

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Elzora Gallington has been in the hospital in Dallas, but is now staying at the home of her daughter, Viola. If you would like to remember Elzora with Christmas cards and get-well messages, you can write her in care of her daughter, Viola Black, at 7805 Robin creek Pl., Dallas, Texas 75232.

This is the season when we enjoy extending best wishes for a happy holiday season to our friends and loved ones. It is hard to realize that we already have printed 50 newspapers in 2002, and that this one is the next-to-last one of the year.

Thank you for all you have done for Charlie and me this year. Every expression of your friendship and concern during the time of my hip replacement was appreciated more than you will ever know. We couldn't get through these things without our friends, and this event in my life has reminded me of that and made me aware of my shortcomings when it comes to doing things for my friends.

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and will be enjoying all the good things with those you love.

Charlie and I drove through the rural area last week, and enjoyed seeing the abundant Christmas decorations that many of you have up. Seeing all the displays, and understanding how hard you have worked to do them, inspires a feeling of Christmas in all of us. The judges of the lighting contest have a tough time ahead of them this year.

Briscoe County Activities Association will be sponsoring a Christmas Decoration Contest in the Silverton area this holiday season. Judging will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23. Prizes will be given for first, second and third places.

Be sure to turn your decorations on early and leave them on late that day. It will take the judges a while to get around to all the decorated homes.

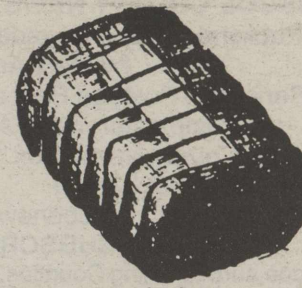
We send our best wishes this Christmas season to Billy Cogdell and all others who are confined to hospitals or to their homes with illnesses. May Santa bring special gifts along with good health to all of you.

When love speaks, the voice of all the gods make heaven drowsy with the harmony.

William Shakespeare
Love's Labor's Lost

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Sheldon and Kayleigh Scroggins visited with Santa at City Bank in Silverton Monday. They mentioned several items they would like for the old gentleman to leave for them on Christmas Eve.

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Lady Owls Played Well Friday Night Against Lubbock Monterey

Silverton's Lady Owls drove to Lubbock for a game with Monterey High School Friday night, and played very well against the tough competition.

The Lady Plainsmen won the game 67-45.

Leading the offense for the Lady Owls was Jenny Young, with 13 points. Also scoring in double figures was Bryn Mayfield, 10 points. Adding to the score were Lori Griffin, nine; Tarran Forbes, six; Kassie Strange, four; Krista Hale, three

Semester Test Schedule Given

Thursday, December 19, even periods:

2nd period	8:10- 9:25
4th period	9:29-10:44
6th period	10:48-12:03
Lunch	12:03-12:30
8th period	12:35- 1:50

On Thursday, school will be dismissed and buses run at 1:50 p.m.

Friday, December 20, odd periods:

1st period	8:10- 9:25
Quiet Zone	9:30-10:20
5th period	10:25-11:40
Lunch	11:45-12:15
7th period	12:20- 1:35

On Friday, school will be dismissed for the holiday and buses will run at 1:35 p.m.

points.	
Lady Owls	9 24 32 45
Monterey	18 36 54 67

Teams Defeated Lazbuddie Dec. 10

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls drove to Lazbuddie on Tuesday night of last week, and won a pair of games.

The Owls won their match 59-46 behind the scoring of Darin Martin and Gid Mayfield, 16 points each; Red Ivory, 12, and Dustin Hale, 10 points. Payton Estes added four points to the score and Chase Comer put one free throw into the basket.

Owls	18 34 47 59
Lazbuddie	9 15 24 46

The Lady Owls won their game 56-40, led in scoring by Lori Griffin, 15, and Bryn Mayfield, 14

points. Also scoring were Kassie Strange and Jenny Young, nine each; Tarran Forbes, four; Krista

Hale, three points, and Kelsie Estes, two points.

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The home of Frances Edwards is beautifully adorned for the holidays, from the roofline to the lights roped around the yard. Symbols of the season have also been placed near the home. Briscoe County News Photo

Transportation Improvement Plan Meeting Is Scheduled

The Texas Department of Transportation in the Childress District has scheduled three meetings at which citizens from the area are invited to discuss needs for transportation improvements in the 13-county Childress District. Under discussion will be the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2003-2004. The TIP is a financially constrained listing of projects planned for construction in the district.

The first meeting was held Thursday, December 12, in Childress.

The second meeting was on Monday, December 16, in Ben-

jamin.

The third meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2002 at the Bura Handley Community Building, 802 10th Street, in Wellington.

This facility is handicap accessible.

Interested individuals from Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, King, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Knox, Motley and Wheeler counties are invited to participate at this meeting.

Your attendance at the meeting will be greatly appreciated and your input is welcomed.



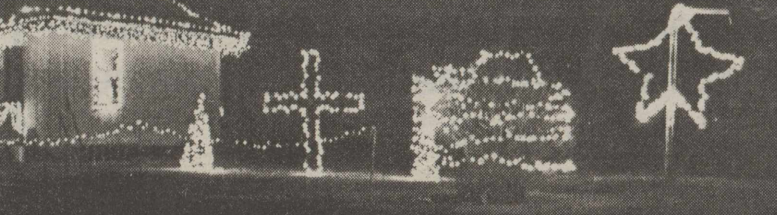
Maison Fuston told Santa that what she really wants for Christmas is a new Spirit coat, earrings, and a unicorn necklace when she visited with him at City Bank in Silverton Monday.

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Thank you for each expression of sympathy at the loss of my Mother. It is great to live in a caring community. God bless you.

Rhenda Burson and the family of Margie Gafford

More Third Grade Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus, This is what I want for Christmas: Bratz head computer games, playstation games, sphere and a telescope. Can you get Britney a silver TV, VCR, SpongeBob toys and a Sponge Bob blanket? I don't know what Norma wants but you can get her whatever you want to get her. Daddy wants Raider's stuff. I don't know what memo or popo wants either, but Mickey wants forty 9ers stuff. (Don't forget the hamies)

Your friend, Sirra Juarez

Dear Santa, I'd like a nintindo 64 game, super Maryo 64, a live frog habitat, a robo wheels battle arena, and trans formers. My brother wants a hat. My family wants a new computer and games. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Bryce Patton

Dear Santa Claus, Could you bring me a telascope and a base ball card set and a big Tonka truck set. Please do not forget my sister Candy Kate. She has been good. And please do not forget my baby brouther Cash. He has been good too. I have been good too. Please don't forget my mom and dad and aunts and uncles and cousins and my nana and papa. The have been good too. Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Ryder Carpenter

Dear Santa Claus, Could you bring some cross earrings and a necklace for my mom. Bring my bruther turbo game cube games and for my dad maybe a cap or two. I want the legos on my list. My whole family wants a computer. I also want to be with my family. Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Forrest

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a trailor for my 4 wheeler and a helicopter, a man had, and a hourse for my charge up

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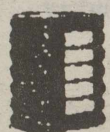


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SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:**
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.,
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
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Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

Share the Glory of Christmas

The Spirit Of Christmas



*...Behold, a virgin shall conceive,
and bear a son, and shall call his
name Immanuel.*

K.J.V. Isaiah 7:14

What does Christmas mean to you? To some, it may mean giving and receiving gifts; to others, it means spending time with loved ones whom they rarely see. Whatever the reason that we enjoy this festive season, it is really a blessed and holy holiday because we are celebrating the birth of our Savior. Keeping this season holy, and focusing on our Lord will help draw us closer to Jesus, and to appreciate how much He loves us.

Throughout the course of the year, our gifts may be a nice way to let people know that we love and appreciate them. Keeping the Spirit of Christ in Christmas is our birthday gift to Jesus and it lets Him know that we love, need, and appreciate Him.

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Obituary

MOZELLE EUDY

Funeral services for Mozelle Eudy, 85, of Austin were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 30, at the First United Methodist Church in Turkey with Don McMann, pastor, and Faye Roberts of River Road Fellowship Church in Amarillo, officiating. Interment was in Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey.

She was born December 20, 1916 in Turkey, where she lived most of her life. She moved to Austin in 1998.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, was a Sunday School teacher, and a member of Eastern Star. She and her husband, Lewis, were engaged in farming for many years, were owners of the Eudy-Seale Funeral Homes in Turkey and Matador, and were owners of a Phillips 66 dealership.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Lewis H. Eudy; her parents, John and Pearl Young; brother, Brigg Young, and sisters, Thelma Roberts and Vera Guest.

She is survived by a son, Ronald Eudy and wife, Kay; grandchildren, Ron Eudy and wife, Kim; and Angela Browder and husband,

ETHELYN K. MAY

Graveside services for Ethelyn K. May, 83, were conducted at 1:00 p.m. in the Silverton Cemetery Friday, December 13, 2002, with arrangements directed by Davis Funeral Chapel of Fort Worth.

Mrs. May died December 9, 2002 at Kirby Manor in Carrollton.

She was graduated from Quitaque High School and attended West Texas State College. She married Loyd May on May 9, 1946. A homemaker, she had lived in Silverton 52 years before moving to Corinynth in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1978.

Survivors include two sons, Van May of Amarillo and Alvin May, 1504 Nightingale Lane, Corinth 76210; a sister, Mary Joyce Wilson of Pampa; three grandchildren, Sarah May and Katie May of College Station, and Margaret May of Corinth; and a daughter-in-law, Kathy May, of Corinth.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Alzheimers Association.

Mark; great-grandchildren, Marshall, Gracie and Parker Eudy, and Gunner, Brodee, Stormee and Tyler Browder, all of Austin; brothers, Byron Young of Fort Worth and Truman Young of Turkey; a sister, Vivian Fletcher of Victoria, and many other relatives and friends.

BETTY LOU OLIVE

Graveside services for Betty Olive, 70, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday in the Silverton Cemetery, with the Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial arrangements will be by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

She died at her home in Silverton shortly before noon Monday, December 16. Born here March 19, 1932, she was a lifetime resident of Silverton.

She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include four nephews, Steve Olive, Larry Olive, Ron Olive and Dan Olive; one niece, Rebecca Rogers, and one sister-in-law, Betty Louise Olive. She was

Dear Santa,
 What will you bring me? A mouse-trap game and a football helmet, power ranger gloves, and a medieval castle. And I want a yellow transformer action hero.

Thank you, Santa.

Love,
 Zachary Patton

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good girl please bring Me a Leap pad game, a nutcracker bag, mcdonalds playdoh, a new pair of cowgirl boots, sticker book, The spirit movie The iceage Movie

Haley
 Dear Santa,
 This year for Christmas I would like a cola icee maker and a new pair of shoes. Please.

Love,
 April

P. S. Write back.
 Dear Santa,
 I have been a really good girl this year. Please bring me a disney bike, barbie walkie-talkies and a leap frog so I can learn my ABCs.

That's all I want this year!

Love,
 Lara Cheyenne Ortiz
 P. S. Have a safe trip. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I hope all is well at the North Pole. I have been

preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys Holcomb and Hattie Rose, and two brothers, Thomas Olive and Bob Olive.

especially good this year. I would love for you to bring me a toy washing machine, a Susie So Smart doll and a sleeping bag. Thank you so much. Your devoted admirer, Daphne Kast

Happy Anniversary-

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Francis

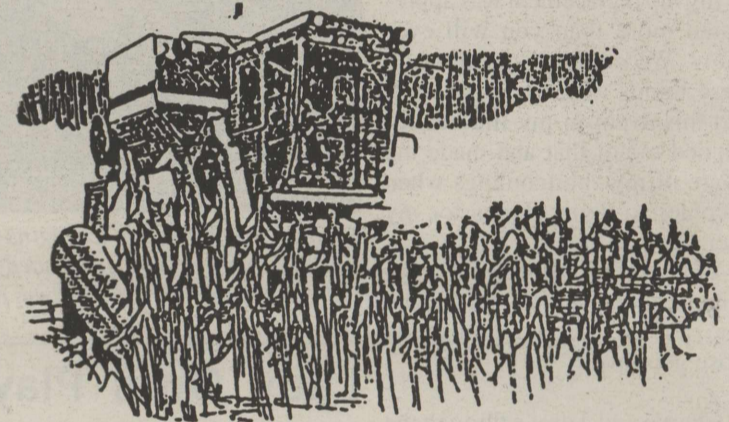
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Luke 2:10-11

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Rock Creek Church of Christ

WEATHER

December Readings at
 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	64	35	
2	64	42	
3	63	38	
4	38	22	.75
5	30	22	
6	38	25	
7	49	28	
8	53	28	
9	43	31	
10	44	25	
11	59	22	
12	58	29	
13	53	28	
14	57	25	
15	64	26	
16	69	27	
17	64	34	
December Precip.			.75
Normal December Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2002			18.86
Normal Annual Precip.			21.22

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 at the Briscoe County News!**

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 24, 1992--Dear Santa, Please bring me some Roller Blades and a Bean Bag and the doll, Starla, and a pink halter and a Garth Brooks tape. Love, Tarran Forbes . . . Dear Santa, I do not know what I want. Just bring me a surprise or a bean bag. How are you? How are your reindeer? Your friend, Bryn . . . Dear Santa, My name is Ami. I am four years old. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a kitchen set, a Barbie motorhome and some surprises. Please bring my big brother, Danny, something too. Love, Ami Dunn . . . Dear Santa, I want an army gun, grenades, army suit, army belt, and snake. Hope you have a safe trip. Thank you, Zack . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a new Bubble-mower, a new gun and some new boots size 8. Please don't forget my brother and my cousins. We will leave cookies and chocolate milk for you. Shane Estes . . .

December 23, 1982--Dear Santa, My little sister wants a doll and I want a bike and some toys. My big brother wants a car and so does my mother. My middle sister wants a cat, too. Frank Ramirez, jr. . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a B-B gun that shoots pellets and some rain galoshes. I want some wild rags, some shirts and a knife. Also, some cowboys and Indians. Wil T Bomar . . . Dear Santa, I want a three-wheeler and I want a dog, a motorcycle and a pac-man game, but most of all I want some coveralls. Zane Henderson . . . Dear Santa, I want an Atari game and a pair of cowboy boots. I want some clothes, too. Love, Aimee Francis . . . Dear Canny Cause, Please bring me an old jeep like my Daddy's, a motorcycle and a police car. That's all I want. Love, Trey Ziegler . . . Dear Santa, I want a puppy that will not grow big. I would also like to have a Western Barbie and Dallas The Barbie Horse. Love, Monica Lynn Arnold . . . Dear Santa, I want a Pink and Pretty Barbie Doll and clothes for it; also a Magic Curl Barbie Doll. Love, Amy Ramsey . . . Dear Santa, I want an Atari Set, a trampoline and a Race Track. Love, Abel Maciel . . .

December 21, 1972--Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie doll, a baby doll, ironing board, watch and a surprise. Love, Kori Baird . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a little table and chairs, and a high chair and five presents. Please bring my little sister a toy TV that plays "School Days." Thank you, Santa. I love you, Kimberly Burson . . . Dear Santa, I am glad of this year. I do not have very much to talk about but I want to say hi. I

like the toys you gave me but Christmas is giving, not getting. I want two walky-talkies. Your friend, Don Perkins . . . Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a bike, some doll clothes and a Sweet Cookie Maker. Come and see us at my house. I need some clothes and new shoes for school and for church and I want to go on a vacation. Love, Barbara Edwards . . . Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a B-B pellet gun and some B-Bs? I have been a very good boy. I love you very much, Santa. Love, Mitcheal Martin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me some surprises and do not forget the other boys and girls. Love, Amy Perkins . . . Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I would like for you to bring me a 30-30 and a .22 and 2-43 and I think my daddy wants a M-16. My brother, David, wants a B-B gun. And Clay wants a truck. Love, Bryan Schott . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me chaps, skittle pool and roping reins. I live at Silverton. Love, Jim Forbes . . . Dear Santa, I am six. I want a Suntan Barbie and a Barbie camper and a hopity hop and a Miss Beasley. My teacher is Mrs. Elms and she is very nice. Love, Donna Boling . . .

December 20, 1962--Dear Santa, I'm a little boy two years old. My mama and daddy say I've been a pretty good little boy. I would like for you to bring me a car that I can pedal and a blackboard and some chalk. Don't forget the rest of the little boys and girls. I love you, Douglas McJimsey . . . Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a doll, a teddy bear, and some dishes. I've been a good little girl. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. I'll be looking for you. Love, Faye Lynn Perkins . . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have some shirts and a pair of boots and a B-B gun, some B-Bs, a tractor and some fruit and candy. I am six years old, and a ball. Herbert Lee Polley . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl three years old and I have been real good. Please bring me a doll house with a swimming pool and a talking Bugs Bunny. I would also like to have some rubber boots. Please bring my little sister, Patti, a little doll and some blocks. She is nine months old and has been good, too. We would like some candy and fruit, too. We are so anxious for your visit. Love, Becky Perkins . . .

December 25, 1952--Dear Santa Claus, I saw you Friday in Lubbock and told you what I wanted, but you might forget it. Please bring me a steam shovel, tool set and a blackboard. A few nuts and some candy also. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Goodby, Garner Garrison . . .

Dear Santa, I am a little boy almost five years old and I have tried to be good because my parents say it is true that you can see me when I've been good or bad, but Santa, I want to know, when do you sleep? I would like to have a record player and a big airplane. My little brother's name is Marty. He is seventeen months old. Please bring him some little books that he can't tear, and a stuffed toy. He is pretty good except when he spits at me. Santa, if this is too much for us send part of it to other little boys and girls, maybe even in Korea. Give all the fruit, nuts and candy to the other children as my grandmothers keep plenty on hand for Marty and me. Thank you, Santa. Always, Jimmy Francis . . .

December 24, 1942--Dear Santa, I am a little boy 18 months old and have been a sweet little baby. Do please bring me a rocking horse and a rattle and candy and nuts. Delbert Dean Rowell . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll, a book, jumping rope, a cat and a dog bed. Also some candy, nuts

and fruit. Love, Valda Jo Estes . . . Dear Santa, I want skates. I want a tricycle. I am a good little girl in the first grade. Your little friend, Patsy Crass . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl six years old. I want a pair of skates. I want a nurses set and candy and fruit. Your friend, Mary Lou Fitzgerald . . . Dear Santa, How are you Santa? Please send me a pretty doll, a bathinett, refrigdaire, a doll bed, and a girl marine suit. Also some candy, nuts and fruit. Your friend, Gloria June Stevenson . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a doll, a set of dishes, a pair of skates, and a little house with furniture in it. Also some candy, a fruit cake and some fruit pies. Your friend, Bonnie June Watters. . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a wagon, fountain pen, a bow and arrow set and some fruit, candy and nuts. Love, Gene Hardin . . . Dear Santa, I want to tell you what to leave in my sock this Christmas. I want a Mountie suit, a submarine, a greyhound bus, a caterpillar, a cannon, an army tank and a football. Your friend,

Elton Cantwell . . .

Church to Have Christmas Eve Worship Service

First Baptist Church in Silverton will have a Family Christmas Eve Worship Service December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

There will be a candlelight service, the Lord's Supper done in family units and singing.

You are invited to join the congregation for this special service.

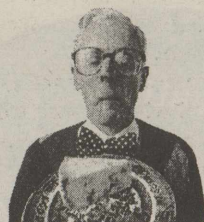
Dear Santa, Would you please bring me some dress up clothes like Snow White, a big trampoline, and a pink bycicle with tranning wheels and for my sister Samantha a bee that sings and a baby doll. Thank you very much. I have been a good girl. Love, Shayna Smith

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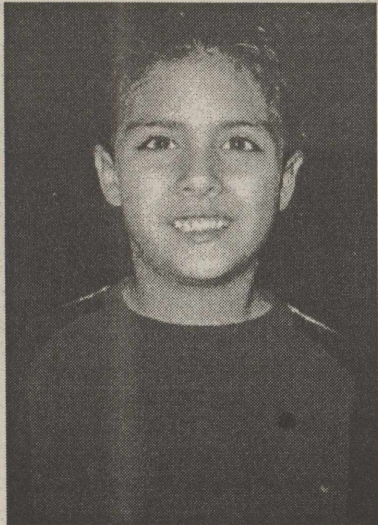
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Silverton School's Students of the Month For November



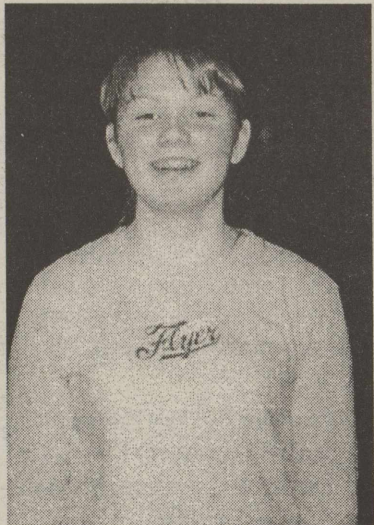
Jeremy Hall
Elementary

Jeremy Hall is the son of Mike and Minerva Hall and is in the second grade in the Silverton School. His hobbies are playing football with friends and going to hockey games with his family. He is interested in learning more about science.



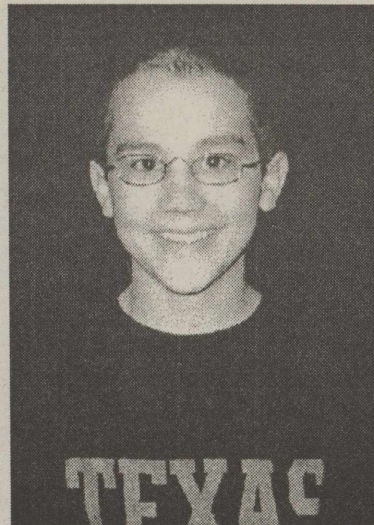
Ashley Smith
Elementary

Ashley Smith is the daughter of Bill and DeLane Smith and is a second grader in the Silverton School. Her hobbies and interests include music, gymnastics, art, horses, playing the piano, cheering for the Owls, reading and playing games with her family and friends.



Haylee Simpson
Junior High

Haylee Simpson is the daughter of Connie and Mitchell Simpson. Her hobbies and interests are playing basketball, hanging out with her friends and going to youth group meetings. She is an eighth grade student in the Silverton School.



Dusty Burson
Junior High

Dusty Burson, an eighth grader, is the son of Bryan and Lana Burson. He likes helping his dad on the ranch and riding horses. He also likes playing basketball and showing pigs.

Each month during the school year a boy and a girl will be selected as outstanding students of the month. They will be selected from the Silverton High School, Junior High and Elementary School.

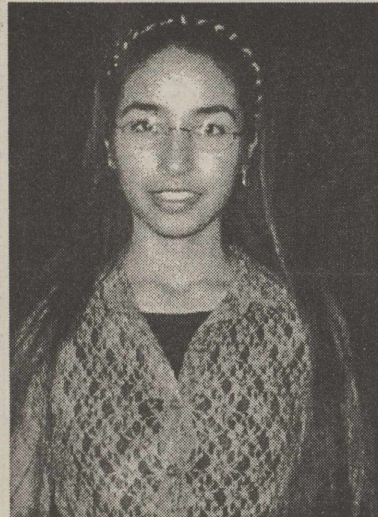
Nominations are based on character, leadership, attitude, sportsmanship and scholarship.

From a list of nominees, the teachers select the students who best meet these qualifications.

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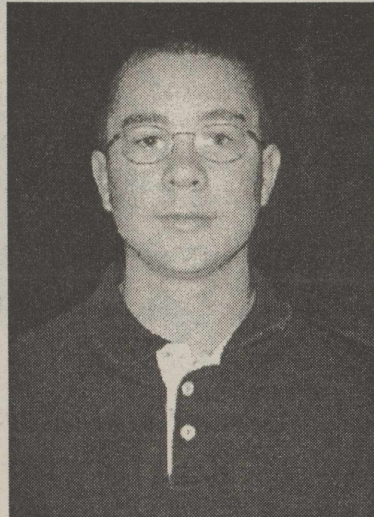
I love you. I want a toy airplane this year, and a scooter to ride to my Coco's. Also a red bike that doesn't have training wheels. I want the Scooby Doo leap pad game. I have been a good girl this year, and I hop you will drop by for chocolate milk and cookies. I will be waiting for you.

Sheridan



Patricia Acevedo
Twelfth Grade

Patricia Acevedo is in the twelfth grade and is the daughter of Juan and Elena Acevedo. She enjoys painting, drawing, attending sports events, reading and listening to music.



Zack Burson
Tenth Grade

Tenth grader Zack Burson is the son of Bryan and Lana Burson. He enjoys riding horses and showing pigs.



Silverton United Methodist Church presented its annual living nativity, "A Wak To Bethlehem." Sunday night at the church. They provided a real CHRISTmas holiday occasion by letting those who attended dodge marching Roman soldiers, walk down a street in Bethlehem, camp with shepherds and their animals, sing with the angels and seek Him with the wise men.

Briscoe County Relay For Life Ranks First in State of Texas

All the figures are in and the 2002 Briscoe County Relay For Life raised over \$18,000 and ranked first in the state of Texas and tenth nationally. The teams gathered at the Valley School this year to show their support in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's community-oriented team event, where participants walk or run around a track relay style. When they aren't taking their turn walking, team members camp out and take part in a variety of fun activities.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about progress against cancer as it is a fundraiser," said Jacquelyn Ham, the Briscoe Relay For Life chairperson. "Many

of the participants were recovering cancer patients themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made, not only in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment. The funds raised enable us to continue our services to cancer patients and their families, to offer more educational or risk reduction programs, and to expand cancer research programs," she went on to say.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Cotton



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from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

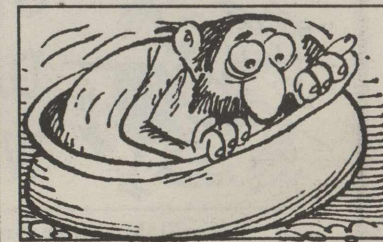
One of the ways farmers and ranchers can personally participate in the process of developing agriculture legislation and regulation is to make sure that the information used by lawmakers and government agencies is as accurate as possible.

Perhaps the best way to ensure the accuracy of the information available is to actively participate in the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's 2002 Cen-

sus of Agriculture.

The Census of Agriculture is conducted once every five years and is used as the primary database for agriculture information. The information often becomes the basis for the development of new laws and rules for issues like tax policy and pesticide regulation.

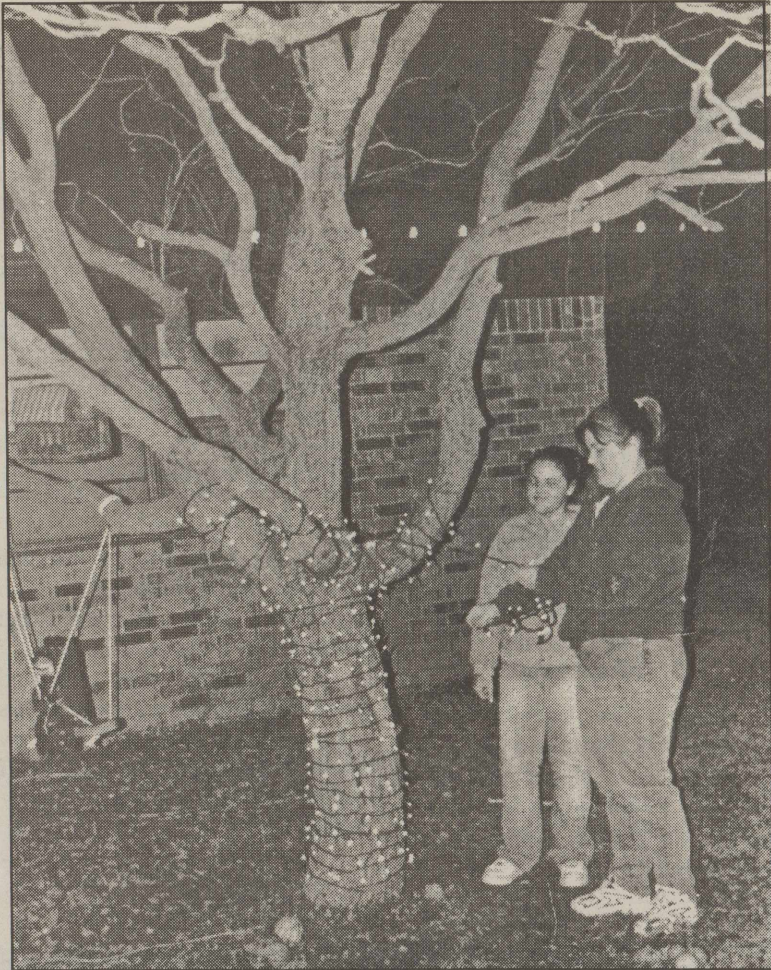
The 2002 Census of Agriculture will begin in mid-December with census packets mailed to all farmers and ranchers. Information pro-



Archaeologists believe pottery was invented about 12,000 years ago.

vided on individual operations is strictly confidential by law. To further protect the identity and confidentiality of individual operations, NSS will only publish data aggregated at the county, state and national levels.

Census information and reports should be completed and returned to USDA by February 3, 2003.



Amy Fuston and her daughter, Torrey, were busily decorating for Christmas. They were wrapping yards and yards of multi-colored lights around a tree in their front yard. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Home-Based Business Seminar Held

A Home-Based Business Seminar was held Saturday, December 7, 2002 in the Silverton School Cafeteria. It was sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County, and the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. Pam Brown, Extension Con-

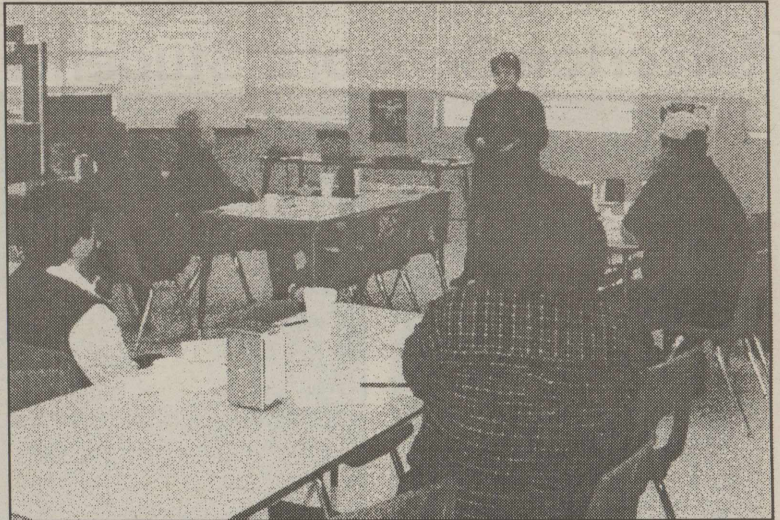
sumer Science Specialist, shared information on getting started, financial assistance, marketing and pricing, and making a business plan from the curriculum "Cashing in on Business Opportunities." Dan Redd with West Texas A&M University described a pro-

gram that helps rural areas help local entrepreneurs called the Rural Ag Incubator.

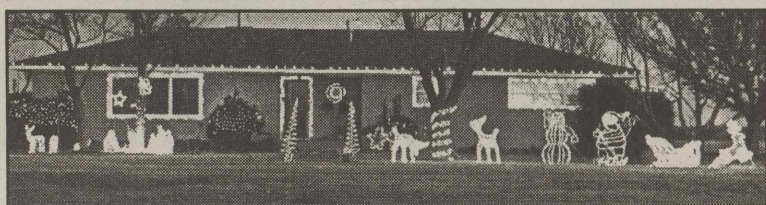
Accountant Rick Beesinger shared business tax law information and Briscoe County Attorney Bill Smith spoke about legal issues.

There will be several training opportunities next year in this area. Please watch for more information or contact the Extension Office. If you were unable to attend the seminar but would like a copy of the information shared at the seminar, please call the Extension Office at 823-2131.

Provided by Cory Edwards
Texas Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences
Briscoe County



A Home-Based Business Seminar sponsored by Briscoe County Extension's Executive Board and the Silverton Chamber of Commerce was held Saturday, December 7, 2002 in the Silverton School Cafeteria. *Extension Photo*



The home of Matt, Misty, Savannah, Dalton and Daphne Kast is decorated with lights, nativity, Santa and his sleigh, and deer running loose all over the yard. Spiral Christmas trees flank the entry and the tree in front is wrapped with lights. *Briscoe County News Photo*



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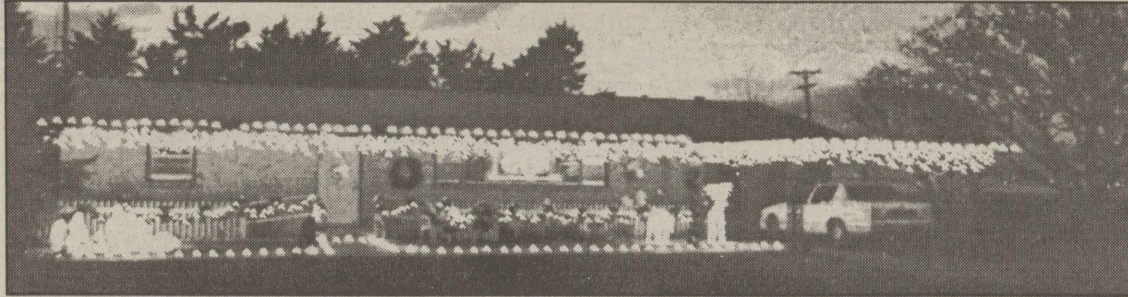
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

FROM THE WHOLE GANG!

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

**Peggy, Leo and Cary Fleming
Ryan Grady**



The home of Faye and Glen Childers is beautifully decorated for the holidays. Ablaze with lights, the porch and front of the house are draped with evergreen garland. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year and I was wondering for Christmas if I could receive a baby puppy, purple leash and a purple collar. I would also like to have a pair of spurs and some toys. I hope you and your reindeers have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Madison Shyanne Haley
Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I wish you would come to my house and bring your friend

Rudolph and some presents. You and Harley are my very best friends. Would you please bring me some new handles for my scooter, a mop, sweeper and a duster thing, a vacuum and some new socks. Sister wants some Dolphins. She really loves them. My Cory needs some new clothes. Bubba needs some new shoes. My Mamma wants a new robe like my Mama's. Would you bring Daddy a new fish tank and some sharks and bring Mama a new picture of us.

Baylee Michelle Deckard
P. S. I will try to be really nice.

Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon Edwards. I would like a motorcycle, a wolverine, spiderman the movie--but not the cartoon--and Dragonball Z--one for my dad's house and one for my mom's house. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Oh, and please bring me Liger the Zoid.

Love,
Brandon Edwards



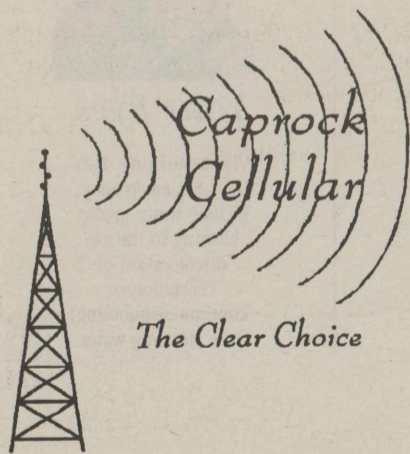
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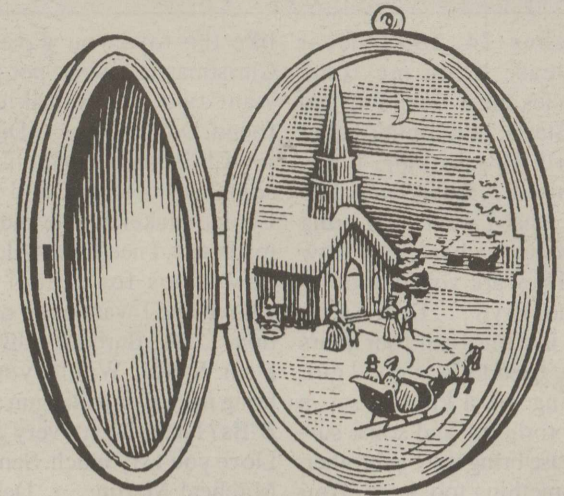
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A Christmas Prayer



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Season's
Greetings
To All



As we enjoy the symbols of the season, the tree, the decorations, the music and more, we would like to add our best wishes for a joyous holiday.

Silverton Oil Company

The Dewey Estes Family
The Jim Estes Family



Noe Beltran visited with Santa at City Bank Monday morning. He told him that he has been good this year and what he would like for Santa to leave for him on Christmas Eve. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Junior High Owls Play in Tourney

Silverton's Seventh Grade Owls lost games in the Clarendon Tournament Saturday.

They dropped a 30-22 match to Highland Park and a 31-21 game to Clarendon. They also lost a 54-18 decision to Hedley.

Marcus Gosset led the scoring with 10 points against Highland Park. Also scoring were Shane Estes, three; Gabriel Vargas, Davin Fabela, Calvin Daugherty and Anthony Baeza, two points each; Chad Williams, one point.

7th Owls	4	10	16	22
Highland Park	6	12	19	30

In the game with Clarendon, scoring was by Gabriel Vargas, eight; Shane Estes, five; Davin Fabela, four; Howard Elliott and Anthony Baeza, two points each.

7th Owls	1	11	11	21
Clarendon	8	18	28	31

Shane Estes led the scoring against Hedley by dropping 10 points into the baskets. Gabriel Vargas added six and Anthony Baeza got two points for the Owls.

7th Owls	0	11	11	18
Hedley	28	39	48	54

The Eighth Grade Owls lost to Clarendon 27-22, beat Highland Park 32-19, and won over Motley County 54-11.

Scoring in the Clarendon game was by Drew Reed, eight; Diego Ramirez, six; E. J. Ivory and Dusty Burson, three points each, and Ory Johnson, two points.

8th Owls	2	5	17	22
Clarendon	6	12	18	27

Scoring against Highland Park were Diego Ramirez and Drew Reed, five points each; Dusty Burson and Clay Strange, four each; Eric Ballesteros, three; E. J. Ivory, Jose Hernandez and Ory Johnson, two each.

8th Owls	9	22	29	32
Highland Park	4	9	14	19

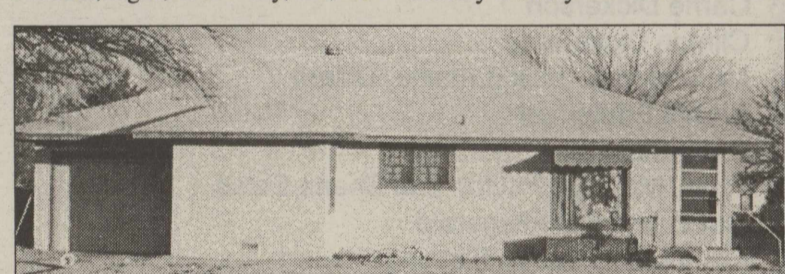


Cody Bruce told Santa what he wants for Christmas and also what he wants Santa to bring to his parents and sister on Christmas Eve when he visited with the old gentleman at City Bank Monday morning. *Briscoe County News Photo*



Ryan Baird was one of the pre-kindergarten children who visited with Santa at City Bank Monday morning. Things he would like to have for Christmas include a train, teddy bear and a helicopter. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Drew Reed scored 14 and Diego Ramirez added 12 to lead the 8th County. Also scoring were Perkins, eight; E. J. Ivory, six; Eric Ballesteros, Jose Hernandez and Clay Strange, four each; Dusty Burson, two points.



We have recently redecorated our home located at 904 Commerce Street. We are planning on having an Open House, but should you want to see it before then, please call for a private tour.

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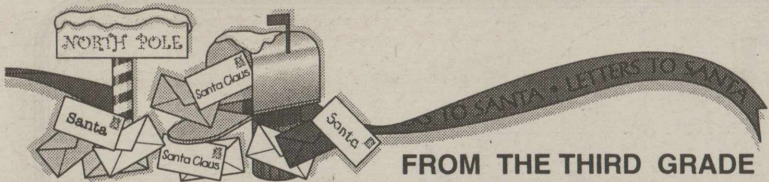
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In Concert

Presented by the
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Sunday, December 29, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided
Free Admission



FROM THE THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a TV that's silver, a Bratz doll, Playstation 2 an Xlox, Game boy Color, Now 11, BB gun, and a Merry Christmas with my whole family!

Your friend, Haley Beesinger

Dear Santa,
I'd like a Game Cube and some clothes. I'd like a pearl necklace for my Mom and some shoes. Could you bring a pair of boots for

my Dad? I want a new bike and a new game boy game.

Your friend, Timothy

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish for a merry Christmas for everybody in the world and I wish my Mom had a necklace. I would like a barbie game and the thing you play it on.

Your friend, Samantha

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a playstation 2 because I

can play my computer games on the playstation and my playstation games on the computer. My parents have lots of presents because I have gone to lots of places so when they aren't going I get them presents. They can't go over \$13. Well I have a lot of presents. I think I have a playstation and games. I also want some walky talky so I can play with them. My Mom wants me to get them because when I go to my friends house she can call me.

Your pen pal, Matthew

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a merry Christmas and be with my family and would like to have my own fish and a tank. I also want to ask you for something special for my mom, stepdad, dad, stepmom, cousins, aunts, uncles and me, a happy Christmas with my family and something special for my brothers and stepsister in Georgia. I also have been really good since last year.

Your friend, Reba Garvin

Dear Santa Claus,
I'd like a helmet because I have a 4 wheeler. I would like a computer for my brother. He tells me to tell my dad to get him one for Christmas. I think he goes to get one. My sister is at Houston. She wants some clothes and shoes. Can you get my mom a necklace? We are going to Houston for Christmas. I can't wait. I want a remote control car too. I want a Play Station game and some jeans for my dad and some shirts. May you please get this.

Your friend, Rodolfo Garcia

Dear Santa,
I'd like a foot ball and a pearl mecler for my mom. I'd like a Crafmens tool set for my dad, some earrings with horses on them for my sister. A necles for my mema. A mew watch for my friend. Ryder and a football. A football for Curtis.

Your friend, Tanner

Dear Santa,
I would like for everyone to have a Merry Christmas. Everything else I would not want because I have so much in my room right now! My brothers want Pokey man cards. My mom neckles and earrings. My dad wants a lot of stuff like a screwdriver. Oh yeah there is one thing that I want a computer with all the things with it.

Your friend, Whitney

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a new bike, CD player with some CDs and anything you want me to have. My dad would like a new dill, TV, and anything you want him to have. My mom would like a new CD player and anything you want her to have. Grizzly my dog wants a new colar, a ruber toy and a special present because it was his birthday last week. Bear will like a ruber toy and a collar.

Love, Shane Watson
Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Jr. shotgun, camouflage pants, a shirt, a knife, a vest with a big pocket, shotgun shell pockets and a camouflage tobaggan. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Your friend, J. T. West

Dear Santa Claus,
I am wanting a new gun. I would like a lot of legos, a playstation 2, a new cuputer game, some more CD's, and some more Nintindo 64 games. My sister Kelsie wants a new sterio. My other sister Amanda wants a TV. She goes to college at Abeline. I don't know what my mom and dad want, but I hope they get what they want. I hope everyone has a happy Christmas.

Your friend, Braden Estes

Dear Santa Claus,
I need a chew toy for my cat and a camera for me. Then get a lego box. I want to get a little cat house for Tiger. Next I want a gameboy. Then I want a dog bone for my dog Bear.

Your friend, Kevin

Dear Santa Claus,
I'd like a Bordercollie puppy, a non digital watch, a TV and a VCR for my room. My own computer to go in my room, a clock, a new tent, a remote control monster truck, some new cowboy shaps. My mom wants a new jeep, my dad wants a new pickup and for everybody to be happy. That's all Santa.

Your friend, Curtis Blake Reed

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES

On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing.

The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

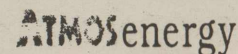
	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$32.00	\$48.00
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$23.50	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.50	\$56.25
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88

The proposed service charge changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately .4 % and therefore do not constitute a "major change" The proposed changes could affect approximately 215,000 gas customers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

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| Abernathy | Lamesa | Quitaque |
| Amherst | Levelland | Ralls |
| Anton | Littlefield | Ransom Canyon |
| Big Spring | Lockney | Ropesville |
| Bovina | Lorenzo | Seagraves |
| Brownfield | Los Ybanez | Seminole |
| Buffalo Springs Lake | Lubbock | Shallowater |
| Canyon | Meadow | Silverton |
| Coahoma | Midland | Slaton |
| Crosbyton | Muleshoe | Smyer |
| Dimmitt | Nazareth | Springlake |
| Earth | New Deal | Stanton |
| Edmonson | New Home | Sudan |
| Floydada | Odessa | Tahoka |
| Forsan | O'Donnell | Timbercreek Canyon |
| Friona | Olton | Tulia |
| Hale Center | Opdyke West | Turkey |
| Happy | Palisades | Vega |
| Hart | Pampa | Wellman |
| Hereford | Panhandle | Wilson |
| Idalou | Petersburg | Wolfforth |
| Kress | Plainview | |
| Lake Tanglewood | Post | |

*unincorporated - Southland, Welch, Whitharrall

Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, TX 78408-1121 or at an Atmos Energy Office nearest to you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.



..... and wise men still seek HIM

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative



*Fast away the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
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!

**BRISCOE COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND EMPLOYEES**

Warm Wishes Are Headed Your Way

Here's hoping yours is a great holiday

Able Asebedo
John and Mary Asebedo
Hand and Vici Baird
Russell, Krystal and Coy Baird
Carrie, Ryan and Lana Baird
Jerry and Jealeta Baird
Hoot, Katy, Cole and Lane Barker
Bill and Della Boling and family
Carl and Dorothy
Doug and Jeanetta Bradford
Lance and Julie Bradford
Joe and Vaughnell Brannon
Seymour and Ruby Brannon
Bill and Janinne Brooks
Ronnie, Sheila and Misty
Perry and Marsha Brunson
Johnnie and Dean Burson
John True and Trena Burson
Luree Burson
Mary Burson
Tom, Deb and Donny Burson
Elton Cantwell
Kent, Penny, Ryder, Candy Kate and Cash Carpenter
Pauline Chitty
City Bank
James Clemmer
Lois Cline
Glenda McGavock Collins
Larry, Cindy, Miles, Lisa, Chase and Max Comer
Elsie Cornett
Bud and Glenda Couch
Stan and Waynelle
Don and Arlene
Mike, Jan, Mitchell, Marchell and Tricia
D & K Manufacturing
Anthony and Kathy Kingery
Marcelete Reid Dana
Carol and Mary Davis
James and Annell Davis
Jim, Connie, Kevin, Jeremiah and Jesse
Carrie Dickerson
Clinton Dickerson
Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Lataine) Dillard
Bryant Eddleman
Edna Estes
Ross, Melissa, Payton and Shane Estes
Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald
Donald and Carlye Fleming
Leo and Peggy Fleming and Ryan Grady
Cary Fleming
Stan and Lynda Fogerson
Sylvia Fogerson
Doug and Elaine
J. C. and Thada Fowler
Danny and Donna Francis
Ima Nell Francis
John and Maebelle Francis
Margaret Frizzell
Kyle, Amy, Torrey, Shelby and Maison Fuston

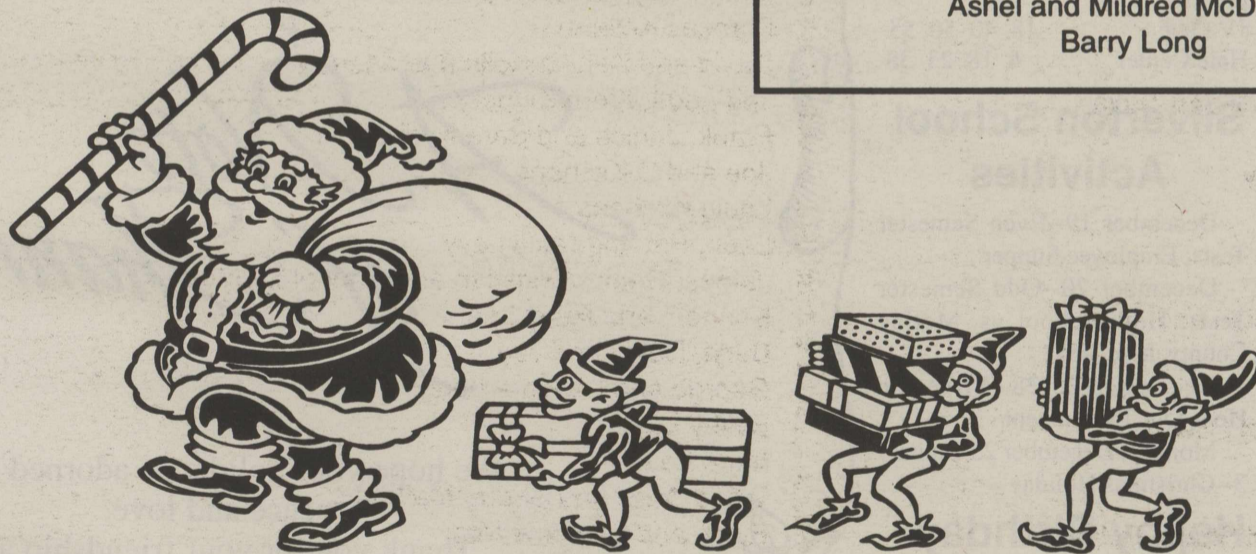
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Lottie Garrison
Icy Bornschien
Pascal and Donny Garrison
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LaRue and Beefie Garvin
John and Wilma Gill
Melba Gillihan
Jack and Ruby Graham
Mary Grantham
Liz, Taylor, Lori and Cord
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David and Debbie Holt, Jonathan, Jeremy and Cade
Kent and Donna Holt, Maci and Amanda
Lance and Tessa Holt
Flute and Junis Hutsell
Clarence and Diana Ivory and family
Pauline Jarnagin
Juannah Jennings
Matt, Misty, Savannah, Dalton and Daphne Kast
Frances Kellum
David and Denise Kellum and family
Ted and LaVern Kingery
Frank, Janice and Sara Kirchoffner
Joe and D Kitchens
Louie Kitchens
Leon, Pat and Nikki Lavy
James, Genie, Christian and Connor McMorries
Kenneth and Ruby Lee
Beryl, Dottie and Jay
George and LaVerne Long
Bailey Loyd
Irene Loyd
Trace, Misti and Sherry Mattheus
Edwn and Claudine May
Jack and Diane Mayfield
Zane, Kim, Bryn and Gid Mayfield
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Lucy McDaniel
Jack and Jo Ann McFall
Bill, Lex, Thomas and Kimberly McGavock
J. D. and Daphne Ferne McGavock
Ann McJimsey
Harvey and Patricia McJimsey
Doug, Carrie Ann, Mesa and McKenna McJimsey
Robert and Betty McPherson
Joe and Ruby
Bess McWilliams

Jackie Mercer
 Peaches, Latressa and Stacy Minyard
 Rick, Beverly, Ryan and Eric Minyard
 Iwana Monroe
 LaNelle Montague
 Paula Montague, Logan and Landon
 Polly Montague
 Jimmy, Mary and Jimmy Wade Myers
 J. D. and Vernell Nance
 Wayne, Tina and Holly Nance
 Gary and Tara Kersh
 Ed and Ann Norris
 Charlie Parker
 J. E. and Mary Jane Patton
 James Alan, Kari, Bryce and Blaine Patton
 Jerry and Brenda Patton
 Lallie Patton
 Donnie and Sandy Perkins
 Rose Mary Perkins
 Punch
 Faye Rampley
 Todd, Lisa, Kaitlan, Sheridan and Greyson Reagan
 George and Roy
 Wayne, Colleen, Ty and Drew Reed
 Duane and Shirley Reynolds
 Eddie, Charlotte, Kendra, Kody, Chance, Charla and Kimmie
 Loretha Rhoderick
 Tobe Riddell
 JoDee and Amy
 Aubrey Rowell
 Dean and Theda Rowell
 W. D. and Peggy Rowell
 Will, Mary Ann, Matthew and Elena Rowell
 Charles and Mary Ann Sarchet
 Meredith and Brandon Sarchet, Jordan Sarchet, and Molly Sarchet
 John and LaQuetta
 Rena Schott
 Jane Self
 J. L. and Faye Self
 Zobie and "Baby"
 Carole Sheelar
 Calvin and Carolyn

Silverton Oil Company
 Dewey, Jimmie Sue and Lorn
 Jim, Donna, Amanda, Kelsie and Braden
 Mitchell, Connie, Kelcy and Haylee Simpson
 Bill, DeLane and Ashley Smith
 Gerald and Gail Smith and Clay Whittington
 Glen and Winnie Smith
 Lee, Krista, Shayna and Samantha Smith
 Juanita Stephens
 Wayne and Betty Stephens
 Christina and Skyler Stephens
 Clifton and Joy Stodghill
 Jimmy and Madeline Stone
 Fred and Wanda Strange
 Teresa Sutton
 Ray and Nelda Teeple
 Grover and Syble Thomas
 Reba Tipton and children and families
 Betty Nan Tiffin
 Jeff, Vicky, James, Brittany, Heather and Matthew
 Emmett and Sandi
 Jay, Patsy, Julie and Braden
 Bud and Norma Vaughan
 Roy Mack and Lois Walker
 Gary, Cathey, Rob, Leslee and Lindsey Weak
 Max, Sheryl and Julie Weaver
 Shafe and Jonnie Weaver
 Mary Wilkinson
 Charles and Faye Whitfill
 Patricia Whitfill
 John and Gail Wyatt
 Rance, Nancy, Tyler, Jennie and Tanner
 Aaron and Mary Lane Younger
 Riley and Lois Ziegler

Gifts to This Project Have Been Given in Memory of

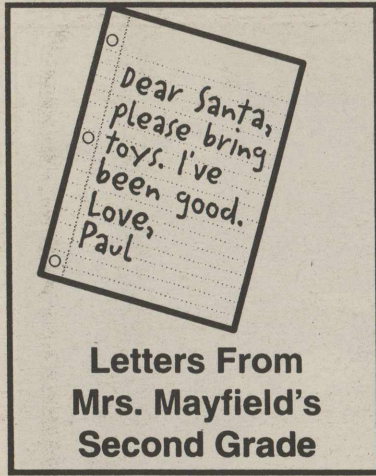
Ashel and Mildred McDaniel
 Barry Long



The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

Sleigh bells ring. Carollers sing. Magic fills the air as families and friends exchange greetings of joy and good will. It's happening here and now in our most wonderful town, and we're pleased to be a part of it. Merry Christmas to all.

Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to community projects instead of sending greeting cards locally. The project was organized and carried out by the members of the Century of Progress Study Club.



Letters From Mrs. Mayfield's Second Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I would like a karaoke machine, Baby canpr, Baby cloths 18 inches long, lap top, art set, bring it on movie. Surprise me with the CD please. Thank you so much.
Love, Kodie

Dear Santa,
I want mini racers. And a Queasy bake. I also want a pogo stick and a pin ball machine.
Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike for Christmas. Thank you for last years Christmas. I would like a new bike. I would like a computer with the printer.
Love, Omar

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll with a baby carrier and with 28 things. And I also want a four wheeler. I also like to have a chrampling. How are you doing? I have one more thing to tell you. I would like toy dishes.
Love, Selena

Dear Santa,
I would like some new clothes. And a karaoke machine. And some moon shoes that you can jump really high with. Thank you for the stuf that you brought me last yea.
Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy with games to go with it. Toy car with radeo control. metal detector. some movies and a Rapunzel doll with a crown. Thank you for the presents you gave me last year.
Love, Tessa

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I think I want a blue pocket knife, a printer, an X box, a dirt bike. A play station a game of any kind a portable computer.
Love, Cody

Dear Santa,
I want a X box and a DVD player and a horse and a Play Station two and a Slime ball and a fake gun and the Movey Mosters in Corprated and the Movey Bring it on and the Movey Spirit.
Love, Katey

Dear Santa,
I would like dolphin stof and a baby doll and a baby carrier. and a game Boy. all so a karaoke machine. My own computer.
Love, Brittany

Extension Program Council Meeting--
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cer, Janinne Brooks, Wayne, Colleen & Ty Reed, Lana & Zack Burson, Scarlett Sperry, Jennifer Pigg, Lisa Campbell, Lisa Schott, Able Asebedo, Perry Brunson, Dewey Estes, Derrell Johnson, Joe Potter, Tobe Riddell, Jim Saul and Brad Ziegler.
Provided by Cory Edwards
Texas Coopratve Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Briscoe County

Dear Santa -
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a baby doll, a care bear and a baby doll stroll. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Lana

Don't bite the hand that has your allowance in it.
Paul Dickson

Dear Santa
I would like a new bike with a horn and a bell. My second thing I wold like a bigger cage for my hermancrab named Herman. My third thing I wold like for Cristmas is a skateboard. I have been very good this year. I hope I get every thing I ask for.
Love, Shelby

Dear Santa,
I would like a red lava lamp. And a skatebord and I also wount a pocket knife and I want octablast and I want Game Boy Advitionr. And I want play Station.
Love, Brewster

Dear Santa,
I would like to have the Rapunzel doll and movie and set. And I want the Spirit movie and the Scobby Doo movie. I want a computer too.
Love, Abbie

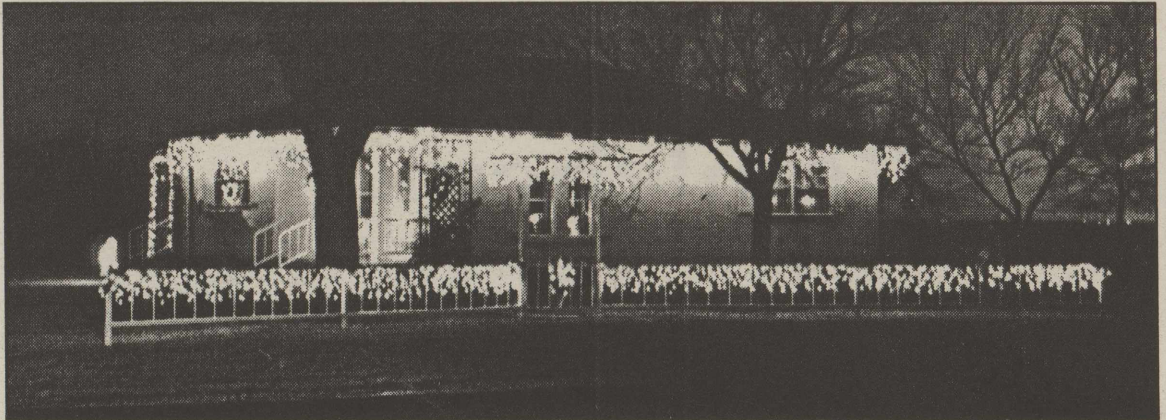
Dear Santa,
I would like a lava lamp and a new playstation game. And a new computer game.
Love, Skyler

Dear Santa,
I want an icee machine and jump rope. How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for the gifts last year.
Love, Valeria

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop and a skateboard and a new nintendo game, Please. I hope you have a good Chirstmas.
Love, Derrik

Dear Santa,
I wont ZoidZ and a bike please. How is Rudolph?
Love, Marvin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts lat year. This year I want a Spiderman Skatbord and somm pads and I want a play station two with a memory card. And a buny rabbit and a computer. How are you doing at the north pole?
Love, Hilario



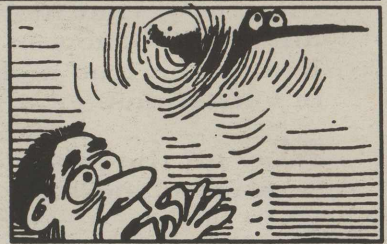
The home of Billy and Juanell Turner is adorned with many multi-colored lights and other Christmas motif. Santa will have no trouble locating this home. Briscoe County News Photo

Santa--
This year I want a video camera, a lap top and a saddle blanket, 3 bones for my dogs. I have been good this year.
Kaitlan

Santa,
This year I want a real walking horse. I also want some books to

look at. I have been very good. And if you have any John Wayne movies I like those too.
Love,
Greyson

Cherish forever what makes you unique, because you're really a yawn if it goes.
Bette Midler



What creature can fly straight up like a helicopter? Hmmm...a hummingbird.

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
CHRISTMAS
from
SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem..."

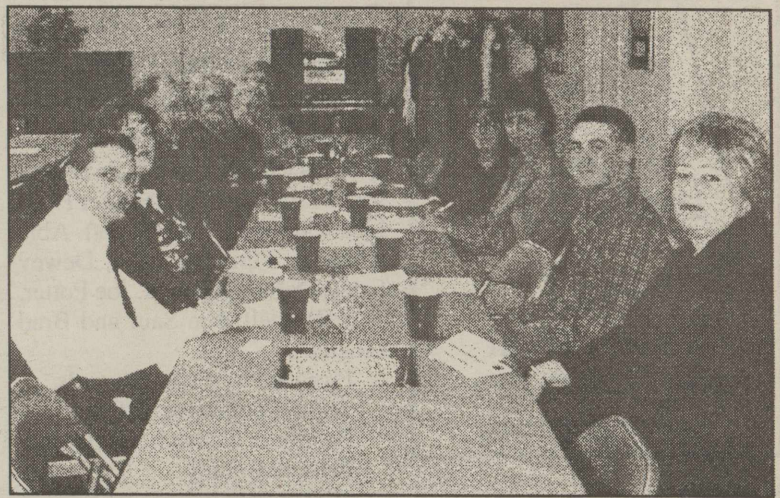
When the shepherds saw that shining star over Bethlehem, they knew a great miracle had taken place. Let us remember to keep the miracle of that night alive, and renew in our hearts the true meaning of Christmas.

May all the joys of the season be yours.



JOHNSON'S GIN COMPANY

The Rex Johnson Family



Briscoe County Extension Program Council met for its annual meeting Thursday, December 12, 2002. Extension Photo

Briscoe County Extension Program Council Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Briscoe County Extension Program Council was held at the Methodist Church in Silverton Thursday, December 12, 2002. A potluck "Mexican Stack" dinner was served. Sheila Martin, a Rural and Agribusiness Development Specialist for the Texas Department of Agriculture, was speaker for the event. She shared information on the programs and resources available through TDA for rural economic development. Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag for Briscoe County, interpreted the results of the ag programs conducted in 2002. An overview of the FCS programs in 2002 was given by FCS committee member Dona Smith, and Janinne Brooks, 4-H & Youth Development committee member, reported on the happenings in 4-H in 2002.

interpret the local educational programs. The overall effectiveness of a county's Extension programs depends on how well local citizens are involved in all aspects of program development. The Extension Program Council has two parts: an Executive Board with overall coordination and leadership responsibilities, and a variety of program area committees that are action-oriented toward program interpretation. There are three program area committees in Briscoe County: Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H & Youth Development, and Ag & Natural Resources.

The Extension Program Council works with Extension agents to plan, implement, evaluate and in-

A big thanks to the volunteers who serve on the Executive Board and Program Area Committees: Jimmy & Clara Ruth Davidson, Kyle Fuston, Rick & Jana Beesinger, Dona Smith, Norma Trevino, Delane Smith, Eunice McFall, Diana Ivory, Jackie Mer-

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Holiday Happiness

Joy to you and your family
this Christmastime.

We wish you a bounty of good tidings
and all the gifts of the season.

We Will Be Closed
December 24-25-26-27

HUTSELL INSURANCE AGENCY

Flute and Junis Hutsell
Sandi Tomlin Lena Hubbard

Holiday Greetings

May the gladness and contentment of the season remain with you and those dear to you, enriching your lives to the fullest measure.

Guaranty Abstract Co.

Steve Rohde Mike Criswell
LaQuetta Schott Shannen Hooper



Pre-Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want you to get me a new Spirit coat, new earrings, an a new unicorn necklace. And I want a new pink horse that has a deal on its head that lights up and Spy Kids 2 and that's it.

Maison Fuston

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a Spiderman and a Buzz Lightyear. For my Dad bring a work tool, my Mom wants a Santa Claus Paper. My sister wants a Tubby and Blue's Clues and paper and glue stick and a tubby.

Love, Cody Bruce

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Spiderman and new shoes. Bring my Mom new shoes please. I will leave you some cookies that are round.

Love, Noe Beltran

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Power Ranger, a sharp-tooth Dinosaur. I also want a Silver Power Ranger for my brother. My Mom likes candies and Cokes. My Daddy would like a watch. I will leave you candy.

Love, Javier Gamez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a choo-choo train, a teddy bear, a helicopter. I want to give you a sugar cookie and chocolate milk. Leave my Mommy some rings and my sister a Barbie.

Love, Ryan Baird

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a playstation. I want one of my favorite toys a Power Ranger. I want one of my favorite animals a polar bear from the snow. A dinosaur sharp tooth. Bring my sister a baby doll. Bring my Mommy a necklace and a ring for her finger.

Love, Sheldon Scroggins

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Doggie and an umbrella. I also want a Skating Board. I want my brother to get new tennis shoes, and my sister wants a dog. Please bring my Mommy a new bed. I will make you some cookies.

Love, Adriana Patino

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a kitchen, two babies and a bear. Bring my Mom a Barbie. I also want an elephant. I am going to leave cookies and milk for you.

Love, Julissa Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie and clothes for the Barbie, a kitchen and a friend for my Barbie. For my Mommy bring shoes, for my brother a car, my niece a toy and my cousin a little toy.

Love, Julia Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Dora Doll. I want a tea set, a purple star. Bring my Mom a ring and a necklace. My Daddy wants a bobble-head doll. Bring Payton a Sponge Bob doll. I will

leave you a cookie.

Love, Shea Hubbard

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you and your reindeer are all doing very well. I have been extra good this year. I would like a set of Spiderman gloves and goggles. I would also love to have a Hot Wheels Service Center and race track.

There will be some milk and cookies waiting for you by the fireplace.

Your biggest fan, Dalton Kast

JV Owls Win Two, Lose One In Tulia Tourney

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls won one game and lost two in the tournament at Tulia last week.

A loss came at the hands of Boys Ranch, 66-39. Scoring was by Jacob Francis, 14; James Tiffin, 12; Humberto Vasquez, six; Joshua Maciel, four and Albert DeLeon, three points.

JV Owls	6	13	32	39
Boys Ranch	16	31	47	66

Another loss came at the hands of Tulia, 51-22. Scoring for the Owls was by Humberto Vasquez, 16; Albert DeLeon, three; Joshua Maciel, two, and James Tiffin, one point.

JV Owls	3	20	20	22
Tulia	15	28	46	51

The Owls defeated Hale Center 55-38 behind the scoring of Humberto Vasquez, 17; Caleb Francis, 16; Jacob Francis, 10; Jesse Reynolds, six; James Tiffin, four, and Albert DeLeon, two points.

JV Owls	18	40	50	55
Hale Center	4	18	23	38

Silverton School Activities

December 19--Even Semester Tests; Employee Supper

December 20--Odd Semester Tests; High School vs. Motley County, here, 4:00

December 26-28--Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament

Monday, December 23-January 3--Christmas Holiday

Happy Birthday-

December 19--Kassidy Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey

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

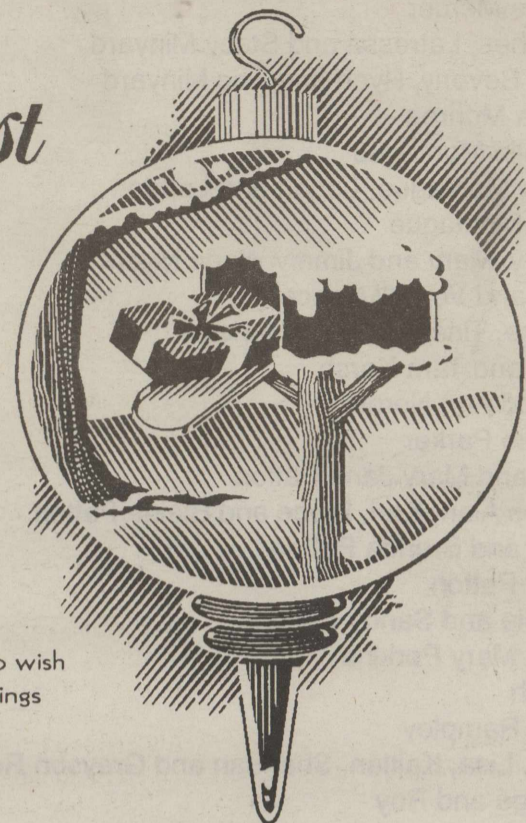
December 22--Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner

December 23--Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison, Matthew Rowell

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

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

*Our Best
Holiday
Wishes
To You*



The holiday season is here, and we want to wish our many friends and neighbors all good things now and far into the future.

Thank you so much for your loyal support!

SILVERCOT GIN

Ken Richardson, Manager

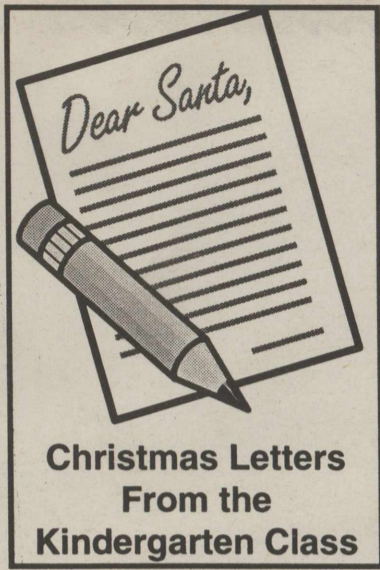
*A Note
of Thanks*

We hope your holiday is adorned with peace and love.

Thank you for your friendship and all the many things that have been done for us.

Brown Hardware

Carol and Mary Davis and Family



Dear Santa,
I would like a flying airplane, a leap frog book, leggos and some bicycle tires.
Thank you.
Joshua Allbright

Dear Santa,
May I please have that flying helicopter, the new Tonka CD,

Octamus Prime (the leader of the good guys), Transformer, Automatic Airhogs Firestormer, and a little motorcycle (real not battery powered). Thank you for all these toys.
Love, Riley Bill Cogdell

Dear Santa
This is what I would like to have from you for Christmas.
Also my mommy is helping me to write this letter to you because it is way!! past my bedtime.

- (1) Hairclips
 - (2) Hit Clips
 - (3) Diapers for Chu Che doll
 - (4) Some DVD movies rated "G"
 - (5) Crib for Chu Che doll
 - (6) A toy cell phone with a leopard cover
 - (7) My very own personal PC and desk
 - (8) A Barbie house with outfits, shoes, etc.
 - (9) Trip to Disney World
 - (10) Trip to the beach.
- Love, Sarah B.

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a vegetagoky toy, 4 wheeler, a bike, skateboard.
Your friend,
Enrique Gamez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a lektric train (blue), a yellow fire truck, an ambulance, and a police car. I will make you some christmas tree cookies and milk.

I love you, Santa, so much.
Love, Kotee Smith
P. S. I need some polar bear houseshoes, too.

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a power ranger movie and toys. Also a buzzlightyear movie and toys. I also need a Yo-Yo because mine got broken. What I want most is a lizard.

Love, Austin
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! If you would please bring me a

- (1) Barbie Lap Top
 - (2) Leap Frog Books
 - (3) Lilo & Stitch
 - (4) Clip-on earrings
- Love, Baylea
P. S. I'll leave milk and cookies. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
I want a Hot Wheels Octoblast, Remote Control Jimmy Neutron, Spider Man monster truck, Spider Man Web blaster, and an Eye-Poppin spongebob and bring my baby brother Jonah something.

Love, Jacob Ortiz
Santa Claus:
What I want for Christmas is a big doll, a pink jacket, clothes and shoes and a little brother or sister to play with. and I wish that all the kids from the world have a merry Christmas.
Thank you and I love you.
Giselle Yanez Baca

Dear Santa,
Would you please send me a copy cat parot, and those cool tops with

bts of different colors. And also a real camera, and a Spiderman web blaster. And for my dad he would like some dirt bike tools, and for my mom a mixer, and for my brother a Skateboard. For Grandma lots of flour so she can keep making us some good tortillas.

Love, Gavin Bailey Smith
P. S. I'm leaving you some cheese!

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a mousetrap game to build and play with. Please bring me a new pencil and another different new pencil, a transformer action hero, the dinosaur game, and the Hungry Hungry Hippo game.
Thank you, Santa.

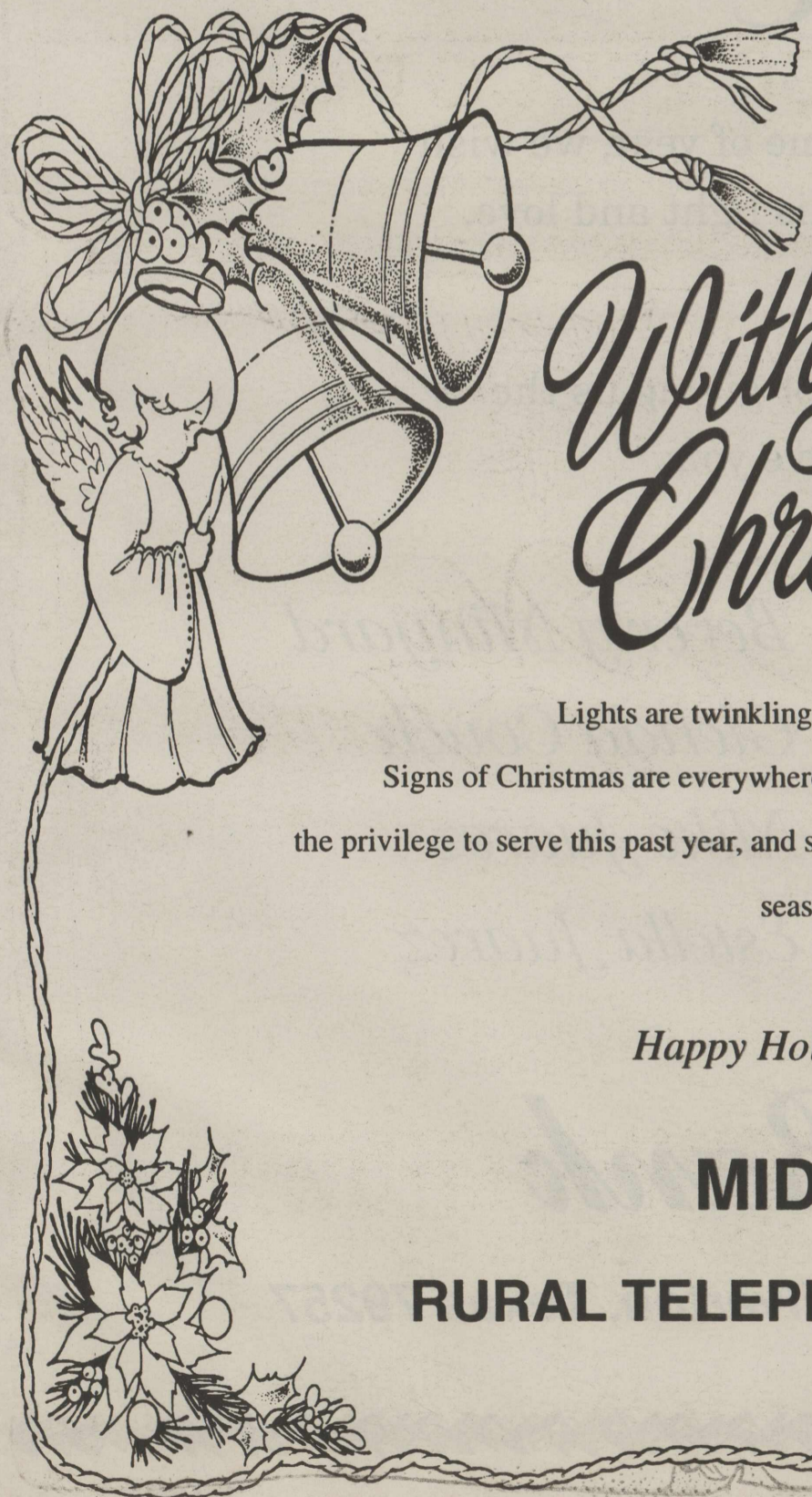
Love, Joshua Patton

To become a champion, fight one more round.

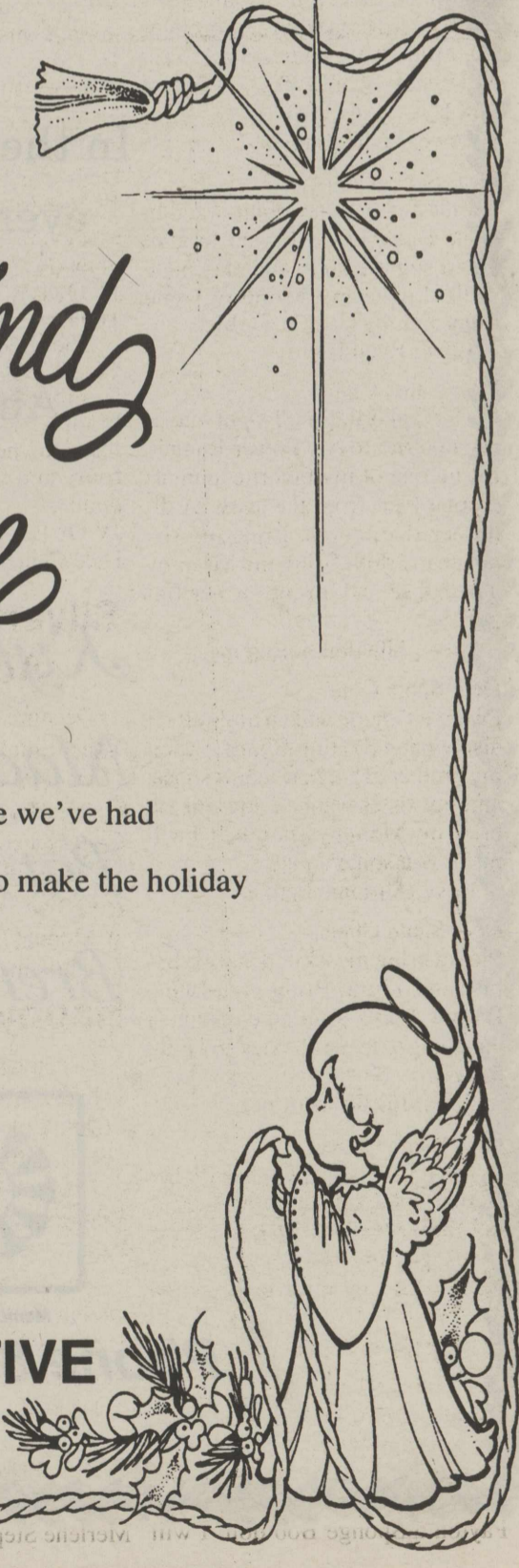
James J. Corbett

A man meets with no more respect than he exacts.

William Hazlitt



*With You in Mind
at
Christmastime*

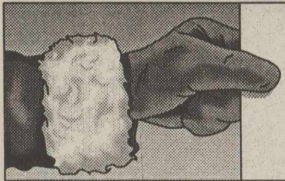


Lights are twinkling. Carollers, singing. Trees all aglow.

Signs of Christmas are everywhere, bringing to mind all the good people we've had the privilege to serve this past year, and so we offer our warm wishes to all who make the holiday season so special for us.

Happy Holidays from all of us at

**MID-PLAINS
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**



Letters to Santa

From the Second Grade

Dear Sanata
I have been kind of good this year
I want a hit clip with a brittey spers
tramplin
Molly

Dear Santa
I want a Leap pad and a new cat
and a new Barbie and a new dog
and a new Bike and a Trampoline
From Haley

Dear Santa
I want a cat little car and a bike I
hav bin a verree good girl how are
yu Santa
I love you Santa
Karina

Dear Santa
I hav bin a good girl this yir I want
a cklecshin Barbie and a crab with
a pantid Shell and a Ckeechan
From Savannah

Dear Santa
Tropol, a fire truck and a Sedy.
Kaison

Dear Santa
how are you dooing I Love you
I want sum role blades and a
sryckmuchyn and a hit klip and a
trampoline
Blake Jasper

Dear Santa
I want a modul thruck, a helukoptre
and modrsikie makniror kar modl
truak
Skyler

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie famly a Tedde Bear
a Baby
From Brittney

Dear Santa
This yir I hav bin good I wunt a

Barbie car
Taylor
Dear Santa
I hav bi good I wot A Bobe lirgos
Ad I wot Bobe Chruck a mh tram
Barbie haws BarB babr B Bcrb
Cierra

Dear Santa
I have bin good I want a trampo-
line a newborn baby and a baby
stroller
from Candy Kate

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I want a jam
box and a dixie chicks cd, barbie
and Kelly fun and treats
Love, Emily W.

Dear Santa
it is plezr two Mech like two git a
seed and a remote control Tony
Hawk skateboarder.
Love, Matias

*Experience is a good teacher,
but her fees are very high.*
William Ralph Inge



Dalton Kast told Santa that he would like to have a pair of Spiderman gloves and goggles, a Hot Wheels Service Center and race track for Christmas. Dalton visited with Santa at City Bank Monday.

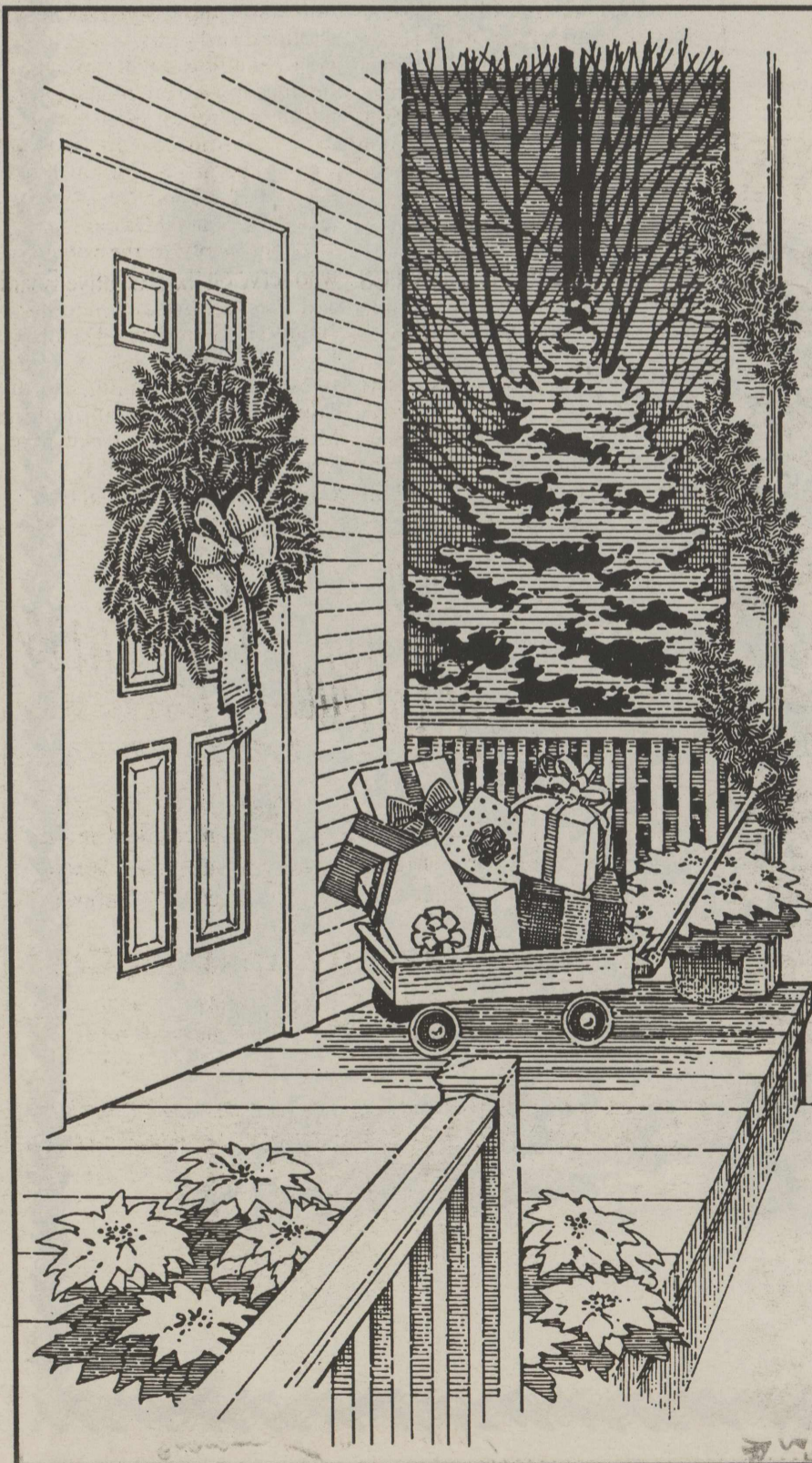
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*Don't let yourself forget what it's
like to be sixteen.*

Anonymous

*Time is a great healer, but a
poor beautician.*

Lucile S. Harper



Merry Christmas

One of the real joys of the season is the chance to put aside the routine of daily business, and, with sincerity, wish our friends a very merry Christmas.

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Christmas Joy to All

In the spirit of this special time of year, we wish everyone the blessings of His light and love.

An abundance of thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve you.

Kyle Fuston

Beverly Minyard

Madeline Stone

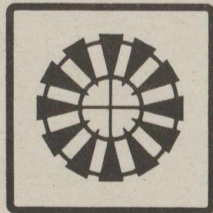
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