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Nichols Worth



Some Christmas Magic

It's difficult to think of anything to say about Christmas that hasn't been said before, and probably better.

For two weeks now I've pondered what my "Christmas Column" would be about. I never really came up with anything specific, so I'm simply going to tell you a few Christmas scenes that have made me smile or filled me with joy this season. Yes, I've seen a few "Shopping nightmare" scenes, but those aren't the kind of scenes I'm talking about. It's Christmas, forget the bad stuff!

Who could forget the look of a little boy as he "helps" to light the advent candle and exclaims loudly "HOT" to the other children?

Then there were the three little girls, eyes shining, who spent probably fifteen minutes one day peeking into our office window at the Santa scenes we've set up. One was arguing that the old world Santa with his silvery gown was an angel, while the two older ones patiently tried to explain the Father Christmas image.

It was impossible to miss the tension and anxiety of a pair of grandparents, sitting on the edge of their seat as their granddaughter performed. They brought a smile to my face. They were so anxious for her to do well, and so proud of her.

A newborn calf, struggling to it's feet for the first time, on a cold, starry night as clear as the "Silent Night" in the song is a miracle in it's own way.

The joy of voices raised in familiar carols ring out with an intensity and harmony that may not be perfect, musically speaking, but is perfection in it's happiness.

What about that elderly couple laughing and buying gifts for their great-grandchildren, picking each gift with great delight?

Yes, it's Christmas, and if we can just raise our heads up from the hurry and bustle, the worry and hope we can see the most wonderful things around us. Take a moment, use your eyes to see. There are little miracles all around us, that brighten our day....and our holiday.





DEPORT Volunteer firemen battled for hours to control this fully-involved house that burned last Thursday. The house, which belonged to Bobby D. Black, was destroyed. Black was arrested by a Lamar County Sheriff's Deputy for causing bodily harm. The matter is under investigation and further charges could be pending. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

No paper next week!

Thunder Prairie Publishing, publisher of the Deport Times, Detroit wEekly, Blossom Times, Bogata News and Talco Times, will not publish a paper next week.

The Bogata News Office will be open all day Monday and Tuesday and until noon on Wednesday.

The Deport Times will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Remember, no paper will go in the mail.

This is the only opportunity employees have to rest after working twelve and fourteen hours a day five and six days a week to get the big Christmas edition out.

The regular schedule will resume the first week in January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



PATTONVILLE VFD helped with the house fire last Thursday on Kelsey Street in Deport. The older house went up in flames quickly. Also assisting were three members of the REno Fire Department.(Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

The Buckmans always have a blue Christmas!

By Nanalee Nichols

Bill and Joyce Buckman, who have a beautiful home on 37 south of Bogata, will be having a blue Christmas this year. Of course, they have a blue Christmas every year. And it is mostly thanks to Joyce, who has a passion for things blue...and things Christmas.

The couple have a spacious home, decorated with lots of her favorite color, blue. And at Christmas time Joyce really breaks out the indigo hues! She has a tree in the dining room that began as a "Texas" tree, but has evolved into her memory tree. It is trimmed with western ornaments, ornaments friends have given them, and ornaments they have brought back from their many travels. To help co-ordinate the blue theme, it has Texas bluebonnets too.

In the entry way is an exquisite small tree with ornament by the famous Wedgewood Pottery Company in England. The Wedgewood ornaments were originally gifts to Bill's mother from Bill's brother, who has a jewelry store in Dallas. After her death the ornaments went to Bill and Joyce, and the brother-in-law continued to give Joyce one of the delicate blue creations each year.

"He's sold the store now, so I don't know if I'll get another ornaments" Joyce smiles.

In the bedroom are two large, unusual angels with trumpets hanging in the bay window. on each side of yet another small tree. They, too were Bill's mothers, and are quite old.

In the living room there is an enormous tree, complete with blue lights, blue ornaments, handblown glass santas, ribbons, angels and more, each lovingly placed in the perfect spot.

On the table by the couch is a large collection of blue santas!

Joyce says she can't remember when she began to collect blue Santa Clauses.

When asked why she began the unusually colored creations she smiles and says, "Well everyone was collecting Santas, but I love blue so much and I just wanted to be different, I guess".

So began the hunt for blue-clad santas, small ones, large ones, western ones, fat ones, skinny ones, they all sit side by side in amiable companionship.

She has a favorite, a large, friendly looking fellow with a gorgeous, rich blue velvet costume.

Bill is an expert marksman and avid hunter. Joyce, too hunts, but in a different way. She loves to shop. New Mexico provides her with some of her favorite "hunting" grounds, and she has beautiful southwestern potteries and items she has collected while Bill is on more traditional hunting expeditions.

They eat a great deal of wild game, and she is a proficient wild game cook.

"Elk is our favorite meat, " she explains, "we like it instead of beef".

Another thing they have taken us recently is 1890s shooting. Not only are the weapons used authentic from the time period, but they dress in 1890s costumes also. Bill has his complete costume already, and Joyce is working on hers.

On a small table in t he dining room

is a miniature hunter, whose gun is labeled "Bill". The figure next took it is armed with a shopping bag.

"That's us" she laughs.

The Buckmans will have a family Christmas get together. It isn't large, but it is filled with the love and fellowship that makes Christmas so special.

"I've been asked why we make such a big deal out of Christmas since we don't have children" Joyce says, "Christmas is just a very special season and it isn't just for children, I love it".

That love of the season is evident throughout their house and yard, which is also beautifully decorated.

Yes, the Buckmans will have a blue Christmas, and that means a happy, beautiful holiday for them and for those who get to share it with them.

Open House set for local business

There will be an Open House today (Thursday, December 23) at CBS Models at 213-217 Main St. (next door to Darden-Sparks Department Store) . The event will last from 10 a.m. ntil 7 p.m.

The business has train and aviation models and everyone is invited to come see them, have some refreshments and visit.



BLUE SANTAS-Joyce Buckman of Bogata shows off a few of her blue Santa Claus figures. She is holding a custom-made creation with blue velvet. Others are made from wood, various fabrics, quilts and more. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Christmas from the Heart to be held Christmas Day

The Christmas From the Heart meal, for the fourth year will be served at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport on Christmas Day beginning at 11:00 p.m.

This meal is free to anyone wishing to share the season with others.

For more information contact Gilbert Arriaga at 652-9255.



HARK THE HERALD ANGELS- Joyce Buckman stands beside the tree in their bedroom, which is framed by two large angels that came from her mother-in-law. The Buckman's entire home is decorated for Christmas. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Merry Christmas

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Candlelight Communion Service set for Christmas Eve

Everyone is invited to share in the First Presbyterian Church of Deport's Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.

It will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

May Your Holidays Be Perfect

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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This week's cooks come to us from Deport. They make up the Bocky Norman Cookie Club. This group meets each year at Christmastime for their annual cookie swap.

Bocky Norman, who died last March, began this group 8 years ago in order to give the ladies a chance to try out new and exciting recipes. This year they added a food category and have come up some great dip and snack recipes.

It is something that they look forward to each year as they keep an eye out for that special recipe that looks good to them and they think that everyone will enjoy.

So tryout some of these delicious recipes over the holidays and we know that we will see you in the kitchen! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Crescent Ornaments-Juanita Sparks-made from crescent rolls with a few other added ingredients.

Dawne Darden-Artichoke Dip-we had this for our office Christmas party and is very tasty!

Juanita Sparks-Slice of Spice Cookies-a great spice cookie recipe everyone will enjoy.

Chocolate Shortbread-Dawne Darden-a great cookie recipe for everyone!

Chocolate Chocolate Cookie-Patsy Norrell-another great chocolate cookie recipe!

Nanalee's Sausage-Cheese Balls-everybody loves these!

Juanita Taylor-Cheese Ball or Spread-great for that company that is on their way for the holidays!

Sunny Whitney-Chewy Noels-another great cookie for the holidays!

Juanita Taylor-Fruit n' Nut Cookies-not holiday candied fruit, but canned fruits and flaked coconut makes up this recipe!

Nanalee Nichols-Chocolate Covered Cherry Cookies-these great cookies are topped with chocolate and a cherry!

1999 Deport Cookie Swap in Honor of Bocky Norman
Merry Christmas, December 23, 1999

Crescent Ornaments-Juanita Sparks

2 8 oz. Cans Crescent Dinner rolls
Remove rolls from cans, keeping each can in one piece. Do not unroll. Gently roll with hands in one direction to make a 12" roll. With serrated knife, cut each can into 20 slices. Coat Pizza pan with Pam. Put 2 slices of dough in center of ring, pressing together to flatten inside edges and form a circle. Place 7 slices in ring around center slices, press together lightly. Arrange 12 slices in next ring; press together lightly. Arrange 19 slices in the last ring overlapping edges slightly in ring. Press together firmly.
Bake 375 degrees for 13 to 18 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 5 minutes. Gently remove ornament from pan, cool on wire rack.
Topping: 3/4 cup salad dressing
1/2 cup sour cream Two 8 oz. packages Cream Cheese
1 envelope Dip Mix (Ranch, Sesame, Mexican, Cheesy Bacon) I used Cheesy Bacon.
Place cooled ornament on a large round serving tray, keeping pieces of ornament in shape. Spread entire ornament with topping. Shape one foil baking cup to resemble metal ornament top, folding in half at base of cup. Cut a small slit in top. Fold second cup inward from outside edges to make metal strip. (A piece of foil can be used). Twist to make loop for ornament top. Inset in slit. Slide springs of rosemary through loop to resemble branch of pine tree. Decorate to resemble an ornament with red, yellow, green peppers, carrots, zucchini, cheery tomatoes or any vegetable of your choice.

Dawne Darden
Artichoke Dip

1 can artichoke hearts **NOT MARINADED** 8 to 10 count.
1 Cup mayonnaise
1 Cup Parmesan Cheese
1 teaspoon crushed garlic
Chop artichoke hearts, mix all ingredients. Bake 350 degrees 20 minutes or until lightly browned.
Serve hot or at room temperature with melba toast.

Juanita Sparks
Slice of Spice Cookies

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon. vanilla
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon. soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup regular oats, uncooked
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
Beat butter and shortening until creamy; gradually add brown sugar, beating well. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Combine flour, soda, cream of tartar and salt; add butter mixture, beating well. Stir in oats.
Shape dough into three 12" rolls and wrap in wax paper or plastic wrap. Freeze 1 hour. Unwrap dough and slice in 1/4 " slices. Combine the 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Dip each slice into sugar mixture and bake at 350 degrees on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes. Remove to racks and cool completely.
Makes about 7 dozen cookies.

Dawne Darden
Chocolate Shortbread

1 cup powdered sugar
1cup butter, softened
2 cup flour
1/2 cup Cocoa
1 teaspoon vanilla
Combine butte and sugar, add vanilla, add dry ingredients.
Roll to 3/8 inchs . Cut in sticks, triangles or any shape
Bake 350 degrees for 10-13 minutes
Optional-Dip part of each cookie in melted white chocolate.

Patsy Norrell
Chocolate Chocolate Cookies

1 8 oz. package. semi-sweet chocolate squares
3/4 Cup brown sugar
1/4 Cup Butter or Margarine
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup flour (this is not a mistake)
1/4 tsp. Baking Powder
2 Cups chopped nuts
12 ounceChocolate Chips
Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Microwave chocolate squares 1-2 minutes, stir until smooth. Add sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour and baking powder. Add chocolate chips and nuts. Drop by tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.
Bake 12-13 minutes. Cool 1 minute on baking sheet. Transfer to wire rack to cool.
Makes 6 dozen.

Nanalee's Sausage-cheese balls

1 pound. hot sausage
1 pound. cheddar cheese, shredded
3 cups bisquit mix (I prefer Pioneer)
mix all together, roll into balls, bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown.
serve with dijon mustard

Juanita Taylor
Cheese Ball or Spread

3 8 oz. packages cream cheese softened
1 can chopped black olives
1/2 medium onion chopped
1 tablespoon Accent
1 bottle dried beef, washed and patted dry, then chopped.
Mix all together, can be made into a ball or leave as a spread. Serve with crackers of your choice.

Sunny Whitney
Chewy Noels

1 2 Tablespoons Margarine or Butter
2 eggs
1 cup brown sugar-firmly packed
5 Tablespoons flour
1/8 teaspoon. soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup walnuts, chopped
confectioners sugar
Melt butter in 9" square pan over low heat
Beat eggs, slightly, combine sugar, flour, soda, nuts and vanilla.
Pour over butter-do not stir- slide into oven.
Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees, turn out on powdered sugar covered boar.
Cool, cut and dust with powdered sugar
Note: if these don't come out of the pan easily just piece them together. They will be fine when they cool.
A glass pan works best.

Juanita Taylor
Fruit N Nut Cookies

3/4 cup butter or margarine softened
3/4 cup shortening
1 1/4 packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon. vanilla extract
4 cups flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon. salt
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 cup chopped dates
1/2 cup chopped red maraschino cherries
1/2 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
In a large mixing bowl cream butter, shortening and brown sugar.
Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salter; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in remaining ingredients; shape into three 10 inchs rolls, wrap each in plaster wrap. Refrigerate for two hours or until firm. Unwrap and cut into 1/4 inch slices. Place 2" apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks. Cool.

Nanalee Nichols
Chocolate Covered Cherry Cookies

1 10 ounce jar maraschino cherries
1/2 Cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup cocoa
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup 6 ounces semisweet chocolate morsels
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
Drain cherries, reserving 3 teaspoons juice. Cut cherries in half and set aside.
Beat butter and sugar at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; add egg, vanilla and 2 tsp. reserved cherry juice. Combine flour and next 4 ingredients; gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, beating until blended after each addition. Shape dough into 1 inch balls, place on ungreased baking sheets. Press center of each ball with thumb and place cherry half in indentation.
Cook chocolate and milk in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until melted. Stir in remaining reserved cherry juice. Cool slightly. Spoon 1 teaspoon mixture over each cherry half.
Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Freeze up to 3 months.
Yields six dozen.
Note: I had to add extra cherry juice to topping to make thin enough.



Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News

*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

*Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

* The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

*Country Hallmark Band will play for a New Year's Eve dance and party at the VFW Post 8187 in Bogata December 31, 1999 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. Black eyed peas and cornbread will be served at midnight to insure a prosperous new year. Admission will be $5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to attend and are wished a safe and happy holiday.

*Remember the post is open on Sunday for Dallas Cowboy football games. Come out and enjoy them with your friends.

*From everyone at the post Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown us. For the calls, cards, flowers, food and visits, we are so grateful. Your kindness is appreciated.

The Family of Eugene R. Sullivan

Thank you

On November 22, 1999, our family business was destroyed by fire. Since then an overwhleming number of people have expressed kindness. We have received prayers, money and much support beyond imagination. With love and gratitude, we would like to express our appreciation to you, our friends.

Love Charles and Shirley Ray

Obituaries

Eugene Ray Sullivan dies December 17

Eugene Riley Sullivan, age 84 of Fulbright, died Friday, December 17 in McCuistion Regional Medical Center, Paris.

Services were held Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m in Wood Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tony Corso officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

He was born August 10, 1915 in Deport, the son of Eugene Riley, Sr. and Nellie Lee Hudson. He married the former Mabel Grant on October 20, 1939. He had lived in Riverside, California for many years and was retired from the California Transportation Company as a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel of Fulbright; two daughters, Betsy Yaross and husband Mike of Fulbright and Kathy Cornelison of Winchester, Kentucky; a brother and sister, Jim Sullivan and Zula Mansfield, both of Bisbee, Arizona; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Truitt Sullivan in 1945; and a brother, Truitt Sullivan in October, 1999.

Mrs. Mary F. Williams dies December 20

Mrs. Mary F. Williams, age 37 of Cuthand died Monday, December 20 in an auto accident near Clarksville.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 23 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Mike Shupp and the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams was born April 15, 1962 in Plainview, TX, the daughter of Leon and Pat Mangum Cannon. She married Darl Williams on September 6, 1981 in Cuthand. She was a 1981 graduate of Rivercrest High School and worked as a beautician with the Clipping Post in Clarksville.

She is survived by her husband; her parents, Leon and Pat Cannon of Cuthand; a daughter, Tonia Williams of Sumner; a son, T.J. Williams of Cuthand; a grandson, Sonny Williams of Cuthand; one brother, Arthur Cannon of Cuthand; and two sisters, Vickie Nailling of Manchester and Sandra Cannon of DeKalb.



Doug Alsobrook

Doug Alsobrook dies December 14

Doug Alsobrook, age 95 of Deport died Tuesday, December 14 in Red River Health Care Center of Bogata.

Services were held Thursday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Deport with the Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Rev. Freddie Burden officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

He was born in Manchester, Texas on October 26, 1904, the eighth of 11 children of Ben and Cora Covington Alsobrook. On October 30, 1926 he married the former Goldie Elizabeth Roberts in Deport. She preceded him in death October 15, 1990. Mr. Alsobrook was a prominent farmer and rancher, and was active in the community.

He is survived by his two daughters, Patsy Norrell of Deport and Dr. Nancy Castilla of Irving; seven grandchildren, Ruth Ann Alsobrook of Paris, Susan Kennedy of Toronto, Ontario, Bruce Alsbrook of Sulphur Springs, Michael Jones of Allen, Mark Jones of Deport, Gerald Norrell of Paris and Joy Norrell of Paris; one sister, Zuma Hamm of Midland; one daughter-in-law, Jackie Alsobrook of Paris; eight great-grandchildren and his caregiver for 28 years, Maria Ramirez.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Alsobrook was also preceded in death by a son, Bob Alsobrook on April 15, 1995 and brothers Walter, Jess, Barney, Jack, Wayne and Polk Alsobrook.

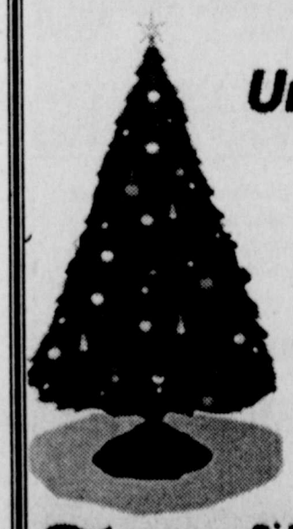
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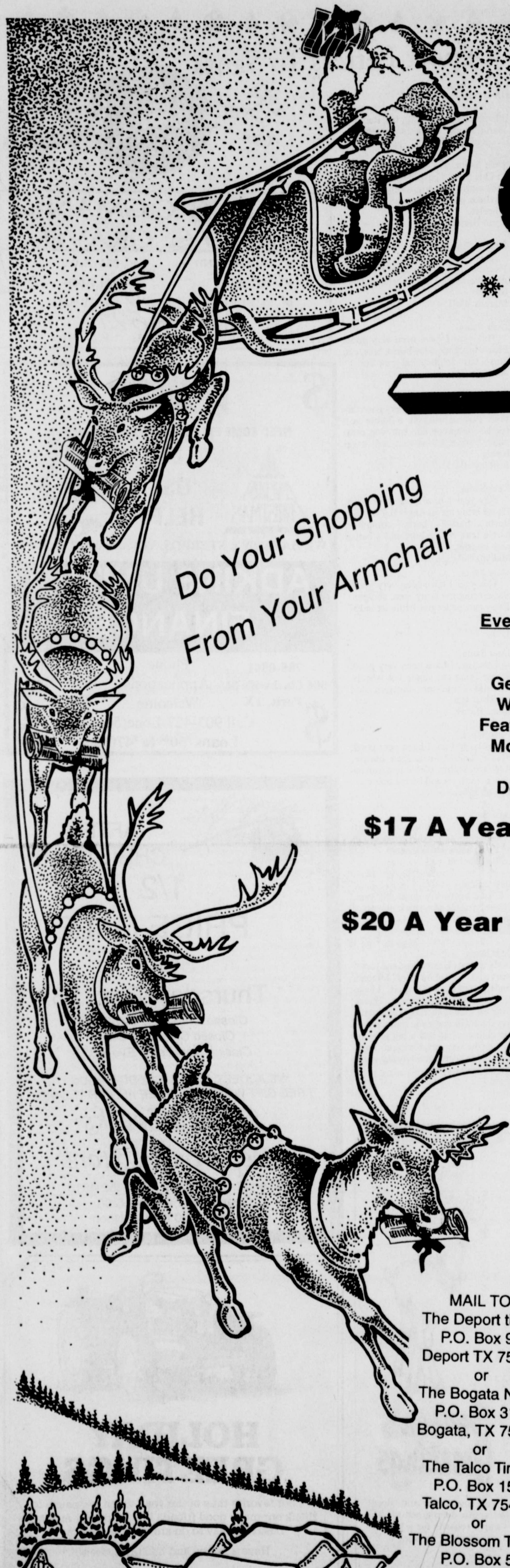
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Deport Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me Ken Barbie, Rapunzel Barbie, horse, clothes and a tent.
Jessica Nichols

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me army men, toy shark, dirt bike, paintball shotgun, gun and 4-wheeler.
Ryan Harrell

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me army men, toy shark, dirt bike, shotgun, 4-wheeler and motorcycle.
Marcus Wolf

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me a toy horse, bike, cat, horse, farm set, bog and jump car.
Amanda Rick

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good this year. PLease bring me a Barbie cash register, jumprope, kite, baby dog, computer, barbie, barbie tent and Angel barbie.
Brittany Black

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me an Angel Barbie, Ken Barbie, barbies, barbie computer, barbie tent, barbie bike and a barbie cash register.
Makynzi Watson

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Pleae bring me army men, shotgun, Betsy gun, pellet gun, battle set and 3-wheeler.
Jake Owens

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me single hot wheels, dirtbike, four-ten shotgun and paintball gun.
Blaze Burns

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me a Ken barbie, Rapunzel barbie, barbie tent, microphone, farm set and barbie house.
Irene Sunday

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Please bring me a cash register, glitter make-up and microphone.
Laney Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a toy shark, computer and a football.
Garrett Piemons

Dear Santa,
My name is Heath Elrod and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a shotgun, trampoline and a bicycle. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and a big glass of milk on the kitchen table to eat. I will leave the reindeer some hay and water outside on the porch.
Love,
Heath

Dear Santa,
I want an Angelica make-up doll. rainbow horse, doll, cow calender, elephant doll and a Christmas doll.
Love,
Katie Golden

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a doll house, Barbie cash register and a red present. Thank you Santa and I am 3 years old. Tell Jesus Happy Birthday.
Love,
Ashley White

Dear Santa,
My name is Trent Evans. I am three years old. My mommy says I have been a very sweet boy! Will you please bring me a Batman, th Iron Giant movie and some Legos? Please bring my sister Kati a doll. ALso, will you bring my daddy a Z71 pickup? His old truck is falling apart and my mommy says he's too tight to ever buy him a new one! I will leave you cookies and milk by the Christmas tree. ALso, there will be hay in the front yard for the reindeer. I love you!
Trent Evans

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Merry Christmas



Yuletide Greetings

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Merry Christmas
Alpha Barnard



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.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We're putting on the dog to say,
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Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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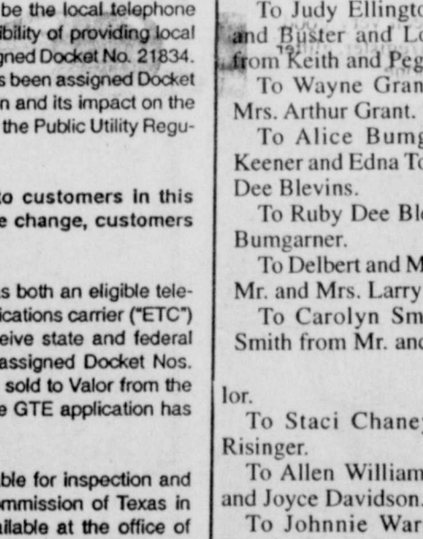
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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

It's our pleasure to know you and our privilege to serve you. Have a wonderful holiday!



And Best Wishes
To Everyone From
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Deport Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
My name is Toby Arnold and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a big remote-control monster truck, trampoline, Nintendo 64 with cds. Please bring my mom a million dollars and different whatnots. Bring my dad a big truck and a boat. ALso bring my brother a 4-wheeler and a poster with wrestlers on it. Bring my sister a life-size Barbie and a pony. I will leave you 3 chocolate chip cookies and milk in the sink in the kitchen to eat. Also, I wil leave the reindeer some oats if I have any.
Love,
Toby Arnold

Dear Santa,
My name is Alecia Bailey and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have ben a good girl this year. Please bring me a water baby, a really big bicycle and life-size barbie. Bring my baby cousin a lot of hot wheels. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and a big glass of milk by the counter in the kitchen. Bring my mommy a heart you can hang on the door and bring my daddy a collector's hotwheel.
Love,
Alecia Bailey

Dear Santa,
My name is Dakota English and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a gocart, nintendo 64 with donkey kong and last but not least a bunch of clothes. I wil leave you a big bag of chocolate chip cookies and a big glass of milk by th kitchen to eat. I will leave your reindeer a tub of water and a bale of fresh coastal hay.
Love,
Dakota English

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a blue heeler and a gocart, roller blades, bike, 3-wheeler, paint ball gun and little rifle.
Your friend,
Josh Plott

Dear Santa,
My name is Chance Navia. I am 2 years old. I have been a god boy this year. Please bring me a John Deere tractor, some tools and a bucking bull. Thank you Chance

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I want a tv, cd player, trampoline, motorcycle, iguana, bicycle, blue heeler, Stone Cold vest and Stone Cold poster.
Your friend,
Broc Crawford

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. Would you bring me a pair of Barbie skates and roller blades, real kitten, gold fish, pokemon, pikachu and Barbie jeep.
Lov,
e Maggie Miller

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Would you bring me a cd player, pair of cds and a swimming pool.
Your friend,
Marli

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I want a Dragon Ballz toy , boat and a 4-wheeler.
Love,
Christian Hunter

Dear Santa,
I have not been good this year but I will try to do better for you next year. I want a cd player, cds, boat, paintball gun, 4-wheeler, gocart, fish and real snake.
Love,
David Scott Barnes

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I want a bullseye toy, Jesi the cowgirl, Woody and roller blades.
Your friend,
Jessica Malone

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a gocart, clubhouse and iguana.
Your friend ,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
I want a play pool table, wolf poster for my dad, play motorcycle, some socks for grandpa and a necklace for Mum.
Love,
Sean Dodson

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, 4-wheeler, 3-wheeler, motorcycle, gocart and computer.
Love,
John English

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. Would you bring me a pair of roller blades, cds, fish, computer, bike, furbie and a horse.
Love,
Lily Norwood

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarah GOlden and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good kid this year. Please bring me a doll house, Kelly's Own House and My Size Barbie. My older sister also would like My SIze Barbie and a lunch box. My mom would like new clothes and a necklace. My dad needs a new hat and clothes. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies by the fireplace to eat.
Love,
Sarah

Best Wishes
During This
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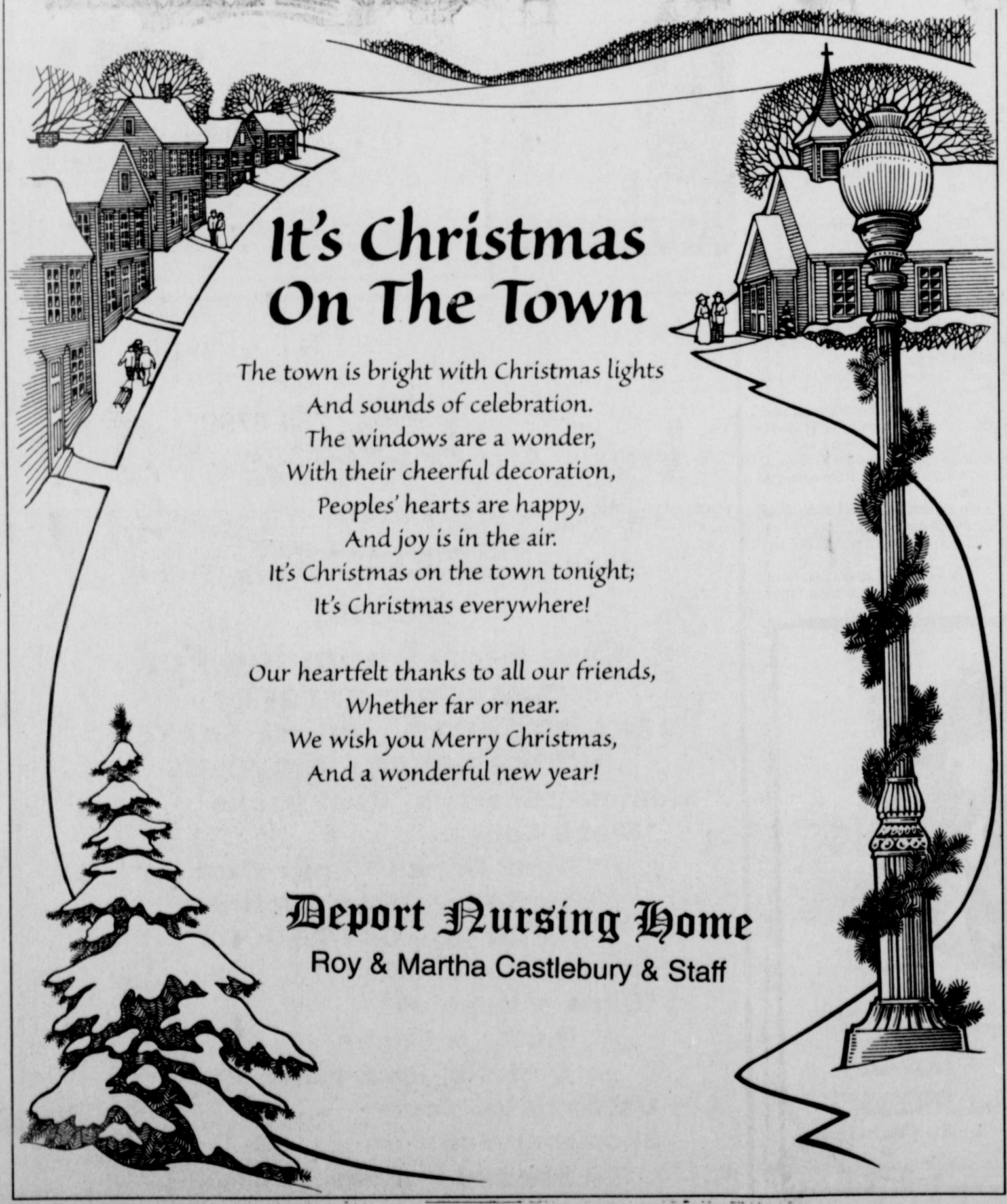
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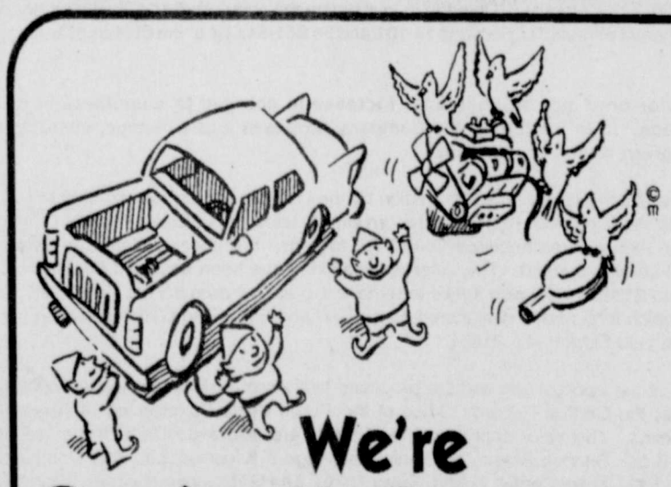


It's Christmas On The Town

The town is bright with Christmas lights
And sounds of celebration.
The windows are a wonder,
With their cheerful decoration,
Peoples' hearts are happy,
And joy is in the air.
It's Christmas on the town tonight;
It's Christmas everywhere!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends,
Whether far or near.
We wish you Merry Christmas,
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First Place Christmas Memories

First Place 1999 Christmas Memories Contest

The Red Jacket

The rain came early that year to the fertile blackland prairie of Northeast Texas. The farmers stood at the edge of their fields, hands in pockets, shoulders hunched and looked at the standing water between carefully cultivated rows. The cotton hung in dripping, discolored blobs from open burrs. Too wet to send in the heavy tractors; too wet to pick by hand.

Crop failure. It was a dreaded word in Bogata. Mother and Dad sat at the table long past supper and talked in subdued tones. I was only 12 that year, but I understood. Even though Dad owned a grocery store, this year would be tough for us, too. When the farmers made no money, nobody made any money.

It was late in the afternoon on the day before Christmas Eve when the doctor came to our house to see my 4-year old brother. He talked to Mother in subdued tones and left. I heard her put my brother to bed and then telephone my father. "It's rheumatic fever," she said. "We're supposed to keep him in bed for four months, maybe longer."

A few minutes later, she appeared in the door of my room. "Go help your daddy," she said. I could tell by the tone now was not the time to ask questions. I put on my coat and trudged the mile to my father's store, Johnson's Food Store on Highway 271.

While I walked, I wondered. Galen had been sick almost constantly that fall with a sore throat. As soon as the medicine the doctor gave him ran out, he would get sick again. Then about a week ago one knee started swelling and getting stiff. Was that rheumatic fever? Perhaps Dad could tell me. The cold north wind hurried me on.

The warmth of the store was welcome as I pushed open the door. Dad was staring across the street at the First Baptist Church when I walked in. He looked surprised, but put me to work dusting shelves and then seemed to forget I was there.

I had worked my way up the middle aisle to the Campbell Soup when a rush of cold air told me someone had entered the store. I peeked around the end of the shelves to see a young couple with a little boy walk in.

"Mr. Pete, Mr. Pete", the boy cried, breaking away from his mother and running toward my dad. All the little kids loved my father, and he loved them. There was always a penny stick of peppermint waiting for them in his shirt pocket.

Dad picked up the little boy and grinned as he pulled the candy from his pocket. "Where's your coat, boy? It's cold out there."

"Out-growed it," the boy's father answered. "These kids grow so fast, it's nigh impossible to keep them in clothes. He'll just have to make do this year."

Dad stood the little boy on the counter and reached underneath. "Let's see what Ol' Santa left here for you." He pulled out a paper bag and reached inside. "This ought to just about fit. Stick your arm in here and let's see." It was a bright red jacket, and it was a perfect fit.

"Mr. Pete," the farmer said, "that's an awful nice coat, but I can't pay for it."

"Don't want pay," Dad replied. "I got it for my boy, but it doesn't fit. Looks like I found a good use for it." Dad set the little boy on the floor and waved off the stammered thanks of the farmer.

I wanted until the couple left and emerged from my hiding place behind the Campbell Soup. "Why did you give away Galen's jacket?" I asked. I was well aware of how tight money was at our house.

Dad glanced at me and then turned to stare out the window at our church. He turned back toward me, and there was a vain attempt to mask the sorrow on his face. "Galen doesn't need the coat," he said.

Something hard and icy grabbed my heart. "Is Galen going to die?"

"Don't know, but I hope not," Dad replied. "Go get the broom and sweep out. We'll close a little early tonight." He turned and busied himself behind the counter which was a signal to me to ask no more questions.

The red jacket was never mentioned again, but I thought of it often as Galen's convalescence stretched into weeks and months. Slowly the stiffness and pain in his knee disappeared, and on a bright spring day while the farmers were busy sowing their crops, the doctor announced the good news. The heart murmur, indicating damage caused by the rheumatic fever, was gone. Galen had recovered.

That bleak Christmas was more than 40 years ago. The First Baptist Church burned and was rebuilt in another location, and the Guaranty Bank now occupies the place it once stood. Johnson's Food Store went out of business in the early 60's; the building, occupied by three businesses at the time, burned in 1977, four months after Dad's death.

Although the familiar landmarks of my childhood are gone, I've never forgotten that red jacket. It has reminded me through the years that, like my father, even though personal tragedy may tear at my heart, I can still find love for someone in need. So this holiday season, even though the gifts under my Christmas tree may say "Merry Christmas", there will be a secret gift for a needy child that says, "In memory of Pete Johnson," It might even be a red jacket.

Kay Johnson Howell

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Second Place Christmas Memories

Second Place 1999 Christmas Memories Contest

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Memories from my Christmas past

When I was in first grade, my big brother, Thomas Lee, drove us to school each day in a two wheeled cart. Our horse, Ole Shorty, pulled the cart the three miles over blackland roads to Bogata.

Our dad rented a grass path with a shed just west of the school. We would leave the cart and Ole Shorty in the patch until school was dismissed in the afternoons, then we would catch Ole Shorty, hitch him to the cart and start for home.

That's when the trouble began. Those mean old McCrury kids who were waiting for a second bus run were also waiting for us in front of the school. They would run out, yell, wave their hands and try to scare Ole Shorty. Usually he didn't pay them much attention.

However, it was a different story around Christmas time. It seemed like each and every one of those kids lighted firecrackers and threw them near Ole Shorty. With the explosions and noise, off we would go down the street, Ole Shorty in a dead run and me hanging on for dear life. We would barely make the turn in front of the Methodist Church on one wheel.

Thomas Lee, who was seven years older than me, seemed thrilled by the experience. He must have imagined himself as Ben Hur driving a chariot. As for me, I would much rather have skipped that ride.

Enjoyment of the Christmas season didn't really begin for me until school had been dismissed for the holidays and we no longer had to drive past the front of the school.

Wishing a Merry Christmas to everyone, even those mean old McCrury kids.

Frank Stubblefield

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 in the future

The Board of Directors of
BOGATA
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And Executive Director Donna Rozell

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Third Place Christmas Memories

Third Place 1999 Christmas Memories Contest

Christmastime in Detroit

Christmastime in Detroit in 1946, 47 and 48 were fun times for the teenagers. The war was over and hearts were happy to have our families all back together and our lives back to normal.

The Methodist Church had a large Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) and a young preacher, John Dvorak, just out of the seminary had come to Detroit. He gave new life to the youth organization. Every Christmas a group of 15 or 20 young people would go Christmas Caroling to almost every house in town. Especially the elderly and the shut-ins. We would walk to all the homes and stand outside their front door and sing three or four Christmas Carols. Sometimes they would come outside their front door and watch us but if it was really cold they would stand in the door. Some of them would offer us cookies or home made candy. Mrs. Kerbow would set a basket of fruit on her porch for us. Miss Nanny and Miss Clem Pearce would give us popcorn balls. Mrs. Ella Whitner would bring out a plate of tea cakes, a sugar cookie almost the size of a saucer. Mrs. Mirty Pratt would bring out some homemade divinity candy. It was so very cold those nights and the hot chocolate was a special treat.

There was Jane Reynolds, Nellie Ruth Pratt, Jean King, Katha Lee Icenhower, Joyce Melton, Ann and Nell Venable, Elderoy Burks, Geraldine Cox, Betty Sue Littrell, Aileen Cassel, Leroy Faucett, Bessie Mathis and others I have forgotten to mention. Of course Bro. John Dvorak was with us.

Those were happy times and really put us in a mood for a joyous Christmas. I can just imagine what it would be like to have a group of young people stand outside my door and sing "Joy To The World", "Silent Night" and other beautiful Christmas carols.

I cherish the memories of growing up in "Little D" and all the many wonderful people that shared in giving us the love and support to guide us into adulthood.

Nellie Ruth Pratt Abney

With Warm Regards

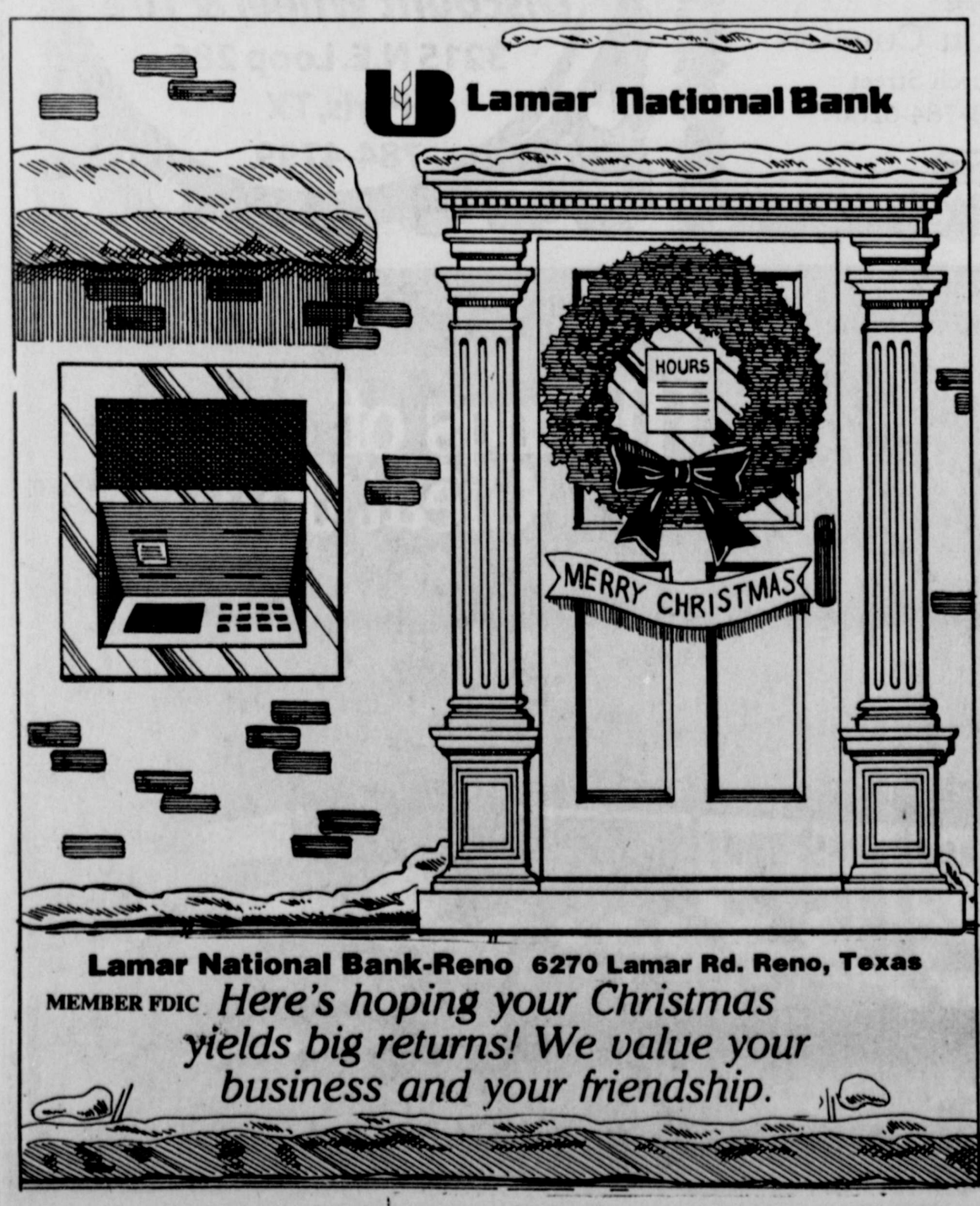
May peace and joy burn brightly throughout your heart and home this holiday season.

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



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Honorable Mention 1999 Christmas Memories Contest

A Shadowland Christmas

Fifty-seven years ago, we lived on the late John G. Wright farm and the week before Christmas, Papa would buy a box of apples and a box of oranges and put them under the stairway.

They smelled so good, but we knew not to bother them because they were for Christmas.

That Christmas we had a big snow. Kenneth Gifford was Mama and Papa's first grandchild and he was three years old. Papa started at the road, making sleigh tracks with a hoe and when he got nearly to the house, he took the hoe and made it look like Santa turned his sleigh over.

Then Papa took the oranges and apples and put them all over the ground. Then we all took Kenneth out to see where Santa turned over in his sleigh. Kenneth was their pride and joy.

Jane Gifford Hignight

Honorable Mention 1999 Christmas Memories Contest

A favorite Christmas memory

In was Christmas Eve of 1973. My family which included my brothers, Billy and James, their wives, Wanneti and Gayle, their children, Billy Jr., Kenneth, Krynson, my husband, Ross and I were all spending Christmas Eve with my parents, Milton and Elvis Wooten of Cuthand. It was a cold cold night and Mama and Daddy had a small two bedroom house. We had pallets made all over the house and I remember Ross and I had our pallet in the kitchen floor. We had all gone to bed and were laying there laughing and talking when all of the sudden we heard a noise on the front porch. We all got quite, then someone knocked on the door. My brother James went to the door to see who it was. When he opened the door to all of our surprise there stood Santa Clause and his helper. The kids were so excited, the adults were so surprised.

Santa came in and it didn't take the adults long to realize Santa was a little tipsy. He was having a little trouble standing up. He must have had the egg nog before he left for his rounds.

The kids were so excited and were asking him all sorts of questions but my nephew, Kenneth, being the curious one, wanted to know how he got to our house. Santa said, "I brought my sled and reindeer". Kenneth ran to the door and said, "I don't see the sled and reindeer Santa?" Santa told him he had to park them over at the cemetery so Kenneth being young, thought Rudolph had died but Santa explained to him that he had more room for his sled and reindeer at the cemetery ending Kenneth's fears. It was an unusual Christmas Eve and our family still laughs about our visit from a tipsy Santa.

Linda Wooten Eilers

Census office looking for temporary jobs

Local residents are needed to conduct Census 2000. IN an effort to recruit workers, the Census Bureau has established over 100 locations in Gregg County and other nearby communities to qualify applicants.

To qualify, applicants must take a test of basic skills. For an appointment, call 1-888-325-7733.

The hourly pay is $9.25 per hour. Individuals interested in Census 2000 jobs are encouraged to call and make an appointment. Jobs include census taker positions in communities and neighborhoods and office personnel.



Mike Everheart, a former Deport resident and subscriber, sent several poems that his grandfather, Brother Joe Everheart, wrote during his many years as a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Brother Joe served at the First Presbyterian Church of Deport for many years. Mike spent many of his formative years in this area, and these poems are part of his memories.

CHRISTMAS MORNING....

Around a waning winter fire
The huddled shepherds slept;
While over the hill and under a star,
A moaning mother wept.

And as I think of this,
Two wonders o'er me roll;
The wonder of a world at peace
And the salvation of my soul.

"Peace n the earth," "Good will to men"
Have not yet come to be;
But peace that comes from forgiven sin
Has already come to me.

The fire has burnt, the ashes blown,
The star has gone away;
But Christ who came that glorious night,
Has ever come to stay.

Above the Stairs of Silent Stars'
God's Angels sang their song,
To sleepy shepherds round their fires,
In a world of war and wrong.

"Peace on the Earth" rang from the skies;
"Good Will to Men" was the refrain-
But, Peace, like a wounded Dove, lies
Broken by weight and greed of men.

Have these Angels sung again?
Did they sing once and cease?
Was their song lost to the hearts of men?
And will we ever have peace?

God's Angels sing that song this very day
And it reaches many a heart,
And peace is speeding on her way-
Let God's men do their part.

Papa and My Doll

It was a cold December day in 1941, I had just turned seven years old and was returning from Deport School where I was in the second grade.

My brothers and I got off the big school bus at the "little red store" near Pattonville and we met our Papa. I could see he had a package in his arms, but curiousity was getting to me. I reached up and touched the sack and he informed me that I was not to touch it, what could it be?

On Christmas morning, the package was there, the very one I had seen. Inside was my doll, all dressed in rompers, shoes and hat. How I loved that doll. I kept it a couple of years, the doll's head was broken while I had it all tucked away, but the sweet memory of my Papa and the doll he bought for me has remained.

It was my last doll to receive from him but the hat, complete with a blue band, red with a little girl, her doggie and daisies printed on it still hangs in my home, along with the dolls I have for my own grandchildren. They love to hear the story about the "doll Papa gave Nanny."

Ruth Day O'Brien

Pecan Show is success

The Lamar County Pecan Show was held December 4 and was one of the largest to date with 95 entries. The quality of pecans was very good. Most samples were filled well, had good color and little or no damage from insects and disease.

Over 50 county pecan shows are held in Texas annually. The current pecan show program has played a very important role for the Texas pecan industry by teaching growers how to grade their pecans for better prices, identifying the most outstanding varieties for each region of the state, recognizing and awarding the most successful pecan management programs in the county, region and state, and advertising and promoting Texas premium quality pecans.

FWI meets

The East Texas North Group of Financial Women International held their bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18 at Cherubs Tea Room and Gift Shop in Ore City. The group has raised $1,200 to purchase gifts from the Christmas Angel Trees in their respective communities.

REMEMBER
There will NOT
Be a Paper
The Week Of
December 30
Regular Schedule will resume Jan. 6



Have a delightful holiday season that's filled with laughter and fond feelings for all.

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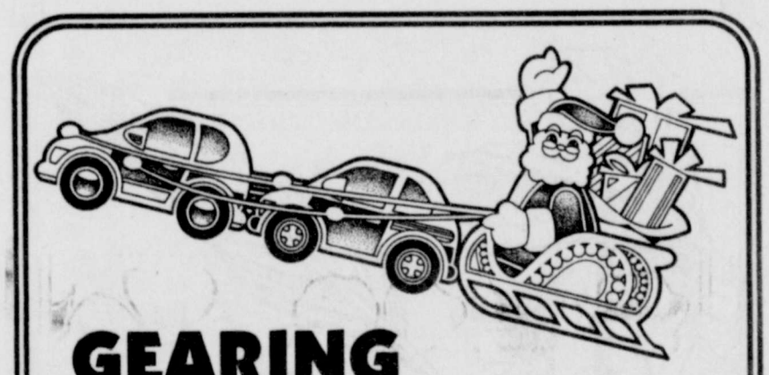
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Donald Day & Sons Metal Works
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Donald, Lynn, Jeremy Day, Shad, Amy & Tanner Day,
Spencer, Misty & Ty Eppler, Chad, Brad & Dewey

Home Sweet Home
As the season of celebration approaches, we'd like to extend our warmest wishes to all our good neighbors.
We're proud to be part of this fine community.
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GEARING UP FOR CHRISTMAS
The Christmas season is here, and we hope yours runs smoothly from the front end to the back.
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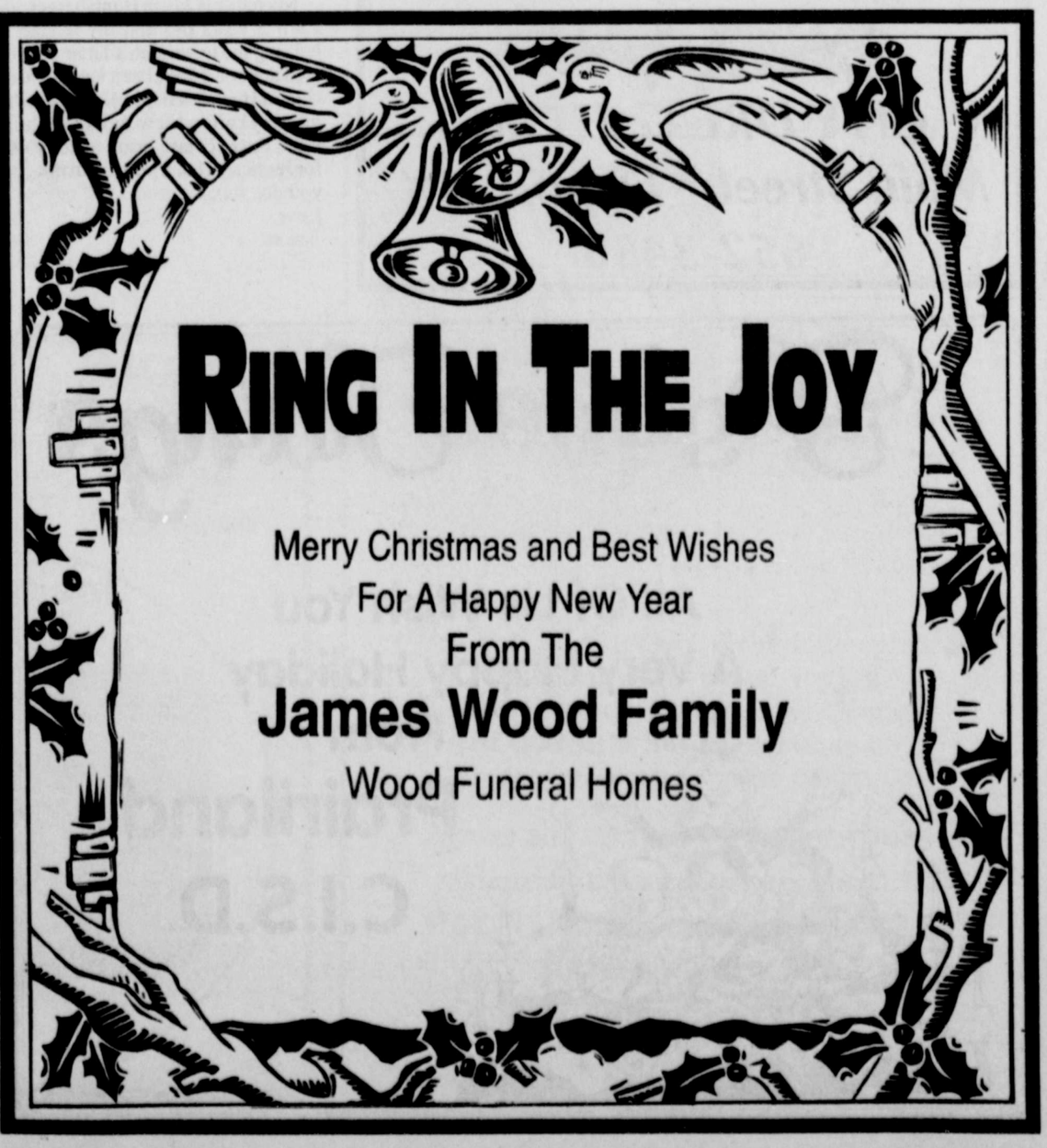


SEASON'S GREETINGS
We wish you all a great American Christmas.
Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.
Officers and Members Of
DEPORT AMERICAN LEGION
Warren Teague Post #199



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
Joy to all our two- and four-footed friends!
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Merry Christmas and Best Wishes
For A Happy New Year
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Have a Sparkling White Christmas

We wish you all the very best!





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Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade and my name is Steven Ruckman.Please bring me wrestling tapes, werestling stuff, wrestling punching bag and wrestling bedset for Christmas.
Love,
Steven

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade an my name is Brandy. Please bring me Pokemon toys, big fuzzy dog, remote control car and board games.
Love,
Brandy Enox.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I want a toy train, barbie race and ride, pink bow with a cow rope with pink bow on it.
Love,
Stormy

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaleb. I am a good boy this year so give me lots of presents please if you don't mind. Love your bestest friend you' ever have!
Kaleb

Dear Santa,
My name is Juana Zermeno and I try to be good. I want a computer and tv. My teacher is being good and nice to us.
Love,
Juana

Dear Santa,
My name is Staci. I have tried to be good this year and I want a barbie car, furbie, barbie, new dad and a kindergarten baby.
Love,
Staci

Dear Santa,
My name is Carl and I have tried to be good this year. I got a lot of things I want like a sony play station, go cart, computer to the North Pole.
Love,
Carl Wood

Dear Santa,
My name is Sara Lane and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a giddyup girl for Christmas. Also, please bring a talking Pooh Bear for Emily. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Sara

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Mansfield and I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me a playstation and a fishing game for Christmas. Also please bring a N64 game for Matthew. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason Huntsberger and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a toy knife ad new shoes for Christmas. Also, please bring a teddy bear for Jessica. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jason

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaci Lynn Burchinal and I want new cd's for Christmas. I have been good this year and I have a great teacher this year.
Love,
Kaci

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good this year. But my teacher is a good teacher to me. So I guess I might get her a Christmas present. What I want is a Furby.
Love,
Jessica Withers

Dear Santa,
My anme is Tyler and I have been good this year. I want a Rad the Robot.
Love,
Tyler Bowden

Dear Santa,
My name is Morgan Burchinal and I have tried to be good this year, but that does not count. I want a Kindergarten Baby and Nintendo 64.
Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa,
My name is Coydean Harmon. I have been good this year. I want a watch and remote control car.
Love,
Coydean

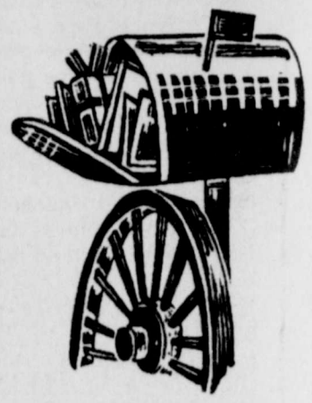
Dear Santa Claus,
My name is ALyssa PPitcock. I hope Rudolph is doing okay. Would you please bring me a Furby baby, Rad Robot and a sled. Because I have tried to be good this year. Would you tell God that I want it to snow.
Love,
Alyssa

Dear Santa,
My name is David Cantera and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me hot wheels ad a Pokeman for Christmas. Also, please bring shoes for Cesar. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. My name is Rebecca and I am 8 years old. For Christmas I want a playstation, tv, vcr and 4-wheeler.
Love,
Rebecca Passmore



GREETINGS!



May your holiday season deliver loads of good fortune and bundles of cheer. Thanks for your support.

TALCO
U.S. POST OFFICE
Staff Ronny, Marilyn, Sue & Claudia



Love Thy Neighbor

May the spirit of the season warm your heart and home.
We're very grateful to have you as our neighbor.

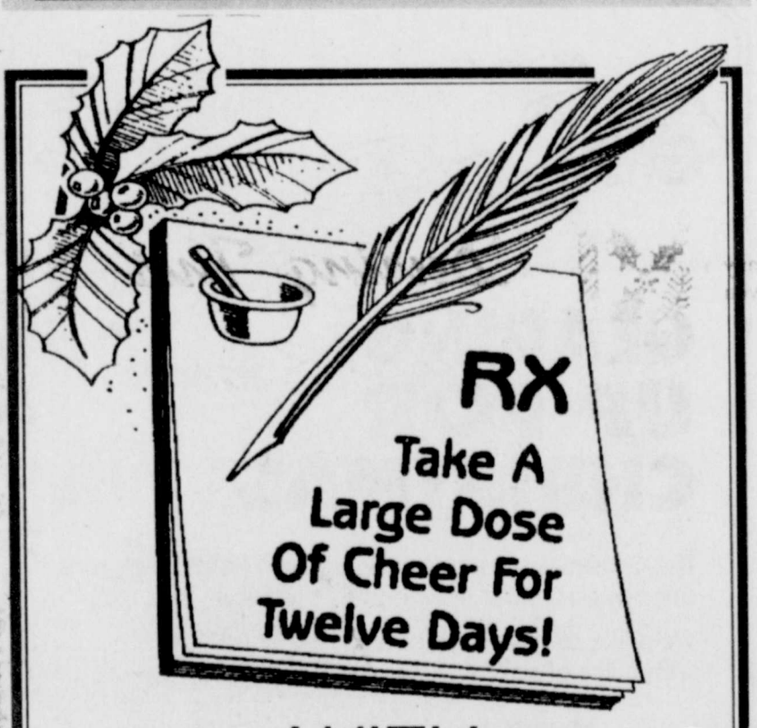
Allen, Bobbi, Bryan Gifford
Marti & Jason Chumbley

MANY TANKS TO YOU!

When it comes to the holidays, fill 'em up with the best fuel of all, peace and joy. We wish you all the best, because you are the best.

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111 MAIN STREET
652-3615

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays!

CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1999
Lobby: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Drive-Thru: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1999
All Locations – Closed

New Years Eve
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1999
Lobby: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Drive-Thru: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

New Years Day
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2000
Closed

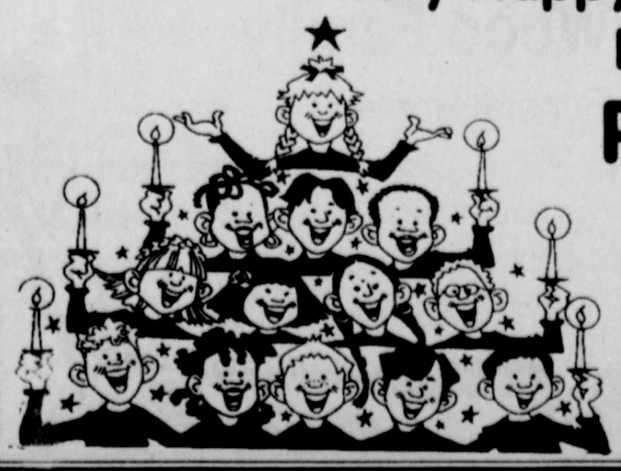
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Deport Letters To Santa

Dar Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a hamster, Barbie doll house, horse, parrot, puppy, kitten, cds, goldfish, Pikachu and swimming pool.
Friends forever,
Filicia

Dear Santa,
I have treid to be good this year. I want a motor scooter, puppy, iguana, bike, horse and a pokemon cd.
Your friend,
Chase Stogsdill

Dear Santa,
I love your name. I been a good boy. I want a dirt bike, swimming pool and 4-wheeler.
Love,
Casey Haskell

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, cat, Angelica make-up doll, Angel Barbie and Gitty-up-girl.
I love you ,
Courtney Crews

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. Would you bring me a real puppy, real kitten, go-cart, cd player, cds, horse, paint ball gun, pokemon, pikachu, trampoline and swimming pool.
Love,
Elizabeth Brunson

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. WOo helmet, real kitten, Backstreet Boys, hamster, trampoline and a built in swimming pool.
Love you,
Ashley Thomas

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Would you bring me a Barbie, bird, bullsye toy, puppy, cd player, cds, computer, roller blades, doll house, kitten, bicycyle, pokemon, pikachu, some games and a new house.
Love,
Abbie Nichols

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. Would you bring me a horse, snake, mouse, baby parrot, real kitten, a car for my uncle and a Pete Pikachu.
All yours ,
Brittany Pettigrew

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I want a cd player, cds, bicycle, pikachu and paintball. All your love.
Marissa Kindle

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a motorcycyle, computer, dog, cowboy clothes, tent, games and guns.
Love,
Matthew Smith

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and Rudolph? I just want to tell you I want a computer and I have been a good girl.
Love,
Candra Hepburn

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want La Newborn Moments Doll, new doll bunk bed and stroller. Please write to me.
Love ,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
I want an Angelica make-up doll, puppies, kittens, something for my mom, stuffed Taz, something for daddy, angel for my Christmas tree and roller blades. I love you.
Allison Wolf

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, 4-wheeler and swimming pool. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Justin Arnold

Dear Santa,
I want an Angelica make-up doll, necklace for my mom, tent for my family, computer, riding Barbie clud, bird, house and books.
Love,
Kati Evans

Dear Santa,
I want an Angelica make-up doll, kitten, swimming pool, puppy, Barbie Riding Club doll, birdhouse and computer. I want a Merry Christmas. I love you.
Kimberly Elrod

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, Anglica make-up doll and an angel. I like you Santa. Merry Christmas. I want to see you Santa. I love you.
Amanda Gilbert

Dear Santa,
I want a dirtbike.
Love,
Dow Henderson

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How many elves do you have? When were you born and how old are you? I want some roller blades size 8 and how's Rudolph?
Love,
Wesley Murdock

Dear Santa,
Have you been very busy making toys? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph and the others? I have been a good girl. Are the other reindeers ready to fly.
Love,
Courtney Filkins

Dear Santa,
I've beeen nice. I will leave you a cupcake and milk. I want you to stay so I can see you and play checkers. I would like a Gettin' Wet Bubba, blue Obi Waun Kenobi sword, new rubber boots (green bottom, black top) and R2-D2 bubble bath. I love you Santa!
Logan

Dear Santa Claus,
I try to be a good girl. THis is what I want. Tweety watch, sleeping bag, Ken and Barbie as King Arthur and Queen Gwenavere, Barbie airplane, cd player, nail salon and I am going to leave you milk and cookies and a ring.
Love,
Randi Nichols

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good girl. THis CHristmas I want a Tweety Bird watch, anniversary Barbie, wedding Erica Kane, rugrats alarm clock, bead pals, Fashion Polly shop-a-lot, paint and swirl and rock tumbler.
Love,
Skylar Nichols

Dear Santa,
Have the reindeer been warm? I will get to that in a minute. I have been good. I want a remote controlled bigfoot and an ape and dirtbike. Well, that's about all of it. Merry Christmas!
Garrett Newman



O' HOLY NIGHT

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

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

The Holidays Are
The Perfect Time
For Us To Drop You A Line
To Wish You Certified
Christmas Cheer & A First-Class
Happy New Year!

BOGATA POST OFFICE
Danny Efaw, Carol Sessums,
Paul Marr, Elaine Townes, Vickie Tabb



Away In A Manger

May you rejoice in the splendor of His many wondrous creations in this season of love. Merry Christmas!

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With Warm Wishes
Ruth Denison



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May you be filled with the true spirit of Christmas—its peace, its joy, its love—and may the significance of that first holy Christmas be ever present in your heart.

We're sincerely grateful for your friendship and loyal support.
Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace,
Lamar County
Don Denison and Family



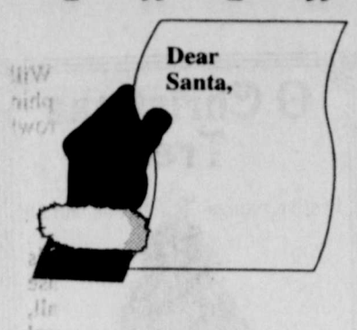
With Warm Holiday Greetings

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

Yuba Sparks & Family

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Cunningham Co-Op Gin





Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Jose Zermeno and I am 5 years old and my teacher at Blossom School is helping me to write this letter. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a remote control truck and a car for Christmas. Also, please bring a car for my brother. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
My name is Patrick George and I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good(or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Pikachu and and Pokeball for Christmas. Also, bring a flashlight for my dad. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Patrick



TEAM WITHERS-This group made up their entry in the Blossom Christmas parade on Saturday. Pictured front back to front is Zach Cullum (on bicycle), Justin Withers (in car), Jessica Withers (in front car) and Cody Upchurch (standing). (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Dear Santa,
My name is Dyllon Adkins and I am 5 yars old. <y teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Pleas bring me a go-cart and tampoline for Christmas. ALso, please bring a new pickup for my dad. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Dyllon

Dear Santa,
My name is Blake Lyon and I am 6 years old and my teacher at Blossom School is helping me to write this letter. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a toy motorcycyle and building blocks. Also, please bring a drill for my dad. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Blake

Dear Santa,
My name is Kortni Johnston and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Pokeman and a Pikachu for Christmas. Also, please bring some clothes for my dad. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Kortni

Dear Santa,
My name is Brett House and I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this at BLossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me a Pokeman ballgame and a hot wheels for Christmas. Also, please bring clothes for my dad. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Brett

Dear Santa,
My name is Vince Gibson and I am 5 years okld and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a tether ball and a hot wheels car for Christmas. Also, please bring a necklace for my grandma. Thank you for all the good you do.
Lov,
Vince

Dear Santa,
My name is Halie Melot and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good(or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Barbie cash register and a carrying case for Christmas. Also, bring power rangers for Kaleb. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Halie

Dear Santa,
My name is Cheyenne Whitaker and I am 5 yars old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me a barbie game and some new songs for Christmas. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Phillips and I am 5 years old and my teacher at Blossom School is helping me to write this letter. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a ballerina and a real cook oven for Christmas. Also, please bring a doll for Jerica. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jessica

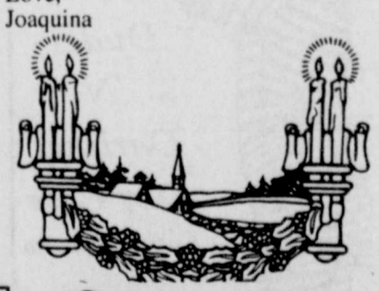
Dear Santa,
My name is Shelby McCoin and I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a barbie and a puppy dog for Christmas. Also, please bring a kitty for my sissy. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Shelby

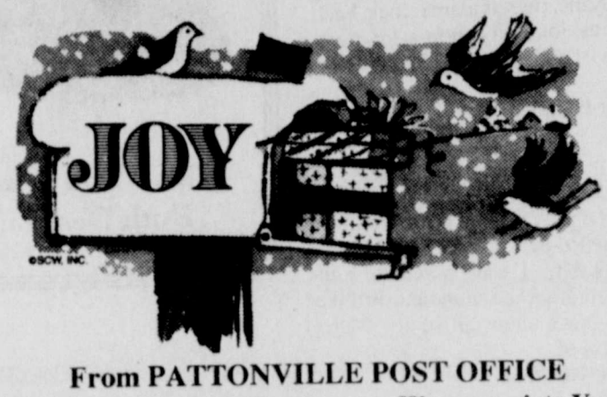
Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan Spencer and I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this at BLossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me donkey kong and a puzzle for Christmas. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Dylan

Dear Santa,
My name is Payton Connot and I am 6 years okld and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me anew bike and aplayhouse for Christmas. Also, please bring a Furbie for Kaleigh. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Payton

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Watkins and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good(or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a car and a train for Christmas. Also, bring a dishwasher for my mom. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Joshua

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





From PATTONVILLE POST OFFICE
Thanks To All Our Customers . . We appreciate You.
Barbara, Rita and Clark



'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord'
(Psalms 33:5)

Christmastime offers us time to reflect on the beauty of creation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We're pleased to join with you in prayer, and to offer you our thanks.

May God Bless You All
Bob & Nelda Harrell
Ricky & Shirlene Ryan & Reagan, Rodney & Nelda



In The Spirit Of The Season

At Christmastime, we'd like to renew our commitment to serving the community, and we thank you all for your faith in us. Have a joyous Noel!

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In the Spirit of the Season

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

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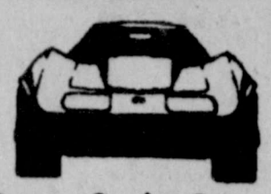
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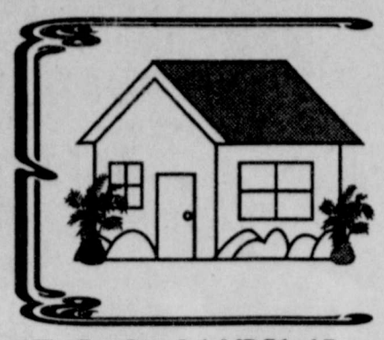
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Blessings Of The Season

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

J.A. and JUANITA SPARKS





Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

The East Post Oak MBC had Bro. Henry Blackmon of Henderson as their speaker Sunday and following the Sunday night services the church called him to be their pastor. He and his wife have two children, a 3 year old girl and a 17 month old boy.

The church choir will present a Christmas cantata at the morning service this coming Sunday. The youth held a program last Wednesday night.

Janis Reynold moved into her new home this past week. Her son Merle was here from Roswell, NM to help her.

Georgia Clark, mother of Mary Reves is in the hospital and having hip replacement surgery this week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Billie Ruth Bates had cataract surgery Thursday and is doing fine.

There was about 17 that attended the open house for the fire department Saturday morning. We extend a special thanks to those who have made special donations to the department.

Services were well attended at East Post Oak MBC Sunday morning. Bro. Henry Blackmon accepted the call to be pastor of the church and he and his family will be moving on the filed in February. Until then they will be commuting from Henderson. Meanwhile there is some work being done on the parsonage. Bro. and Mrs. Blackmon and Darrell (Woody) and Marla Sessums united with the church Sunday morning. A baptismal service for Woody was Sunday night with other by letter.

The church choir presented their cantata Sunday morning before the preaching hour.

Some women of the church delivered Christmas baskets to shut-ins of the church last week.

Bro. and Mrs. J. T. McNabb and Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee attended the preachers an wives fellowship at Bogata Baptist Mission Monday night, December 13. It was hosted by Bro. and Mrs. Billy Daniels of the Mission. Besides them there was 17 present. All enjoyed the food and fellowship. The next meeting will be with Friendship MBC in Clarksville on January 10.

Wallace and Frieda Lee of Ft. Worth came Friday to Paris Nursing Home and Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee and Johnie and Billie Ruth Bates met them there and had Christmas with their mother Rhoda Lee. Then they exchanged gifts. They all went out to eat except Mrs. Lee and Wallace and Frieda returned home.

Merle Reynolds returned home to Roswell, NM Friday after visiting his mother Janis Reynolds and helping her move. While there he built her a storage house.

The fire department held their annual monthly meeting last Tuesday night at the fire department. At that time Woody Sessums joined the department. They were all called out to a grass fire in the Beulah Woods north of Post Oak.

Little Emalee Ann Freelan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Freelan is slowly improving in Medical City in Dallas. She is recovering from a kidney infection and is the granddaughter of James Alvin and Patricia Freelan and great granddaughter of James and Mickie Freelan.

We welcome the new year with hearts full of gratitude to all our dear friends. Happy New Year!

Burglaries are Crime of the Week

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

During the past six weeks, there have been a large number of residential burglaries in western and northwestern parts of Lamar County. To date over $15,000 in property has been stolen. Stolen items include guns, tools, jewelry, furniture and many other items.

If Crime Stoppers receives that information by December 27, an arrest and indictment is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up t $1000.00. All calls do remain anony mous and you will not have to testif in court. So lets all work together t fight crime! Call Crime Stopper today at 785-Tips! (785-8477)



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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

The community was saddened by the loss of one of its new members Friday, Eugene Sullivan. Our condolences to his daughter and family, Betsy Yaross, and wife Mabel. They had moved here not long ago from California.

Doyl Brown and son Chad and friend Doug Lewis of Euless visited Preston and Marla Crump Saturday.

Monty Rodgers of Tigertown visited his mother, Betty Rodgers, Tuesday after doing security at the Prairiland ballgames.

Mrs. Marie Massey had surgery on her arm but is home doing OK.

Betty Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga attended the Christmas program at the First Baptist Church in Deport Sunday.

Karen Herring of Bogata visited Betty Rodgers Saturday.

There will be a Christmas program at the Baptist Church on Wednesday night.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Joe Phosay, Connie and kids enjoyed an early Christmas with Joe's family Sunday in Frisco.

Fulbright Baptist Church had a great turnout fot the kids Christmas party Monday with 17 kids and two teenagers and four adults. The kids enjoyed refreshments, gifts and fruit bags.



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With the arrival of Christmas, our hearts turn to all those near and dear to us.

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To you, our good friends and patrons, we wish abundant joy and peace. We thank you for providing us with these blessings all year long!

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Glad Tidings

May your holidays be filled with laughter and good cheer.

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Blossom Letters To Santa



UP AND AWAY go these lighted reindeer, complete with Rudolph's red nose and Santa in his sleigh. It's part o the seasonal attractions. of Christmas. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Dear Santa,
The only wish I wish is a horse. I don't want much but something to ride on and I know you probably won't give it to me.
Love,
Brandie Sylus

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have been waiting for Christmas for a long time. This is what I want, a cat and baby dolls.
Love,
Roxy Sawyer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a paint ball gun, pet dog, Furby baby, Medal Molder, furby, go-cart, vortex, Cowasocky 4-wheeler 6 horse and owl cans.
Dakota Parker

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo and kitten.
Love,
Katy Garrison

Dear Santa. I have tried to a be a good girl. My name is Courtney Outland. You do not have to get me this present. I want Crash Bandacote cd rom please.
Love,
Courtney

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, Furby, some rollerblades and a new vcr.
Love,
Kelly Busbice

Dear Santa,
Santa is very nice to us because he brings us pressents each year. When he brings me asnd my brother what we want we are happy with what he gives us. Me and my brother cannot wait until Christmas becauce it is fun.
Love,
Chase Moore

Dear Santa,
I want 3 things, a soccer game, tv and a pasasg game and something for my little brother like a train and a car.
Love,
Brittney Patterson

Dear Santa,
My name is Tonya. I like you and I like Christmas. I would like an Easy Bake Oven.
Love,
Tonya

Dear Santa,
My name is Whittnie. I want a couple of gifts like a furby and a dog.
Love,
Whittnie Stone

Dear Santa,
May I have a meddtetr and a poetwock and may I please have a new pair of cogss.
Love,
Kaleb Whitaker

Dear Santa,
My name is Ricky Goerge. What I want is a dirtbike, please if that is all you could give me I would take it and I want it to snow.
Love,
Ricky

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl and this is what I want for Christmas. I want a baby reindeer, furby, calf halter for all my cows, some books and that is all.
Love,
Meagan Thomas

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a white Christmas for just this one time. I want the snow to be 5 feet deep, please! Thank you very much.
Zach Cullum

Dear Santa,
I would like a brand new stereo and a guitar, new tv, vcr, video game and I would like a dog and a cat.
Love,
Dakota Swindle

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm fine. For CHristmas I want a trampoline, ours tore. I love to jump on things. My next thing is I want is Gotta Groove cd rom. I've seen it on tv and it looks like fun. I love to play on the computer. I have a computer at my house and it is so fun. Last I want a baby furby. I would like to put it with my big furby. Well, that is all. Oh and one more thing, how do you make your reindeet fly? I will leave you some Coca Cola. Thank you.
Love,
Katie Clark

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas this year and every other year. I really hope you come to see me this year. I'm thinking you had a good Christmas last year. If you come by my house this year, here are some of the things I would like. First, I would like is black roller blades with rubber wheels. I would also like a playstation with a game or two.
Merry Christmas
Laura Robertson

Dear Santa,
I want a cat, bike and dirtbike.
Merry Christmas,
Michael Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. All a girl could want is a few presents like a furby and a pair of skates.
Merry Christmas,
Kori Hulen

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a happy Merry Christmas. I am hoping that you get me something like you always do. I would like a omputer, tweety bird shirt 9blue), new cds and a makeup kit.
Love you always,
Lindsey Terrell

Dear Santa,
How are you doing up at the North Pole? I'm doing okay. Are you going to make it snow? Santa, I'm going to tell you what I want for Chirstmas. I want a pair of Nike shoes, some pants with t-shirts and some Ty beanie babies. Hope you have a good and safe Christmas.
P.S. Please eat all th cookies and drink all the milk.
Sara Mansfield

Dear Santa,
I'm writing this letter to you to tell you my Christmas list. Okay, lets get down to business, just kidding! I would like for you to get me a go-cart, oops, I already have one. I would like some new clothes, new shoes and a new bike. Jeeze Leweeze...how do you do it in one night?
Thank you,
Caleb Goodin

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am Kacey and I wanted to tell you what I want for Chirstmas. I want a tv with a playstation. There is one more thing I want. That thing is a game to the playstation. That game is Metal Gear Solid.
Merry Christmas
Kacey Langston

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. I hope you are feeling good this year. I want to tell you about somethings I want for Christmas. First, I want a pair of brnad new skates, Nike, Reebok, Adidas, Old Navy clothes, Dr. Matin's and board games and a beeper.
Merry Christmas
Rachel Morgan Hostetler

Dear Santa,
Is it cold in the North Pole? I want a remote control car, hot wheels and a trip around the world.
Merry Christmas
Steven Hale

Dear Santa,
My name is James. I have been very good. For Christmas please bring me a Pikachu, Red Power Ranger and Black Power Ranger.
Love,
James

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley. I have been very good this year. For Christmas please bring me a Barbie Airplane, talking Pikachu, blow-up chair and easy bake oven.
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
My name is Lorena. I have been very good this year. I love you Santa Claus. For Christmas please bring me a puppy, Pokemon movie and Barbie.
Love Lorena
Dear Santa,
My name is Edgar. I have been very good this year. For Christmas please bring me Pokemon movie, Pokemon toys, Pokemon colorbook and Pokemon cards or stickers.
I love you,
Edgar



Mooory Christmas To All Our Friends Down on the Farm and in Town!
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Blossom, Texas



We take this time to Wish You the Best of the Season
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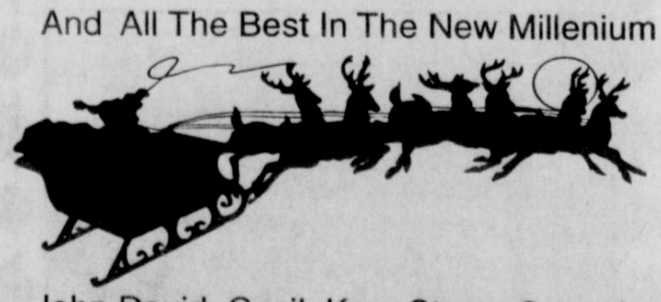
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Indictments returned in Lamar County

The Lamar County Grand Jury has returned the following indictments from the December 15, 1999 session:

Clifton Blackshear, manufacturing a controlled substance in an amount of 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams; Donna Blackshear, manufacturing a controlled substance in an amount of 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams; Bobby Joe Brown, forgery; Pedro L. Espinoza, fail to stop and render aid; Stephen C. Johnston, failure to appear x2; Harold H. Keith, driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more; Brenda Sue Little, theft of property over $1,500; Terrance E. Miles, failure to appear; Jason J. Nickerson, delivery of a controlled substance in an amount of less than 1 gram; Michael M. Pitcock, driving while intoxicated, 3rd of more; Bobby Roach, aggravated assault, count 1, aggravated assault, count 2; Shawn P. Sikes, forgery, count 1, forgery, count 2, forgery, count 3, burglary of habitation; Vickie Jean Tanner, engaging in organized criminal activity, manufacturing of a controlled substance in an amount of 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams; Clinton K. Thomas, failure to appear; Matthew D. Weathers, forgery, count 1, forgery, count 2, forgery, count 3, burglary of habitation.



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Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin

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Mary Jane Lowry hosted a luncheon for the prayer group that meets at her home on Monday mornings. Included was Jane Roddy and Mary Lee of Blossom, Katherine Wright of Deport, Dixie Monroe, Monnett McDonald and Pecos of Post Oak, Shirley Greer and Wanda Babb of Paris.

Mary Jane Lowry spent Tuesday with Marla Ballard of Johntown along with Janie Ballard of Gilmer and Ginnifer Lindsey and Alyssa Ryan of Hughes Springs.

Mary Jane Lowry visited with Orene Bonner on the phone on Saturday night. She reports that all is well and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in Blossom.

Buford and Virginia Cleveland have returned home from visiting in Shawnee and the surrounding area for the Thanksgiving holidays with family and friends.

Beulah Wolf hosted her annual Christmas party at her home. Attending was Linda and David Hicks, Minnie Lee Shands, Gina and Chris Swaim and family and Linda and Jerry Farris.

We take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will not publish the week of the 30thP, but will resume publication the week of January 6, 2000.

Special gift subscriptions from Margaret Whitley go to Christine Allen of Greenville and Jerry Luttrell of Corinth, TX.

The true spirit of Christmas giving

Submitted by Vicki Ballard
Who found this story
on her E-mail

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past ten years or so. It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas...oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it....overspending...the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma. The gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else. Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for him. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son, Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended; and shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church, mostly black. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, I wish just one of them could have won, he said. They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them.

Mike loved kids, all kids, and he them, having coached little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me.

His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years. For each Christmas I followed the tradition...one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents.

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got a tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing and envelope on the tree and in the morning, it was joined by three more.

Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing around the tree with wide-eyed anticipation watching as their fathers take down the envelope. Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit, will always be with us.

May we all remember Christ, who is the reason for the season, and the true Christmas spirit this year and always.



Season's Greetings

Thank you for putting your trust in us.

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Blessings At Christmastime



May our prayers for peace and goodwill add spiritual depth to the celebration of Christmas, and may you, and those close to you, be blessed with the true meaning of this holiday. We are truly grateful for your kind friendship and generous support.

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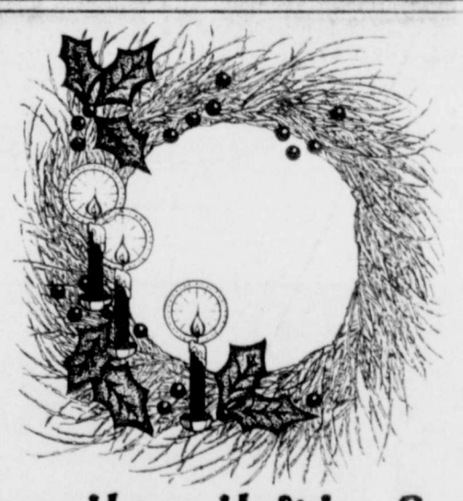
May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond.

Many thanks and merry Christmas!

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A Down-Home Holiday Greeting

Whether you're celebrating in the country or in town, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We're mighty happy to have served you this year. Stop by and see us again, soon.

City of Blossom

Mayor, City Council & Staff

As we join in the festivities of Christmas, we extend our hearty thanks to the customers who have been so good to us during the past year. To all, a very merry holiday season and the happiest of New Years!!

Season's Greetings

Bill & Joyce Buckman

Morris, Ginger, Jill & Alison Foster

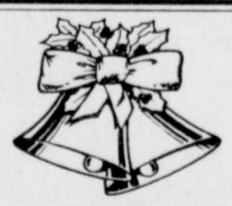
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Enjoy The Gifts Of The Season



...and rejoice in all its glory.
From our family to yours – have a beautiful Christmas.

Gilbert & Melissa Arriaga

Cunningham News

By Jane ONeal

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight held their family Christmas party and dinner on Saturday night. Those present were A.T. and Claudine O'Neal of Mt. Pleasant, Mike and Della O'Neal of Paris, Jennifer and Shelby, Bobby and Adrianna Morrison of Ft. Worth, Donnie and Clovis Morrison of Paris, Jane O'Neal, Sue and Murray Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Connie McKnight and Cindy, Raenna and Lee Don Barnett.

Jane O'Neal held their family Christmas party Sunday night. Those attending were Sue and Murray Jackson, Eldon, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove had Sunday lunch with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove.

Shane and Zarinska Morton were in Sherman on Sunday at his grandmothers to have their family Christmas.

Laura and Ross Miller of Blossom honored Tony Duncan on his birthday Saturday. Attending were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood.

Having Sunday lunch with Geneva Norwood were Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited Shelia Norwood in Denton on Tuesday.

Heath, Missy and Laytner Kennedy had Sunday lunch with Shelby and Bobby Ray Kennedy.

Velma Cox visited Lillian King in Deport last week and visited one day with Walker and Willie Devlin.

Jenna Patterson competed in a beauty pageant held at Aikin School in Paris recently where she won Most Beautiful Hair and was named Princess in the contest.



Silent Night, Holy Night

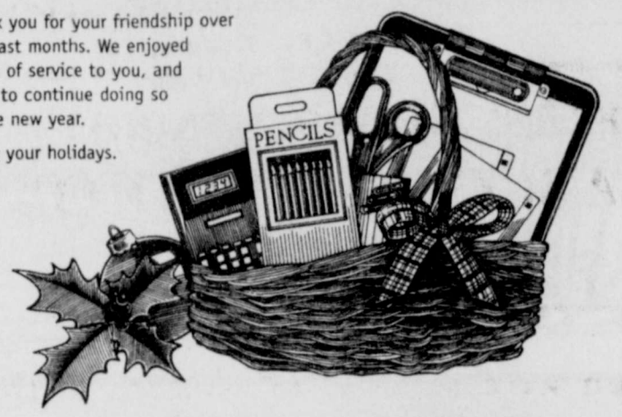
A hush fell over the world that night, and our Savior was born. In celebration of His coming, we wish you all a Christmas of peace and happiness.

L. C. & Jerry Nell Stout

A BASKETFUL OF HOLIDAY WISHES

Thank you for your friendship over the past months. We enjoyed being of service to you, and hope to continue doing so in the new year.

Enjoy your holidays.



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Blossom Housing holds Christmas party

On Thursday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m., the residents of the Blossom Housing Authority held a Christmas luncheon and party at the community room.

A Christmas story from Luke was ready by Dot Bailey with devotional and prayer given by Rev. Larry Bridges.

Lunch, fellowship, gifts and treat bags were enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks to the Blossom Church of Christ for the nice Christmas gifts for everyone. Also to Aileen Herron, Dot White, Hettie Mae Bailey and Wayne Barnett for delivering gifts to those who were not at the party.

Guest included the Rev. and Glenda Bridges, Cobi and Kelsie Jo Bridges. Members attending were Alice Whitecotton, Mildred York, Wayne P. Barnett, Lena Anderson, Etta Timby, Hettie Mae Bailey, Dorothy White, Aileen Herron, Annette Chennault, Dot Bailey and Martina Chennault.

Door prizes were won by Ms. Barnett with Kelsie Bridges doing the name drawing.

The housing authority wishes Merry Christmas to all of the community. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2000.

Game Day was held on Friday, December 17, 1999 with the following ladies attending. Sara Crowder, Juanita Harrison, Aline Walker, Aileen Herron, Ruby Crawford, Ruby Ross, Lowell and Margie Fleming, Annette Chennault, Jessica Tidwell, Alice Whitecotton, Dot Bailey and Rosella Carter.

Everyone enjoyed a Christmas lunch in the community room. The group meets each Tuesday and Friday morning. Everyone is welcome.

Have a Beautiful Holiday!

We appreciate your patronage, and wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season, and a very happy new year.

DEPORT FLORIST
The Chapmans
Dot Nichols
Deport, Texas 652-4610

Two reasons that the lights won't work!

It's always a struggle to keep Christmas lights working, isn't it. The other night when we came in from work we noticed we had several strands of lights that weren't working. We thought it was because of the high winds that had been banging them around onthe fence all day.

Imagine our surprise when we discovered that the squirrels had gnawed through several strands of wires.

We did fix them, and so far they haven't chewed through any more wires.

But we visited with James Fulbright who has such a fantastic light display and he reports that he has a dog that comes and munches onthe bulbs! Come on, critters, get the Christmas spirit.

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Put on a smile and celebrate!
Merry Christmas & many thanks
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The East Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank all those who contributed toward the recent fund drive. If anyone else would like to make a contribution, it may be addressed to the department at Rt. #1-Box 134, Blossom, TX 75416. Anyone who would like to join the department or help in any way is asked to contact Johnie Lee at 982-5309.



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Have a Merry, Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

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

Virginia & Dwayne Rhodes

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Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Tate Mauldin and I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Scooby Doo tent for Christmas. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Tate

Dear Santa,
My name is Chanc Steinhilber and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a skateboard and a video game for Christmas. Also, please bring a ring for my mom. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Chance

Dear Santa,
My name is Marley Tidwell and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me a barbie nail set and a barbie camera for Christmas. Also please bring a baby for my sister. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Marley

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me a Barbie, cash register, snow globe and a porcelin doll? Also, please bring me a new pair of sunglasses.
Love,
Miranda Stevens

Dear Santa,
I tried to be nice. This Christamas I want a piano and Pokemon movies.
Love,
Jaime Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I tried to be nice this Christmas. I want Pokemon toys, Pokemon cards, Pokemon games, WCW vs NWO computer game.
Love,
Taylor Fendley

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Thank you for call me. Please bring me a Pokemon watch, live electronic Pikachu, two Poke balls with toy Pokemon inside and my pal 2000.
Love,
Dustin Dillard

Dear Santa,
I'm trying to be good. I'm seven years old. I hope you make it to everybody. I hope you have a good Chrismtas. I like your reindeer, especially Rudolph, Dixen and Cupid. Will you please bring me a microscope and telescope?
Love,
Clint Winters

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be and will you still bring me presents. I miss you for a long time. I wish you would bring me a gameboy, bow and arrow, crossbow and shoes. I wish my brother can have something too, but not much.
Love,
Todd Fendley

Dear Santa,
I tried to be good. Please, could you bring me a Pokemon-the first movie and some Pokemon cards named Charmander and Squirtle and Raichuand Sandchew and Primeape and Abra and Kadabra and a head to head football game.
Love,
Aaron Cockburn

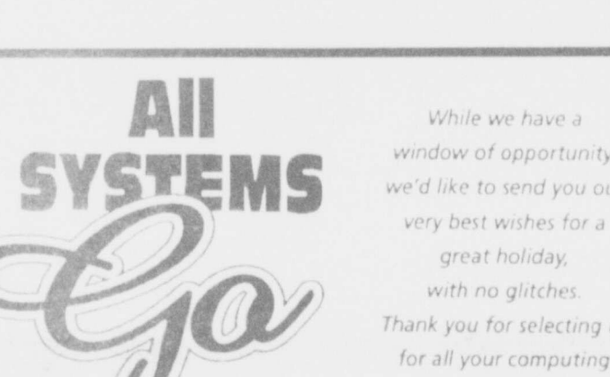
Dear Santa,
I've tried to be nice. Will you please bring me a pet iguana and a cd player, cds and a model Jeff Gordon car?
Love,
Ryley Johnson

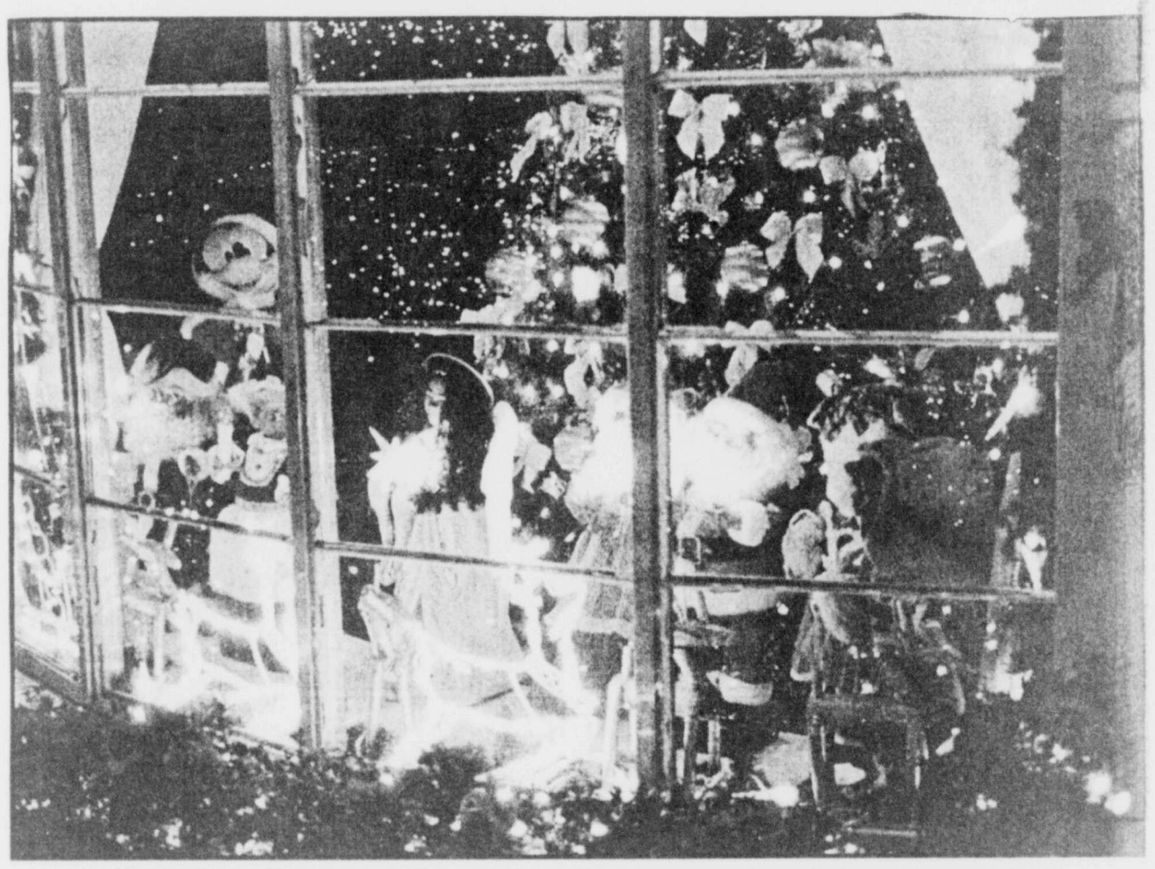
Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good this year. Will you please bring me a Miami Dolphin football set, Pokemon CD rom, Prowl Beast war and a Pokeball?
Love,
Allen Baldwin

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade. My name is Arturo and I am 7 years old. Please bring me a helicopter, tether ball, baseball bat and Mission COntrol truck.
Love,
Arturo Peralta

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a wagon, my bike tire fixed, Simon game, nintendo 64 and remote control truck and trailer.
Love,
Randal Sessums

Dear Santa,
My sister's name is Mary and my name is Jessica. My mama's name is Tammy and my cousin's name is Lauren. Can I have a bike, swing set, stuffed animal and candle.
Love,
Jessica M. Collins





BEAUTIFUL WINDOW-James and Tonie Fulbright have a gorgeous bay window with angels, Santa Claus and lighted trees. Their entire yard is beautifully decorated. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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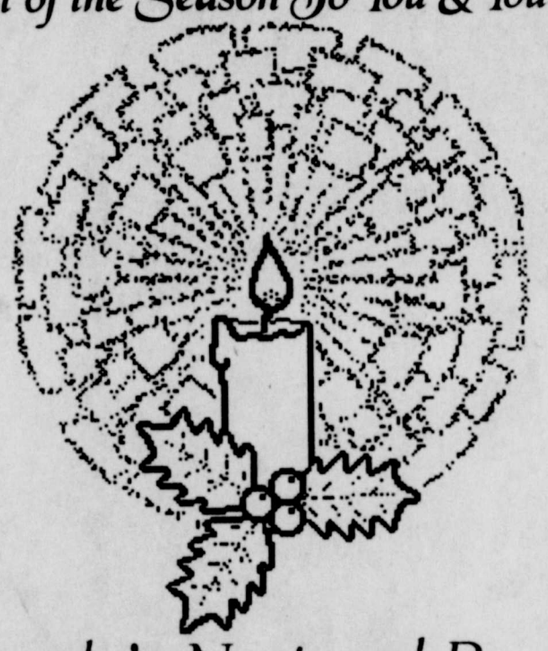
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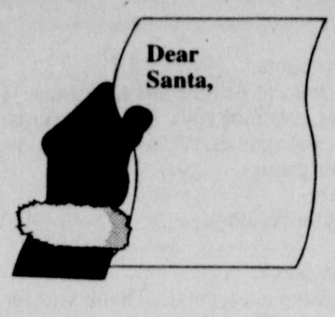
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A Season of Blessings

May you experience the inner serenity and enlightenment that this special time of year brings.

Our sincere thanks to all those who graced us with their friendship and support.

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Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Alice Lerro and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good(or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a skateboard Santa and my little pony for Christmas. Also, bring a new shirt for my mom. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Alice

Dear Santa,
My name is Cole Clemmer and I am 6 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me a matchbox cd rom for Christmas. Also, please bring me a Recue Command Center for Cobi. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Cole

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaime Humphrey and I am 5 years old and my teacher at Blossom School is helping me to write this letter. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me some Pokeman things for Christmas. Also, please bring sleeping beauty barbie for Angelica. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jaime

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

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Esch and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me Pokeman stuff for Christmas. Also please bring a necklace for Jill. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Joshua

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffany Northcutt and I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a 4-wheeler and a barbie for Christmas. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Tiffany

Dear Santa,
My name is Tommy Lockwood and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good(or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me an electric Pokeman and Pokeman things for Christmas. Also, bring jewelry for Jenny. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Tommy

Dear Santa,
My name is Callie Crites and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me Pokeman videos and a keychain for Christmas. Also, please bring me a Pokeman for Joshua. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Callie

Dear Santa,
My name is Chelsey Watkins and I am 5 years old and my teacher at Blossom School is helping me to write this letter. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me books and a barbie for Christmas. Also, please bring a toy train for Joshua. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Chelsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael Enoxand I am 6 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good this year (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me an electronic Picachu and a Pokeman book for Christmas. Also, please bring a Pokeman book for Brandy. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Michael

Dear Santa,
My name is Cobyn Brakebill and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good(or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a Pokeman shirt and a toy scoring gun for Christmas. Also, bring a barbie plane for Riley. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Cobyn

Dear Santa,
My name isBenjamin Rocha and I am 5 years old. My teacher is helping me write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me a jumping and spinning remote control car for Christmas. Also, please bring clothes for my brother. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Benjamin

Dear Santa,
My name isKelsey Klingler and I am 6 years old and my teacher at Blossom School is helping me to write this letter. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a doll and a pirate barbie for Christmas. Also, please bring a cd player for Lindsey. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Kelsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Caleb Talley and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this at Blossom School. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be). Please bring me blocks for Christmas. Also please bring a doll for Sarah. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Caleb



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Dear Santa,
Has Mrs. Claus been making any goodies for Christmas? Are all the reindeer ready for the flight? Now I would like to have a talking wrestling ring, puppy, book of Danger on Panther Peak an that is all. Bye and sincerely,
Dylan Cathey

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a cash register, Barbie walk and talk and I want a stuffed reinder.
Love,
Katrina Malone



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TO OUR BEST FRIENDS...

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Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin Womack and I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring mea a motorcycle, 4-wheeler and a bunch of books. Can you bring my two brothers a book to read also. Another thing is can you bring my parents a candle? I will leave some cookies and milk on the coffee table for you to eat. I will leave some hay for the reindeer too.
Love,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
My name is Lexie and I am two years old. My dad and mom say I am a sweet girl. For Christmas I want a toybox, a big Winnie the Pooh and baby. We will leave you a snack and the reindeer some hay.
Love ,
Lexie Jackson

Dear Santa,
Have you been busy making toys? I have been so excited about Christmas! Have the elves been busy too? I know I have not been very good, but I know I was good enough to get a dress like my doll Lucy and a scooter, please. I just want those two things. Thank you.
Love,
Kaylie Hines

Dear Santa,
I want for Chrismtas a real live horse, nintendo 64 and WWF. How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I want a stuffed Rudolph and a elephant. I love you all up there. I love you.
Nathan Miller

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a New Born Baby, little 4-wheeler like Jessi's, go-cart, Brittney Spears doll and a big three cd player?
Love,
Kelti Mowery

Dear Santa,
How have you and Mrs. Claus been? This is what I want for Christmas. A 4-wheeler, Nintendo 64 and a new dsiesel.
Love,
Cody Henry

Dear Santa,
My Size Barbie, cd player, roller blades, Shania Twain cd and Titanic dc. I will leave you a snack.
Love,
Laura Brook

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, pair of shoes, playstation (so my mom an ddad can play with me) and computer. It will be fun to play with and I won't have to
play with my sega all the time. I won't have to get my mom to play it with me. It would be fun to play. My friends can play with it.
Love,
April Wesley



FOOT NOTES



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ear Santa,
In our class we have made Rudoph heads. Whenever you come over to my house you will see him. For Christmas I want a bungee ball.
Your pal,
Payne Schuelke

Dear Santa,
I'm being a good girl. My teacher told me to list five things on my list. I'm thinking of having a bike and rainbow horse and I want to see Rudolph too! Rollerblades and a horse too! Merry Christmas!
Molly Minter

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. A water baby, playstation, computer, horse and golf cart.
Love,
Jayci Chaney

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Lawings and I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me guitar, skateboard and 4-wheeler. Please bring my little brother Joshua a 4-wheeler and motorcycle. Bring my mom a ring and my dad a trophy. Please bring my 3 gandmas a jar to put cookies in. I will leave you cookies and milk by the tree. I will leave food out for the reindeer too.
Love,
Jacob



Dear Santa,
Have you been very busy making toys? I want a baby and I will give you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Ashley Arnold

Dear Santa,
Have you been very busy making toys? One thing I would like is a pair of roller blades. Thank you if you would.
Christopher Wood



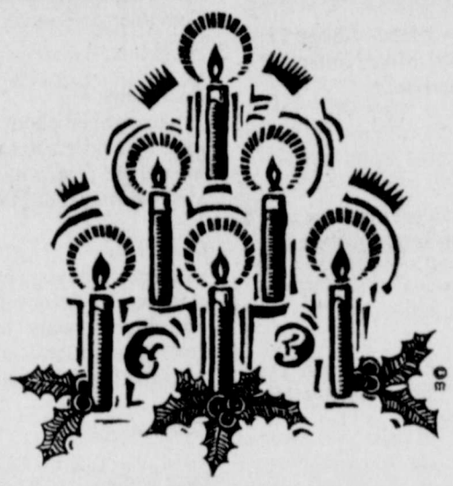
It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best... along with our thanks.

DEPORT POST OFFICE

Joe Thompson
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Merry Christmas, Friends

BRIGHT WISHES



We've been burning the candle at both ends to get ready for Christmas, and now that it's here we'd like to say "thanks", to all of you who've helped light up our lives throughout the year!

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All aboard for the best season, ever!
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Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler. For Christmads please bring me a pokemon ball, pokemon movie and a nintendo 64, pokemon and pokemon set.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Sam and I have been good this year. For CHristmas please bring me a bike and pokemon.
Love,
Sam

Dear Santa,
It is cold on Chrimtmas. I love Chirstmas. Christmas is pretty. I want a Barbie cash register, tv, Barbie bedroom set and a carousel play along-set.
Love,
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas. This year I would like to have a 3-wheeler, remote control car and remote control truck.
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I hope snow comes. I hope I can make snowballs. I like Nintendo 64 and pokemon movie.
Your friend,
Kody

Dear Santa,
I hope you can get me these toys a skateboard, Ninetendo games, digital watch and vcr.
Caleb

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas. THis year I would like to have a bike, movie and game.
Wavonne

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas. This year I would like to have Shannon Skatboard, pet bunny, Don't Wake Daddy, Giddy-up Girl and Perfection.
Morgan

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas. This year I would like to have a phone, radio, barbie camera, barbie an online and laptop.
Love,
Angelica

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Pokemon movie, remote control Dodge, jam box, sony play station and a tol set.
Love,
Christopher

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Born, McDonald's doll, purple and pink bike ad a big dollhouse. I love you.
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas this year. I would like to have a bike, playstation, trampoline and clothes.
Love,
Taylor Landreth

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas this year. I would like to have a Pikachu-I choose you, Toy Story 2, N64 game, copy cat bird and hot wheels cars and trucks.
Your friend,
Tommy

Dear Santa,
I have been good every day. I would like a barbie house and barbie furniture, dresses, shoes and a piano.
Love Alivia

Dear Santa,
I want a piano for Christmas, Pokemon movie or a Tune Disney Computer or a soccer ball.
Cesar

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas this year. I would like to have a guinea pig and animal farm with shop
Meghan Ashleigh Mabry

Dear Santa,
I hope the days go by soom so I can get a present. So now I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. Pokemon stuff, leather gloves, soccerball and Sockem Boppers.
Love,
Clayton

Dear Santa,
I am happy about Christmas. I wish that I will get a present. I miss Santa. I want a barbie jeep and lots of barbies, bicycle and stereo.
Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
All of us at Amy's Daycare in Blossom have been sooo good this year. Here are a few items we would like to ask for:
Trystan Chapman-4 wheeler and Barbie; Blake Upchurch-4 wheeler and firetruck; Logan Upchurch-4 wheeler and new shoes; Dustin Nation-4 wheeler and bike; Wil Shelton-real tools and football; Payden Dorries-bunk bed and horse to ride; Matthew Patterson-blocks and trucks; and Kaitlyn Spray-toy box and wagon.
We Love You!

Dear Samta,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Digimon movie, a Graymon Digimon and grooemon Digimon. How is Rudolph? I hope you get htis note.
Love,
Rusty Moon.

Dear Santa,
Hey! Guess what? It is Christmas. Could you do me a favor? I want to know if I have been naughty or nice? If I have been nice, here is some stuff I want. Skates, because everyone else has good ones and I have hand-me-downs. I want a furby, because I want one really bad. Last but not least are some clothes and shoes. What kind? Cool ones like pants, shirts, shorts and that is about enough. Instead of giving me soemthing though, please give the poor people something too!Thank you.
Love,
Sincrely Brittnee Nichols

Dear Santa,
It is Christmas again! I have been a good kid this year for CHristmas. I would like a cd player and to go into it. I would like the cd's Fly and Stem and something in the air and some clothes and some stuff for my guinea pig. He likes cone and he would like some more food but he has food. I would be better if you would also like a cordless phone and also I would like a vcr, Dr. Marten's and a nintendo game.
and some books so that I can read them. Some gum so that I can put it in my gum machine and some puzzles and a purse that is leopard. Thank you for reading my letter to you and one more thing before I say goodbye. I have a neice named Trystan Chapman and she would like some stuff too. Good bye.
Love,
Colby Courtney Chapman

Dear Santa,
I t is Christams again. I have been a good kid this year. For Christmas I would like a cd player. To go in it I would like Fly and Stem and Something In The Air cd's. Clothes and some food for my guinea pig. I would also like a cordless phone.
A Good Friend

Dear Santa,
Hallo! So how are you. I know it is getting that time of year again. So I want a torch, computer/98 with 46 batmimri cizp and net, cd's and torcher.
Joseph Stevens

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a bike, remote control truck, gocart and a nintendo 64 for Christmas.
Love,
Joaquin Zermeno

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie car and a Barbie house for Christmas.
Love,
Chelsea Ducharme.

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade and I am 7 years old and my name is Karissa. Please bring me a puppy, bike, silk belt and guinea pig for Christmas.
Love,
Karissa Woodall

Dear Santa,
My name is Josh and I am 8 years old. Please bring me a Bible cover, microscope, sleeping bag and tent.
Love,
Josh McNabb

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade and my name is Jerica. Please bring me a Furby, tv, beanie baby and comforter (red, white and black) for Christmas.
Love,
Jerica Langston

Dear Santa,
My name is Casey Fendley. I hope I have been good this year. Take care of Rudolph for me. What I want for Christmas is a dirtbike, playstation and a bike too. You remember that 4-wheeler, well, it is my brothers and that is why I need a dirtbike. I really, really, really, really want a dirtbike.
Love,
Casey

Dear Santa,
My name is Chris Wilkins. I want a Nintendo 64. My teacher is a nuisance.
Love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Here is what I want, a skateboard, tv, bike, football, basketball, skates and a happy Christmas.
Love,
Phillip Filkins

Dear Santa,
I have been on my best behavior this year. Pleae get me the following things, 4-wheeler, christian cd, Brittney Spears, Backstreet Boys and Nsync cds and a wooden chest for my room.
Love,
Kayla Berry

Dear Santa,
I want a new kick, some toys and a horse named Heather. I have been a good girl all year. I want a dog, cat, fish, new shoes, basketball, new tree and new clothes. I love to play basketball, it is fun.
Love,
Taylor Gillie

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a bike and good presents for my brother and Pokemon and a ring for my mom.
Love,
Arturo Sifuentes

Dear Santa,
Can I have a Great Dane, Scottish Terier, little sheep, Siamese kitten and a rifle.
Your friend,
Josh White

Dear Santa Claus,
I have a special thing I want. You might think this is a little too big but, I've been wantingg this for over 4 years. I guess I should have asked you last year. It is a cash register! Please!
Cassidy Adams

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas some cds, new phone, new tv and some tapes to come with it and some snow!
Amanda Bishop

Dear Santa,
I want a Talking Furby, Barbie airplane, Scooby Doo toy, Scooby Doo and the Witches Ghosts movie, Scooby Doo watch, Pokemon I Choose You! Pikachu ! movie.
Love,
Kaylon Merrill

Dear Santa,
I want Knock Out King 2000, Daniel Boone book, vortex football, Dallas Cowboy cap with a star on it and white, but one thing for my mom so make sure I get a 4-wheeler and a dog.
Always,
Dayne Sessums

Dear Santa,
This is Seth Connot. I want a motorcycle, Nintendo 64, games 007, WCW Monday Nitro Live and March Madness 2000.
Love,
Seth Connot

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want an electric guitar for Christmas and a new game boy, Nintendo 64 and a 4-wheeler and that is all.
Cade White

Dear Santa,
I want a colt, horse, bicycle (I love them they are fun), soccer ball and I love to play soccer.
Love,
Heather Bybee


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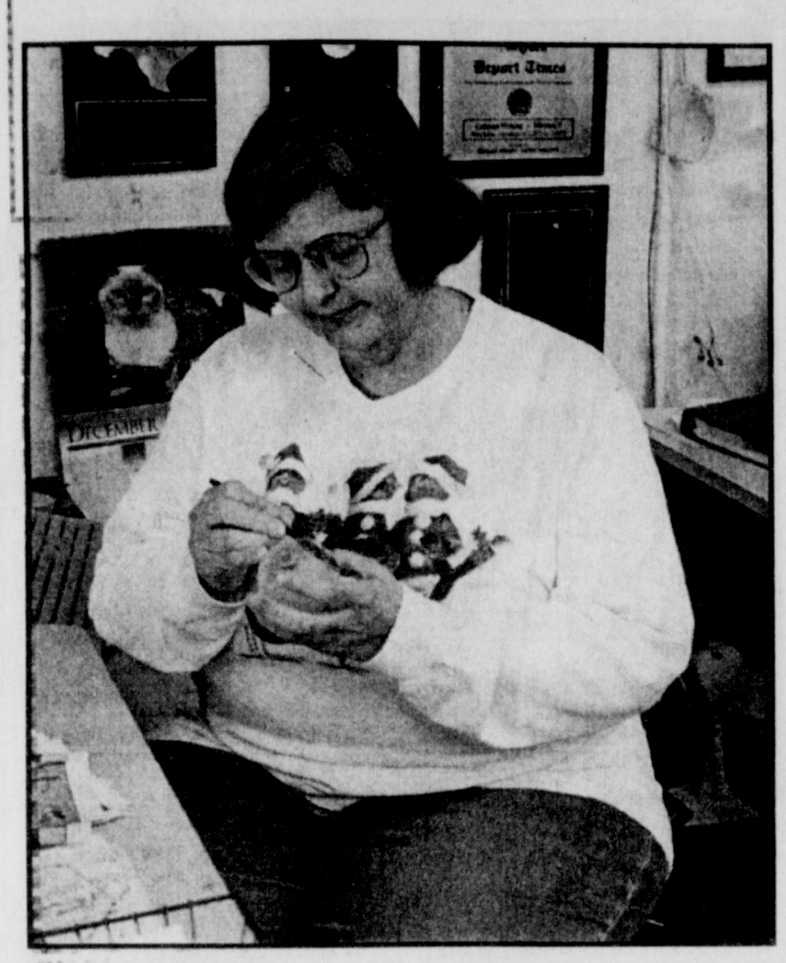
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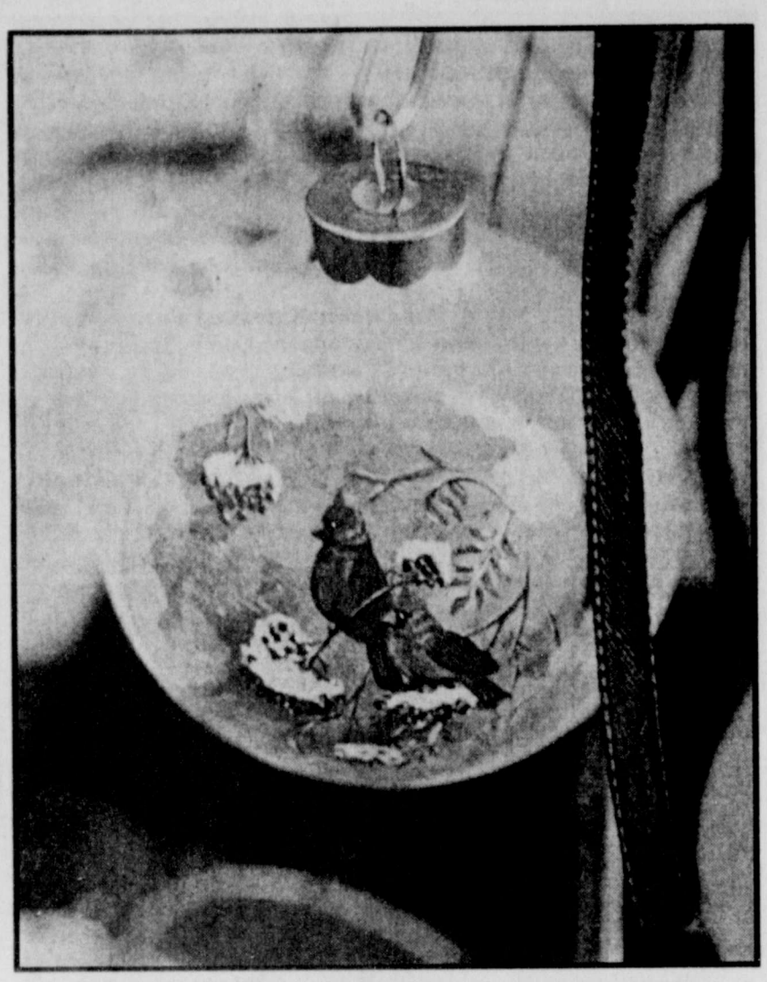

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NANALEE NICHOLS paints a carefully detailed wreath on a frosted glass ornament. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



INTRICATE DETAIL highlights the handpainted Christmas ornaments done by Nanalee Nichols of Deport, who never paints the same scene twice. She both sells and gives the beautiful creations away.

An Ornamental Hobby

Love of Christmas inspires hand painted scense

What can you do to make a plain, frosted glass Christmas ornament special? Well, if you are Nanalee Nichols and have a fascination with detail, you can spend lots of hours hand painting them with tiny, never-repeated scenes.

"The first time I tried this was back in 1979. I found one box of the frosted ornaments and painted them with barns, churches and bells", she says, "I put them on my own tree, gave some of them away, and then was too busy for years to even think about painting any more".

In 1998 she found some of the frosted globes on sale at a hobby store, and painted fifteen of them. She took them to Tinsel and Tidings in Paris, the YWCA's annual Christmas festival. She and friend, Dawne Darden, shared a booth. Dawne sold her stained glass creations and Nanalee her ornaments. They sold well enough that she bought 50 of the ornaments, but didn't seem to have time to paint them until she underwent total knee replacement.

"After I was well enough to spend much time up I spent hours painting the ornaments. I searched through old books, catalogs, old greeting cards and adapted the designs to what I could do" she says. That was in March. In August she had the second knee replaced and had some more time to paint.

"I set my goal at getting all fifty of them painted in time for Tinsel and Tidings. I almost made it. I had 48 of them painted." Again, they sold quite well.

In addition, she has painted even more of them to "specification", skiers, people's pets, and, perhaps most unusual, bucking bulls!

Last year she did the world-famous Bodacious, the bull that belongs to Sammy Andrews of Addielou. "Bo" is probably the most famous of Andrew Rodeo Company's stock. The yellow, Charolais type animal looked nice surrounded by pine greenery and red ribbon, and made a most unusual Christmas present from a friend. This year, "Scat Cat" and "Outlaw Willie" have gone on ornaments. The aggressive, appraising look in the bull's eyes make them a little different as a Christmas decoration, however!

"They are probably the most unusual ornaments I've done, but the hardest is by far a train in the Colorado Rockies." She smiles. The train, done in exacting detail, features an old steam locomotive coming down a mountain pass.

A series she began this year features sepia toned villages nestled in hills of snow, highlighted by a single brightly colored red item such as a cardinal or sleigh.

Snug cabins with glowing lights, wild birds of various types: snow shoe bunnies, horses, wreaths, lighthouses, puppies and cats are among the designs she has produced.

Angels, bells and several types of Santas, including old-world types with robes of velvet and fur are in a more traditional style. One frosted creation shows Santa dozing in his arm chair with two puppies and a kitten snoozing with him.

Several have had deer on them, either families or a single buck.

"The deer are really popular" she states, "as are nativity scenes".

She tries to never repeat a scene.

"If I really like a scene, like some of the Smoky Mountain cabins, I may use the basic design, but I'll add bird feeders, mail boxes, outbuildings, change the porch, put different doors and windows into it. It's just not much fun to do the same thing twice, so I don't do it" she says.

The designs are painstakingly detailed. With wintry trees in silhouette against a setting sun, glittering snow or delicately detailed ribbons.

She is teased a lot about her "paint brush with three hairs".

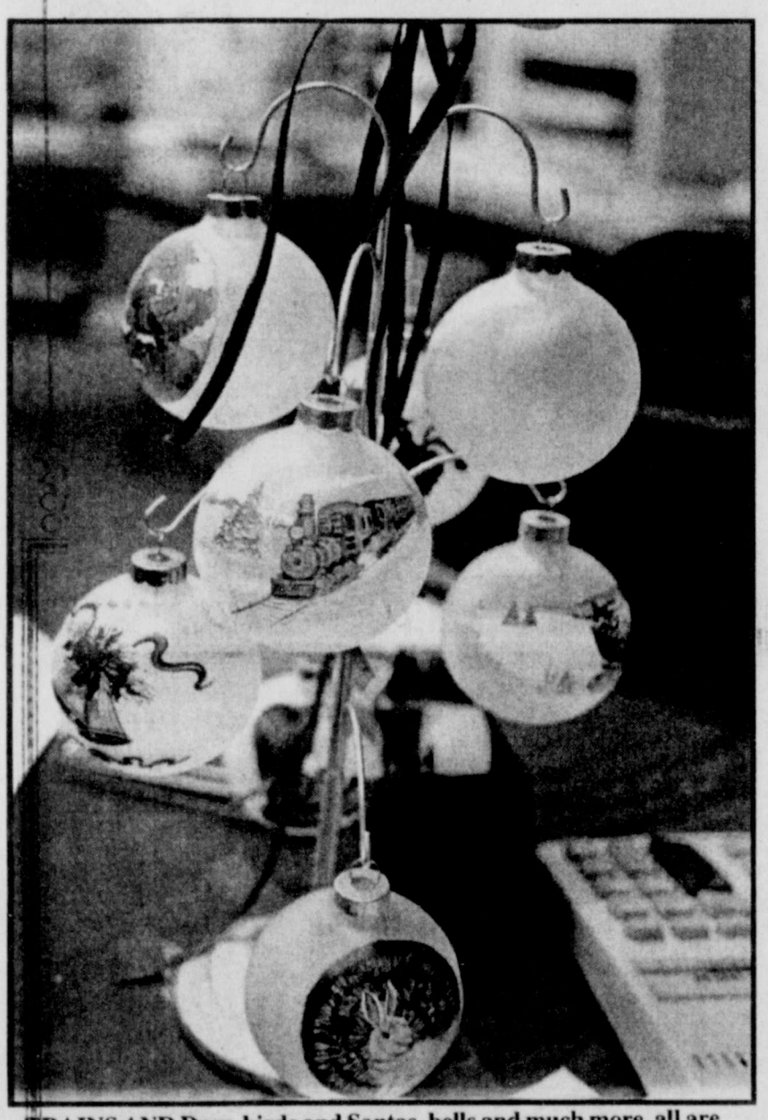
"They're not far from wrong" she smiles, "I buy brushes made for miniature painting and trim out some more of the brush hair".

A steady hand and an eye for detail are more important, she says, than creative talent.

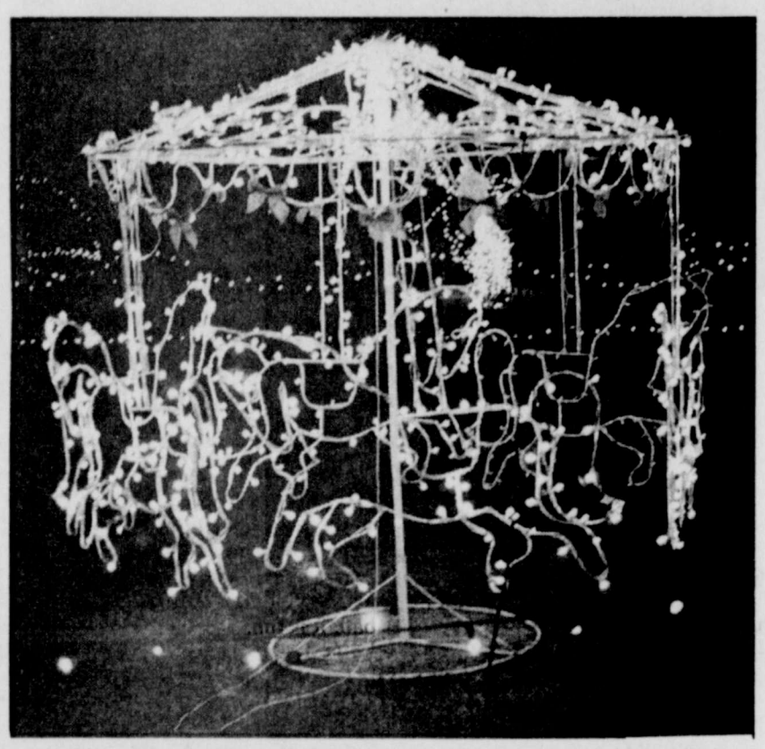
Nanalee and her husband, Thomas, own and operate Thunder Prairie Publishing, which publishes the Deport, Blossom, Bogata, Talco and Deport weekly newspapers. That means she doesn't have a lot of time for hobbies.

Why does she spend so many hours doing such tedious painting?

"Well," she says, "I love Christmas, my tree is full of ornaments we've collected from all over the world, or that have been given to us. I hope the people who buy these ornaments will give them to someone else as a special gift that will hold memories for them. And I hope to do the same thing when I give them as gifts." It's hard to imagine that they wouldn't be treasured.



TRAINS AND Deer, birds and Santas, bells and much more, all are done in careful workmanship on these hand painted ornaments done by Nanalee Nichols of Deport. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



LIGHTED CAROUSEL-this lighted carousel is part of the light display at the home of James and Tonie Fulbright. Their yeard is always a true Winter Wonderland. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



LIGHTED HOUSE-the home of James and Tonie Fulbright features a little "work shop" with a talking, life sized Santa. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



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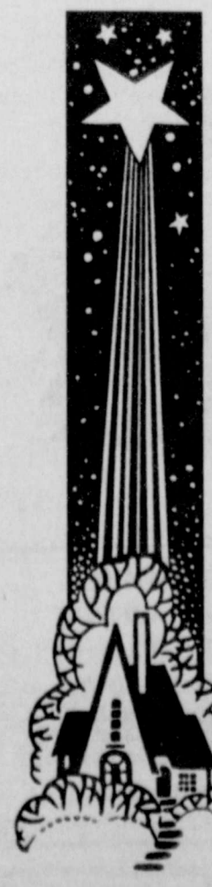


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Patriots take win over Lone Oak

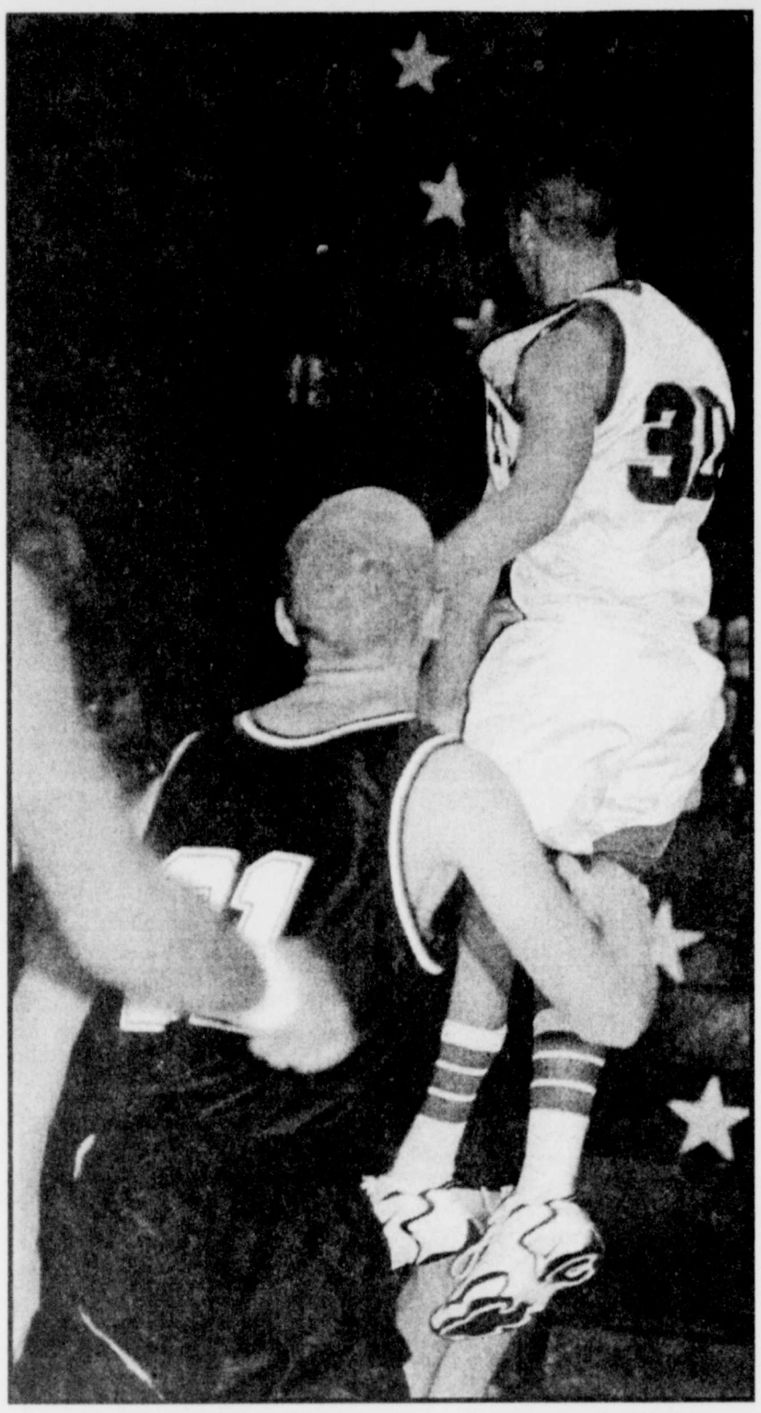
The Prairiland Patriots took a win over Lone Oak last Tuesday night 54-48. Three Pats scored in the double figures and included Lucas Roddy with 13, Brad Barrentine and Matt Cavender with 10 each.

Heath Sessums hit for 6 along with Joel Hudson's 6, Jonathan Martin 5, and 5 from Kyle Malone.

The girls fell to Chapel Hill 39-67 in a district game on Friday night, December 17. Kami Hudson hit for 13 for high for the night. Jordan Hunold followed with 10 points, with 13 rebounds and 3 steals. Ashley Athas had 7 points, 9 rebounds and 3 steals. Emilee Bolton 5, Melissa Steinkamp and Amanda Wood 2 each with Wood also grabbing 6 steals.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday night, December 14, the girls fell to the Cooper Lady Bulldogs in their district opener 31-88.

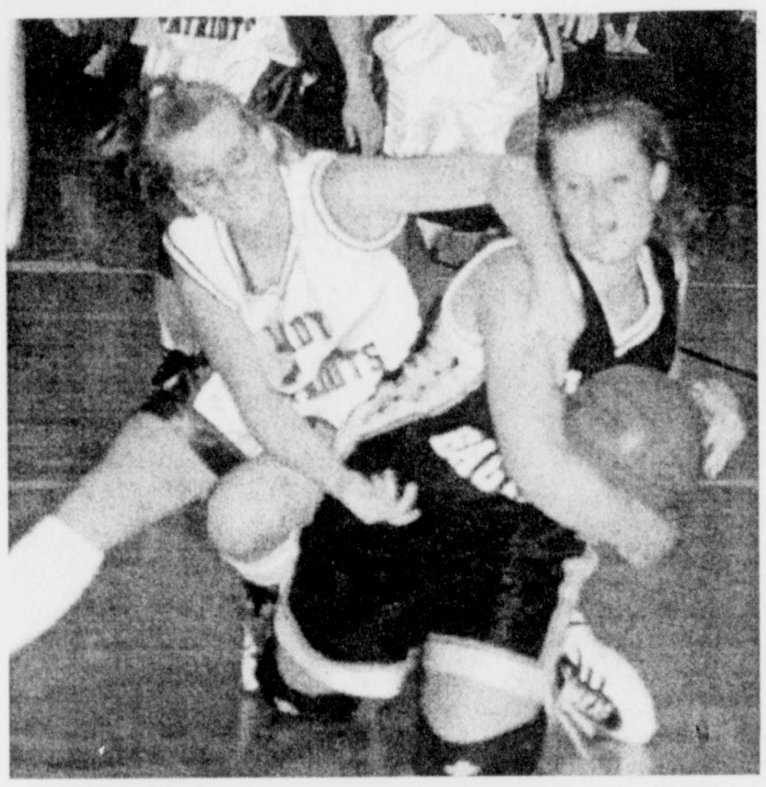
Davis was high for the night with 14. Hudson hit 4, Lacy Beatty and Tammie Nichols each for 3. Kelli Clarkson, Athas and Steinkamp each had 2 each and Wood hit for one.



#30 PATRIOT goes up for the ball in recent action with the Eagles. The Patriots will be in the Saltillo om Monday. They took the third place trophy in the Sulphur Bluff Tournament last weekend. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SANTA WAS GIVEN to the Mark Nations family for their generous donation of the diamond ring given away in a drawing last week at Pattonville. The drawing was held to help Pattonville Postmaster Barbara Dawson with medial expenses. The Santa was presented to the Nations family by the Pattonville Community Center. The lucky winner of the ring was Traci McDonald of Paris. *(Staff Photo by Peggy Parsons)*



BLOSSOM LADY PAT Ashley Athas fought for the ball recently in the game against Como. The ladies will host Chapel Hill on Friday at home. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
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Love Shelbey McCain

Dear Santa,
My name is Layton Graham. I am 5 years olf and I've tried to be a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me some cars and trucks, four wheeler and motorcycle power wheels and a girl dog. Please don't forget my baby brother Parker. He wants something to play with in the bathtub, probably a rubber duck.
Love Layton

Dear Santa,
My name is Allie Reynolds and I will be three years old in March. I have tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me whatever you think I would like. I will leave you cookies and milk on the kitchen table.
Love Allie



Glad Tidings at Christmas
Here's hoping every happiness comes your way throughout this holiday season and beyond.
Many thanks for your loyal support.
Red River County Attorney
Jack Herrington



4-WHEELING in the Blossom Christmas parade on Saturday was Dayne Sessums. Tel Pitcock, Kyle Blanton and Jackery Jester. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Eveyrone is invited to celebrate the end of a centry and the beginning of the millennium with Life Tabernacle Chruch in Cunningham. The celebration will begin New Year's Eve at 8:00 p.m. with games, food and fellowship.

A 42 tournament will begin at 8:00 p.m. Games will include Bingo, Family Feud, I've Got a Secret and others. At 10:30 p.m. the celebration will move to the sancturary where a "Gospel Countdown" is planned. Songs from the beginning of the century until now will be sung. Come join the family celebraton in Cunningham!

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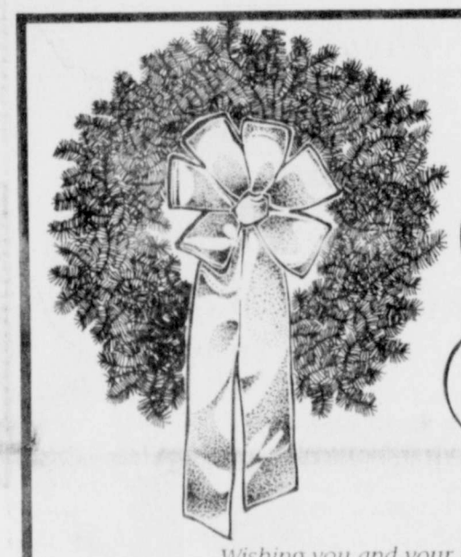
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By Peggy Parsons

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Happy birthday to Wesley Davis and Claudia Whitney.

Happy anniversary to Randy and Kristi Boren, Edd and Elizabeth Fry, Rick and Lynda Zant, Paul and Ophelia Payne, Larry and Brenda Gibson, Kirk and Debbie Ingram and Brad and Tammie Bassano.

A surprise birthday party for Claudia Whitney was held Saturday by Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Jeremy and Courtney Danielle in their home. John Whitney, Maurine Womack of Reno, Barbara and Charlie Smith of Bogata, Jaclyn and Daniel Winn, Belinda and Bill Dickey of Sulphur Springs were there to help her celebrate.

Brian Johnson was dismissed from the VA Hospital in Dallas and is back home in Sulphur Springs.

Sunday, John and Claudia Whitney, Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter and children visited John's brother, Graydon and Beverly Whitney and other family members in Royce City.

Debbie Currin and Tonya Hunter attended a Christmas party Monday night hosted by Claudia Whitney in her home.

Many from the community attended the Prairiland Band Booster Club chili supper and Christmas concert Thursay night.

Traci McDonald, employee at RACE for Life in Paris, was the winner of the diamond cluster ring given away Saturday a the Pattonville VFD breakfast. It was donated by M&M Food Mart with proceeds of $1,000 going to Postmaster Barbara Dawson to help with her medical expenses.

Nancy Higdon and Neil of Arlington spent the weekend with Howard and Sara Higdon and Wayne. Neil remained to spend the week with his grandparents.

Peggy Parsons visited Jake and Bonnie Coker and Ruth Denison in paris Wednesday.

Raymond and Frances Hoover reported that all 25 of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren spent Thanksgiving day with them.

James and Cherri Walker of Paris hosted a family Christmas party at their home Saturday. Jerrald Ray McDowra of Waxahachie, Bill and Barbara Fambro of Dallas, Kennet and Themla McDowra of Paris, Cheryl Smith, Kelli and Jessi of Caviness and Tery McDowra of Deport enjoyed the day together. Terry entertained them with music.

The members of the Reno Church of Christ had their Christmas dinner at the Pattonville Community Center Sunday.

Ann Mann of Paris, Brandon Wright and Peggy Parsons were visitors of Buster and Louise Crossland.

John Nash was a Saturday visitor of Keith and Peggy Parsons.

Larry Grundy from Connecticut was a visitor at the Shady Grove Methodist Church Sunday. He is the son-in-law of Pastor Tom Buck of Blossom.

The Shady Grove Church has over 400 Christmas lights that brightly beam from 5:30 until 9:30 each night.

Mickey Keener, Martha Hill of Longview, Sandy Ring, Alice Ruth Gravett of Reno and Alice Bumgarner of Paris were visitors of Billy and Ruby Dee Blevins.

Ruby Dee Blevins visited Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Newsome and Alice Bumgarner in Paris Saturday.

Saturday night, Lynn and Mallie Hood, Matthew, Michael and Tiffany hosted the Hood family Christmas party in their home at Shady Grove. Attending were Denny and Judy Hood, Danny and Mary Ann Miday, Angel anad sons of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Revis and children of Greenville, Gerald Hood and Barbara McDowra.

Buddy and Sue Malone, Thomas and Anna McDowra, Jacob and Alec of Paris, Reggie McDowra, Chris, Mick and Pam, Keith and Ammie McDowra, Brock and Justin were Sunday visitors of Barbara McDowra and Gerald Hood for Christmas dinner and tree.

Happy aholidays and remember to call in your news to me by Tuesday morning.

Elmore's have Christmas party

The Elmore Christmas party was held Sunday, December 19.

Those attending were Rick and Brandy Westerman and family of Dallas, Carl and Vickie McKissick and family of Red Oak, Johnny Henderson and Sarah Bailey of Dallas, Bill and Joyce Smith, Charles and Donna Slayden of Paris, Chad and Cindy Robinson of Caviness, Danny and Linda Henderson and family, Benet and Dorothy Smith, Jeffery and Cheryl Smith of Paris, Cassie Kelley and Steven Franks of Arlington, Bobby and Keitha Elmore of Mt. Pleasant, Fay Elmore, Doris Elmore, Ruth Whittle, Jesse and Carla Filkins and girls, Billy and Becky Robinson and sons, all of Deport, Pam McKee and Jacky and Melba Elmore of Minter.

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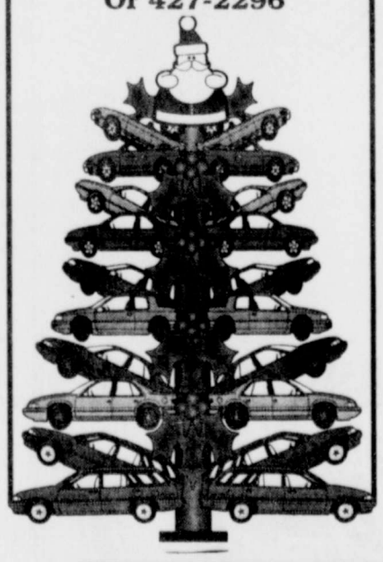
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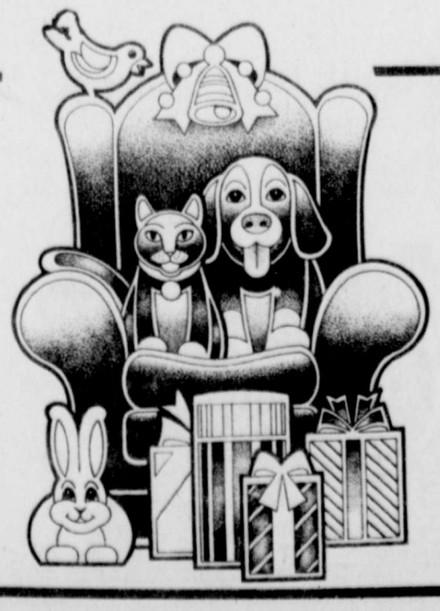
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Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Jerica Ryan and I am 5 years old and my teacher is helping me to write this letter at Blossom School. I have been very good(or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a life-size angel for Christmas. Also, bring a construction kit for Chris. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jerica

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a toy, a robot, remote control car and a bike for Chirtmas.
Love,
Jonathan Cervantes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me Buzz Lightyear, Woody and Farmall tactor. Santa, tell Rudolph hi!
Love,
Ben Blount

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a crossfire game, watch, swimming pool and a dirt bike.
Love,
Bryce Walker

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

Dear Santa,
My name isJessica Ebbs and I am 6 years old and my teacher at Blossom School is helping me to write this letter. I have been very good (or at least I have tried to be)! Please bring me a barbie and a barbie set for Christmas. Also, please bring a baby bed for Noah. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me skates, makeup and a fingerfun kit for Christmas.
Love,
Chelsea Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a gocart, Pokeman yellow, pokeman shop and Nintendo 64.
Love,
Kyle Upchurch

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Pleae bring me a Barbie, Pegasus, guinia pig and a puppy for Christmas.
Love,
Laura Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Pleae bring me a chess game, bicycyle, big computer and a talking Pikachu for Christmas. How is Rudoph doing?
Love,
Blake Gordon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Nintendo 64, Pokemon, Pokemon watch and Pokedeck for Christmas. Santa will you please bring me what I want for Christmas?
Love,
Tommy Kuehn

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a big bike, blue game boy, stuffed Pikachu and a Texas Longhorn jacket.
Love,
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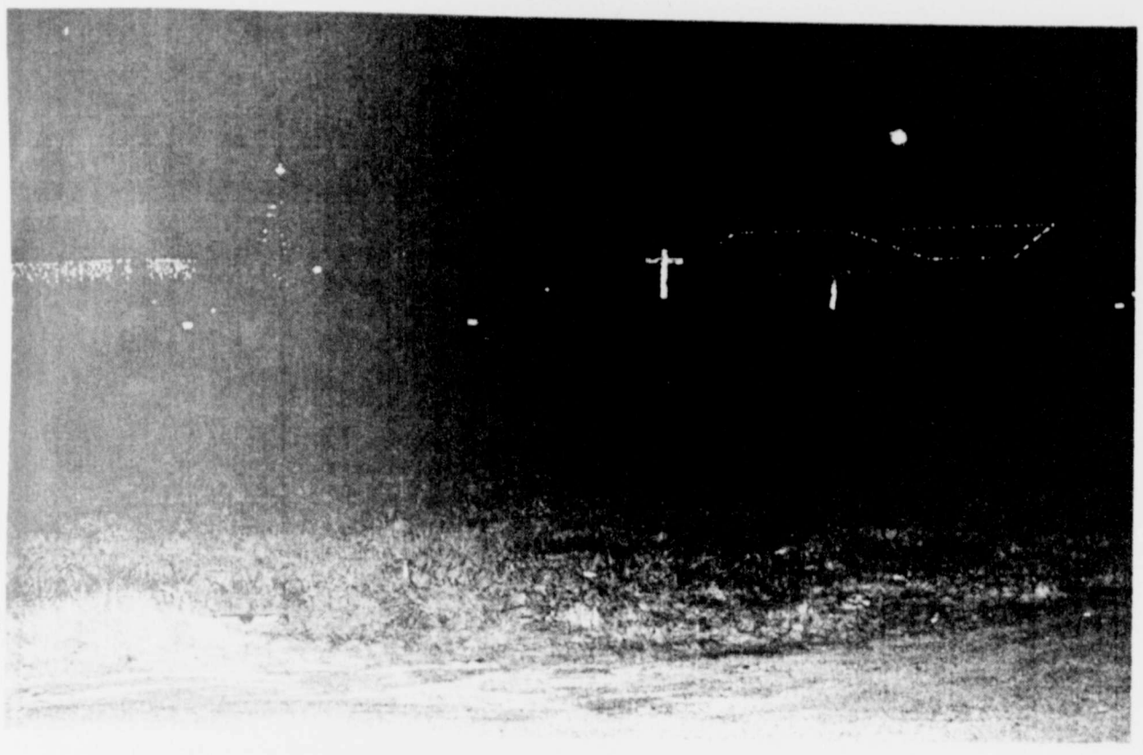
A Little Holiday Cheer Goes a Long Way!
In the spirit of giving, we want to extend to you, our very best holiday wishes and heartfelt thanks for your loyal support this pas year. Noel!
Kim's Kuttin Korral
Kim Fields, Karen King
Bogata, Tx.

Merry Christmas
FULL SPEED AHEAD TO A Happy Holiday!
It's time to get in gear for the holiday season. We're hoping your Christmas is shiny and bright, and loaded with everything your heart desires.
Thanks for keeping us on a roll. Stop by and see us soon.
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121 S. Broadway - Hugo, OK
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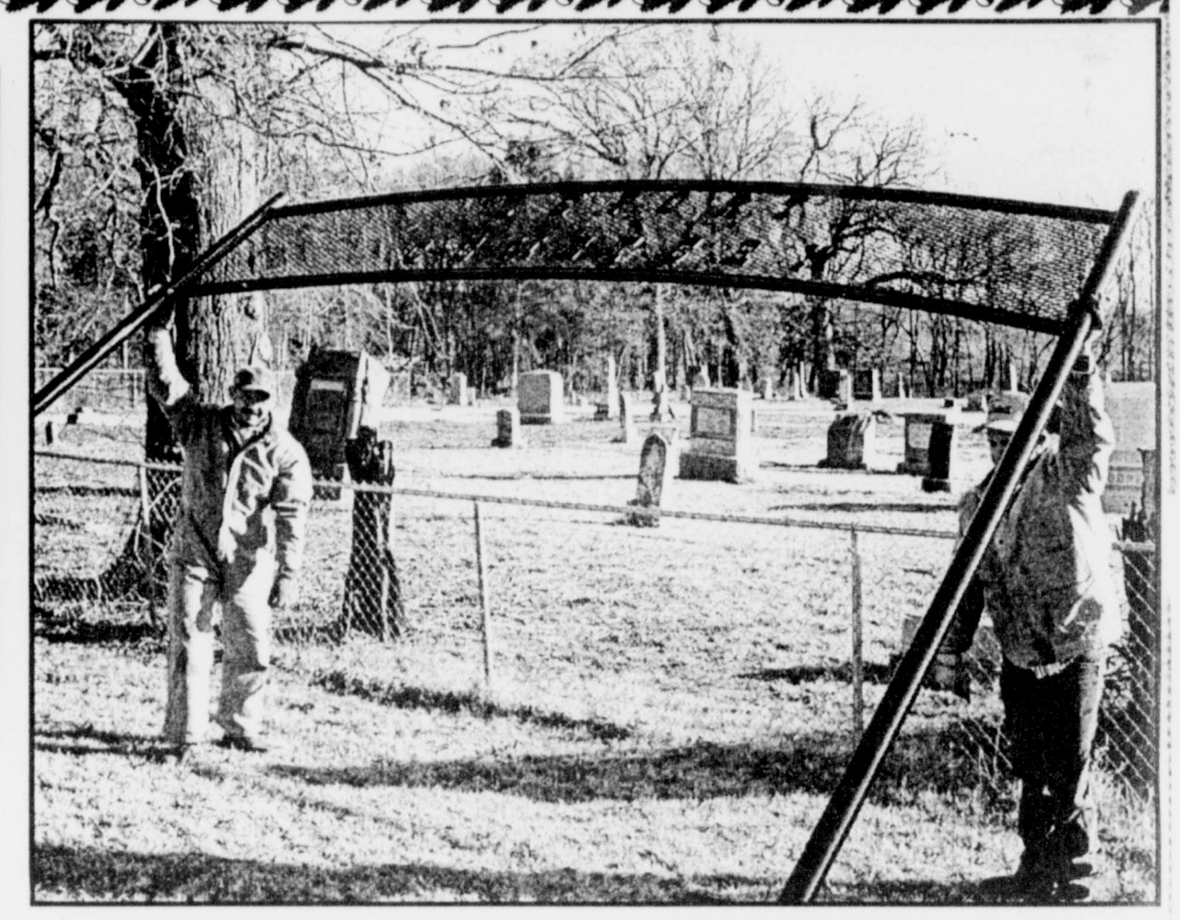
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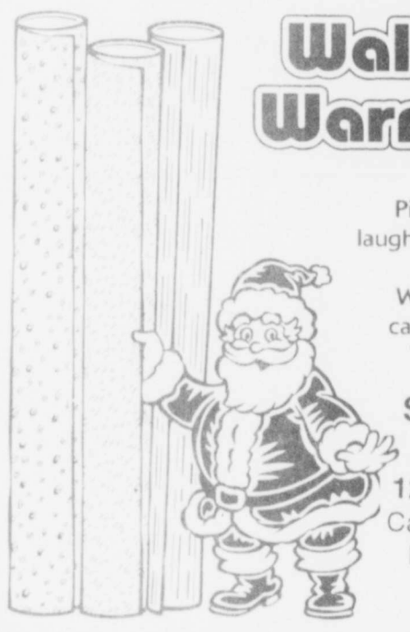
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HAPPINESS PEACE HEALTH WEALTH JOY



WRIGHT DRIVE in Blossom is always decorated and lit up with the houses along the street lit with various colors and decorations. (Staff Photo)



GOING UP- ALan Deupree and Jimmy Dean put up a new Deport Cemetery sign Monday morning. The heavy, metal sign replaces the weathered one that had been there. The new sign is courtesy of William Kenneth Barnard and Ruth Skaggs. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

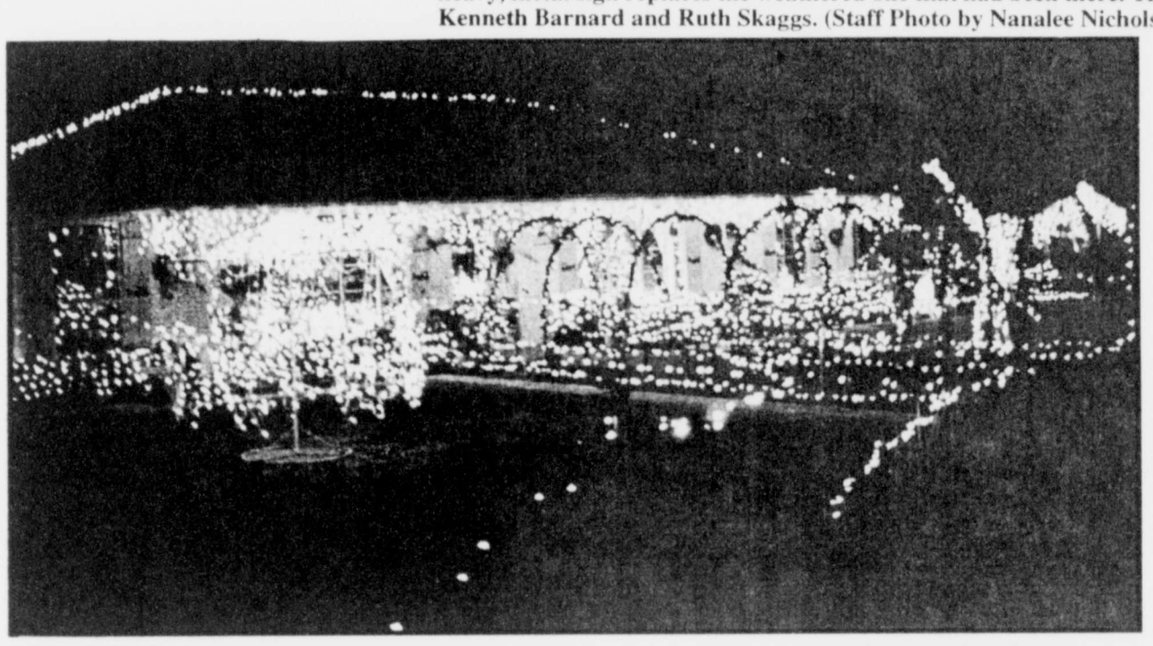


Wall-to-Wall Warm Wishes

Pile on good cheer, love and laughter, all through the season.

We loved rolling out the red carpet for you, this past year! Thanks for your patronage.

SERVICE CARPET Of PARIS
120 N. Main Paris, Tx.
Carpet, $8.99 Yd. with Pad & Everything! Best Buy In Town!



THE FULBRIGHT HOUSE is a vision of lights, walkways, music and decorations that draw hundreds of people who make the trek down the country road they live on to see their designs. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

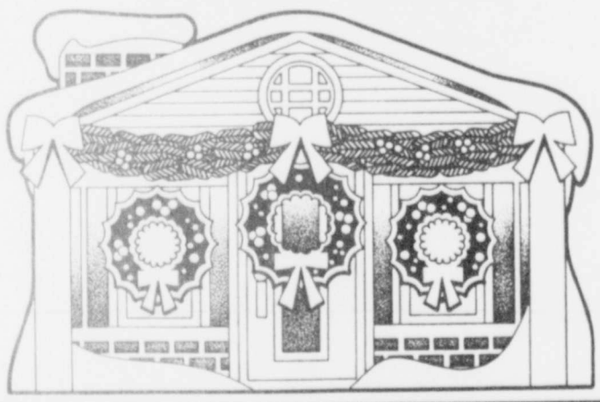


MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Our House To Yours

Home is where the heart is, and we love being a part of this great community. Thanks for making us feel right at home.

McMIKEL'S CABINET SHOP



January is School Board Recognition Month

Gov. Bush has proclaimed January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts, at a point closest to the parent and the child. They work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators. They also confront challenges and problems that would have been unimaginable a generation ago; staying abreast of changing technology, addressing growing concerns over school safety, and ensuring that schools produce measurable result sin academic achievement. Board members are there to listen to parents, teachers and residents and to ensure that all children are given the chance to achieve their highest potential. In Texas, school board members deserve special recognition, for they receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of rendering an indispensable public service," he said.

Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. Every community is encouraged to acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures.



In the spirit of the season, we'd like to join you and your family in a wish for worldwide peace and brotherhood this holiday season.

AL'S RENT TO OWN
2401 Lamar Ave. Paris, Tx. 75460
785-7689



If Christmas Never Came Again

By Joe Everheart, a Presbyterian Minister in this Area for Many Years

If Christmas never came again
And all forgot the story,
We would forget that God loves men
And shut the gates of Glory.

We would lose all hope and heart
If we forgot the Christ Child
Hate would tear our world apart
And gardens would grow wild.

This day must always live
As the dawn of a loving plan,
Which makes us all believe
That God believes in man.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Memories

Let the celebration begin, and may you carry the magic of this Christmas with you for many years to come!

The Musgrove Family
John & Nelta
Stacey, Linda, Stoney and Charity
Shane & Zarinska



A GREAT CHRISTMAS IS IN THE BAG!

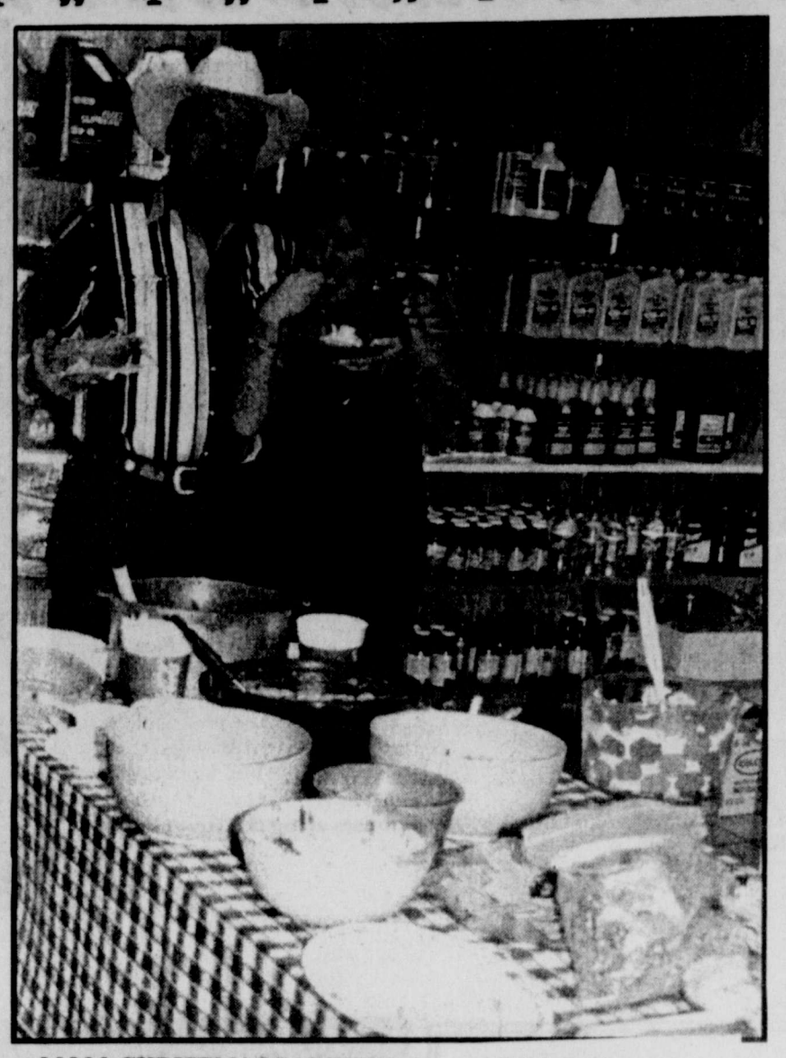
Here's hoping Santa delivers whatever your heart desires.

Thanks for being such a loyal customer. You've made our season a very merry one.

Armadillo Kwik Korner
Bogata



BLOSSOM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT made this float in the BlossomChristmas parade on Saturday. Pictured is Sparky the Firedog, Josh White, Kalsea White and Jerry West. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



M&M CHRISTMAS PARTY-Wesley and Edith Davis took time to enjoy the Christmas party hosted by the M&M Food Mart in Pattonville on Monday. The food mart sponsored the party to thank everyone in the community for their support. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. THese are some things that I want for Christmas. Books, new shoes, computer, dog, game, cat, new clothes and a bike.
Merry Christmas,
Monica Molina



PRIORITY MAIL

YOU'RE
ON SANTA'S LIST!

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

Postmaster Randolph Allen
Carla Graham
Keith McDowra
Mike Wright
Marsha Phifer
Juanita Robertson

Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffany. I have been very good this year. I love you. For Christmas please bring me Pokemon, Pokeball, Barbie and Tweety Bird. I love you Santa.
Love,
Tiffany

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and here are some things I want. I want a baby furby, sega walky-talky and a computer with a deck and a hollywood nail barbie.
Love,
Leigha Stone

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Whitson. I hve been very good this year. I love you. For Christmas please bring me pokemon cards, sandles, boots, talking Pegche and toy horse.
I love you ,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeff. I have been very good this year. For Christmas please bring me a Pokemon ball, Pokemon movie, Dragon Ballz movie and Pokemon video games. I love you.
Love,
Jeff

Dear Santa,
My name is Lesa. I have been very good this year. For Christmas please bring me pokemon posters, clothes, shoes and bicycle.
Love,
Lesa

Dear Santa,
My name is Cathie. I have been very good this year. For Christmas please bring me a cordless phone, fan and a computer.
Love ,
Cathie

Dear Santa,
My name is Magen. I have been very good this year. I love you Santa for Christmas. Please bring me pokemon diary and a soccer ball.
Love,
Magen

Dear Santa,
My name is Garon. I have been very good this year. I love you. For Christmas please bring me pokemon cameleon, pikachu and Rachu.
Love,
Garon

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan. I have been very good this year. For Christmas plese bring me a pokeball, pokemon stickers, pokemon winter vacation, pokemon movie and video game. I love you Santa.
Love,
Jordan

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas this year! Some knee socks, all colors, black sun glasses, cool clothes, trampoline, bicycle, furbie, movies, Toy Story Two, Austin Power-The Spy WHo Shagged Me. The reason why I want these things is because I have been a good little girl.
Sincerely,
Brittney Croy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas may I please have a Pikachu-I choose you, some snow-I would love, a real picture of Ruolph to cherish and you to have a merry Christmas.
Love,
Rachell Procella

Dear Santa,
One thing I want is a toy bulldozer set. It has an escavator and a back hoe and a bulldozer.
Love,
Chris Ryan

Dear Santa,
My name is Ricky Shay Latham. I want a cowboy jacket please, cowboy hat, cowboy jeans, bike, gameboy and a cowboy football game, please!
Love,
Ricky Latham

Dear Santa,
It is almost Christmas, so I am going to try not to make this too long! I want a weight bench and I wish everybody could have a home to live in for Christmas. I wish everybody could have as many presents as I get on Christmas.
Love,
Zachery Jester

Dear Santa,
It is that time again-Christmas. So let every child get what they want. Guess what I would like? A bicycle and remote control army tank. That is all and I want this year and let the homeless kids get a few toys too, like most kids.
Sincerely ,
Cody

Dear Santa,
It is finally Christmas. I want a gocart, because me and my friends like to ride gocarts. Another thing I want is a camera, because I like to take pictures. Also I want an 18-speed bike, because me and my friends like to ride. Last, I would like Cobra skates to skate at the Family Fun Center.
Sincerely ,
Jessica House

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing good. I am going to tell you some things I want for Christmas. First, I want a furby and some roller blades, trampoline and I want to know what Rusty got me for Christmas and I want snow for Christmas.
Stephanie Gonzales

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year, so please stop by my house. Here are some things that I want please! A pager, Nike stuff, Adidas stuff, CK perfume, Ralph Lauren perfume, inflatable chair and liketime supply of beef jerky. THank you and you have a merry Christmas!
Sincerely yours,
Haley Trammel

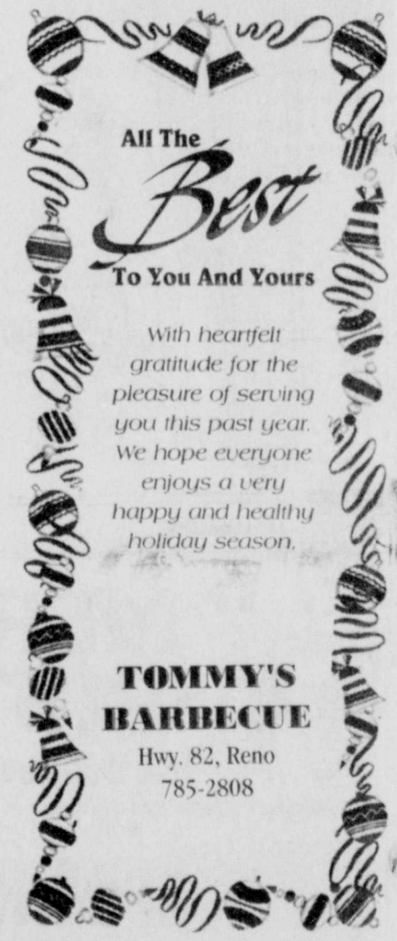
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine because I want a few things for Christmas. I'm fixing to tell you what I want. I want a bike, Nike shoes, playstation games, 243 gun, remote control truck, phone and a cd player.
Merry Christmas,
Kyle Blanton

Happy Holidays From
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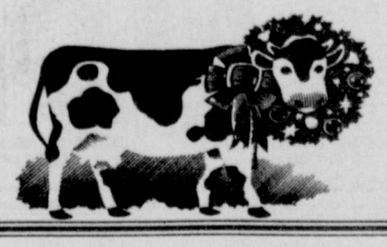


Santa's Rolling Down The Rows With Lots Of Good Wishes And "Ho Ho Ho's" MERRY CHRISTMAS And HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Allen's
John, Phebe, Zachary, Dustin and Hollie



COUNTRY
Christmas Greetings
We're wishing you lots of wholesome country cheer.
Hope you enjoy every ounce of your holidays.
Prairiland F.F.A.



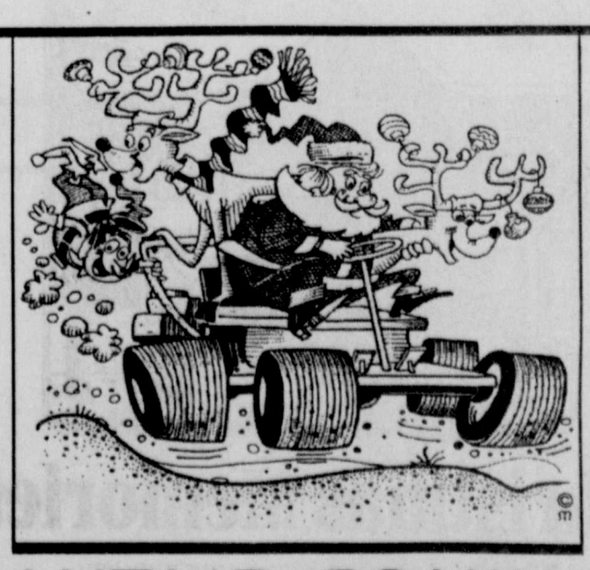


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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MANY THANKS!
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"WHERE THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS #1"
Loop 286 & Pine Mill Road
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ALL DAY FRIDAY, DEC. 24
AND SATURDAY, DEC. 25
HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas To All
With sincere wishes for peace and goodwill to all in this season of hope and joy.
We wish you a very successful and productive new year.
Thanks, friends, for your many kindnesses.
LONE STAR FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION
655 CLARKSVILLE ST.
PARIS TEXAS
784-7461





SANTA'S COMING!
Here's wishing you a joy-filled Christmas.
We're so very glad to say thanks.
Rick's Station
*Hwy. 82 West * Detroit, TX*
674-2525

DEPORT SANTA LETTERS





ETHAN BRYAN MULLINS **was born December 2 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital, Sulphur Springs, TX. Parents are Jamie and Misty Mullins of Deport. Ethan weighed 7 lbs. 15 3/4 oz. and was 20" long. Grandparents are Kyle and Lisa Wright of Blossom, Lauria Lee Bell of Alvarado and Stanley Mark Bell of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Johnny and Carol Dawson of Deport, John and Jane Mullins, Grady and Katherine Wright and Billie and John Pryor.**

Dear Santa,
My name is Macee Mabry and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been agood girl this year. Please bring me a computer, camera and radio. Will you please bring my sister a new dress? Will you pleae bring my brother a new basketball? Will you please bring my mom a new ring and my dad some new boots? I wil leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk by the fireplace to eat. I will also leave your reindeer some bread to eat.
Love,
Macee

Dear Santa,
My name is Colton K. Reynolds and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a toy robot, that can make stuff, a red ride bb gun and a little gocart. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and sprinkle cookies with milk on the side by the fireplace to eat. I will leave Rudolph some reindeer food in the front yard.
Love,
Colton

Dear Santa,
My name is Cory Lemons and I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a choo-choo train, red power ranger and agolden car. I will leave you Oreo cookies and milk under the Christmas tree for you to eat. For the reindeer I will leave blueberry cupcakes for them.
Love,
Cory

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Janet Smoot and Iam 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Pleae bring me skates, barbie doll, chalkboard and chalk and a computer. Bring my baby brother a toy truck. Bring my big brother a basketball and my mommy a candle. Santa, will you bring my daddy a book? I am going to leave cookies and milk for you on the kitchen table. There will be cookies for the reindeer too.
Love,
Janet

Dear Santa,
My name is Raine Pettigrew and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been very good this year. Pleae bring me a surfing barbie, barbie bicycle and I-mac purple computer. I want my dad to have a tie and a polo shirt, my mom to have a diamond ring and my sister Ski barbie. I will leave you a hamburger, fries and a coke by the chimney. I would like to leave the reindeer some hay and oats.
Love,
Raine

Dear Santa,
My name is Tessa Steffenson and I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a big make-up center, if you can dind an angel barbie with a pair of wings for me and just another barbie. Bring my brother a remote control car. Bring my mom a clock. Bring my dad a real guitar amd ,y baby cousin some clothes. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk on the table to eat. I will leave your reindeer some reindeer food.
Love,
Tessa

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany Hines and I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a skating barbie, baby with pacifier and a bottle and bike. I want you to bring my sisters some toys too. Their names are Madison and she wants a baby. Elizabeth wants a play folder with paper and pencils and Kaylie wants a baby, a dress just like her dolls with a red hat and dress. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk by the stool chair in the living room to eat.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
My name is Kate Benfer and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Pleae bring me a Barbie that wears a purple dress, a little desk of my own to write on, pair of overalls with a candycane long sleeved shirt and short sleeved shirt with you on it. Could you bring my sister Sara and me a telescope. Please bring my big brother Josh a nintendo and my little brother Hugh a Barney book. Please leave my daddy 2 new pens when you stop by my house and could you bring my mommy a dress with flowers on it. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk by the red and yellow chair in the living room and I will leave you some hay and water on the roof for the reindeer.
Love,
Kate Benfer

Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin Martin and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me Donky Kong 64, Operation Bug and aset of drums. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk by the rocking chair in the living room to eat.
Love,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaylynn Patterson andI am 5 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me lots of Barbies! I would also like some horses to play with and some pokemon toys (I love Pokemon). My little sister loves horses just like me, so I would love for you to send her some horses. My little brother would love some toys too, so please bring him some hot wheels cars. I will leave you some cookies and milk to eat when you come to see me. I will leave them on the table in the kitchen. I promise they will be good! I will also leave your reindeer some hay to eat.
Love,
Kaylynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Katie Morrison and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a barbie doll that makes a real cake, a pink barbie playhouse and a fish tank full of fish. Please bring my brother a real knife and bring my parents some real money. I will leave you some turkey and green beans and corn for you on the desk in my room. I will leave reindeer food up on the roof.
Love,
Katie

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Kaitlyn Watkins and I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a trampoline, pair of skates and the last thing is a chalkboard. I would likedd you to give my brother Wesley a Tonka truck, mom a real nice diamond ring and my grandmother some clothes to wear. I will leave some choclate chip cookies and some milk for you by the Christmas tree. I will leave the reindeer some hay to eat on the grass.
Love,
Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Steven Melvin and I am 7 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a video game, robot, fish tank and tv.Please bring my parents a computer. Please bring my sister a Ballerina Barbie. Please bring my brother a power ranger. I will leave you some cookies and milk by the living room table to eat. I will leave the reindeer some oats.
Love,
Steven

Dear Santa,
My name is Dakota Davidson and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a vcr, video game and a beanie baby. Please bring my brother a tractor and my parents an electric Santa Claus. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk by the living room and will leave the reindeer some reindeer food.
Love,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
My name is Caleb Norwood and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a power wheels 4-wheeler, clothes and a truck to play with. Please bring logan a 4-wheeler and Layton a bb gun and daddy and mommy some clothes. I will leave you a sandwich by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Caleb

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremy Helms and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me an excavator, toy backhoe and a dump truck. I would like my dad to have a fishing pole, my mom a picture frame, my brother Josh a fishing pole and my other brother Brandon something too. I will leave you a Happy Meal by the chimney to eat and a bouncy ball for the reindeer.
Love,
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
My name is Brianne Roland and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a god girl this year. Please bring me a computer, Life-size Barbie and an angel doll. Please bring my mom a flag and black telephone, my grandma some what-nots and my grandpa some power tools. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and some chocolate milk by the fireplace to eat. I will also leave the reindeer some apples to eat.
Love,
Brianne

Dear Santa,
My name is Keaton Paul Perry and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a remote control jeep and a remote control monster truck. Also, I would like a remote control police car. Can you bring my mom some new clothes too! Can you brng my dad a new rifle. ALso, can you bring mmy grandparents a new John Deere tractor. I will leave you some milk and five chocolate chip cookies by the fireplace to eat and plenty of hay for the reindeer in a sack with the cookies.
Love,
Keaton

Dear Santa,
My name is Meia Perry and I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Pleae bring mea bibycle because I have wanted one for a long time. I would also like some clothes that I can wear to school. My last thing is a Barbie jeep. I will leave you red cookies with milk by the icebox to eat. For your reindeer to eat, I will leave you M&M's. Please bring my brothr a play motorcycle and candy canes.
Love,
Meia

Dear Santa,
My name is BIlly Dean Smith and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I hav been a good boy this year. Please bring me a guitar, bow and arrows and gocart. I want youto bring my brother a dirtbike, talking Franklin and a bunch of real cars. My dad wants a 4-wheel drive Chevy truck and my mom wants a 4-wheel drive Chevy truck. I will leave you Oreos, milk and a bologna sandwich in a bbig plate on the table to eat. I will leave the reindeers some hay, carrots, oats and water to drink.
Love,
Dean

Dear Santa,
My name is Maggie Minter and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Winnie the Pooh playhouse, rainbow horse with sprinkles and a real kitten to call Snowflake. My sister wants a new pink and purple bike, mom wants some perfume and my dad some sport shoes. I will leave you cookies by the fireplace to eat and I am going to buy reindeer food.
Love,
Maggie

Dear Santa,
My name is Magen Bove and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a white cat, barbie that dives in the water adn a baby doll that you can feed. Could you please bring my brother a truck that when you say come on it comes? Would you please bring my mom a pretty dress with flowers on it and my dad a pair of work boots. I will leave you tea and chocolate chip cookies on the dining room table and I will leave your reindeer hay on the roof.
Love,
Magen

Dear Santa,
My name is Kastley Greer and I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a computer, real puppy and a new pencil. Bring my brother a drum, my baby sister a play doll, my mom some new plates and my dad some new boots. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and a big glass of milk on the table to eat. I will have reindeer some grass and hay to eat.
Love,
Kastley

Dear Santa,
My name is Lindsey Murdock an I am 5 yeas old and in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten clas at Deport. I have been agood girl this year. PLease bring me a cheerleading suit and the Camelot movie. I will leave you Christmas cookies and milk by the rocking chair to eat.
Love,
Lindsey



GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

Thank you for putting your trust in us.

Red River County Judge
L. D. Williamson
and Family



May All The Joys Of Christmas Be Yours

Kathy & Lee Bice
Hoss & Ross

ROUND UP THE CHEER!



North, south, east or west, folks like you are the very best! Thanks, partners!

Circle C Ranch
Larry & Phillis
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS

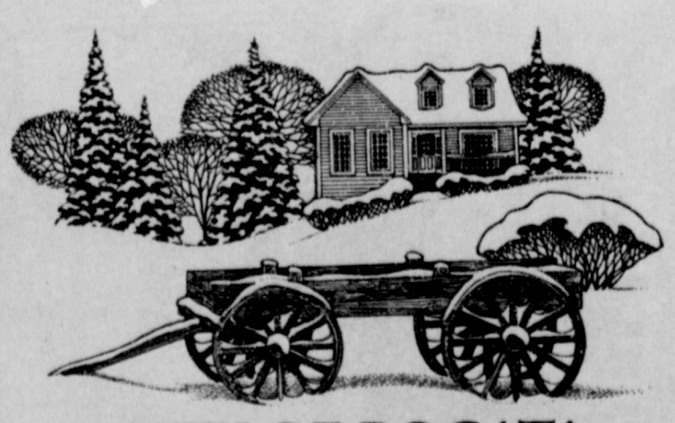
To all our fine feathered, furry and human friends, we wish a very merry season and joy with no end. Although we're animal lovers we know that it's true, that it just wouldn't be Christmas without great folks like you!

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

Greetings of the Season

Wishing you an old-fashioned holiday filled with memories you'll treasure always.

Many thanks for your loyal patronage.



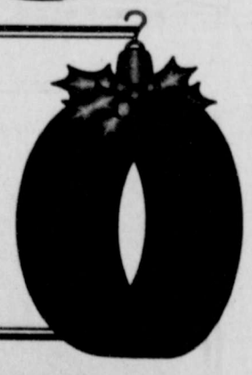
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Another Christmas IS ROLLING IN...

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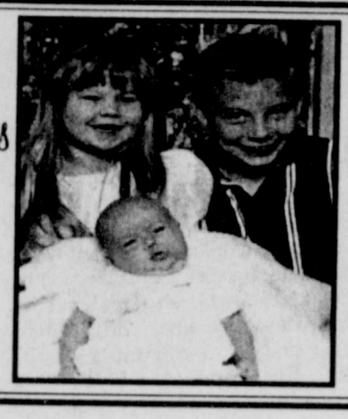
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SPACE LAB TECHNOLOGY was added to McCuistion ICU. Mary Ann Fisher, R.N., McCuistion Intensive Care Unit Head Nurse, demonstrates some of the features of the new Ultraview Care Network bedside monitor system installed recently at McCuistion Regional Medical Center. Looking on are, from left, Joe Stringfellow, LVN, Dr. Donald Lewis, Medical Director, Tom Bowman, Biomedical Services Supervisor and Sam Hurst, R.N.



Love Is All Around

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Happy Holidays!

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Santa's elves have been mighty busy, and so have we. We're grateful to you for making this year special for us. Happy holidays and best wishes to everyone.

Texas-New Mexico and City are prepared for Y2K

As a part of its Y2K contingency planning, Texas-New Mexico Power Company will have personnel working throughout its service territories during the rollover to the year 2000. This will ensure emergency contacts are available for any Y2K issues that may arise. Texas-New Mexico Power Company is confident their efforts of the past two years have brought their equipment and systems into Y2K readiness. The main concerns this year will be the same as always, weather and holiday revelers who run cars into power poles.

The company participated in a nation wide drill in April and September that simulated their response to different Y2K scenarios. The drills also gave the company an opportunity to test its contingency plan, which requires a core staff to be at work on New Year's Eve. The company has worked to ensure all will run smoothly when the year 2000 arrives.

Answers to some questions about Y2K are as follows: Most people anticipate Y2K problems to happen December 31 when, in fact, experts predict the problems are more likely to be persistent over the year rather than a single "crash". Dates such as 02/29/00 could be a problem but we have already passed another expected problem date, 9/9/99 with only minor problems. A focus on utilities and the national power grid, international banking and finance, health care, transportation, telecommunications, pension and mutual funds, emergency planning and general business has been made by the President's Council on Y2K. It is believed there may be localized disruptions in some areas such as electrical power, road gridlocks due to traffic light disruptions, credit card transactions may not be processed and telephone systems may not work.

A checklist has been developed by the American Red Cross for some easy steps you can take to prepare for possible disruptions: Check with manufacturers of any essential computer controlled electronic equipment in your home, which includes security alarm systems, programmable thermostats, appliances, consumer electronics, garage door openers, electronic locks and any other electronic equipment; stock disaster supplies to last several days which include nonperishable foods, stored water, and an ample supply of prescription and nonprescription medications and as you would for a storm, have some extra cash on hand, keep your automobile filled with gas and plan a way of alternative cooking in case of power failure, keep extra blankets and warm clothing ready, have plenty of flashlights and extra batteries on hand and be prepared to relocate to a shelter for warmth and protection if necessary during a prolonged power outage.

The City of Bogata is prepared with a large number of gallons of water on hand in case of a Y2K problem but none is predicted at this time.



MERRY BEST WISHES
To Our Very Best Friends!

Thank you for being so good to us this year.

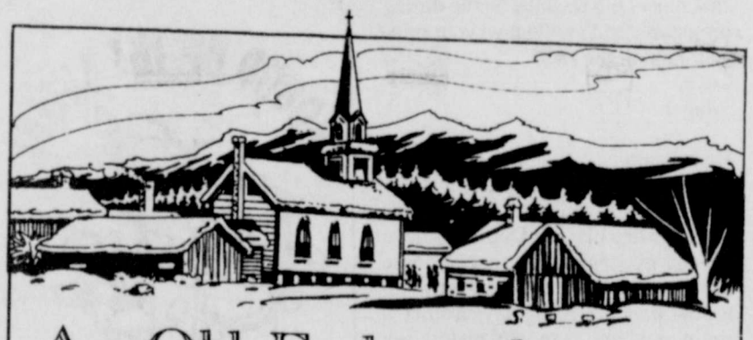
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Put spirits in high gear,
'Cause Christmastime is here!

Dan & Mary Barnard & Andy Neisler





An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

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



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Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be nice, but my sister is mean to me everytime. I wish my family would have a good Christmas. Would you please bring me some Pokemons, bike and donkey kong with Pokemon.
Love,
Matt Merritt

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. I am looking for ward to Christmas. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a good Christmas. Will you please bring me a Barbie cash register, dolls, Barbie and beanie babies?
Love,
Melanie Barnes

Dear Santa,
My name is Pecos McDonald and I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll and play horse. Please bring me play people.
Love,
Pecos

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good. Santa, you've been so nice to me for seven years. Santa, will you please get me a Furby, 4-wheelee with my name on it and a bike. Santa, will you write me back.
Love,
Autumn Nation

Dear Santa,
I've been good, but I will be good for you. I like to have fun. I will leave your cookies on a table. Please bring me Pokemon movie, flashlight and Pokedex.
Love,
Chris Hyde

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Santa, I want a dog, cat, bike and a football. Will you write me back.
Love,
David Bishop

Dear Santa,
I am in 2nd grade. My name is Michael. Please bring me a CD player, remote control truck, Pokemon and a telscope.
Love,
Michael Womack

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade. I am 7 years old and my name is Ty. Please bring me Mario Bros. gameboy-color, Pokemon cards, Pokemon toy and Talking Togepi Pokemon.
Love,
Ty Crawford

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade and my name is Maci. Please bring me a trampoline, tetherball, seesaw and gocart.
Love,
Maci Adkins

Dear Santa,
I am in 2nd grade and my name is Lauren. Please bring me a Furbie, coloring set, colorbook and roller blades for Christmas.
Love,
Lauren Bowen

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade and my name is Kate. I am 7 years old. Please bring me rollerblades, microscope, beanie baby and hot wheels.
Love,
Kate Robertson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a nintendo 64, games WWF toys and a shotgun. Thank you.
Love,
Matt Mansfield

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade and my name is Courntey Sessums. Please bring me a puppy, bike, doll and a camera for Christmas.
Love,
Courtney Sessums

Dear Santa,
I am in the 2nd grade and my name is Charles. Please bring me a Batman car for Christmas and some Power Rangers and a computer, Pokemon and transformer.
Love,
Charles Sikes

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan and I am 7 years old. Please bring me these things, a Neo Geo, game boy-color, Pokemon trading cards, army men and Nintendo 64.
Love,
Ethan Barnard

Away In A Manger

His birth gives us cause to celebrate, and to say thank you for the many blessings we enjoy.

Seasons Greetings from

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Remember the best gifts of all are love and laughter for all!

To my friends, neighbors & relatives, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I love you all and miss you so much.

Mary Westbrook



Merry Christmas
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For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be
called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
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The Prince of Peace.
— Isaiah 9:6

Bless you for your kindness throughout this past year.
It has meant a lot to us.
Merry Christmas to all.

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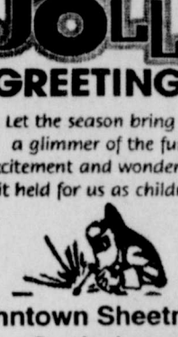
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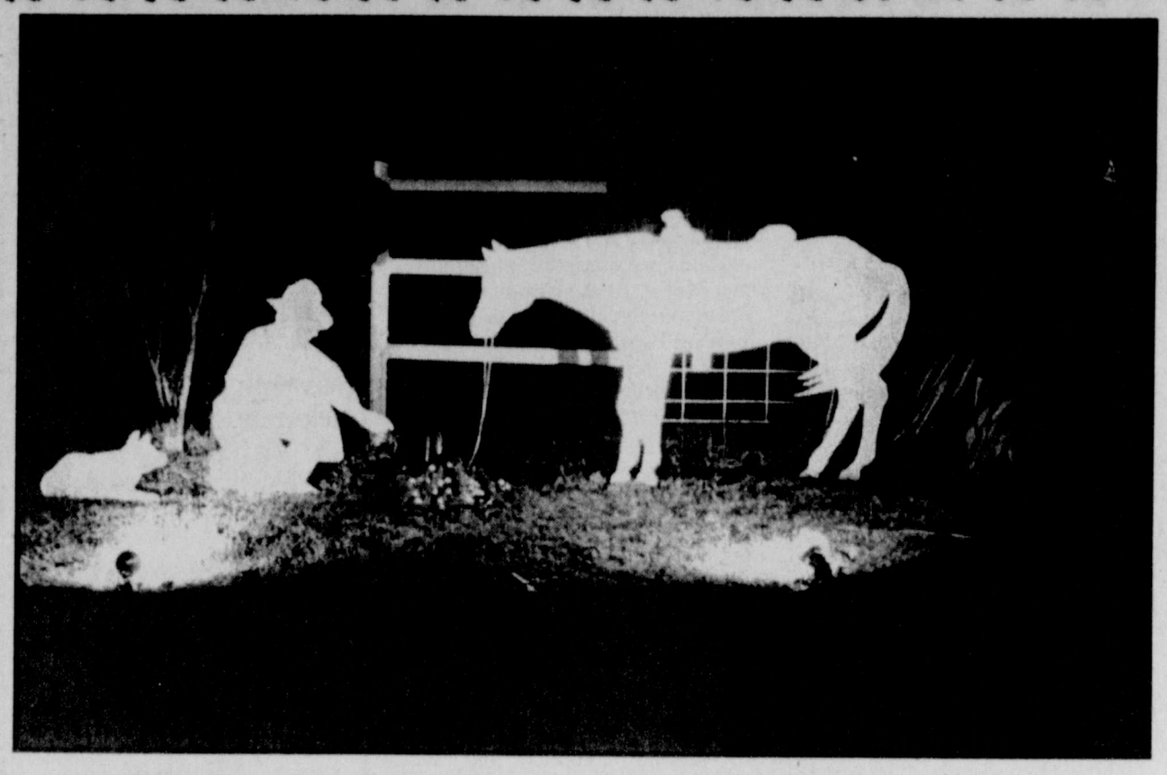


JOLLY GREETINGS

Let the season bring us a glimmer of the fun, excitement and wonder that it held for us as children.



Johntown Sheetmetal
Curtis,June,
Kim & Dwayne
Young



IT'S CHRISTMAS FOR COWBOYS-on the wide open range? Well, perhaps not the wide open range but this white silhouette of a cowboy, his dog and faithful horse is one of the many Christmas decorations to be seen right now. It is at the gate into the home of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols of FM 1501 near Deport. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Harley Martin

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Here are a few things I want for Christmas. I want a bike, paintball gun, big cd player, compound bow, remote control car, skateboard, some cd's and I think that is all.
Merry Christmas,
Timothy Henry

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas and a New Year. Here are somethings that I want please! I have been good this year and if you come to my house, I want a cd player with a Brittney Spears cd and a good Christmas and a phone.
Merry Christmas,
Angelica Moss

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a do, cat, football and a horse for Christmas.
Love,
Gage Booth

Dear Santa,
Wow! It is really Christmas again! Well, at the beginning of the year, you think Christmas is so far away. Now you say, "Wow, I'd better hurry and start buying gifts before it is too late." So here is what I want, a set of electric drums, because I am into music, some more new beanie babies, because I am still going strong collecting and last of all a makeup kit because well. . . .it is just fun. So I want drums, toys and makeup, that is all. Bye.
Sincerely ,
Ashley
P.S. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
It is time for Chirstmas again and it figures my sister is special. Her birthday is in November and she gets presents for then and then gets presents for Christmas too! Me, well, my birthday is a few days after Christmas. Well, this letter isn't about birthdays, it is about what I want for Christmas. I would like a dirtbike. It is the kind of transportation we need. Oh-I forgot to tell anyone who reads this that I wrote it three times! I also need a grass snake to keep the bug population down. That is all I'll let the public hear about. Don't forget to leave food for the poor! Thanks!
Lee Ann

Dear Santa,
It is time for Christmas and I would like to tell you four things I would like for Chirstmas. I would like a playstation, Toy Story Two, game for the playstation, Rugrats-Search for Reptar for the playstation and also a Wal-Mart gift card. Will you give a homeless person a home!!! Please!!! Have a happy Christmas!
Love,
Lauren Ausmus

Dear Santa,
Guess what? It is Christmas. I was hoping you could do me a favor. Those who don't have homes, please let them have homes. I would like a big slide for Christmas. A volleyball, because I really like to play volleyball. Most of all I would like my granddaddy to be with me in my heart always. Hope you like your cookies and milk.
Love Alyssa Michelle Lane

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you real? Here is what I want for Christmas. A mountain bike, remote control car, remote control Tonka backhoe and a computer. Merry Christmas!
Dakota Henderson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a furbie, bicycle, barbie houese and skate borad Janet. How is Rudolph doing?
Love,
Nicole Kilpatrick

Dear Santa,
It's nice for you to bring toys for everybody. It would be nice to have a tv and a remote control car. I wish I could have a little Boy Scout knife and a bow and arrow.
Love,
Calvin Goodin

Dear Santa,
Do you have a reindeer called Rudolph? Can I be your helper? Can I have an air hog and new air hop, Pokeman remote control airplane?
Love,
Derek Atnip

Dear Santa,
Christmas is my favorite holiday. Winter is my favorite season. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a nice Christmas. I tried to be good. Will you still bring me presents? Please bring computer, some barbies, make-up and Passport to Paris movie.
Love,
Donna Malone

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Merry Christmas to all!



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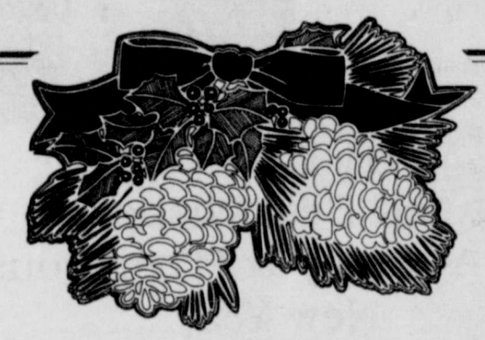
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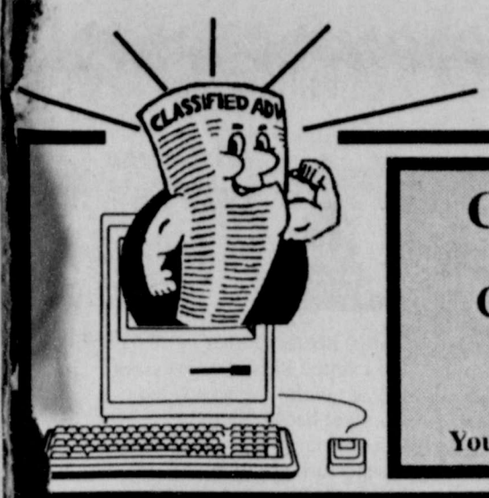
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Date_____

Public Notices

CITY OF BLOSSOM
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Blossom, Texas hereby gives notice of public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance to regulate plats and land subdivisions within the City of Blossom and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2000 at 1240 W. Front St., Blossom City Hall in Blossom, TX.

The public is invited to attend and participate.

Tony Chance, City Administrator
12-23

GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Blossom has recently received a contract award from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for wastewater system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm (registered to practice in the State of Texas) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Tony Chance
City Administrator
City of Blossom
1240 West Front Street
Blossom, TX 75416

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 4:00 p.m on the 6th day of January, 2000 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

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FLOWERS, FRAMES, GIFTS, also balloons and Beanie Babies. Call or come by Main Street Florist (old First National Bank Bldg.), Bogata. 632-BUDS (2837) or 1-800-510-9775. We deliver. *MAtfc*

MUSGROVE BAIL BONDS
652-2084 or 737-0979
In jail....want out? Call Johnny!
MAtfc

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

271 MOTEL & SNACK: Your home away from home. Hwy. 271, Talco. Cordell Alexander, 903-379-5411. *MAtfc*

FOR SALE: Beige lift chair, cost $700 new, take $350. Not small discount store chair. Heavy duty, big roomy, like new. 903-652-4205 or 652-5823 nights. *MAtfc*

FOR SALE: Couch, chair, coffee table, 1 end table, two swivel rockers, good condition. 903-674-5718. *MA 12-23*

Homes & Real Estate

FOR SALE: Working ranch, hay operation, 812 acres, SE Lamar County. Seven-wire fences, stock ponds, barns, pens, 1/4 mile from Hwy. 271. No agents. 903-652-4205 or 652-5823. *MA tfc*

HOME FOR SALE, 370 Monroe St., Deport. 2BR, 1B with washer & dryer connections, on large lot. 903-652-5823, 652-4564, 652-9602 or 652-4072. *MAtfcnc*

FOR SALE IN BLOSSOM: 645 South Street, 4 years old, 3BR, 1B, ceiling fans, $28,500.00. Call before 8 p.m., 903-785-7443 or 982-6522 *MA 1-6*

FOR SALE: 2BR, 1B, frame home, excellent condition. Garrison Real Estate, 903-632-4346. *MAtfc*

HOUSE FOR SALE IN TALCO: 205 N. 6th, 3BR, could be 4, huge yard, 2 bath, lg. living room, patio, garage, storage room, gas heat, 3 window units AC, ceiling fans, attic fan, will leave stove, refrigerator and dishwasher, dog pen and house. East on Broad St. past Talco Bank, turn left. First house on right. 903-379-3704. *MA 1-6*

IN BOGATA, 5.55 acres, choice residential home sites or commercial, 468 ft. frontage east side State Hwy. 37N., large oaks, immediately behind ETMC Clinic. Will divide. Owner, 903-632-5444. *MA 1-13*

FOR RENT

APARTMENTS FOR RENT: Detroit Housing Authority is presently accepting applications for one, two and three bedroom, elderly and disabled applicants. We now have vacancies. Contact our office at 903-674-2185. Equal Housing Opportunity. *MA tfc*

RENT TO OWN: 637 Monroe, Deport. $1,500 down and $362.37 per mo. 903-739-8491. 3BR, 1B. *MA tfc*

FOR RENT in Bogata: 2B frame within 1 block of school. 972-606-0750 after 7 p.m. *MA tfc*

Vehicles

FOR SALE: 1995 V6 Camaro, Patriot Red, automatic, 59,000 miles. One owner, good condition, $10,000.00. 903-632-4437. *MA tfc*

FOR SALE: 1989 Olds 88 Royale Brougham, wife's car, leather interior, clean, must see, $2,000.00. 903-652-2398. *MA 12-23*

FOR SALE: 1996 V6 Camaro, Patriot Red, automatic, 59,000 miles. One owner, good condition. $8,950.00. 903-632-4437. *MA 1-13*

FOR SALE: 1987 Suburban Silverado, good condition, dependable, new tires, new transmission, power windows and power brakes, cruise control, dual air, $2,900. OBO. 903-652-3057. *12-23*

Livestock & Ag Supplies

HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. *tfc*

HAY FOR SALE: Call Thomas Nichols, 903-652-5823 or 652-4205. *nc*

Services

MEAT PROCESSING: Catfish fillets; chicken; beef and pork. All retail cuts. Beef by the side or quarter. Call for prices. Detroit Locker Plant, Detroit, TX. Pork, chicken, fish. Call 903-674-6911. If no answer, call 903-674-2352. We accept food stamps. *MA tfc*

HOUSE LEVELING-Carpentry work. Call Randy or Brandon Miller, 903-632-4870. *MAtfc*

STARCOY SPRAYING SERVICE-Trees, termites, pests. Call Randy or Donna Miller, 903-632-4870 or 1-800-293-2627. *MA tfc*

STUMP REMOVAL-Friendly, professional service. Serving all of Northeast Texas. No job too large or too small. David & Neil Rozell, 903-632-5617. *MAtfc*

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

ROADRUNNER SELF STORAGE: Call Neil Rozell, 903-632-5752. Two locations: one in Bogata; one in Deport. A size to meet your needs. *MAtfc*

WRIGHT'S EXCAVATING: Clean out ponds. Lakes, roads, pads, timber clearing, city streets, Swamp Dozers, Dump trucks, Scrapers. Day 903-379-3491; night 572-7323. *MA tfc*

G&S HANDY MART now has new credit card gas pumps. You can now buy gas 24-hours a day with Texaco, Fleet Cards, Visa, Mastercard, Discovery, all major credit cards or debit cards. *MA tfc*

RENO LAUNDROMAT: New front load washers hold 32% more than top load, for same price. New 35 lb. washers & dryers, king size loads. Drop off service. Air conditioned and clean. 6345 Lamar Rd., Walnut Village, Reno. 903-784-3998. *MAtfc*

WOOD FUNERAL HOMES represents Shelton Monument Company of Paris. Call 903-632-5614/652-3195 for all of your monument memorial needs. *MAtfc*

APPLIANCE REPAIR & REFRIGERATION SERVICE- We repair refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, window A/C units and many major appliances and electrical items. Gary's Refrigeration & Appliances, 903-684-3038. *MAtfc*

FEED & TACK SUPPLY: Saddles & tack on sale through December 31. We deliver feed by the ton or bulk, competitive prices. Stanley's Store, Hagansport, 632-0956. *MA 1-6*

Wanted:

HELP WANTED: Position open for a person experienced in appliance service and installation. Some record keeping required. Salary negotiable with experience. Apply in person at Welch Gas, Hwy. 271, Bogata. *MA 1-6*

LOST & FOUND

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

MISSING: Black & tan deer hunting hound. Light brown eyes, slick short hair, 2 1/2 feet tall, red collar. His name is Sammy. 903-427-3063 or 5313. *12-23nc*

LOST: Female Heeler/Lab mix puppy, four months old, near Deport or FM1501. Please call 652-2811. *12-23nc*

FOUND: Men's work coat on Hwy. 37 south of Bogata. Call Bogata News and identify, 632-5322. *12-23nc*

LOST: Female Siberian Husky, 1 1/2 years old, named "Sadie". Purple collar, lost south of Pattonville week of 12-20. 652-5812 or 785-1644.

FOUND: Young male dog, black and tan, with brown leather collar. Please call Mary Ellen Cain, 632-5641. *1-6nc*

Garage Sales

CACKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. *MAtfc*

MOVING SALE: Beginning Saturday, December 18, 9 a.m. until ?? Furniture, clothes, dolls, lots of miscellaneous. Will sell till all items gone. 205 N. 6th, Talco. *1-6*

FREE

FREE FIREWOOD: You cut, you remove. Call for details. 903-674-2417. *MAtfc*

FREE PUPPIES: Six Lab/Rottweiler cross. Excellent Christmas pets. 903-632-4331. *MA 12-23nc*

FREE: 3/4 German Shepherd puppies, six weeks old. 903-379-4445.. *MA 12-23nc*

FREE PUPPIES: Six weks old, Chow/Timberwolf/Lab cross. 632-1042. *12-23nc*

FREE PUPPIES: Fluffy, bear-like puppies, 6-7 weeks old. Need a home for Christmas. 652-9875. *1-6nc*

FREE DOG TO GOOD HOME: Neutered male Border Collie mix, 9 months old, 60 lb., all shots, good with children. 903-632-0966. *1-6nc*

Deport Locals

Call Your News To

Cindy Talley

652-2954



Happy birthday wishes to Russell Riddle, Vita Bratton, Wayne Williams, Bobby Brooks, Stephanie Crawford, Kinda Pickering, Jane O'Neal, Casey Rose, LaVeda Young, Luella Smith, Mikyla Pickering, Charity Huddleston, Bonnie Coward, Lawrence Bell, Juanita Kathleen Brawner, Gail Rhoades, Joy Read, Wesley Davis, Buddy Berry, Carol Ridens, Eddie LaRue, Ray Jeffers, Molee Huddleston.

Happy anniversary to Kristi and Randy Boren, Martha and Rickie Robbins and Phyllis and Chester Taylor.

Casey Bailey of Glendale, NY, returned home Sunday after a four day visit with his mother, Bobbie Bsailey, Candy Kreitz and Louis Kidd from Houston were weekend visitors of Candy's mother, Bobbie. On Sunday, Reba Temple joined the family for an early Christmas celebration.

Mike and Elois Sparks made a business trip to Rockwall Friday.

Thirty-five members of Dan and Mary Barnard's family celebrated early Christmas Sunday at the Barnard home south of Deport.

Gathering at the home of Lucille Couch Pickering Sunday for their annual Christmas dinner and tree were Bloyce and Eva Flenniken of Deport, Wayne and Sandra Couch of Pattonville, Blake, Kristin and Morgan Flenniken, Ronnie, Vicki, Matthew and Dylan Balalrd, Bryan, Haley, Justin and Jason Flenniken, all of Paris, Carl and Amy Yarbrough, Amanda and Zachery Rambin of Nacogdoches.

Carley Vaughn spent the day Monday with her great-grandmother, Lucille Pickering and they went shopping in Paris.

Donny and Dawne Darden entertained Thomas and Nanalee Nichols Saturday night.

Sundy night dinner guest of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols was Brady Fisher of Paris.

Santa is coming to town, please don't hit him!

The Texas Department of Transportation is urging the community to be responsible during the holiday. As part of the campaign against drinking and driving, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the business community is promoting the slogan, "Santa is coming to town, Please don't hit him."

Although the slogan may get a laugh or two, the community should take it very seriously. It is very responsible of local businesses to help promote the campaign especially during the holiday season, when there is a lot of traffic on the roads. People will be enjoying themselves during the holiday season, but everyone is asked to be responsible especially when it comes to drinking and driving.

Mark and Berniece Markvoie of Hagansport an Jake and Lorene Cockrum of Paris, Johnny and Chance Whitney and Ruth Chipman of Minter all visited Walker and Willie Devlin this past week.

Attend The Church of Your Choice

A Recipe For Christmas

1 busy hectic mother
1-6 excited kids, various sizes
1/2 as much time as needed
1 budget badly bent
1 bushel each of Faith, Love, Joy
1 unperturbed father
1 pound of patience
1 quart of secrets

Garnish father generously with unpaid bills. Gradually add patience to mother as needed. Sprinkle children with secrets and allow to simmer. Place ingredients all together in house shortly before Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM EVERYONE AT

HUDDLESTON'S GROCERY

Happy Holiday

Huddleston DRAWING $50 in Groceries Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

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SPECIALS GOOD EVERY DAY: Thurs Dec. 23rd Thru Wed. Jan. 5th

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BOGATA 632-5624 7 Days A Week

We Honor Manufacturers COUPONS

TOP SIRLOIN Boneless $2.29 Lb.



BRISKETS $1.19 Lb.



CAMPBELL'S CREAM Of MUSHROOM OR CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP 10 Oz. 79¢





PET RITZ PIE SHELLS 2/9 In. 99¢

DEEP DISH $1.39

KRAFT COOL WHIP 8 Oz. Bowl 99¢



OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE 16 Oz. Can 69¢



PILGRIM'S CHICKEN BREAST STRIPS 2 Lb. Bag $4.89



FRESH GROUND CHUCK $1.49 Lb.



TIP TOP CURED HAM Butt Half $1.59 Lb.



Shank Half $1.19 Lb.

Whole $1.29 Lb.

OWEN'S SAUSAGE 2 Lb. Roll Reg. Or Hot $3.49

WRIGHT'S SLAB SLICED BACON $1.89 Lb.



FOLGER'S COFFEE 39 Oz. Auto Drip $6.99

LIPTON FAMILY TEA BAGS 24 Ct. $1.39

EGGS Grade A Large



69¢ Doz.

FRENCH'S FRENCH FRIED ONIONS 6 Oz. $2.29



KRAFT VELVEETA CHEESE 2 Lb. Box $4.49



LIPTON RECIPE SECRETS ONION SOUP 2 Oz. 89¢



BLUE BONNET MARGARINE 4 Stick



2/$1

DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIXES 18 Oz. All Kinds 79¢



SOLO PARTY CUPS 20 -16 Oz. PARTY PLATES 15 -9" 99¢





SWANSON CHICKEN BROTH 14.5 Oz. 2/$1

BORDEN'S EAGLE BRAND MILK 14 Oz. $1.79



BRAWNY PAPER TOWELS Reg. Roll 69¢



KRAFT DIPS All Flavors 8 Oz. 79¢



ROTEL TOMATOES All Kinds 10 Oz. 69¢



PARADE SUGAR 4 Lb. $1.29



JET PUFF MARSHMALLOW CREAM 7 Oz. 89¢



HEFTY COMPARTMENT PLATES 20 Ct. $1.29



FRITO LAY BEAN DIP All Kinds 9 Oz. $1.79



LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. $1.49 All Kinds 99¢



OAK FARMS ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. $2.99



KRAFT Philadelphia Cream Cheese 8 Oz. 99¢



BLUE BELL ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. ALL FLAVORS $3.49



HORMEL CHILI 19 Oz. $1.19



GLADIOLA CORNBREAD MIX White or Yellow 4/$1



STOVE TOP STUFFING MIX Turkey, Chicken & Cornbread 6 Oz. $1.19

IMPERIAL POWDERED & GOLDEN BROWN SUGAR 2 Lb. 99¢



BISQUICK 40 Oz. $1.69



RENOLD'S HEAVEY DUTY FOIL 37.5 Sq. Ft. $1.29



FAMILY STYLE BROWN & SERVE ROLLS 79¢



PARADE LIGHT CORN SYRUP 32 Oz. 99¢

PRODUCE

BANANAS 39¢ Lb.

APPLES 59¢ Lb.

POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag $1.59

ORANGES 49¢ Lb.

GREEN ONIONS 3/$1

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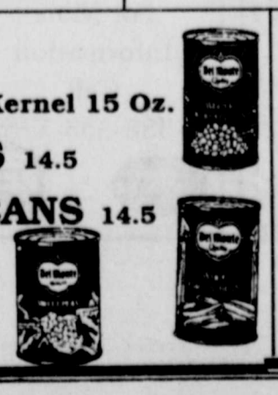
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2 Liter 99¢

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6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. $2.49

