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Read Them and Weep
Or Laugh, or Ponder

There are a number of Christmas memories in the paper this week. Take the time to read them. They are enlightening, entertaining and touching.

People, and not necessarily "old" people, write about their experiences at the holidays.

Do you know what? Not a single, solitary person wrote that the Christmas they received the most lavish gifts was their favorite one!

No, it seems that the Christmas that they received something unexpected, like getting home for Christmas, or getting a parent home for Christmas, was more important.

Today's children ask for a lot, and many of them receive a lot.

But something tells me that twenty, thirty or forty years down the line...they won't be any different.

The Christmas they will remember as special will be the one where they were all together one last time...or where they met a special person, or the holiday when they watched a little brother or sister receive something THEY wanted, perhaps at the expense of what they wanted.

No, Christmas isn't about lavish presents and spoiling people with material goods.

Christmas really is about love, and trust and surprises.

It's also about a certain amount of sadness and loss, and yes, learning lessons (read "The Big Orange").

Christmas is a beautiful time, and the memories we have received this year were truly beautiful.

The judges tell us that they had a very hard time selecting the winners.

We agree. Everyone who shared a special holiday memory with us deserves an award.

If you read these memories and come up with a special one of your own...share it. Jot it down and get it to us. We'll hang on to it until next year!

To all of you who generously helped make this special edition our favorite of the year...Merry Christmas. Thank you, and may you have many more memorable Christmases.



Deport & Blossom
Methodist Churches
Holding special services

"Home For Christmas" candlelight worship services are set for the First United Methodist Church of Deport and First United Methodist Church of Blossom on Christmas Eve Day.

The services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. December 24th.

The Deport Church is located at 117 Pecan and the Blossom Church at 315 Faucette St. Everyone is invited.



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1st Place

2000 Christmas Memories Contest

My Most Beautiful Christmas Ever

The year is 1954. I'm a little cottonheaded four year old. 1954 is the year I discovered ribbon candy, Santa Claus and a love I didn't realize I had for my father.

Mom lifts me over her head so I can see Daddy walk out of sight. This is traumatic for a four year old. A small one doesn't know what is happening. All I know is it's cold and my daddy is leaving. He is hitch hiking to west Texas to roughneck in the oil fields so his three little girls can have Christmas. It tugs at my heart to watch him wave with one hand and blow on the other to keep warm.

The same night I met the infamous Santa Claus. My mother and grandmother loaded the children into our father's '49 Ford and head for Johtown Elementary School where my sisters and I will attend our first Christmas party.

The children put on quite a show. Two small boys blowing gold colored horns hold me spellbound. It grows dark. The curtain falls. A few minutes pass. It rises again. There he sits in his red suite, white beard and black boots. He's sporting a burlap bag full of goodies.

When a child's name is called, he walks up on stage where Santa sits and receives a surprise from the bulging sack. He calls my name. I just stand there. I slowly approach him with a lot of prodding from my mother. I snatch the gift and run back to my mommy and whisper from where I stand, "Thank You." Mom helps me unwrap my coloring book and crayons. The first I have ever seen. I cry because my Daddy isn't there to see it.

We go home and decorate the cedar tree my grandfather has cut for us from his own pasture. My mind is off my father for a while with all the hub-bub going on. Christmas is coming! There's an endless stream of paper chains and tinsel. I can still smell the aerosol snow we spray over the stencils to decorate the windows.

Christmas Eve finally arrives. It's so cold. The sun going down on the Northeast Texas prairie resembles a huge orange snowball. I stand by the window and shiver. There is an unexplained feeling one gets on a cold Christmas Eve. I can still feel it today.

Mama keeps her little girls warm

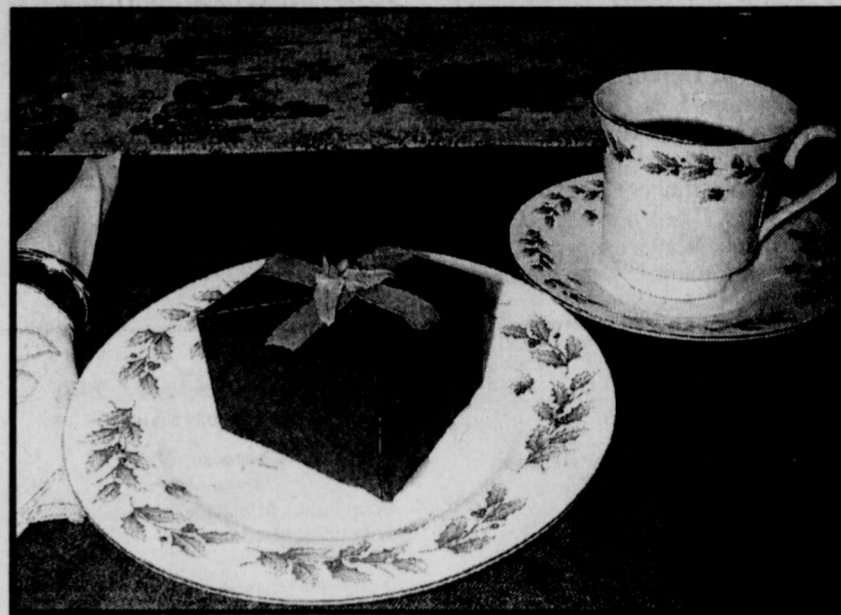
by constantly stoking the fire in the pot bellied stove and keeping endless streams of hot chocolate coming. We three children have a tradition on Christmas Eve. We all sleep in the same bed and whisper about what Santa is going to fill our stockings with. Mama calls lights out. We say our prayers. Each of us pray for Daddy, wherever he is, to stay warm like we are.

Christmas morning bright and early I awake and rub the sleep from my eyes. I shake my sisters awake. We hit the hardwood floor in bare feet. It's almost like sliding on glass. Doesn't matter, it's Christmas!

In the living room under the tree, is a little red Radio Flyer loaded to the hilt with soda pop, candy, toys and mesh Christmas stockings. But the most beautiful sight of all is Dad sitting beside the tree pulling on his boots on that cold Christmas morning.

Daddy never went back to the oil fields of West Texas. I guess he learned he was a rich man after all. He had the four most precious things in the world right there at home.

--Sherryl Christopher Watkins



CHRISTMAS is a time for delicious foods and pretty table settings. This "package" is actually chocolate, trimmed with icing ribbons and bows. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Texas-New Mexico apologizes for power outages

On Wednesday, December 13th, 2000, Texas-New Mexico Power Company employees started restoring power outages at approximately 4:30 a.m. The outage problems were over the service area from Talco, Bogata, Deport, Cunningham, Pattonville, Blossom, Detroit, Bagwell, Rosalie, Minter, Milton and Johtown. Tree limbs with ice on them were the cause of all problems. At one time, approximately 2000 TNP customers were without power. Texas-New Mexico Power Company requested a crew from the Lewisville area to help with the outage restoration. Contract tree trimming crews from Whitmire Tree Trimming Service were utilized in removing limbs

and trees that were causing problems. Power was restored to all customers by 9:00 p.m. Wednesday night.

Thursday morning power was reported out to Bagwell area at 3:00 a.m. caused by tree limbs and tree tops. Power was restored by approximately 7:30 a.m. This was one of the better tree trimmed power lines in the area.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company requested customers let tree trimmers remove all limbs and trees possible during their scheduled trimming cycles to help prevent long extended outages during extraordinary weather conditions.

No paper next week, have a Happy Holiday

There will not be a paper published next week so that our employees and their families can enjoy the holiday.

The publication schedule will resume as usual the week of January 4,

2001. Have a Happy Holiday and we look forward to serving you in the new year and beyond!

Christmas Eve communion

There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service on Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Deport.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

People 'n Things

Friday, December 22- Pattonville Community Center, dance with live music, 8 p.m., proceeds benefit VFD.

Monday, December 25-Pattonville Community Center, business meeting cancelled.



4th Place

2000 Christmas Memories Contest

The Big Orange

The year was 1949, Christmas and our third grade class had drawn names for our gift exchange. The big day arrived as we gathered round for our party and gazed with glee at the wrapped packages, wondering which held "our" name. Gifts were not in such abundance, so the excitement I felt as I tore open the one bearing my name, and discovering I had a new paperdoll book AND nursery rhyme book, gave me a huge grin!! Some parent had spent a dollar or less to make me feel special and I sat clutching them both to my chest. What a great day!!

Then I realized a murmur had risen within the class. A surprised hum. What had happened while I sat in my world hugging my loot and feeling so euphoric? The attention was on a girl sitting, eyes downcast on a big orange. She wasn't able to camouflage her true feelings. She was only eight years old. Her gift from the tree was from a tall boy who looked equally uncomfortable. I recall how

her peers seemed to shrink back into their world (me included) thankful they were not holding the big orange, or the one who offered it!

I think of this at Christmastime. Wondering if I am the only one who remembers of that day so many years ago. The boy brought all he had, likely all he could afford. We all reacted as eight year olds. Not a Christmas goes by that I haven't wished I had had the maturity to hand over one of my gifts to a young girl who was longing for a little more than a big orange. Then, I realize how scarce gifts were in my life and understand I was only eight years old!! Maybe it was meant for a lesson

for later in life. My hand goes up when a needy child needs a toy or something to make Christmas more special and the economy at their house is lacking to make it so. I want

a child to clutch a toy to their chest and not look down at a big orange with sadness and tears yet unblinked.
--Mrs. Ollie Ruth Lee



FIRST PLACE-B Hall this beautiful hall decorated in blue and silver at Deport Nursing Home won First Place in a recent contest. Shown are Tammy Aubrey and Sonya Davis. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



2nd Place

2000 Christmas Memories Contest

My Most Memorable Christmas

It was December 23. I was nine years old, a patient at the Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children in Dallas, and reluctantly resigned to spending Christmas over a hundred miles away from my twin sister and the other members of my family. The kind people at the hospital had provided the usual lights, tinsel, and strains of "Jingle Bells". There was a big Christmas tree on the sun porch and under it a gift bearing my name, but these are of little comfort to a child so far away from home at Christmas. The only cure for nostalgia is to go home.

Shortly after noon that day, as I lay on my bed observing "quiet period" and guessing at what the folks were doing at home, suddenly I heard the

sweetest words I ever hope to hear. They came from my father standing at the nurse's station at the end of my ward, "I've come for my daughter, Ina Sparks". I was going home!

When we got home, Mama was making the dressing in the big dishpan and Old Jack, the family dog, was taking up most of the hearth. My brothers were sitting around the big fireplace roasting peanuts and swapping tall tales. And there was a gift under my side of the bed, as usual, on Christmas morning.

Moments like this are indescribable, but I shall never forget that Christmas. There was peace on earth and good will toward men and I was at home with the ones I loved.

--Ina Sparks

This Christmas Memory was found by "Miss Ina's" twin, Nina Sparks shortly after Miss Ina's death this past year. We wish she could have been here to know it won, and do thank her sister for sharing a very special memory with us.



3rd Place

2000 Christmas Memories Contest

A Johtown Christmas

Christmas has always been special to me. It is when we celebrate our Savior's birth. It is a time to share with family and friends.

My happy Christmas memories are of the times at my grandparents house in Johtown. They had a big old house and it was filled with relatives and the smell of good food. Everyone brought food and the table was full of delicious things.

My grandmother always put the Christmas tree in the hall and decorated it with lights and silver tinsel and ornaments. During the second World War she could not buy new bulbs, so there would be a few skips in the lights. Tinsel began to look ragged after so many years but she would string red berries and popcorn. I thought that was the most beautiful tree in the world for it was decorated with LOVE.

There were gifts for everyone, it might be a pair of socks, or handkerchief, or gloves or Blue Waltz or

Evening in Paris perfume (now that was a very special gift), but we were always proud of it. One special gift under the tree was a box of candy covered cherries for every family. It would say "From Santa Claus". We all knew it was from Aunt Irene, and when we got a box of candy with our name on it we knew we were grown. She did not have children but she spoiled all of us and we all loved her dearly. I named my first daughter after her, she was Irene Rebecca and I named my daughter Rebecca Lee. That daughter named her first son Taylor Hawkins and he has the Hawkins dark red hair. I still wrap and put a box of chocolate covered cherries under my tree for every family that comes to our house for the annual Christmas Eve dinner. From Santa Claus.

My Hawkins, Vaughan, Ward and Hood cousins will share the same memories.

--Mary Dryden Stahl

Obituaries

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

It is that time of year! We hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year. We are featuring the Deport Cookie Swap this week. They have come up with some really great cookie recipes and I know you will be anxious to try some of them.

So try some of these cookies and let me know how they turn out! Happy holidays and we will see you in the kitchen!

P.S. The Deport Faculty and Staff has compiled a cookbook with a great variety of recipes and so had the Johtown Missionary Baptist Church Auxiliary. Check with them for copies. They make great gifts at \$8.00 each. Watch the paper after the holidays for some of the recipes!

Peanut Butter Crisscrosses-this recipe comes from **Sunny Whitney**. She is a noted cook around the town of Deport even makes her own bread!

Best Ever Butter Cookies-Sue Cross made these moist and delicious cookies and so easy to make!

Peanut Butter Cookies-**Juanita Taylor** makes these from Ritz crackers and peanut butter dipped in white or chocolate almond bark. Wonderful!

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies-these cookies come from the kitchen of **Patsy Norrell** and make a great cookie!

Chocolate Thins-we all know that anything that **Dawne Darden**

comes up with had got to be good. these are no exception!

Oatmeal Cookies-according to **Juanita Sparks** these cookies are "the best"! Try them to see!

Sugar Cookies-**Mary Ann** baked these and there are lots of sugar cookie recipes around and this one is noted to be very good!

Cheesy Potato Skins, Ham Balls, Ham Rolls and Nik-Nak are recipes from **Juanita Sparks** and I added them because everyone need something to munch on after the cookies.

...right! **Juanita** stated that the **Nik-Nak** recipe came from **Rena Good** several years ago and is the best she has found.



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 open on Sunday's for the Dallas Cowboy football games. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the game with friends and neighbors.

*Happy Birthday to **Zelma Mauldin**.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and family!

Doris Arnold dies December 18

Doris Arnold, age 84 of Paris, formerly of Bogata, died Monday, December 18 at Paris Healthcare Center. Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Arnold was born February 11, 1916 in Red River County, the daughter of Samuel Washington and Alice Eliza Hignight Osborurn. She worked at Red River Haven Nursing Home of Bogata as a medication nurse aide for a number of years.

She is survived by one son, Randy Arnold and one daughter, Sue Sulsar, both of Paris; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Armstrong and Nannie Watkins, both of Paris and Verda Kirkley of Yucaipa, CA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Marvin Arnold on September 5, 1967.

Hazel Elaine Shuman dies December 18

Hazel Elaine Shuman, age 98 of Texarkana, formerly of Deport, died December 18 in the Wadley Hospital of Texarkana. Wood Funeral Homes conducted chapel services on Wednesday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery. Serving as bearers were grandsons.

She was born November 5, 1902 in Deport, the daughter of Will and Annie Bell Hearn. On November 5, 1922, she married Fred Shuman. He preceded her in death May 13, 1987. She was also preceded by two sons, John Mac Shuman in 1945 and James Shuman in November of 1987. She was a long time member of the United Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Texarkana.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Sara and Paul Mazy of Blossom, Gerri and Robert Lee Bryson of Shreveport, LA, Beth and Tommy Sullivan and Pat and Jack Simmons of Texarkana; one sister, Melba Carroll of Dallas; nine grandchildren, Bobby Bryson of Bossier City, Peggy Frierson of Paris, Jay Simmons of Texarkana, Ronald Sullivan of Galveston, Melanie Roberts of Texarkana, Denita Martin of Texarkana, James Ronald Shuman of Texarkana and Linda Perry of Texarkana; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

TNMP presents mini-grant

Dallas-based TXU Supply Diversity Specialist Darrell King on December 14 recognized twelve TXU Monticello employees for their work with women and minority-owned small businesses.

Since TXU began its minority business development initiative, business with minority vendors has increased from \$9 million in 1990 to

over \$230 million in the current fiscal year.

"It's not simply doing business with TXU that's helping make these small businesses successful," Monticello Plant Manager Ken Smith said, "By working with TXU, vendors are given the opportunity to understand what it takes to do business with a large corporation."

The following financial institutions will be closed Monday, Dec. 25th for Christmas Day

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone or the love and support during our time of loss. The nurses and staff of the Deport Nursing Home, James and Tim Wood, Bro. Freddie Burden and the wonderful church family of First Baptist Church for all the prayers, phone calls, flowers and food provided our family.

The Family of Ada Chaddick

The Old Home Place

My sister Evelyn and I were watching for Santa to bring our gifts. WE had asked for life-sized dolls. Santa granted our wish, but he bought and hid our gifts in the seed house in the barn. We saw him entering the big gate on the levee and go to the barn. We wanted until almost dark and went to the barn and dug in the seed and hulls until we found our dolls. We played with them awhile and re-hid them as Santa had done. On Christmas morning, we acted real surprised at our dolls we had asked for. Santa never did know the nosy kids had been prying. Oh, and for those Christmas's again!

Another thing I remember about Christmas is going down home early and helping my Mom pop corn and trim the tree that Dad had gone in the wagon to the pasture and cut. We put a fire in the fireplace and Mom and I stayed up late into the night trimming the tree with popcorn.

Then Christmas Eve, my daughter, her husband and four babies drove up from Denton to spend Christmas with us. Dad would go to my uncle's grocery store and stock up on Dr. Pepper and boxes of Hershey's for the great-grandkids Sherry, Randy, Sondra and Shelli Grisham. Today, they still talk about that treat their great-grandfather "Big" always had waiting for them when they came for Christmas to Deport. Their grandmother Hazel, mother Mona Lita, great-grandmother, "Georgia" and their dad Bill stayed up half the night Christmas Eve helping Santa left the gifts in Denton, their mother and dad brought them to Deport and we all helped Santa put it all together.

After 88 years I still miss those old-time Christmas's at the home place and those grand kids faces when they ran into see what Santa had left. I still spend Christmas day with my four grandbabies, but it isn't anything like it used to be.

--Hazel Nobles Randolph

Storm affects blood supply

The recent ice storm not only put a strain on the East Texas community but also on the already short blood supply.

Stewart Regional Blood Center had to cancel eight blood drives in the days following the ice storm and four out of six Stewart facilities were forced to close Wednesday.

SRBC needs 200 blood donations a day to meet the needs of its patients in local hospitals. The center only collected 84 units Tuesday and collected less than 40 units Wednesday.

Thursday, December 21, 2000 Deport Cookie Swap

Peanut Butter Crisscrosses Sunny Whitney
1 cup shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chunky peanut butter
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Thoroughly cream shortening, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Stir in peanut butter. Sift dry ingredients; stir in creamed mixture. Drop by rounded teaspoons on ungreased cookie sheet. Press with back of fork dipped in cinnamon and sugar mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

Best Ever Butter Cookies
1 cup softened butter
1 egg
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon orange juice
1 tablespoon baking powder
Frosting:
4 cups powdered sugar
1/3 cup butter-softened
3-4 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla
Combine 1 cup butter, sugar and egg in large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed until creamy. Reduce speed to low; add flour, orange juice, vanilla and baking powder. Beat until well mixed. Divide dough into thirds; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm 2-3 hours. Heat oven to 400 degrees. On lightly floured surface; roll out dough one third at a time; keep remaining dough refrigerated; to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with 3-inch cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 6-10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely. In small mixer, combine all frosting ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until fluffy (1-2 minutes). If desired, color frosting. Frost and decorate cookies or use pastry bag to pipe frosting.

Peanut Butter Cookies Juanita Taylor
Ritz crackers
crunchy peanut butter
white or chocolate almond bark
Sandwich cookies together with peanut butter. Press together. Use tongs and dip into melted white or chocolate flavored almond bark. Place on waxed paper to harden.

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies-Patsy Norrell
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup shortening
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1 large egg
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-6 ounce white vanilla chips
1-7 ounce jar macadamia nuts
Beat butter and shortening at medium speed until soft and creamy. Gradually add sugars. Add egg and vanilla. Combine flour, soda and salt; gradually add to butter mixture. Beat well. Stir in chips and coarsely chopped nuts. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls two inches apart onto lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Yields 5 dozen.

Chocolate Thins Dawne Darden
1 cup butter or margarine-softened
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
3 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped pecans
Cream butter in large mixing bowl; gradually add syrup and sugar; beating until smooth. Combine remaining ingredients in a medium mixing bowl; stirring well. Gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape dough into 2 rolls, 2 inches in diameter; wrap in waxed paper and chill. Remove waxed paper and cut into 1/8 inch slices. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 5 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield 10 dozen.

Oatmeal Cookies Juanita Sparks
3 eggs-well beaten
1 cup raisins
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
3/4 cups chopped pecans
2-1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons soda
2 cups oatmeal or 1-1/2 cups oatmeal and 1/2 cup wheat germ
Combine eggs, raisins and vanilla and let stand for 1 hour, covered with plastic wrap. Cream together butter and sugars. Add flour, salt, cinnamon and soda to sugar mixture. Mix well. Blend in egg-raisin mixture, oatmeal, wheat germ and nuts. Dough will be stiff. Drop by teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet or roll into small balls and flatten slightly on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 6 dozen.

Sugar Cookies Mary Ann
1 cup oil
1 cup butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
5-1/4 cups flour
Mix and roll into small balls. Press flat with glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes or until lightly brown. Remove from pan and cool.

Cheesy Potato Skins
4 cups catsup
3 medium baking potatoes
vegetable oil
seasoned salt
1 cup cheddar cheese
6 slices bacon-cook and crumble
sour cream
Wash potatoes; rub with oil and bake at 400 degrees for 1 hour or until done. Allow potatoes to cool to touch. Cut in lengthwise, carefully scoop out pulp, leaving 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch shell. Pulp can be used for mashed potatoes or reserved for another recipe. Cut shell in half crosswise and fry in deep oil or until lightly browned. Drain on paper towel. Place skins on baking sheet and sprinkle with salt, cheese and bacon. Broil until cheese melts. Serve with sour cream.

Ham Balls
1-1/2 pounds ham-ground
1/2 pound fresh pork
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup bread crumbs
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Mix well and form into balls the size of walnuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until done. Can be frozen after cooked.

Ham Rolls
3 ounce cream cheese
2 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento-well drained
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1-1/2 teaspoon Creole mustard
6 slices boiled ham
Combine all ingredients except ham. Spread cheese mixture over ham. Roll up and secure with toothpick. Cover and chill. Carefully slice into 1/2 inch pieces.

Nik-Nak
1 box Rice Chex
1 box Wheat Chex
1 box Corn Chex
2 pounds nuts
1 pound margarine-melted
4 tablespoons Worcestershire
2 ounces Accent
2 tablespoons celery salt
1 tablespoon garlic powder
dash red pepper
Place cereal in pan; mix other ingredients and add to cereal. Mix well. Bake at 200 degrees for 2 hours; stir every 15 minutes. Other cereal such as Kix, Cheerios or pretzels may be substituted or added to recipe.



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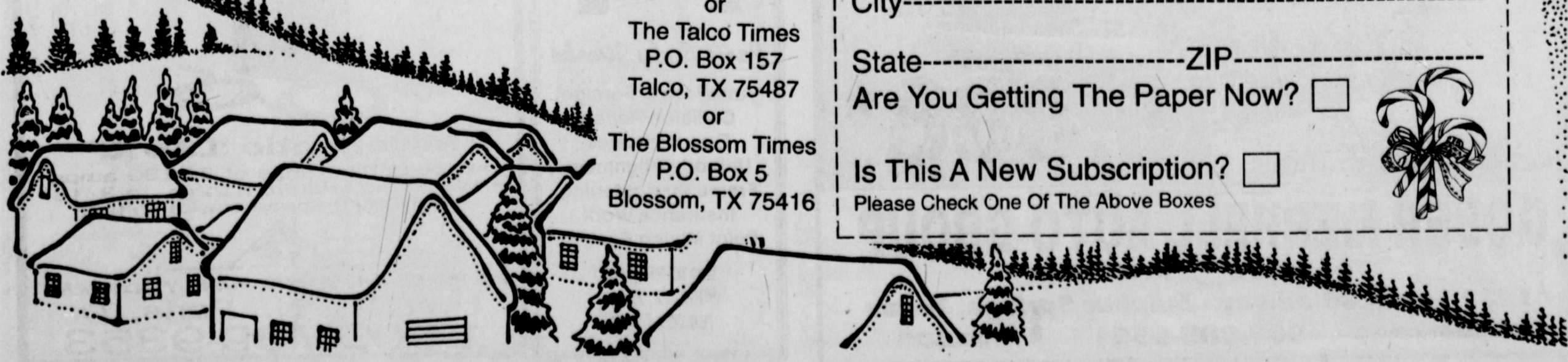
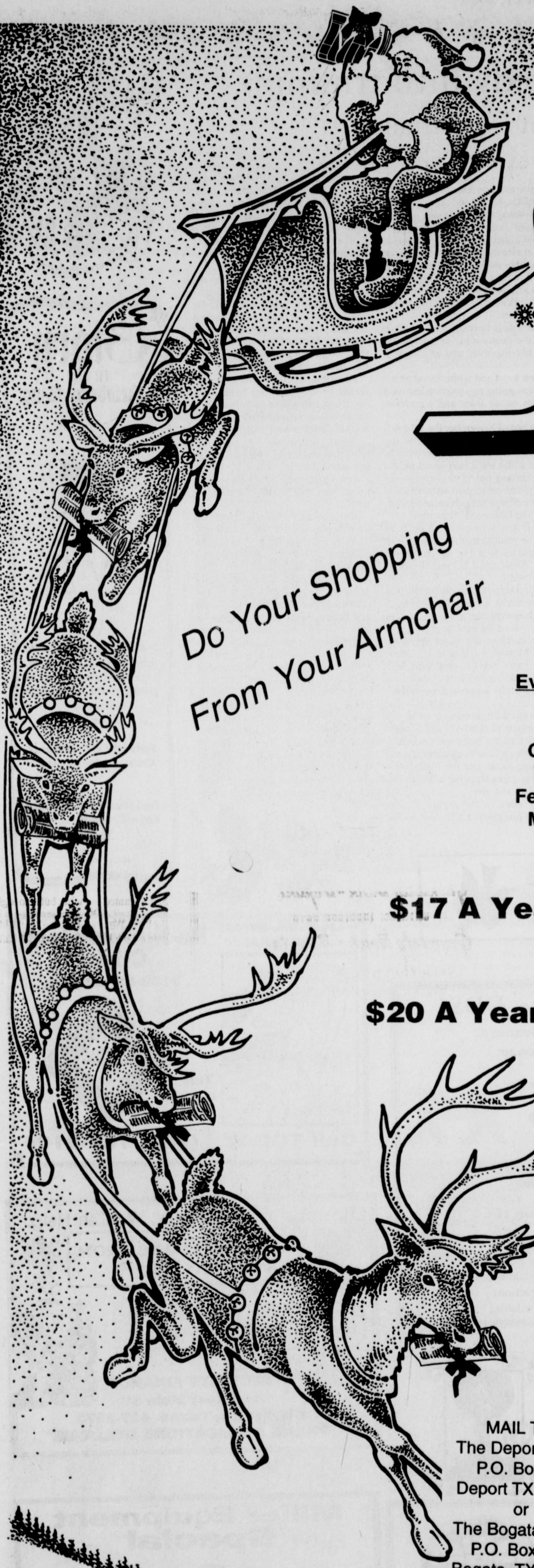
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FAMILY GROUP-Larry, Judy and Susan Whittle, along with Munchkin and Pepper, sit in front of their new Christmas tree in their new home. The Whittles lost their home to fire in April, but have rebuilt with a very unique structure. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Turning tragedy into triumph

Family turns fire into opportunity to express themselves with new home

By Nanalee Nichols
When Larry and Judy Whittle's home burned April 6th of this year, they felt like the world was almost at an end. Now they have their best Christmas present ever, a new home that reflects their tastes and life-style and is definitely different.

In 1992 Larry and Judy and daughters Penny and Susan moved into their brick house located near Minter. It was the fulfillment of a dream, some acres, a barn and a comfortable house. They soon added their own touches and made it their own. But April 6th, 2000 they stood in their front yard as flames consumed most of those dreams. Judy had gone to work, and Larry, who is a cattle trader, had driven off not long before. A friend driving by spotted the smoke rolling from the house, and managed to save the two inside dogs, but their house, the furniture, family photos and treasured items were destroyed. By that night the family was ensconced in a camper trailer loaned by a friend, but there was a long road ahead of the Whittles.

Judy recalls that the first time her granddaughter, Anah, came to visit she became very upset because there was no rocking chair for her devoted grandmother to rock her in. She cried and cried, struggled and fought crying "Go your HOUSE" and pointing towards the still-smoldering structure that had been her haven. Soon everyone was standing around crying. Neighbor Jeremy Day of Donald Day and Sons Metal Works made a promise to little Anah "We'll build you a new house Anah, just as soon as we can", he declared, and soon that is exactly what was taking place. Donald Day sat down with Larry and Judy and talked over several ways to use the existing slab (which had not been damaged in the blaze) and they went over what they wanted.

Because they are a family that works with cattle, horses and other animals, they wanted the new house to fit in with the farm atmosphere. They wanted a metal home, for many reasons, not least among them fire safety.

One day Judy was on her way to school, where she works, when she saw a nice red and white metal barn. She liked the color, but didn't care for the roof line. A few days later she took a look at the little farm set her grandchildren were playing with, and an idea was born.

Soon a red and white metal structure was going up, surrounded with porches on all sides and a gambrel roof. The last of November the Whittles were ready to move in. Inside the unusual home gets even more unique. The walls are a barnwood paneling, trimmed out in real barnwood from a structure torn down by friends. The ceilings are galvanized metal, plain, old fashioned "barn iron".

Their stairway has wire on it to keep the grandkids from falling, and the upstairs is a big playroom for them, Anah, age 2 1/2 and Houston, just turned 1.

At first sixteen year old Susan said "If you build a barn, I'm leaving". Soon, however, she was as excited as anyone about the new house.

The curtains are hand sewn by Sandy Martin, a friend in Blossom. Made from burlap, gingham and "flour sack" material, they hang on wooden rods supported by horse-shoes.

Some of the light fixtures are metal with cutouts of cowboys and horses. A pierced tin night light sports a Texas star, a cow horn chair graces the living room, and the main bathroom has a free standing tub with ivy and barnwood trim.

As excited as the family was to move in (the travel trailer had gotten

smaller and smaller as time progressed, they avow) there was a very painful discovery. For years a special satin covered ornament was dated and decorated with each family member's name and placed on the Christmas tree.

But, even though the metal can the ornaments were stored in wasn't scorched badly, inside were only the wrappings the balls were packed in...the plastic and styrofoam had melted completely away. From there they found that none of their Christmas decorations were intact.

Christmas isn't the only thing affected by the fire. They have some family snapshots, but the school photos and photos of the girls with their animal projects were all lost.

Susan mourns the loss of childhood toys and books, stuffed animals and more.

Larry and Judy admit they often think "well, that's in the closet" but it isn't.

But, they admit that what seemed a tragedy has turned into a triumph. They have a home that is custom designed to fit them...and fit them it does. The comfortable, attractive home looks perfect for the family group as they pose in front of the Christmas tree, Munchkin the poodle and Pepper Mae the chihuahua sit secure in laps and outside the doors of the "barn" await Pepper Gene and Puppie the cow dogs, the horses, cattle, chickens and lambs that make up their "extended family".

The Whittles lost a lot in the fire. But they are well aware that the safety of those they love was a great gift, and the warm, secure home they live in now shows the closeness of this family. This Christmas will be special for them. They have started over, defeated their losses and come out of a loss stronger and closer than ever.



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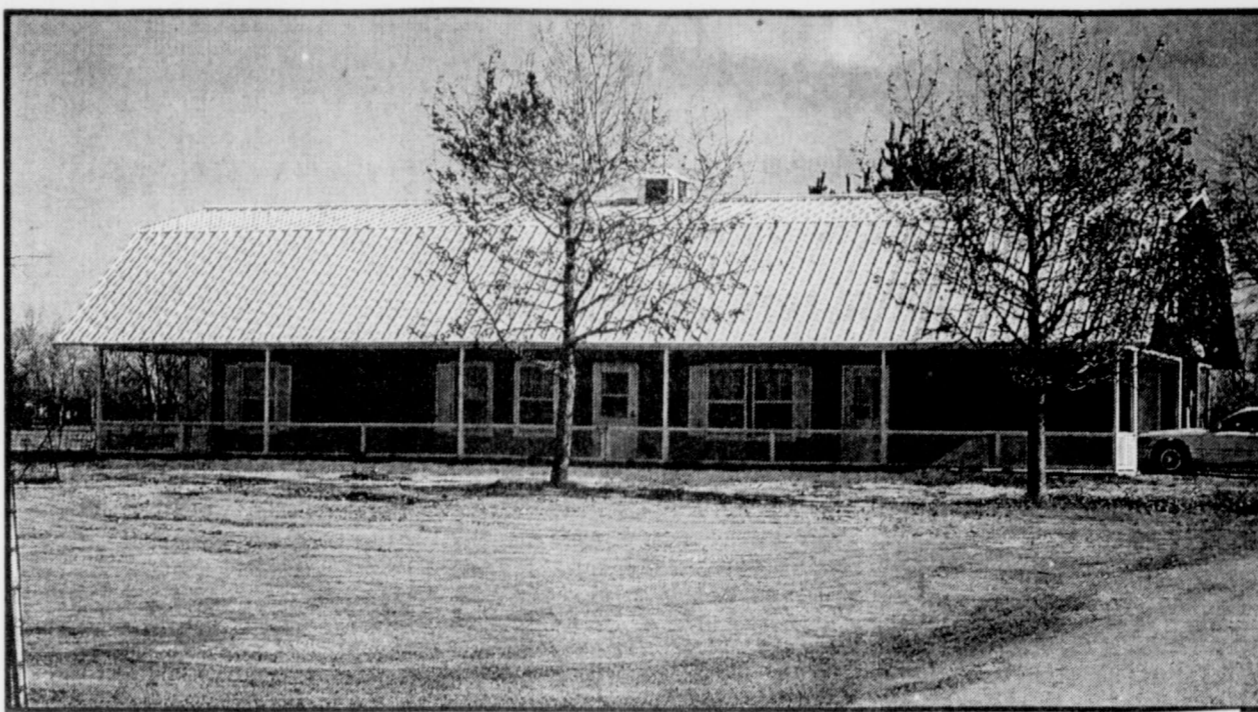
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THIS IS THE WHITTLE Home as it was when Larry and Judy and their girls moved in to it back in 1992. The house burned in April of 2000, and has been replaced by a most unusual structure.



BARN-LIKE house-the Whittle house is very different from what it used to look like. After it burned they used the slab, then put in an all new structure that resembles a barn.

A 1912 Christmas

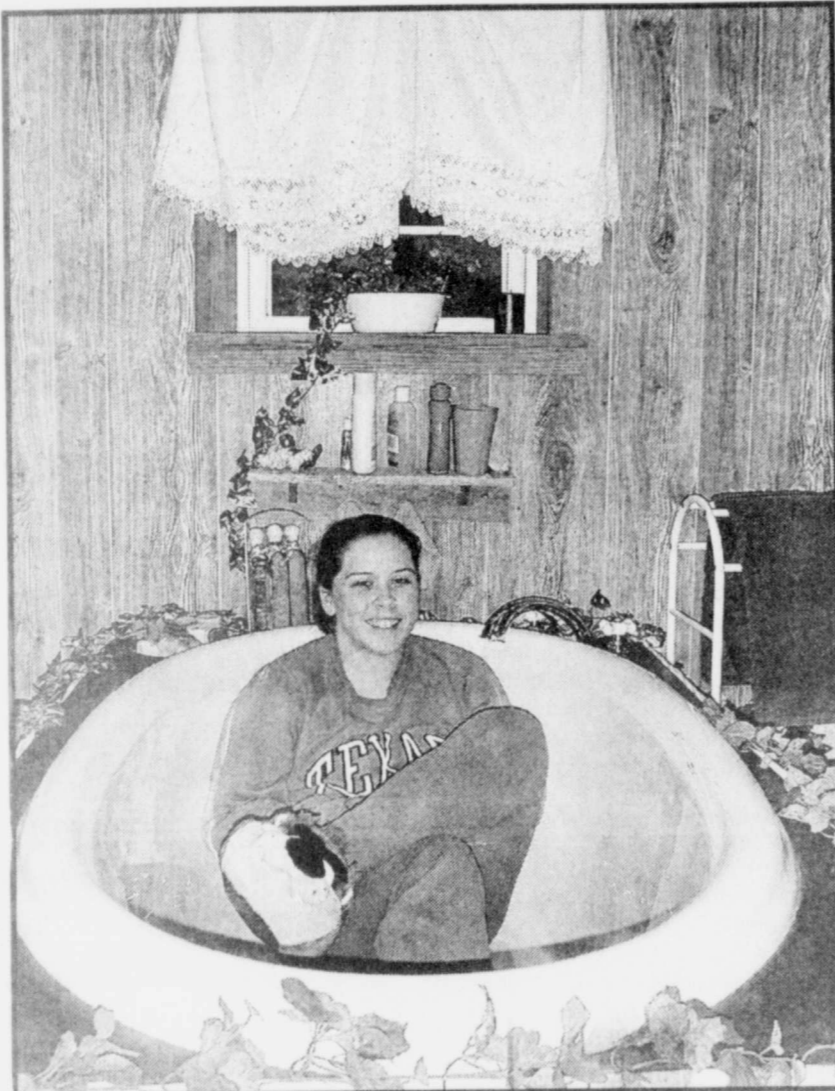
Everyone says I have a good memory. I'm 97+ years old and my greatest memory in all these years comes when I was nine years old. It was 1912 and we lived on the Davis place south of Bogata. Uncle Dick Lawson came to our house with a big brown grocery sack full of all kinds of nuts, candy and apples and oranges. That was the good old times to me. Now I'm legally blind and old but in 1912 it was my Christmas memory.

-Glady's Hamilton Townes

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SUSAN WHITTLE shows off her "Taz" houseshoes while sitting in the ivy surrounded "Garden" Tub in the Whittle's new home. The family has suited the decor and structure of their new home to their lifestyle. Their old home burned in the spring. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



LOOKING DOWNWARD from the landing at the Whittle home shows the barnwood walls and galvanized tin ceilings. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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CUNNINGHAM NEWS

The King Family met at the Cunningham Community Center Sunday for their Christmas Party. Those attending were: Lillian King, Thomas, Patricia, Tommy, Danny, Dakota, Jennifer and Justin King, Misty and Jordan Jones, Leonard and Billie Ford, Carol, Bobby, Ashley, Jason and Daniel Arrington, Joyce Yazell, Andrew Bazhaw, Ryan Threadgill, David Ford, Danielle Moss, Tracy Kendal, Jack Jones, Ryan Ford, Marissa, Megan and Riley Kendal, Shirlene, Tommy, Drew and Matthew Owen, Tammy, Darrell and J.D. Barnes, Janell and Courtney Crews, Darlene, Jonathon Francis and Shelby King, Christopher Barnes, Shell George, Cassie and Jacob Hight and Chad Clear.

The ladies of Cunningham Baptist had a Christmas Party at the home of Jane Glass.

Life Tabernacle Church had their Christmas dinner Sunday. Special guest were Gary and Sandra Garner of Danville, Arkansas.

Several in the Community were at the Sterling House Family Christmas Party Saturday night. Silas and Juanita Taylor were there with her father, Mr. Wright. The Watson's, Musgrove's and Norwood's were there with Marie Watson, Jamie, Johnny, Jennifer and Landon Syrus and Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood were there with their grandmother, Zula Todd. Marie Watson's family entertained with Christmas songs.

Sunday dinner guest of James and Pat Norwood were Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Rodney and Tracy Norwood.

Billie Joe and Georgia Oats went to Cooper Sunday to the Lawler Christmas Dinner at the home of Forrest and Wanda Joe Lawler.

Jeff, Cindy, Zack, Garrett, Taylor, Asa, Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy had lunch with Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.

Josh Osburn spent the night with Spur Norwood Friday.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt were on a cruise to Cozmel with Ronnie, Raylene and Jeff Nutt, Don, Jane and Beth Wikoff.

Silent Night



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Two Christmas Hens

It was the Christmas of 1941, I was working for \$1.25 a day with a family of seven.

I was only making \$7.50 per week and there was no way to save anything for Santa or Christmas so my wife and I talked the matter over and decided to sell some hens off the yard.

They were not laying anyway, so I took two sacks (some folks call them toe sacks, some call them crocker sacks). I put two hens in each sack and cut two holes in each sack and stuck a hen's head out of each hole for fresh air and carried them about a mile and a half down a muddy

road to the highway going to Deport. A man, I think his name was a Mr. Bryant, stopped and asked me where I was going with the chickens. I told him they were my kids Santa Claus.

He said, "What a coincidence, my wife wanted me to go to Deport and get her a hen for Christmas. Tell you what, put them in the back of the car

and we will see how much they are paying and I'll pay you 2¢ a pound more for the whole lot and bring you back here and you won't have to walk."

He also bought my children a basket of fruit.

Needless for me to say, I'll never forget that man. It was the difference of my children having a nice Christmas and not having one.

Yeah, my wife and her mother got a good sized red corn cob from somewhere and cut a doll's head out of sale paper and pasted it on the big end of the cob with paste made out of flower and water and put a paper dress on below the head. Believe it or not, that girl still has that corn cob doll.

Now those of you that have seen hard times know why I call this my special memory.

Merry Christmas to all.
L.E. Clement

An
Air Force Christmas

When the Air Force had me on special duty in the Middle East in 1957-58, I bought Christmas cards in Bethlehem. Instead of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men", the cards had "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will". I was told this definitely did not mean good will toward ALL men.

--Henry Lee Somerville



Honorable Mention
2000 Christmas Memories Contest

Glorious Night of Miracles!

The year was 1972. I was 13 years old. As a gawky kid, I must have grown an inch every day making my pants eternally too short. My hair was ridiculously curly in an age when long and straight was preferred. As the only girl in my class with glasses, I had been condemned to the position of eighth grade brain. Like many a 13-year old, I was uncomfortable with who I was and worried a lot about how I appeared to others, especially boys!

Christmas time rolled around, and my best friend, Tresa, invited me to go with her family to hear the Christmas Cantata at the Methodist Church. I was excited to go not because of the musical program, but because Glenn, the boy of my dreams, would be singing in the choir. Wanting to look my best, I pleaded with my older sister to allow me to wear something of hers. With all those recently accumulated inches of growth, I was able to fit into one of her cutest dresses, a light brown jumper (polyester knit, of course) with little antique cars printed all over it. I wore a shiny yellow blouse underneath and, although it doesn't sound too appealing now, I looked very nice, and more importantly, I felt like a million bucks.

Off to church we went. We sat in the center of the sanctuary, and I had a perfect view of my beloved Glenn. "Wondrous night of miracles. Glorious night of miracles!" the choir sang beautifully. As the cantata progressed through the story of the first Christmas, I gazed at Glenn, and if he happened to glance my way, I quickly averted my eyes. During that brief moment of eye contact, I felt a tingle up my spine. I mustered up some courage and decided that should he look my way again, I would remain

steadfast and not look away. I wanted and watched. At last, his gorgeous brown eyes met mine. I held my breath and did not dare even blink. And then it happened! He winked at me! I could not believe it. My heart was pounding and I nearly elbowed Tresa off the pew. An uncontrollable smile spread across my face, and I could feel the warmth of a bluish beginning at my neck and working its way up. He winked again and flashed me one of his crooked little smiles. I winked back. From across the

church, the sparkle in his eyes melted me.

I could have sat there forever gazing at Glenn, but alas, the cantata was finished. As the crowd began to leave, I rose on somewhat wobbly legs to see Glenn, still in his rushing from the choir loft toward me.

"The choir is having a party tonight. Do you want to come with me?" he asked.

I hemmed and hawed a little, then emphatically replied, "Yes!"

At the party, he treated me like a lady. He found a place for me to sit, and then got me some punch. I was impressed by his charming manners.

I can't recall much more about the evening except that, on the drive home, a possum ran across the road. Slipping out of prince charming mode for a second, Glenn pleaded with his dad to run over the poor creature. Happily for me, his dad did not comply with the request.

Christmas miracles, like beauty, are in the eye of the beholder. And as the choir had earlier sung, it truly was "Glorious night of miracles" for this awkward young girl and a possum somewhere in east Texas.

--Shan Watkins

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A Christmas I Remember

The Christmas when I was about five years of age, my Daddy told us Santa would not come that Christmas. I was aware that we didn't have any money, so I accepted his statement with understanding. My Mother was in bed sick and my little brother was also very sick. I realized later that, even if he had the money, he could not have shopped for little girls by himself.

I went to bed disappointed but knew that if my Daddy said it, then that was the way it had to be. When morning came, Daddy called us to get up. We went into the dining room and were surprised at what we saw. Daddy had managed to get fruit, nuts and candy and had set our places at

the table with a generous amount of it all.

I realized that morning just how much he loved us and how much effort he had gone to do this for us.

I think I never loved him more than I did that morning. He had done all the fixing himself and I knew that he had done it all because he loved us. I also became aware of how much I loved him. I kept that feeling for him until he died when he was past 80 years of age. He holds a tender spot in my memory.

I still feel guilty when I let an apple lie on my kitchen cabinet until it ruins.

--Lou Ada Franklin

That Old Cow!

I recall a brief little story that my Grandpa Frank Gibson told. My Grandma was Sarah.

One morning, too far back for me to remember, he said to Sarah "We better load up in our wagon and head for town." Town was Pattonville at that time, as they lived on the Ables farm. They had six boys and six girls in their family. When they returned home, they had to hide all they had gotten in a barrel behind the chimney or in the corner of the chimney.

The next morning, all the fruit was gone.

An old cow turned the barrels over and ate all the fruit they had gotten.

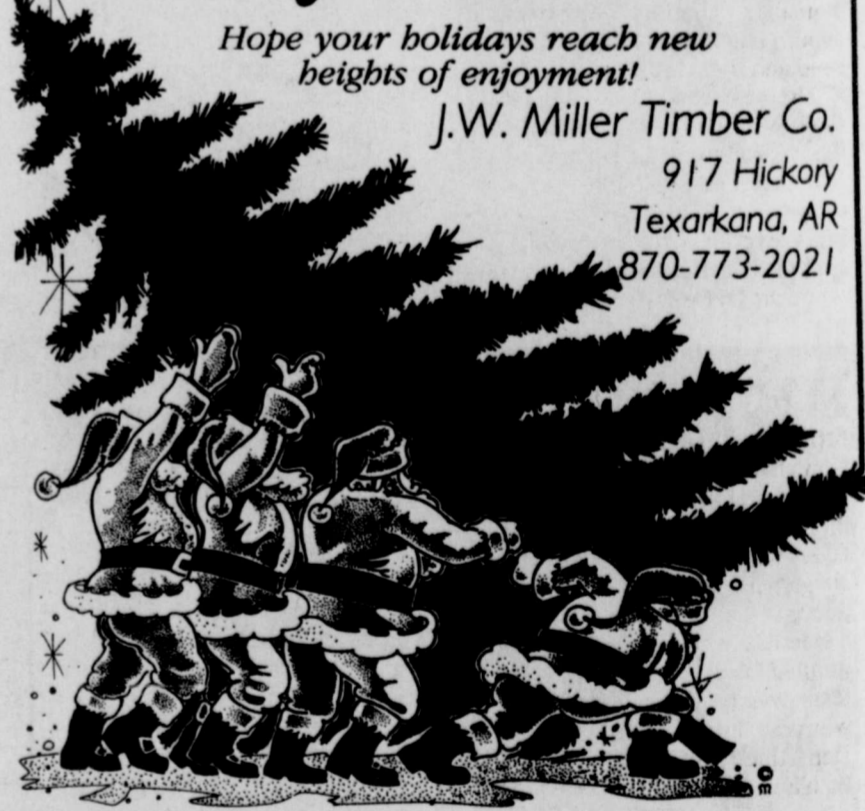
--Nanie Bell Ham

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My Christmas Coat

Christmas time on our farm
Mama would string popcorn for our tree.
Daddy would go out into the fields
To find us a special tree.
Soon I would put my coat
on the floor.

Christmas time on our farm,
I would start out early in the year
thinking about where I would put my coat
on the floor.

My coat would soon be put in a corner
for Santa to find, I could not wait till
I would put my coat
on the floor.

Each Christmas eve, Mama and Daddy
would tell me to go find my coat.
And to remember to put down my coat, for
Santa would be here soon to leave toys
on my coat in the corner
on the floor.

My coat would be for Santa to know
where to put my toys on my coat.
Toys that I had asked Santa to bring,
I would spread out my coat in the corner
on the floor.

Oh! I remember always how I would
spread my coat out on the floor.
How excited I would be getting ready for
Santa as I spread my coat all pretty and neat
on the floor.

Winters could be cold on our farm
as we would get up on Christmas morning
I would run to my coat laying on the floor.
All my Christmas presents would be
on my coat all neat, that Santa had left for me
on the floor.

As I sit on my coat on Christmas morning,
it was the most wonderful feeling.
I will always have my memories of the times
I would lay my coat
on the floor.

Now my grandchildren lay their coats
on the floor. They take me back to all
my Christmas' past of laying my coat
on the floor.

Oh! My Christmas past memories
of all the times I laid my coat on the floor,
for generations to come when my
Great-grandchildren will lay their coats
on the floor.

--Nila Phelps
Dedicated to my parents, Leon and Pearl Whitsell,
who gave us so many wonderful Christmas memo-
ries.

A Christmas Memory

Christmas childhood memories
float about as warm gold threads.
Magically, I move them closer and
to center stage. The threads take the
form of a slender dark haired young
woman, a laughing young man with
auburn hair that lays in waves on his
head and their little girl.

The year was 1945, Santa Claus
flew over Pattonville several times
that year before Christmas Eve.

It's dark and cold outside, yet too
early for bed. Inside, a radio is play-
ing, the room is warmed with a little
coal oil burning stove. Between fa-
vorite programs on the radio the three
play "I Spy" with the woman's
thimble. Unnoticed, the woman
leaves the room. She returns with a
small sack of fruit and a story for the
little girl. "From the kitchen, the
woman had heard the sounds of bells
and pawing hoofs. Stepping outside,
the woman bumped right into Santa
Claus and his team of reindeer. His
sleigh was filled with fruit and pep-
permint candy canes. Santa Claus
handed the woman a sack of fruit and
jumped back in the sleigh. As his
team was ready to fly, he told the
woman to bring her little girl to Sears
Department Store in Paris to visit
with him." Santa Claus brought fruit

a second time that year before Christ-
mas Eve. Much like the first visit, he
was "checking things out" and in a
hurry. The little girl ran outside hop-
ing for a glimpse, but he was out of
sight. Santa and his team travel fast!

The little girl looked forward to
visiting Santa Claus at the depart-
ment store. She had no memory of
ever seeing him. In Sears, she sat on
the lap of the man in the beautiful
red suit and felt of his soft white
whiskers. She thought he was won-
derful. Later she would daydream of
him and his sleigh full of toys.

This year the little girl's grandson
will decide where the most practi-
cal place is to leave Santa's milk and
what pie Santa Claus would like best.
An older cousin will show him how
to spread reindeer feed on the front
lawn. Someone will explain again
how Santa gets past the hot logs on
the fireplace. Then he will hang his
stocking and wait for sleep.

Years from now the little grand-
son will be the maker of beautiful
childhood Christmas memories for
little boys and girls he loves.

Merry Christmas and happy
memories to all the young and old!
--Marylyn M. Cope

My First Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below
with the tiny lights, like Heaven's stars reflecting on
the snow.

The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away the tears
for I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs
that people hold so dear
but the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you
the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description,
to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away,
we really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones,
you know I hold you dear,
and be glad I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory
of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious
than pure gold.
It was always most important
in the stores Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other,
as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessing or love
He has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and
wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.

In memory of our grandparents, Lorene Eliza-
beth Mays and
James Lewis Williams
from Lillian Watkins, Jessica Whitney and John
English, Jr.

The Christmas Eve Reading

Gordon DeBerry had always loved
Christmas. This year, starting in Janu-
ary, he had been terribly sick. His
doctors predicted that he would not
live until June. After spending a long
time in the hospital, he had been sent
home to the old DeBerry home place
to die (the very home that his family
had moved into when Gordon was
one month old in 1901). His devoted
wife, Maggie, stayed with him day
and night taking care of his every
need.

Now it was Christmas Eve. His
only son, Thomas Gordon DeBerry,
lived six miles north of Bogata with
his wife, Ann, and three sons, Tom,
David and Bill. It was cold and rain-
ing a downpour and the only vehicle
that this family had running was an
old white Ford pickup.

Now it had always been the tradi-
tion of the Thomas DeBerry family

to get together with all the family
available on Christmas Eve and read
The Christmas Story from Luke 2 in
the Bible. But this night was terrible
for getting out and that old pickup
would be mighty crowded with two
adults and three nearly grown sons.
They had decided that this year, they
would postpone the Christmas read-
ing until the next morning. But the
idea of changing the custom seemed
altogether wrong.

Ann called her mother and stepfa-
ther, Ethel and Harold Spitznas, who
had moved to Bogata just before
Thanksgiving that year, and who
were living in the house just south of
Gordon and Maggie, to meet them at
the Gordon DeBerry home that night
for the reading of the story of Jesus'
birth.

They all went into the Gordon

DeBerry home and surrounding his
bed, and as tradition had dictated to
them for so long, they read the Luke
2 story and had prayer all holding
hands. The moment was, as always,
a very reverent experience. Then the
families all went to their perspective
homes.

Sometime that night, Gordon
DeBerry slipped into a coma. Family
and friends gathered around the
next day, Christmas Day, to be to-
gether. About noon on that Christmas
Day, Gordon left his earthly tent to
go to his home with his Heavenly
Father.

A sad day, you might think, and it
was, but there was also that glorious
experience of knowing that God had
guided us to be together for that last
Christmas Eve reading.

--Ann DeBerry



Have A Merry Christmas

Michigan Christmas Memories

My family is from Michigan and
my fondest memories of Christmas
are the ones spent at my
grandparent's home.

Beaverton is a small town and
back when I was a child, the churches
would play their church chimes each
evening starting the Sunday before
Christmas. They would start about
6:00 p.m. and play for approximately
one half hour. Each church took a
turn and they played the traditional
carols. We would stand out on the
front porch, my grandparents, par-
ents, aunts, uncles, cousins and my
sister and I.

Somehow it was never too cold to
be out and if we were lucky it would
be snowing softly. I will never for-
get the snowflakes drifting lazily
down under the street lamps and the
neighbors calling "hello" or "Merry
Christmas".

My funniest memory is when my
cousin complained of a hole in her
sock and my brother-in-law told her
if she took the sock off and turned it
wrong side out the hole would be
gone. She tried it (she was only about
6) and was so mad when everyone
laughed because it didn't work!

--Sunny Whitney

Living Nativity Scene in Bogata, Red River Co., 150 Years Ago

In this and other recent Christmas
seasons, the media have sometimes
reported "living nativity scenes" as
something new, but the first example
of such a scene in Bogata, Red River
County, Texas may have appeared a
century and a half ago.

We have no details and no pictures,
but the evidence in a Red River
County census is persuasive. Early
in December in 1850, the federal cen-
sus-taker took down the bare facts
when he appeared on horseback at the
cabin of the William and Mary
Humphreys family, the first settlers
at the site of the future town of
Bogata. (Their cabin then stood a few
feet north of the site of the present-
day First Baptist Church in northern
Bogata.)

The Humphreys couple and their
children are listed and some details
of their circumstances are given. The
separate "Slave Schedule" appears at
first glance to be just a reminder that
human slavery, now only a part of our
distant history, was still a grim real-
ity. The schedule shows two African-
American slaves as part of the
Humphreys household. One slave,
who was in those days as a black
male thirty years old. Another name-
less black male was shown to be "4/
12ths" of a year old.

The almost inevitable conclusion
is that the older man was father of
the four-months-old infant, and that
the mother had died in childbirth, or
shortly thereafter, probably of what
was then called "childbed fever." The
account is a sad memento of pioneer
life in northern Texas in the frontier
era. But that is not the whole picture,
nor the end of the story.

The census also shows that the
Humphreys household included two
teen-age daughters, Mary, thirteen,
and her sister, Elizabeth, fifteen. The
natural maternal instincts of the two

girls make it a virtual certainty that,
as Christmas approached in 1850, a
real, live baby, whose care would
naturally have fallen in large part to
them, replaced their dolls. The
infant's "manger" would in all like-
lihood have been an oak-splint bas-
ket, or perhaps a roughly-made crib
that had previously held younger sib-
lings of the two girls.

As the girls fed the child, or rocked
and cuddled him and lent him a fin-
ger for his tiny ones to clutch, they
doubtless had thoughts paralleling
those of an earlier Mary and Eliza-
beth--that owing to the circumstances
of his birth, the child was fated to
have a difficult future.

It would be hard for us to imag-
ine, in the bi-Millennium year, a more
faithful reenactment of the nativity
scene of Jesus of Nazareth.

Unfortunately, the sequels to this
little story are only partly known. As
for the Humphreys sisters, who re-
enacted the role of Mary and Eliza-
beth as recounted in the gospel of St.
Luke, we know that they married and
were the forebears of dozens of
Bogatans.

Of the little orphan slave-child
who played the part of the baby Jesus,
the rest of his life is lost to history.
Ten years later, the 1860 census re-
corded a slave child, still nameless
on the record, who may have starred
in the living nativity scene of the
previous decade, but even this identifi-
cation is uncertain. We can suggest
no parallel for Joseph of Nazareth's
flight into Egypt to save the infant
Jesus from the wrath of King Herod.

It is comforting to speculate, how-
ever, that the "baby Jesus" of 1850
could have survived well into the
twentieth century, and may have been
the ancestor of many free Americans
celebrating the Nativity in the year
2000.

My Christmas Memories

Three small girls with hearts
aglow, stringing popcorn on a string,
construction paper cut in stripes to
make a pretty Christmas chain. A
scraggly little Christmas tree that
Daddy cut the day before, a Christ-
mas star to hang on top that we had
cut from some pasteboard, icicles
hanging from each limb (tinsel ones
we thought were great!) Cotton
pieces placed around, we thought
they looked like real snowflakes. We
hung our stockings up with care,
sometime there was a hole or two,
but not to worry, Santa Claus always
knows what to do.

He sewed those holes so not one
toy, in no way could ever slip
through. He filled them up from top
to toe, no bit thing for him to do!
Sometimes candy, fruit and nuts,
maybe jacks or a yo-yo. Sometimes
a pretty little ring down in the bot-
tom of the toe, a play watch, hands
that really moved.

A doll with hair that sometimes

cried, a wagon with bright shining
wheels to take our dollies for a ride.
In school we sang our Christmas
songs. They still remain within my
heart. Angels we have heard on high,
still number one upon my chart! Skat-
ing late upon the pond, our feet were
frozen to the bone. Mama calling
cross the way. Wood smoke curling
in the air, no other smell has ever
been a scent of wood smoke even yet.
Transports me back to home again.
Dinner time on Christmas Day, the
table bountiful was laid, kids lined
up all on a bench, glad that prayers
were finally said. Pass the dressing,
pass the rolls, sweet potatoes down
here, please.

People laughing having fun, my
memories are made of these. Home
with parents so secure. What more
could any poor child ask? It warms
the cockles of my heart, remember-
ing all the Christmas' past.

--Sarah Marris Dennie

A Louisiana Christmas

As I sit here tonight remembering
Christmas that have gone by, the
Christmas of 1959 is so clear to me.

I was so excited. Me, Annette,
Mack and Coletta went with Daddy
and Lottie to Coushatta, LA to have
Christmas with Aunt Nola and her
family. All of Daddy's brothers and
sisters were there with their families,
along with Papaw and Mama Will-
iams.

Aunt Nola's house looked like a
mansion, there was so much food and
her Christmas tree was beautiful. She
had lights on the tree and there were
so many presents, more than I had
ever seen. Of course, I didn't realize
just how many grandchildren were
there.

That night after supper, we all
gathered in the living room and Uncle
Cecil started handing our presents,
calling the kids by name. I sat there
listening for my name to be called, I
listened for Mack, Annette and
Coletta, but our names were never
called. I sat there with tears in my
eyes and told myself I would not cry.
Aunt Nola called Daddy into the
kitchen and she lit in on him like a
cat.

We spent the night there and

Christmas morning we watched the
other grandchildren grabbing their
gifts Santa had left for them, but
Santa I guess didn't know that we
would be in Louisiana.

After lunch, we came back home.
I was so proud to see my home and
ran into the living room where Mama
and Uncle Dick were. I couldn't hold
the tears back anymore. As I sat down
beside Mama and told her about our
Christmas, Uncle Dick walked out of
the room. Mama put her arms around
me and as she stroked my hair she
said, "Carol, you were with part of
your family and being with your fam-
ily and the love you have for them,
Honey, no amount of money can
buy".

Then she told me she had forgot-
ten to let Santa know that we kids
would be in Louisiana for Christmas
and she then showed us our presents
sitting under our little Christmas tree
that I couldn't see earlier for the tears.
I played with my doll until bedtime
and then she and I went to bed. After
I said my prayers, I hollered out
"Goodnight Mama, I love you." A
gentle voice said "Good night, I love
you babies, too!"

--Carol English

JOY
UNTO YOU AT CHRISTMAS.

"I love the Christmas-tide, and yet,
I notice this, each year I live;
I always like the gifts I get,
But how I love the gifts I give!"
- Carolyn Wells

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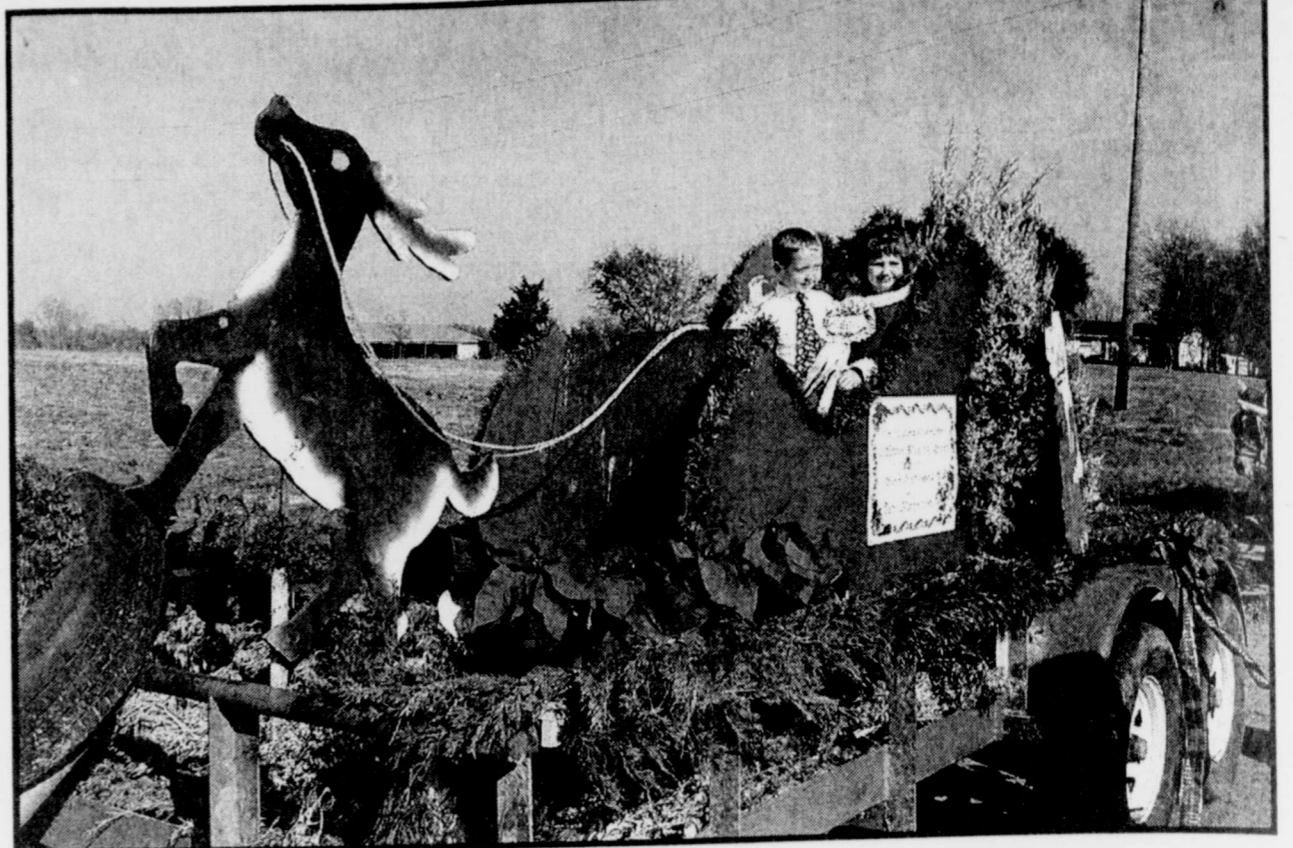
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MAYOR CHARLES Foster took 3rd place with this Kiddie Train, loaded with youngsters in the Miscellaneous Division of the Deport Parade. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



DEPORT KINDERGARTEN won 3rd place in the Float division of the Deport Parade Friday with this entry. Tori Nicholson and Caleb Norwood were the Queen and King. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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GUARANTY BANK won 3rd place in the Deport Christmas Parade Friday with their entry, a 1937 Chevrolet Pumper Fire Truck loaded with Mrs. Claus and a tiny "Santa's Helper". (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

SEASON'S GREETINGS & MANY THANKS

It's been a pleasure serving you this past year.

Red River County Auditor
Shirley Anderson
And Staff

Greetings to All Our Friends

Our fondest holiday wishes are on the way. May you know peace, friendship and goodwill this coming year. Thank you

G & S Foodmart Bogata
Deb, Janie, Robin, Ashely, Chase, Bridgette, Denise, Linda C. Linda W.

O Christmas Tree
Festive tidings to one and all.

VIA WELL SERVICE
TALCO, TEXAS

'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

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Wishing you a season filled with great joy!
Many thanks for your friendship!

Marlin Foster

Merry Christmas And Best Wishes For A Happy & Prosperous New Year
From Mark Homer,
State Representative, Dist. 3

Deck the Halls!

May it be a beautiful season for all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for stopping by!

Detroit Middle And High School Students, Faculty & Staff

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the magic and mirth of the holidays bring many happy surprises!!

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With heartfelt gratitude for the pleasure of serving you this past year. We hope everyone enjoys a very happy and healthy holiday season.

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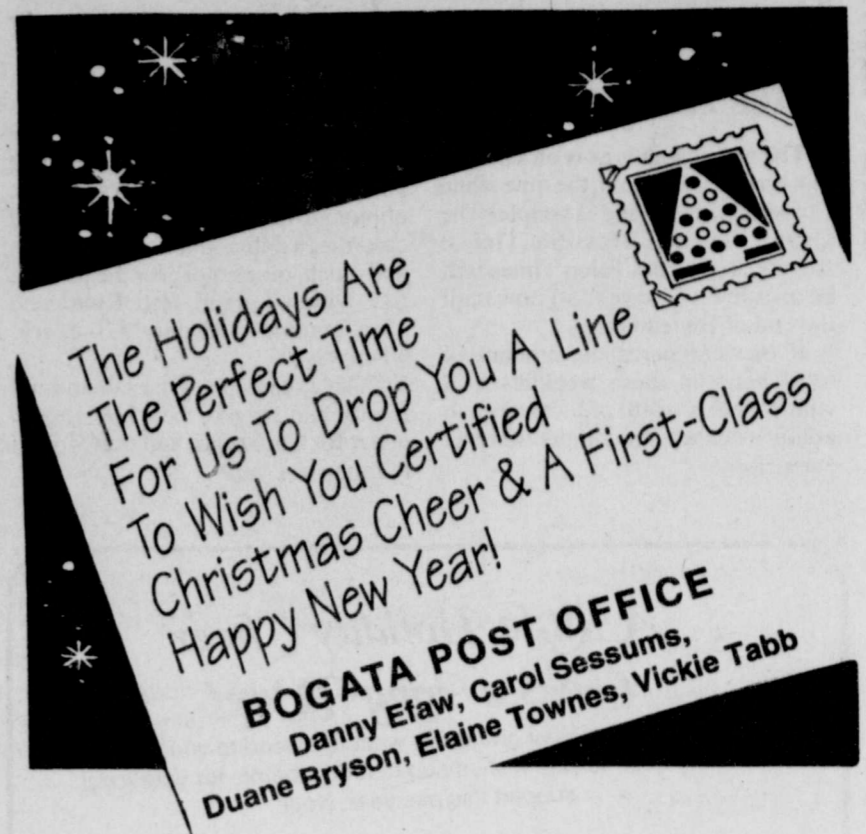


HATS OFF
To Our Customers & Friends
You make it all worthwhile! A very, merry Christmas to all.

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BLOSSOM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH collected teddy bears to be donated to the Methodist Children's Home for the holidays. The Methodist Children's Home has helped thousands of children who have lost loved ones, been neglected or abused or had a troubled life. Pictured by the Christmas tree with the donated teddy bears are Clara Gardiner, Krystin, Kourtne and Kayla Walker. (Staff Photo by Mae Crawford)



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

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Danny Etaw, Carol Sessums,
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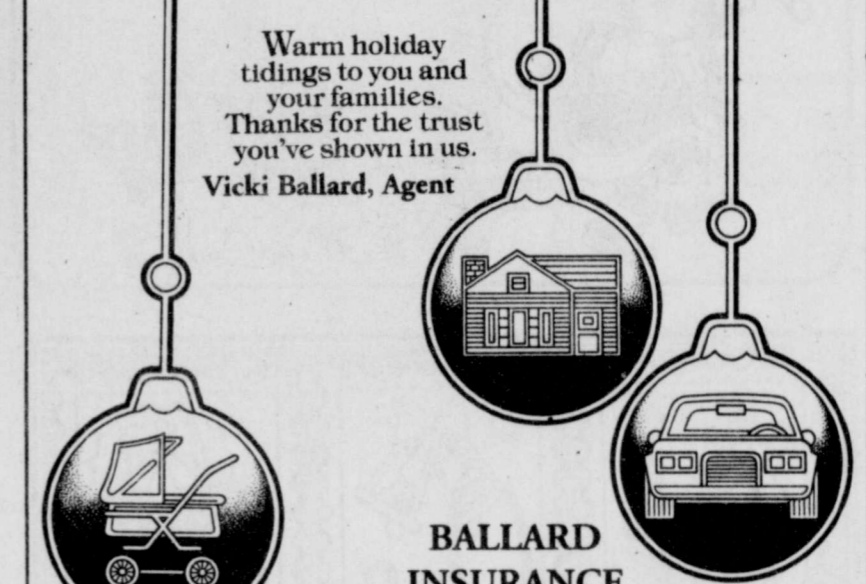
HARK!
Wishing you a glorious season, with our thanks.

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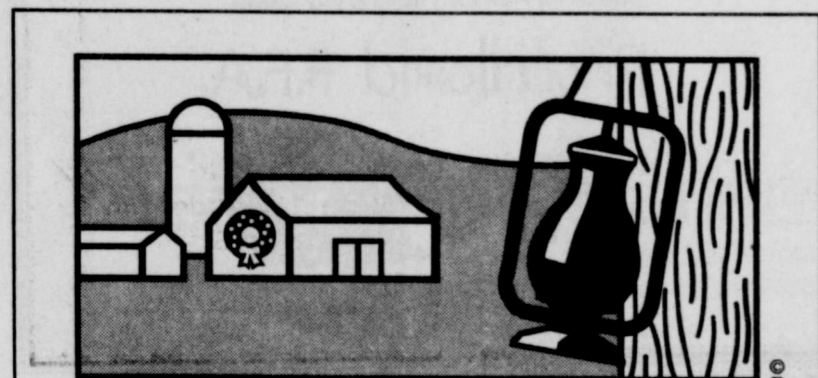


MERRY CHRISTMAS

Warm holiday tidings to you and your families. Thanks for the trust you've shown in us.
Vicki Ballard, Agent



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Methodist donates to children's home

Blossom United Methodist Church members collected teddy bears to donate to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco for the holidays. Methodist Children's Home is one of the largest non-profit care agencies not receiving state funding to support its ministry. The Home also does not receive any church apportionments. Offerings collected during Decem-

ber in United Methodist congregations across Texas and New Mexico support the Home's Foster Care, Boys Ranch, College Scholarships, Religious Education and Family Counseling programs. Since it opened as an orphanage in 1890, Methodist Children's Home has helped thousands of children who have lost loved ones, been neglected or abused or had a troubled life.



JUST BEAR-LY-Christus St. Joseph's emergency room nurse, Robin Gage, RN, is surrounded by bears to be given children entering the hospital this holiday season. The bears, provided by the Children's Mission Fund, will be given to youngsters admitted to the hospital as well as those who are treated and released in the emergency room. (CSJHS photo by George Kimbrough)

Here Comes Santa...

And he's bringing our very best wishes your way.
Merry Christmas, friends.

JACK & JACKIE CRANE



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Papers now on sale, save money and fill your Christmas list

The newspaper is now on sale! It's that time of year again, the time when Christmas gift giving is simple! The Deport Times, Blossom Times, Bogata News, and Talco Times will be on sale for \$2 a year off now until the end of December.


If one compares the amount of local news in these weeklies to a whole week's worth of local news in a daily it's clear...the competition isn't even close!

Where else can a reader get a whole year's worth of local news, sports, photos, award winning articles and columns, a delicious cooking column and much, much more for the price of \$17 within Lamar, Red River and Titus counties and only \$20 everywhere else?

Take advantage of the sale to send family and friends their home town paper for Christmas, and don't forget to renew for you!

Pattonville News

By *Peggy Parsons*



Happy birthday wishes to Wesley Davis, Claudia Whitney, Betty Robbins, Lyncel Zant Beck, Betty Boren, Fern Rees, Madilyn Sims, Merita Head and Mary Jackson.

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, Brad and Tammie Bassano, Ken and Betty Robbins, Chuck and Terri Ann Gray Burge.

L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout were in Sulphur Bluff last week for the 18th annual Cap Herman basketball tournament. Grandson Lance Stout scored 12 points for the Cooper Bulldogs as they beat Sulphur Bluff 48-47 in overtime.

Bobby and Judy Ellington of Huntsville spent Friday night with Keith and Peggy Parsons. They all left for Branson, MO on Saturday, December 9 accompanied by Nina Sparks of Deport and Lois Kennett of Cooper for a week of Christmas shows and shopping. They received 15 inches of snow on Tuesday night and Wednesday and played lots of card games. The scenery was beautiful, just like a picture postcard. They returned home Friday night with snow still on the ground as far as the Red

River bridge is alright. Bob and Judy Ellington returned to their home in Huntsville Saturday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Olen James Johnson, who died in Paris Thursday, December 14 at his home. He was the brother of Barbara Dawson now of Lindale.

Sandy Ring and Ashleigh McLean took Heather Anderson to DFW Airport Saturday for her flight to California to visit her relatives there and in Arizona for the holidays.

Sandy Ring, Ashleigh McLean and Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home Sunday afternoon. Ruby D. also visited Bertha Westbrook and Geneva Currin.

L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout hosted the Stout Christmas party in their home Saturday, December 9. Among those attending were Kathy Stout of Arlington, Jerry and Mitzi Stout and family of Cooper, Johnny and Reva Stout and family of Paris.

It was good to see Gary and Gwen Ballard out shopping in Paris Monday. He began therapy that day.

May all the joy that Christmas brings be yours now and in the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Blossom Post Office



YOU'RE ON SANTA'S LIST!

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

Randy, Keith, Mike, Juanita, Marsha & Danita




We wish you a Christmas filled with love.

Thank you.

Seasons Greetings This Year To Our Friends Near and Far Robert Lee & Venita Jo Oldfield Morris

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.



Peace



On



Earth

Joyous wishes to all for a wonderful holiday. Our fondest holiday greetings and appreciation to our many dear friends.

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MARY JANE'S CRAFT SHOP donated wooden figures for the Blossom Park for the Christmas decorations. Pictured is Mary Jane Crouch who cutout and painted the figures. (Staff Photo by Mae Crawford)

COUNTRY Christmas Greetings

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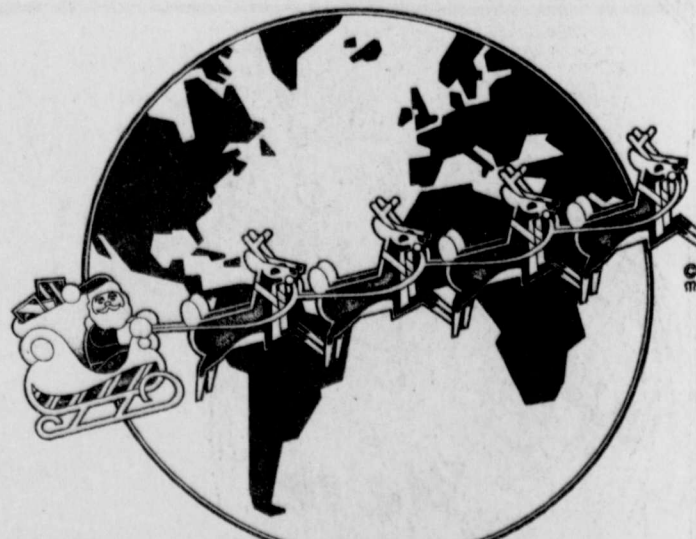
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Have a Merry Little Christmas
Margaret Parks
and
Sandra Gifford

Have a Sparkling White Christmas

We wish you all the very best!

Keep Smiling!
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FAUGHT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT drove their truck in the Blossom Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9, 2000. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish you all a great American Christmas. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Officers and Members Of
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Warren Teague Post #199

Every cause produces more than one effect.

—Herbert Spencer





JOLLY GREETINGS

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




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Curtis, June,
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Have A Bright and Shining Holiday Season

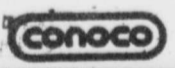


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To my friends, neighbors & relatives, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I love you all and miss you so much.

Mary Westbrook



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

HUGH, VICKI
JEFFUS
JEFF, RUSS & CAMEY
BENJI & SHARON,
GARREL,
CHRISTY, CHASE & JOEY

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,
The everlasting Father,
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.

Detroit 7 to 11
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Deport Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. fine this year I hope you and Mrs. claus are bing me a sled and a shotgun and a scooter. please bring my mom some flowers. and my DaD a BeD. leave a snack for you Have a safe trip and tell rudolph for me.
Love,
Shannon Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are fine. This year I hope you can bring me a toy gun, poster you color, and a toy car. Please bring my dady a new razor. I will leafe a snack you Have a safe trip and tell Rudolph hi for me.
Love,
Sean Dodson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are fine this year I hope you can bring me Super poochie Techno and Meuchie. I will leave a snack for you. Have a safe trip and tell evryone hi for me.
Love,
Katelyn Golden

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I would like a soccer ball, t.v., Shadow the wonderful dog and an ice cream maker. I will leave you a snack and some hay for your reindeer. Merry Christmas
Love,
Emily Haggard

Dear Santa,
I have been good I hope you and Mrs. Claus are bring me a buzz Lightyear for me and toy car. Please bring me play gun. I will leave cookies for you. have a safe trip and tell Rudolph hi for me.
Love,
Casey Haskell

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best to be good this year. Would you please bring me a t.v., soccer ball, scooter, and somp Reebok shoes. Be sure to get your milk and cookies. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Billy York

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are fine. This year I hope you can bring me jaguar pajamas size 12, magnifying glass and a scooter. Please bring my mom a candle. I will leave a snack for you. Have a safe trip and tell the Raindeer hi for me.
Love,
Makynzi Watson

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best to be good this year. Would you please bring me a arts crafts, Baby Born, guitar, and some rollerblades. I will leave you a nice snack. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Laney Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are fine. This year I hope you can bring me a new scooter gold super poochie blue and Mouchie blue please bring my mom a cooky. I will lieve a snack for yoru. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Kailee Wear

Dear Santa,
This has been a great year. I would like a scooter, t.v., a little mermaid doll, and a swimming pool. I will leave you a snack. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Brittany Black

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Thundercat sword, claw that goes with the sword, remote control Woody.
Thank you,
Paul Green
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a diary, Baby Born, My Drime baby, and a bean baby. I will leave you a nice snack. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Amanda Gilbert

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Sarge's Hero II video game, Junior Dragstrip video game, EA Sports 2001 video game.
Thank you,
Cory Lemons
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best to be good this year. Would you please bring me a computer, ice cream maker, Baby Dill, and a arts and crafts. I will leave you a snack and some hay for your reindeer. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Allison Wolf

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Super Poochie, pink gooze, Power Puff girls watch.
Thank you,
Katie Morrison
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a scooter, soccerball, skateboard and a remote control car. I will leave you a nice snack. Have a safe trip.
Love,
John English

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Kelly doll, t.v., soccerball, and a little Mermaid doll. I will leave you a nice snack. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Courtney Crews

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best to be good this year. Would you please bring me a computer, skateboard, dairy and a bean bag. I will leav you a nice snack. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kimberly Elrod

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best to be good this year. I would like a diary, t.v., gameboy game, and a computer. Be sure to get your milk and cookies. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Justin Austin

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best to be good this year. I would like a computer, scooter, t.v., and a trampoline. I will leave you a nice snack. Have a safe trip.
Merry Christmas,
Love,
Shelby Richey

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hop you and Mrs. Claus are fine. This year I hop you can bring me a toygun, and dad a new hedsever. I will leave a snack for you. Have a safe trip and tell Santa hi for me.
Love,
Marcus Wolf

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are fine. This year I hope you can bring me a toy gun, poster you color, and a toy car. Please bring my dady a new razor. I will leafe a snack you Have a safe trip and tell Rudolph hi for me.
Love,
Sean Dodson



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Deport Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elementary. For Christmas I would like: a suit of clothes, CD player, hair bows. Thank you, Meid Perry
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: Racecar gun, Wrestler, Pokemon. Thank you, Donald Rogers
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: My real baby, VCR, CD player. Thank you, Tessa Steffensen
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
Would you please get me a playstation 2. And in my stocking I would like 3 hot wheels and I would like a pokemon grabber. And, one more thing, a stuffed mountain goat. Thank you - Love Justin James I Love you

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Digimon, Pokemon, X-men. Thank you, Steven Melvin
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: clothes, toy cars, water gun. Thank you, Dakota English
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: jewelry, little barbie car that you ride in, barbie lunch box. Thank you, Macee Mabry
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
My name is Chance Navia. I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a lot of Power Ranger stuff, a road grader, a John Deere tractor, and a Ford tractor. Don't forget my little sister, Baby Shay. She wants a baby doll. Love, Chance

Dear Santa,
My name is Savannah Smith, and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a barbie, a barbie car, pikachu watch, and a trampoline. Please bring my sister a big doll with a hat and bows in her hair. I would also like for you to bring my brother a big pikachu stuffed animal that's yellow. I will leave you some cookies and milk in the diningroom on a table. Love, Savannah Smith

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelby Cole, and I am five years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's Kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good little boy this year. Please bring me lots of horses, a stuffed animal that is Scooby Doo, a bike, and a play puppy. Please bring my sister Lacie some more pencils, my mom a new necklace, and my dad some new clothes. I will leave you some milk and Christmas cookies on the bar. Love, Kelby Cole

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter Bratcher and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a motorcycle, a diesel truck, and bullets for a 270 shotgun. I will leave you cookies and milk and it will be on the table. Love, Hunter Bratcher

Dear Santa,
My name is Dusty Brodie 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 Play-station 64, trampoline, BB gun. Please bring my mom a computer. I want you to bring my sister a baby doll. I will leave you cookies. Love, Dusty Brodie

Dear Santa,
My name is Kim Nichols, and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a steering wheel game, a girl baby doll, and a green power puff girl. Please bring my mom a rose. Bring my dad some, clothes, my brother a toy diesel truck. Bring my sister the baby that grows. I will leave you some reindeer cookies and a glass of milk. I will leave some hay for the reindeer. Love, Kim Nichols

Dear Santa,
My name is Abigail Byrd, and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me stamps, a dolly, and a beanie baby. Also I would like a stuffed animal. Please bring my mom some cards. Bring my brother a truck. Please bring my dad a Boogie-Bass. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies, and it will be on the T.V. Love, Abigail Byrd

Dear Santa,
My name is Loryn Gibson, and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a scooter, a Power Puff doll, a Sailer Moon Barbie doll, and a lion. I will leave you some starburst candies and a Coke. I will leave it on the table in my kitchen. Love, Loryn Gibson

that shoots up in the air, and Nintendo with a Pokemon game. Please bring my baby brothers, collin and Trent a blanket and please bring my mom a potato peeler. I will leave you some cookies and milk by the Christmas tree. Love, Drew Osborne

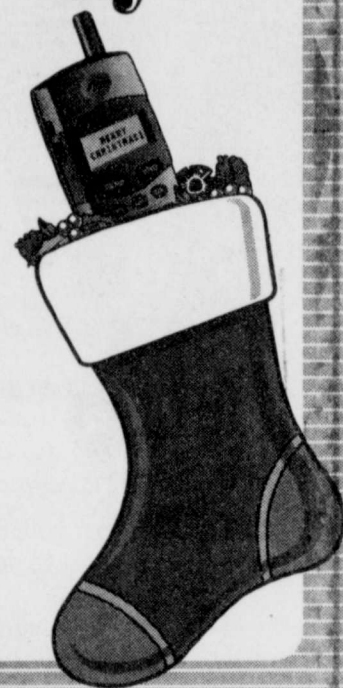


ring in the holidays!

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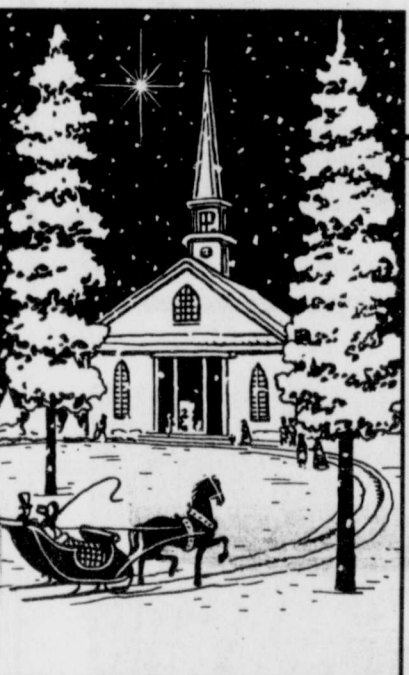
Dear Santa,
My name is Aaron Sullivan and I'm 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a power ranger watch, and a power ranger belt. Please bring my mom a what-not, and a real gun for my dad, and two barbie dolls for both of my sisters. I will leave you some cookies and milk where the chimney is at. Love, Aaron Sullivan

Dear Santa,
My name is Chelsey Kelly, and I am six years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a swimming Barbie, Kitchen set, a Christmas tape, and a swimming pool. Please bring my mom a candle. Please bring my brother a nintendo game and bring my sister some makeup. Also, would you bring my dad a new tool box. I will leave some Christmas cookies by our Christmas tree. Love, Chelsey Kelley

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Malone, and I am five years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a truck, car, a trampoline, a remote control car, and a dump truck. Please bring my mom some clothes, my dad a shotgun, and my sisters some barbies. I will leave you some cookies and milk and it will be on the cabinet by the christmas tree. Love, Cody Malone

Dear Santa,
My name is Wesley Watkins 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 trampoline, some books, 4 wheeler, Christmas lights. Please bring my sister a barbie doll, and flowers. Please bring my mom a new car. Please bring my dad a gun. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the diningroom table. Love, Wesley Watkins

Dear Santa,
My name is Drew Osborne and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a metal detector, a red hot wheel car that I can drive, a rocket



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Prairiland Cheerleaders to participate in London, England

Two area girls have been chosen by the UCA/UDA Cheerleading Association to participate on the All Star Cheerleading Team. They will have the opportunity to perform in the New Year's Day parade on January 2, 2001 in London, England. While there they will be visiting Buckingham Palace, City of Oxford and the university, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Dr. Marten Factory. There will be a Disco Cruise along

the River Thames and the girls will be celebrating the New Year at the West End Show in the heart of London's Theatreland. Chastiti Weeks is the 17 year old daughter of Mark and Sissy Nation of Blossom and the granddaughter of B.D. and Pat Nation also of Blossom and Earl and Judy Baker of Ivanhoe. She is a member of the Blossom


Church of God and was a member of the Blossom National Honor Society. Chastiti played volleyball for 3 years, basketball for 2 years and softball for 2 years. She also ran cross country for 2 years and made regionals both years. She is taking cosmetology and hopes to work on a cruise ship or become a flight attendant. She was a member of the Lamar County 4-H for 3 years and was chosen as Rookie of the Year. She has been involved in Prairiland FFA and has been showing animals for 6 years now. Her first year she won Grand Champion in the swine division. She showed Holsteins for 5 years and won Grand Champion, Reserve and Showmanship. Chastiti has been a varsity cheerleader for 2 years.

Jemilyn McKee is the daughter of Pam McKee of Pattonville and Jim McKee of Arlington. She is the granddaughter of Doris and Deverle Elmore

and the great granddaughter of Faye Elmore of Deport. Jemilyn has been involved in many activities. She has been on the Prairiland Show Team for 9 years and served as a chapter officer for 2 years. She has shown swine on the show team at the State Fair of Texas, the Lamar County Livestock Show and at the Red River Valley Fair. Jemilyn has been a varsity cheerleader for 3 years and is a member of the Blossom Church of God. The girls would like to thank everyone for their donations and support and making their dream come true of participating in London in the New Year's Day Parade.



ON THE WAY TO LONDON-Chastiti Weeks and Jemilyn McKee are both on their way to London, England the week after Christmas. The girls won this honor by being chosen by the UCA/UDA Cheerleading Association this summer and will participate in the New Year's Day parade there. (Staff Photo)

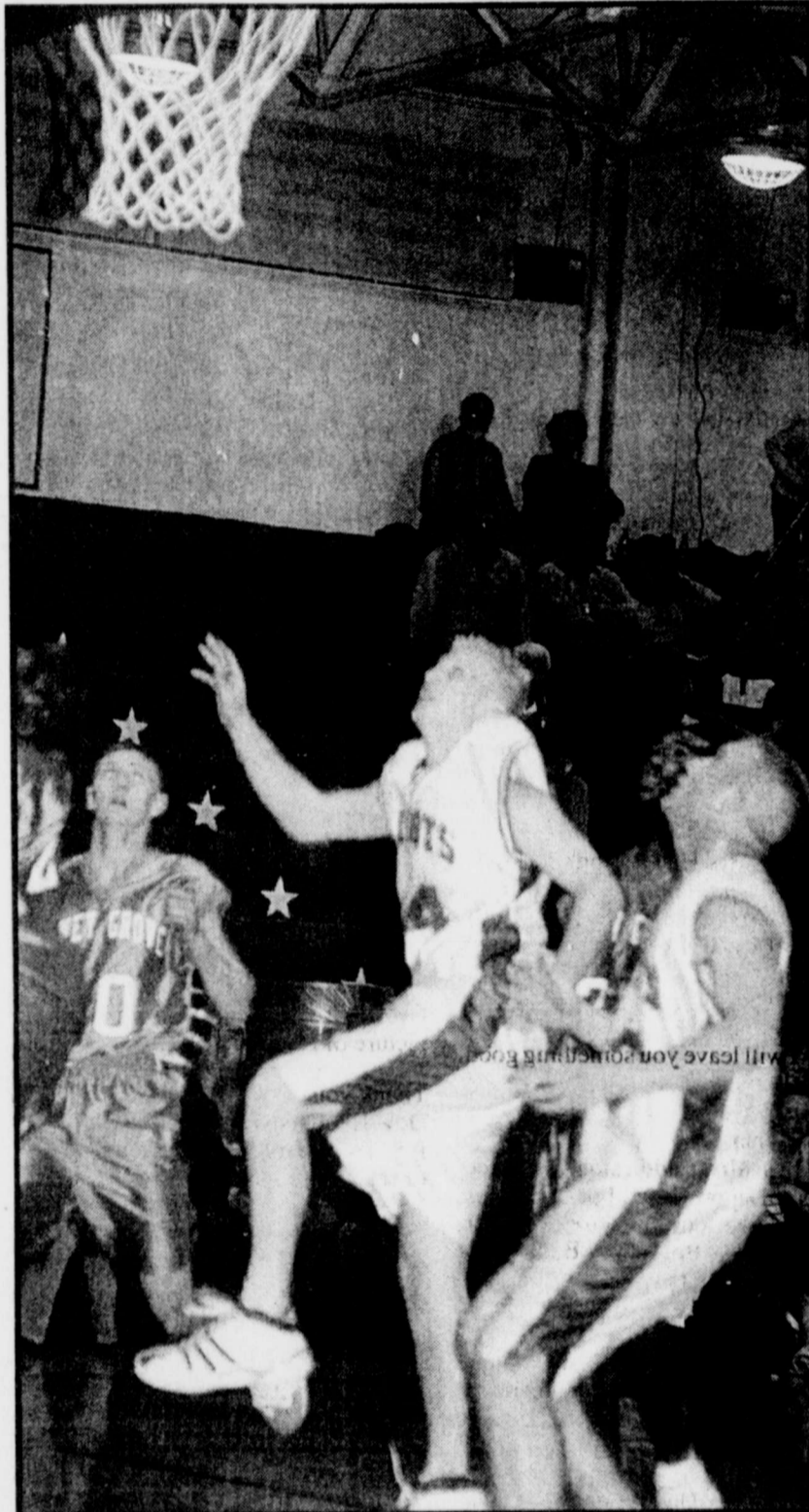
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PRAIRILAND PATRIOTS Jason Elrod and Jonathan Martin both go up for the rebound in recent basketball action. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



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For information on additional area churches visit: www.ntcurnc.org *Candlelight Service



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



Deport Letters To Santa

Merry Christmas

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

DETROIT HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Directors & Exec. Director
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Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Skeeter, Princess Barbie that holds a mirror, life-size Barbie. Thank you, Alecia Bailey
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: baby born, tow Indiana Jones movies, life-size Barbie.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: cool clip Barbie, make-up Mindy Barbie, play fingernails w/ stickers. Thank you, Amanda Rick
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Thank you, Sarah Golden
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like; toy train and the stuff that goes with the layout, electric remote-control tracker, new steam-engine train. Thank you, Dakota Davidson
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: big soldier from Wal-Mart, toy jet airplane, Sarge's Hero II video game. Thank you, Garrett Plemons
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: remote-controlled truck with trailer, toy truck with a trailer hauling a water airplane, toy truck with a trailer hauling a boat. Thank you, Keaton Perry
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: green gooze, PowePuff girls red watch, Power Puff girls sleeping bag. Thank you, Janet Smoot
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: purple gooze, robot cat "Meowchi", Bouncing Baby Dill from the Rugrats. Thank you,

Maggie Minter
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: purple flare pants with sparkles, play set that has a necklas, ring, and play fingernails, Rugrats watch. Thank you, Lindsey Murdock
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Santa watch, Christmas movies, Christmas book. Thank you, Kaitlyn Watkins
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: toy truck with a trailer hauling a 4 wheeler, gameboy, bike. Thank you, Dustin Womack
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: dirt, bike, remote-controlled monster truck, Toy Story II the movie. Thank you, Jacob Harris
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Huddleston's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Thomas trains, diesel trains, Thomas train track. Thank you, Colton Reynolds
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

I will leave it on the fireplace.
Love,
Sam Spikes

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport elementary. For Christmas I would like: play pony, babyborn doll, cheerleading suit. Thank you, Kasley Greer
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: CD player, CD's, Meowchie. Thank you, Tiffany Sullivan
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: Remote control racing car, Pokemon Movie, sled. Thank You, Justin Arnold
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: cars, motorcycle, deer hunting stuff. Thank you, Heath Elrod
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: toy cars, Action Man, remote control Monster truck. Thank you, Dean Smith
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. jBrook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: motorcycle, go-cart, picture of Rudolph.

Thank you, Dow Henderson
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport elementary. For Christmas I would like: Barbie, necklace, ring. Thank you, Kate Benfer
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport elementary. For Christmas I would like: talking Rudolph, Meowchie robot, a talking doll. Thank you, Magen Bore
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Princess Crown, Barbie and Barbie Horse, boy Barbie. Thank you, Kaylynn Patterson
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport elementary. For Christmas I would like: Commandobot, nightvision goggles, super Poochie. Thank you, Dustin Martin
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

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Deport Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Monica Green and I am five years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a horse, bunny, and a dog. Also bring my mom a teddy bear, a puppy, and a baby kitten. I will leave you some cookies and milk and a teddy bear.
Love,
Monica Green

Dear Santa,
My name is Rachel Witherspoon and I am five years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me Magical Mermaid Barbie, a black saddle dog, and a purple ether chinese fan that I saw at Toys-R-us. Please bring my mom a picture frame, and some jewelry. Please bring my dad some tools and a tool box. I will leave you some cookies and some milk.
Love,
Rachel Witherspoon

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport elementary. For Christmas I would like: Dragonfly car, Poochie robot dog, water gun.
Thank you,
LeeDon Burnett
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: CD player, CD's, Meowchie.
Thank you,
Tiffany Sullivan
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: Remote control racing car, Pokemon Movie, sled.
Thank You,
Justin Arnold
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

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Thank you,
Magen Bore
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: jewelry, little barbie car that you ride in, barbie lunch box.
Thank you,
Macee Mabry
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
My name is Chance Seat, I am six years. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a mister potatoe head, an army Buzz Lightyear, Woody guitar, Jesse from Toy Story 2, and Bullseye from Toy Story 2. I want my dad to get an Iron Giant, and I want mom to get an Anaconda. I will you some reeses peanut butter cups and milk.
Love,
Charles Seat

Dear Santa,
My name is Donovan King and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I've been sort of a good kid this year. Please bring me a telescope, a keyboard, a remote control car, bring special bubbles for my mom and new tools for my dad. I will leave you cookies, and they'll be by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Donovan King

Dear Santa,
My name is Sam Spikes and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a bicycle, hair bows, four wheeler, and a computer. Please bring my mom a microphone and a Nintendo game. Please bring my dad a telescope. Please bring my sister a barbie doll and some clothes. Please bring my brother a bicycle and a dog. I will leave you milk and ginger bread

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Commandobot, nightvision goggles, super Poochie.
Thank you,
Dustin Martin
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elementary. For Christmas I would like: a suit of clothes, CD player, hair bows.
Thank you,
Meid Perry
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: Racecar gun, Wrestler, Pokemon.
Thank you,
Donald Rogers
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: My real baby, VCR, CD player.
Thank you,
Tessa Steffensen
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Digimon, Pokemon, X-men.
Thank you,
Steven Melvin
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: clothes, toy cars, water gun.
Thank you,
Dakota English
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: cars, motorcycle, deer hunting stuff.
Thank you,
Heath Elrod
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: toy cars, Action Man, remote control Monster truck.
Thank you,
Dean Smith
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Haskell and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's Kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a play farm, red wagon, a real cow, and a trophy. Please bring my mom an angel and my dad an angel bear. Please bring my brothers some Pokemon toys and a alamo set. I will leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies.
Love,
Joshua Haskell

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas I would like: Princess Crown, Barbie and Barbie Horse, boy Barbie.
Thank you,
Kaylynn Patterson
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat!

I will leave it on the fireplace.
Love,
Sam Spikes

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport elementary. For Christmas I would like: play pony, babyborn doll, cheerleading suit.
Thank you,
Kastley Greer
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Brook's 1st grade class at Deport Elem. For Christmas, I would like: motorcycle, go-cart, picture of Rudolph.
Thank you,
Dow Henderson
P.S. I will leave you something good to eat.

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Milton News

By Multiple Writers

Dana and Mark Keys went to Plano Thursday on business.

Velma and John Temple had dinner Sunday with Salina Bell and family of Paris.

Edna Talley attended the Talley family Christmas dinner Sunday at the home of Pat and Stanley Smith of Pattonville.

Visiting with Edna and Frank Lee Sunday evening were Ruth Johnston, T.J. Chappell, Vickie and Steve Reeves, Kay Price, Kasie and Monica and David Smith.

Dana Keys and JoAnna Pitcock of Paris spent Sunday in Dallas shopping.

Kay Preston of Minter and Tim Parks of Faught spent Sunday with James and Dorothy Holt.

Edna Talley spent Saturday night

with her son and wife, Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby.

Bob and Buena Marshall spent the weekend with his son and family, Mark and Susan Marshall and daughters Jennifer and Jessica of Lewisville for their family Christmas get-together.

Weekend guests of Susan and Phillip Roach and having their Christmas family get-together were; Beth and Cory Spray, Kaitlyn and Kayla of Reno, Susan and Con Ray and Brandon of Gladewater, Cindy Roach of Tyler, Evelyn Roach of Deport and Kinda Blackburn of Sylvan.

Mark and Dana Keys had dinner Friday evening with JoAnna and Jerry Pitcock and family of Paris.

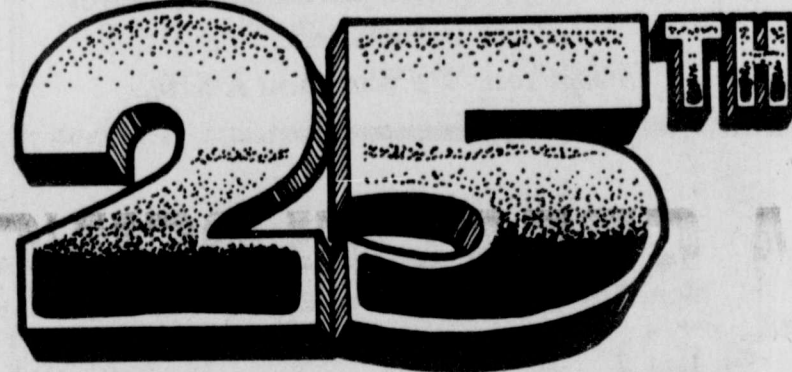
And the happiest of holidays to you and yours.
We so greatly appreciate having good friends

Merry Christmas

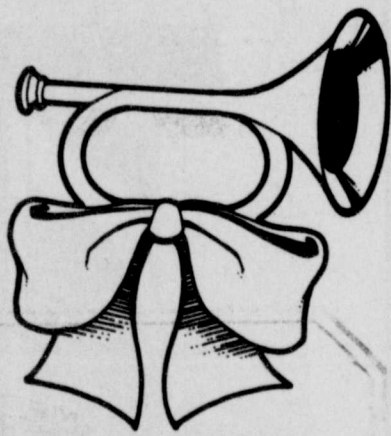
John & Shirley
Cliff & Dee Dee,
Cigie & Callie
Darrin & Monica
Chandler, Trent &
Madeline Rebecca
Gifford



DECEMBER



HOLIDAY JOY
May your holiday be a great time to reflect and relax.
We appreciate your continued support.
We Appreciate You!
Lisa's
Beauty Shop
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Our Best Holiday Wishes To You

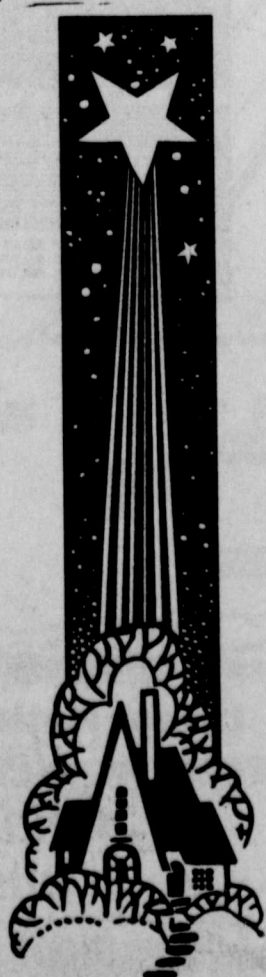
The Holiday Season is here and we want to wish our many friends and neighbors all good things now and in the future

The Board of Directors of
BOGATA HOUSING AUTHORITY
And Executive Director Donna Rozell

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.



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

Ollie Ruth Robinson (retired)

Shaunda Lewis

Torina House

BUCKMAN DRUG INC.
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Deport Gift Subscriptions

To David McGill and Virginia Damron from Joyce McGill Pennington.
 To Delbert and Mary Ballard from Larry and Edith Woodall.
 To Clois and Gordon Alsbrook, Ruth Chapman, Burl Taylor, Jenney Bruneshar, Randy and Gloria Gresham, Alline Cagle, Aeshim Reeves and Dan Zachery from Nancy and Earl Gresham.
 To Henrietta Watts from Samuel C. Short.
 To Ruby Hoover from Christine Kelley.
 To Cecil Chappell from R.L. and Juanita Garrett.
 To Judy Day from Vivian Day.
 To Brad Hudson from Norma Hudson.
 To Mike and Audry Gordon from Norma Jeffus.
 To Paul Mazy from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryson.
 To James Francis from Jeanie Grant.
 To Ricky Norwood and Teresa Smith from Mr. and Mrs. Canard Norwood.

Blossom 3rd and 4th graders Adopt-an-Angel

To Mrs. Hubert Griffin from Mrs. Claud McFatrige.
 To Evelyn Roach from Johnnie Warren.
 To Sandra Gifford from Margaret Parks.
 To Johnnie Warren, Michael Don Roach and Philip Muri Roach from Evelyn Roach.
 To Pat Nobles from Charles Nobles.
 To the Hatfields from the Slushers.
 To Judy Ellington, Kristi Boren and Buster Crossland from Keith and Peggy Parsons.
 To LeeAnn Watson, Brad Figueroa and Chad Figueroa from Billie Frances.
 To Mary Alice Enox from the Jerry Westbrooks.
 To Juanita Oats from Ruth Meyer.
 To Imogene Kimble from Overton Perry.
 To Leon and Pearl Whitsell from Nila Phelps
 To Christeen Kellkey from J.C. Hightower for her birthday.
 To Ollie Howell, Kathy Holt, David Slaton and Donna Blount from the Mervin Slatons.
 To Jenita Baker and Mona Shr'ee Childress from Weldon Smith.
 To Ray and Phebe Rhodes, Dwayne Rhodes, Mary and Ira Norman from Juanita and Sonny Davis.

The third and fourth grade classes on the Blossom campus participated in the "Adopt-an-Angel" program this week instead of exchanging gifts at their Christmas party. The students donated the money they would have used for their gifts and purchased clothes and toys for the children. This was a very rewarding experience for all of them and will be a Christmas that they will all remember. This was truly love...this was Christmas for them!
 Members of Velma Burnsed's 3-A class include: Melanie Barnes, Chelsea Ducharme, Jerica Langston, Donna Malone, Kate Robertson, Courtney Baird, Gage Booth, Taylor Fendley, Todd Fendley, Zach Drey, Matt Merritt, Steven Ruckman, Randal Sessums, Miguel Smith, Kyle Upchurch, Bryce Walker and Joaquin Zermeno.

Rita Smith's 3-B class includes: Derek Atnip, Tanner Connot, Ty Crawford, Clark Garrison, Blake Gordon, Tommy Kuehn, Gwen Lerro, Tyler Liles, Harley Martin, Pecos McDonald, Rusty Moon, Autumn Nation, Arturo Peralta, Clint Winters, Karissa Woodall and Jordan Tyler.
 Sheila Huffman's 3-C class includes: Maci Adkins, Jennifer Justice, Nicole Kilpatrick, Miranda Stevens, Ethan Barnard, Davis Bishop, Ben Blount, Jhonathan Cervantes, Aaron Cockburn, Michael DiGiovanni, Calvin Goodin, Zachery Horton, Chris Hyde, Ryley Johnson, Jaime Sanchez and Michael Womack.
 Janice Patterson's 4-A class in-

cludes: Kayla Berry, Tyler Bowden, Morgan Burchinal, Heather Bybee, Phillip Filkins, Coydean Harmon, Staci Harrell, Ricky Latham, Colby Liles, Courtney Outland, Dakota Parker, Sherri Patterson, Alyssa Pitcock, Chris Ryan, Jacob Salas, Arturo Sifuentes, Whittnie Stone, Dakota Swindle, Meagan Thomas, Chris Wilkins, Jessica Withers and Carl Wood.
 Michelle Gillie's 4-B class includes: Kaci Burchinal, Amanda Bishop, Seth Connot, Zach Cullum, Stormy Easley, Casey Fendley, Tonya Fry, Katy Garrison, Rickey George, Kaylon Merrill, Chase Moore, Britney Patterson, Kaleb Price, Rachell Procella, Roxy Sawyer, Dayne Sessums, Cade White, Josh White, Kaleb Whitaker, Juana and Jacob Lee.

Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Jessica I am in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary school. Please bring me a Blue Poochie and a New Born Body Growing Baby. Thank you.
 Love, Santa.
 Jessica

Dear Santa,

My name is Chanc. I am in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary School. Please bring m a Scooby do tent and gold Scooter.
 Love,
 Chanc

Dear Santa,

My name is . I am in 1st grade elementary school. Bring a present. Thank you.
 Love,
 Bradley

Dear Santa,

My name is Joaquina. How are you? I would like a Barbie, house, car, cat, shoes, mouse, doll, and a computer.
 Your friend,
 Joaquina

Dear Santa,

My Name is Keleiah. I am in 1st grade at Bossom Elementary School. Please bring me a Blue Poochie and New Born Baby Growing Baby. Thank you.
 Love Santa,
 Keleiah

Dear Santa,

My name is Morgan in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary School. Please bring me a Scooter and a Poochie and a Bicycle, Thank you.
 Love,
 Morgan Caldwell

Dear Santa,

My name is Caleb. I am in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary School. Please bring me a rasetrack. Thank you.
 Love,
 Caleb

THANKS FOR COMING!
 We'd like to express our deep appreciation for all of your visits throughout the year.
J & L Lawn Equipment
 At Rugby Jimmy & Louise Hodges

A GREAT CLOSING TO A GREAT YEAR!

Here's hoping this Christmas finds you surrounded by your loved ones in the warmth of home and hearth.
 We appreciate your patronage and look forward to serving you again.
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 Bogata, Tx. 632-4346 or 632-5307
 Richard & Billie Garrison -Joyce & Weldon Smith

Behold the Christmas Spirit
 Follow the Christmas star to a happy and fulfilling holiday season. We sincerely value your patronage this year, and look forward to seeing you again soon.
 Thank you for your kind support.
Detroit Superette
 674-4251
 Joe Hart and Staff

CHRISTMAS TIDINGS
 May this be a season of love and happiness for your whole family!
 Virginia & Dwayne Rhodes

Magical Christmas Greetings
 May your holiday come alive with beautiful moments and memories.
Red River County Treasurer Glenda Garrison & Family

TIME OUT TO SAY "THANKS!"
 We don't want to let another minute go by without expressing our gratitude and best wishes to our valued customers and friends.
Larry's Overhead Door Services
 6320 Lamar
 Paris, TX
 784-3116

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
 It's our favorite time of the year, when we pause to thank our many good friends in the area for making business easy to do around these parts.
 Have a happy and healthy season!
JAK Fertilizer
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 James & Billie Lois Keys

Festive Tidings
 All Of Us Wish You A Very Happy Holiday From **Prairiland C.I.S.D.**



BLOSSOM THIRD GRADE STUDENTS donated their money that they would have used for their gift exchange at school to adopt an angel from the area Christmas trees. The money went to purchase toys and clothing for needy children in the area. Pictured are members of Sheila Huffman, Velma Burnsed and Rita Smith's third grade classes. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Prairiland Library accepts books from area residents

The Indwelling from Jerry and Dorothy Richey and Dick and Yvonne Gray. **It's Not About The Bike: My Journey Back to Life** from Leonard and Billie Ford in memory of Rebecca Gilbert.

Payne Stewart from Charles and Jenita Baker; **The Switch** from Jerry and Dorothy Richey and Dick and Yvonne Gray in memory of Muriel Rains.

The Bear and the Dragon from the Taylortown Community Friends in memory of Rebecca Gilbert.

Sports: The Complete Visual Reference, from Mr. and Mrs. Laney Benedict in memory of Rebecca Gilbert.

Legends of the Wild West from Mr. and Mrs. Laney Benedict in memory of Leslie Benedict.

Isle Witch from Lamar National Bank in memory of Marlin McDowra.

Family Circle Big Book of Christmas from John Henry and Sandra Graves, Chuck and Mandy Ray; **Home for the Holidays** from Charles and Jenita Baker; **The Carousel** from Jerry and Dorothy Richey, Dick and Yvonne Gray; **The Journal** from Charles and Barbara Martin in memory of Bill Moseley.

M.C. Escher: His Life and Complete Graphic Works by Jerry and Dorothy Richey, Dick and Yvonne Gray, Charles and Jenita Baker; **The Art of Walt Disney** from Mickey Mouse to Magic Kingdoms by John Henry and Sandra Graves in memory of Alma Montgomery.

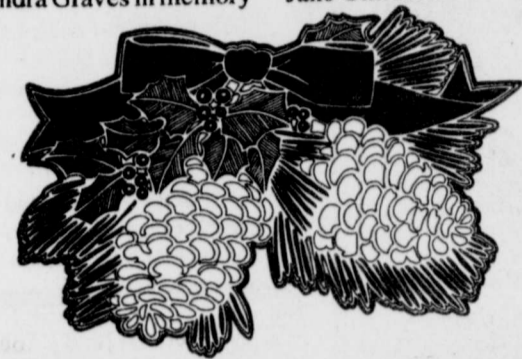
The Mark from the Pattonville Baptist Church in memory of the grandfather of Amanda Himes.

Drowning Ruth from Johnny and Fran Patterson in memory of Alma Montgomery.

I Remember Walter Payton from Johnny and Fran Patterson in memory of Bill Moseley.

The Beatles Digest from the Pattonville Baptist Church; **Chicken Soup for the Sports Fan's Soul** from James and Katy Winters in memory of Ruby Crouch.

Great Souls: Six Who Changed the Century from Randall and Mona Childres in honor of Olivia Jane Childres.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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

Dr. Sam B. and Suzy Kelsey
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All the Best!

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Merry Christmas

Here's hoping your celebration is adorned with a multitude of beautiful things for you and yours. Thanks for helping us wrap up another successful year!

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We value your patronage and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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Mike Blackburn and Employees

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Deport Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Dakota Womack, 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 computer, trampoline, and a bicycle. I want Santa to leave a big bicycle for my mom. I will leave you cookies and chocolate milk. I will leave it on the kitchen table.
Love,

Dakota Womack

Dear Santa,

My name is Kayla Rodgers, and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's Kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie Doll, a baby doll, a pumpkin, a vally-ball, and a talkin dog. I will leave you milk and cookies. They will be on the counter.
Love,
Kayla Rodgers

Dear Santa,

My name is Cody Brantley 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 x-man toy, a white transformer toy, a robot with swords and wings, and an airplane that is black. Please bring my baby brother some toys. My dad wants a shotgun and my mom wants a vase.
Love,
Cody Brantley

Dear Santa,

My name is Dennies Crawford 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 train clock, hot wheel car,

tornado twister hotwheel truck, the car that ya can change the wheels on, and some markers. Please bring my sister a new pillow. I will leave you some candy in a bowl in the kitchen.
Love,
Dennies Crawford

Dear Santa,

My name is Tyley Plemons, 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 some Legos, Hotwheels, play station, and 3' T-Rex. Bring my dad a new gun and a copdog. Bring my sister a barbie jeep. Bring my brother dirtbikes. Bring my other brother army men. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Tyler Plemons

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacob Cannon 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 remote control car, a pair of snow gloves, and a little puzzle, and a new blue nintendo controller, and the last thing I want is a little four wheeler. Now I want Santa to bring my sister a lot of pretty rings. I will leave you milk and cookies, and they will be by the Christmas tree, and also watch out for my dogs.
Love,
Jacob Cannon

Dear Santa,

My name is Maycee Hagood, and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie Beach Bungalow. Rock n Roll Radio House.

Barbie Camera, Trampoline. Please bring my mommy a heart necklace and my daddy a belt and my sister a Barbie Beach Bungalow too. I will leave you a note and some cookies and milk. It will be in the living Room on the coffee table by the Christmas Tree.
Love,
Maycee Hagood

My name is Joshua Owens 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 remote control monster truck and shoes. Please bring my mom a diamond ring, his dad a set of tools and his sister a Kitty cat. I will leave you cheerios on the Kitchen shelf.
Love,
Joshua Owens

Dear Santa,

My name is Cole Jackson 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 four-wheeler, a talking Power Ranger, a blue talking Poo-Chi, and a real dog. Please bring my dad a Erf Dog, and please bring my brother a Macho Man doll. And also bring my paw-paw a robo dog, bring my sister a computer, and bring my mom a stone cold Steve Austin mat. I will leave you cookies and milk on the cabinet in the kitchen.
Love,
Cole Jackson

Dear Santa,

My name is Tori Nicholson, and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a bicycle, barbie doll, ring, and a camera. Please bring my mom a watch and a necklace. Please bring my dad a hat. Please bring my brother a parrot, CD, and a radio. Please bring my sister a poo-chi, CD, and a headband. I will leave you milk and cookies on the table in the living room.
Love,
Tori Nicholson

Dear Santa,

My name is Skylar Ragan and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's Kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a santa doll, princes barbie, and a poo-chi. I would like you to bring my dad some gloves. I want you to bring Megan some lipgloss. I will leave ya cookies and milk on the kitchen table.
Love,
Skylar Ragan

Dear Santa,

My name is Caleb Norwood, 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 small refrigerator, small jacket, a pair of shoes, and battleship game. I want you to bring a pair of shoes for my mom, a cap for my dad and my brother Layton a book. I want you to leave Logan a fishing game. I will leave you cookies and milk, and I will leave them on the table in the livingroom.
Love,
Caleb Norwood

Dear Santa,

My name is Jarred Bollin and I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class in Deport. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Honk Honk and a telephone, radio, and a gun. My dad wants a fourwheeler and my mom wants Doctor material. I want to get my sister a scooter Barbie Doll. I will leave you a barbecue sandwich and meatballs.
Love,
Jarred Bollin

Dear Santa,

My name is Conrad Martin, and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a teddy bear, a santa doll, earrings, necklace and a dresser. Bring my sister, Kalee, a Nintendo game. Bring my sister Megan, a bat and a ball. Please bring my mom some rings and my daqd some socks. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Sydney Ragan

Dear Santa,

My name is Brianne Roland and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class at Deport. I have

been a good girl this year. Please bring me a squeezeable Kelly. My-size Butterfly Barbie and Buttercup the Powder Puff girl. I want you to bring my momma a breakable angle for my brother I would like a game boy and my little brother a new rattler. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Love,
Brianne Roland

Dear Santa,

My name is Sydney Rogan and I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Minter's Kinergarten class at Deport. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a teddy bear, a santa doll, earrings, necklace and a dresser. Bring my sister, Kalee, a Nintendo game. Bring my sister Megan, a bat and a ball. Please bring my mom some rings and my daqd some socks. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Sydney Ragan



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&
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For A Happy New Year
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Luke 2:10

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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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


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December

Christmas Holidays

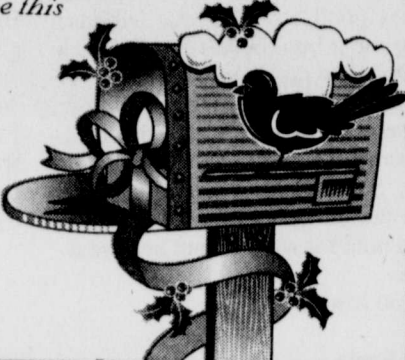
21 Basketball: Como-Pickton, There (4) 4 p.m.
 28 Basketball: Girls in Lone Oak Tournament
 29 Tournament Continues
 30 Tournament Continues
 January 1 New Year's Day
 2 Staff Development Day for Faculty/Staff
 3 Students Return for Second Semester



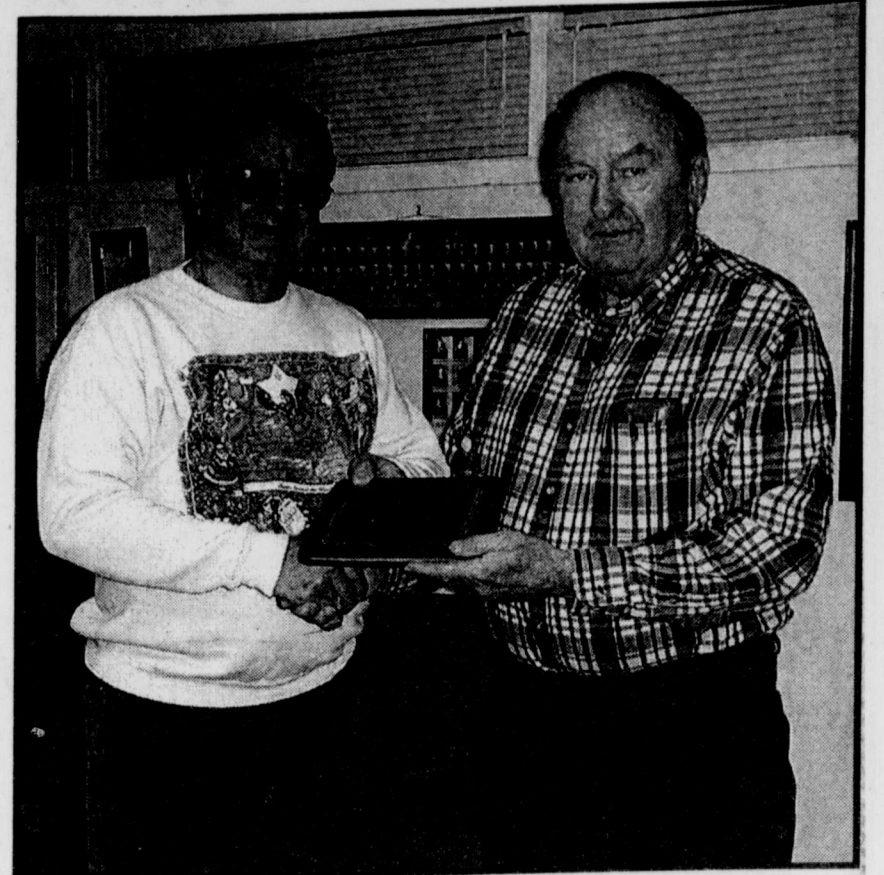
Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to my friends in the Deport-Bogala area. Thank you all so very much for your help and your genuine kindness to me this past year and all the years that I have been associated with you.

Sincerely
Elvin Bell


Elvin Bell, Mail Carrier,
 Rt. 1, Deport




BLOSSOM CITIZEN OF THE YEAR was named Saturday by the Blossom Kiwanis. Named was Harold Blackburn for his work he has contributed to the city by his many actions and deeds. Presenting him his plaque is Blossom Kiwanis member Tom Watson. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



OUTSTANDING BLOSSOM KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR this year went to George Lemley. He was commended for his outstanding club work throughout the year. Presenting him the plaque is Don McCaskill, president. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)




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

JOYEUX NOEL

In this holiest of times,
 we are again warmed by
 His gifts of love and hope.



Carlos & Melba Ladd



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



Away In A Manger

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 you and your family with appreciation
 for your patronage.

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**Happy
 Holidays!**



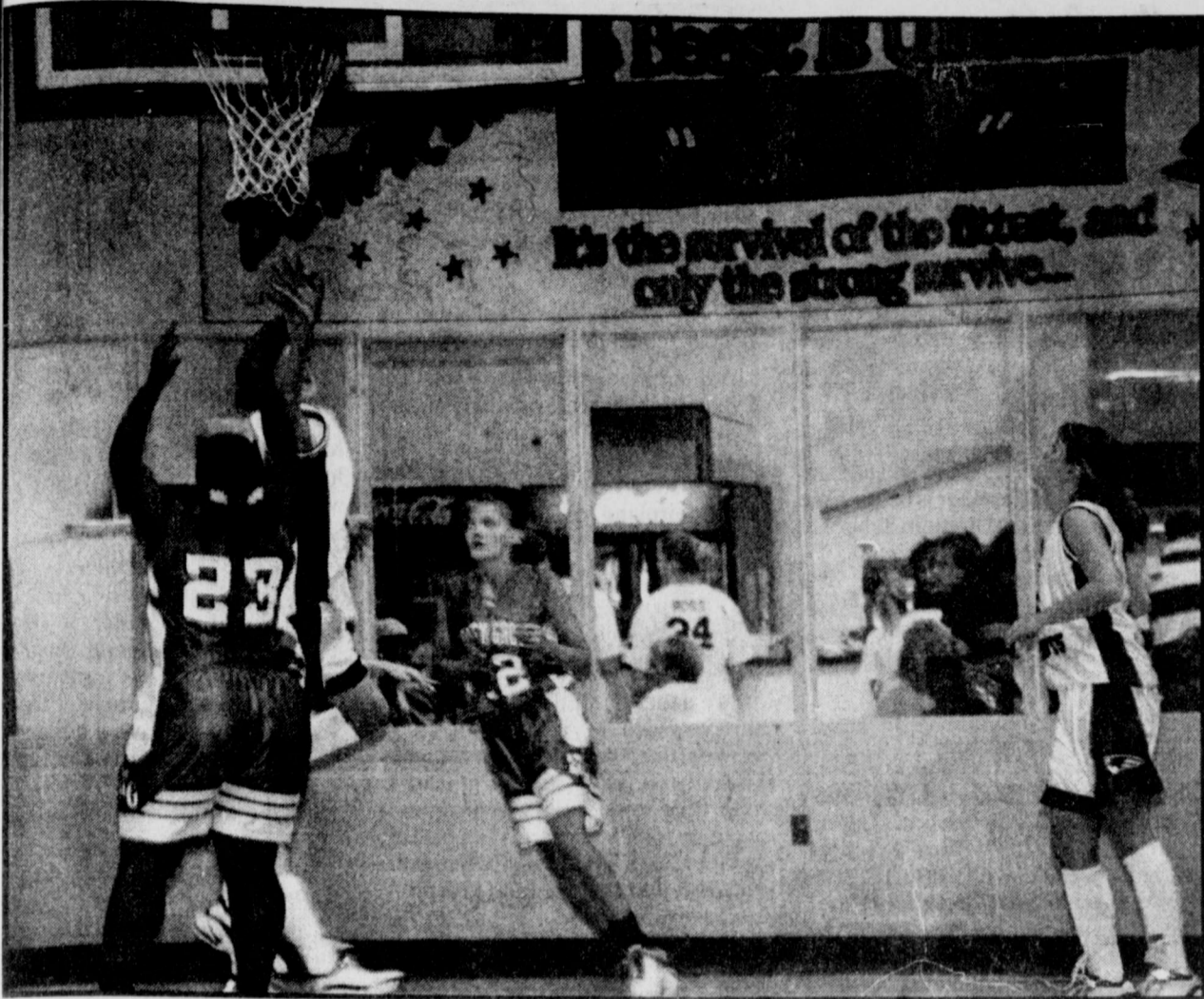
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THE PRAIRILAND LADY PATRIOTS are having a better year this year as they progres with each game. They are pictured here in a recent tournament action. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SECOND PLACE - in the Deport Christmas Parade went to the Deport First Grade with their mule pulled wagon. King was Dow Henderson and Queen was Tessa Steffenson. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Joshua. I am in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary School. Please bring me a blue bicycle, some black boots, and clothes.
Love,
Jashua Each

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaime in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary School. Please bring me two gamboys Kulh. Thank you.
Love,
Jaime

Dear Santa,

I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have a remote control airplane. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Cole Clemmen

Dear Santa,

My name is Tate. I am in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary School. Please bring me a game boy and rocket the wonder dog. Thank you.
Love,
Tate Mauldin

Dear Santa,

My name is Patrick. I am in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary school. Please bring me gloves.
Love,
Patrick

Dear Santa,

My name is Shelby. I am in 1st grade at Blossom Elementary School. Please bring me a computer. Thank you.
Love,
Shelby

Dear Santa,

I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have a caty. I love you Santa! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
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This is what I want for Christmas, a Poo-chi, go-cart and train set.
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Blossom Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey Gillie 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 cheerleader suit for Christmas. Also, please bring a reeking horse for Bonner. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Bailey

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I bet you have had a lot of work to do since it's almost Christmas. There's one wish I want. I want you to help me with something that's important. My mom and dad are very busy. And I want you to let my mom and dad have more time off from work. They are so tired when they come home.
Love,
Courtney Outland

Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.
—Albert Einstein

Dear Santa,
My name is Haley Chappell 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 power puff girl CD rom for Christmas. Also, please bring a race car for Justin. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Haley

Dear Santa,
My name is Kristin Ross 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 airplane for Christmas. Also, please bring a batman suit for Jamie. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Kristen

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney Pryor 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 Barbie airplane for Christmas. Also please bring a reindeer suit for David. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Courtney

Dear Santa,
My name is Dakota Boyett 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 pokemons for Christmas. Also, please bring a barbie for Kayla. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
We have been good. I want a bike, Gundum Wing, Dragon Ball Z trunks, trampoline, bucket full of gum, bebe gun and 100 kittens.
Zach

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I won't a stuffed animal and pony.
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I want some toys, a sled, go-cart, toy plane, trampoline, skate board, radio remote control car that is called the Insection, trick bike, play station with games and some hunting and roping stuff.
Bryce W.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a TV, VCR, Dragon Ball Z toys, CD player, Gundam Wing toys and a 4-wheeler.
Miguel

Dear Santa,
I have benen good this year and I hope to get a Poo-chi, lots of Dragon Ball Z toys, lots of clothes and don't forget my brothers. Bye!
Todd Fendley

Dear Santa,
I have been nice and I want a bike, metal detector, \$100 dollars, set of football stuff, lots of basketball, set of volleyball stuff. My mom told me all of my presents, but she may not tell me two of my presents.
Kyle

Dear Santa,
My name is Garrett Berry 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 basketball suit for Christmas. Also, please bring N Sync CD for Bailee. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Garrett

Dear Santa,
My name is Trinity Drake 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 airplane for Christmas. Also, please bring a toto tank for Cobyn. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Riley

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaitlyn Parker 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 make-up for Christmas. Also, please bring a remak ariel truck for Dakota. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
I have waited a long time for this but when you work, do you give your elves a break ever? Santa, would you get me microscope for Christmas? Do you go all over the world. I hope you do.
Love,
Kaleb Whitaker

Dear Santa,
Last Christmas, I gave you some cookies and milk so you will get fatter. You are going to have a lot. Now I am going to tellyou what I want for Christmas. I would like to have a go-cart, CD player and Barbie Shopping thing. I hope you have a happy Christmas.
Love,
Britney Rence Patterson

Dear Santa,
I think you are great person. I hope you get me a Gameboy Color. If it is not too much trouble to bring I will not get mad. I hope you like oatmeal cookies, because that is the kind of cookies we are making.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a safe trip around the world. I will have a delightful snack waiting for you, so that you won't get hungry. I would like for you to bring me an Easy Bake Oven. That is all that I want. Be sure that you rest up before your big night.
Sincerle,
Tonya

Dear Santa,
I tried to be nice, but I have done one or two bad things. I have tried to be good since last Christmas. Oh, I hope you liked the cookies and milk I left you last year. This year I wish it would snow.
Sincerely,
Zach

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have a computer. I love you Santa, Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Halie Melot

Dear Santa,
I think you are great person. I hope you get me a Gameboy Color. If it is not too much trouble to bring I will not get mad. I hope you like oatmeal cookies, because that is the kind of cookies we are making. I wish you a safe ride!
Sincerely,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a great timeup in the North Pole. I know I haven't been very good this year, but it is hard, so I will try to be as good as I can be. It must be very busy up there. You don't have to bring me a gift. Santa, all I want this year for Christmas is to be with my family and peace just for one night and a white Christmas. Hope you like the snack.
Rachel

Dear Santa,
I hope I have been good this year. I have been waiting for this day to come. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I want my dirtbike to be fixed and I would like some Playstation games. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love,
Casey Fendley

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Love,
Cesar Alonso
thank you

Dear Santa,
I live in Blossom, Texas. I have a hamster. I am seven years old. I want you to get me Big Kelly Doll, Baby I know, Ice cream maker, Butterfly Barbie, and Chucke Cheese Pizza maker.
Love,
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
I am eight, and I live in the Paris, Texas and I am in the Second grade. I want a new game for game boy. I also want a new game for Nintendo 64. I want a game for my computer. I want a Pokemon game. But, most of all I want Gooze.
Love,
Tommy Procella

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 7 years old. I would really like a BB gun. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like a Hey You Pikachu with a microphone. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
My name is James Martin 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 remote control car for Christmas. Also, please bring make-up for Kara. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
James



Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I live in Pattonville, Texas. I have been good this year. I want a dirtbike. I want some books. I want a kitten. I want Gooze. I want a jump rope.
Love,
Lesa Bishop

Dear Santa,
I'm doing good. Are you? I hope you are being good. Please buy me some CD's, Barbie collection dolls, a Barbie car and a Grinch movie. Thank you Santa. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Love,
Brooke Glover

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas. There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like a rifle gun. I love you Santa. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brett Hause

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like a bike. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Dyllon

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 7 years old. I would really like a newborn baby doll. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Payton

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like a guitar. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Samantha

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like a My Realy Baby Twin. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Marley

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like a Dallas cowboy hat. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Vince

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like a Barbie that Moves. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kortni

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like desk. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Sara

Dear Santa,
I am Juan Carlos. I am seven years old. I've been very good this year, so can you bring me some presents. I live in Blossom, TX. I want a game boy and gold and silver version with it and Pokemon the Movie 2000. I also want the Lightspeed megazord. I also want Digimon the Movie. I also want boy clothes, a sweater and pants. I also want 100 Pokemon cards. I also want a play station and some games with it and some games of dragon ball Z and Nintendo 64 games wrestling ones and racing ones too.
Love,
Juan Cortes
Thank you

Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon Brewer 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 scooter for Christmas. Also please bring a barbie for Nicole. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have a computer. I love you Santa! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Shelby McCoin

Dear Santa,
My name is Layton Graham 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 dirt bike and wheels for my scooter. Also please bring a box of cars for Parker. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Layton

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have an In Sync watch. I love you Santa! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Chelsey Fletcher

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a ton of snow and also I would like a beanie baby. But the most of all I would like Scooby doo roller blades. I want you to bring me these things. I would like you to bring me a collector doll. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Haley Landis

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Sara. I'm eight years old. I'm in the second grade. I live in Blossom, TX. This year I want a boy doll that feels real just like last years, two cars, boy clothes and a bottle. I want a scooter and more! You already know what else I want.
Love,
Sara Upchurch

Dear Santa,
My name is Jose. How are you? I would like shoes, truck, cars, computer, soccer, basketball, football.
Your friend,
Jose

Dear Santa,
My name is Benjamin. How are you? I would like shoes, cars, crayons, frog, and a computer.
Your friend,
Benjamin

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I live in Paris, Texas. I made it to the second grade and I made it to the accelerated reading. I need Pokemon cards, Video Games, Pokemon Games and most all Pokemon the Movie 2000.
Love,
Jordan Chapman

Dear Santa,
I live in Blossom, Texas and I made it to the second grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Wright. I have been good this year. This year I want a Furbie, and a poochi dog, and a dalmaation, earrings, clothes, and a talking doll. Thank you!
Love,
Courtney Sessums

Dear Santa,
How are things at the North Pole? Is it really cold? I've tried to be good this year. I want a horse and I will name him Rocky. I want a baby brother. I want new shoes and new pants. My Dad would like a new truck and please bring my Mom something too!
Arturo Peralta

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would really like a big Barbie doll. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tied to be good I am six years old. I would really like Trbmanaxshfivr. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Cobyn

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hov trid to be good. I am 7 years old. I would really like a snowboard. I hop you hav a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Blake

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have tried to be good. I am 6 years old. I would rely like a telescope. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brett

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Shelby Bryson of the Lone Star Community spent Monday with Pam and George Wood.

Margaret Parks enjoyed her son and family of Lewisville, Bob Parks over the weekend.

Visiting with Sally Mathena on Sunday was Evelyn Tillman and Crystal, Maegan and Brandi Tillman of Beckville, Sandra Adams of Garland and Roxie and Butch Massey, Monica, Brett, Kaleb, Kenneth and Mallory Price of the City.

Jim Irwin spent Saturday night and Sunday in McAlester visiting his mother Verna Irwin who was hospitalized at McAlester Regional.

Bessie Garrett, Paula and Sue Garrett and Edna Cunningham of Paris, Curtis, Christy and Landon Garrett of Reno and Chad and Melissa Garrett all traveled to Abilene on Friday night to attend the graduation of Jamlyn Garrett of Abilene Christian University. They spent the night in Abilene and returned Saturday to visit Jerry Garrett who is still a patient at Baylor Hospital.

Congratulations to Patricia Applegate Aguinaga. She graduated from Texas A&M at Commerce on Saturday.

Kathryn Anderson of Post Oak attended Mervin and Colleen Slaton's pre-Christmas party in Deport.

Happy Birthday this week and next goes to: Shane Chennault, Creighton Bryd, Jordan Smith, Brooks Bailey, Jim Irwin, Katie Neilsen, Dana Monday, Cindy Sessums, Kacey Langston, Keri Dimond, Ashley Farley, Shawna Kuehn, Katie Clark, Julie Johnson, Jennifer Stone, Ryan Wilson, Bill Robertson, Jason Anderson, Jill Anderson, Dava Redus, Jamie Sue McLeroy, LaCosta Whitley, Tracy Hicks Denny, Micael Tallant, David Skeen, Harold Blackburn, Brandi Richardson, Joe Don Emeyabbi, Nikki Farris, Mary Lemmen, Ona Berry, Curtis Thompson, Michelle Anderson, Charlie Brown, Kelly Love, Brandie Wilson, Rebekah Keen, LeeAnn Warren, Jeff Crabb, Steven Flatt, Jason Hensley, Kelly Melton, Marion McCulley, Angela Moss, Jennifer Blalock, Felicia Tay-

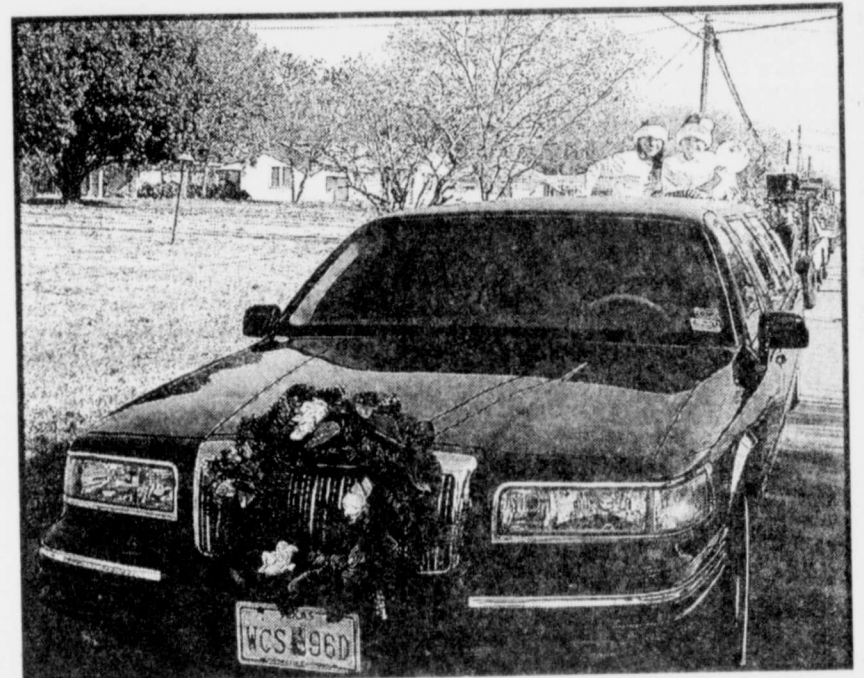


STUDENTS in Amanda Barnard's 1st grade class are pictured here as they "Scholastic Read for 2001". On December 8th, over 16,000 students joined together in reading from over 30 countries around the world. Pictured reading during this time is Caleb Talley, Josh Esch and Morgan Caldwell. (Staff Photo)

lor, Melissa Spears, Chris Davis, Micah Bedford, Jackie Miller, Heath Sessums, Brandon Mauldin, Kenneth Dodson, Tess Wilkerson, Sara Hooge, Colt Hatfield.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will not publish next week but will resume the week of the 6th of January.

School was dismissed on Tuesday, December 19th. Everyone have a safe and happy holiday!



THIRD PLACE in the car division went to the seventh grade class with this lengthy limo. Queen was Jenni Ballard and King was Josh Allen. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Patterson 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 basketball suit for Christmas. Also, please bring a baby toy for Kegan. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Nick Gilpin 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 batman for Christmas. Also, please bring a pokemon for Peter. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Nick



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Your friend,
Dylan Spencer

Dear Santa,
I am a first gradar at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have a reindeer. I love you Santa! Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Garon Booth

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have a remote control car. I love you Santa! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Chris Stanford

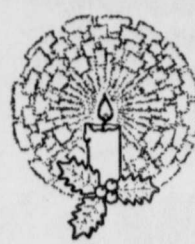
Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have a puppy. I love you Santa! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Krystal Dill

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have an In Sync watch. I love you Santa! Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Jerica Ryan

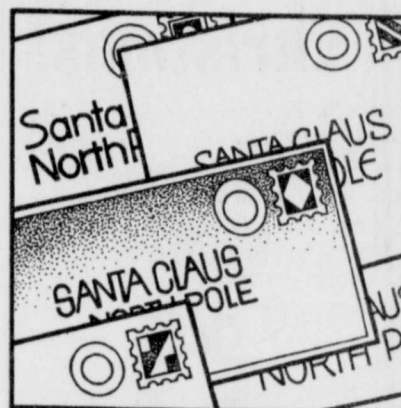
Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Blossom School. I am excited about Christmas! There is something special that I would like to have this year. I would like to have a BB gun. I love you Santa. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Brandon Justice

My name is Cody Duckworth 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 remote control car for Christmas. Also please bring make-up for Kaitlyn. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Watkins and I am 6 year 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 train for Christmas. Also, Please bring a barbie for Chelsey. Thank you for all the good you do.
Love,
Joshua



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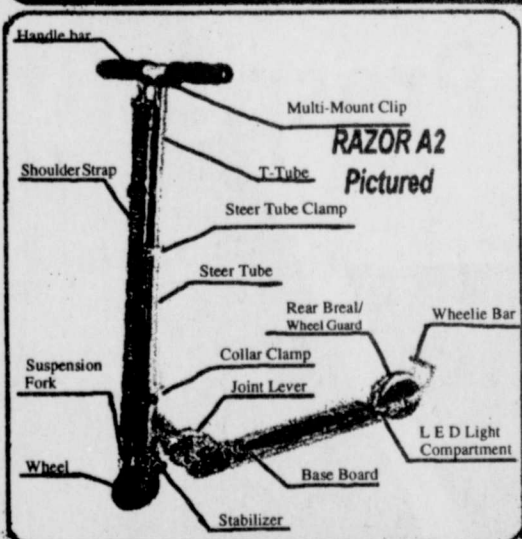
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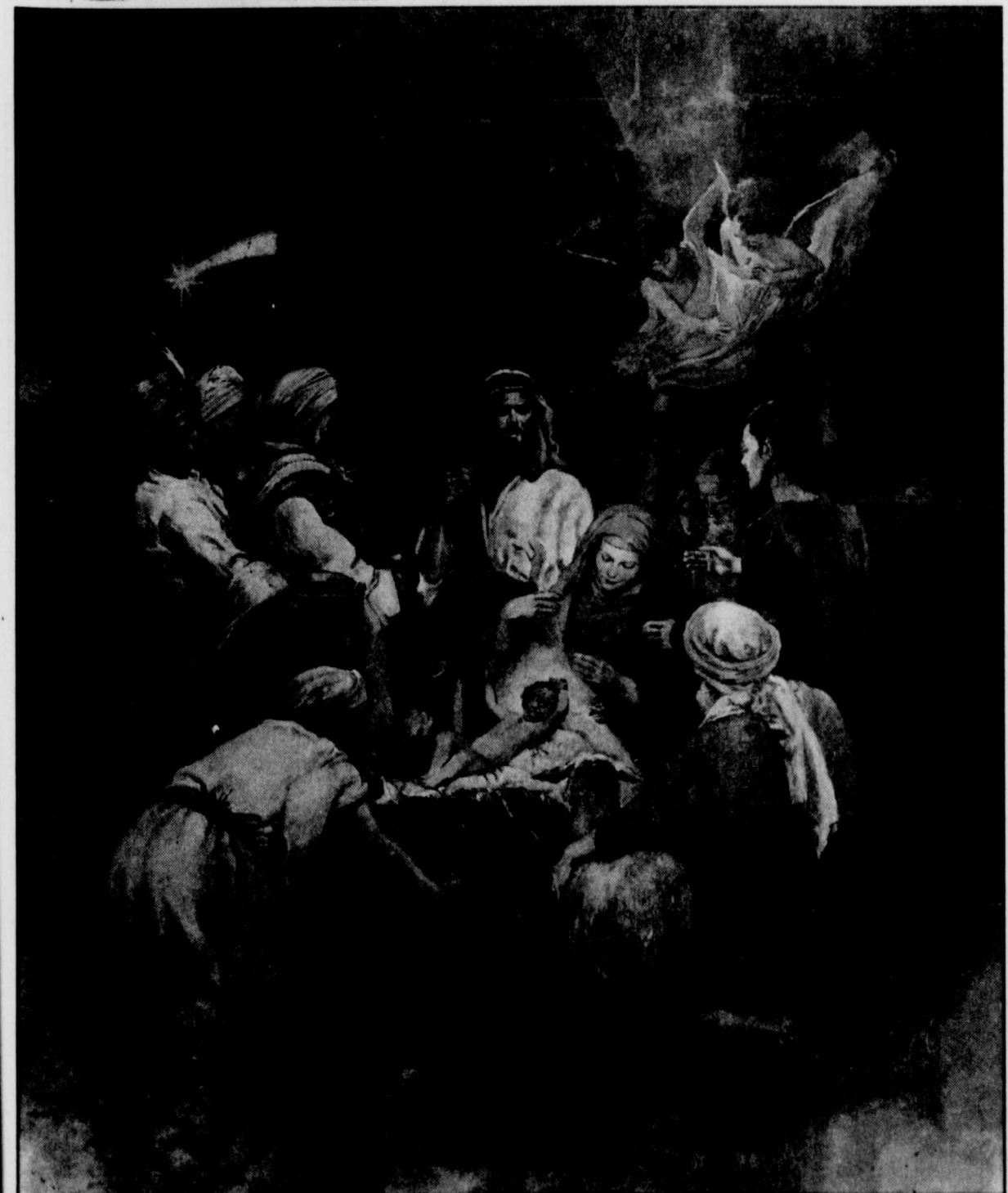
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Crime Stoppers crime of the week

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

At around 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 3rd, an unknown suspect entered a home in the 3700 block of Eagle Bend Street in Paris. Once inside the house, the suspect attempted to sexually assault a woman in the home. The suspect was described as a white male in his 50's, five feet four inches tall to five feet six inches tall and weighing about 200 pounds with light to grayish colored hair.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by **December 25th** an arrest is made of those persons responsible. Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of January. Call Crime Stoppers today at **785-TIPS!** (785-8477).



SANTA RIDES A HARLEY? The National Junior Honor Society sponsored Christmas pictures for students on the Blossom campus on Tuesday, December 12, 2000. Pictured with Santa is Ashley Anderson-vice president and Lance Connot-president. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

GREETINGS!



We're rushing to wish you a merry Christmas! To all our friends in the community, thanks for all your generous support.

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BASKETS for the Needy, Ashley Doyle and Tabitha Baxter of Prairiland FFA accept a basket filled with goods for the needy from Nanalee Nichols of Thunder Prairie Publishing. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



Fa...La... La...La...La La...La...La...La!

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Merry Christmas and Best Wishes

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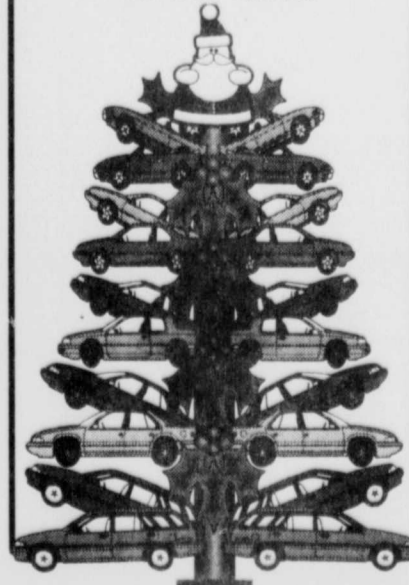
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- To Lloyd D. Willard and Juanita Garrett from Dorothy J. Myers
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May all of our "deer" friends enjoy a season overflowing with the milk of human kindness and a new year as sweet as honey.

Thanks for shopping with us!

BLOSSOM SUPERETTE

982-5444 Blossom, Texas

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. Take it easy on yourself when you send the toys and other things. Make sure you don't hurt yourself. Send as many toys as you can. But what I really want is a rock tumbler.
Love,
Juli Joy Malone

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. Please bring me a Culldey Soft Kelly doll, a Barbie, Shop With Me Cash Register and a Poochie for Christmas.
Love,
Madison

Blossom Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you and all the others doing? I am doing fine. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a camera that is purple, a computer that has the internet with lots of games, and a game boy color that is Barbie. But, more than that, most of all, I want a very good Christmas with lots of love.
P.S. I hope you will like the cookies.
Thank you.
Sherri Patterson

Dear Santa,
Hi, How are you doing? I am just fine. I hope I have been good. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is fine. You know what I want for Christmas. I want a scooter, bike, clothes and I want everything to be fine with my family. I also hope that all the poor people will have a good Christmas. I hope that my aunt will get a tv and a stereo. I want my dad to get a tool set. I hope my mom will get her old life back. I hope my sister gets engaged. I hope I will get a brother-in-law. I hope my sister gets a TV. I hope my brother gets a VCR and I hope I will have a good Christmas.
P.S. I will give you some milk and cookies.
Signed,
Morgan Burchinal

Dear Santa,
These are some of the things I would like for Christmas. I would like a zip up binder, map pencils, a camera, markers, some clothes and shoes, and a big cage for my dog so he can't get out of his pen. Have a very Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love,
Meagan Thomas

Dear Santa,
How are the elves and Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas, I want a Rad Z.I.R.C. car, a BB gun and a Sega. I would also like for you to bring ornaments to the rest of my family. Have a Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? All I want for Christmas is a bike, toys, and boots. My brother wants toys, a bike, and a puppy. Please bring my Dad tools, a new truck, and a happy birthday. I want my mother to get a baby, some dolls, and a car. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Arturo S. Fuentes

Dear Santa,
How are you and how is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? I was wondering if I could get a scooter and a computer or a dancen debbi doll, please. You can bring me anything you want. I will leave you milk and my aunts cookies, okay.
P.S. I love u.
Love,
Jessica Withers

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a great year. I know I have. How are the reindeer doing? I also hope that I've been good, if I have then here is a list of things I want for Christmas. The number one thing I want is a white Christmas. The snow last year was great, but just a tiny bit late. Maybe a Poo-chi, a new soccer ball, a new toothbrush. I changed my mind about snow being the number one thing. I want a merry Christmas, and snow is second. My dad said he needs some new cologne and my mom wants our dryer fixed. I will leave you milk and cookies. I have to go.
Alyssa Pitcock

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have had a great year so far. Can you please bring me some things? I would like some more 223 shells for my rifle, a small cd player, hunting hat, and a remote control boat. Thank you for what you brought me last year.
from, Chris Ryan

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine. How is Comat, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, and Rudolph? This year I was hoping I could get a computer and a big desk so I could put it in my room so I would have something I could do my homework on everyday. Also, would you see if you could help the kids that will not be able to get gifts this year?
P.S. I will leave out some cookies and milk.
Love,
Staci Harvuck

Dear Santa,
Since last year, I think I have been good enough to get presents because I have been working hard to be good so if I get presents this is what I would like to have. First, I want a 4-wheeler, second I want a Styx CD, fourth I want a Blitz video game, Fifth I would like my mom and dad and brother and sister to get something, sixth I want a Sharper Image scooter. Hope your elves are working hard.
Cade White

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing okay. I guess you should know. Getting to the point, let's talk about toys. This is what I want for Christmas: Nintendo 64, games, Hyrdo Thunder, and Perfect Dark. My dad wants a Zipo lighter. I want my dogs back (Roxie and Little Joe).
Thank you!
Jacob Salas

Dear Santa,
I hope that you have a happy Christmas. I do not want anything more than a Christmas. It is okay if I do not get any presents> ALL I want is a Happy New Year. You have a good Christmas.
Love,
Calvin Goodin

Dear Santa,
I would like it if you would give all of the poor people in the world whatever they ask for. I would also like a four-wheeler and a Hank the Cowdog book.
Dakota Swindle

Dear Santa,
How are you? I still believe in you. I have only one thing I want for Christmas. I want a chemical set! I will share with my friends.
Carl Wood

Dear Santa,
How have you been over the year? Did you have a good year like I did Santa? How are your reindeer doing? All I want for Christmas is a new bike and a new dog. Thank you.
Ricky Latham

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claws doing? Santa do you care if I tell you what I want for Christmas? I want a bike, my brother a lot of legos, and my sister wants a tv. I want my Dad to be home on Christmas. My Mom wants to go see my aunts. Good bye Santa. Talk to you next year. PS Thanks.
Love,
Phillip Filkins

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is your wife? Well, my name is Whittnie Michelle Stone and I'm 9 years old. All I want for Christmas is a tv, a vcr, and a Super-Poochi, and a puppy.
Love,
Whittnie M. Stone
PS: Please give everyone a present.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves and the reindeer doing? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing?
P.S. I would like a radio DJ and digital camera.
Your friend,
Tyler Bowden

Dear Santa,
I have been very good all year. Please bring me a bicycle, Playstation 2 and Spiro Playstation 2 Game for Christmas.
Love,
Chase




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



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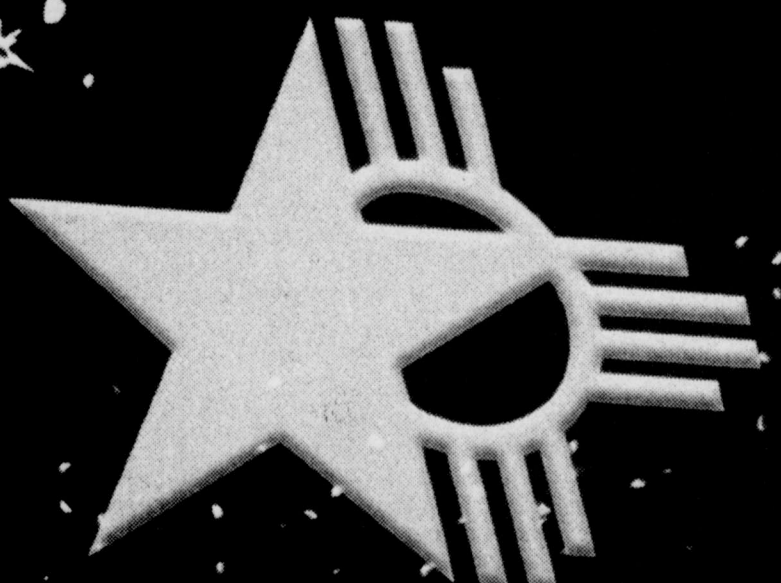


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DAISY BARNETT sits before the decorations on E Hall at Deport Nursing Home. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Deport Nursing Home News

By Sandra Mauldin

Ken Wells, Mary Ann Miller and Glenn Wells visited Roy Wells.

Nell Wolf was visited by Joseph Filkins, Stephanie Wolf, David and Angie, Marcus, Allison and Aaron, Wolf, Cindy and Bert Filkins.

Johnnie Warren was visited by Evelyn Roach, Lucy Fowler, Lila Screws, Jalynda, Dambri, and Jaylan Mitchell, Dora Hester, Susan and Brandy Ray of Gladewater, Cindy Roach and Alicia Anderson of Tyler and Dorothy Holt.

Juanita Garret visited Mr. Young and Edwards.

Mary Ray was visited by Raymond Hignight, Betty Ray and Lawrence Ray.

Jo Wren was visited by Laquita Johnson, Valerie Stokes, Betty Stokes.

Homer and Melva Sisson were visited by Steve and Renee Moore, Leslie and Tara Moore, Bill Ohl and Scott and Sue King.

Billie Abbott was visited by J.D. Polk and Brenda Watson.

Linda King was visited by James King, Denis Melton, Ray Melton.

Ima Griffin was visited by Roger Lynch, Tommy Joy, Nina Lee, Odessa, Fony Ray, Patsy, Ima Jerrell, Frankie, Mary Ray and Raymond Hignight.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray, Ima Griffin and Owen Davis.

Irene Beeler was visited by Ruth Crow.



DEPORT FIRST GRADE won second place in the car division of the Deport Parade with this entry "Layin Down the Law". Queen was Maggie Minter and King was Dustin Womack. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



THE SECOND PLACE Float of the Deport Christmas Parade was entered by the House of Prayer. It's theme was "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



SECOND PLACE -In the truck division in the Deport Parade was claimed by 2nd grade class. The queen Autumn Henckley and King Ryan Darrell. (staff photo by Thomas Nichols)

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FOOT NOTES

Fungal Infections
Shoes and socks create a dark, moist environment for the feet, making them especially susceptible to fungal infections. Various kinds of fungi are prevalent everywhere, and most are harmless unless they penetrate the skin. A fungus can penetrate a minor cut or cause the toenail to separate from its bed after an injury or repeated irritation. Fungus may cause the nail to thicken and turn brownish or yellow. As it grows, a foul smelling, moist debris can be seen. The toe may hurt because of pressure on the thickened nail or the buildup of debris. Early treatment is best as the accumulation of debris can lead to an ingrown nail or more serious infection that can spread past the foot.

Are you plagued by foot fungi or any other unpleasant foot condition? One of the best things you can do to take good care of your feet is to treat them to regular professional podiatric care. With all they do for you, we feel your feet deserve it. At DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC we'll do all we can to teach you how, together as a team, we can keep the smile in your step. Please call our patient friendly office for an appointment time at 784-5585.

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P.S. To reduce the pain associated with thickened, infected toenail, a doctor may file the nail plate down, thinning it. Oral and topical medications may also be prescribed to treat the symptoms.

NOTICE OF TNMP'S APPLICATION TO INCREASE ITS FIXED FUEL FACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM SURCHARGE OF FUEL COST UNDER-RECOVERIES

TEXAS-NEW MEXICO POWER COMPANY ("TNMP") hereby publishes notice that it filed on December 7, 2000, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") an APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS FIXED FUEL FACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM SURCHARGE OF FUEL COST UNDER-RECOVERIES pursuant to the provisions of 36.203 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") and P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.237. The changes made by this application will be subject to final review by the Commission in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation proceeding. This application affects only the fuel portion of the rates charged by TNMP for electricity in Texas and has no effect on TNMP's non-fuel base rates.

Increased Fixed Fuel Factor

TNMP seeks approval to increase its fixed fuel factor effective January 8, 2001. The proposed increased fuel factor is calculated to recover fuel and purchased power costs for a projected rate year of January 2001 through December 4 2001. The proposed fuel factors are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Fuel Cost Factors	Proposed Factors
Overall Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0294457/kWh
Distribution Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0296637/kWh
Transmission Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0279813/kWh

Surcharge of Fuel Cost Under-Recoveries

TNMP also seeks authority to implement an interim surcharge in the amount of \$15,687,268 effective March 7, 2001 on bills of its Texas retail customers, consisting of the under-recovered fuel and purchased power costs as of the end of September 2000 and interest through February 2001. TNMP proposed to make the surcharge during the period from March 7, 2001 through December 31, 2001 for all customers.

All of TNMP's Texas retail customers to which fixed fuel factors apply are affected by the requested surcharge. The amounts surcharged will be subject to final review in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation before the Commission.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Texas-New Mexico Power Company at: 4100 International Plaza, Suite 800 Fort Worth, TX 76109 817-737-1336

A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call toll-free at 888-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may call 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989.



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

Christmas Blessings
Away in a manger... let's remember Christ on His day.

J.A. and JUANITA SPARKS

Blossom Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
How did you like those cookies I left you last year? I am still planning on giving you some different kinds of cookies this year. I have been good this year, so do you mind if I tell you what I want this year? I want a walkman CD player, some CDs like the Backstreet Boys, a camera, basketball, some roller skates, lots of clothes, my mom to take me to Movies * to watch 102 Dalmations and I need a pair of socks. I will get some hay for your reindeer.
Love,
Amanda Light Ann Bishop

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I will leave cheese like I saw on a commercial on TV. One thing, how were those cookies last year? I would like any kind of puppy, a basketball goal and ball, rubber football, N64, duck shoot and the baseball game that you can play on TV. I will never forget you Santa.
Love,
Josh

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I have been waiting for this day to come since 1st year. But it has been good this year. I hope every little kid, even older women and man at least get one present. This year at school we are donating to little kids that don't get anything. This year what I want for Christmas is a pinball machine, bean bag, camoflaue overalls, scooter, mini CD player and basketball. I hope you get all the presents sent out. Happy Christmas.
Dayne Sessums

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good student this year. I was wondering if you could bring me a pet mongoose and a brand new 30-30. Thanks for the care.
Your true believer,
Seth Garrett Connot

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please give me what I want this Christmas. I want a computer and some clothes. I will give you some milk and cookies.
Sincerely,
Juana Zermeno

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Visiting with Mervin and Colleen Slaton over the weekend for an early Christmas were Donna, Jimmy and Jeff Blount of Temple, Jamey, Madelyn, Tina and David Slaton of Killeen, Kathy, Johnny, Renea, Chris, Amy and Tyler Holt of Milton, Ryan Cope of Bairdstown, Amber and Darrell and Katelyn Hunter of Commerce and Kathryn Anderson of Post Oak.

Happy birthday wishes to Charity Huddleston, LaVeda Young, Luella Smith, Mikyla Pickering, Casey Rose, Wesley Davis, Gay Fields, Ina Hedrick, Juanita Brawner, Joy Read, Mary Jackson, Buddy Berry, Carol Ridens, Eddie LaRue, Ray Jeffus, Jesus, Melba Ladd, Claudia Whitney, Marijo Bono, Misti McMikel, Raymond South, Jr., Tom Foley, Mario Munguia, Marty Booth, Alma Scaff, Brandi Stripland, Conner Chipman, Dalton George, Amanda Barnard, Zachery Kincaid, Fresia Benfer, James G. Smith, Anthony LaRue, Lindsey Anderson, Fern Fry, Ramsey Penn, Bobby Nelson, Jayne Westbrook, Wayne Couch, David Singleton, Melanie Taylor, Sydney Chipman.

Happy anniversary to Kristi and Randy Boren, Martha and Rickie Robbins, Phyllis and Chester Taylor, Robbie and Clarence Wright, Cindy and Bert Filkins, Edna Earle and Luther Wright, Susan and Scott Scholtz, Beverly and Russell Ham.

The Jack Ballards of Texarkana visited L.C. Ballard this weekend. They also attended a weekend Bible Conference at New Hope Church in Paris.

Lucille Pickering had a Christmas dinner December 9 with the Pickering family at Eddie and Isabel's at Glory. Attending were Brett, Deborah, Hailey, Jade and Madison Bolton, Michael, Kenda and Mikyla of Powderly, Don Roy, Ruth and Sharlotte, Todd, Cindy and children of Paris, Charles and Janell Waggoner of Brookston and John, Julie and Ethan Preston.

Lucille Pickering had her Christmas dinner on December 16 at her home. Attending were Eva and Boyce Flenniken, Blake and Morgan Flenniken of Deport, Wayne and Sandra Couch of Pattonville, Ronnie, Vicki and Dillon Ballard of Paris, Bryan, Justin, Hailey, and Jason Flenniken of Paris, Terry and Cindy Penn, Carly Vaughan of Paris, Michael, Lea, Britton and Brad, Andrew and Samantha Houston of Tyler, John McLemore, Mandy Houston, Zachary Rambin of Minden, I.A., Carl and Amy Yarbrough of Nacogdoches and Paul, Kim and Madison of Roston.

Dear Santa,
I've tried my hardest to be good. Christmas is my favorite holiday in the year. I hoped you liked the milk and cookies that I got you last Christmas Eve. My family and me on Christmas Eve will all go to my grandma's and my papa's and spend the day with them. When we come back we always look for Rudolph's nose. We have seen it two or three times. Well, I have been looking forward to getting all the presents I've earned. What I want for Christmas is a Poochii, computer, brand new day bed for my room, new house for my family, some CDs and a big CD player. I will put some more cookies and milk out this year. I wish when I get up Christmas morning there would be a bicycle in my living room floor. Well, see you next year! Hope the reindeers have fun flying.
Sincerely,
Kaci Burchinal

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been really good. I decided to give you a special Christmas tree cookie and a glass of milk. Christmas is my favorite holiday. It is probably your favorite holiday too. I hope that your reindeer like Rudolph are ready to go. Besides, my favorite reindeer is Rudolph, because his red nose glows like a light bulb to get ahead of the fog so that you can see. Oh, I hope your reindeers are fed, so you better make sure. I hope that your elves have done a great job of making good toys for the boys and girls. My Christmas wish is that I hope everyone is having a wonderful time in their lives in this beautiful world. So, I hope that your having a great time too.
Kaylor Merrill

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I hope everybody gets something for Christmas. I want everybody, especially the homeles and the poor to get gifts. Now I will tell you what I want. What I want is for my dad to be off for Christmas. Yes, I do want other things, but that is what I want most of all. Something else I want is army stuff and firefighter stuff. That is what I want.
Your friend,
Chase Moore

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I have baked a cake for you with sprinkles on it and made haystacks for your reindeer. I want it to snow three feet on Christmas Eve and give Mrs.

Gillie her wish that she wanted for Christmas which was for all people to feel joy.
Your friend,
Roxy

Dear Santa,
I will leave you a lovely cookie to eat if you go visit the other children. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. Everyone in the world to have good presents or at least one present. I wish Mrs. Gillie's has a good Christmas and it snows here. I wish all the kids in the world have a good Christmas. I want a headphone and stereo player for myself.
Love,
Katy

Dear Santa,
How have you been? How have the elves been? I just wanted to chat with you for awhile. For another hour or so. Is that a good time for you? I be it is because it's a good time for me. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I just wanted to ask you one more question. How did you like last year's treat? For Christmas I want a lamp and a real yeallow cockatiel, horse, karaoke player and that is all. Is that okay?
Sincerely your friend,
Stormy Easley

Dear Santa,
I have been good all yer. Did you like the cookies I set out last year? For Christmas I would like a longhorn hat, Razor scooter, scope for my gun, camoflaue clothing, some docks and polo jeans. By the way you need to get on some Slimfast.
Rickey George

Dear Santa,
I have been very, very good this year and I hope the other boys and girls have been good too. My brother has not been a very good boy at all this year. He has been a snitch this year and I hope the other kids do not act like he does to me and my sister. So if I was you, I would not give a single toy to my brother. Now about the presents; you already know I have been good and my brother has not. So I want the other kids not to be a bad boy or girl. On my list I want you and your elves to kindly bring me some tools and walky-talky, so me and my friends can have with them. Every other kid has some. You are the nicest guy in the world to take your time and give all the kids in the world everything that they wanted for a long time. I just want to thank you for doing that.
The greatest kid in the world,
Kaleb Price

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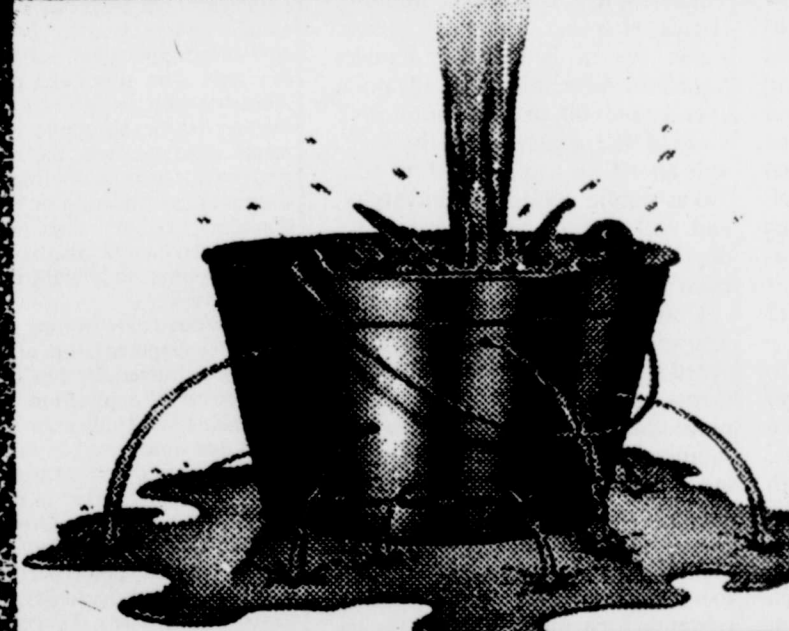


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lets all across the country.

"Geezer.com is unique," says Andrea Wooten, president and CEO of Green Thumb, Inc., which sponsors and created the site. "It provides talented seniors, even those without computers and Internet access, with a worldwide market for their handcrafted goods. The site brings the unique products of America's seniors to people who don't regularly travel the backroads. Shoppers looking for unusual gifts and accessories

will find them right here."

Wooten says the site's name may raise a few eyebrows, but it has a positive connotation and visibility among baby boomers who are surfing the Internet looking for distinctive gifts. "We're changing the stereotype of older individuals," she explains, "by demonstrating that seniors are in fact talented, generous, and fun-loving. What better way to dispel the 'geezer myth' than to use the word 'geezer' to reflect the positive characteristics and skills of American's seniors!"

Geezer.com features scores of artisans and craftspeople, and more than two thousand hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories including Apparel, Artworks, Doll House, Holiday Shop, Home & Hearth, In the Kitchen, Music & Videos, Pet Store, Sports and Recreation, Toys and Games, and Yard & Garden.

Diane Cowan, state director of Green Thumb, Inc. in Waco, TX, one of 29 Green Thumb offices in 44 states and Puerto Rico, says the e-commerce site makes products accessible to consumers everywhere. "Online shopping couldn't be easier with Geezer.com's shopping cart that permits buyers to load up items from a variety of vendors," Cowan says.

In addition to providing a website for consumers to purchase unique products online, the opportunity for senior artisans to sell their products, says Cowan, is especially significant. "We are giving seniors across the country the opportunity to supplement their incomes, launch new businesses, and expand the market for their hand-crafted goods."

Developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Green Thumb's Geezer.com is designed to help older Americans, primarily from rural areas and small communities, with online access or without, to capitalize on the reach and market potential of the Internet. The site not only provides senior artisans the opportunity to sell the craft items they love to make, but soon it

will also help seniors gain access to the information they need to start home-based businesses, Cowan explains.

As the premier site on the web for senior-made crafts, Geezer.com brims with the vitality, good humor, and special gifts of America's older generation—a generation that knows the value of hard work, loyalty to family, and contribution to community. As Wooten remarks, they are "our esteemed geezers."

Green Thumb, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization best known as America's leader in the field of older worker training and employment. Its mission is to strengthen families, communities, and the nation by providing older and disadvantaged individuals with opportunities to learn, work, and serve others. Founded in 1965, Green Thumb was first chartered to use the "green thumbs" of retired farmers to improve our nation's parks and highways. The four-state pilot project soon evolved into one of the most innovative and cost-effective of all workforce initiatives, the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Over its history, Green Thumb has expanded its services to bring workforce opportunities each year to more than 125,000 mature workers, dislocated workers, welfare recipients, and adults with special needs in 44 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Green Thumb, Inc., is funded under a grant with the U.S. Department of Labor and approximately 75 other grants and contracts with state and local governments.



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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER
PERMIT NO. 10724-001
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Detroit, P.O. Box 180, Detroit, Texas 75436, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 10724-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 108,000 gallons per day. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on May 10, 2000.

The facility is located approximately 1200 feet south of U.S. Highway 82, approximately one mile southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Farm-to-Market 2573 in Red River County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Scatter Creek; thence to Cuthand Creek; thence to the Sulphur River/South Sulphur River in Segment No. 0303 of the Sulphur River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life uses for Scatter Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0303 are high aquatic life uses and contact recreation.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at City of Detroit City Hall, 190 East Garner, Detroit, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public hearing about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments were received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION: The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final

approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application, (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Detroit at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Ashley Lassiter at 903-785-0303. Issued December 11, 2000
LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
12-21

ORDINANCE NO.01-006
AN ORDINANCE of the City of Blossom, Lamar County, Texas, prohibiting the dumping of trash, garbage, refuse or hazardous waste within the City Limits of Blossom and its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction; providing that State Statutes and Local Government Codes shall prevail; providing that prior or existing Ordinances are superceded; providing that this Ordinance is cumulative; providing for severability clause; providing for penalty and enforcement clause; and, providing for emergency clause to enable this Ordinance to take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring such.

Regulation Prohibiting Dumping of Trash
A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw out, or discard any trash, garbage, refuse or waste onto any roadway, street, public right-of-way, utility easement, or private property within the City limits of Blossom or its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump or deposit any trash, garbage, refuse, or waste into a commercial trash dumpster not contracted for by that person or persons, within the City limits of Blossom or its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction.

Penalty and Enforcement
A. Any person or person who violates any Section or Clause of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor.

B. Such person or persons who is guilty of violation of this Ordinance, pursuant to Paragraph D. Section 54.001, Local Government Code, shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 for each separate offense.
C. Any person or persons guilty of dumping hazardous waste, as defined in Section II, Paragraph C.2., this Ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of up to \$2,000.00 for each separate offense.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 14th day of December, 2000.
Ed Hudson, Mayor
Patti Donovan, City Secretary
12-21



TxDOT seeks scholarship applicants

The Paris District- The Texas Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for the Conditional Grant Program. Applications will be considered for the following degree areas: Civil Engineering and Computer Science. Students must follow the instructions carefully when completing application material. Deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2001. Applications must be mailed to the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th, Austin, Texas 78701.

The program, which is open to minority and female students, pays for tuition and fees, and includes a stipend for students who participate. Applications are available at area high schools, and local Department of Transportation offices in Cooper, Bonham, Mt. Vernon, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, Greenville, Paris, Emory, and Clarksville. The grant amount varies each semester, with a maximum amount of \$2,500 per semester, or \$5,000 a year.

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ating high school student who: is a Texas resident, is an ethnic minority (Black, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander) or female; has an overall minimum grade point average of 3.00, or a minimum SAT score of 850 or has a 21 on the ACT, will attend an accredited four-year Texas public college of university; and will pursue an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering, Computer Science.

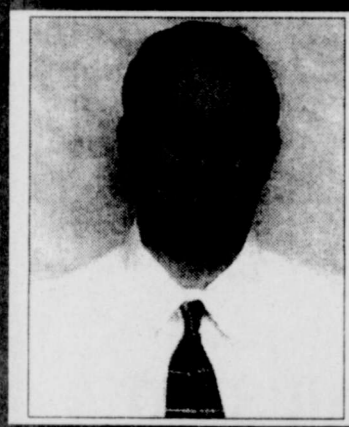
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For more information about the Conditional Grant Program, please call Tena Stinson at (903) 737-9216.

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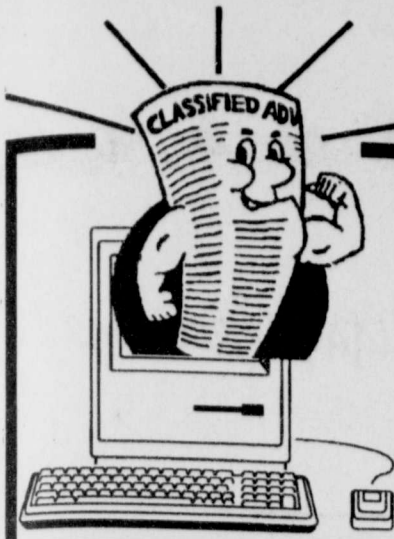
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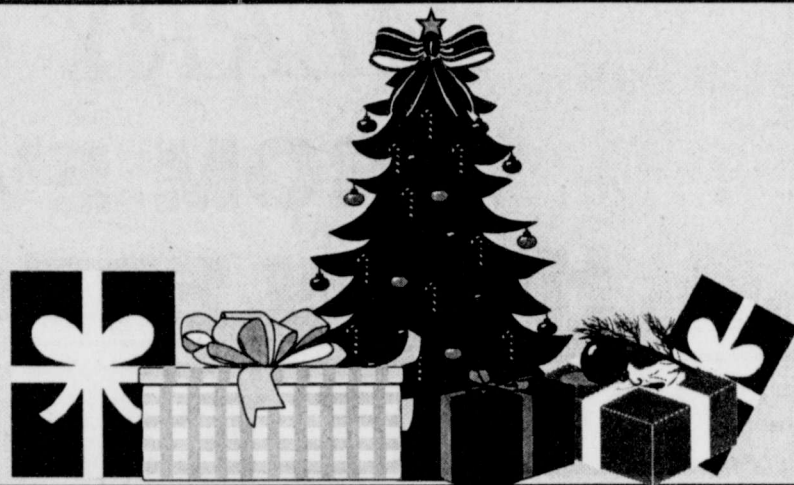
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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Doyle, Audrey and Chad Brown of Eules spent a few days with the Crumps recently. DeWayne and Charity Halbert and girls came over for dinner with them one night after the men had been deer hunting.

The Crumps attended the graveside services Friday in Athens for her cousin, T.J. Wager of Alvin and visited with Lucy Miller and Korene Parker in Alba.

Cheyenne and Bailey Halbert were honored recently with a 6th and 5th birthday party at their home in Detroit.

Betty Rodgers and Connie Phosay attended the Lions Club Christmas party at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport Thursday night.

Harvey King of Kansas City, KS visited with his mother, Jimmie King, last week.

The Baptist Church members had their Christmas dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno spent Wednesday with Jimmie King.

Karen Baker and friend Linda of Hugo came by Saturday evening for a visit with Betty Rodgers.

Monte Rodgers of Tigertown visited his mother, Betty Rodgers, Sunday and then they and Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga helped Monte's wife, Shelley, celebrate her birthday with a meal and gifts at Sirloin Stockade in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King spent Friday with Jimmie King and took her to Paris for a doctor's appointment.



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