

All Around  
The Town  
BY MARY ANN SARCHET



A love fund has been started at First State Bank for those wishing to extend their holiday wishes to Elton and Lanita Cantwell. The family has had serious illness and lots of medical expenses during the past years, and we know they would appreciate this kind of Christmas remembrance.

I've been receiving Christmas letters from relatives who live far away, and they make me long for an old-time family Christmas with them. Things were different in the tiny town in Gonzales County where my dad was reared and where my parents were married in 1929. Christmas at my grandmother's was experienced by all of the senses.

When we arrived a few days before Christmas, one of the first things we did was go out into the country and cut holly, mistletoe and greenery for decorating. We made a big wreath for the front door and banked the fireplace mantles.

The turkey was delivered on foot, and we got to watch while the big iron kettle was set to boiling over an open fire and the woman who came in to help grandma, whose name was Savannah, set about killing and cleaning the bird.

While it cooked, wonderful aromas permeated the house. Of course, grandma had baked cakes and cookies before our arrival, and a frequent sound was the clink of the cookie jar lid.

As more relatives gathered, the noise level in the house grew, with there being lots of hugs, "do you remember" and laughter galore. It was strange that the stairwell closet in the downstairs hall was always locked at Christmas.

We hung our stockings from the fireplace mantle in the living room, carefully using the same nail holes every year. This was after we sent our Santa letters up the chimney on the draft, of course. It was hard to get to sleep and morning came early, just like Christmas morning is supposed to do. The house was freezing cold, and in spite of our eagerness to get downstairs, we had a hard time leaving the warmth of the covers which were piled high on our beds.

Oh what delights awaited us. We tore through the new toys and gifts and made quite a mess of it all.

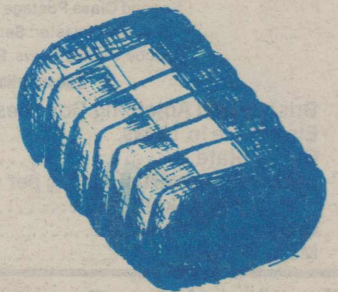
Savannah came early with her cries of "Christmas gift."

The Christmas dinner was a joy to behold and a delight to sample. After stuffing ourselves, the kids continued to play and the adults continued their visit.

When the time came for our return home, grandma always packed a box full of turkey sandwiches and cookies for us to enjoy on the long drive home.



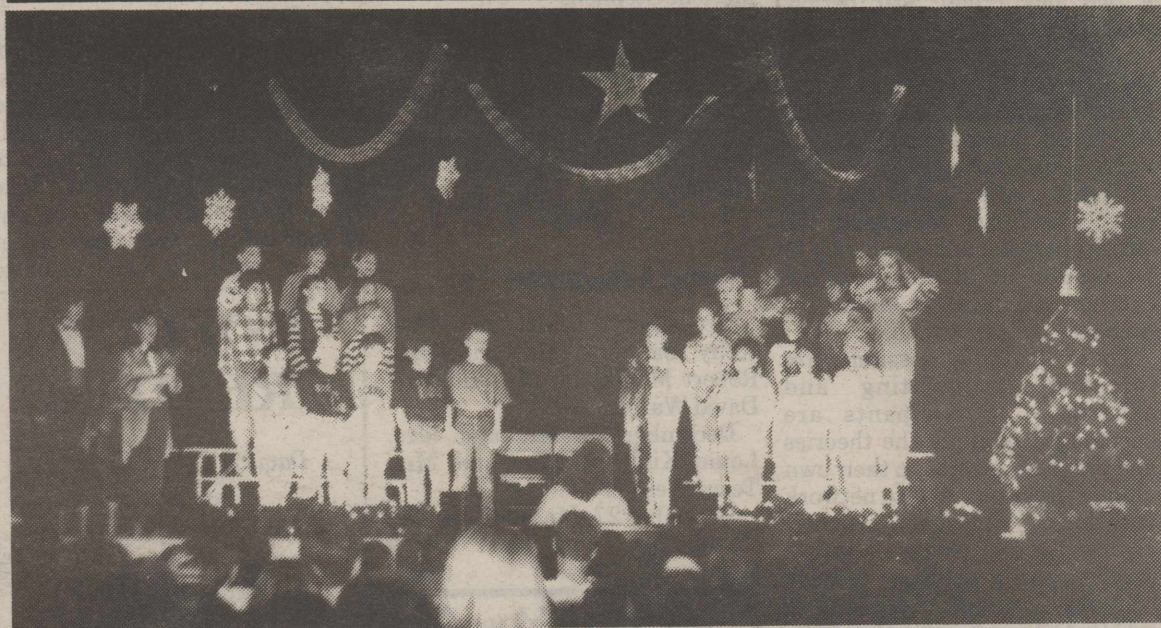
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The fifth and sixth grades presented their Christmas program on Thursday of last week. Directed by Robin Boedecker, the group was accompanied by Brooke Garvin.

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## Beck is Candidate For County Sheriff

Jerry Beck has authorized the *Briscoe County News* to announce that he is a candidate for sheriff of Briscoe County.

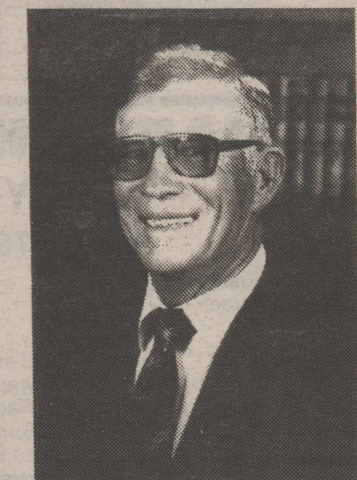
In making the announcement, he said, "I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Briscoe County Sheriff. I have been the deputy here for the past five years.

"I have lived in or around Quitaque nearly my entire life. I graduated Quitaque High School in 1971. I married Donna Cagle, daughter of Vernon and Ann Cagle, in 1974. I have three children, LeAnn, Jerry Don and Casey, who attend Valley High School. I served in the U. S. Army and Army National Guard for 13 years.

"In 1990, I attended Amarillo College and became a state certified peace officer. I attend annual continuing education programs and have over 700 hours of instruction in all aspects of law enforcement.

"Though I have left Briscoe County periodically, my heart was in Briscoe County and I returned to raise my family here. I have some basic beliefs concerning law enforcement. I believe the law should work equally for everyone. I believe a problem, no matter how small, is very important to that person and should be addressed as such. I think people should be treated with respect and treated as you would like to be treated yourself. Our youth is our most valuable asset and should be protected and encouraged to be productive adults.

"I can't help you' is not an acceptable answer when someone comes to you with a problem. If I don't have the answer, I will try to find one. Law enforcement is not a profession you choose; it chooses you. There has to be a heartfelt desire to serve the people who entrust their well-being to your care. This has been my desire my entire life. I would look forward to serving you as Sheriff of Briscoe County," Mr. Beck concluded.



## L. B. Garvin Seeking Re-election to Office

L. B. Garvin has announced that he is seeking re-election as the Briscoe County Commissioner of Precinct 3. In making his statement, he said:

"I feel that the experience I have gained by serving as your County Commissioner these past terms will help me to better serve the people of Precinct 3. If re-elected, I will continue to serve to the best of my ability and to work for the best interest of the people

Daddy didn't like to stop the car unless it needed gas, you know.

I'll never forget her standing there crying as we drove away. She cried everytime we left, and I've found myself doing the same thing in recent years.

Have a very merry holiday with those you love best.

## Bank To Close Friday at Noon

First State Bank will close at noon on Friday, December 22.

Please arrange your banking business so you won't be inconvenienced by this holiday closing.

## New Regulations For The UPS Packages

United Parcel Service will no longer accept packages for delivery if they are tied with string, if they are wrapped with paper or if they have masking tape or duct tape on them.

UPS now requires that the box have ONLY a label and shipping tape on it.

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## WEATHER

### 24-HOUR DECEMBER READINGS

3	80	36	
4	63	29	
5	72	30	
6	55	28	
7	70	26	
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9	49	09	
10	29	09	
11	50	17	
12	69	28	
13	77	31	
14	77	39	
15	76	36	
16	59	32	
17	55	40	
18	44	30	1.00
Total Precip. in December			1.00
Normal Precip. in December			.68
Total Precip. Year to Date			20.44
Normal Precip. Year to Date			21.22

of the precinct and county.

"I appreciate your support in the past and solicit your support and influence in the coming election," he concluded.

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Your kindness and support throughout the year have given us much to be thankful for. May all the blessings of the season find a place in your hearts and homes.



Win Owls, Lady Owls!

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**Librarian Joins State Training Program**

This fall, Silverton Public Library director Polly Cagle joined 125 of her colleagues from around the state taking part in the Texas State Library's Small Library Management Training Program. The program is designed to provide and enhance

basic management skills of library directors in smaller communities who have not had formal library school coursework. Five core courses are offered over a two and a half year period, including Administration and Planning, Collection Development, Reference Services, Cataloging and Automation, and Advanced Management Issues. Participants attend a two-day workshop each spring and fall until they have completed the entire program, and receive up to 14 hours of State-approved continuing education credit for each session they attend.

These training sessions are intensive, stimulating and exhaustive. Participants are encouraged to apply the theories and practices learned to their own unique situations, and to network with other librarians in their region. Mrs. Cagle's active involvement in the State Library training program represents a substantial commitment of time, energy and personal expense in an effort to improve her skills as an information professional. This commitment leads directly to a better served and more informed local citizenry.

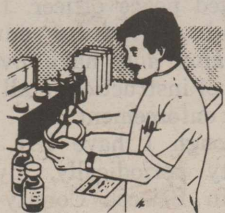
Congratulations are in order to the City of Silverton for having such a dedicated professional managing the library. Take the time this week to stop by and commend Mrs. Cagle on her efforts. Your encouragement and support will help her reach her

*Holiday Greetings*

*Christmas Greetings to a very special community who was there for us when we needed your support in 1994 and 1995.*

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education and training goals, and result in better library service for the entire community.

**Happy Birthday To . . .**

December 21--Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry

December 22--Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner

December 23--Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison

December 24--Jack Robertson, jr., Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland

December 25--Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens

December 26--Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Jennings, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27--Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey, Fern Parker

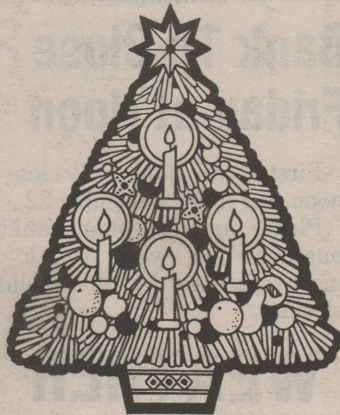
**Happy Anniversary To . . .**

December 21--Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren

December 22--Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Terry West

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland

**We Wish You A Merry Christmas**



*John & LaQuetta Schott*

**More Travelers on the Highway at Christmas**

Christmas is the most travelled holiday of them all, and the Texas Department of Public Safety is again asking all Texas motorists to drive with extra caution.

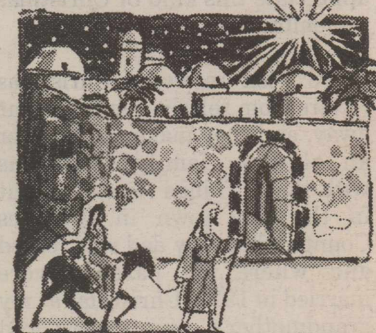
Across the street or across the State of Texas, motorists need to plan ahead and exercise the best of driving skills. Last year, the state experienced 26 deaths during the 78-hour Christmas holiday period. Of the 26 fatalities reported to the Department of Public Safety, seven were pedestrians. Of the nineteen vehicle occupants killed, six were not wearing seat belts and at least four of the reported traffic accidents involved alcohol.

When travelling, it is best to take frequent rest breaks. Take 10 to 15 minute breaks. Get out of your vehicle, walk, stretch, get a cup of coffee, or a soft drink to

help keep you awake. If possible, change drivers. Take a rest break every two hours or every 100 miles of driving.

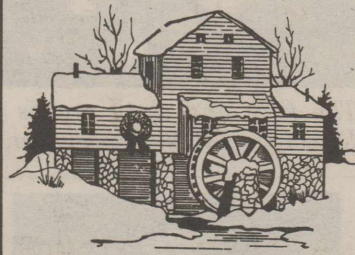
Make plans; if not sure of roads look at maps while at rest breaks, not while driving. When in strange towns or cities, look for speed limits that might change from rural areas to urban areas. Constantly look all around you and use rear-view mirror for traffic behind you. Don't forget pedestrians.

Obey all speed limit laws at all times.



**HOLIDAY GREETING!**

*David & Denise Kellum and family*



**GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING**

*God bless you.  
 Have a happy new year.  
 Terry & Sally Grimland*

**HAPPY HOLIDAY!!**

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### Loved Ones May Be Honored Through Memorial Program

The American Heart Association reminds Briscoe County residents of the opportunity to honor and remember loved ones, friends and associates through a gift in the AHA's memorial program. Memorial contributions represent a good portion of the American Heart Association's fundraising income, making them a vital part of the association's efforts to support the excellent heart research, education and community service programs of the AHA. While honoring family and friends, memorial contributors strengthen the AHA's fight to reduce early death and disability due to heart disease, which took 18 lives in Briscoe County in 1994. Heart attack and stroke annually account for nearly half of all deaths in the Panhandle and in the nation, making cardiovascular disease the number one killer.

Memorial Chairperson Faye Rampley says that the memorial program gives people a meaningful way to honor the memory of family and friends while supporting the important work of the AHA. A Briscoe County native, Faye has enjoyed the volunteer job as Memorial Chairperson for over eight years, saying that it provides an opportunity to help the community, the AHA and Briscoe residents. Faye is a retired school business teacher who taught for 34 consecutive years in Silverton High School. Faye also is a charter member of the Century of Progress Study Club. Faye's work is greatly appreciated by the AHA, as it continues to help memorial donations become "gifts of life" for others.

Memorial contributions made to the AHA are carefully handled based on the purpose of each gift. Memorial donations are not only to honor the deceased, but also to acknowledge wedding

anniversaries, birthdays, illness, or other occasions. Upon receipt of a memorial donation, Faye sends an appropriate card to the recipient of the donor's choice. Included with the card is a thank you card which the recipient may then mail back to the donor to acknowledge his or her thoughtfulness.

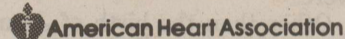
To make a memorial contribution to the AHA in Briscoe County, please include the following information with your donation: name and address of donor(s), name and address of recipient(s), and name of person being honored. Contribution should be mailed to:

Faye Rampley  
c/o Brown Hardware, Main Street  
Silverton, Texas 79257

For more information about the AHA's memorial program, please call Faye Rampley at 847-2635.

### EXERCISE

Does Your Heart Good.



## JOY TO THE WORLD

May you be blessed with all of God's good gifts this Christmas.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers

Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

I John 16 and 18

This is what was shown to us during the last two weeks. We greatly appreciate every act of kindness and love poured out on us. It is truly overwhelming!

We love you all!

Rance, Nancy,  
Tyler, Jenny & Tanner  
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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

Rampley Beefmaster  
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# What The Holiday Season Means to Me



The holidays are times to celebrate family and everything around us. Everybody needs to rejoice even if they are sad. Family is very important to me. I love seeing people I haven't seen in a while. It gives me a sense of love, happiness and warmth.

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for everything around us. If you are a farmer, Thanksgiving isn't a very long

holiday. You only take a few hours to visit with friends and family.

Christmas, on the other hand, is celebrated everywhere. Christmas is a very special time for everyone. That is why the holidays are very distinct times to me.

Misti Mattheus  
Grade 8  
The holiday of Christmas

means to be joyous, loving, caring and speaking nicely. Jesus was born on this day to give life and happiness to the world. He succeeded to give it to the world. He gave a child her life back from her sickness. He helped a leper from his harsh illness. So we should thank him for all that he has done. He is the one that brought all of us to life. We should always pray to be alive and

well brought up. That is what Christmas means to me.

Diana Garza  
Grade 7

The holiday season has always meant joy and giving. It also has meant togetherness and being with my family. Christmas has always been my favorite holiday ever since I was little and not because of the presents. Instead this holiday celebrates the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We need to tell people what Christmas is really about: giving and not getting, celebrating the birth of our Lord, and being with our family. That is what the holiday season is about and why it is so special.

Charlie Bomar  
Grade 8

What the holiday season means to me is his passage. The first thing Christmas puts into my mind is the birth of Jesus Christ. It probably isn't the birthdate of Jesus, but we celebrate it as if it were.

Other than the birth of Jesus, Christmas means giving. That is why people, around this season, say it's better to give than to receive. It gives you great joy to see people be happy getting presents.

Christmas is a time for getting together with your relatives. This season and Thanksgiving are the only holidays I get together with my relatives.

Christmas means many things to me.

Nathan Francis  
Grade 8

What does the holiday season mean to me? The holiday season means celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ. A time of giving not receiving, a time of love and joy. The holiday season is a very special time for me because during that time I look back on the last year and thank the Lord for all the things he has done for me. As I lie in bed on Christmas Eve, I look back and think to myself what would I do if I didn't have the Lord? I probably wouldn't have anything to be thankful for. So as you can see the Holiday season means very much to me.

Daniel Reagan  
Grade 8

Christmas is when you're happy and filled with joy. It makes you think of many different things you would like or love. It also means when Jesus was born. It brings you happiness and love. Families will gather with gifts, joy and love. Christmas is a very special season that everyone likes. Christmas brings smiles and laughter. It makes many families come together. The boys and girls will go outside and play in the snow. Some will get hit in the face, but oh well, it won't hurt so badly because it is Christmas. So enjoy Christmas this year and a Happy New Year.

Elida Garcia  
Grade 6

I will tell you what the holiday season should mean. I am telling you this because I feel that people are being too greedy. The holiday season is a time to rejoice over the

birth of Christ. It is not about getting presents--contrary to popular belief. We have gotten this whole Christmas thing all wrong. Christmas is not a time of debt or check bouncing, but a time to praise the Lord and feel good about yourself. Like the saying goes, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Jordan Sarchet  
Grade 8

Christmas was when Jesus was brought into the world. That is why we have Christmas because it was Jesus's birthday. Christmas is a time of togetherness, laughter and fun. You get to open presents and see all your family. After you eat a big delicious dinner, you play with your new toys you got from Santa Claus and your family. Then it is time to watch TV and eat homemade ice cream. Then you can build a snowman, and throw snowballs at each other if there is any snow on the ground. This is what the Christmas holiday means to me.

Kendra Rhoderick  
Grade 7

Christmas is joy, laughter, hope and peace. Christmas also means when there was a baby boy born on Christmas morning. Christmas is also when you open presents, go to see family, and have a good time. My family still remembers whose birthday it is on Christmas morning.

Chelsey Cherry  
Grade 6

## Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come



May you bask in the season's glory.

### TOWE'S OFFICE

Jay, Patsy, Addlene Towe

**Happy Holiday**

*As we open our hearts this season, we welcome in the joys of the holidays.*

Loretha Rhoderick

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*The Christmas season fills each heart with thoughts of love and well being.*

Louie & Ruby Lee Kitchens

# What The Holiday Season Means To Me

It is the time to rejoice  
Time to worship and praise  
For our voices we raise  
Up to the Lord above  
Our hands we lift with love.

In this Christmas season  
It gives us good reason  
To celebrate on Earth  
Jesus's birth

Now we come together  
In this Christmas weather  
To rejoice the Lord  
With a song accord

We sit around listening  
With the snow glistening  
Around the fire  
Singing like a choir.

It makes me want to laugh and  
sing  
With the wonderful gift he  
brings

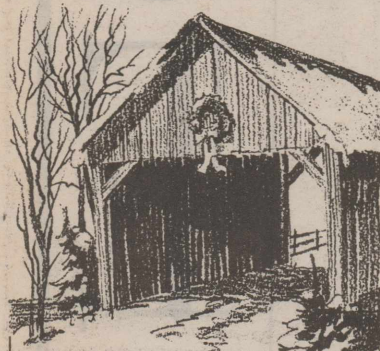
During this time of the year  
With all this holiday cheer

Tyra Younger  
Grade 8

## PEACE ON EARTH

Let us all join together  
in celebration.

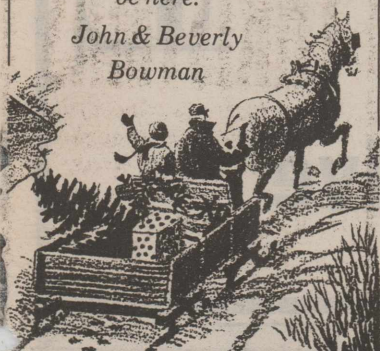
J. L. & Faye Self



Get out the  
mistletoe,  
Pile on the  
cheer...

Christmas time  
Will soon  
be here.

John & Beverly  
Bowman



Christmas is a time for giving  
and sharing with family and  
friends.

Christmas is a time for getting  
together with old friends and  
relatives.

Christmas is also a good time  
for sleeping late and getting up  
and eating a big lunch Christmas  
Day.

Christmas is a good time  
because families get together and  
show each other how much they  
care about their family members.

Christmas is also a time to  
remember the birth of Jesus  
Christ.

Vance Chandler  
Grade 7

The holidays are days of  
laughter, days of fun and sleeping  
after

The holidays are days of giving  
and not just about receiving

Think of others, before  
yourself, and you might just see a  
little elf

The most memorable month is  
December, the most joyful, so you  
will always remember

My mom and dad show love for  
me as we sit around the  
Christmas tree

The beautiful lights are so  
bright, they sparkle in the  
exquisite moonlight

The angels are watching from  
above, taking care of us with all  
their love

Christmas is the day of Christ's  
birth, the most precious day on  
earth.

Kayla Davis  
Grade 8

To me the holiday means that it  
doesn't matter what you get for  
the holiday, but be glad that  
Jesus gave his life for you. It  
doesn't matter if you don't get  
what you wanted, but what you  
already have—like a loving family,  
friends, and a loving Lord who  
cares about you and your family.  
This season be a friend and lend a  
helping hand to one of your  
friends or somebody else that  
needs your help. Don't tell people  
what you want, but what they  
want. It also means you and your  
friends get to spend time with  
each other.

That's what the holiday season  
means to me.

Paul Segura  
Grade 8

Christmas is the time of the  
year when carolers come, when  
toddlers dream of Santa Claus,  
his reindeer, and all of the  
presents in the world. I think of  
all the presents too, but what  
really makes me think of  
Christmas is what I'm giving, not  
what I'm getting. The "Christmas  
spirit" is caring for others and  
certainly not violence. It is  
about love, hope and joy that's  
in your heart not the gun in your  
hand. Joy is about giving thanks  
to God for sending Jesus to  
Earth, but without the help of

Jesus, we couldn't have the  
strength and the faith to live.

Brandi Rice  
Grade 6

The holiday season means  
finding a Christmas tree in your  
living room with huge presents  
under it. It means giving rather  
than receiving, seeing all the  
Christmas lights outside, getting  
into all the Christmas fudge and  
candy, and seeing all your  
relatives that you haven't seen  
forever. It means singing  
Christmas carols. It doesn't mean  
receiving presents. It also means  
celebrating Jesus's birthday. If he  
were here it would be him  
opening the presents not us. This  
is why the holiday season is a  
special time to me.

Katy Hester  
Grade 7

What the holiday means to me  
is... The season is a very cool  
time to celebrate. It's a good time  
to spend with your family,  
relatives, and if you want you can  
spend it with your homies. The  
season isn't just a time to give  
presents or receive them. It is a  
time to celebrate the birth of  
Christ. It's not a time to fight or  
even rob some guys. It is really  
fun to open up gifts but many  
other people don't get to enjoy  
that feeling. So remember what  
Christmas is about. I hope you  
have a really cool Christmas and  
think of what the holiday means  
to you.

Vince Cruz  
Grade 8

What the holiday season means  
to me is family. Everybody knows  
that family is the greatest

treasure a man can have.  
Everybody has family.

Family is not just people who  
share the same genes. It is people  
who love and make each other  
happy. Without families, this  
world could not run. When  
tragedies happen they're always  
there. For your graduations and  
weddings they're always there.  
Why? Because they care! So  
forget about the toys this  
Christmas. Because you have the  
greatest treasure in the world.  
Family!

Mickey Juarez  
Grade 8

The month of December is here  
and with it brings my favorite  
holiday of all. The season that  
reminds me of families making

fresh baked homemade cookies,  
with a sprinkle or two, reading  
*The Christmas Story* aloud with a  
glowing candle, and gathering  
around the piano to sing Silent  
Night. These are the memories  
that are treasures in our hearts  
that become family traditions  
without us even realizing it.  
These family traditions make a  
quilt of memories that will stay  
with us forever.

Amanda Estes  
Grade 6

SEASON'S  
GREETINGS



*Hear 'n and Nature Sing!*

*Merry Christmas to our friends. The nice  
association we have with you is one of the  
many things we have to be thankful for.*

Mary John's  
Flowers & Gifts

# HALLELUJAH!

At this special time of year, we offer  
our thanks and join with you in celebrating  
the birth of our Savior.  
May the gift of His love fill your home  
and heart this holiday season.

## JOHNSON'S GIN CO.

The Rex Johnson Family

### Mrs. Parham's Kindergarten Class Writes Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
My Mom bought me new

## SHARE THE SPIRIT!



*God Bless You, Love You,  
Keep You...  
at Christmas Time  
and always.  
Clyde, Denise &  
Courtney Parham*

crayons and I have been nice to my brother. I have been nice to my Dad and I have been nice to my friends. I have been nice to Santa that he is going to buy me a present. I want Santa to buy me a little play pen and a little Barbie House. I want Santa to buy me a little Barbie. I want a Bike.

Love, Santa,  
Michelle Ramirez

Dear Mr. Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a Bike

Dear Mr. Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a Bike helmet.

Love, Cooper Cogdell

Dear Mr. Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I want Santa to bring me a trampoline.

I love Santa.  
Ismael Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a Monster

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Toy with a cemetery and his eyeball rolls. That's all.

Your friend,  
Davin Fabela

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want Don't Wake Daddy. I have been nice to my brother, Payton. I want a new Trampoline. My old one has a rip. That's all.

Shane Estes

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Backpack, Bike, X-Man, Remote Control Car and a Dirt Bike. I have been a good boy.

I love you,  
Jeremiah Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I have been nice to my Mom and Dad and my brother, Thor. I would like for you to get me a Barbie 4 Wheeler with remote control that has 2 buttons. I want some exercise clothes in pink. I am done now.

Thank you,  
Tory Patton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike and a Baby, playpin, and a helmet. I have been good.

I love you!  
Abby Reyna

Dear Santa,  
I want a Power Ranger and I want a remote control truck. Thank you.

Benjamin Castillo

### Unique Christmas Trees

Some unique Christmas trees have been formed in different United States cities.

In Minnesota a Christmas tree was fashioned from water pipes which were attached like spokes of a wheel to a telephone pole. Then, in 1947, 135 smaller trees were placed in the pipes, forming limbs to make a 65-foot high tree.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania through the years decorates its Hill-to-Hill Bridge with many spruces and many, many electric lights.



### Walnut & Date Loaf

- 1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup chopped dates
- 3 oz. chopped walnuts
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup milk

Sift flour, sugar and salt into a bowl. Cut butter in small pieces and rub it into the flour. Add dates and walnuts; mix in well-beaten eggs and enough of the milk to make a consistency so that the mixture will drop. Put into 4"x8" bread pan. Bake 350° for 50-60 minutes. Test with skewer. If it doesn't come out clean, cook for 5-10 minutes longer. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove and cool. Ice with this icing: Beat 1 egg white until frothy; mix with 2 oz. powdered sugar and 1 tsp. lemon juice.



# NOVEMBER

When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

## Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative

# What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Each year the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the Silverton Schools enter a Christmas essay contest sponsored by the *Amarillo Globe-News*, Southwest Airline and Ramada Inn. Contest winners receive two roundtrip tickets to any Southwest Airlines published destination and accommodations for three days and two nights at a Ramanada in that same city.

Essays are judged on the basis of content, sincerity, originality, creativity and writing ability. Here are some of the entries from Silverton students.

The holiday seasons make me think of Christmas time.

Celebrating the Lord Jesus Christ's birthday.

Helping make the foods that we are thankful for.

Reading Christmas stories that we've heard for many years.

Inviting all of your friends and family to spend time with you on this special day.

Serving the Lord and rejoicing his birth all over again.

Thanking the Lord for letting us be here on the earth.

Making sure everyone is happy and receives a small token of our appreciation.

Amazed at all the presents that

are under the tree that are screaming "Open Me!"

Snow, all of the white snow, that reminds me of angels rejoicing the Lord's birth.

This is everything that makes me think of Christmas time.

Lori Edwards  
Grade 8

To me the holiday season means family, traveling, and the baby Jesus. It means family because you always go and see family during Christmas. You all have Christmas dinner and then the grown-ups talk and laze around while the kids run around playing. The holiday season means traveling and more traveling. Over the river and through the states to grandmother's house this year for Christmas. It also means the birth of the baby Jesus Christ. He was born on Christmas Eve and this is why we celebrate Christmas. This is what the holiday season means to me.

Lisa Comer  
Grade 8

To me the holiday season means love and happiness. At Christmas time I think the house should be

lit up with scents of Christmas trees, apple pie, cinnamon, and fudge. It is really a time for giving and sharing because Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph on Christmas and he died for us. So on his birthday we should be happy and thankful that we are alive to share such a joyous occasion. The Christmas season also means to light up the house with jingling bells and sparkling lights. That is what the holiday season means to me.

Sara Kirchoffner  
Grade 8

The holiday season means a time of Christ's birth, a time for dreams to come true. It also means a time for magical moments to happen. Christmas is a time for families and friends to be together to have fun. Christmas is also a time of putting up Christmas lights and making your house look like a birthday celebration for Jesus. Christmas is a great time to find presents under the Christmas tree. But you always have to remember Christmas is not about

getting presents; it is about Jesus's birthday. Christmas is a time for everybody to sit by the fireplace and drink hot chocolate or to stand by the piano singing Christmas carols.

Vanessa Reyna  
Grade 8

Christmas is a time when people have fun with their family members and friends. Christmas is a time when you get to receive presents from your family members. When they give the gifts to you, they want you to open it in front of them and see your surprised look. Christmas is a time when you sit down at the dinner table and eat with your family. It is also a time when there are presents under the tree waiting to be opened on Christmas Day. Christmas is also the day God's son Jesus was born. This is what Christmas means to me.

Nicholas Vargas  
Grade 6

What the holiday season means to me, is finding a big gigantic Christmas tree.

Is decorating it up so nice, that the ornaments and lights glow in my eyes.

Is getting to be with my family and friends, hoping that this Christmas holiday will never end.

I love to get up on Christmas day, to see what Santa has brought me from within his sleigh.

Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day, so everyone should stop and pray.

To thank him for eternal life, that is what makes Christmas so bright.

So remember it is better to give than to receive, this is what the Christmas holiday means to me.

Dara Johnston  
Grade 8

### Have Yourself A Very, Merry Christmas



### Season's Best

Here's wishing you a holiday season filled with joy and winter's wonder.

Doleta Boyce

... And To All A  
Good Night!

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Santa's coming and on his sleigh, are a few words of greetings to brighten your day. May peace be with you wherever you go — we think you're a great bunch of people to know!*

**BROWN-McMURTRY**

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AUTO PARTS STORES

### Kindergarten Kids Write Their Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
 I'd like a control car and a fire truck. Also a walkie talkie. And to eat lots of cookies and candy. One more thing. I want a choo-choo train.  
 Love,  
 Kenneth

Dear Santa,  
 I would like to have a pair of

roller skates and a bike and a doodle bear for Christmas.  
 Don't forget Santa when you stop by, there will be a glass of milk and homemade cookies waiting for you.

Love,  
 Trichelle R. Ramirez

★

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me an Activity Center, a grow buddy, a Pocahontas game and a tent and please bring me a surprise.

I love you,  
 Shandy.

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Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a police car, a new truck and a remote helicopter also some little toys and some fruit and candy for my stocking I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a rlling eyeball.

I love you,  
 Jesse Henderson

★

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Calvin, I am 6 years old. Please bring me a trail and if Im old enough I would like a Pogo Stick. Please bring my little brother Cody a toy hammer that

jingles.  
 I will leave you some milk and cookies.

(P. S. I have been very good, even to Cody. but sometime's cody is not good to me and he digs in the trach. but bring him something any way.)

Love you,  
 Calvin

★

Dear Santa,  
 I have tried to be very good this year. I hope you will bring me a Statue of Liberty Hot Wheels Base, a Rock Jocks game and an alien. I would like a wolf and a dragon Mighty Max too!

Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.  
 Love, Mark

★

Dear Santa,  
 I want a horse and a picture and sound book.  
 Angela

★

Santa,  
 I have been a good girl I am 5 years old.  
 For Christmas I want a white teddy bear. I also want a snowball.

I love you,  
 Polysa

★

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I would like a horse and a doll and a doll house.  
 Love you  
 Angelica Pena

★

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I want a remote control Fire truck and a power Ranger stuff toy.  
 your Friend  
 Gabriel Vargas

★

dear Santa  
 Please bring me backpack, bike, x-man, remote control car ad a irt blake I have been a good boy.  
 i love oyu  
 Jeremiah Henderson

Dear Santa,  
 I have been nice to my sisters and brothers. I would like a playhouse and a tree house. I want some presents.

I Love you, Santa.  
 Kassi Jasper

★

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good. I have been nice to my Mom and Dad and my brother, Thor. I would like for you to get me a Barbie 4 Wheeler wifh remote control that has 2 buttons. I want some exercise clothes in pink.

I am done now.  
 Thank you,  
 Tory Patton

★

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want Don't Wake Daddy. I have been nice to my brother, Payton. I want a new trampoline. My old one has a rip. That's all.  
 Shane Estes

★

Dear Mr. Santa,  
 I have been a good boy. I want Santa to bring me a trampoline.  
 I Love Santa,  
 Ismael Martinez

★

Dear Santa  
 I want for Christmas a monster toy with a cemetary and his eyeball rolls. That's all.  
 Your friend,  
 Davin Fabela

★

Dear Santa My mom bought me new crayons and I have been nice to my brother and my dad. I have been nice to my friends I have been nice to Santa that he is going to buy me a present. I want Santa to buy me a little playpen and a little Barbie House. I want Santa to buy me a little Barbie. I want a bike.

Love Santa  
 Michelle Ramirez

★

Dear Santa Claus,  
 bike and a Baby Play Pin and a hemet. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Abby Reyna

★

Dear Mr. Santa,  
 I have been nice. I want a Bike helmet.  
 Love, Cooper Cogdell

★

Dear Santa, I wanta Power Ranger contya Truck Thank You Benjamin Castillo

★

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Barbie House and a Barbie and Bike. That's all.  
 I love you,  
 Jasmin Ivory



We trim our trees with colors bright

In honor of that blessed night

When in a manger He was born

And with His love our world adorned

Sincere thanks and good wishes to all our cherished friends and neighbors. May your holiday season be a time of peace and happiness.

# NANCE'S FOOD STORE

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

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

Brett & Judy  
 Corye & Kendall  
 John & Wilma Gill

## With Our Best Wishes On Christmas



# —OBITUARIES—

## MAE PEARL ROWELL

Funeral services for Mae Pearl Rowell, 80, were scheduled at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Rock Creek Church of Christ with the minister, J. D. Nance, and Frank Duckworth of Tulia, officiating.

Interment was to be in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rowell died at 9:52 a.m. Monday at the Lockney Care Center where she had resided the past several years.

Born May 3, 1915 in the Francis community of Briscoe County, she was a daughter of Putnam Darden and Alta Lavonia Pool Jasper. She attended the Francis School and was graduated from Silverton High School.

She married Aubrey Brooks Rowell in a double wedding ceremony November 25, 1933 with Aubrey's brother, Lowell Rowell, and Hallie Bell Strange, in Plainview. Lowell Callaway and Mae Pearl's sister, Modean Chloe Jasper, married that same day.

Aubrey and Mae Pearl Rowell made their first home on the Jim Cross farm. They moved to Phillips in 1937 and made their home in the Borger-Phillips area for nine years, returning to Silverton in 1946. They continued to make their home in the Francis community.

They moved into a home in Silverton several years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband; a son, W. D. Rowell, and a daughter, Vaughnell Brannon, both of Silverton; a brother, Alva C. Jasper, of Silverton; six grandchildren, Donna Rowell of Lubbock, Will Rowell, Connie Simpson and Brent Brannon, all of Silverton, Paul and Cal Brannon, both of Amarillo, and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Brent Brannon, Paul Brannon, Cal Brannon, Mitchell Simpson, Deiter Brannon and Will Rowell.

## BUSTER ALLEN THOMAS

Funeral services for Buster Allen (Buck) Thomas, 73, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 14, at the First Baptist Church with Elder Kenneth Martin and Elder Francis Scott officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Thomas died Tuesday, December 12, following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Davin, Oklahoma December 22, 1921. He was a cowboy and also worked for Swisher County in road maintenance. He married Violet Ziegler in 1942 in Silverton.

He was a veteran, serving with the Army in Germany during World War II. He received two bronze stars.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tony Richard Thomas, in

1975.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Joyce Wheat of Canyon; a son, Allen Thomas of Greenville; two brothers, Grover Thomas and Windle D. Thomas, both of Silverton; four sisters, Ida Mae Hardin of Brady, Inez Richardson of Tulia and Winnie Smith and Ruby Hester, both of Silverton; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Court Morgan, Mark Wheat, David Lynn Thomas, James Mercer, Shane Thomas, David Johnston, Sammy Johnston and Brad Ziegler.

Honorary pallbearers were Gale McPherson, Johnnie Burson, Jerry Smith, Carroll Welch, Randy Pope Stewart, Dwayne Ingram, Dock Wallace, Dwain Henderson, Dee Arnold, Walter Arnold, Aaron Younger, Donnie George and Johnnie Pointer.

The family suggested memorials be to Hospice of the Plains.

## BARBARA JANE MYERS

Graveside services for Barbara Jane Myers, 60, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Wellington, officiating. Arrangements were by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

She was a former resident of Brice and Memphis, and died Wednesday, December 13, in Fort Worth.

Ms. Myers was born at Brice and had lived in Irving for 35 years. She was a member of the Methodist Church and had retired from advertising sales at the Irving News.

Survivors include her mother, Ida Myers of Clarendon; a brother, Bobby Myers of Clarendon, and a nephew, Bob Myers of Silverton.

## REV. C. R. HANKINS

Services for the Rev. C. R. (Bill) Hankins, 84, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Wellington with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor, and the Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, Pampa district superintendent, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery by Adams Funeral Home.

Rev. Hankins died Saturday, December 16.

He was born in the Aberdeen community and was graduated from McMurry College and Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University. He had been a police officer in Abilene and Dallas and also taught school for five years. He was a retired Methodist minister, having served 42 years in several towns including Lubbock, Silverton, Groom, Throckmorton, Seymour, Dozier and Wellington. He also was a rancher and a cattleman.

He married Merle Thompson in 1931 at Altus, Oklahoma. She died in 1983. He married Velia Lopez in 1987 at Hollis,

## Motorists Can Get Help If They Have Holiday Car Trouble

Motorists who find themselves with car trouble over the holidays can rest assured that they can get help, even in unfamiliar areas of the state, the DPS announced today. A motorist assistance line, originally intended for reporting criminal activity, is now available for stranded motorists as well.

"If your transmission gives way halfway between Amarillo and Ozona, and you have access to a cellular telephone or any other telephone for that matter, you can reach our headquarters in Austin. They in turn will notify the nearest DPS office to get someone out there to help," said Trooper L. B. Snider, with the Texas Department of Public Safety. "We'd like to encourage motorists to call when they see someone else in trouble as well," he added.

The number, 1-800-525-5555, is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Originally intended for reporting suspected intoxicated drivers and other types of criminal activity, the

Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Sue Cole, in 1974.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife and several nieces and nephews.

number may now be used for stranded and disabled motorists as well. When you call, be prepared to give as much information as possible. The operator will need your name, location of the stranded motorist or emergency situation, and

description of persons and vehicles.

"We hope that this number will help anyone who has some type of car trouble, whether it occurs over the holidays or anytime during the year," said Trooper Snider.

## With Appreciation At Christmastime

*Christmas is a time for giving, and we'd like to give our thanks to all of you who have given us so much this past year.*

*Happy Holidays!*



## Guaranty Abstract Company

It's time to trim the Christmas tree  
With symbols of the season's cheer,  
And place on top for all to see,  
A star to honor Him most dear.

We're pleased to know you, honored  
to serve you, and happy to offer you  
and your family our fondest wishes.

We Will Be Closed  
Friday, December 22 and  
Monday, December 25

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BRISCOE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

### Mrs. Mayfield's Second Graders Write Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a train set for Christmas, and a jeep. I have been a good boy this year.  
Thank you,  
Eduardo

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies for Rudolph

and the other Reindeers? Be sure not to forget my birthday on the 29th. Come by my house first. I want a breast collar for my horse and a bridle and reins. I also want a basketball net. I want the Colorado Springs train station that goes to playmobil. I also want a nintindo set. I want Tanner to be back at school when we go back to school.  
Love, Gid

Dear Santa  
Well you buy me a Barbie  
Love: Brandi

Dear Sant  
I want 2 Barbies.  
Love, Melonie

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo with two Mario brothers games. I want Tanner back too. We are going to leave some apples for you. I hope you come to my house first. I hope Rudolph and your other reindeer don't get sick. I think Christmas is the best holiday. You live in the coldest place in world. Have a Felix Navidad, Santa.  
Love, Jesse

Dear Sant, I want a globe, a real pony, train set, race car, tick tack toe, roller blades, Super Nintendo, Sega, a TV, Toy Story, and Tanner back at school. How are your reindeer? Are any of them sick? Is Rudolph going to lead your sleigh?  
Love, Holly

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Dear Santa,  
I want a Crossmen Air gun and a bungbed. Oh go on a drite.  
I want Tanner back.  
Love, Josh

Dear Santa, How are raindeer dooing? How are you dooing? Will you bring me a surprise hat soosy, a doll that suck's her thum, a pasy and bottle. And Tanner.  
Love, Hanna

Dear Santa,  
All I want for christmas is Tanner, back at school anda bumped to.  
Love, Sage

Dear Santa,  
I want Fire Power, a batt or glove. How are you doing? How is Rudolph doing?  
Love, Thor.

Dear Santa, can I have a my size Babie, and a stroller barbie, and a Sega.  
Love, Angie

Dear Sante,  
I want rollerblads for Christmas. You are a wonderful Santa. You are a cool gi. Me and you can give everyone toy. and we can carr. a big heve computer. that wuz 3000 Felix Navidad  
Love, Albert

Dear Santa,  
All I want is my baby bother to get here for Christmas. but all I want is one thaing It is roller blades. thats ok becuase I watny

to long so havs my mom to. She gets tird becuase she have one in her stumc and fore Cleden out. She is busy a lot. We are going to Oclhoma becuaes she have to be ther befor the baby is bon.  
Love Camisha

Dear Santa,  
I want a soccer ball and a four wheeler too. But I mosley want a computer and a bumpbed. I also want a computer diary and a basketball too. But I want Tanner back too but for the christmas party.  
Love, Kambra Lashay Ponder

Dear Santa,  
I just want one thing a B.B. gun.  
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I want a real live remote control stealth Jet and fire storm.  
Love, Ethan

Dear Santa  
How are you doing? I want some roller blades. And I want a sega. And Fire Power. I also want a Game Boy game.  
Love Yance.

Dear Santa,  
can you get me a real Horse that is brown with vite dotes? can you get me a Barbie That has a Horse Please Santa?  
love Keely

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have auto city and a large Troy Aikman suit and farm country and a game for super nintendo.  
Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a remote control car And a trampling.  
love Ramon

Dear Santa  
I wunt a remote control car and doctor dribbbs gros things and a Trampling  
love Jeronimo

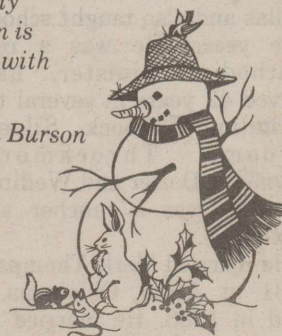
Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and 2 barbies. and a train set. and a doll.  
Love, Tori

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

### GOOD TIDINGS TO ALL

Hope your holiday season is filled with cheer.

John Burson



### Student Nominated to Compete in National Award Program

Vanessa Martin, a Silverton High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program (PLA), sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The Principal's Leadership Award Program is funded by Herff Jones, Inc.

Sheryl Weaver, principal, Silverton High School, today announced the nomination, which places Vanessa in the national competition. One hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

Principals in high schools throughout the country could nominate one of their student leaders. Winners were selected based on their participation in service organizations, clubs, and athletics; achievements in the arts and sciences; employment experience, and academic record. They also had to write an essay.

"Miss Martin has demonstrated outstanding ability in her academic work and service to her school and community," said Dr. Timothy J. Dyer, executive director NASSP. "She's a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young people in American's high schools."

While in Silverton High School, Vanessa has been president of her class her freshman, junior and senior years, vice president of the National Honor Society, president of FBLA and secretary of FHA. She is active in the Silverton Youth Group and the First Baptist Church, as well as holding an after-school job. Vanessa plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall.

### Holiday Hangover

To avoid the holiday "hang over the belt deluge," at parties, indulge in conversation instead of the food. Position yourself away from the food and drink areas. When you want to nibble, choose the fresh vegetables sans dip and one or two other appetizers. However, if you do find yourself eating too much during the season don't let the guilty feeling tell you to abandon your diet for the holidays. Get some exercise and cut down on (but don't omit) the next few meals.

### YULETIDE GREETINGS

We wish all of you the best holiday season ever.

Annell & James Davis

*Greetings*

*Wishes for a wonderful Christmas with lots of fun and plenty of packages beneath your tree!*

**Shear Delight**  
Beauty Salon  
The Dwain Hendersons

*May the Joys & Comforts of Christmas Grace Your Home*

From our home to yours, have a great holiday. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

**BROWN HARDWARE**  
Mary and Carol Davis and Family

**GOOD TIDINGS TO ALL**

Hope your holiday season is filled with cheer.

John Burson

**YULETIDE GREETINGS**

We wish all of you the best holiday season ever.

Annell & James Davis

# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 19, 1985**--The Owls are being coached in basketball by Bob Loy, and team members are Brad West, Scotty Harris, Cal Brannon, Ricky Clardy, Russell Simpson, Neal Edwards, Joe Ramirez, Bryan Wheeler, Jeff Wheeler and Jamie Frizzell . . . The Silverton Basketball Tournament was cancelled last week due to the icy and snowy weather . . . J. W. Lyon, jr. taken by death . . . Services conducted for Wendall Patterson . . . Dear Santa, I have been a real good boy. Mother said if I pass the six weeks that you would bring some good things for Christmas. I would like a radio, Go Bots, the Mean Machine and a saddle for my pony. Oh yes, Santa, we live one mile east of Silverton just in case you forget. Jonathan Ivory . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me some chaps and spurs for Christmas. I also want a new airplane because mine is broke. Please bring my brother Eric a toy for him to play with. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. Love, Ryan Minyard . . . Earl Cantwell honored at 80th birthday reception . . . Junior varsity Owlettes are DeLyn Patton, Gina Myers, Keeley Burson, Tonia Perkins, Julia Couch, Doree Brodeen and Tara Nance . . . Dear Santa, I want a Constructs, Bront, a chemistry set, a cookie pop, a magician set, Wing Wanter, Buzz-Off, Near One, a purple emny Go Bot jet. That's all I want. Miles Comer . . . Dear Santa, I want a Care Bear, a Fuzzy Wuzzie, a doll, a rocking horse, a stuffed toy, and a Jack-in-the-box. See ya, Lacy Brunson . . . Brenda Boling was among 41 students receiving their bachelors degrees at Lubbock Christian College's December graduation ceremonies . . . Mikel and Liz Griffin are parents of a daughter, Lori Dorn . . .

**December 25, 1975**--Santa Claus, I want an Easy Bake for Christmas and I want a Baby Alive. Don't forget me. Lee Ann Durham . . . Dear Santa Claus, Bring me a train, a motorcycle, a Johnny West and a dump truck. I've been a good little boy. Love, Brian West . . . Dear Santa, I want a doll, cradle, high chair, blanket and pillow and a pogo stick. I've been a good girl and I love you. I'm going to leave some money out for you, \$1.03, because of all the toys I want. I'm also leaving some chocolate chip cookies and some Coke for you. Can you give Daddy a pretty shirt, tie and pants? You're a nice Santa Claus, Tara Nance . . . Dear Santa, This is what I would like to have for Christmas. Please bring me a bean bag chair, a record player and a Baby Bless You. Don't forget the other girls and boys. Love, Melissa Stone . . .

**December 23, 1965**--Dear Santa, I hope your reindeer are fine. Please bring me a Pogo Stick and a bicycle. Bring Kyle a

cowboy suit and some building boulders. Casey wants a tricycle and a stick horse. Love, Brent, Kyle and Casey Bean . . . Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a football uniform, GI Joe doll, pool table and a gun. Please bring all my little friends something, too. I have been a fairly good little boy this year. Love, Kirk Durham . . . Dear Santa, I hear you are coming to see me. I want a Skipper for Christmas. Love, Nedra Flowers . . . Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys I got last year. This year I would like a new saddle, baseball bat and glove. Yours truly, Zane Mayfield . . . Dear Santa, I want a B-B gun and a repair shop. I am in the second grade. Your friend, Brad Ziegler . . . Dear Santa, We put up our Christmas tree today. I am in the second grade. I hope you bring me a chalk board and a baby doll. My birthday is March 18. Your friend, Mary Jo Thomas . . . Dear Santa, How have you been doing? I am just fine. I enjoyed everything you gave me last year. This year I want a football, pelletgun, chaps, saddle-blanket and basketball. Yours truly, Ken Wood . . . Dear Santa, I am a boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. I want an electric football game and I want a hockey game. Your friend, Brett Gill . . . Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for my Johnny Seven last year. I would like a big play truck. What would you like if you were a little boy? I have everything ready for Christmas. Abel Asebedo . . .

**December 22, 1955**--Seniors on the honor roll last six weeks were Evelyn Crowell, Carl Gauntt, Ina Lou Grabbe, Roxanna McJimsey, Pat Redin and Keith Whitfield . . . Tragedy has again struck the home of a young couple, former residents of Silverton, and the hearts of the people of this community go out to them. The Fire boys and the Caprock Playboys are sponsoring a benefit dance on Saturday night for Mr. and Mrs. Corkey Morris, whose baby has been hospitalized for many weeks, and died last week in a Dallas hospital . . . Mrs. Clyde Wright died December 17 . . . A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald, nee Patsy Bomar, was held Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. William Strange . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a Ballerina doll and a pastry set. I am in the second grade. Please think of all the other girls and boys. Love, Janice Sue Hester . . .

**December 20, 1945**--Dear Santa, Please bring me a two-gun holster set, a red truck, a bow and arrow set and a big wagon, and lots of nuts, candy and fruit. Your friend, Donnie Perkins . . . Dear Santa, I don't want much. I want a pair of roller skates and a doll. I want you to fill my stocking with nuts and oranges. Love, Pat Patton . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a belt, a Scout knife, a fountain pen and pencil and some fruits, nuts, candy and gum. Also bring the other boys and girls something. Your friend, Teddy Jack Mayfield . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and a billfold. I should like to

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have some fruits, nuts and candy. Your friend, Anne Brown . . . Dear Santa, I have been a very good little boy. I want you to send me a few things this Christmas. A rocking chair, pop gun, and a doll buggy, also some nuts and candy. Thank you very much, Norman Walter Strange . . . Dear Santa, I am a tiny girl two months old. Please bring me a rattler, a comb and brush set and a rag doll to chew on. Your tiny friend, Jerry Lynn Garrison . . . Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a doll house, Monopoly and Chinese checkers, Pollyanna and a doll bed, world map and a doctor and nurse set, house shoes, toy telephone, a rocking chair, doll furniture, also fruit, candy and nuts. From Joni Douglas . . . Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a wagon, a farm set and a pair of boots. Also bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Don Cornett . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a long pop gun and a jeep. I would like an airplane too and some candy. Be good to all the boys and girls. Your friend, Alton Riddell . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a pair of chaps, house shoes and a pair of boots. Don't forget my oranges, apples, candy and nuts. Your friend, Sharon Joy Gilkeyson . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a majorette doll, an ironing board, iron, a doll suit and some dishes. Oh yes, don't forget some candy and fruit. Love, Carlye Monroe . . . Dear Santa, This is just to let you know what I want. I want a gun, an airplane and I would like to have a bicycle but I am afraid that you can't get it. I would like to get some nuts and

fruit too. Your friend, Guinn Fitzgerald . . .

**December 17, 1925**--Dear Santa, Bring me a doll and candy, nuts, etc. and other nice things. Willie B. Stout . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want things in the machinery line and a horn and candies. Archie Stout . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me an air gun, a wagon, a little car and a football and a ball mitt. Jim Haynes . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll with shoes and little stockings; a little stove and so many other little things but I must not be selfish. Say if it is not asking too much of you I would like to have a little set of dishes. Gaynell Douglas. P. S. Please don't forget Bob and Rex . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a big ball and a gold fountain pen and a pretty little kimona and house shoes. This is all I want this Christmas except candy, fruit and nuts. Opal Watson . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy eight years old. I want you to please bring me a new suit, size 11 with one pair of long pants, one of short pants, coat and vest and a pretty little red bicycle. Grady Ralph Poe . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl six years old. I want you to please bring me a doll bed to put my doll on. I would love to have some beads and a bracelet to match. Please fill my stocking full of candy, nuts and apples. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Evalon V. Poe . . . Dear Santa Claus, I can hardly wait until time for you to come. I must write you just what I want and hope you will not forget me. I want a baby ma-ma doll. A ball that will bounce, story book and a rocking chair and lots of nuts and

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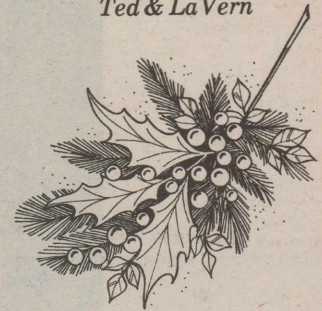
candy. Charlsie Glynn Allard . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, set of dishes, ring and fountain pen. Einell Smithee . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a little car that has a top and a windshield on it, a coaster wagon, a top, a football, chocolate candy, nuts and crackerjacks. Arnold Brown . . . Dear Santa, I am six years old and going to school. So I need a fountain pen, a desk and cedar chest and I want a set of little dishes and a ring and bracelet. That is all for mother says I must leave something for other little girls. You don't have to bring me a doll this year, as my dolls will do and then I have to study most of the time. June Weast . . .

JOY  
TO  
ALL

### Season's Cheer

*Wishing you a beautiful  
season, warm happy  
memories and joyful  
tomorrows.*

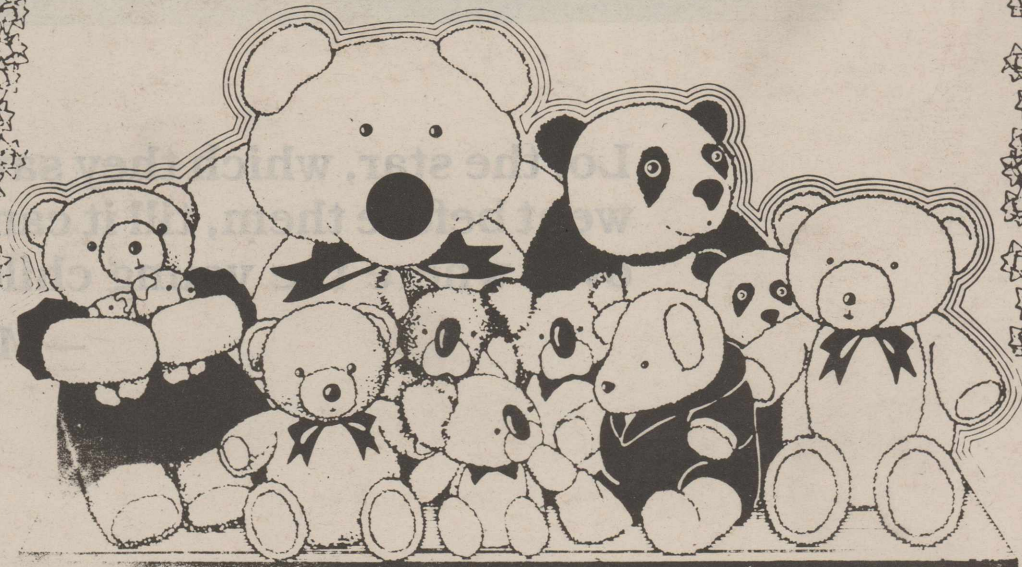
*Ted & La Vern*



# A Bear-y, Merry Christmas

Cheer-filled tidings of the holiday season!  
To all, go our thanks for your support.

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Lo, the star, which they saw in the east,  
 went before them, till it came and stood  
 over where the young child was.

—Matthew 2:10



# Season's Greetings

Let there be joy  
 at Christmas,  
 when all the world  
 is warm and loving  
 in remembrance  
 of that night when the  
 Star of Bethlehem  
 led the three wise men  
 to the Holy Child.

*Jack Strange*

*Patricia McJimsey*

*David Tipton*

*Lura Brown*

*Steve Jarnagin*

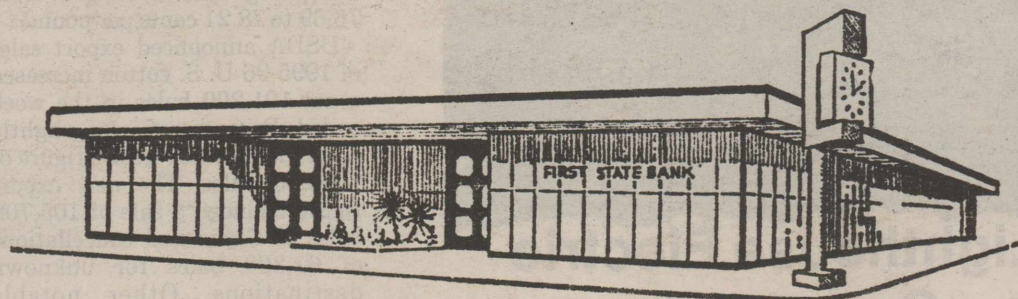
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*Madeline Stone*

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## TELCOT Report

### A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending Dec. 14

USDA provided no real surprises for traders in its December 11 U. S. and World Supply/Demand Report, although the U. S. cotton production estimate for the 1995-96 crop year was cut more than expected.

Some traders were caught off guard by USDA's most recent U. S. production estimate of 18.2 million bales, which was a 602,000 bale reduction from the November figure; however, the U. S. consumption figure of 10.7 million bales, down 300,000 bales from the previous report, was expected by those in the trade.

Predictably, the largest production decreases were found in Texas, Oklahoma, and the Far West. In fact, Oklahoma's expected cotton production fell to 135,000 bales following

abandonment of 25,000 acres and a 79 pound-per-acre reduction in average yield.

Texas cotton production now is expected to total 4.5 million bales, according to figures released by USDA. The current projection is 250,000 bales less than the November 1 estimate and about seven percent below last year's bumper cotton crop of 4.9 million bales.

In addition, Texas' harvested acreage is estimated at 5.7 million acres, 11 percent more than last year. However, projected yields decreased from November 1 and are expected to average 383 pounds per acre compared with last year's 458 pounds.

"The crop was a near disaster in the Rio Grande Valley and in some areas in the Concho Valley. In other areas of the state the crop was quite varied," State Statistician Dennis Findley reported. The heaviest production losses in West Texas were in the Rolling Plains where expected output plunged 150,000 bales to a

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After a week's worth of analysis the latest United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimate of cotton production on the Texas High Plains appears to be holding its own, according to Lubbock-based

total of 450,000 bales.

USDA pegged High Plains output at 2.6 million bales, down 60,000 bales from a month ago and 417,000 bales below last season. Excellent weather in West Texas has facilitated rapid harvesting during the past month, leaving only a few fields waiting to be stripped. In fact, some gins have completed their seasons, and others will finish this week. However, ginning of seed cotton stored in modules is expected to continue into January at higher volume gins.

The quality of High Plains cotton has been exemplary this season. According to Wendell Wilbanks, head of USDA's cotton classing facility in Lubbock, cotton grades have been extremely high. "The color has been unbelievable," he said, "and leaf grades have been just as good." White grades have comprised 80.2 percent of the cotton classed for the season, with strict middling totaling 54.6 percent. The top three leaf grades have accounted for 86.2 percent.

The principal change outside the U. S. crop prospect in USDA's most recent Supply/Demand Report occurred in China where consumption was estimated at 20.8 million bales, an increase of 300,000 bales. Chinese production also was raised to 20.0 million bales, up from 19.5 million in USDA's November estimate. However, USDA also lowered Chinese ending stocks by 500,000 bales which greatly contributed to the 610,000 bale world ending stocks reduction to an estimated 32.16 million bales.

Most traders anticipated ending world stocks figures to be basically unchanged even though U. S. stocks were expected to drop. Notable production figures in Turkey, Australia and Greece were largely offset by reductions in Brazil and in the U. S. crop.

Meanwhile, spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ending December 7 totaled 53,137 bales, up from 44,433 bales previously. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 76.69 to 78.21 cents per pound.

USDA announced export sales of 1995-96 U. S. cotton increased a net 101,200 bales in the week ended December 7, up slightly from the previous week's figure of 100,200 bales. The new export figure included a sale of 105,700 bales to China and cancellations of 61,800 bales for unknown destinations. Other notable buyers included Mexico and Indonesia.

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Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

Although the initial reaction of some High Plains crop watchers was that the estimate is still too high, further analysis and discussions with directors of the Lubbock and Lamesa cotton classing offices appears to back up the USDA estimate.

Estimated production in Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S totals 2.68 million 480 pound bales according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS). TASS boundaries for the two reporting areas take in almost all of the 25 counties served by PCG and is frequently used as a barometer of the region's production potential.

Average yields for the two districts were estimated at 442 pounds in 1-N and 403 pounds in 1-S. Harvested acres were estimated at 630,000 in 1-N and 2.5 million in 1-S.

Bolstering the TASS estimates are reports that the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices expect to receive samples from some 2.55 million bales in 1995. Classing office estimates are figured using running bales, which are typically heavier than 480 pounds, and must be adjusted to reflect a comparable number of 480 pound net weight bales for statistical purposes. Once adjusted, the combined classing office estimate of 2.55 million bales received would equal slightly more than 2.62 million statistical bales.

"Trying to predict what size a cotton crop on the Texas High Plains is often an exercise in comparing apples to oranges," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "The good news is that, once completed, the analysis provides a much clearer picture of the 25 county cotton crop."

Johnson adds that even though the 1995 crop has been disappointing from a yield standpoint it has exhibited very high quality. He notes that this is especially good news for producers looking to sell their crop at the highest possible price.

"Beltwide growers who produced a cotton crop in 1995 had to overcome incredible adversity, and in many cases dramatically increased costs, for the opportunity to make less

cotton than they did the previous year," notes Johnson. "Things aren't any different on the High Plains and our growers are looking for any opportunity to make up for their lost production."

Quality-wise the 1995 crop continues the recent trend of "higher is better" when it comes to High Plains cotton. The commitment area producers make to quality continues to put extra money in their pockets and hopefully will help take some of the sting out of the lower yields.

Through the Plains Cotton Improvement Program (PCIP) High Plains producers have put their money to work developing new cotton varieties suited to the unique growing conditions found on the Texas High Plains. The good news for producers is that the objectives of the PCIP continue to be realized as new cotton varieties, developed through the PCIP, become commercially available.

Long-term prospects are bright and through the efforts of High Plains growers, and programs like the PCIP, the future of High Plains cotton can be assured.

### Evergreen Cards

1. Fold a stiff piece of paper into fourths.
2. Glue small sprigs of evergreen on the front.
3. Tie a piece of ribbon into a bow and paste it to the bottom of the sprig.
4. Dab glue on the spots where you'd like glitter to sparkle. Sprinkle the glitter on the glue. Shake off the excess.



May love and peace be your gifts at Christmas.

Mary Tom Burson

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wise men  
still seek  
HIM



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# Owls, Lady Owls Defeat Kress Teams

Silverton's varsity Owls and Lady Owls played to two big victories over the Kress Kangaroos here Tuesday night, with the Owls scoring over 100 points for the first time in many years.

The Junior Varsity Owls led off the action with a 39-50 loss. They trailed at the end of the first three quarters: 6-10, 15-24 and 27-38.

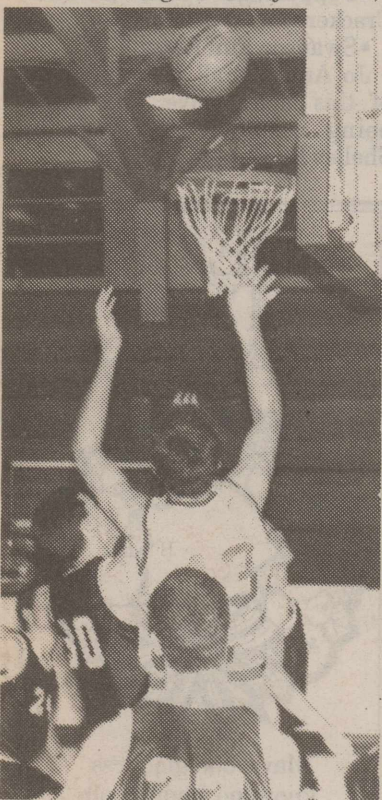
Cory Chandler, playing with stitches in his thumb, led the offense by scoring 16 points. Jeremy Holt also scored in double figures with 12. Adding to the score were Will Hester, eight; Jared Francis, three points.

The Lady Owls defeated the Lady 'Roos for the second time this season, this time taking a 46-28 decision. Only Lacy Brunson scored in double figures, credited with 13. Adding points to the score were Kenzie Burson, nine; Molly Bomar and Shauna Kingery, seven points each; Michelle Warren, four points; Shannon Weaver, a three pointer; Dara Ramsey, two, and Molly Brooks tossed in a point from the line.

Four of the Owls scored in double figures as they led at the end of each quarter: 20-12, 50-29, 70-48, 103-88. The Kangaroos are good shooters, both from inside and outside, and the Owls were forced to keep scoring to win the game.

Jack Cherry led the offense with 34 big points to his credit, while Trey Wyatt burned the baskets with 20 points. Brandon Sarchet rang up 13 and Jared Holt got 12. Wyatt scored two three pointers.

Also scoring were Cy Comer,



Jared Holt puts another two points on the board against McLean. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Owls Take Pair of Wins From McLean

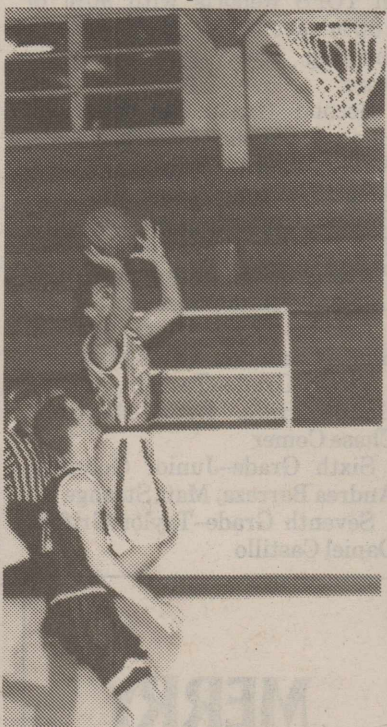
Silverton's varsity and junior varsity Owls played to victories over the McLean Tigers here Friday night, while the Lady Owls dropped their match 58-62 after leading throughout most of the game.

The JV Owls (2-4) were in a very close contest all the way, with no more than two points separating the scores most of the time. The Owls controlled the game during the first three quarters and put it away in the final period: 17-13, 26-25, 49-39 and 58-45.

Hector Martinez tossed three three pointers into the baskets. He and Cory Chandler tied for scoring honors with 16 points each. Also scoring were Jeremy Holt, seven; Chris Justice, eight; Will Hester, seven, and Jared Francis, two points.

The Lady Owls (10-4) held the lead through most of their game, but when the Lady Tigers overtook them and went ahead they were unable to retake control of the match, partly due to being in foul trouble.

The Lady Owls led 22-13 at the end of the first quarter, and were



Arnold Garza demonstrates his "flying" basket which was good for a pair of points against McLean. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Jon Ivory and Jay Arnold, seven points each; Arnold Garza, two.

It was the first match of the year for the two teams since they were scheduled in the first game of the season and the 'Roos were in the football playoffs at that time. The Owls played Anson in place of Kress that night.



Kenzie Burson rings up another two points against McLean. *Briscoe County News Photo*

in a 32-32 tie at the intermission. By the end of the third quarter, the Tigers had posted a small 41-43 lead and went on to extend it a bit in the last quarter, 58-62.

Dedra Johnston burned the baskets with five three pointers and a total of 16 points. Molly Bomar rang up 12 points and



Molly Bomar gets ready to rebound in case Dedra Johnston's three pointer doesn't go into the basket. *Briscoe County News Photo*

# Eighth Grade Girls Owls Earn Victory

Silverton's Eighth Grade Lady Owls (4-2) earned a 26-17 victory over the girls from Lakeview here Monday afternoon.

The score was knotted 6-6 at the end of the first quarter and was tied at 12-12 at the intermission. By the end of the third quarter, the Lady Owls held a slim 16-15 advantage. They went ahead to put the game away in the fourth quarter.

Julie Weaver led the offense by scoring eight points, and Sara Kirchoffner was right behind her with seven. Also scoring were Dara Johnston, five, including one three pointer; D. D. White, Kenda Wood and Ana Pena, two points each.

The other games with Lakeview were cancelled, and intrateam scrimmages were held.

In the Seventh Grade Lady Owls division, the White Team beat the Red Team 13-8. Brooke Garvin led the scoring for the White Team with seven points. Crystal Walls scored four and Lori Edwards caged two points.

For the Red Team, Taylor Griffin scored five points and Catherine Reyna added three.

The Owls also had an intrateam game, with the White Team taking a 43-37 victory over the Red Team. Jordan Sarchet caged 13 points and Adrian Ramirez put up 10 points to lead the offense for the White Team. Also scoring were Paul Segura, eight; Vance Chandler, six; Martin Younger, four; Isaac Garcia, two points.

Scoring for the Red Team were Vince Cruz, nine; Clint Ivory and Nathan Francis, eight points each; Isaiah Ivory and Daniel Reagan, four points each; Tyler Young and Daniel Castillo, two points each.

The score was very close throughout the "just for fun" game.

## Win Owls, Lady Owls!

Lacy Brunson caged 10. Also scoring were Michelle Warren, six; Shauna Kingery, five; Kenzie Burson, four; Shannon Weaver, a three pointer; Lori Brannon, two points.

The Owls (10-4), who had beaten the Tigers in the Miami Tournament earlier in the season, held a small 17-16 lead at the end of the first quarter and extended it to 40-27 before the midway stop. By the end of three quarters, they were ahead 51-37 and went on to take the game 71-54.

Four Owls scored in double figures, with Jack Cherry leading the offense with 17 points. Trey Wyatt was right on his heels with 16. Jared Holt caged 15 and Brandon Sarchet added 13. Also scoring were Arnold Garza, six; Jay Arnold and Cy Comer, two points each. Three pointers were scored by Cherry and Sarchet, three each, and Wyatt, two.

## S-Club Basketball Concession Stand Work Schedule 1996

This is the work schedule to be used when the basketball games continue in January. If you are unable to work on the assigned date and time, PLEASE find someone to take your place. Those available for substitutions are the Chandlers, Holts and Arnolds.

If you are unable to find someone to take your place, please call Clyde Parham at 823-2476 on the day of the game.

Tuesday, January 2, 4:00-6:30-- Doug, Lisa & Jack Cherry; Arnold Garza; Tom & Chris Justice

6:30-Close--Rance, Nancy & Tyler Young; Mike, Estella & Mickey Juarez

January 4-6--Silverton Hoot-Out--TBA

Monday, January 15--4:00-6:00--David, Dianne & Dedra Johnston; Juannah & Lindsey Jennings

6:00-Close--Wade, Mary Jo & Lori Brannon; Jimmy, Rhenda & Kenzie Burson

Tuesday, January 16, 4:00-6:30--Brad, JonEtta & Trey Ziegler; John, Gail & Trey Wyatt

6:30-Close--Mikel, Liz & Taylor Griffin; Lane, Paula & Brooke Garvin

Tuesday, January 23, 5:00-6:30--Dwight, Anita & Dara Ramsey; Cindy, Larry & Cy Comer

6:30-Close--Tim, Sherry & Misty Mattheus; Cynthia, Tyra & Martin Younger

Friday, January 26, 6:30-Close--Rick, Beverly & Ryan Minyard; David, Sheila & Daniel Reagan

Friday, February 9, 5:00-6:30--Eddie, Charlotte, Kimmie & Kendra Rhoderick; Wade, Mary Jo & Lori Brannon

6:30-Close--Gary, Ramona & Matt Martin; Stan, Frances, Anthony & David Gamble

Monday, January 15, 4:00-6:00--David, Dianne, Dara & Dedra Johnston; Juannah & Lindsey Jennings

6:00-Close--Wade, Mary Jo & Lori Brannon; Jimmy, Rhenda & Kenzie Burson

## A Christmas Walk

In order to raise money for their parish, some North Stamford, Connecticut, residents started an annual tour called "A Christmas Walk." Early in the season hundreds of people paid for tickets to visit 9 homes to see handcrafted ornaments, festive wreaths, and elaborate table settings. Afterwards, the group met for luncheon in the church hall.

This project helped to spread the Christmas mood and also gave ideas for their own homes, plus the church netted thousands of dollars.



We would like to thank the people of the community for the prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, food, assistance and words of encouragement for our beloved Buck Thomas. You are all very dear to us. May God bless you all.

Violet Thomas  
Al, Tish, Shane & Jodi Thomas  
Jodie & Joyce Wheat  
James & Gretchen Mercer  
Kevin & Lori O'Toole

Dear Santa Claus,

I wonder how you get my letters. I will leave you some milk and white chocolate covered Oreos to munch on when you stop at my house.

Now, here is what I'd like for

Christmas. What I want most of all is a Magic Cooking Grill. I'd also like a small BMX bicycle with training wheels. It would be fun to have five walkie talkies so that my brothers and I could ride bicycles and talk at the same time. I'd also like a guitar that is just my size.

I saw Mrs. Saint Nick on television last night. She looks kinda like you without a beard. That's all until next Christmas. Have a safe travel!

Your buddy,  
Cade

Dear Santa,

How are Dasher and all of your reindeer? How is Rudolf? We

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have our lights on for you and we will leave you some milk and a part of a chicken. Please bring me a trampoline, a cool tools tow truck and a mousetrap. Please bring my little brother a truck and a ball because he wouldn't understand if I got toys and he didn't.

Butler Otis

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this past year. Please bring me a bicycle, a tractor, and a little red truck. I will leave you a snack on the table.

Your friend,  
CoDee Grabbe

Dear Santa,

I am three years old. I have been good this year. I would like a race car track and a snowman. I would also like a surprise, please.

Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Connor Stafford

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1995

Ninth Grade-Misty Wilkinson  
Tenth Grade-Irene Gonzales  
Eleventh Grade--Kimmie Blazier, Jim Myers

Congratulations to all winners and thanks so much to everyone who came to the Book Fair. The next Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled the first week in December next year.

'Labels for Education' To Help Local School

The Silverton School is participating in Campbell's "Labels for Education" program, an excellent opportunity to obtain needed school equipment free, in exchange for Campbell labels and other proofs of purchase.

The label bonus offer expires January 31, 1996. Please promptly turn in all bonus labels and other proofs-of-purchase from the products listed so the school can take full advantage of this offer.

To help the school get started, the people at the Campbell Soup Company are offering a 5,000 label bonus opportunity. They want to help make everyone aware that Campbell's "Labels for Education" accepts more than soup labels. The Campbell family of quality products also includes these bonus items:

- Campbell's Reduced Fat Cream Soups (condensed only)
- Campbell's Home Cookin' Soups (any variety)
- Campbell's Chunky Soups (any variety)
- Franco-American SpaghettiOs
- V8 Picante and/or Lightly Tangy Juices (any size)
- Pace Picante Sauce and/or Thick & Chunky Salsa
- Prego Mushroom Supreme and/or Vegetable Supreme Spaghetti Sauces
- Pepperidge Farm Gravies - Country Mushroom and/or Rotisserie-flavored Chicken
- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers
- Swanson Fun Feast

Jo Ann McFall is co-ordinator of this labels drive, and she is being assisted this year by Shelley Brock.

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm doing just great. I haven't got to see you yet so I thought I had better write and let you know what I want for Christmas this year.

I would like a baby doll and a doll house and a baby Tumble. Kiefer would like a pool table so he can practice at home. He said he is getting good because he can almost beat Zeb. Please remember the other boys and girls and bring something for my mom and dad. Have a safe trip!

Love,  
Kelsie Dutton

Dear Santa,

I want jewelry, make up and a baby doll. I love you.

Townlii

Large Group of Students Are Lucky Poster Winners

The Scholastic Book Fair that was held in the school library was a great big success, according to Shelley Brock. The Book Fair took in \$1772.91, and Scholastic received \$1327.28, which left the library with a cash profit of \$445.93, which will be used for purchasing more Accelerated Reader Prizes.

The library was allowed to choose 20% of the total sales in paperback books. The Book Fair also gave the library all posters that were used during the Book Fair as display.

There was a five-day reading contest, and any student turning in TOPS Reports with 90% or 100% accuracy went into a drawing. Lucky poster winners were:

Second Grade-Gid Mayfield, Hannah James, Jesse Reynolds, Keely Klein, Yance Forbes, Albert DeLeon, Ramon Martinez, Brandi Carter, Sage Brannon, Tori Perkins, Holly Vernon, Thor Patton, Jacob Francis, Angie Lewis, Jeronimo Garcia

Fourth Grade-Lori Griffin, Stormy Brannon, Caleb Francis

Fifth Grade-Tarran Forbes, Dustin Hale, Bryn Mayfield, Chase Comer

Sixth Grade-Junior Gonzales, Andrea Barraza, Matt Strange

Seventh Grade-Taylor Griffin, Daniel Castillo

# Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells

We've come a long way since the horse-drawn carriage, but our commitment to family traditions and old-fashioned values remains the same.

Happy holidays and heartfelt thanks to our many good friends.

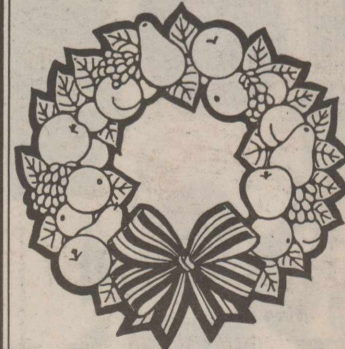
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Frances Kellum

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

to all our  
relatives  
and friends.

Norlan & Doris Dudley



### First Graders Write Their Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a pupy, I want azebr.  
From Vanessa

Dear Santa,  
I want a pupuy.  
From Haylee

Dear Santa,  
I WANT AN IBM COMPUTER  
AND A SUPER NINTENDOW  
GAME. A PUPPY AND A  
MAGIC SCHOOL BUS BOOK.  
From Clay

Dear Santa,  
I would like a million dollars  
and a Blue J  
and a eightmillion dollars  
ten million dollars  
nine million dollars  
From Vincent

Dear santa,  
i lik a barbaie.  
i lik a barbaie.  
i lik a bow.  
i lik a bow.  
i lik a bow.  
million dollars.  
i lik a cat.  
your friend lydia

Dear Santa,  
I want a litl motrsikl.  
An a bik.  
Jimmy

Dear Santa,  
I want a car. I want a semi-  
truck. Thats it.  
Your friend,  
jamieleegarza

Dear santa  
I would like a kelly and barby.  
your friend Ami

Dear santa  
I want a streetjam, basketball.  
I want a t.aikman shirt.  
from drew

Dear Santa,  
I would like a million dollars  
and gold.  
From E. J.

Dear Santa  
I want a IBM computer  
and a Barbie  
and a Super Nintindow game  
and a pupuy  
and a kittin  
and a magic book



### Greetings!

May peace, love and  
contemnt be yours  
on this joyous occasion.

Ruby & Seymour  
Brannon

your friend, Courtney

dear santa,  
i waet a three and one pool table  
game and haunted high way and  
supper van city and a merry  
christmas to you.  
Kiefer

dear santa I wish you will rbng  
my a dollis and a hous and a dad  
and a mom and a totol nad a star  
and a bear  
luv jessica

Dear santa,  
I wish i cude have a harly  
davisune.  
and a .22  
and a army jepe.  
and sum overrolls.  
and a pelit gun.  
and a sled.  
and a ranedeer.  
love Dusty

dear santa;  
i wish  
for a one hudrid dolr bil  
i wish for a cor a remokncol car  
and a sled  
and a ndn spir love;

dear santa,  
I whish for a hoti hia wai.  
and a kwos fire game.

## NOEL

Wishing you a  
season of  
peace and harmony.  
Lottie Garrison



## Glad Tidings

At this time of great  
wonder and joy, I'm  
pleased to be among such  
good neighbors and  
friends. My special thanks  
to each of you.  
J. D. Nance



### BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

and a army jepe.  
and a army mens.  
justin

dear sdnta,  
I wish I sum rollerdlabes  
and a snobole  
kelli

dear santa I wont for chrstas a  
bobes and I wont rolbls love  
claudia

Dear Santa  
Iwot a ndn sut four crismus and  
a aro hed rel shop  
aro hed  
love,  
Jonathan

Loujessica Dear Santa,  
Bag me a pas bag a bobd and  
pas dol dol bag me a pas bag a  
dum and me  
Pal pig a bag me a pal duck  
Loujessica

dear santa,  
I wish that I had super van city  
and a fisher pric free in one  
turnumit table with hocky and  
pool and table tinic and a slay  
with your rain deer stuff and a  
slay stuff and a soot and boxas  
with nuthing in them but the  
ones that you poot under the tree  
i wont thangs in them. love Ory.

dear sant,  
i wunt a dr dretfl foodlab and a  
donkey cong cuntree tow and a  
car set and a kuntrole car love you  
name zakkary

dear santa  
i wish for haunted highway and  
a pool deigo

### Christmas in Bethlehem

Thousands of people flock to Bethlehem during the Christmas season to visit the birthplace of Jesus.

There are several places claiming to be the burial place of Christ—likewise the place of his birth, but one of the main places pilgrims choose as Christ's birthplace is the Church of Nativity. A Latin Chapel, fourteen centuries old is first entered, and then one descends to the Grotto of the Nativity.

A silver star has been inlaid in a small recess of the wall to mark the traditional spot of Christ's birth.

Interestingly enough the door to the birthplace (the stable at the Inn) is a low opening, built, so it is told, in order that the animals that might wander around Bethlehem won't enter as easily. One sees no ox nor donkey looking over the manger.

## Best Wishes

# A JINGLE BELLS CHRISTMAS

Enjoy this festive season,  
Celebrate the day,  
May your holiday ring out  
With joy in every way.

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# What The Holiday Season Means To Me



To me the holiday means having people coming over to celebrate the family Christmas holidays with the whole family. In my family we have the family Christmas on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. We all have dinner and then we go play after we exchange gifts. And every year we all wish for snow, but nearly every year we are disappointed. But when it does

snow, my brother and I go sledding. Also to me the holiday means Santa, snow and all of your loving family. This is what the holiday season means to me.

Ryan Minyard  
Grade 8

The holiday means getting your family together to have the time of your life. You play games and listen to music while you tell jokes. You just don't open up

presents; you talk about why God is so special. You talk about God because the holidays wouldn't mean anything without him. He is the one who created earth and all of us. He is the one who is responsible for all the fun you have. Remember if you pray to him for something, don't get angry if he can't give it to you, keep praying because one day he will. That's why the holiday

means so much to me.

Ana Pena  
Grade 8

Christmas is a time of joy and love, a time for peace and family bonds. Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a time when my family sits down at the table to feast on delicious ham and dressing. After our dinner we spent the rest of that night opening the presents that were under the beautiful Christmas tree that my mom decorated. Christmas is when there is peace and love everywhere. It is when brothers and sisters stop fighting and calling each other horrible names. Christmas is a time for dirt bikes and remote control cars. I love Christmas and all of its beauties. I love our Lord Jesus Christ for who made Christmas possible.

That's what Christmas means to me.

Kevin Duncan  
Grade 6

To most kids I suppose it means presents and toys, but of course they would never admit that. I suppose the real meaning is about our Lord Jesus. To me, it means spending time with family and friends that you haven't seen in the longest time. Looking at how everyone has grown, walking through my grandmother's door, and being smothered by uncles, aunts and cousins. And my favorite part is sitting around the fire, drinking hot cocoa and apple cider. It means thinking about giving instead of receiving.

Christmas is a very special time for everyone.

Vicki Van Horn  
Grade 7

The holiday makes me think of hope, love, joy and peace—the thing that makes you feel good inside. You see it's not what you give, it's what you receive in your heart. Take peace, for instance

peace is when your heart is at rest; when it's calm and knows all is well. So you see it's not whether if you get a toy for Christmas it's what you receive in your heart for Christmas. See you on Christmas Day. So long, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jimmy Castillo  
Grade 6

The holiday season to me is being with family and friends. Each year we attend my cousins Magan and Matt's recital. After the recital, we all go to the reception and eat cake and drink green punch. Then we all go home. Three weeks later, it's Christmas Eve and we all go to our aunt's house and have a party. Then that night we all go home and go to sleep. The next morning we open presents, prepare a dish of food, and go to my grandmother's house to eat Christmas dinner.

Danny Dunn  
Grade 6

## Merry Christmas

*Holiday pleasures and little treasures are what make this a time of joy. Thanks for the pleasure of your friendship.*

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## Santa's Coming...

### Warm Wishes

May your holiday be merry, magnificent and bright.

Mae Tennison



## One Star to Guide Them

May this holy season lead you to faith and enlightenment.

*Myers Long*  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS



# What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Christmas is the time of year to be with family and friends.

To bring joy, hope, peace, and holiday cheer.

To see beautiful decorated winter sleighs.

To play in the snow on cold winter days.

To watch joyful and colorful Christmas parades.

But no need to forget Jesus's birthday was on this day.

Kylie Green  
Grade 6

Christmas is a time of cheer, snow, Santa Claus, and presents. Christmas is my favorite holiday because of the happiness. I love it when it snows at Christmas time; it makes everything look nice like a winter wonderland. Christmas Eve is always exciting when carolers come and sing to your family. I think it is neat to sit there and think of all the things that we are grateful for. On Christmas Eve, I think of two things: love and peace. I think of love because you give your presents to that person hoping they like it. I really feel peace at Christmas time because of all the love and kindness around me.

Molly Sarchet  
Grade 6

Christmas means more to me than just food and toys. It means being with the people I love and remembering Jesus.

Being around the people I love gives me a warm feeling inside. That warm feeling assures me that all of the most wonderful people are right there with me.

Christmas also means another thing. It means remembering Jesus. If it weren't for Jesus, we wouldn't have Christmas.

So as you can see Christmas means many things to me. But mainly being around everyone I love and remembering Jesus.

Amy Maciel  
Grade 6

The Christmas season means more to me than just presents and Santa. The Christmas season means getting together with family and friends to worship the birthday of Jesus. It means nativity scenes and old stables. Also it means love is all around you and Christmas carols. It means rejoicing with family, drinking hot apple cider, eating lots of goodies, and being with cousins. As you can see Christmas is very special to me.

Kurby Garvin  
Grade 6

Christmas means more to me than playing in the snow, or yelling ho ho ho,

getting a puppy with small paws, or a fake Santa Claus.

It's more than getting coffee mugs, it's about giving hugs, not about getting a glove, it's about sharing love.

We give presents to little girls and boys,

to share our happiness and our

joy, we want all kids to be happy, not crying at their pappy.

That is what the Holiday Season means to me.

So Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight.

Erica Edwards  
7th Grade

C is for Christ's birthday

H is for having time to spend at Christmas with Jesus

R is for reading stories of Christmas spirit

I is for inviting relatives at Christmas time

S is for singing songs of holiday spirit

T is for telling stories and bringing joy to children's hearts

M is for Mary's son coming to the world

A is for the aid of Christ

S is for singing songs and

telling stories of Christmas spirit.

Issac Garcia  
7th Grade

Christmas means joy,  
Happy children everywhere,  
Ribbons and bows on packages bright,

Icicles hanging in the air,  
Snow piled high nearly out of sight,

Tinsel shimmering on the tree,  
Mounds of presents for you and me,

Angels voices heard on high, and  
Sleighbells ringing from the sky.  
Catherine Reyna  
Grade 7

Christmas means humongous trees full of lights,  
Making everything look bright.

All the presents with the big

shiny bows,  
Makes everyone want to know.  
And the stockings on the fireplace hung so high,  
Makes everyone awe and sigh.  
And all the girls and all the boys,  
Bring a certain Christmas joy,  
As we walk outside and see the snow,  
It reminds us of Christ's birth so long ago.

Taylor Griffin  
Grade 7



## One Solitary Life

*He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.*

*He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had - his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.*

*Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."*



Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

**We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.**

Merry

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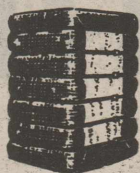
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I want to thank the ones who prayed, sent cards and food at the passing of my dear brother, Buck Thomas.  
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Ruby Hester and family

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Polly Cagle

Words seem inadequate when trying to thank people for dropping what they are doing and coming to your aid when you so desperately need them. Our EMS crew came to us and did their jobs well and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. We are all so fortunate to have a well trained group of people who can help us when we need them!

To Lana Burson, Bena Hester, Fay Perkins, Emmett Tomlin, Dale McWaters, JoDee Robison, and all the others who give their time, energy and compassion to us:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you  
Phillipians 1:3

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My love,  
Myrt Edwards

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Sing we joyous all together,  
Heedless of the wind and weather,  
Fa la la la la la la la . . .*

Traditional Welsh Carol

# Fond wishes for a Merry Christmas

*from all of us to all of you!*

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### Vegetable Conference To Be Held Jan. 16

by Rebel L. Royall  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

The West Texas Vegetable Conference will be held in Hereford on January 16, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. It will be held in the Hereford Community Center at 100 Avenue C and Park Avenue.

Fourteen highly-qualified speakers will present valuable information on vegetable science and integrated crop culture. Twenty-five agribusiness and education exhibits will be displayed for you.

"Integrated Management of Diversified Vegetable Crops" is

the conference theme. Melon/Vine Crop IPM will be featured.

Other Lot topics will include water requirements and irrigation scheduling; breaking yield barrier for watermelon; diversification potential; pepper stand enhancement; insect, disease and weed control; onions to fit market, and Jerusalem artichoke potential.

Five continuing education units (CEUs) will be given to private applicators, licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators.

If you are interested in attending this program, please see Rebel Royall, Briscoe County Extension Agent, for a registration form or call the Deaf Smith Extension office at 806-364-3573.

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### BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

### EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Rhonda Alexander  
Briscoe County Extension Agent  
Home Economics

### The Winds of Change

As often as the wind blows in West Texas, so does the amount of change that each of us go through in our lives. Change is happening all of the time, whether we are expecting it or not, change comes along anyway.

I will be experiencing many changes as I open a new chapter

in my own book of life. I have recently accepted the position of County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Sciences programs in Swisher County. My employment there will begin on January 15, 1996. I have enjoyed the opportunity that I have had to work with the people in Briscoe County. You are all a great group of people. As with any change that happens in your life, there are many things to look forward to as well as many others that you will miss. There will be many things that I will miss and many people that I will miss. I appreciate the support that each of you have given to me during my employment here in Briscoe County.

As we all look into the new year, there will be many changes before each of us. We must look towards these changes with optimism, but we must also be sure to keep in mind our memories of where we have been.

At the Watch Night service in New York's noted Riverside church, there is an "hour of significance"; then the carillon in the tower announces the arrival of the New Year. This is a great contrast to the noisy observance in Times Square, but both are typical of the way the United States herald the coming year. No doubt how one celebrates, he will wish with William Cullen Bryant; "The good old year is past, oh be the new as kind!"



### Earthquakes seem to move everyone closer together.

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### Happy Everything!



Jackie Mercer

# Season's Greetings



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### BETTER THAN REFORMATION

Everyone knows about the "Reformation Movement," led by men like Martin Luther. Not all seem to know about the "Restoration Movement."

I should say, "Movements," for there have been many restoration movements down through history. Such a movement is now going on in America and in many other countries. How does this differ from reformation?

Luther and other reformers saw many things wrong with the prevailing religion of their day and set out to reform the Roman Church. New denominations resulted, and became known as Churches of the Reformation, or Protestant Denominations.

Throughout the centuries before Luther there had been small movements aimed at, not reformation of the existing religion, but restoration of the original. For almost 150 years now, there has been a larger movement aimed at restoration. Many people having discovered departures from Bible teaching in the prevailing religions, have set out, not to reform existing churches, but to restore the original one, as revealed in the New Testament. To restore the Bible church, or original Christianity, in its purity and simplicity. The aim is not to start a new church. It is to bypass all the institutions that men have added and go back to the fountain source of Christianity, the New Testament. Those who move in this direction recognize the Scriptures as inspired of God and complete; being "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete . . ." (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). They are responding to the call to "ask for the old paths . . . and walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16).

Does this make sense to you?

### Silverton Church of Christ

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Sunday Class 9:00    Worship 10:00    Night 6:00  
Wednesday 7:00

# What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Christmas is a time of joy and a time of laughing. Christmas is a time of giving and receiving presents. When everyone is being sweet and kind to all their family members. I like Christmas because it is a time of being with cousins, aunts and uncles. It also is a time of drinking hot cocoa and eating food. Christmas is always fun. This year I'm going to have three new baby cousins. Also my little brother is going to celebrate his first Christmas. With all my family members it is going to be the most exciting Christmas. My Christmas is going to be very special to me.

Junior Gonzales  
Grade 6

Christmas reminds me of shiny, silver, gold, presents, boxes and bags. What it really means to me is seeing relatives, overeating and especially presents (knives, bikes, boots, models, books). There are many other things that remind me of Christmas: like snow fights, snow forts and snowballs.

It also reminds me of chills, cold pills and warm meals. What it really reminds me of is heaven,

peace, hope, love and most of all Christ, and the one who sent him here. That is what the Christmas holiday means to me.

Duncan Vernon  
Grade 6

I know Christmas is the day we celebrate Jesus's birthday. I like spending time with my family and friends. I enjoy getting gifts and helping my mom prepare dinner. We all say a prayer first and then eat. It is a perfect time for forgiving and to thank God for all he has done for us and to hopefully let Jesus know we are very happy he gave his life to us. That is what Christmas means to me.

Cindy Allen  
Grade 7

The holiday season means a lot to me because it is the season that Jesus was born. Also the happiness and joy are with my family and me.

The Christmas season is the holiday my family is together to celebrate Jesus's birth. This is the holiday when we get and give gifts. But, it doesn't matter if we don't get gifts, because we have love from our family and God.

Christmas is a time very special for everyone. We give thanks to the Lord for everything he gave us. This is what the holiday season means to me, and I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

Maribel Garcia  
Grade 8

At Christmas time each year we should celebrate because our Savior was born on this miraculous date. He came to save us from our relentless sins. And when we ask him for forgiveness our salvation begins. Sometimes we forget what Christmas is all about. But for those who truly believe there should be no doubt. Some people mostly worry about what they are to receive. And the smallest gift Christ asks for is for us to believe. If you look at the word Christmas, it should be very obvious. The reason Christ was born was so he could save all of us.

Heather Bowling  
Grade 8

The holiday season is very fun. This is when families get together and share love. There are cake, cookies, pies and sometimes presents. Most of the time relatives grab your cheeks and say you are growing bigger every time I see you. But you know they are only playing around. I love the holidays because sometimes your parents brag that you are doing very well. Holidays are also a good time for odd jobs and getting things around the house done, but I never do. This is what the holiday season means to me.

Adrian Ramirez  
Grade 7

When I think of Christmas, I think of joy and love. I think about my family and my relatives getting together for a big

Christmas dinner and sharing gifts. I look forward to playing Santa Claus for my brothers and my little sister. Since I'm too old to believe in Santa Claus, I get to put out the gifts on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas morning, December 25, I go to church to celebrate and give thanks for the birth of Jesus. This is what Christmas is really about. However, even though I know this, I can't help thinking about all the presents I might receive.

Idalia Hernandez  
Grade 7

What Christmas means to me. Is about my family putting up the Christmas tree.

It makes me feel like cheering every year.

Everybody is spreading the Christmas cheer.

Every year to make a cake. It's fun to mix and bake.

Christmas trees and candles lit. I know this year that Santa Claus will bring me a big hit.

Daniel Castillo  
Grade 7

The holiday season is cakes, candy, gifts and friends, but most importantly it is about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is a whole lot of different things: to some families it is wrapping gifts and putting them underneath the Christmas tree. Some families don't even exchange gifts. To some families it is getting together with friends and family. The holiday season to me means celebrating the greatest gift of all, love.

Isaiah Ivory  
Grade 7

## Happy Holidays

Hoping all your Christmas wishes come true.

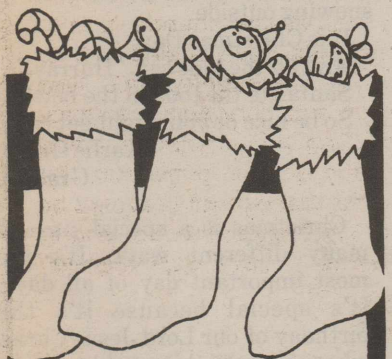
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## GREETINGS!

May the season be as good to you as you've been to us.

J. D. & Daphne Ferne  
McGavock



May Your Stockings Be Stuffed

With all the goodies your heart desires.

Charlie & Fern Parker

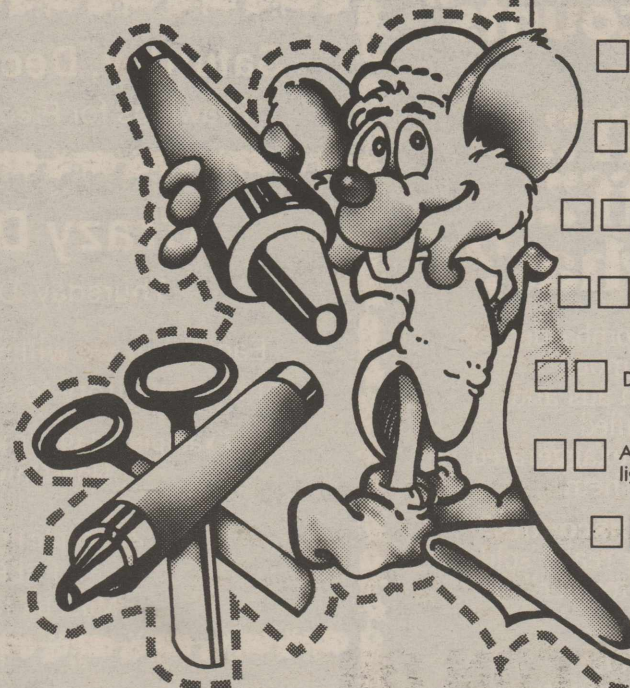
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Christmas Blessings to each of you from The Gordon Lowrey Family

# COLOR IT! CLIP IT! And check it twice!

Sparky wants you to have a happy and safe holiday. So he wrote these tips to help you safely enjoy the Christmas season.

Color Sparky with crayons or markers and clip this page out. Then, check your safety list to make sure your home is ready for the holidays. (Ask for your parent's help!)



## SAFETY LIST!

- Check all cords for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Test lights before stringing.
- Unplug lights before making any repairs or replacing light bulbs.
- Don't overload circuits with too many plugs!
- No lights on metallic trees.
- Keep your tree fresh by trimming the base and keeping plenty of water in the tree stand.
- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
- Don't use indoor lights outside.
- Avoid outdoor electrical lines when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- Use waterproof lighting equipment outdoors. Hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.



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Wishing you a safe, happy holiday.

# What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Each year when I think about what Christmas means to me It reminds me of my family putting up our Christmas tree. Having lights and candles each and every year, Always fills our house with happy Christmas cheer. Relatives and company coming in for Christmas week, People shaking boxes and trying to get a peek. Most always at Christmas people seem to care,

But to me Christmas is a reason when everyone can share!  
Brooke Garvin  
Grade 7

Christmas means more Than gifts galore. More than fun or getting your first gun. It's more than cookies More than cakes More than the surprise when you awake. It's a time To spend a dime

On the ones we love And remember the gift from above. He died and rose To give joy To every little girl and boy. This holiday season Remember the real reason We have this holiday It's Jesus's birthday!  
Tyler Young  
Grade 7

H is for ho-ho-ho when Santa laughs

O is for the opinion of how many presents  
L is for laughter of children  
I is for ice on Christmas  
D is for decorating your tree  
A is for arranging the presents under the tree  
Y is for yolk that you drink  
S is for Santa at the North Pole  
Christmas, Christmas everywhere,  
little girls and boys having fun, coats, sweaters are what you wear,  
cold, cold winter without the sun  
about one newborn king, about Santa and his sack, about when angels sing, and wondering when Christmas will be back.  
Matt Strange  
Grade 6

C Cooking the holiday dinner  
H Having the family over for a good time  
R Red lights on the tree and house  
I Inside activities filled with joy  
S Spending time with your loved ones  
T Time for giving not receiving  
M Making Christmas candy and fruit cake  
A A time and place for everything  
S Singing Christmas carols  
H Happy smiles on children's faces  
O Our Jesus dying on the cross for our sins  
L Loving your family, friends, and Jesus  
I In our hearts we are warm and cosy  
D Dishes full of turkey, dressing, and dessert  
A Afternoon naps after eating and opening gifts  
Y Young people all around tree

Kenda Wood  
Grade 6

Christmas time means love and cheer  
And looking back on a wonderful year.  
Putting big presents under the tree  
And watching a little face fill with glee.  
Hugging relatives and singing songs  
Talking and laughing all day long.  
Seeing friends that moved away  
And having the most special day.  
But most of all it's Jesus's birth  
And spreading love and joy through all the Earth.

Julie Weaver  
Grade 7

Christmas, a time of joy and peace.  
Kids ask for toys and say please please please.  
Santa goes around the world. To visit all the boys and girls. They leave some cookies in a bowl.  
And hope that Santa doesn't leave coal.  
The kids went to bed but wanted to wait.  
They were hoping Santa wouldn't be late.  
Christmas came and they looked outside.  
As far as you can see, it was snowing outside.  
It is Christmas Day.  
And all the kids say, "Hurray."  
Santa ate the food in the bowl. So be nice or you might get coal.

Karlie Green  
Grade 6

Christmas is a special time in many different ways. It's the most important day of all days. It's special because it's the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ whom came to this world to pay a miraculous price. It's a time when people get together to sing Christmas songs. Sometimes people use this time to right all their wrongs. Christmas is a very special time for me. I get to spend this holiday with my family.

D. D. White  
Grade 6

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jewelry "discounts"

40% "Off"..  
60% "Off"..  
"Off" of what?

The public is being bombarded by various outlets — even famous department stores — with ads and promotions claiming so-called "discounts" which are so exaggerated that you should question them.

Are they really true discounts? Was the merchandise ever really sold at the high "regular" or "former" or "reference" price quoted?

Or, was the merchandise fictitiously priced to lure you into thinking you're getting a bargain?

There's nothing wrong with legitimate discounts... we are against deceptive pricing. You owe it to yourself to shop around and compare quality and service as well as price.

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