home for a community Christmas feast. Vi and Bess Hall prepared all the Christmas goodies.

We were nearly up the hill to Uncle Dick's home when my Mama said "I'll have to go back, I forgot the money to pay for our food."

We went on, enjoyed the food, music and friendship. Mama got back. My brother, seven years older than I, had been saying there was no Santa Claus, but when we got home, sure enough, Santa had been there and left goodies and for me a beautiful doll, dressed in a pink organza dress and cap and she said "Mama".

I thought, "I'll always believe now."

I'll never forget this Christmas nor Uncle Dick Hall's black family. They were always my friends.

Third Place

All our Christmases were Special

by Barbara Baird Branch

As I began to mull over childhood holidays, I recall all the eves of Christmas being spent at my grandparents, Albert and Lillie Harville, known to their grandchildren as "Bert and Memmie". These special names were not reserved for our use alone, as many kinfolk as well as community people voiced these names and others knew of whom you spoke.

To write that these gatherings were looked forward to with great anticipation would be an understatement. There was this special family bond that brought uncles, aunts and cousins to this place, much like a moth being drawn to the flame of a flickering candle. Food for this type of get-together was your usual, but you looked forward to those "special" items. Mom's huge bowl of fruit salad along with the desserts that only aunts can bake. The gifts were not large, but each person received something. Of course there were times "gag gifts" were given, jokes played, or you opened a package containing underwear. The unmentionables were much needed and appreciated, but to have the grand opening with an audience was a little embarrassing. Clean up time meant getting to put the crumpled wrapping paper in the fireplace. As Memmie monitored, to make sure nothing was discarded by mistake or too much was thrown in at one time, the younger kids would scurry around and gather every scrap of paper off the floor. This task presented a surprise one year when several rolls of "caps" passed through the security check and was set off by the roaring fire. The after meal kitchen chores, which were thought to be woman's work, were performed by an uncle.

These treks on the 24th of December of each year continued after having a family of my own. No matter where we lived at the time, we would return because I wanted my children to be able to experience this bond with family and form memories of their own. In September, 1987, Memmie expired after battling cancer. Amazing how one person so small in stature can be the catalyst of a large family. After her demise, everyone went their separate ways and in some instances, parted ways.

My mind racing with events of years gone by and trying to single out just one special year, I keep returning to an event in the not so distant

past. I was off for the holidays, but Jim had to work. Our three children, grown and with families of their own, were not due for arrival under Saturday after Christmas. Climbing into my vehicle, I found myself heading to Cuthand. My first stop was to drop off several sacks of groceries to my parents, then to my brothers home where he was busy being an elf for Santa's arrival to his daughter that night. As I was leaving the community, I drove to the cemetery and checked the Christmas flowers that I had placed on the headstones of my grandparents an uncle shortly after Thanksgiving.

Upon leaving, I turned my signal to the left, but turned right. Like a magnet, I was being drawn to the homeplace, like so many eves before. Leaving the main road and driving up the long drive, I would almost picture cars parked, kids running and playing, and smoke curling from the chimney. Once parked I saw for a few minutes, but knew I could not leave without going into the house. As I eased the door open and peered in, I was met with a chill much as the same temperature outside and musty smells of a building having been closed for a period of time. Gone were the warmth from the hearth and the scrumptious smells of ham and other festive fare being baked. Walking from room to room, I reminisced of times spent in this home during my life. Pausing a little longer in the doorway of Memmie's room, I recalled being at her side the day her last breath of life was taken there. Leaving, I closed the door in the same manner as I had entered only minutes earlier. Cranking my automobile, being thankful for the warmth, I realize my spirits felt lighter now than prior to my arrival. Shifting into gear and heading back to town, I whispered, half out loud, to continue to make Papa and Nana's home a place for our grandchildren to build happy memories.

In the fifty years of my life, it would be near impossible to recall any one Christmas as most memorable. I can write that December 24, 1997 was my Christmas for remembering and to realize that no matter how things change, you will always have your memories, because that is something that can never be taken away.

Honorable Mention

1998 Christmas Memories Contest

Christmas Shared With Seven

by Juanita Sparks

Our Christmas tree was a cedar cut near our house. We all got to help in one way or another decorating it. We sometimes made "chains" with colored paper. We had icicles that were fun to hang from the tops of the branches. The colored glass ornaments were handled very carefully because if you dropped one, it would break into a million pieces, at least. The tree was topped with a foil covered cardboard star. The ornaments that I remember best and had to be the most beautiful ever were small, colorful birds that had tail feathers of brush-like straw. They fastened to the tree with a spring clip to which the feet were attached.

The older sisters made fudge and divinity. We younger ones got to pick out the hickory nuts for the candies. Mama baked cakes and lots of pies. My favorite was the homemade mincemeat.

Our stockings on Christmas morning always had an orange, an apple, assorted nuts, ribbon candy, fire crackers and sparklers.

Gifts for the older girls could be a dresser set (comb, brush, mirror), perfume or nail polish. The younger girls all had a doll, maybe a tea set, jacks or a yo-yo.

The most puzzling thing every Christmas to me was how did the apples get in the house without me smelling them? After we discovered the goodies on Christmas morning, if you went into the back bedroom, you could smell apples and there would be a wooden crate of apples and one of oranges. How did they get there? Why couldn't they be smelled before? Today there is no sweeter, more memory bringing smell for me than to go into a cool room and smell apples.

Not Just a "Holiday" Family

by Crystal Baker

The one thing I can be thankful for is my family. God blessed me with a wonderfully close family growing up, and now a fantastic family of my own. As Christmas draws closer, I see families who are getting ready to see relatives whom they hadn't seen all year, and it saddens my heart. My grandparents had four children and nine grandchildren, who all lived fairly close to one another. We were a "card playing" family and still are. This was a tradition started by my Papa Sparks. Most weekends we would play cards, usually on Saturday nights because on Fridays my Papa was at the ballgames supporting his grandkids along with my aunts and uncles. While parents would play cards, the grandkids would tell ghost stories in the attic, and always would be scared to death by Papa's pranks. Boy, he got a kick from that! We never doubted that were loved by family. We all had a special secret with Papa, we were his favorite grandchild, but we were never to say a word to any of the others.

One memorable Christmas was when I was nine years old. All the grandkids spent the night at Mama an Papa's house, the boys in one bed

and the girls in the other. We were supposed to be asleep when Santa came. But who could sleep with all the laughing, hammering, wrapping and coffee making going on?? Parents waited until the last minute to put the gifts together...which is not unusual for my family. When they thought we were asleep, the parade began. Bikes were bring in one by one, and dolls and footballs followed to rest under the tree. We all watched with one eye open and one eye shut. That was the hardest night to go to sleep, but the easiest morning to wake up.

This will be our first Christmas without my Papa. He never cared about the food or presents, only having his family together. In Papa's wisdom, he realized that moments were fleeting, and to make the most of each one. We have no regrets about not spending enough time with him, because we are not just a "holiday only" family.

So Family, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will miss Papa, but we are family and will get through its remembering he is with his Mom, Dad, brother, sisters and family...after all, he loved family best.

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MANTLE STOCKING HANGERS-These likenesses of Joseph and Mary adorn the mantle each year and support Robbie Bornens' grandchildren's Christmas stockings.



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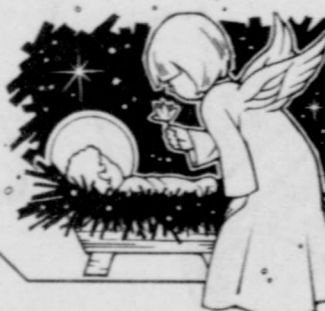
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Santa's Secret Wish

By Betty Werth

This poem was sent in to us by friends, and we found it to be so filled with the true spirit of the season we wanted to share it with all our readers.

On Christmas Eve, a young boy with light in his eyes looked deep into Santa's, to Santa's surprise. He said, as he nestled on Santa's broad knee, "I want your secret, tell it to me". Santa leaned up and whispered in Santa's good ear, "How do you do it, year after year?"

How do you do it, year after year? How do you know how, as you travel about, giving gifts here and there, you never run out. How is it, dear Santa, that in your pack of toys, you have plenty for all the world's girls and boys? How do you say so full, never empties, as you make your way, from rooftop to rooftop, to homes large and small, from nation to nation, reaching them all?"

And Santa smiled kindly and said to the boy, "Don't ask me hard questions. Don't you want a toy?" At that the child shook his head, and Santa could see that he needed the answer. "Now listen to me," he told the small boy with a light in his eyes, "My secret will make you sadder and wise."

The truth is that my sack is magic. Inside, I hold millions of toys for my Christmas Eve ride. Although I do visit each girl and each boy, I don't always leave them a gaily-wrapped toy. Some homes are hungry, some homes are sad, some homes are desperate, some homes are ad, some homes are broken and children there grieve, those homes I visit, but what should I leave?

My sleigh is filled with the happiest stuff, but for homes where despair lives, toys aren't enough. I tiptoe in, kiss each girl and boy, and pray with them that they'll be given the joy, the spirit of Christmas, the spirit that lives, the heart of the dear dear child, who gets not, but gives.

Only God hears me and answers my prayer, when I visit next year, what I will find there, are homes filled with peace and with giving and love, and boys and girls gifted with light from above, it's a very hard task, my smart little brother, to give toys to some and to give prayer to others. At the prayers are the best gifts, the best gifts indeed, for God has a way of meeting each need."

That's part of the answer. The rest, my dear youth, is that my sack is magic. And that is the truth. In my sack I carry on Christmas Eve day, more love than a Santa can ever give away. The sack never empties of love or of joys, because inside it are prayers and hopes, not just toys, but more that I give, the fuller it seems, because giving is my way of fulfilling dreams.

And do you know something? You've got a sack too. It's as magic as mine and it's inside of you. It never gets empty. It's full from the start. It's the center of lights and of love. It's your heart. And if on this Christmas, you want to help me, don't be so concerned with the gifts 'neath your tree. Open that sack called your heart, and share, your joy, your friendship, your wealth, your care".

The light in the small boy's eyes was glowing, "Thanks for the secret, I've got to be going". "Wait, little boy" said Santa, "don't go. Will you share? Will you help? Will you use what you know?" And just for a moment the small boy stood still, touched his heart with his small hand and whispered, "I will".

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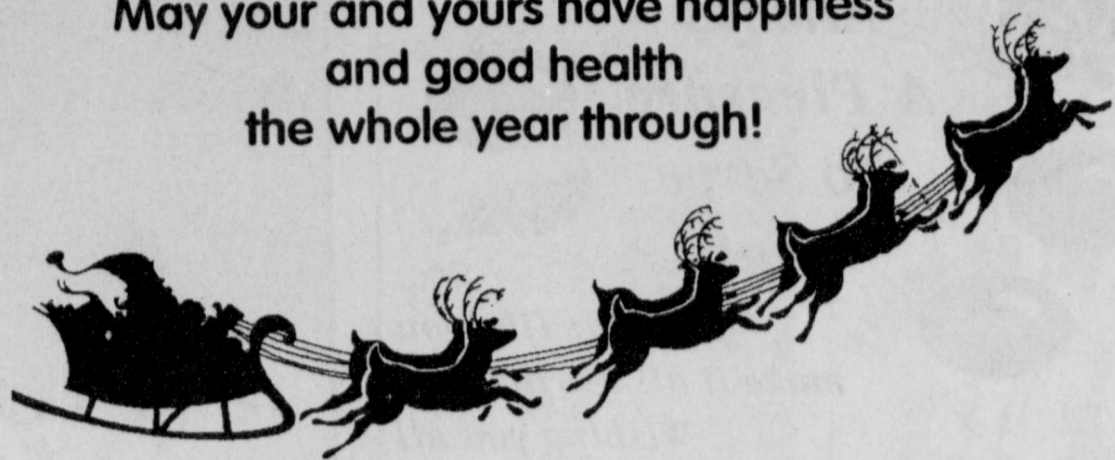
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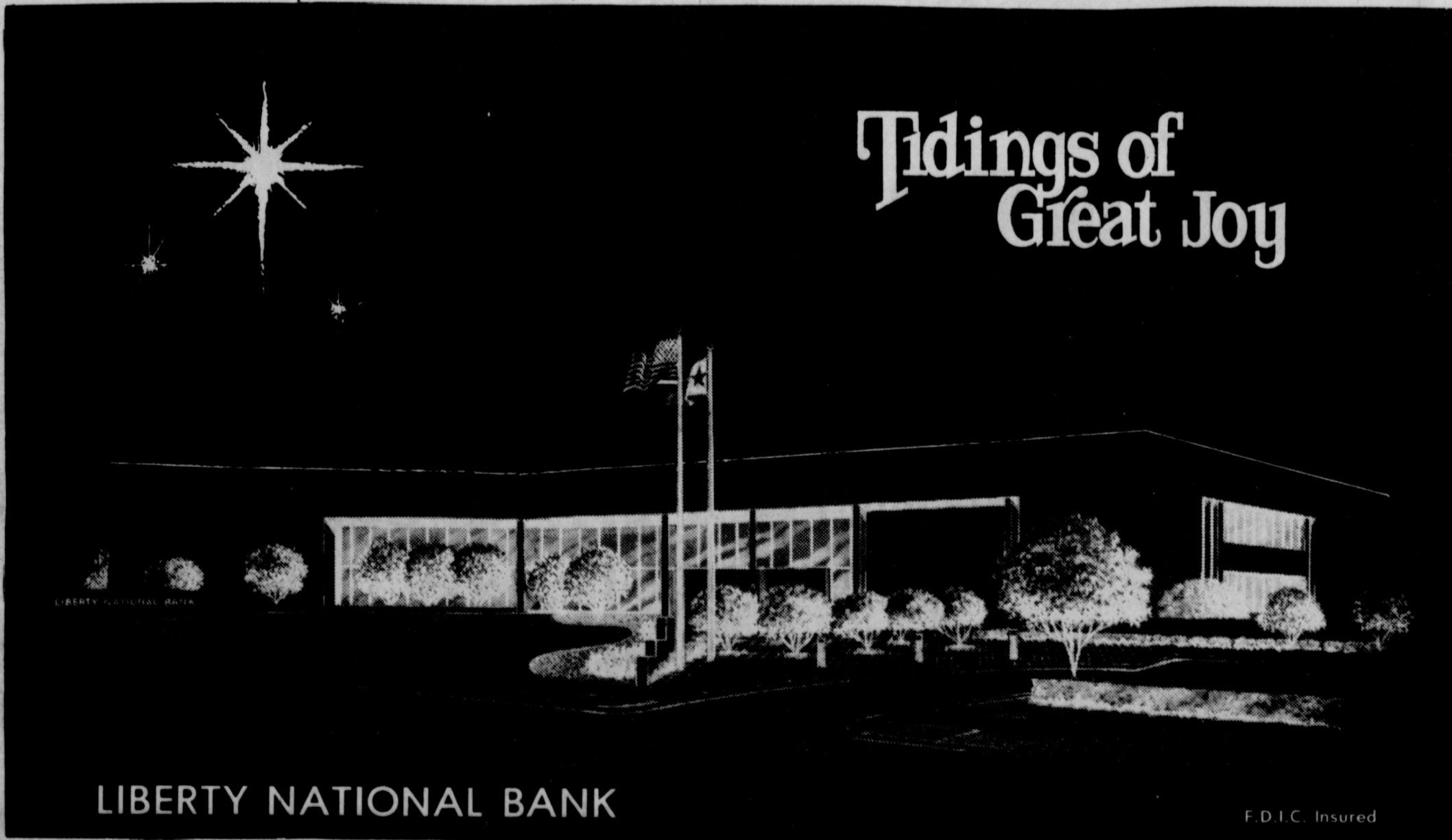
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In memory of Raymond and Josie Fennell by granddaughter, Debbie Bell Flarez

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She'd bake a ham, a turkey, five cakes and six pies. A feast so grand you couldn't believe your eyes! Her face would light up with a smile we adore, when you said, "This is great, I think I'll have more."

We would snack on cookies and candies and Fritos with cheese dip. Pappy Raymond would make egg nog for the men folks to sip. You might see him and his son-in-laws sneak an extra little nip.

We'd all gather round that big Christmas tree, to open our presents, there was so much to see. The floor would be covered with paper and bows, all the gifts would be open except for Pappy's, you know. He'd take out that pocket knife to cut each piece of tape, he might pause to tell a story, that package would wait.

Then out to the front yard, the whole family would go, to shoot roman candles, it was a wonderful show. There would be firecrackers and sparklers and a few bottle rockets. To be lit with a cigarette, You'd hide a spare in your pocket. You'd watch in awe of your neat, older cousins, who could blow smoke out their noses as if it were nothin'!

We'd laugh with our cousins until one in the morning, there was neve a moment for things to get boring. You might find the adults playing a game of gin rummy, then Mama Jo would make popcorn because surely you were hungry!

That house was filled with so much laughter and love. We were all so happy, so truly blessed from above. We love them and miss them each day in every way, but we'll remember them most on Christmas Day.

My Fifth Christmas

by Margie Rice

Disaster struck on my fifth Christmas. To make matters worse, the occasion was our church Christmas party.

After jovial greetings with friends and neighbors, my parents and my sister Mary and I filed in and filled "our" pew on the north side of the church. Soon, our voices blended with those of the other congregants in singing Christmas hymns and carols.

Then, there was a hush; a knock sounded at the door. When Mr. Collins, my friend Darlene's dad, opened the door, there stood Santa Claus--resplendent in red and white--and black western boots.

Santa "HO, HO'd" all the way to the gayly decorated cedar tree at the front of the sanctuary. Then, assisted by a couple of helpers, Santa started holding up presents and calling out the names of the "good" boys and girls. Knowing full well that I had got into dutch a couple of times recently, I began to squirm. It was then that I noticed my dad was not in his place at the other side of my mother.

Listening more closely to Santa, I noted he sounded like my dad. Santa was tall, too. And, he was wearing black western boots exactly like my dad's black western boots.

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THIS IS THE FIRST NATIVITY SCENE of Robbie Boren's collection that she began in 1981. It was painted by her oldest daughter, Leslie. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

That painful of dressing....

By Jim Ann Ward

I grew up here in the small town of Bogata and all my friends have always been considered family! We're not rich, and have never had a lot of money, but when it comes to Christmas, my mother and her two best friends always cook a huge meal and invite everyone we know over to eat. There may not be a lot of expensive gifts to go around, but there is plenty of food, laughter and love.

Christmas of 1993, my daughter was barely two months old. We were gathered at one of my mother's best friends trailer house, which is not very large. There were probably 50 people cram-packed into that small trailer. Mom, Glenda and Sandra had been cooking for days. I was in the living room and had just changed my daughter's diaper, and it would have taken an act of congress for me to get

through all those people to the kitchen. I noticed my friend, Jody, was in the kitchen yelling to her "Heads Up!" and she fell off right into the huge pile of dirty diapers. She quickly grabbed a diaper and threw it in the trash, not knowing that no one had seen! We were lucky that only one person, my uncle, had seen what we did, and he doesn't eat dressing anyway. A diaper must not have affected the taste of the dressing, because it was all eaten! I'm sure everyone knows by now what happened and every Christmas it's a story we love to laugh!

That is a Christmas I'll never forget!

An Overseas Gift

By Audrey Scott

This is a V-Mail I received from my brother, Richard Nance, written on Christmas Eve, 1944. He was in the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

Dearest Sugie,
I received several letters and your picture a few days ago. I really enjoyed your letters and am proud of the picture. Elmer said you were really beautiful and had pretty eyes, of course he doesn't think so any more than I do. I put your picture up on the inside of my locker door so when I open it I can show you off to the boys.

I wonder what you are doing this

Christmas Eve night. I remember when all of us kids used to get together around the Christmas tree while someone handed out the gifts and how happy we were and thanked each other. I'll be waiting for a long letter from you telling what your gifts were and all what happened during the Christmas holidays.

It will be after Christmas when you get this letter, so Elmer and I hope you had a Merry Christmas. We are going to have church service and sing Christmas Carols tonight. Lots of love,
Your brother,
Richard

Pats bring home two third place trophies at tourney

Bob Weddle's Patriots took the third place trophy at the Cap Herman Invitational Tournament in Sulphur Bluff and named three to the All-tournament team on Saturday, December 12. On Saturday, December 5, the Pats brought home the third place trophy at the Bland tournament.

Junior Lucas Roddy and seniors Aaron Williams and Trey Gifford took the top honors at the annual tourney in Sulphur Bluff and Gifford was named to all-tournament at Bland.

In the first round of play, they faced Saltillo with a loss of 65-46. They came out hitting 14 in the first to Saltillo's 8. But Saltillo came back in the second with 20 to the Pats 13. They could only find 7 in the third quarter while Saltillo jammed in 19. Saltillo iced the cake in the final with 18 to see the Pats take a three-point, 2 baskets and 8-5 chances at the free throw line.

Roddy hit for 15 and followed by Gifford and Brad Barrentine with 14. Erik Whitley hit for 6. Aaron Williams, Daniel Sepulveda and Dustin Bangs each had 4 a piece. Joel Hudson and Matt Cavender each added two for the night.

Second round saw them matched up with cross-town rival Detroit Eagles. The Eagles just coming into the gym from a run in the football playoffs still maintained their basketball strength and defeated the Pats 73-43.

The Pats could never get the lead in any quarter. Able to only hit 7 to

Detroit's 16 in the first and 16 to Detroit's 24 going into the half. The Pats went cold in the third with only 7 more to the Eagle's 20. The final quarter saw each team hit 13 and the final score was 43-73 Detroit.

Gifford was high for this game with 15. Sepulveda and Cavender had 4 each and Roddy three. Barrentine, Williams and Bangs each had two.

In the third place round, Prairiland defeated Sulphur Bluff 33-31 to take home the trophy. The Pats came out in the first with 8 to the Bear's 5. Second quarter saw only a Trey from Barrentine and the Bears could only manage a basket. Halftime score 11-7.

The Patriots came back with 13 in the third, but SB hit for 16 and remained behind 24-23. The final quarter saw another three-point shot, this time from Williams and baskets from Gifford and two from Roddy to end the game 33-31.

Gifford led with 12. Roddy had 9. Williams 5, Cavender 4 and Barrentine 3.

In the Bland Tournament, the Pats won their first round over Community 76-50. The two teams scored 13 points each in the first quarter and the Pats led at the half with a score of 31-26. Gifford hit for 17 points in the third quarter and took the Pats over the top 58-40. The final quarter ended big with 18 to 10 points from Community.

Gifford led with 19. Roddy fol-

lowed with 13 and Cavender had 9. Sepulveda and Whitley each hit for 6 while Barrentine went for 4. Josh Smith and Martin each added three.

In round two against Dodd City the Pats lost 54-66. Twelve points were hit as Dodd City answered 16 in the first quarter. Dodd City three three-point shots in the second quarter to maintain the lead 23-37. The quarter action saw the Pats hit 14 to DC to hit 15. Final quarter Gifford have another big quarter with another 11 points to give the Pats for the quarter, but DC came back with 10-12 free throws along with couple of baskets to end the game 66.

The third place trophy was again won by the Pats as they defeated Bells 43-41. Pats led by the end of the 1st quarter 20-18. Second quarter ended with them keeping Bells to 6 and they hit for 13 in the Halftime score 33-24.

Third quarter action slowed down for the Pats as they could only count for 5 while Bells came back with 10. The pace slowed down to almost a stop as 5 more went into the basket for the Pats and Bells hit for three in the game ended 43-41 Pats!

Gifford was named to the all-tournament team and added 13 more points to his credit as high for the game. Williams had 8. Roddy went for 6. Cavender and Sepulveda each had 5. Barrentine added 4 along with 2 from Hudson.

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Freshman Patriots 2-2 for season play

The freshmen boys played host to Rivercrest and defeated them 69-32. The young Pats came out hot in the first quarter and hit 22 points to the young Rebels 6. Second quarter action saw them come out strong again with 17 to the Reb's 12. Halftime score was 39-18 Patriots.

Third quarter was strong again for the Pats as they hit 14 and the Rebels hit only half of that at 7. Fourth quarter was again strong for them as the Rebs came back with 7 more and ended the game with the Pats on top 69-32.

D.J. Loveless was high for the night with 15. Charlie Lawrence followed with 14. Lucas Miller had 10 with Chance Bankhead 9. Stoney Musgrove hit for 8 and Jesse Spears 6. Brad Hunt had 3 and Josh Williams and Harley Skidmore with 2 each.

November 20 saw the Pats play Mt. Vernon at Prairiland. They took a win with a one point lead 59-58. Brad Hunt took over the first quarter with a major push of 9 points. Bankhead added a three-point shot and Lawrence added 2 baskets and a free throw while Loveless added a basket to lead the quarter 19-11.

In the second quarter the Pats came back with 15 points and Pats added 13 to go into halftime 26.

Lawrence added 8 points in the third with Bankhead, Williams and Hunt adding 1, 3 and 2 respectively. Pats remain in the lead 46-42.

The Tigers were hot on their end as they hit for 16 points in the fourth but the Pats remained ahead 59-58. Lawrence was high with 17. Pats 13 and Loveless 13. Williams had 6, Bankhead 4, Miller 3 and Musgrove only managed 2.

On November 30, the Pats played Wolfe City and defeated them 46-24. Again the young Patriots outscored the Wolves in each quarter 15-7, 29-16, 40-23 and final score 46-24.

High point was Musgrove with 15 and following him was Loveless with 9. Lawrence had 8 and Bankhead had 6. Hunt went for 4 and Skidmore held 3. Josh Fendley and Williams shared 2 each.

The freshmen traveled to Mt. Vernon on December 7 and took their second loss of the season 40-54. They scored 15 in the first to Vernon's 10, 11 in the second to Tiger's 9 and went into halftime with the lead 26-19.

They lost their momentum in the third as they fell back to only 8 points to Mt. Vernon's 21. In the fourth quarter still could not regroup and had only 15 from Mt. Vernon. That ended the game 40-54.

Hunt was high for the night with 14 and Lawrence trailed him with 6, 5 and 4 went to Bankhead, Loveless and Musgrove respectively.

The freshmen will be off until they face North Lamar on Thursday, January 7th there.

First year coach Steven Weddle is doing an outstanding job with young squad.

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Patriot junior varsity team unbeaten in season play 0-4

The Prairiland Patriot junior varsity team remains unbeaten. On November 17, the JV team traveled to Aver and defeated the Bulldogs 44-38. Justin Elrod was the high point for the night with 12. Heath leads up" and to assume followed with 9. Kyle Maipier. It hit her line had 6. Brad Gray had 5. Michael Flatt added the only quickly grabbed the range they shot for the game. w it in the trash. se Crawford also had 3 points. had seen! We crew Riddles, Chris Berry and one person, my aron Murdock also added two each what we did, and the game. Avery took the lead in the first at have affected part 12-5. But the Pats came back in ssing, because it e second with 14 to Avery's 6. ure everyone know, nother 13 added in the third saw the happened and oung Pats with a 10 point lead. story we love to very came out with 16 points in the it still gets a h irth to Prairiland's 12 but failed to tch up in time for the buzzer. On November 23, the Pats took oter win over DeKalb on home urt. Malone took the high point challenge with 14 followed closely Sessums with 13 and Berry with

11. Riddles, Gray and Crawford each hit 4. Flatt added his trademark trey shot and Matt Basinger added one to the game also. Casey Upchurch, Murdock and Elrod added two points each. While the Pats took the lead in the first quarter 14-10, they would only lead by 5 going into halftime 26-21. Third quarter saw a two point game with the Pats hitting 12 to DeKalb's 15. In the final quarter, 24 points were hit in the Bears 19 to make the Pats come out on top 62-55. In the game against Pleasant Grove on their gym floor, sophomore Sessums hit an outstanding 22 points with none of the other Pats even coming close. Gray had 7, Flatt 6 and Elrod and Riddles each had 5. Four points went to Malone and Berry with Murdock and Upchurch each adding two. First quarter started out slow with 5 points being scored to Pleasant Grove's 2. Second quarter saw the Pats take the lead 21-12. Pleasant

Grove hot a hot quarter in the third hitting for 23 to the Patriots 12. This brought the game closer to a tie at the end of the fourth 38-38. Overtime was a gmae at the free throw line with the Pats winning the game with 10 points and 4 of these at the free line. PG could only hit for 4. Pats remain undefeated 48-42. On December 7, the JV traveled to Mt. Vernon and enjoyed another win over the Tigers 66-56. This makes their record 4 win-no losses. Sessums remained in the lime-light once more with 15 points for the night. Malone followed with 10 and Elrod hit for 9. Jonathan Martin had 8 along with Berry. Basinger had 6. Flatt 5 and Crawford 4. Pats hit 15 to the Tigers 9 in the first to take the lead. Second quarter saw the Pats go for 17 to the Tigers 14 that sent them into the locker room 32-23. Third quarter found them still out in front 44-37 and the Pats came out strong in the final quarter with 22 to complete the game 66-56.



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I think Santa Claus is a woman... I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she.

Think about it. Christmas is a big, organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing social deal, and I have a tough time believing a guy could possibly pull it all off!

For starters, the vast majority of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. It's as if they are all frozen in some kind of Ebenezerian Time Warp until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th, when they-with amazing calm-call other errant men and plan for a last-minute shopping spree.

Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets and mood rings left on the shelves. (You might thin this would send them into a fit of panic and guilt, but my husband tells me it's an enormous relief because it lessens the 11th hour decision-making burden.) On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman. Surely, if he were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet under the tree, still in the bag.

Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted strapped on the rear bumper of the sleigh amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxidermist.

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by Ruth Day O'Brien

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Now we could go to sleep or perhaps wait and hope to get a glimpse of Santa. The stars were so bright that night I knew he would have no problem finding our house, so I was a tired little girl and soon was asleep, but later I heard a noise. I lay and listened, then my curiosity got the best of me, I said, "Is that you Santa", and was sitting upright in the dark room in the bed.

I asked again, "Is that you Santa?"

A voice sweet to my ears said yes, up I came and ran over to meet Santa, who was very busy filling the socks, of course I was bold and wanted to help, but Santa said, here is some candy for you, I held my hand out and it was filled, then Santa said "Now you go back to bed and go to sleep it will soon be daylight".

Many years has passed since I was seven years old but I love to tell my grandchildren how I really met Santa Claus and they are still so eager to hear "Nanny, really met Santa, was given some candy and was told to go back to bed."

That precious voice of Santa that night brings many memories of Christmas at the Day home and the true fact that I really met Santa in our home on Christmas Eve many years ago.



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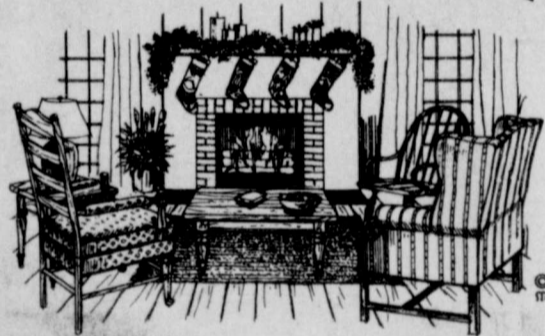
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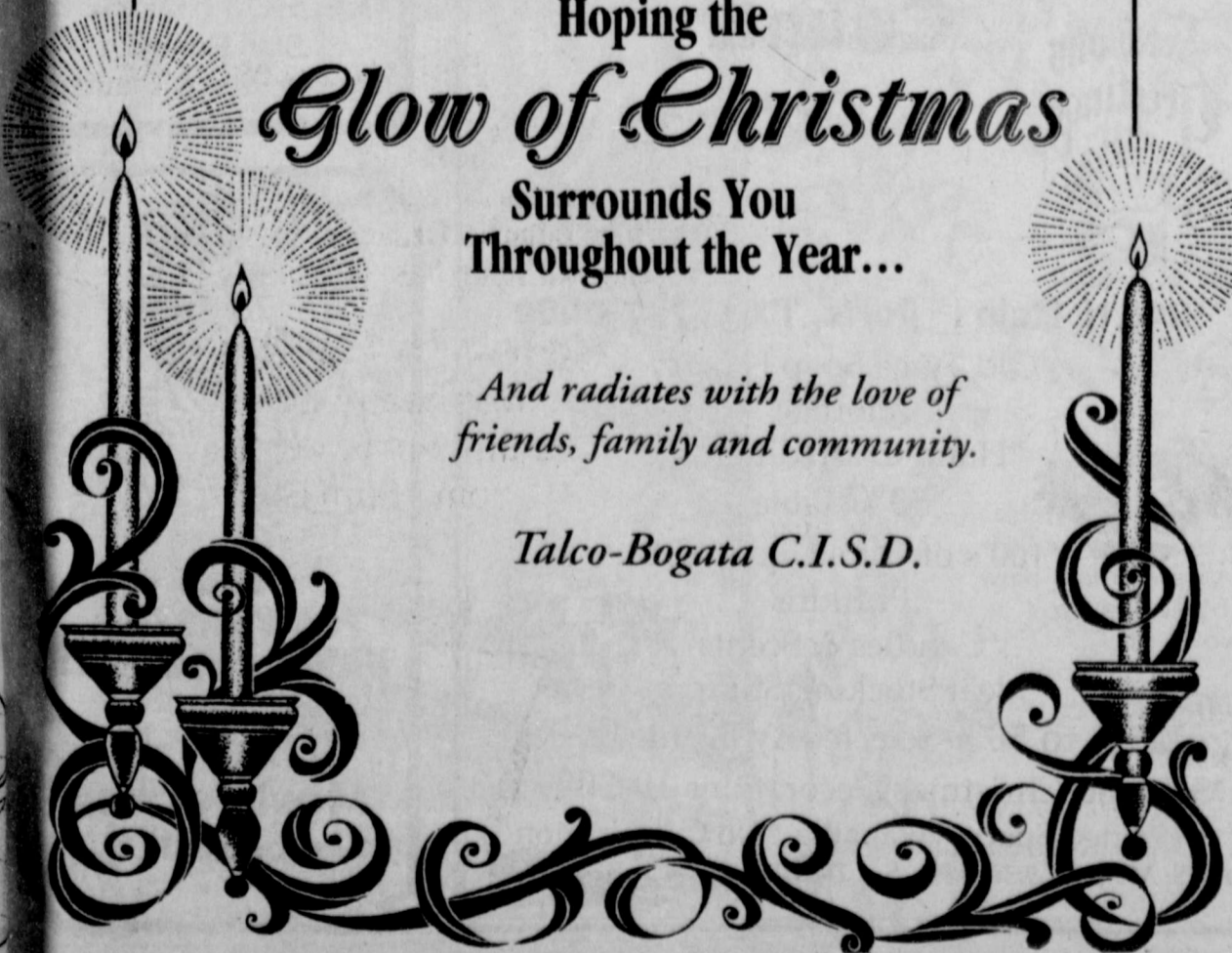
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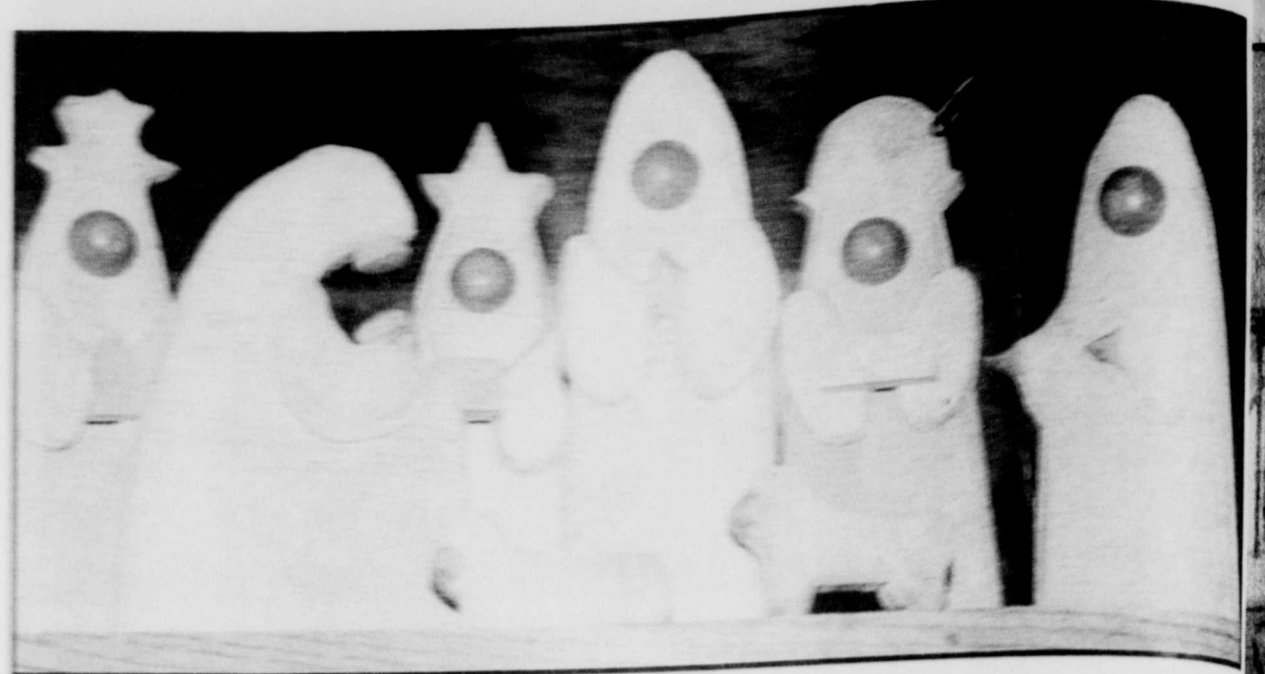
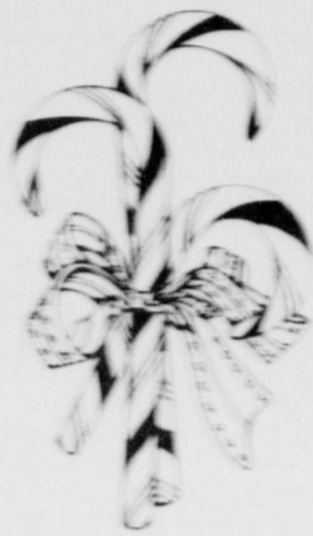
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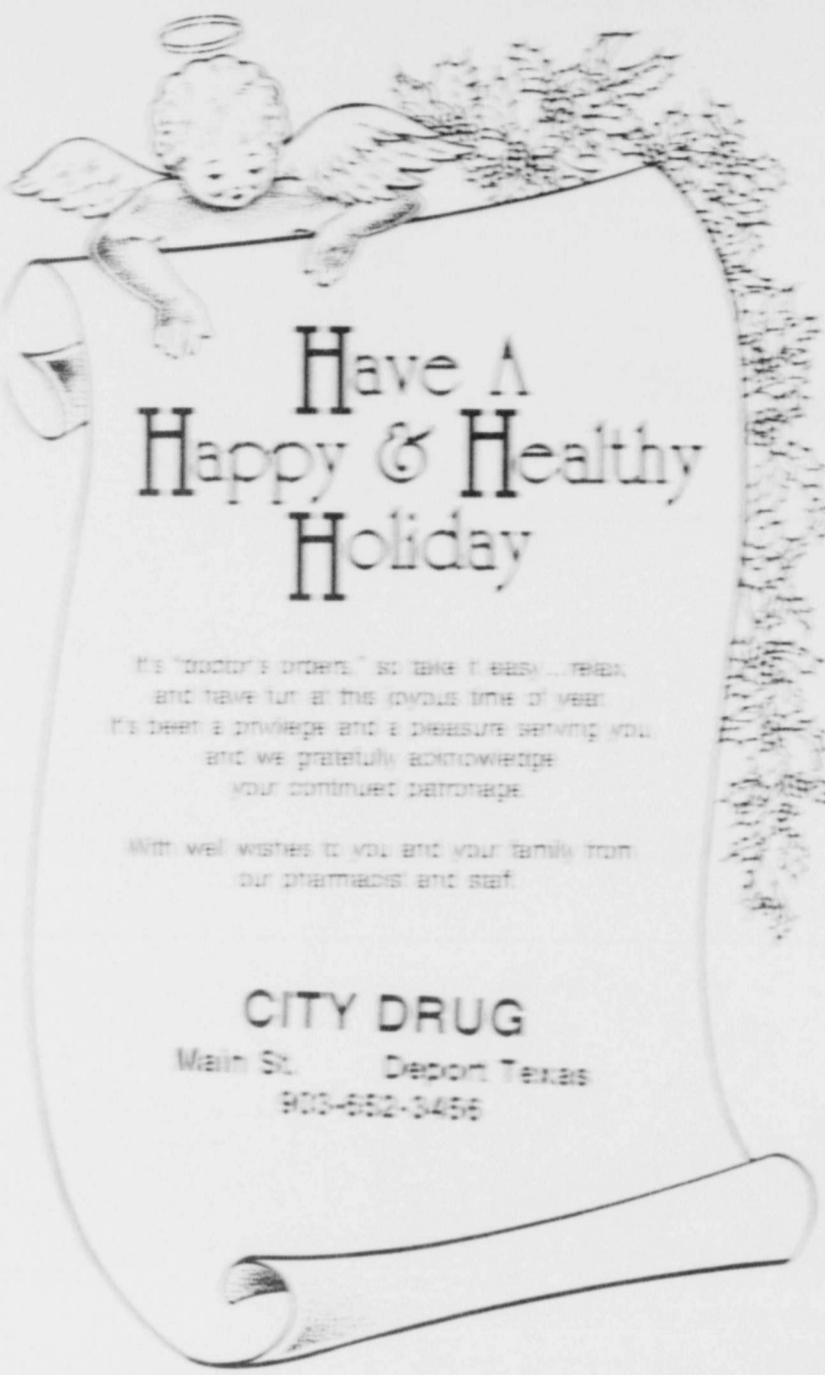




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FAST FORWARD TO A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

A great holiday is in view. Hope it winds up to be a winner!

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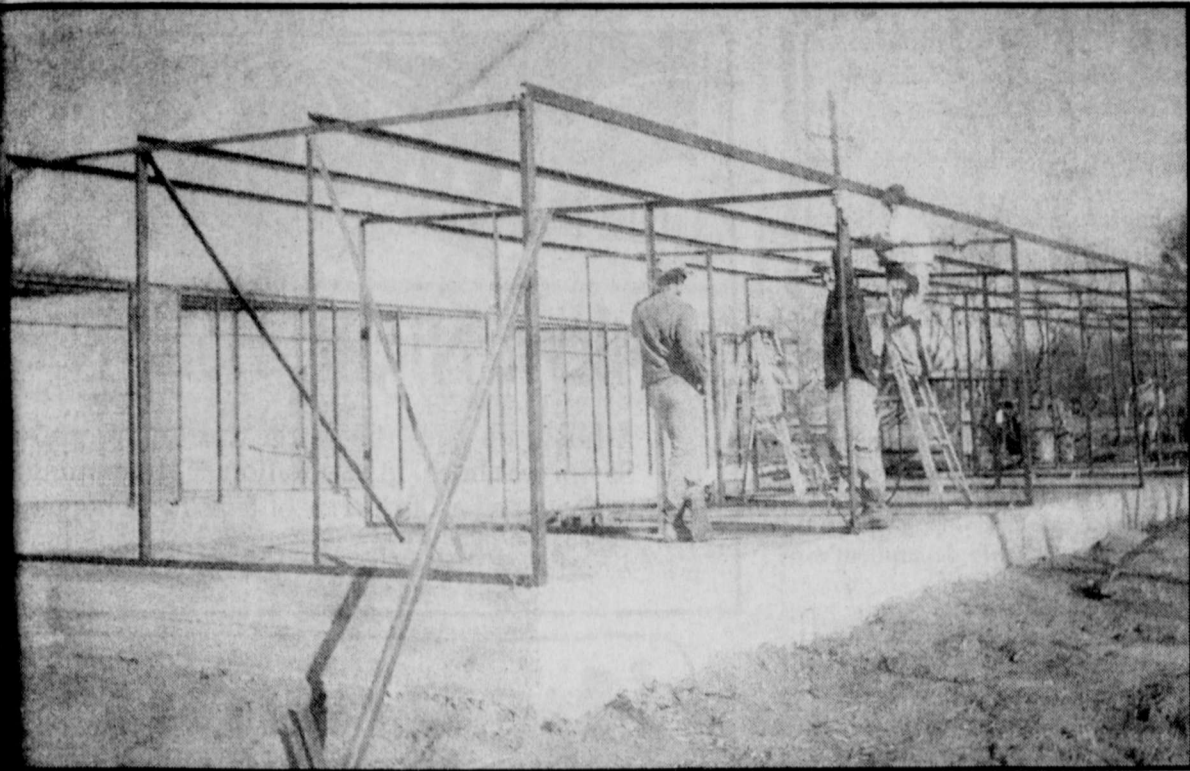
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(Staff Photo by Peggy Parsons)

STORAGE BUILDINGS going up in Pattonville. They are being constructed by Donald Day Sons. **THE** Murdocks will be the new owners.

A Cold Wind and Santa Claus

By Nanalee Nichols (Not for the Competition)

As this year's Christmas memories flash through my mind, I was struck by what I would like to see if I wrote about my favorite memory. Would it be the year my mother and dad came in with a cedar tree that actually touched the living room ceiling? (Our living room ceiling was eighteen feet tall). Would it be the precious hours spent with my mother making or making ornaments in a ball of braid, net and false jewel?

what I want Santa to bring? No, those are all wonderful memories, but there is one that stands out even more. I must have been about seven years old, and my grand mother Goldie and my great-aunt Pearl were in for the holidays. So were my older twin brothers, and of course, Hugh (my middle brother) was still at home. There were eight people in a four bedroom house, so I turned my room over to my grandmother and great-aunt and slept on the couch.

Excited as always on Christmas Eve, it took a while for me to settle down into sleep. I drifted off with my eyes focused on the multi-colored lights of the Christmas tree at the other end of the living room.

Imagine my surprise, and momentary fear when the front door SLAMMED wide open, crashing into the wall with a terrible noise. I sat straight up in bed as an icy cold wind came roaring into the room with a frightening noise. No one was there. No one at all. All the grownups were either upstairs or at the back of the house, and they didn't stir. I wrapped the blanket around me

and tip toed to the front door, full of fear, but not wanting to leave that door wide open...it was already getting chilly in the room.

As I passed the Christmas tree I was struck with wonder. Suddenly, I knew why that door had opened. Santa had been here! Under the tree was a beautiful art set, with real paints and brushes, books and mysterious bottles, papers and pastels! There was a doll, dressed in a yellow evening dress, and several wrapped packages that hadn't been there the night before!

I rushed to the door to see if I could see Santa...but he was gone and there was no sound, no glimmer of light to break the blackness of a winter's night. Still, I could feel an almost magical beauty and mystery to the night. I stood for a long time with my bare feet on the concrete doorstep.

Regretfully, I shut the door back and locked it. I was so cold I didn't even take much more of a look at the goodies under the tree, just scampered back onto my bed on the couch, wrapping my frozen feet tightly in the blanket. But as I drifted back into the sleep only children sleep I was puzzled. Did Santa accidentally let that door crash back as he was leaving...or did he work so magically fast that he let the door slam open, left my gifts and was gone before I could even sit up? I think I leaned toward the last theory, as many kids as he had to see, he had to be fast. No adult ever convinced me that we had just failed to get that door shut tightly that night...I knew the truth, Santa had done it!



ROBBIE BOREN stands in front of the three-foot high wooden nativity scene that is one of her most recent acquisitions from Tinsel and Tidings in Paris.

Blossom Locals

Casey Smith, Ruben Peralta, Holly Kent, Lori Walker, Tony Duncan, Jason Hinsley, Bryan Simpson, Quinn Sessums, Anita Edwards, John Merritt, Judy Pieper, Taylor Gillie, Rusty Carpenter, Zachery Walker, Crystal Whitley, Ericka Woods, Dana Monday, Cindy Sessums, Ona Berry, Curtis Thompson, Michelle Anderson, Ashley Farley, Kacey Langston, Charlie Brown, Kelly Love, Brandie Wilson, Rebekah Keen.

Several were here for the funeral of Allie Crittenden, aunt of Billie Henry. They were Bobby and L.J. Shelton of Dallas, Bobby and Gene Lintz of Duncanville and Johnny and James Savage and Marvin Henry of Amarillo.

Mary Jane Lowry spent from Thursday to Saturday with Janie and Mike Ballard of Gilmer. Also visiting them from Gladewater was Ginnifer, Bill and Ryan Alyssa Lindsey.

Mary Jane Lowry visited with Ryan Ballard of Jolntown and Marla Brooks of Rosalie on Saturday.

Mary Jane Lowry and Mrs. W.S. Cody will be exchanging their annual Christmas card this week for the 35th year without fail.

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society met at the Blossom Library on Monday night for their monthly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland attended the regular monthly meeting of the Deport Eastern Star on Friday night. Special guest was Eva Dehart of Sulphur Bluff, deputy. After the business meeting the group enjoyed a delicious meal.

Virginia Cleveland was treated for her birthday with a trip to Applebee's in Paris on Sunday after church by her husband Buford. She also enjoyed birthday calls from son Paul Cleveland who is in Denver on a job and granddaughter Kenah Sala of East Islip, New York.

Minnie Lee Shand visited with Viola Brendle of the Regency Nursing Home on Sunday. She also spent

most of the day Monday visiting with Juanita Harrison.

Jim and Kathy Weddle of Denton treated Pauline and Jr. Weddle to the Fish Fry on Saturday night.

Pauline Weddle and Minnie Lee Shands attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Vernon and Dorothy Berry of Detroit at the Lifeline Worship Center in Reno on Sunday.

Margaret Parks and Pauline Weddle visited with Frankie Parks of Heritage Manor.

Bessie Garret visited on Monday and Tuesday in Paris with Paul and Sue Garrett. She and Juanita Garrett of Woodland visited with Edith and

Raymond Crawford of the Deport Nursing Home on Sunday afternoon. She was visited by son and granddaughter Paula and Melissa Garrett on Sunday afternoon.

Joseph Whelchel of Ft. Benning Georgia, son of Carolyn and Charles Whelchel has just completed jump school and will be home for the holidays to visit.



Merry Christmas
Enjoy the beauty and wonder of it all.

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Post Oak News
By Geneva Lee 982-5309

The East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church choir will present their Christmas Cantata Sunday morning before preaching service. They will have lunch at the Fellowship Hall following the morning service and have the afternoon service about 1:30 p.m. There will be no night service.

The Post Oak Fire Department met last Tuesday night with seven present. Alvis Bates came and is joining the department. Vernon Vaughn the fire chief attended a meeting in Rowan Monday night sponsored by the Lamar Electric Co-op. The co-op presented each fire department with a \$200 donation.

Ruby Allen fell at her home one day last week and had to have some stitches in her head. She is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Smith have moved to Arkadelphia, Arkansas to be near their daughter. We will miss them very much.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Lee of Ft. Worth came Saturday and visited relatives including Rhoda Lee and Alma Stevens in the Paris Nursing Home. Alma had spent the first part of last week in the hospital for blood.

Roger Lynn Mitchell of Ft. Worth visited his grandparents James and Mickie Freeman over the weekend and killed a 4-point deer.

Silent Night, Holy Night

A hush fell over the world that night, and our Savior was born. In celebration of His coming, we wish you all a Christmas of peace and happiness.

L. C. & Jerry Nell Stout

GREETINGS

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

Buddy & Sue Malone
Tony & Debra
& Matthew Malone
Tommy & Micah Malone



GLOWING CHRISTMAS TREES from theme-oriented to a total mix of ornaments light up the holiday season. It seems that there really isn't any such thing as an ugly Christmas Tree. (Staff Photo by NanaLee Nichols)

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into, the mind. —Samuel Taylor Coleridge

they won't mix.

Season's Greetings

Your friendship means a lot to us. Enjoy a wonderful holiday.

Ina & Nina Sparks

Greetings!

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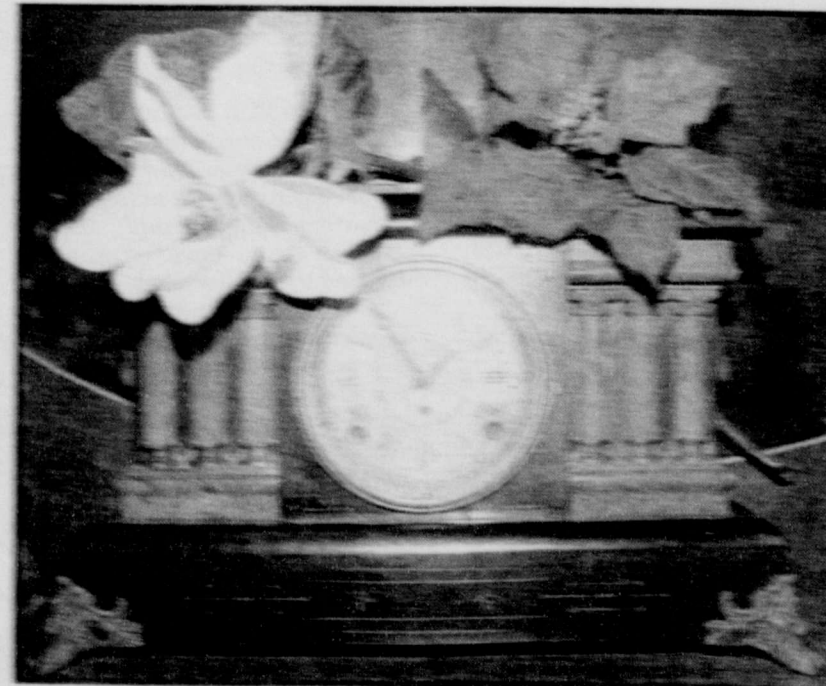


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John 1:9

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AN ANTIQUE CLOCK decorated with magnolias and poinsettias makes a lovely addition to the season of Christmas. (Staff Photo by NanaLee Nichols)

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GEARING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

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Blessings of the Season

May the true spirit of Christmas envelop you and your loved ones, as together we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

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John & Carolyn Mayes



HAVE A NICE WEEKEND

Calloway-Herron descendents meet

Descendents of Stephen Calloway and Alice Victoria Horn Herron met on Thanksgiving Day at the Blossom Civic Center for a Thanksgiving dinner and reunion. Three of Alice and Cal's eight deceased children were represented by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Those attending from the family of Riley and Winnie Herron were Mack and Oberia Herron, Michael, Vanessa, Jesse and Ashley Herron, Ray, Jeanette (Herron), Terry and Kim Wilson, Ronald, Glen, LaFonda Herron and Sharon, Alma Net Herron Morris, Billy and Opal Herron Mears, Loretta Young Weddle, Brad, Shir- ley and Matthew Weddle and Shawn and Wendy Weddle. Attending from the family of Herbert Herron were Alma Ruth Herron, Pat Herron Hilley, Jennifer Hilley, Bill and Wanda Jo Herron Rainey, Carrie Rainey, Bob, Laquetta Herron and Lacie Herron. Those representing the Herman Herron family were Aileen Herron, Hubert and Peggy Herron Johnston, Chad, Steve, Kortni, Beverly Johnston Athas, Ashley Athas, Grady and Carolyn Herron, Jason Herron and Regina Herron. Friends attending were John Bounds and Josh Smith.

Booting Up All the Best

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AND HERE's an International Santa-a Scottish St. Nick complete with bag pipes, kilt, sporran and argly socks! The variety of Santa's seems almost unlimited. (Staff pHoto by Nanalee Nichols)



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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Happy Holidays

Glad tidings to all our friends, both near and far. Many thanks for including us in your travels.

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

Hugh & Vicki Jeffus, Jeff, Camey, Kenji & Sharon, Christy, Jason and Chase

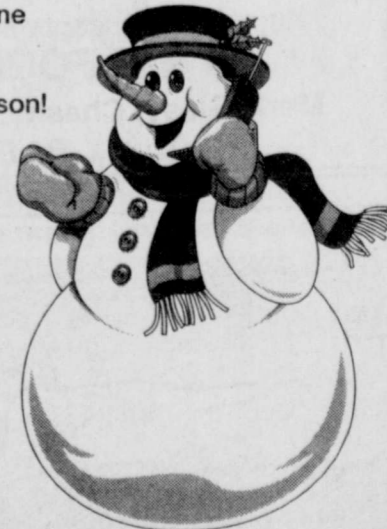


SNOWY Landscapes and lighted candles are features of this Father Christmas. (Staff Photo)

A HOLIDAY

HELLO!

You gave us such a fine reception, we just want to thank you. Have a very merry season!



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With Warm Holiday Greetings

At this special time of year we want to thank our friends and wish them all the joy and peace of an old-fashioned Christmas.

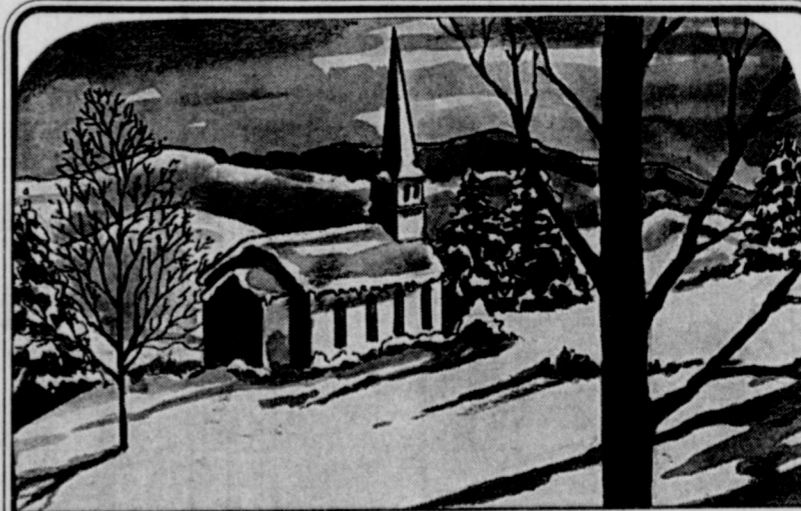
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS

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

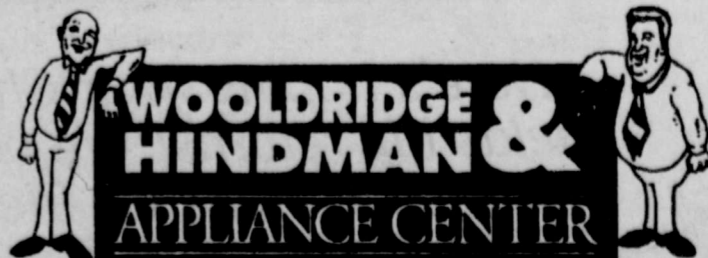
From: DR. JIM LOVE DVM 6485 LAMAR AVE. PARIS TX.



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2:8

Hallelujah!

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Blossom Letters To Santa...

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a power ranger and a spider man.
Juan Carlos Cortes

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a batman car and a real little motorcycle.
Tommy Procella

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a heart puzzle and a stuffed teddy bear.
Kacey Blount

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a soldier and a remote controlled plane.
Dylan Spencer

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Crash Bandit Coot 3 and Running Wild video game for my playstation.
Tyler Brown

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a real live horse with its own saddle and a barn to put it in.
Sarah Logsdon

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? My name is Michael. I'm seven years old and I have a sister and she is four years old. I want a Twister and race track and a bike.
Love,
Michael DiGiovanni

Dear Santa,
I think your being nice to everyone. I know you are nice to your reindeer. I live at Sun Valley. Please bring me some roller blades, toy car, remote control motorcycle and please bring me a trampoline.
Love,
Carl

Dear Santa,
Have you been good to your reindeers? How are you? I have a nice family. I have a sister and a friend. I am eight. Hiw is it up there? Please bring me a computer and a camera and a football jersey.
Love,
Dakota Swindle

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? I go to Blossom School. I have lots of friends. Please bring me a swing set, bedtime talking bubba and some skates.
Love,
Tonya Fry

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? I have a sister. How far is the North Pole? If you get what I want I will thank you with a hug. My name is Whittnie. May I have Barbie and atape player and a lap computer.
Love,
Whittnie Stone

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I go to Blossom and live in Blossom. I have a dog, iguana and a cat and another dog and another cat. Please bring me a silver bicycle, shotgun, computer and printer.
Love,
Zachery Cullum

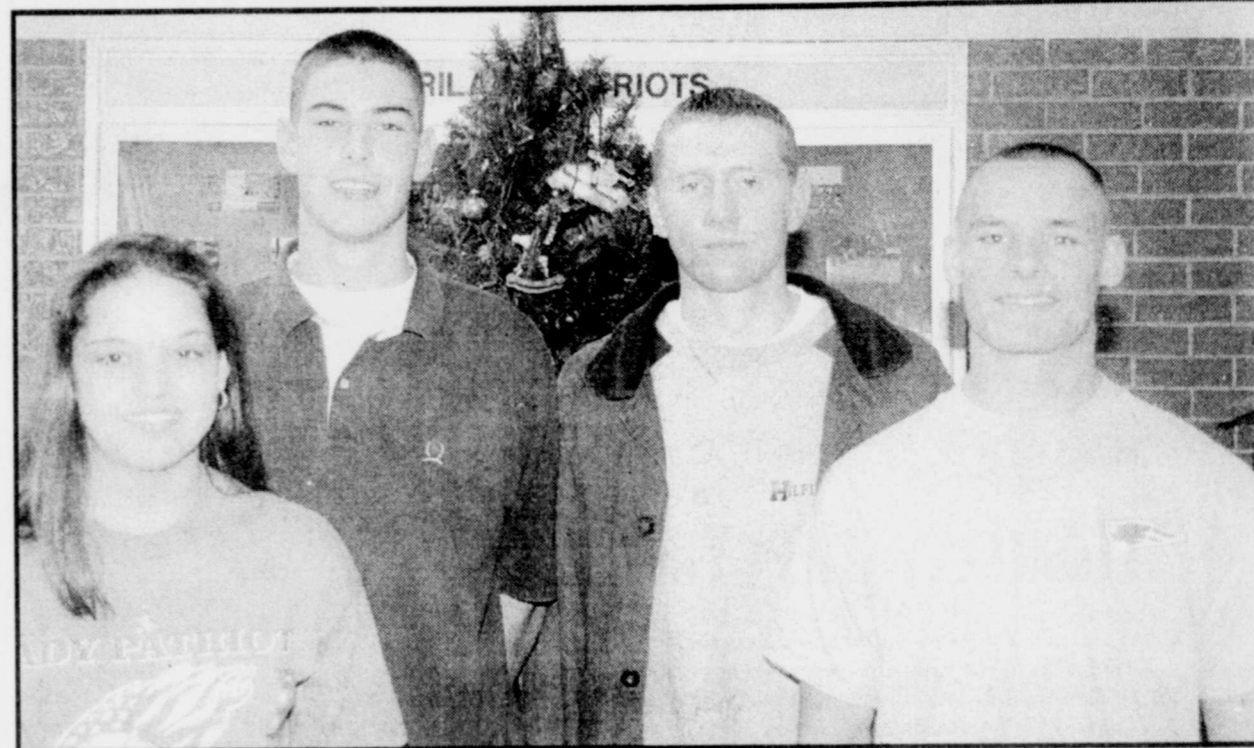
Dear Santa,
My name is Brandie and I am a tomboy. I live in Blossom. My school is called Blossom. Please bring me a computer, pet horse and a dog.
Love,
Brandie Salus

Dear Santa,
I'm being good at school. I have a brother and he is nice. He is playing baseball. Please bring me a laptop, an Armegeddon and Clay Walker cd. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Chase Moore



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

PRAIRILAND SENIORS visited with Santa last Wednesday on the Deport campus at the Project Graduation Christmas Bazaar. Pictured left to right is Stacy Harrison, Tony Love, Santa, Justin Bounds and Katie Mullins.



ALL TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS named at the Cap Herman Invitational Basketball Tournament in Sulphur Bluff on December 10-12 are pictured left to right Christy Patterson, Lucas Roddy, Trey Gifford and Aaron Williams.

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a sister so I could play with her. I was bad for three weeks at first but I started to be good the rest of the week so I want these presents. Teddy bear, jump rope and hula hoop.
Love,
Laura Smith

Dear Santa,
I will give you cookies and milk. I have been nice to my brother. Will you bring me a game boy, play station and a football game with it.

Dear Santa,
Please let it snow. I am trying to be good. I care about my brother. Please bring me a mountain bike, lego sets and a matchbox.
Love,

Dear Santa,
I have a puppy that says woof, woof at night. I give him food and water. Bring me skates, baseball shoes and punching bag.
Love,
Arturo Sifuentes

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I hope you will bring me presents. I want you to bring me a nintendo game, action figures and camera.
Love,
Kaleb Price

Dear Santa,
I'm a short girl. I love to play games. I'm eight years old. I go to church. I can make milk come out of my eyes. I love my sister. I want a purse, hairbows and a diary.
Love,
Katy Garrison

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I go to Bossom School. I hope it snows at Christmas. I love Chi-risntmas. Please bring me a walkman cd player, an Amazing Amy and a Rugrat doll.
Love,
Heather Bybee

Dear Santa,
I have 2 brothers and one sister. I have 2 birds also. They are a boy and a girl. How are things at the North Pole? I like it in Texas. My parents are divorced, but that is okay. Please bring me a go-cart, laser tag and a bb gun.
Love ?

Dear Santa,
It is warm in Texas. We have seven cats and five dogs. Everyday I get dressed in the mornign and I go to Mamaws house to eat breakfast. Please bring me a dollhouse, Braum's ice cream maker and a soccer ball.
Love,
Roxy Sawyer

Dear Santa,
I have my Christmas tree up. It is hot in Texas. I hope it will snow on Christmas Eve. I want a go-cart and magic meal time baby and skates.
Love,
Stormy Easley

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I have asister who is one. I have a brother that is 9. I baby sit her. I've been very good. I do my chores. Please bring me a 4-wheeler, bb gun and a baseball bat.
Love,
Josh White

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and I have been doing my chores. I help take care of my sister. Please bring me a hammer, a dodge truck and a tractor.
Love,
Chris Ryan

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas songs. I like toys. I have been good all year. I'm being good for you Santa. I want you to bring me a race car track, blue 10-speed bike and a go-cart.
Love,
Rhyann Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a toy bike and a football.
Love,
Randal Sessums

Dear Santa,
The weathe in Texas is cold on side. It is snowing at the North Pole. How is Rudolph and the other reindeers? Please bring me a gameboy and roller blades and mad gab.
Love,
Tyler Bowden

Dear Santa,
Thank you for letting me write this letter by way of the Blossom Times. I hope you are having a good year and I will be getting a baby brother next month in January. My name will be Jesse Jake, so next year both of us can write you a letter. I was 5 year old in November and I got a lot of nice gifts for my birthday. Anything you bring me I will like it very much. Thank you Santa and be careful on your trip around the world all of the children's houses I love you!
Allison Ann-Marie Ensey

Dear Santa,
I am writing you from Paris and will be in the Blossom Times. My Granna and Papa live in Blossom and I come to visit them there. I now have a baby sister and her name is Alex and she was born the last day of November, so we got an early Christmas present. I will appreciate whatever you bring me and Alexis for Christmas.
Love,
Hunter Sanders

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With Warm Regards

May peace and joy burn brightly throughout your heart and home this holiday season.

Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for a glowing year.

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Blossom Letters To Santa..



Dear Santa,
My name is Wavonne Coulter and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been a very good girl this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a puppy and a kitten for my sister. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Wavonne

Dear Santa,
How are you doing up there? How is Rudolph? Can you hear us down here? If the sun is out will the snow melt? My mother was bad this year so don't give her anything. I want radios, cars, pogs and slammers.
Love,
Christopher Anderson

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and you? How are the other reindeer. How are the elves? Santa Claus I want a computer, new dress, shoes and Spice Girls tape.
Love,
Sherri Patterson

Dear Santa,
I've been good. My name is Dayne and my brother has been good. His name is Heath. We wrestle. Please bring me a Sander's jersey, computer and I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Dayne Sessums

Dear Santa,
Rudolph has a shinny nose. Rudolph's father named Blitzen. I want a Barbie, Beanie Baby, A bug's life movie, Barbie Riding Club and an angel dress.
Love,
Kaylon Merrill

Dear Santa,
My name is Magen McDonald and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been a very good girl this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a talking band and a flashlight and a guitar for Christmas. Thank you for the good you do.
Love,
Magen

Dear Santa,
How are you? I know you are doing work. Santa, take care of Rudolph. What I want for Christmas is a 4-wheeler, boat and shotgun.
Love,
Casey Fendley

Dear Santa,
How are you. Did you deed the reindeer. I want a case crane, ford tractor and truck.
Ben Blount

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are fine. If you want you could put my samll presents in my room. Please bring me a computer, barbie software a 5 week old puppy and a spice girls headphone microphone.
Love,
Elizabeth Thompson

Dear Santa,
How is it going up there? The weather down here has not gotten cold yet. Santa, let's drop the conversation and talk about toys. I want a Doodle Bear, Holiday Barbie and a calf.
Love,
Meagan Thomas

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph being fed? Can I have a Spice Girls headphones, Party pazzazz nail filer and dark blue boots?
Love,
achell Procella

Dear Santa,
My name is Katy Taylor and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a dog and also bring a cat for Christmas. Thank you for the good you do.
Love,
Katy

Dear Santa,
I have been very good all year. I got one question for you. Why do you go Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!
Love,
Phillip Filkins

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I like when you bring us some presents on Christmas Eve. I want roller blades, pocelain dollle and a cd player for Christmas.
Love Kaci Burchinal

Dear Santa,
I go to Coorado every Thanksgiving with my family. I'm seven, fixing to tobe eight on December 10. My moms name is Caronda and my dads name is Craig. I have a brother and his name is Caleb. Please bring me a black puppy, cd player and a Barbie. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Cassidy Adams

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeers. Blitzen, Vixen, Zowy, Donner, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Cupid, Rudolph and St. Nick too. I hope you bring me a nintendo 64 and the video game, it is called 007 and a puppy and a hound dog.
Love,
Seth Connot

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Did it snow in the North Pole. We are going to put our Christmas tree up soon. I miss you, Rudolph and the reindeer too. I want a new bike, a tv in my room and some new toys.
Love,
Taylor Guilliams

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Whitson and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a talking bubba and a watch for my sister for Christmas. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I am feeling fine. How are you feeling? I want Laser Tag, toy gatling gun and RC Centron Crane.
Love Dakota Parker

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a sega. I have been good.
Thank you,
David Bishop

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have one brother, two dogs and three ducks. My teacher's name is Mrs. Wright. Please bring me a telephone, tv, and a lava lamp. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Jessica Withers

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to my friends in the Deport- Bogata area. Thank you all so very much for your help and your genuine kindness to me this past year and all the years that I have been associated with you.

Sincerely
Elvin Bell

Elvin Bell, Mail Carrier,
Rt. 1, Deport



Dear Santa,
My big brother has been pretty good so you can bring him a present too. I want a Nintendo 64, a bike and a nerf gun.
Love,
Alyssa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Did you feed the reindeers? Please bring me a Bop-it, Brain Warp and a microscope.
Love,
Alyssa

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a bike, parrot, remote control and hot wheels. I have been good.
Love,
Joaquin

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Amanda Bishop and I go to Blossom. I have a big family and I would like a tv, vcr and a pony.
Love Amanda Bishop

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

DEPORT POST OFFICE

Joe Thompson
Drucilla Rollins
Elvin Bell
Donna Hildebrand

Merry Christmas, Friends

WELCOME Christmas!

When it comes to our neighbors, our doors are always open. We really appreciate your stopping by this past year.

JAK Fertilizer
Hwy. 82 Blossom, TX
James & Billie Lois Keys

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a bike, hot wheels and a little play truck.
Bryce Walker

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus doing? I'll tell you what I want is a gego pet and a nack dog. In fact a real dog nack. It is a girl. I want a Barbi doll house and I also want a new Ken and a good Christmas. Mery Christmas.
Your friend,
Leigha Stone

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a beanie baby, kitten and unicorn. I have been good.
Thank you,
Laura Mitchell

Dear Santa,
My name is Alivia Stanphill and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Baby Born and also please bring a car for Eli. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Alivia

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a beanie baby, kickstand and a tree house. Thank you.
Love,
Kate Robertson

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison Oney and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a fingernail salon for Christmas an also please bring a puppy for Katy. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Madison

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a computer game, construction game and beanie baby and bird. I have been good.
Thank you,
Josh McNabb

Dear Santa,
My name is Dakota Nation and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a tent and a dalmation chair and also please bring a chalkboard for my cousin. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Dakota

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a baby kitten and beanie puppy.. I have been really good.
Thank you,
Nicole Kilpatrick

Dear Santa,
My name is Edgar DeLarosa and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been ver good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a dinosaur toy for Christmas and bring a batman for Arturo. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Edgar

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. I have been good. I would like a globe, lots of hot wheels, robots, wrestling game, race track, computer and tv.
Love,
Matthew Mansfield

Dear Santa,
My name is Meghan Caldwell and I am 6 years old. My tacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a new bicycle and a new car for my mom. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Meghan

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. I have been good. Pleae bring me a dog, a friedn and a baby brother.
Thank yo,
Stesha Barkley

Dear Santa,
I want a tv and a play station and a toy truck like the U.S. flag and a toy truck and trailer with a boat and I want a PStation game.
Your friend,
Shane Gonzales

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a blue bike, robot and bean bag. I have been good.
Thank you,
Matt Merritt

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 controler and a nintendo game NWO/WCW Revenge and a four wheeler and a Sony play station and a real bow and arrow Zachery Jester

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Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me 3 Power rangers. I have been good.
Thank you,
Jaime

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a tea set and a Barbie that has a ring.
Love,
Tiffany Smith

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I have been good this year. Please bring me Web Blaster and Tornado Blast.
Clayton Thomas

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Blossom Letters To Santa...

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have been good. Please bring me a Christmas book and a Christmas card. I hope you are fine.
Your friend,
Blake Gordon

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Nitro-dozer. I hope you are fine.
Your friend Derek Atnip

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Sting Wrestling doll. I hope you are fine.
Your friend Kyle Upchurch

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a bike. You are fine.
Your friend John

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a bike and a rocket. I hope you are fine.
Your friend Harley Martin

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me an Angel Barbie and I hope you are fine.
Your friend Gewn Lerro

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Tie-Dye Barbie. I hope you are fine.
Your friend Maci Adkins

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a white tiger and Spice Girls dolls. I hope you are fine.
Your friend Brittany Bolin

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Angel Barbie My-Size. I hope you are fine.
Your friend
Miranda Stevens

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a my-size Barbie and Doc Martin boots. I hope you are fine.
Your friend
Autumn Nation

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year for Christmas. I would like a GI Joe, legos, Ninetendo, Fruby, dog and a playstation.
Thank you Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a Barbie and a 4-wheeler.
Malanie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. All I want for Christmas this year is a Schnauzer, 4-wheeler, GI Joe and a Volcano blast.
Gage

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Davidson and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Baby Born for Christmas and please bring a talking Bubba for Alivia. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and for Christmas I would like a Play Station and a Furby and a laptop computer.
Love Ethan

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and I want for Christmas a kitty, baby, 4-wheeler, Barbie and a snoochy Pooh.
Lauren

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. Ball, Playstation, cat, dog, Valcano Blast and a 4-wheeler.
Love Amber

Dear Santa,
I have been very good and for Christmas I want a 4-wheeler, playstation, legos, nintendo 64 and Barbie.
Thank you Chelsea

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want legos, Snootchy Pooch, Furbie, Barbie, 4-wheeler and a Playstation.
Brandy

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. This is what I want for Christmas. Legos, 4-wheeler, jeep and j-R.
Calvin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good and this is what I want for Christmas. GIJoe, Valcano Blast, Independence Day movie.
Chris

Dear Santa,
I have been very good and this year I want a 4-wheeler, Valcano Blast and Playstation.
Merry Christmas,
Arturo

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and this is what I want for Christmas. Legos, GI Joe, skateboard and Merry Christmas.
Miguel

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I want a Furby and Playstation for Christmas.
Thank you,
Michael

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and this is what I want for Christmas. Barbie, cat, dog, Furby, kitty, 4-wheeler, owl, frog, legos, GI Joe, 2-wheeler and 2 Barbies.
Karissa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and this is what I want for Christmas. Transformer, roller blades, bb gun, 4-wheeler and Valcano Blast.
Tommy

Dear Santa,
I want Dr. Martins, WWFNintendo 64 games, Tommy jeans, Jincio jeans, Jincio shirt, Nike stuff, Nike shirt and Nike shorts.
Haley

Dear Santa,
My name is Kayla Thomas and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a cheerleaders uniform for Christmas. Also, please bring a fingernail salon for Jessica.
Thank you for all you do.
Love,
Kayla

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase Hunold and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a remote control jeep for Christmas. Also, please bring a baseball bat for Justin. Thank you for all you do.
Love,
Chase

Dear Santa,
My name is Cesar Alonso and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Spider toy and also please bring a toy for my brother. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Cesar



Dear Santa,
I have been very good for Christmas and I would like to have a bike, puppy and a biker.
Thank you,
Justin

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice today. Please bring me a Ninetendo, kitty, barbie and a game and GI Joe.
Merry Christmas,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and I would like to have a GI Joe, Valcano Blast and a skateboard.
Merry Christmas,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. This is what I want for Christmas. A starship and a laser Challenge V2 and that electronic bowling game.
Allen

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and this is what I want for Christmas. A horse and a doggy.
Hayley Landis

Dear Santa,
I want a tv, doll, desk, stereo, vcr, pooh purse, diary, a new watch, nail polish and remover. What I really, really want is a computer.
Love,
Nicki Garrison

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want only three things. Peace, I puzzle and a printer for my computer.
Your friend,
Holly

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a football.
Justin Wise

Dear Santa,
I want a 4-10 gun, a Jeco shirt, paint ball gun and paint balls.
Timothy

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a disco light and a stereo and a baby kitten. Don't forget the stockings.
Love,
Alisa Michelle Lane

Dear Santa,
I want a Spice Girl game CD for my Playstation and Spice Girl Barbie and Spice Girl CD. I will be good!
Dana

Dearest Santa,
This is my Christmas list. I want some CD's, MY Size Angel Barbie, Furby, stuffed Tweety, dress pants and a shirt under a vest, computer, desk, two thumb rings, pinky ring and some high, high, high shoes.

Dear Santa,
I would like a radio, new pair of shoes and a surprise gift.
Love,
Lidnsey Terrell

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

Dear Santa,
My name is Justin James and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me laser guns and tag for Christmas and also bring a baby boy for Cody. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Justin

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom. Please bring me a color book and key chain and game Sorry. I have been good.
Thank you,
Alyssa Miller

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Blossom School. Please bring me a dog, jeep and other things. I have been good.
Thank you
Mary Beth Chandler

A Fitting Tribute To Our Loyal Customers
We'd like to step in with our best wishes for a happy and joyous holiday season. Thanks for helping us put our right foot forward.

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O' HOLY NIGHT

May the wonder of His love guide you now and forever.

Thanks and best wishes for a joyous holiday.
Carlos & Melba Ladd

Wishing You Happy Holidays & The Best New Year!!

Donald, Judy & Tana Screws

Down Home Greetings

There's nothing like celebrating Christmas in the country with our good friends and neighbors.

Allen, Bobbi, Bryan Gifford
Marti & Jason Chumbley

Blossom Post Office

YOU'RE ON SANTA'S LIST!

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

Post Master - Randolph Allen, Judy Cromer, Carla Graham, Keith Mc Dowra, Mike Wright

In the Spirit of the Season

May you and your loved ones bask in the glory of His light and love this Christmas. Thank you for brightening our year with your visits.

**John, Jill, Randy & Lindsay Hoover
Shane & Zarinska
Morton**

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

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

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by Ruth Cheatham

Once again we come to celebrate Christmas in a Christian world. As the world turns now toward the worship of power, we must remember the first worshippers of the Christ child. They were not the great and mighty, nor the rich and noble, but just ordinary people, like you and me. The purest joys that Christmas brings are found in little things, the smile of a child, and in every child's

smile we see the Christ Child. At this time we remember that the world was redeemed by a child in Bethlehem, and his hand was put into ours to lead us forward so that we look no more backward, but toward a brighter land. The people that had walked in darkness and seen a great light that dwelled in the land of the shadow of death had the light shone. For unto us a child is born unto us

The Meaning of Christmas

a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace Isa. 9:9.

In a Christian world at this time, we find families and customs, it's the love, joy and the togetherness that mean so much and make memories last. It's not the gifts and greeting we

remember most; it's the beautiful music and the great choirs all over the world. It has been said that music is the voice of angels.

Just for a fleeting moment i go back to the cantatas we once had in our community choir that are no more. Many of the voices have been stilled by age and illness. Others are singing in the heavenly choir.

The meaning of Christmas is to

step down and consider the needs of little children of the world, to remember the loneliness of people who are growing old and are in nursing homes. We need to keep in mind the things that other people bear in their hearts and make a grave for our ugly thoughts and a garden for our kindly feelings. If we are willing to do these things just for a day, then we will know the

meaning of Christmas.

I wish the families of the world over a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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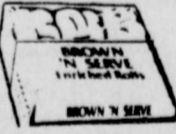
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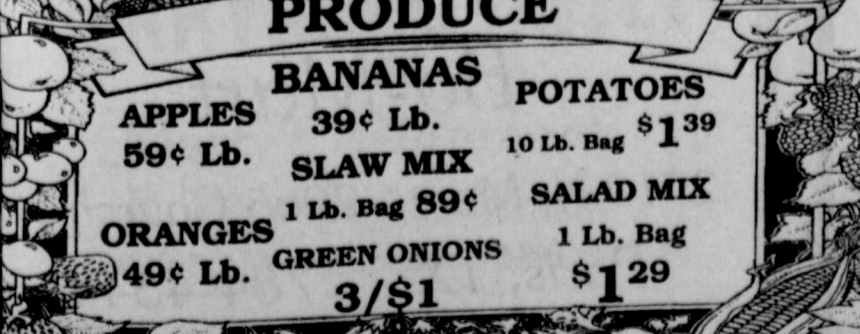
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A Memory of Christmas Past

by Carol English

As I sit here and think of all my past Christmases, one is very dear to me. I was eight years old and excited about Santa Claus.

Uncle Dick cut our Christmas tree, we decorated the tree with strings of popcorn, colored ornaments and Mama cut out dancing girls form paper for us kids to color.

I remember telling Mama what I wanted for Christmas and her telling me that you had to pay Santa Claus for gifts. She tried to explain to all of us children that we had no money and Santa would not be visiting us. I did not believe Mama because Santa came to visit all children who were good, and I had been very good.

We had a wood stove in our living room and the stove pipe was up the chimney. I remember thinking Santa could not come down our chimney for that stupid stove pipe and when I told Mama and asked her to take the pipe out, she just smiled. Christmas morning came and there wasn't a doll, only a present with three pair of panties from Mama. I cried and told Mama Santa couldn't get down the chimney because of the stove pipe.

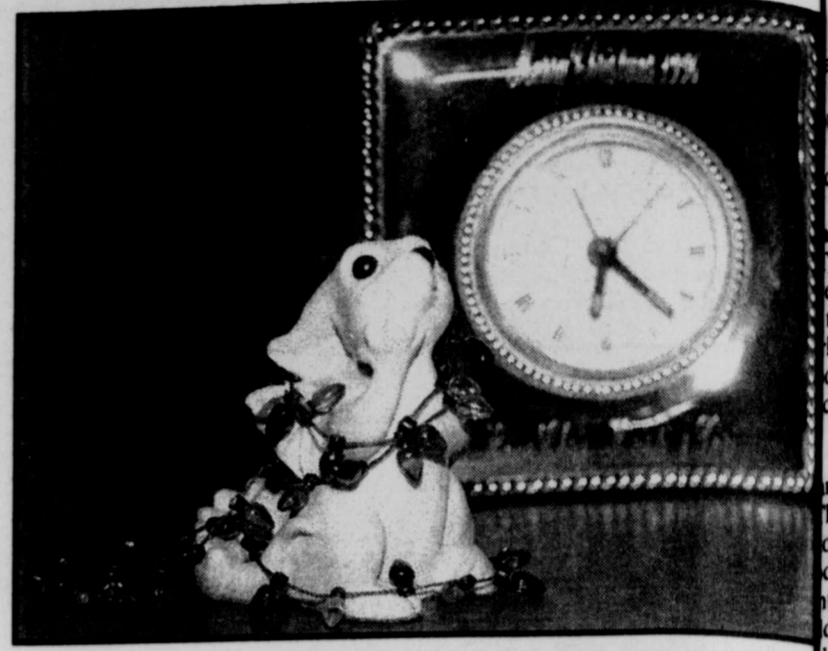
Mama and Uncle Dick fixed Christmas dinner, we said the blessing and

Mama told us children if you had your health, food on the table and a roof over your head, you had a good Christmas. I wondered why Mama bowed her head, sniffed her nose and wiped a tear from her eye. We ate our dinner and Mama said how she wished Bobby, my older brother, was here. He was off working on a pipe line.

Christmas night, Mama was telling us the story of Jesus birth when we heard someone hollering "Ho, HO, HO", and stepped upon the porch, opened the door, and there stood my brother, Bobby and Dick Deaton. Bobby's hands were full of presents for us. Mama got an electric blanket, Uncle Dick a pair of overalls and me, I got my baby doll, panties, socks and a pair of blue jeans. When I asked Bobby where he got this, he just grinned and said, "Well, Santa couldn't come down that chimney so he left them in the yard." Mama wiped her eyes again and said, "Thank you son," got up and warmed their supper while I played with my doll.

I never realized why my Mama sniffed her nose and wiped her eyes, until I had children of my own.

Thanks for the memories, Mama.



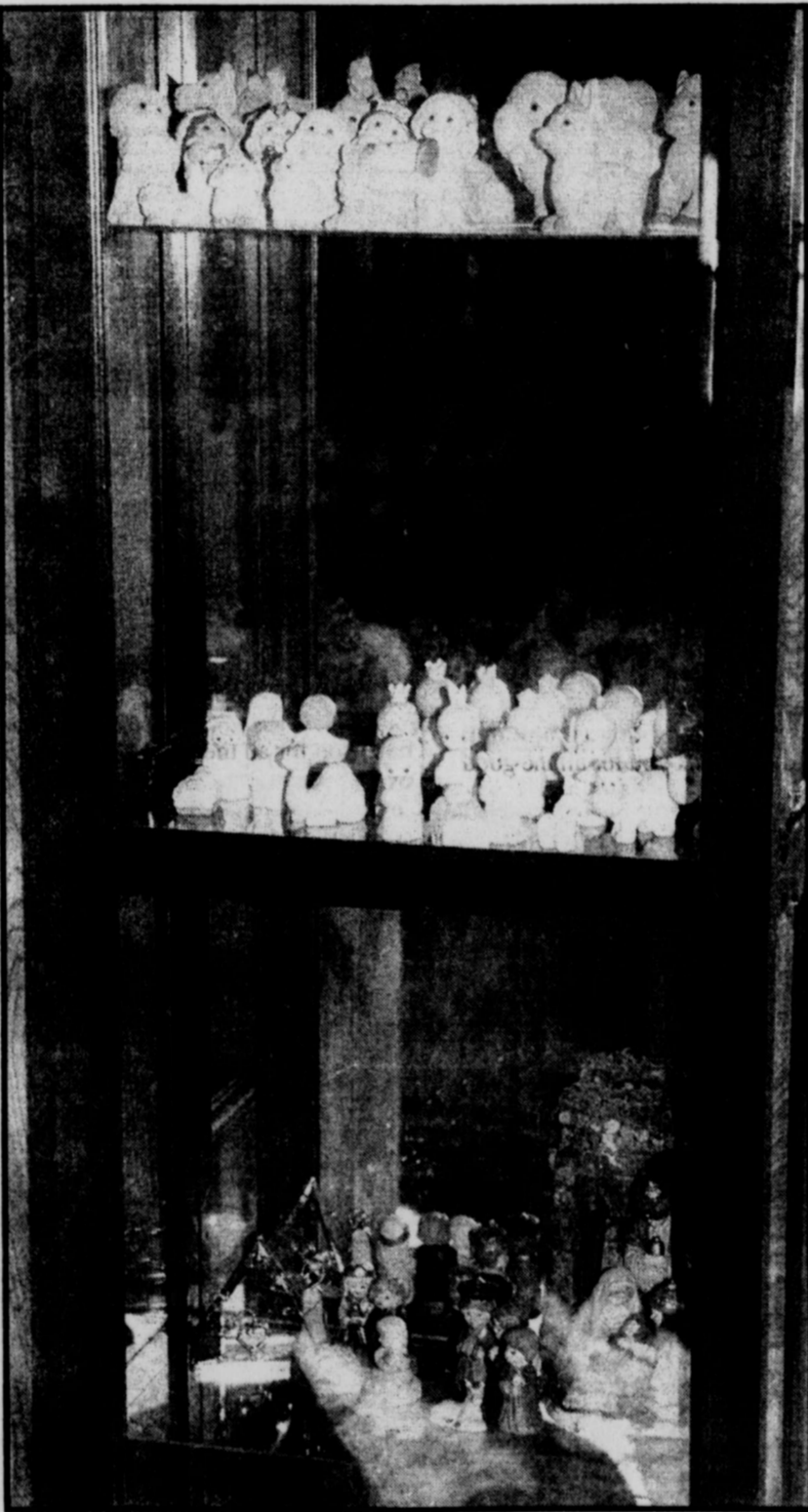
EVEN TINY DRAGONS can get the holiday spirit! This one seems to have had a slight problem with some Christmas lights! (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



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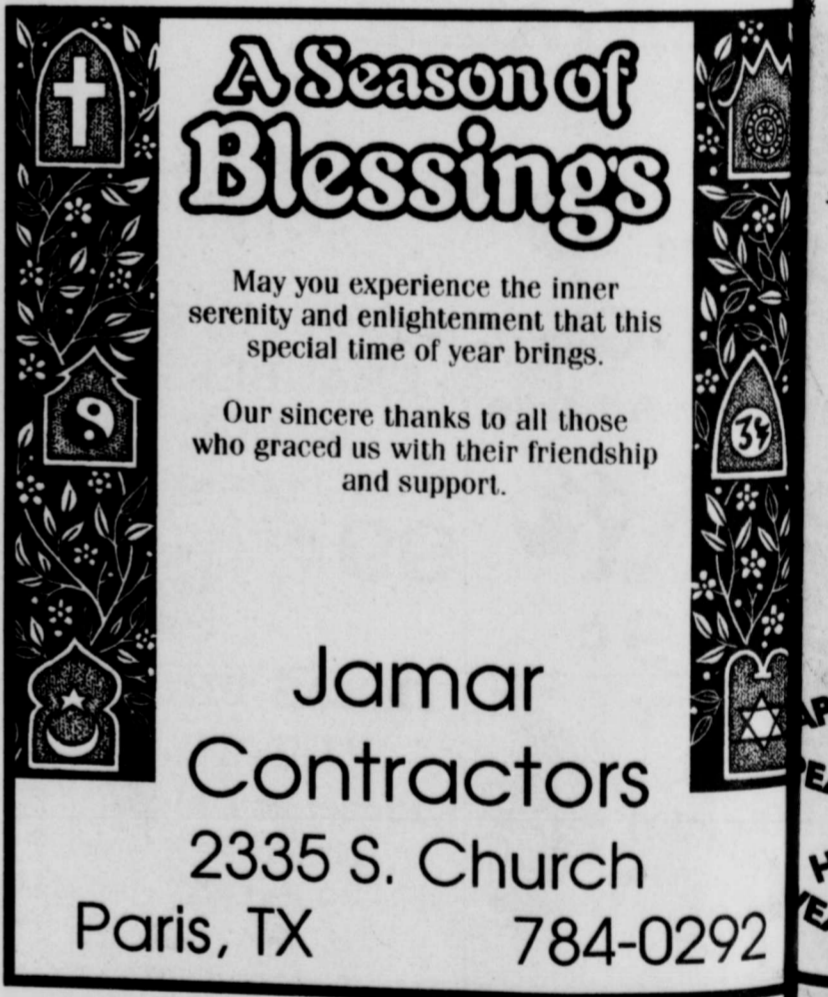
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Blossom Letters To Santa...

Deport Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a cd player and
clothes. I have been a perfect
all year.
Sincerely Kerri Deupree

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like to
have a Mercedes and a mansion. If
I wish, then whatever you bring will
be mine.
Because I have not been that
rich.
Love Steven Tillery

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want lots
of toys! I promise I've been a real
good girl! Some of the things that I
want are a beauty salon, barbies,
a teddy bear, a little tikes basket, ball
game, a new cabbage patch doll, new
toys, blocks, tonka truck,
a ride, new boots and any other
toys you think I would like.
Love Trystan Chapman

Dear Santa,
I've been extra good this year. I
would like to have a recliner, some
trucks, a new ball, some books, a
tricycle, some blocks and a pony to
ride. I like most any toys and I am not
picky.
Love Wil Shelton

Dear Santa,
I've been extra good this year! I
want lots of toys. I want Ronald
McDonald play dough center, any
hot wheels stuff, a computer and
games, atv and ver for my loft, mouse
trap game, skateboard, rug rat doll,
lion king II, land before time and any
other toys you think I might like.
Love Michael Enox

Dear Santa,
Hello! I haven't been around for
too long but, I do need a few things!
I would like to have an activity gym,
teether, new pacifiers and a swing.
I'm really a good boy!
Love Payden Dorries

Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good this year. I
need some new clothes and shoes,
fingernail fun, new beanie babies,
precious moments collectables, turn
signal for my bike, Barbie stuff, a
new cabbage patch and I would also
like some new cd's and a cd player.
Love Colby Chapman

Dear Santa,
I've been extra good this year! I
would like to have a McDonald's Kid
baby doll, some new play doh, new
beanie babies and a Dr. Ken Barbie.
My dog would like a new bone.
Love Courtney Womack

Dear Santa,
My name is Cathie Moon and I am
6 years old. My teacher is helping me
with this letter at Blossom School. I
have been very good (or at least I have
tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie
doll car, a Tommy that sings and talks
for Christmas. Also, please bring a
poster for my mom. Thank you for
all the good you do.
Love,
Cathie

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

Dear Santa,
My name is Morgan Caldwell and
I am 6 years old. My teacher is
helping with this letter at Blossom
School. I have been very good (or at
least I have tried to be)! Please bring
me a ballerina doll and a bike for
Christmas. Also, please bring a baby
Jesus doll for Sara Beth and thank
you for all the good you do.
Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Shannon and I
am 5 years old. My teacher is helping
write this letter at Blossom School. I
have been very good (or at least I
have tried to be)! Please bring me a
guitar and a motorcycle for Christ-
mas. Also, please bring a Barbie doll
for Cole. Thank you for all the good
you do.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan Chapman and
I am 5 years old. My teacher is
helping me write this letter at Bloss-
som School. I have been very good
(or at least I have tried to be)! Please
bring me a Bugs Lifw toy and a
valcano blast for Christmas. Also,
please bring a racing video game for
Caleb. Thank you for all the good
you do.
Love,
Jordan

Dear Santa,
My name is Sara Beth Upchurch
and I am 5 years old. My teacher is
helping me write this letter at Bloss-
som School. I have been very goods
(or at least I have tried to be)! Please
bring me a balerina Barbie and a
Baby Born for Christmas. Also,
please bring a notebook for my sisiter
and a remote control car for my
brother. Thank you for all the good
you do.
Love,
Sara Beth

Dear Santa,
It's me Kacey. I just wanted to tell
you what I wanted from you. Would
you please bring me a real motor-
cycle. That is all I want.
Kacey Langston

Dear Santa,
My name is Christopher and I am
6 years old and in the first grade. I
have been a good boy this year. Here
are a few things I would like for
Christmas this year: bike, go-cart,
computer and Godzilla toy. I hope
you have a great Christmas. Tell
Mrs. Claus and the reindeer that I said
"hello". I will leave some milk and
cookies for you a snack.
Love,
Chris Young

Dear Santa,
My name is Cheyenne Duke and I
am 5 years old. My teacher is helping
me with this letter at Blossom School.
I have been goo (or at least I have
tried to be)! Please bring me a swim-
ming pool with a swimming Barbie
for Christmas. Also, please bring a
sand table for my cousins. Thank you
for all the good you do.
Love,
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton Ginn and I am
6 years old. My teacher is helping me
write this letter at Blossom School.
I have been very good (or at least I
have tried to be)! Please bring me a
toy truck and play dough for Christ-
mas. Also, please bring cards and a
sand table for Ty. Thank you for all
the good you do.
Love,
Dalton

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan Delgado and I
am 6 years old. My teacher is help-
ing me to write this letter at Blossom
School. I have been very good (or at
least I have tried to be)! Please bring
me a skateboard jumper and an oven
for Christmas. Also, please bring the
same thing for someone else. Thank
you for all the good you do.
Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
My name is Colby Boyd and I am
5 years old. My teacher is helping me
to write this letter at Blossom
School. I have been very good (or at
least I have tried to be)! Please bring
me a remote control car and a jeep for
Christmas. Also, please bring a re-
mote control car for Brad and Judd.
Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Colby

Dear Santa,
My name is Ty Smith and I am 5
years old. My teacher is helping me
to write this letter at Blossom School.
I have been very good (or at least I
have tried to be)! Please bring me a
b-b gun and remote control race car
for Christmas. Also, please bring a
car playset for Jessie and a hunting
bow and arrow for Chase. Thank you
for all the good you do.
Love,
Ty

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

Dear Santa,
I wish you would get me a go-
cart and a nintendo 64 and a new tv so
I can play my nintendo and whatever
you want to get me and I hope you get
me a pair of jeans. I hope you have a
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Charlie Oates

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley and I am 7
years old and in the first grade. I have
been a good girl this year. Here are
a few things I would like for Christmas
this year: cool Barbie clothes, fake
money, new bed and books. I hope
you have a great Christmas. Tell
Mrs. Claus and the reindeer that I said
"hello". I will leave some milk and
cookies for you a snack.
Love,
Ashley Thomas

Dear Santa,
My name is Marcus and I am 6
years old and in the first grade. I have
been a good boy this year. Here are
a few things I would like for Christ-
mas this year: dirt bike, Batman car,
clue or red truck. I hope you have a
great Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus and
the reindeer that I said "hello". I will
leave some cookies and milk for you
a snack.
Love,
Marcus Wolf

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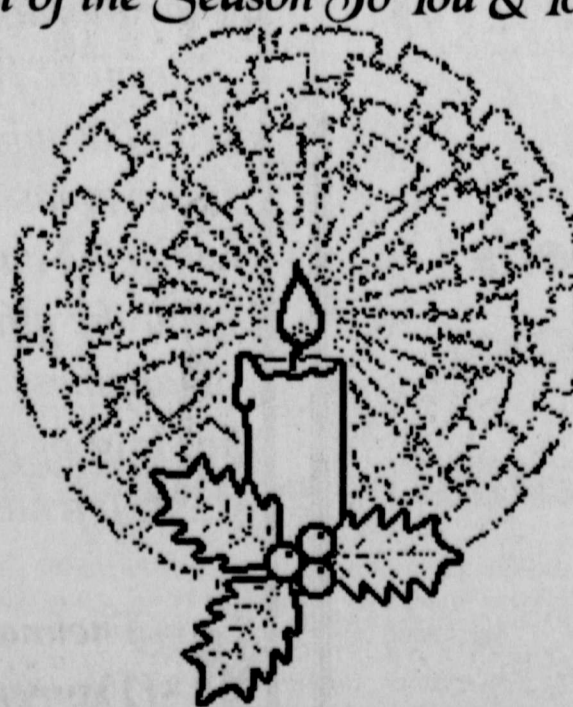
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Deport Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,

I have been trying to be good. COuld you please bring me Furby, Giga Pet, Godzilla movie and the bear in the Wish Book for Christsmas? I will leave a snack for you.

Love,

Anna Baker

Dear Santa,

I have been trying to be good. Could you bring me a boom box, N'sync cd and Nintendo 64 for Christsmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.

Love,

Abbie Nichols

Dear Santa,

My name is David and I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. Here are a few things I would like for Christsmas this year: Godzilla puzzle, Ty beanie baby, snake, plain puzzle and lots of presents. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some milk and cookies for you a snack.

Love,

David Barnes

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Elabeth and I live in Deport, Texas. I am 6 years old and I have been a good girl. Some of the presents I would like this year are: bike, puppy, 4-wheeler, trampoline, barbie doll, 2 more puppies and a baby rabbit. I will have milk and cookies for you to eat. Tell the elves that I said hi to them and also thereindeers. I will be looking for you on Christsmas mornig. Be careful on your trip.

Love Lizzie Brunson

Dear Santa,

My name is Broc and I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. I have been a good boy this year. Here are a few things I would like for Christsmas" computer, phone, dirt bike and go-cart. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some milk and cookies for you a snack.

Love,

Brock Crawford

Dear Santa,

Hello! My name is Dustin and I am in Mrs. Huddleston's class in Deport. I am a first grader and I am 7 years old. How have you and Mrs. Clause and the reindeer been doing? I have been a good boy this year. I have a few things that I would like to ask for this Christsmas. These are: 4-wheeler, go-cart and bicycle. I am going to have some cookies and milk for you and the reindeer to eat. I hope you have a safe trip. Talk to you next year.

Love,

Dustin Elrod

Dear Santa,

My name is Felicia and I am 7 years old. I am in the first grade. I have been a good girl this year. Here are a few things I would like for Christsmas this year: Barbie, bear, colors, dog, swimming pool, book, tv, swingset, dress ball, basketball court, earrings, necklace and danding Barbie. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Claus and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some cookies and cake for you a snack.

Love,

Felicia Filkins

Dear Santa,

Hell! My name is Katrina and I am in Mrs. Huddleston's class in Deport. I am a first grader and I am 7 years old. How have you and Mrs. Clause and the reindeer been doing? I have been a good girl this year. I have a few things that I would like to ask for this Christsmas. These are baby puppy, Barbie, car, Barbie jeep, camera and glasses. I am going to have cookies and milk for you and the reindeer to eat. I hope you have a safe trip. Talk to you next year.

Love,

Katrina Malone

Dear Santa,

My name is Chase and I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I have been a good boy this year. Here are a few things I would like for Christsmas this year: go-cart, bicycle, 4-wheeler, iguana, bb gun, real snake, Godzilla toy for my brother, 12-speed bike for my brother. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some cookies and milk for you a snack.

Love,

Chase Stogsdill



Dear Santa,

My name is Nicki and I am 7 years old in the first grade. I have been a good girl this year. Here are a few things I would like for Christsmas this year: shoes, play horse, stuffed animal, dress, clothes and Barbie. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some milk and cookies for you a snack.

Love,

Nicki Malone

Dear Santa,

My name is Laura and I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I have been a good girl this year. Here are a few things I would like for Christsmas this year: cd, bike, Baby Magic Stroller and cd player. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the reindeer that I will leave some cookies and milk for you a snack.

Love,

Laura Brooks

Dear Santa,

My anme is Maggie and I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I have been a good girl this year. Here are a few things I would like for Christsmas this year: Barbie, doll house, Ken(Barbie), doll, books, Barbie clothes, doll clothes, doll and Barbie, necklace, stuffed dog, stuffed bear, earrings and rings. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some cookies and milk for you a snack.

Love,

Maggie Miller

Dear Santa,

My name is Molly and I go to school at Deport, Texas. I am 6 years old and live in Paris, Texas. I have tried to be as good as I can be this year. I hope you bring me these things. Barbie jeep, trampoline and clothes. How are things at the North Pole? How is Mrs Clause? I will leave you some cookies and milk for you to eat when you get to my house. See you soon.

Love,

Molly Minter

Dear Santa,

Hello! My name is Matthew and I am in Mrs. Huddleston's class in Deport. I am a first grader and I am 8 years old. How have you and Mrs. Clause and the reindeers been doing? I have been a good boy this year. I have a few things that I would like to ask for this Christsmas. These things are: hot wheels, 3-wheeler, knife, control car, new bike, computer, new desk, trampoline, volleyball net, pet guinea pig, toy dump truck and new swimming pool. I am going to have some cookies and milk for you and the reindeer to eat. I hope you have a safe trip. Talk to you next year.

Love,

Matthew Smith

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaley and I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I have been a good girl this year. Here are a few things I would like this Christsmas: roller blades, Barbie and books and doll. I hope you have a great Christsmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some milk and cookies for you a snack.



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Dear Santa,
My name is Katie Golden. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Katie

Dear Santa,
My name is Alishia Flannigan. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Barbi, Barbi car, doll, little Christmas tree and a cat for Christmas. I will leave you some cokes and cookies.
Love,
Alishia

Dear Santa,
My Name is Samantha Thompson. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, Barbie house, new shoes, pencil and pony tail for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Sam

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good this year. Could you please bring me a Furby, two Giga Pets, Rugrats game and a Star War game for Christmas. I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Jeremiah Howington

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you bring me a ball and a dog? Bring my sister some books and bring my mom some perfume. Bring my dad a gun and bring my brother a fire truck for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love Hailey Spann

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you bring me Armagedon movie, Tonka Town cd, racing cd and Rug Rats movie for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Jacob Malone

Dear Santa,
My name is Kati Evans. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me Angel Barbie, chew train, hot car and a Rock and Roll Barbie for Christmas. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Love,
Kati

Dear Santa,
My name is Makynzi Watson. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a tent, magnifying glass, Barbie doll and clothes, make-up kit and a doctor kit for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Makynzi

Dear Santa,
My name is Casey Haskell. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a motorcycle, power ranger, bike and a buzz light years for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Casey

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you please bring me Nintendo 64, Play Station, Sega Genius and Super Nintendo for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
John Winters

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you please bring me drums, Back Street Boys cd, TV and a dirt bike for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Anthonie Hagood

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you bring me Godzilla toys, Jurassic Park toys and Jurassic Park computer game and a movie called Small Soldiers. I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Josey Francis

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Harrell. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a player and cds for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies.
Love,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin Womack. I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a bike, Power Wheels motorcycle, small Christmas tree, play clock and a Woody for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
My name is Garrett Plemons and I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me an airplane, toy dinosaur, remote control truck, Jurassic Park and combat boots for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Garrett

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. This is what I want #1 real horses, #2 big swimming pool and #3 real dog.
Love Jayci

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you bring me \$100, a talking globe, my two front teeth and a tent for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
Blake Barnes

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Could you please bring me a Barbie Bed and Bath, Angel Barbie, radio, skates for Christmas. I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Jessica Malone

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Dear Santa,
My name is Raymond Teel-Carey. I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a dirt bike, Power Ranger, books, car with a remote control and a car for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.
Love,
Raymond

Dear Santa,
My name is Stephen Melvin. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a dor, train, tricycle, kite and a toy bulldozer for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Stephen

Dear Santa,
#1 computer, #2 cd player and #3 my own house. This is what I want for Christmas.
Love,
Kelti

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Please bring me Test Drive Off Road, a scope, and a 22 Hornet for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
Layton Norwod

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you please bring me a Collin Ray cd, Beanie Baby, Play Station and a drum for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Lindsey Hoover

Dear Santa,
My name is Koleton Stephen. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a remote control truck, silksy knife, race car, bike and a play gun for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Koleton

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, computer and a bean bag for Christmas. I'll leave you chocolate cookies and milk.
Love,
Nathan

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Nintendo 64, a Game Boy in color and a Spiderman Webcopter.
Love,
Dylan Cathey

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been trying to be good. Could you please bring me Turbo Man, Spon Carnege and a Venom for Christmas. I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Mychal Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you please bring me a tv, go-cart, roller blades and cd's and stereo for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Ryan Ford

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney Crews. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a big Barbie house and monkey play for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Courtney Crews

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Bead Blast Barbie, dalmation blanket and a new bicycle.
Love,
Courtney

Dear Santa,
My name is Josh. I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. I have been a good boy this year. Here are a few things I would like for Christmas this year. Godzilla toy, dinosaur that eats grass and street sharks. I hope you have a great Christmas. Tell Mrs. Clau and the reindeer that I said "hello". I will leave some crackers and milk for you a snack.
Love,
Josh Kendall

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Please bring me \$30, skater, Nintendo 64 and a game for Christmas? I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Michael Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Could you please bring me a talking globe, cd's, bike and a Nintendo 64. I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Danci Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like a bow and arrow, Barbi Jeep and Barbi set swimming pool.
Love,
Kaylie

Dear Santa,
I am 18 months old and a good girl. Please bring me something with Winnie the Pooh on it. My sister, Lancy and I want a Barbie Jeep to share. There will be a snack for you and the reindeer at my house.
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Love,
Dustin Hood

Dear Santa,
I would like a pellet gun, bow and arrow and 4-wheeler.
Love,
Josh P.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been trying to be good. Could you please bring me a NWO wrestler, roller blades, sony, football for Christmas. I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Justin Wilson

Dear Santa,
I would like a cd player, cd's and Betty Spaghetti.
Love,
Marli

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good this year. Please bring me bicycle, clothes, shoes and Simba's Pride for Christmas. I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.
Love,
Hielly Owens

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. This is what I want this year. #1 truck, #2 bear and #3 Movie Babe.
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Love,
Blake and Jenna Barnes

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me 3 things. I want some balls and a racket, Barbie makeup girl, and a dinosaur jigsaw puzzle. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love,
Kaylee Miller

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I would like for you to bring me 3 things. I want a remote control crane, Small Soldier movie, Psycho racer and 3-d puzzle.
Love,
Matthew T.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me these things. Baby Spice Barbie, puppy, yak bak pen, Barbie house, Barbie and horse and Patch baby doll.
Love,
Kolbie Carlow

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like you to bring me 4 things. I want a Psycoracer, GI Joe and a Nintendo 64, Doc Martins. I hope you have a safe trip.
Merry Christmas,
Kolton Edwerds

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year am asking for the following things want a cd player, a puppy and a wrestling shirt, a wrestling jersey, Merry Christmas,
Jesi Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me 6 things. shoes, Barbie house, Barbie, Spice Girls movie. I hope you have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Desiree Hackett

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton Spears. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me Hot Wheels, Tonka fire truck and a Power Wheels truck for Christmas. I will leave you some brownies and milk.
Love,
Dalton Spears

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year would like for you to bring me things. GI Joe, men, gun and a truck. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Brett Watson

Dear Santa,
I have tried to me good this year. I would like for these things. I want a Psycho racer, bb gun, hot wheels, go carts, pocket knife and ninetendo 64. I will leave you a snack.
Sincerely yours,
Jeff Steffenson, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have these things. I want a doll, pound puppy van, Big Barbie house and shoes. I will leave you a snack,
Merry Christmas,
Courtney Hargroves

Dear Santa,
My name is Cole Moore. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a Power Ranger in Space, bb gun, remote control and a Godzilla for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Colt

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany Black. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, Barbie and a house, kittens and bicycle and a book for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and chocolate milk.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
My name is Laney Jackson. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie jeep that I can drive, Angel Barbie, play vacuum cleaner, new sandals and a talking Scooby Doo for Christmas. I will leave you some fudge and milk and cookies.
Love,
Laney

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashleigh Allen. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie jeep, Barbie house and clothes for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Ashleigh

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda Gilbert. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie jeep, baby doll, flag, water float and shoes for Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
My name is Blaze Burnes. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a dirt bike, skateboard, bb gun, paint ball gun and a basketball goal for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love
Blaze

Dear Santa,
My name is Maverick Jones. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a ball, monkey bouncer, toy space ship, Godzilla and a toy soldier for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Maverick

Dear Santa,
My name is Katie Alcorn. I am 5 years. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a bike, Barbies, baby dolls, jewelry and some clothes for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Katie

Dear Santa,
My name is Jake Owens. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a race car, racing boat, pet lizard and a Misset Knights for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Jake

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimberly Elrod. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like you to bring me a swimming pool, bike, swing set, roller blades and a jump rope for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have these things. I want a Clueless handfree phone, tv, a collar, beanie babies, race car model, Sony play station, bike, a bone for Jake and Buffy, Junior Air Hockey label. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Jenna Patterson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I am asking for the following things. I want a cd player, puppy, gun, car set and a coat. I hope you have a safe trip.
Merry Christmas,
Stephen Allen

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have these things. I want a puppy, jeans, Nike shoes, shirts, Spice Girls cd, Spice girl poster and I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Hanah Norwood

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me 10 things. I want a cd player, a tape player, poster, Spice Girl movie and a Playstation and Sega Saturn.
Love,
Mathew Ford

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like you to bring me 5 things.
Thank you,
Steven Pritchett

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me 8 things. I want guns, GI Joes, black boots, Psycho racer, sony, Ninetendo 64, Super Nintendo Playstations.
Merry Christmas,
Justin Alcorn

Dear Santa,
I tried to be good this year. I am asking for the following things. I want a Darth Vader, Ninetendo game and a 4-wheeler and a Gi joe. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love,
Ty Figueroa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I am asking for the following things. I want a Nintendo 64, puppy, collar, leash, dog bowl, doggy toy and a dog house. I hope you have a safe trip.
Friends forever,
Ethan

Dear Santa,
My name is Allison Wolf. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a baby puppy, Barbie doll, Teletubby doll, N64 system and a doll house for Christmas. I will leave you some chocolate cookies with milk.
Love,
Allison

Dear Santa,
My name is Dakota English. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a bike, puppy, nintendo 64 and a remote control car for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and coke by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
My name is Sean Dodson. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a big toy ship, big teddy bear, fake gun, big book and a dinosaur poster for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Sean

Dear Santa,
My name is Miranda Miller. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a giga pet, doll, necklace, cloths and a puppy for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Miranda

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Nichols. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie jeep, swimming pool, Rapunzel doll, jewelry and a new go-cart for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
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NOW TAKING ORDERS for Christmas fruit baskets starting at \$8; also home grown green tomatoes starting at \$5 per box. Kelley's Produce, Hwy. 271, Jolintown, 903-632-1051. MA 12-24

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LOCAL SAND HAULING within the Deport, Bogata and Talco, TX areas. Call Neil Rozell, 903-632-5752. MA tjc

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Deport Housing Authority News

The monthly luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 2 in the Community Room on Glover Street. Present to enjoy food and fellowship was Alma Scaff, Maud Webb, Boots Shipp, Frances Franklin, Lucille Morgan, Willie Mae Speir, Mavis Sowards, Alpha Barnard, Eunice Ervin, Betty Andrews, Phyllis Gifford and Eunice Sugg.

Melba Ladd attended a meeting of the East Texas Housing Association held in Tyler on Wednesday, Dec. 9. The organization consists of the 70 Housing Authorities in East Texas that are included in a discrimination lawsuit in 1980 in Clarksville.

The monthly birthday party and bingo on Wednesday, Dec. 9 in the Community Room on Glover Street. Christmas gifts were used as prizes for bingo. Present were Lucille Morgan, Thelma Shelby, Mildred Wright, Frances Franklin, Maud Webb, Eunice Ervin, Willie Mae Speir, Alpha Barnard, Eunice Sugg, Kathryn Green, Mavis Sowards, Boots Ship and Phyllis Gifford.

The tenants and management wish to everyone the best for this Holiday Season and into the New Year. We are grateful for the expressions of kindness that have been shown to us during the years.



(Staff Photo by Peggy Parsons)
PATTONVILLE POST OFFICE Customer Appreciation Day was held on Tuesday, December 15 from 8:00-10:00. Pictured is Peggy Gentry and Barbara Dawson.

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Bogata Book Club has Christmas party

The Bogata Book Club held the annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 10 at the beautifully decorated home of Zona Parish.

Sixteen were in attendance and partook of the covered dish meal. After a short business meeting the group sang carols, heard a Christmas story read by Billie Garrison and played a game to exchange White Elephant gifts.

Secret pals were revealed and new ones selected for the coming year.

*A Sleightful Of
Good Wishes*

HAPPINESS
PEACE
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WEALTH

JOY

Annual Cookie exchange a success

Eight people met for their annual Cookie Exchange Party at the home of Dawne Darden Friday night, Dec. 11.

Attending were: Bocky Norman, Juanita Taylor, Juanita Sparks, Dot Nichols, Patsy Norrell, Ann Lee and Nanalee Nichols plus the hostess.

After sharing a covered dish meal they sampled the eight different kinds of cookies, visited and then took home their assortment of cookies.

The purpose of the event is to share in the joy of the Christmas season, and to provide one another with a wide assortment of new and different cookie or candy varieties.

Presbyterian women meet

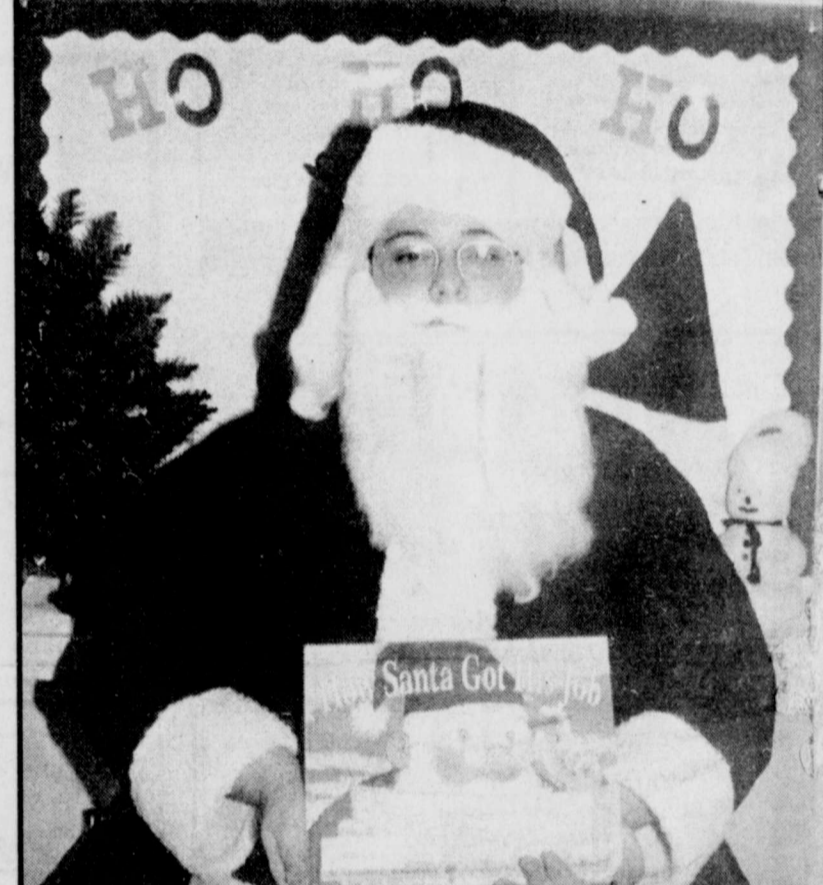
The Christmas meeting of the Presbyterian Women met at the church on December 7. Tables were decorated with red cloths and poinsettias.

Reba Temple, moderator, welcomed the guest, Rev. Dodson, and members.

Following the buffet, Rev. Dodson presented an inspirational message using the 15th chapter of John and poem entitled "Will You Be My Friend" by James Kavanaugh.

The January 1999 meeting will be held at the church with Mame Cutshall as hostess and program director Francis Franklin.

The meeting adjourned with the Mizpah benediction.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)
HOW SANTA GOT HIS JOB! Santa was caught at the Deport Library last week going through library books. This particular one caught his eye.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Cemetery donations received

Donations for area cemeteries received November 30 through December 15:

Highland Cemetery: From Mabel M. Pearson.

In memory of Terry Johnson from Nettie Powers, Ann and Sheldon Lee, Cora Braly, Ruby D. Wright, C.E. and Margaret Washington.

Old Deport Cemetery: From Estelle Wright Montjoy, Mabel M. Pearson.

FOOT NOTES

**HEALTHY FEET?
NO SWEAT**

Few things are as unappealing--not to mention uncomfortable--as hot, sweaty feet, squirming inside soggy socks. (They're usually smelly, too!) Battling a case of sweaty feet can be frustrating and embarrassing. It can also be important for your health. "Hyperhidrosis" is the medical term for the tendency to sweat excessively. Hyperhidrosis can be caused by wearing airtight shoes, or it may be a symptom of such conditions as an overactive thyroid or infection. The important thing to know about it is that, in addition to being uncomfortable, it can lead to more serious problems such as fungus growth and other infections. These disorders thrive in the dark, warm, moist environment provided by sweaty feet.

Whatever has caused "hyperhidrosis" to plague your every step, don't just accept it as the norm. Relief is close at hand through podiatric attention. There's no need to suffer since compassionate care is available to alleviate pain, accomplish optimum function, prevent recurrence, and help you again walk in comfort. We have office hours for treatment for all foot and ankle problems by appointment. Please call 784-5585.

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