

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
It's wonderful to be rich!

Two ten year olds, Angel Mantooth and Rachel Yarbrough, trimmed my Christmas tree for me this year. At first I had some reservations about letting kids dig out my ornament collection and put my precious things on the tree.

But it turned out to be a wonderful thing. The girls took great pains to be careful. As they pulled each ornament from it's nest of cotton, or tissue paper they asked questions about it. "Where did this one come from, who gave us this one, wasn't this one adorable?" they exclaimed.

And they listened carefully as I told them about finding the tiny horse drawn wagon in a tiny shop in Zematt, or told them about the shaky angel painted by one of my nieces twenty some odd years ago.

I showed them the tiny sequined wise men that my mother and aunt Leotastiched.

There was the beautiful crystal angel candlestick and the collection of ornaments with geese, angels, nativities and other things given to me over the years by my beloved Helen Moore.

There was the bell from India given to me, and the crystal star from Sweden.

Revealed to the light once more was the skunk my mother gave us the first Christmas we had our little Westie. Mother gave it to me in honor of his first disastrous encounter with a skunk.

There was the gold snowflake from my dad, and the kittens in a boot from Helen Nance.

A little handmade snowman created by a 10 year old takes pride of place, and handcarved santas, wheel barrows, balloons and more came to light and were carefully hung by the girls.

There were several little airplanes, souvenirs of the years we flew. In memory of our trip to New England and Nova Scotia was a lighthouse and a lobster trap. Handblown animals from Canada went high in the top of the tree. There was my lighted bird feeder and tiny English house from my niece Christy, and funny cats from nieces Joyce and Marsha Jane.

Our statue of liberty, Star Trek ships and other Hallmark ornaments were wired in to blink or talk or play music.

In all, the girls trimmed my tree for about 3 hours. Then they stood back and admired it. It glittered and glistened, twinkled and shone and made us all proud. And little Rachel exclaimed "Oh, Nanalee, you are so RICH in these!"

And you know what, she is so very, very right!

Trim your tree, and ponder all the joys that it represents. And you may discover how wealthy you are in memories and joy!



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Christmas Memories Contest

By Jorene Carpenter

"Dad, Dad, will that trap catch the reindeer, too?" All three Carpenter children couldn't believe their father was actually going to put a coyote trap on the roof near the chimney.

"Well, I just wanted to warn Santa about our new roof and thought this would get him to come in the front door!", their dad replied.

As Russell put the trap and secured it on the roof, there were three sets of wide eyes on the ground, watching every move he made.

The very first thing Christmas morning, Rusty, David and Karen zoomed out of the house without looking at their stockings or gifts under the tree. "Let me see, let me see", they shouted at each other. "Dad, Mom, come quick---there IS something in the trap!"

Soon as we got outside, we could see the red piece of material dangling out of the trap and blowing in the wind. How relieved three little tykes were to see only some red flannel material.

When they could settle down and come inside the house, they were grateful Santa DID leave presents and ate the snack left for him. Rusty said, "I guess Santa got the hint and came in the door."

When school was back in session after the holidays, the students in their classes couldn't believe they had a piece of Santa's pants. To this very day---ten years later---that piece of Santa's pants goes on the hearth by the Christmas tree.

Christmas from the Heart to be held

Wanted, wanted, wanted. People with an appetite for great food and fellowship at noon on Christmas day.

We have the food, we have the fellowship, we need anyone who might not have special plans for Christmas Day lunch to join us at the Bogata Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Please help make our Christmas an even more special day by being a part of "Christmas From The Heart". We will gladly deliver a meal if you are unable to come join us. Call Dee Wood at 632-5061 or Beulah Fleming at 632-5591 if you can attend.

Merry Christmas
Christmas from the Heart.



Trustees meet in regular session

The Talco-Bogata CISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting Monday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the board room at Rivercrest High School.

Joseph Merrill addressed the board in open forum concerning technology at the elementary level. The consensus agenda was approved, consisting of the minutes of the November 10 meeting, the cafeteria report, financial report, tax report and payment of bills.

Bob Arnold with the accounting firm of Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co. presented the annual financial report for 1996-97.

The district received a clean audit and Mr. Arnold commended the district for their sound financial accounting practices. In other action, the board voted to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Bogata Homecoming Organization to be used toward improvements on the Bogata campus, approved TASB policy update 57, approved an interlocal agreement for commodity processing and an interlocal agreement for Medicare Outreach.

The superintendent presented the 1996-97 AEIS report for the school district and a brief report on the progress of the sewer plant construction project. Elmer Patton was nominated by the board to serve on the appraisal review board for the Red River Appraisal District. Robert Brown, Jr. met with the board to discuss facilities. In other action, the board voted to take applications for a bus mechanic/maintenance worker. The January meeting date was set for January 15 at 7:30 p.m. Following a brief executive session on personnel matters the meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

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Papers will publish early next week

The papers will have to publish a day early next week, in order for employees to enjoy the Christmas Holiday.

All advertising and news must be in by Monday in order to appear in the Christmas edition.

Local correspondents are urged to please send their news in early. Anything that does not appear in next week's paper will be published later.

Johntown MBC to hold living nativity

The Johntown Missionary Baptist Church will present a live Nativity scene in front of the church building Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, December 18, 19, and 20 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each night.

The church invites everyone to come see the scene.

Johntown Baptists plan events

Johntown Missionary Baptist Church will be presenting its Live Nativity Scene at the church December 18, 19, and 20 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. daily.

Merry Christmas



WEEKLY NEWS PAPERS
MAKE A GREAT GIFT
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Something to reflect on

By Nanalee Nichols

Last year was one of the nicest Christmases we have ever had. I put a story in our papers asking people to call us so that we might help them with Christmas if they were having trouble. I had a number of calls, but not a single person asked for themselves, it was always for someone else. This renewed my faith in human nature, and we received a wonderful gift, the gift of knowing we managed to help a few people who really needed it. But I want to relate to you one story which has haunted me all year.

A woman called to tell us that her daughter desperately needed help for Christmas, help with food, or clothing or absolutely anything. She explained that she and her husband usually were able to help, but that he had been laid off his job and things were so bad that they couldn't even afford her own heart or diabetes medicine.

She explained that her husband had a new job in a few weeks, but it would be over a month before he could get a paycheck. She hated to ask, it was obvious that it cost her an effort to sacrifice her pride and call. She said over and over, "we've always been able to take care of our own". I assured her that I would see that her daughter received help. Since most of my small fund had been exhausted by then, I contacted a number of people who wanted to help and they pitched in to provide food and clothing and some Christmas presents for this woman and her child.

Satisfied that I had done what was possible, I forgot the incident, until that night. And as I lay in bed I kept thinking about the woman mentioning, casually and without complaint that they were so broke they couldn't purchase her medicine. All night that bothered me. So, the next morning I mailed her a check. I really didn't feel I could afford it, but I knew I couldn't afford not to do it.

A few days later I received the most moving and beautiful thank you letter from her that I have ever had. She expressed deep joy at what had been done for her daughter, and she said she had gone out immediately to refill her prescriptions. She would feel better now, she felt, since she had her medicines.

It made me feel really good. Imagine how I felt, though, when I received the woman's obituary notice the very next day! How long had she gone without her medications, letting her pride keep her from applying for help or calling someone for help? How could this happen, here, when there were many people who would have helped her?

It has haunted me for the whole year, that perhaps she would have been alive and well today had her medicines been available to her. There's no conclusion to this story, but one thing I will always be grateful for...I am so glad I sent the check. What would be on my conscience if I had ignored the little voice in the night that told me I had to do something?

It is a life lesson, and one that I intend to keep in mind from now on.



FOOD DRIVE- Talco Student Council members Kendal Stansell and Erin Miller display one box of items the group collected for needy families in the community. The drive was a huge success and the items will be taken to the Calvary Baptist Church for distribution. The Student Council and their sponsor, Tammie Case would like to thank everyone who donated. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

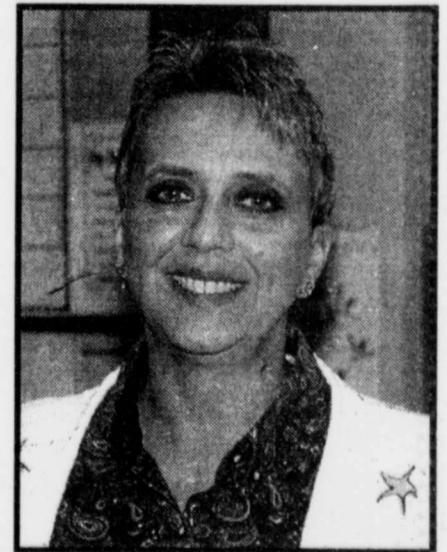
People 'n Things

The Talco-Bogata CISD Tax Office will close at noon on Friday, December 19, 1997. The office will open December 30 and 31, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The Talco School Christmas program will be held on Thursday, Dec. 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Students will enjoy their parties in the afternoon and dismiss for the holidays following them. School will begin on Jan. 5, 1998.

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels varsity and junior varsity will travel to John Tyler High School in Tyler on Dec. 19 with game time set at 2:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

The Rivercrest Rebels A-B and C teams will travel to DeKalb on Dec. 19 with game time set at 4:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.




EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK-at Talco School this week is Henrietta Bass. Ms. Bass is the math teacher at Talco Junior High. She has been a teacher for 14 years and has been at Talco School for 10 years. She has two sons, Joseph, a Senior at Pittsburg High School and David who is in the U.S. Army. Ms. Bass recently became engaged to Franke King of Pittsburg. The couple have not set a wedding date as of yet.

Talco Gift Subscriptions....

- To W.D. and Shirley Holt from Beverly Taylor.
- To Clinton Vandever from the Gene Goates.
- To the J.C. Youngs from Lucille Buchanan.
- To Tim and Beverly Taylor from David and Teresa Taylor.
- To Bill Dixon from Edith Swaim.
- To Dean and Carole Leake from Edith Swaim.
- To Allean Fussell from Mrs. Omie Hanks.
- To Mrs. Hubert Smith from Mrs. Omie Hanks.
- To David and Teresa Taylor from Beverly Taylor.
- To Randy Jones, Stanley Jones, and Terry L. Jones from Imogene Lewis.

Season's Greetings



Country Cooking

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking Column, call 982-5829 or 652-4205. Look for us on the Internet!
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Liz Irwin

This week's cooks column is an annual one that we started last year. It is the Cookie Swap from a group of Deport ladies who get together to share recipes and "swap" cookies. Pat Norrell sent in this recipe for Whit Trash using cereal, nuts and white almond bark. Ann Lee made Merry Sugar Cookies and pressed semi-sweet chocolate morsels on top before baking. Dawne Darden made Mocha Chunk Cookies using liquor and coffee crystals. Juanita Taylor concocted Mini Kiss Blondie Bars with Hershey's mini-

kisses. Dot Nicols used a skillet and came up with Skillet Cookies. Chocolate Crackle Tops were made by Bocky Norman and are loaded with chocolate. Chocolate Coconut Crunchers uses a cake mix and crushed cornflakes. Swirled Mint Cookies came from Nanalee Nichols using a combination of food colorings to make the peppermint. We hope you enjoy these cookies and I know that they are all good and nutritious! See you in the kitchen!



Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bailey Baileys to be honored on 25th anniversary

There will be a party to honor Ronnie and Nelda Bailey on their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Robert and Melody Bailey on Clarksdale Street in Deport.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cutshall to be honored on golden anniversary

A golden anniversary reception will honor Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cutshall on December 28, Sunday, from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Deport. Hosting the event will be the couple's children, Georgia Talent, Sharyl Thompson, Timm Cutshall and their families. The honorees request your presence at this reception in lieu of gifts.

Billy Murray Foster dies December 6

Billy Murray Foster, age 74 of Denison died after a lengthy illness in a McKinney nursing home on Friday, December 6. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8 at Center Ridge Cemetery in Maud with Rev. Kris Segrist officiating. Mr. Foster was born March 19, 1923 in Maud, to Katie Estelle and James Young Foster. He graduated from Talco High School in 1941 and served in the Army in the South Pacific during World War II. He graduated from Youngs School of Art, Dallas in 1947 and was a commercial artist in Dallas for 39 years. He was a noted artist in the East Texas area. Survivors include two sons and one daughter-in-law, Billy and Sharon Foster of McKinney and John Foster of Dallas; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Janie Goodwin of Tulsa; one brother, Gerald L. Foster of Longview. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Goodwin, formerly of Talco.

Clyde W. Roberts dies December 12

Clyde W. Roberts, age 98 of Bogata, died Friday, December 12 in the Texas Medical Center, Clarksville. Services were held Monday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the River Healthcare Center Chapel with burial in Bogata Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes of Bogata had charge of arrangements. Mr. Roberts was born May 2, 1899 in Red River County, the son of William Joe and Mary Mabel Phillips Roberts. On October 4, 1941 he married Aredna Cranford. She survives as does a daughter, Juanita Fisher of Bogata; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by six brothers, Luther, Morris, Roy, Ethel, Boss and Hobart; and four sisters, Hazel, Lena, Addie and Lula.

M.L. Floyd dies November 30

M.L. Floyd, age 69 of Dallas, died Sunday, November 30 at his home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 3 at Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Rhoades of Millbrook Baptist Church of Lancaster officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery. Mr. Floyd was born July 9, 1928 in Shady Grove community to Earl and Kelley and Lillian Whitten Floyd. He attended schools in Pattonville and graduated from Deport High School. He was a member of Creekside Baptist Church in Canton and a former member of the Mesquite Masonic Lodge. He retired in 1980 from the insulation business where he was an asbestos worker and insulator. Surviving are two sons, Richard Floyd and wife Kay of Garland and Curtis E. Floyd and wife Sheryl of Lancaster; a daughter, Deborah Whitten of Dallas; a daughter-in-law, Linda Floyd of Paris; five grandchildren; one brother, Kelly W. Floyd of Dallas; and four sisters, Clyde Cunningham and Paulina Secrest of Paris, Mrs. J.E. (Mildred) Kincaid of Dallas and Mrs. Joel B. (Mary Jo) Hughes of the Belk community. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Floyd and four brothers, Howard, Jack, Robert and Dempsey Floyd. Bearers were Bobby Floyd, Gary Floyd, Ronnie Floyd, Derrell Pettit, Mike Secrest and Brad Hughes.

Fay Lucille Crittenden dies December 10

Fay Lucille Coffey Crittenden, age 91 of Heritage Park Nursing Home in Plano died Wednesday, December 10 in Columbia Medical Center in Plano. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home with Dr. Wayne Smith officiating. Burial was in Detroit Cemetery. She had lived in Detroit until several years ago, when she moved to Plano. She was born May 2, 1906 in Texarkana, AR, the daughter of William Fian and Tott Roberts Coffey. She married William Thomas Crittenden in Texarkana on December 14, 1930; he died December 27, 1984. She was a housewife and member of First Presbyterian Church in Paris, a member of Nu Phi Epsilon Sorority; McCuiston Hospital Auxiliary for 30 years during which she logged some 3,196 hours of service; the New Century Club of Clarksville; R.S.V.P. and Ladies Circle at First Presbyterian. She is survived by two sons, W.T. (Tom) Crittenden of Houston, Carlton Crittenden of Plano; three grandchildren, Bob and Mike Crittenden, both of Dallas, Karen Emberley of Longmont, CO and one great-grandson, Anthony Michael Emberley. Bearers were W.C. Covington, Floyd Maynard, Dale Miller, Charles (Smithy) Allen, Bill Neeley and Dr. Craig Stephens.

Barney Alsobrook dies December 10

Barney Alsobrook, age 95 of Bogata, died Wednesday, December 10 in the East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville. Services were held Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements. Mr. Alsobrook was born May 1, 1902 in Manchester, the son of Ben and Cora Covington Alsobrook. He married the former Vada Srygley on November 13, 1927 in Faught. She preceded him in death on December 28, 1983. He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, E.L. Williams in 1976. He was a retired farmer and long time member of the Bogata Church of Christ. He is survived by one daughter, Mary Ann Williams of Bogata; three grandchildren, Lesa Clarkson of Blossom, Todd Williams and Tracey Williams of Bogata; four great-grandchildren, Ethan and Eric Williams of Bogata, Jasper and Nicolas Clarkson of Blossom; two brothers, Doug Alsobrook of Deport and Wayne Alsobrook of Rugby; and one sister, Mrs. Zuma Ham of Bentonville, AR. The family requests that donations be made to the Bogata Cemetery Association, or the Manchester Cemetery Association.

Elva Lee Smith dies December 16

Elva Lee Smith, age 76 of Detroit died Tuesday, December 16 in St. Joseph Hospital and Health Center. Services were scheduled for Thursday, December 18 in the Faith Baptist Church of Deport at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. L.C. Stout and Rev. Larry Solice officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Deport. Mrs. Smith was born November 20, 1921 in Arkansas, the daughter of James Wesley and Susie Knighten Barnett. On April 15, 1937 she married William Fred Smith. He preceded her in death in August, 1974. Mrs. Smith was a housewife, and a member of the Faith Baptist Church. Surviving are her children and their spouses, Eva Louise Nowlan and husband Max of Waco, Leon Smith and wife Mary of Detroit, Kenneth Smith of Detroit, Larry Smith of Detroit, Virginia Farris and husband Robert of Deport, Odell Smith of Savoy, Joyce Harp and husband Richard of Bagwell, Dennis Smith and wife Florence of Paris, Karen Sotelo of Detroit, L.C. Smith of Detroit and Ronnie Smith of Deport; 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by two sons, Cecil and Jackie Smith; one grandson, Todd VanSickle; three brothers, Loranza, Raymond and Ray Barnett; and two sisters, Gracie Wear and Mae Welch.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, food, flowers and prayer since I broke my leg. We really appreciate it.

Yuba Sparks

Card of Thanks

My sincere appreciation to my family and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and good food my neighbors helped furnish since my surgery.

God bless you,
Cora Tidwell

Card of Thanks

Thanks to everyone; friends and neighbors for the prayers, cards and flowers, to the Drs. and Nurses of Titus County for their care, during my illness.

May God richly bless you all.
Sincerely,
Ruby Hornn

Card of Thanks

Thank you for taking the time to visit, call or pray for me during my recent stay in the hospital. I cherish your friendship. May God bless.

Sincerely,
Latane Roberts

Card of Thanks

I want to thank both friends and strangers for the successful auction on Saturday. I really, really appreciate your support.

Cordell Alexander

Card of Thanks

The family of Hester Lee Kennedy Keith would like to thank the many friends and family for the lovely flowers and plants, for their support and for their loving thoughts and prayers.

Thank you Rev. Rick Holeman, First Baptist Church of Bogata and Wood Funeral Home of Bogata for your support and help.
Thanks to Dr. Nada and the nurses and staff of Red River Healthcare Center.
Sincerely,
Beverly Keith Babb

Swirled Mint Cookies

Nanalee Nichols

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
1 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp. peppermint extract
10 drops red food coloring
10 drops green food coloring
sugar

Stir flour and baking powder together, set aside. In lg. mixing bowl with mixer on medium to high speed beat butter for 30 seconds. Add 1 cup sugar; beat til fluffy. Add egg, vanilla and extract, beat well. Add flour mixture, beat til well mixed. Divide into three equal portions. Stir red food coloring into one portion, stir green coloring into another. Leave other portion plain. Chill one hour or til easy to handle. Divide each color dough into four equal portions. On a lightly floured surface, roll each portion into 1/2 inch diameter rope. Place one red, one green and one plain rope side by side. Twist together. Repeat with remaining ropes. Chill 30 minutes. Cut ropes into 1/2 inch thick slices for larger cookies or 1/4 inch slices for smaller ones. Carefully roll into balls, blending colors as little as possible. Place about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten to 1/4 inch with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar.

Repeat with remaining dough. Bake in 375 degree oven til edges are set (allow 8 to 10 minutes for larger cookies, 6 to 8 for smaller) transfer cookies to wire racks; cool. Makes about 72 2 1/2 inch cookies or 144 1/4 inch cookies.

CHOCOLATE CRACKLE TOPS

Bocky Norman

1 3/4 cups Flour
1/4 cup Cocoa
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp Salt
4 (1 oz.) squares chocolate (unsweetened)
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1 3/4 cups sugar
3 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
3/4 cups each Min. sweet choc. chips & nuts
Powdered sugar

Melt chocolate and butter (stirring over low heat). Cool. Mix chocolate mixture and sugar, add eggs one at a time. Mix in vanilla and add other dry ingredients. Mix well. Add chips and nuts. Chill overnight. Make into 1 inch balls (1 Tbls. dough) Roll in powdered sugar. Bake in 350 degree oven on greased cookie sheets, place 2 inches apart. Bake 10-12 minutes. Allow cookies to crack.

CHOCOLATE COCONUT CRUNCHERS

Juanita Sparks

1 box German Chocolate Cake mix
1 cup margarine or butter, softened
2 eggs
1 cup coconut
1 cup crushed cornflakes cereal or other cereal flakes
1 cup rolled oats
1 (6 oz.) pkg. (1 cup) semi sweet chocolate chips
1 to 2 Tbls. sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees, combine cake mix, margarine and eggs; mix well, add coconut, walnuts, cereal, oats and chocolate chips; mix well, drop by teaspoons 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten with glass dipped insugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 12 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute, remove from cookie sheets, makes 60.

MOCHA CHUNK COOKIES

Dawne Darden

2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tsp. instant coffee crystals (French roast or dark coffee)
2 tsp. coffee liquor
1 cup white sugar
3/4 cup dark brown sugar, packed
1 cup salted butter, softened
2 large eggs
2 cups (10 oz.) semisweet chocolate bar, coarsely chopped
Yields 4 dozen

Preheat oven to 300 degrees in a medium bowl combine flour, cocoa, soda and salt. Mix well with a wire whisk and set aside. In a small bowl dissolve coffee crystals in coffee liquor and set aside. In a large bowl blend sugars with an electric mixer at medium speed. Add butter and mix to form a grainy paste. Scrape down sides of bowl. Then add eggs and dissolved coffee crystals and beat at medium speed until smooth. Add the flour mixture and chocolate chunks and blend at low speed just until combined. Do not overmix. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. Bake for 23-25 minutes. Immediately transfer cookies with a spatula to a cool, flat surface.

MINI KISS BLONDIE BARS

Juanita Taylor

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 3/4 cups (10 oz. pkg.) Hershey's Mini Kisses Milk Chocolate, divided
1 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Beat butter and shortening in large bowl on medium speed of mixer just until blended. Add brown sugar and granulated sugar; beat well. Beat in eggs, vanilla and baking soda. Gradually beat in flour (if dough becomes too stiff, stir in remaining flour with spoon). Set aside 1/2 cup mini kisses; stir in remaining kisses and nuts. Press dough into ungreased 15-1/2x10-1/2 x 1 inch jelly roll (dough will be stiff). Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until top is golden. Remove from oven; immediately place reserved Kisses over top, pressing down lightly. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. 48 bars.

SKILLET COOKIES


Dot Nichols

1/4 lb. oleo
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup chopped dates
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 heaping cups Rice Krispies

Melt Oleo in skillet, then beat eggs and add sugar. Add dates and apricots. Cool 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Then add vanilla, nuts and cereal. While warm, roll into balls, then roll in coconut. Refrigerate one hour before serving.

Booting Up All the Best

Here's hoping that all wonderful things are always on the menu for our loyal customers. Merry Christmas to all!



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Bogata Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and 3 different CDs. They are Spice girls, Brandy and Alive in the 90s. I want some Justin lacer boots and clothes.

Your friend,
Micah Upchurch

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a 8 on 1 pct and some clothes and a happy family to have when you need them. A glass doll, a TV to put in my room, a Nintendo 64 and all the rest can be not on the list.

Love,
Sarah Hare

Dear Santa,
I want a big toy raccoon for Christmas, a new doll, a giga pet, clothes, a dear diary, a payday game, that new Walt Disney game of pursuit, Wild America movie, Jingle all the way movie, and a book about raccoons. Oh, and I want my own real diary so I can keep my mom and her little kid to stay out of it. Oh, and I want you to stop by for some milk and cookies.

Love,
Cindy M. Livingston

Dear Santa,
My name is Callie Stafford, and what I want for Christmas is a Game boy pocket, a TV and a faballoon and one more thing. Some air maxes. That's what I want for Christmas. And please give my family something too.

Sincerely,
Callie Stafford

Dear Santa,
I want Rockets reversible coat so I can stay plenty warm this winter. I want Madden 98 so I can play a new game on Super Nintendo and I would like NBA Live 97.

Love,
Keith Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello Santa Claus I am here to tell you about my Christmas. I want to have the best Christmas party of ever. But people that live on the streets are homeless, so my wish is just two things if you can do it for me. One is to give me the best party ever. Two is to give the homeless a pillow.

Your friend,
Edwin Galloway

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a 18 speed bike and a nintendo 64. A CD player, a four wheeler, a real one. A new white long dress and a pair of black high hill dress shoes six 6 1/2

Love,
Tiffany Giles

Hello,
My name is Blake Kelley. I would like to have a go cart, soccer ball, fish tank, a and clothes. Please bring my brother something nice and thank you. Have a safe trip home. Thank you very much.

Blake Kelley

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me the Princess Barbie and the Hula Barbie and the Bell Barbie and some learning toys, and a new Polo and sleepers. I have tried to be good and hope you can bring me some Barbie clothes. I would like a broom and a play mop. I would like some play-doh kits. Thank you very much.

Amanda Jayme Ashworth Lee

Dear Santa,
I want the Lost World for Christmas. For Christmas I want a giga pet. For Christmas I want sox. For Christmas I want Bopit. I want hunting clothes for Christmas. I want a bike for Christmas. For Christmas I want rollerblades. For Christmas I want a gun. For Christmas I want a four wheeler. For Christmas I want a puppy. For Christmas I want the movie Flubber. I want a good Christmas.

Love,
Lillian Baird

Dear Santa,
I want some blue jeans and Nike shoes and clothes, some toy cars and trucks, play gun, handcuff, baseball bat, a watch and a 101 dalmation movie. Remote control motorcycle, a tape recorder with microphone. I will leave you some cookies and milk and I'll try to be good.

Love,
Brad Haley

Dear Santa,
This is some of the things I'd like for Christmas: 1. a camera with film. 2. a tape player with all the Reba tapes and Garth Brooks. 3. Movies: Sleeping Beauty, Toy Story, Pocahontas and Beauty and the Beast and the Enchanted Christmas, The New Kid. 4. Computer with Hair Styler Barbie Disk. 5. Super Nintendo all the disks Aladdin and Kirby. 6. a pool table with all of it. 7. a few Baby Sitters Club Book Markers. 8. A little Billy Sport TV. 9. a real clock. 10. motorcycle.

Love,
Krystal Smith

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want walkie talkies, a trike skateboard and a new coat and some clothes, a new nintendo tape. I have been a good boy.

Thank you,
Jesse Harville

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of hunting boots. I want a poster of four wheelers. I want a new shot gun, 20 gauges pump express and a Honda 300 4X4. I want a tent for the family and a head phone tape player radio set. That is all.

Love,
Cole Sheffield

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of toys but I want everything too a lot. Here's what I want. I want a ticket to Universal Studios and a trampoline too and a big truck.

Love,
Matthew Green

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Nintendo 64, a dirtbike, a kid size motorcycle, a bop it, sega saturn, a Sony, a horse, 22.

Sincerely,
Lee Jordan

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a desk, a trampoline and some CDs a velvet T shirt, a dress, and a Tweety ring and a tweety jewelry list.

Your friend,
Cortney Merchant

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Nintendo game, Sega game, hat, jersey, basketball, GIJOES, baseball cards, roller skates and shoes.

Love,
Brian Hays

Dear Santa,
I want a giga pet and I want some drum set and I want some stuffed animals. I really want a giga pet and a new bat. I also want a sling shot and a watch. I want another toy eagle. And I want Turnmate or 9331.

Aaron Lum

Dear Santa,
I have been a very, very good girl this year. I would like to have a boom box, a tent, a telephone, skates, shoes, dolls, a lucky rabbit's foot, bows, dry craser board, a better sign for my room. I want you to visit me a Xmas. I want to have my own doctor's kit, I want to get a little car and I also want a gymnastic costume, a baton, a parade hat and shoes and a cheerleader outfit, color eflex, camera and last but not least surprise me. Also I forgot Tiy-dy, nail salon, soccer bopper.

Thank you,
Love,
Taylor Anderson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64 Game (WCW vs. Nino) and a set of collectible cars, Soccer Boppers, clothes. I would like NFL Nintendo 64 games and a boxing bag. Please get me these.

From,
Aaron Rolan

Dear Santa,
I want a lost world stegosaurus, bike trailer, truck and trailer, some horses, four wheeler, the lost world trailer train and track

Jeff Douthitt

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64, a VCR, lost world movie, remote control car, a football and a remote control airplane.

Your friend,
Mark Allums

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, lost world movie, the Blazing Bathammer, Batman Returns movie, 2 transformers from Beast Wars, Batman Walkie talkies, Flubber video, lost world CD-roms and the Lost world toys.

Your friend,
Jonathan Nieto
P.S. I also want a camera.



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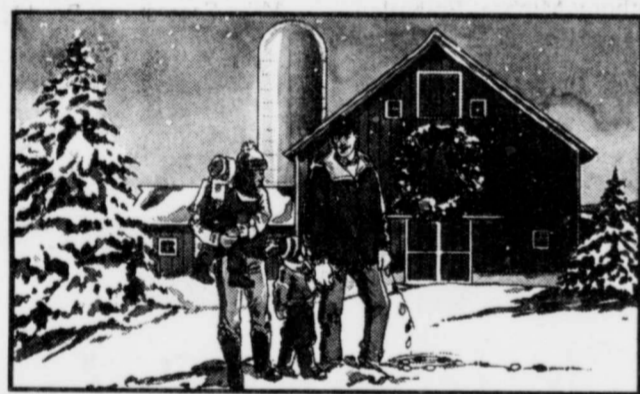
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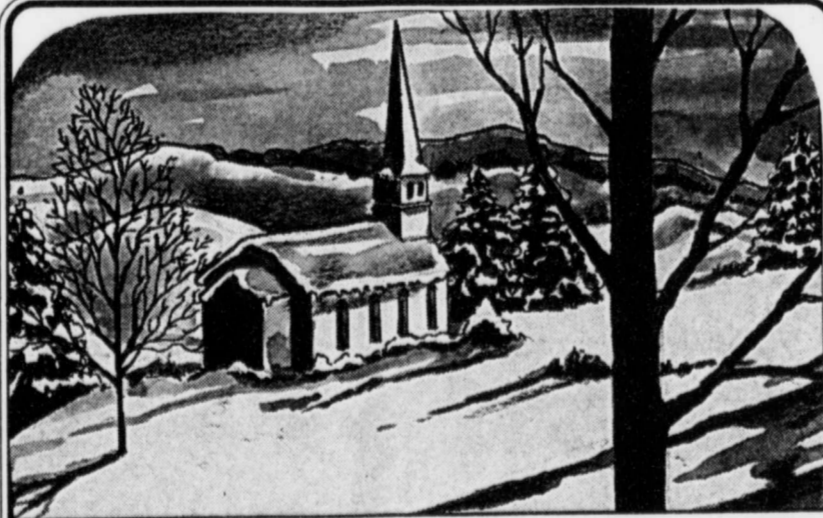
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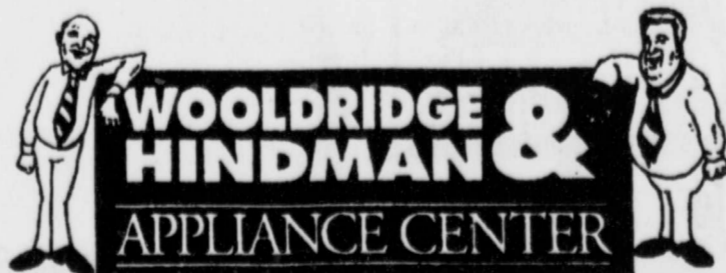
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Birthday party planned for Mrs. Lee

Mrs. Maggie Harden Lee, who will be 92 years old January 1, will be honored with a birthday celebration Saturday, January 3, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Bogata United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

No gifts please. Your presence is the only present she desires.



Maggie Harden Lee

JOHTOWN LOCALS
By Jana Hawkins
632--5174

The Friendship Sunday School Class had their annual Christmas party at the home of Drue and Billie Pirtle Saturday night, December 13. There was a meal of Mexican food then games were played and gifts exchanged. Those attending were the Pirtles, Rev. and Mrs. Billy Turpin, Robbie Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Estill, their daughter Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Pirtle, Mr. and Mrs. Robbie McCuller, Mr. and Mrs. James Gaddis, Lee Hood, Stephanie Fischer, Heather and Haley Hawkins. Mark Hawkins stopped by also.

Robbie Hawkins and Billie Pirtle hosted a Christmas dinner party for Robbie's Adult Ladies Sunday School class at the Pirtle home Monday night, December 15. Chicken spaghetti and all the trimmings were served. Those attending were Robbie Hawkins, Billie Pirtle, Lee Hood, Lucille Childers, Gwendolyn Bowen, Dorothy Foster, Tracey Eudy, Bonnie Green, Kelley Harville, Johan Turpin, Rev. Billy Turpin and Drue Pirtle.

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- To Melanie Klein from Sam McConnell.
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- To Audrey Warren from Rena Childers.
- To Neale Mauldin from Vera Craddock.
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- To Bernice Beers and to W. Blisard from Eona Mauldin.
- To Glen Babb from the House of Pettits.
- To Tim Shimpoek from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt.
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- To Kathy Pirtle Miller from Bill R. Pirtle.
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- To Paul Miller from George Miller.
- To Ken Thornton and family from Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Thornton.
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Bogata Letters To Santa.....



Dear Santa,
My name is Hayden Holt. I am 8 months old. I have been extra good my whole life. I've heard a lot about from my sister, Heather, and big brother, Heath. They said I can ask you for things I want. I have just about everything I want, but I wish you would bring me some Wranglers like Heath's, a couple of extra fingers ('cause I suck mine a loot), and a little more hair to keep my head warm. I can leave you my squash and a little milk in my bottle now that I'm learning to take a bottle.
Thank you,
Hayden Holt

Dear Santa,
I've been trying to be good. Well I'm going to start listing what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo 64 with two games with it. They are called Wave Racers and Donkey Kong. Then I want a go kart. I also want a few Xmen. Then the rest in clothes. That's all.
Sincerely,
Tyler Craig

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year, but I really want a four wheeler. I really don't think I deserve it. But then again I do. I want lots of money for Christmas. That's all I want for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Crystal Lynn Howerton

Dear Santa,
I would like a Josefina Doll and more clothes for Kirsten and Susanna. I want a new leash for Shadow Shiloh Sparkles. I also want fake fingernails and a Tickle me Elmo. I don't need two front teeth. I already have them. I have not been good or bad, just in between. I also want a TV in my own room, since Amber took mine. I also want some Nintendo games and lots on money.
Love,
Baillie Spencer

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty nice this year. I would like you to bring me a camouflage jeep, bicycle, a new BB gun, some clothes, some toy trucks and cars to play with. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Aaron Haley

Dear Santa,
I would like a pack of nail polish and some money. I would like a new truck for my dad and some odor eaters for his boots. I really have to get a blanket and cover my neck. I would like a kitty pillow for Michelle. I would like some new clothes for Stanley and a hat because his head might freeze this winter. I would like a house for Dad, Michelle and me.
Love,
Latrel Smith
P.S. I would also like you to get all the things on here for me and my family.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a four wheel drive four wheeler, because you get to haul hay and get to go mudding. The other thing I want is a remote control helicopter because you get to park it on top of something and fly it over people's heads. But still they are a lot of money, but they are cool to play with. But the four wheeler, I would still like it but it is too dangerous to ride and might get you killed. Well, I would like to have a big CD player and a Play Station because a play station is a lot funner and they got 3 games that come with it.
Yours truly,
Jake Needham

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like you to get me these things for Christmas if you can. If not that is O.K. Here are the things: a computer, a CD player, and a Shake CD, some clothes, a Dallas Cowboy jacket, a bow and arrow and a Nintendo 64 or a sega saturn or just anything you think I would want.
Sincerely,
Miranda Mauldin

Dear Santa,
I wish I can have it. I want a Floppy Penelope and a Dirt Devil and I want a Dancing Ballerina and what I really want is a giga pet. Please.
Shelbi Elder

Dear Santa,
I love you and I like you because your beard is curly like curly fries and your cheeks are like cherries and I am going to tell you about what I want for Christmas. Well, first of all I want a caboodle and second of all I want to be an elf. I bet they work hard. What does Rudolph want for Christmas? I want a doll of Tweet Bird and Mickey Mouse. So good bye and I'll see you at Christmas.
Love,
Amanda

Dear Santa Clause,
This year I do not want many things. First I want a Nintendo 64. These are the other things I want: A bass fishing game, go cart, dalmation game and some clothes. These are the only things I want because I already have what I want. I almost forgot that I want a Tickle Me Elmo. I want some tapes and a radio. These are the taper I want: Shake and Christmas songs. Then I also want a bunch of stuffed animals.
Yours truly,
Wendy Stewart

Dear Santa,
I would like you to know that I have been good this year and would like you to know what I want for Christmas. I want a new bird, some briar horses and a bunch of candy.
Thank you.
Your friend,
Mandy Crawford

Dear Santa,
I wish I can have it. I want a Floppy Penelope and a Dirt Devil and I want a Dancing Ballerina and what I really want is a giga pet. Please.
Shelbi Elder

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a "Tetris Jr." keychain, a koosh ling, a yak bak spy master, and a basketball so I can practice playing it. I would also like to have Clueless, the movie and a Mega Mike. Santa if you can get these things for me, I would be more than happy to thank you.
Sincerely,
Hollie Bush

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. I wrote to you so you'll know what I want for Christmas. The first thing I want is an electric airplane. I don't want a wire on it. I'll also want some Super Nintendo tapes, like Tecmo, super football, super bases loaded and a lot of other games and surprise me with some other toys.
Your friend,
Aaron Palmer

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sega Saturn, a game to go with it, four wheeler, a new football and a bunch of books too.
Your friend,
Kenton Baker

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Dear Santa,
I would like a giga pet.
Love,
Matt Shew

Santa,
I want a bike and a toy angel that makes music and a Teddy bear and a special thing that you give me.
Love,
Lina Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Gameboy. I would also like a dirt bike Honda 100. I would like a drum set too.
Sincerely,
Adam Horn

Dear Santa,
My name is Heath Holt. I am 2 years old. My mom says I've been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me some overalls like my daddy's (Only smaller please) some tools so I can help my Papaw, some new boots and some more shirts with pockets, because cowboys must have pockets. I'll leave you some juice and cookies, but I don't have any milk to spare. If your sleigh breaks down I'll be glad to "wook" on it.
Love,
Heath Holt



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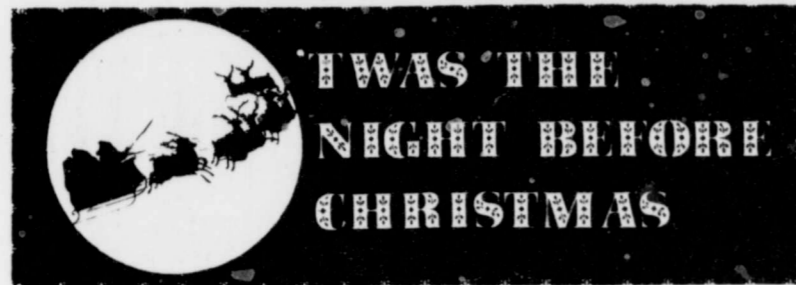
Here's hoping your Christmas yields big returns! We value your business and your friendship.

JOHNTOWN LOCALS
 By Jana Hawkins
 632-5174



Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins enjoyed shopping in Paris on Monday night and eating out at Tamolly's. Haley Hawkins spent Sunday with Tracy, Aaron and Joshua Eudy. The young adult Sunday School Class enjoyed their Christmas Party Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Chicken spaghetti and beef enchiladas were served with all the

trimmings. Gifts were exchanged and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. Approximately 29 attended. Tommy Lee and Joyce Cox visited Monday with Gary, Cindy, Sean and Steven Robertson in Paris. Betty Evans, Joyce Cox's sister, is still in the hospital in Tyler with hopes of coming to the Mount Vernon Hospital soon.



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Second Place
Christmas Memories Contest
 By Teddy Igo

I was privileged to grow up in a town where Christmas was a joy, and a honor to be a part of every year. Christmas was such fun at school, the Christmas Parade with our King and Queens in beautifully decorated cars, also Santa throwing us bags of candy with apples and oranges. I never realized how much I looked forward to that simple mix of kindness and tradition from the local fire department. Christmas was even more than that in our community. All the churches would pool their most talented, and put on the best Christmas programs I remember. The "Reason for the Season" was carried out in our community wherever you went.

Growing up in Deport at Christmas at our home was a time of remembering whose birthday we were celebrating, with a dash of St. Nick thrown in for fun. I had so many fond memories of Christmas at the Igo's house that it was hard to pick one until I was visiting Deport and drove by our old home recently and started to remember our neighbors. Neighbors, you know them, they're the ones that lived next door, across the street, two or three houses down. I remember mine. Mr. and Mrs. Read across the street, Mr. and Mrs. Story, I fondly called him "Mr. Pete". Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kelsey on the corner, and the Fullers on the county line. I remember all the wonderful people on our street that watched over us, throughout the year. One tradition that our neighbors got to share with us was fireworks. That's right, somehow Santa got the idea that fireworks was on our Christmas list, I suspect Dad must have always gotten that on our list for himself. Christmas evening we had a neighborhood, come as you are, fireworks show. Sometimes it lasted up to 30 minutes, before the fun ran out. One Christmas my brother Paul, his friend Jimmy Isbell and myself were responsible for setting off the fun. I'm still not quite sure who fired the first shot with the Roman candles, I think it was Jimmy. There were firing off shots toward each, laughing and ducking for cover, until I shot Lemuel Paul square in the chest setting his new coat that he had received for Christmas on fire. He was patting out the flames leaving one big black burn on the coat. I knew I was done for, I kept telling him "If it will make you feel better you can shoot me in the chest." I really didn't mean it, but it sounded good at the time. Jimmy had disappeared of course, and I had to spend most of the rest of the holiday in the house. How lucky we are sometimes not to get hurt, thank goodness I had a understanding Dad.

Years later I realized why Dad had always had the fireworks on Christmas evening, it was to celebrate Jesus' birthday and we just thought it was for our neighborhood. Thanks for letting me share this memory with you on this holiday season.

Bogata Locals
 By Judy Screws
 Call 632-5322

Sunday visitors of Jerry and Gerylyn Gray were Jessica and Danny Hines, Judy, Heather and Heath Holt for lunch. The Grays baby-sat with Heather and Heath from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m. so they could play with their cousin, Riley Reeder, while their mother took care of their little brother, Hayden, at home. Jessica and Jennifer took Heather and Heath home about 5:30 and visited with Judy and Hayden a while.

Judy Holt took son, Hayden, to the doctor in Mount Pleasant last Tuesday (It was the first time he'd seen Hayden since his surgery in November) and he was very impressed with the Hayden is gaining strength and is able to stay off all the medications he's had to take in the past. Hayden doesn't go back for another check-up until January.

Billie Bishop and Helen Williams attended the Christmas Party and luncheon Friday at Paris Civic Center, given by Prime Time of St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Care Center.

Molee Huddleston and Helen Williams attended the Christmas Dinner and party given Friday evening at the Clarksville High School cafeteria by ETMC.

The York sisters met Tuesday, December 9, for their early Christmas celebration. They are Lucille Childers of Johntown, Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd of Bogata and Betty Puckett of Denton. Their brother, Kenneth York, of Cisco

was unable to be here. After lunch and shopping in Paris, they returned to Lucille's home for visiting and gift exchange. Their parents are the late Alfred and Josie Cooper York.

Relatives have received word of the birth of a son on December 8 to Tommy Wayne and Shannon Anderson of Mount Pleasant. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and has been named Austin Cole. Grady Rhodes of Johntown is a great grandfather.

Gussie Musick spent a good Thanksgiving with her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. David Cantu in Houston.

Billie Welch of Blossom and Chrystine Baker visited their mother, Ruby Corbell, at Regency Nursing Center in Clarksville Thursday. They also visited Smitty and Naomi Smith and Glynn Harbison. Carol Baker of Athens visited Chrystine Baker Monday and they went back to Clarksville to visit their mother, Ruby Corbell, and the Smiths and Glynn Harbison at Regency Nursing Center.

Judy Screws was honored by her family with a birthday dinner at Sir-loin Stockade in Paris Sunday, December 14. Attending other than the honoree were: Donald and Tana Screws, Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws from Deport and Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Muri Roach in Deport.



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 Shirley Anderson

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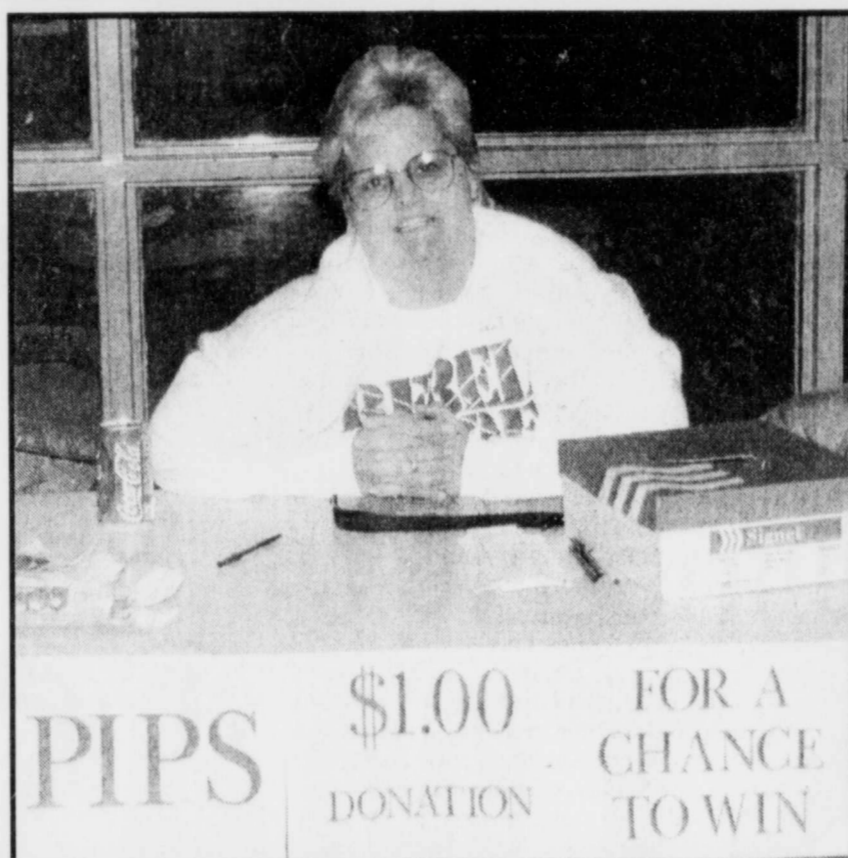
An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

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



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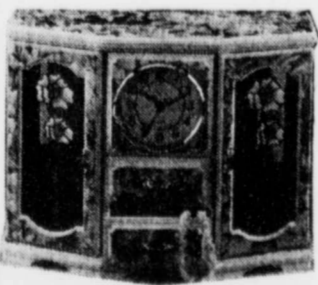


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Love,
Courtney Lemme

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like to have a Tickle me Elmo, a battery operated Three Wheeler, some clothes, and bring my baby brother something to play with. And please bring Mrs. Huddleston a box of candy.
Thank you.
Love,
Travis Emmeyabbi

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good girl this year. This is what I would like for Christmas this year: giga pet, Barbie, candy cane filled with the candy, roller blades and a Doodle bear. I would also like a slinky, piggy bank, shovel and bucket. Also, a Little Mermaid and Flounder art set and a Unicorn comforter with pillows to paint. Please bring my brother, Trevor, some good toys too. He's been good most of the time. We'll leave you some cookies and milk. Pecans for Rudolph and the others will be in the same place as last year.
I love you,
Jessica Jessee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of roller skates. I want a bike too. I am being good.
Love,
All

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan and I want a bike with training wheels, wrestling men, power rangers, Batman and Robin, giga pet and anything else you think I might like.
P.S. I also want these things too: comics and basketball figures.
Love,
Jordan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Baby Born Doll and a Sweet Dreams Baby Doll. I would also like to have a Barbie Dream House.
Thank you,
Kaitlan Perkins

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a very good boy this year so I want a new bicycle, a guitar, a horse and some new clothes. Also please bring some toys for my new baby brother, Dakota. This is his first Christmas. And please bring Mrs. Palmer a big box of candy 'cause she is the best teacher.
Love,
Jerry Martin, Jr.
(Scooter Bill)

Dear Santa,
Here is a list of things I would like for Christmas. A Rapunzel Barbie, a baby doll, a lucky duck game, a sleeping Eric, new clothes and shoes, a new Barbie Dollhouse, books, earrings a board game and a video tape. Any of these things would make me happy. I will leave some cookies and milk for you, too.
Yours,
Jenny

Dear Santa,
I want dolls, a new stove and some new plates, pans, silverware, and candles and some little people. And I want cats and dogs to play with. I want some play clothes to dress up in and high heels. And I want a little bed for my little people and some clothes for them. I really want a bike and a swing set and a Barbie jeep. I want some Barbies. I want a little house for my little people.
Thank you,
Hailey

Dear Santa,
I want a new bicycle that has hand brakes and a new army gun.
Love,
Dustin Gentry

Dear Santa,
I am almost three years old. I love big trucks. Please bring me another, the ones I have are in need of an overhaul. They have lots of miles on them. I also need a basketball goal so I can practice my game and someday have a shoe named after me.
I have really tried to be good, but as you probably know, sometimes that's hard to do. I promise I'll be better next year.
I'll be waiting up for you Christmas Eve, see you then.
Love ya,
Kellen Lee Stringfellow

Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I go to Kindergarten at Deport. I have lots of friends. I really like school a lot. I am your biggest fan. I love you and all your wonderful elves.
For Christmas I would like an Angel Princess Barbie, a Cabbage Patch doll that I can brush its teeth and it spits it out, a Molly doll, a Loonette doll and a Big Comfy Couch, a Teddy bear, a Cabbage Patch doll that swims and all the stuff that goes with it. I also want something to write with, like markers, crayons and paper.
Thank you. I love you very much. Give Rudolph a hug for me.
Merry Christmas,
Kaley Anell Stringfellow

Dear Santa,
My name is Alec and I have tried to be a really good boy this year. So could you please bring me some toys. I want a turbo power ranger action figure, stickers, star wars figures (Storm Troopers), a flying helicopter, a toy computer, construction set, drum set and pocket pet. Me and my sister (Erica) will leave you cookies and milk. I hope you like them.
Alec Moreno

Dear Santa,
Thank you for working so hard. Santa, I like all the toys, but all I really want is a puppy. I have been real good.
Love,
Ty

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Kennedy and I am 6 year would like to have a BB gun perfection game a race car, a fire truck football sega game, some movies and an electric football game.
Love,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a CD player, some CDs a record player, some records, a train, hot wheel cars, some books and a tornado toy. Please bring Christopher, Tyler and Eihan some toys, too. I will leave milk and cookies out for you.
Matthew Hall

Dear Santa,
I have been good I want a round alien lego set, turbo megazord, a skateboard, hot wheels race set.
Thank you.
From,
Garrett

Dear Santa,
I want a hockey suit and a football suit with pads and a Dallas Cowboy helmet. I also want a flag football suit and a football. A Dallas Cowboy locker. A hockey mask. A football telephone. A rubber dart board. A skateboard.
Love,
Setop

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like for you to know I want a Teddy bear, Barbies and a dollhouse. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Courtney Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Stafford. Santa, I know you have been watching and I will try to be a good girl. I want a Casey Cartwheel, Tommy and Chuckie. I want a Teddy Bear with clothes. I want one more thing, a little bird that winds up and makes music. I want my sisters to be very happy and please bring them something too. I want Jordan to have a very special apple that is an eraser. I want Callie to have a football eraser 'cause she likes football. I want a picture for my daddy that looks like a football cowboy. I want Momma to have a very special thing that has 2 wheels on it. I want you to please bring Jonathan some toys because he is a very good little boy.
Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Taylor


Dear Santa,
All I want is a skateboard and a highlander movie. I love you.
Robert Tully

Bogata Letters To Santa.....




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Dear Santa,
I would like a CD, Ssey Cartwheel. I would also like Baby Wiggles and Giggles. I would like a bunch of toys and clothes and games, puzzles, jewelry, make up baby with bottle and comb.
Love,
Veronica

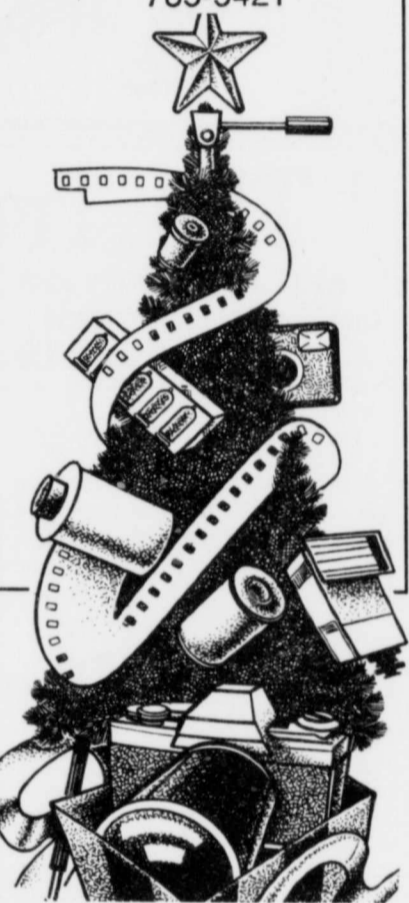
Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. So I hope you can bring something good. I would like a bike, a collectable doll, dr. kit a giga pet for me and one for my sister, a stuffed Peter Rabbit, a boom box a basketball goal, a rocking chair, house shoes, mittens, socks, a doll house and a tent, and a Barbie, a bean bag chair.
Love,
Callie Anderson

Dear Santa,
I love you. Would you please bring me a Barbie video game, and if it's not too much trouble I would like to have dazzling fingernail set, feeding fun stable and please bring me a gymnastic Stacie doll and a Barbie sleeping bag. Thank you for all the things you have given me. Oh and one more thing please bring my baby brother something. He can't talk, he's only one year old and it needs to be something that he can't tear up.
Love,
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Bogata Letters To Santa...



Dear Santa,
I have been good for you. I want three things. These three things are 1. Beast war, 2, bike 3. Cars. I will play with them if you give them to me.
Bye, I'll talk to you next year.
Love,
Victor Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a dirt bike or a four wheeler because I like riding. I'd like a CD player because I like rapping and a bopping. I'd like a computer. I will leave milk and cookies on the table.
Thank you,
Rudy Ross

Dear Santa,
I hope you are going to be okay this year. I will leave some cookies and milk to eat. I live on South Main Street and my house number is 601. I have a big field. Please come in the front door because I don't have a chimney. Me and my brother would like to have our whole family at our house and that's all. Merry Christmas.
P.S. Thank You.
Love,
Erica Tucker

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I want some arrows for my bow and some bbs for my bb gun. Some toy cars and books too. I hope you are not sick.
Love,
William Vaughan

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to you coming to our house on Christmas. I hope I have been good this year. Anyway I want a CD rom computer and a CD rom disk for Christmas. I like Christmas because it starts with my name, Chris, and ends with Sam's name spelled backwards, and because it is Jesus's birthday. That is the best celebration of Christmas.
Love,
Chris Watts

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year, and made good grades in school. Would you please bring these five things to me. A California roller girl, a giga pet, a new ten speed bike, a Barbie Folding pretty house and lots of new clothes.
Love

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Barbies, a Casey Cartwheel, a California Roller Girl, a new Sega Tape, a dance Studio and a fashion magic superscrunch. I have been pretty good this year.
Cheyenne Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a White Star and a cool tools with a play doh and power stuff and a lego mini set and a racer.
Glen Cruise

Santa,
I would like a pool table, tools, Go Kart, clothes.
Jacob Medina

Dear Santa,,
I would like a CD player CDs and a cookie oven and a Barbie wedding dress. I love you.
Niki Lewis
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doodle bear, giga pet, dictionary, encyclopedia, bike with training wheels, pet doctor Barbie, horse, saddle, clothes and a locket heart necklace Also bring some presents for my sisters and brother.
Love,
Kaimbri White

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. This is what I would like for Christmas: a bike, Miami Dolphins football suit, electric football game, Dallas Cowboy Locker, Kareoke machine.
Thank you,
Matthew Haynes

Dear Santa,
I want a Children's Dictionary, My size Barbie Doll, a sprinkle Barbie Doll, Trampoline, go cart, make up jewelry box, clothes, some pretty shoes, jewelry, Barbie clothes, dishes, easy bake oven, cake mixes, crayons and a coloring book, rocking chair, bean bag. And I want team Skipper. I really feel like I've been pretty good this year. Don't forget to look on our kitchen table. I will leave you some milk and cookies for your long trip. Happy-Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kylie Nieto
P.S. If you have the room, I also need a picture frame to put your picture in.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a go cart, a bulldog, camouflage pants, and a VCR. Bring my baby brother a cowboy hat. Please. We have been good boys this year. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and milk.
Bryon K. Chapman

Dear Santa,
I'm Kimberly and I'm 5 years old. If you could bring me a used bike with training wheels for Christmas and a chalk board and big doll and a Barbie Doll for Christmas too. A cowboy hat and some clothes and please bring all the boys and girls in Bogata a good Christmas too.
Love,
Kimberly and Crystal DeWitt
P.S. We have tried to be good.

Dear Santa,
I would like remote control airplane and a construction crew equipment assembly. I wish that everyone would have plenty of good food and warm clothes.
Sincerely,
Joshua Lee Nailling

Dear Santa,
I hope I will get a bike and I hope I get a necklace and I hope I get a lunch box and I hope I get a swimming pool and I hope I get a radio.
Your friend,
Melissa Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. And I hope I get a lot of toys. I want my own Helen Keller book. It is one of my favorite books. And a doctor doll and a doll bed.
Love,
Erica Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Casey Cartwheel doll and a 1997 Snowflake Teddy Bear and most of all a puppy to play with me. Make it a chow please.
Sincerely,
Meagan Olds

Dear Santa,
I want a play station for Christmas. I also want a bike. I would love to have a remote control car and a CD player. My cousin got one last year. That's the kind I want. I will hope for these.
Sincerely,
C.D. Perry

Dear Santa,
I have been a bad boy, but I want a 4 wheeler. I want a trampoline. I will be a better boy.
James Don White

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a computer nintendo but most of all I was talking doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
I love you Santa.
Love,
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a heater on go cart and some movies and skis and some spurs and a saddle from
Joseph Stewart

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. My name is Julie. I have been very good this year. I'm in third grade and I live at Bogata, Tennessee on Roachtown Road. I love Christmas. My birthday is on January 1988 and I have a dog whose name is Speckles. I hope you're making enough toys for the kids this year. I were at the North Pole I could see Mrs. Clause's cookies a mile away. I have a cousin. She and I are both but she was born in June 30. I bet elves are working hard this year. Dad's name is Dave. I bet where he live it's pretty cold huh?
P.S. Write to me sometime.
Love,
Julie Pirtle

Dear Santa,
I've been good in school, but I know I haven't with my brother. I promise to be good with him from now on. For Christmas I would like the movie, Anastasia. I know it's trouble for you, because you're a wonderful man. You love all the kids in the world. Please remember poor little kids that live where ever give them some food. And the grandparents, please help them. For Christmas, I want a long dress for my brother a little toy truck for my mom a long dress too. For dad a perfume for men a some for me. For my sister, a baby and for me too a baby rabbit. I'll leave some cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Alejandra Arroliga

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want some things in reward. I want a new ten speed bike, some new Dennis rodman shoes and a Michigan Jordan jersey, shotgun drum set, watch, Swiss army knife, CD player. Most of all I want my Grandma's better. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Collin Alford

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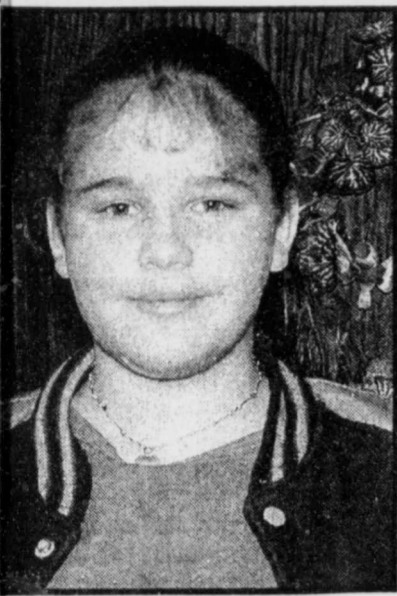
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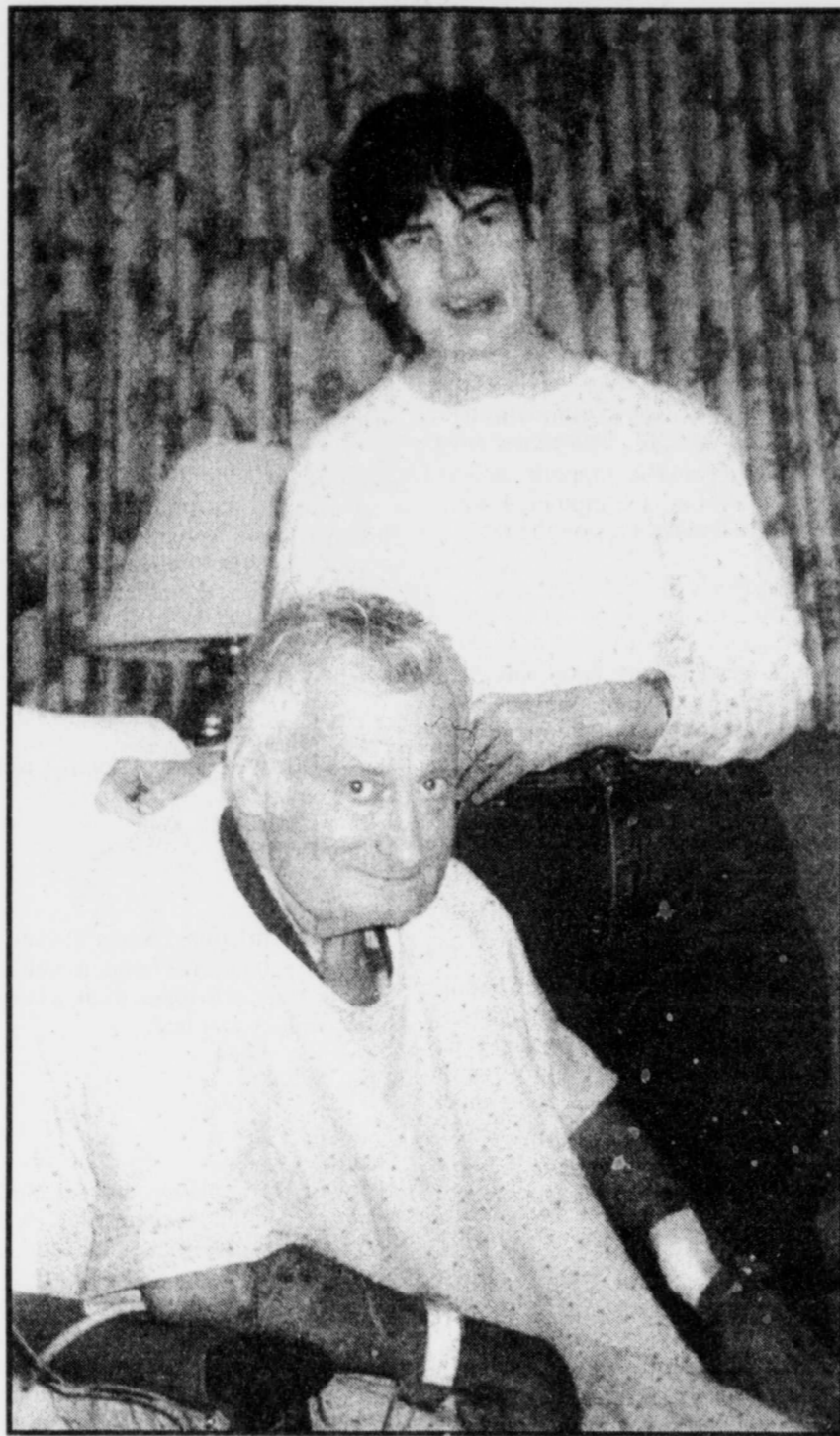


Bogata Methodist Women meet

The Bogata Methodist Women met Wednesday, December 10, in the Fellowship Hall. Bess Ruthardt gave the opening prayer. Eleanor McCluer presented the program using a Christmas Devotional, *What Makes Christmas*, which told of God's greatest gift. In return we celebrate by giving gifts and caring for others. The scripture reading was taken from Luke. She also read from a newspaper column a mother's letter to her two sons, which emphasized the importance of a gift that cannot be taken away.

Betty Puckett presided at the business session. Letters were read from Amanda Allen and the Methodist Mission Home. Community and church projects for the coming year were discussed and plans made. The members closed with the dismissal prayer. The next meeting will be in January. The video *Papa Was a Preacher* will be shown.

Members present were Frances R. Rozell, Eleanor McCluer, Mary Kathryn Cotten, Anabelle Patton, Edith Swaim, Judy Marshall, Anita Stubblefield, Bess Ruthardt, Neoma Goodman, Sally Green, Dorothy Gill, Betty Puckett and Gail Hervey.



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Dear Santa Claus,
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Love,
Jennifer Morgan 4th grade

Dear Santa Clause,
I just want two things. I want a Sony Playstation and a desk. I want to see kids that don't have toys or clothes to get some. Santa I also want it to snow all winter long. Can you get my cousin a Nintendo 64?
Love,
Matt Miller 4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I will like Santa Claus to help people who don't have presents and money. When you get through with everything I want you to give me a computer and roller blades.
Love,
Cassandra Norman 4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a four wheeler, I would also like a go-cart. You could bring me a ten speed if you have an extra one. Do you have any remote control cars?
Love,
Alberto Flores 4th grade

Dear Santa,
What I want or Christmas is a go-cart, Nintendo 64 games, Sega playstation and a computer with games and CD rom. Santa, I will not be home on Christmas Eve. I will be in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.
Sincerely,
Morgan Wright

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope your are feeling well. I'm doing fine. There are a few items that I would like for Christmas. A go-cart and some candy, some clothes such as jeans and shirts and board games like Clue and Chess and a BB gun or a dart gun and a Nintendo 64.
Yours truly,
Jeremy Wagner

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Harley Davidson and a go-cart and a 30-30. I will do my school work. I will not get in a fight.
Love,
Chris Allen

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and for Christmas I want a chemistry set, books, a lot of chemicals and a Harley Davidson and a shot gun but I will not hurt no one.
Yours Truly,
Sonny

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo. I have been good. I think that my sister has been good and I will leave some reindeer food for Rudolph. I hope you bring lots. Santa thank you for bringing lots to us. We wish you happiness.
I love you and Rudolph.
Dayka Presley

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good day for Christmas. I have been good at school this year. I help other people when they need help. They pay to watch these kids. I would like to have a computer form Christmas and a Giga Pet. And I will leave you cake and ice cream on the table and please write me back, please.
Yours truly,
Rebecca Sanders

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. I hope your year has gone as good as mine. I have been good this year. Well, I am going to tel you what I want, a Giga Pet, computer, 1 million dollars. I will leave you a snack and milk. I would like to see Prancer.
Love,
Loren Parker
P.S. Please write me back.

Dear Santa,
This year I've been tryig really hard to be good. This year I would like four things for Christmas. I would like a Giga Pet, a computer and I also want our to try to bring my family together again. I will leave a snack and milk for you.
Love,
Grace Smith

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? Well I'm good. I hope you are too. I don't really know them, but, how are your reindeer? This year for Christmas I don't want much. I would like "Aqua" the CD. Also I would like "Killer Instinct" the Super Nintendo game and one last thing, please bring me the "You don't know jack" CD ROM for computers. That's all I want but you can get me anything else too.
Your buddy,
Cassie McCuller

Dear Santa,
This year I believe that what I would like for Christmas is to spent more time with my dad. That's the one thing I like most of all. The other things that I would like are ; jeans, cats, ten speed bike, bunk beds, new curtains, camera, rabbit, puppy and rings with a diamond on one of them. That's what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I will leave your reindeer some corn out. Also I will leave you yummy chocolate cookies and milk.
Sincerely,
Leslie Richeson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope your doing okay. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas is a Giga Pet and a bicycle. I hope that my family gets together again because it means alot to me. Hope you have fun.
Love,
nessa Paz

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a radio and a video camera. Get my mom magnets to go on the refridgerator, my step-dad some tools for work. Please bring these to go under our tree.
Your friend,
Chad Davis

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want some CD's like the Spice Girs! and TLC. I also want Alana Morsite and Space Jam. The last one I want is Hanson. I also want a black jacket I seen that has fuzzy stuff like feathers around the collar. I might want an alien Giga Pet but I already have a dinosaur. I really hope I get all the presents I asked for.
Yours Truly,
Sarah Hargrove
P.S. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie motor home, tickling Elmo, Polly Pockets and a giga pet cat.
Love,
Jessica
P.S. I will leave milk and cookies

Dear Santa,
I will leave your reindeer food with magic dust so you can see it. I want a Melanie's World Ice Skating and some work books and some books that I can read and I want a computer game and a doll.
Love,
Jillian Sloan

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa and I love Rudolph. Merry Christmas Santa. I will leave cookies for you. I will leave reindeer food. I want toys. Santa is the best. I want a baby doll. I will try to be good.
Love,
Jesslin Rivera

Dear Santa,
I will leave reindeer food. I will like a computer.
Merry Christmas,
Emily Rector

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Santa I want a electricity ball, lava lamp, a wolf, a gerbill, a soccer bopper, a cat, a baby horse and a water bed.
I love you Santa,
Chris Nolen

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, a super Nintendo, a computer, apair of Nike's 5 or 5 1/2, a go-cart, some wide legged jeans, some overalls and a new bed. Oh yea, I want some CD's too. The CD's I want are Selene Dion, Reba McIntire, Space Jam. Santa how are you doing. I am doing fine. You don't have to get me all the stuff, my mom and dad might get me some.
Your friend,
Jessica Fenner

Dear Santa,
I want just a little. But what I want is big. I want a big computer with lots of space and a Nintendo 64 with Mario. I hop that is not to much to ask. How are you and your wife going along? Are Rudolph and the other reindeer doing ok? Please write back.
Sincerely,
John Ed Graf

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart, a men's ring, I want a nail packet, new clothes, a pair of shoes, a necklace, a bracelet, a woman's ring, Dalmation sweat suit, Dalmation clothes. I really want these things. So if you can please get them for me. I have been doing good this year. How have you been doing. I hope good. Thanks alot.
Yours Truly,
Alexis Redford

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a go-cart. I want a kike. I also want a cross necklace. I want a fake fingernail packet. I want a women's ring and a man's ring. I want an anklet. I want a diary with a lock and key. I want some curlers for my hair. I want a four wheeler. I also want a puppy for my own to take care of. Santa I hope you fell alright son you can deliver all the toys to everybody. I am felling fine. Have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Dellavee Waller

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. Is your real name Tim Allen? I have a new heart diet for you. It might help you loose a little weight. Watch out on Christmas Eve the hunters might shoot Rudolph. I'm asking you to give Christmas spirit to those who can not aford gifts. Get Kayla and Clint what they need. Get me as many coca cans as you can.
Thank you Santa,
Logan Martin

Dear Santa, I want a go-cart, Giga pet, trampoline, a computer, new big animal frog it si a teddy bear frog, a necklace, a unicorn merry-go-round, board games. Well, Santa that is all I would like from you. Well Santa, Merry Christmas. I have been very good this year Santa.
Love,
Britta Jones

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. I want a trampoline and I want a lava lamp and I want a electricity ball and I want a horse and I want a wolf and I want a gerbill and I want a soccer bopper, a bunny and I want a dirt bike.
Santa I luv you,
Bud Douglas

Dear Santa,
I will like to have a big foot. I have been good this year at home. I will try to be good at school.
I love you,
Justin Bryan

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a car, bike and gold ring. I love Mrs. Harris. Thank you for the reindeer. you are good.
Love,
Terrance

Dear Santa,
I will maybe have some reindeer food. I love you Santa. I want a trampoline and I want a watch and a bicycle.
Merry Christmas Santa!
Logan Whitehead

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm pretty good. Are you ready for Christmas? I know that I am ready but now I would like task for a couple of things. Please bring me a Giga Pet, clothes and money. That is about it. Well, I'll talk to you later. Bye Bye.
Yours truly,
Johna Ingram
P.S. Bring me a Nintendo 64.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'd doing fine. You should be cold from the North Pole. It's sunny right now and I can't wait for you to come. I would like a Nintendo 64 and golden eye game. I've been wanting this for a long time. I just like golden eye. So please get me this.
Yours truly,
Brandy Harris.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. Santa would you please give me what I want? Ok, I want a car, truck and some clothes and shoes, socks and a Chicago Bulls jacket and Dallas Cowboys shirt and jersey and some food, drinks and a new bike. I want a Nintendo 64 for fun.
Love,
McKenzie Ellis

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing this year? I hope pretty good. Sorry I haven't been believing in you here lately, but if I said I believe in you in front of my friends they would laugh at me. Let's get to what I want. I want either a go-cart or motorcycle. I'll let you go, bye.
Your dearest,
Cody Morgan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. How is your wife and elves? Please bring me a electric guitar with a big amp, a CD player with a 3 disc changer, Mortal combat annilabon tape, CD's like my brothers. Thank you.
Your fan,
Robert Jones
P.S. Please go up to my grandmothers house.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you doing? I am doing fine. Will you please, please, please bring me a 1. Giga Pet, 2. CD player, 3. CD's The Spicy and Aqua, 4. Nintendo 64 and for my cousin I would like you to give them clothes and for you I will leave cookies and milk. I hope you enjoy everybit.
Your friend,
Kendra Birchfield

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I will leave Rudolph reindeer food. Santa is my friend. Thank you for toys. I want a lava lamp and electricity ball. Merry Christmas to Mrs. Santa.
Love,
mom and L.B. Morris

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. I have been good. I want a dirt bike and a four wheeler and a go-cart and a computer and a bag of toys and I love you Santa.
Love,
Brian Jones

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to Santa. I want a dirt bike. I want a gun for Christmas. I want a car. Thankx.
Love,
Roy Guth



Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? How about your reindeers? I hope Rudolph gets to go this year. I hope you bring me toys like lunker and deep sea fishing. I want a go-cart that can go real fast. I also want a glow in the dark puzzle. That's all I want.
Your friend,
Clinton Vandever

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. How was your year? I hope your year was as good as mine. I have not been that good but I will try to be better next year. I would like a Giga Pet, Mall Madness game, my family to get something for my mom I would like a coffee maker for my dad I would like a new jacket in his room, for my brother I would like a new car, he earns it alot just being a good big brother. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Yours truly,
Tracy Galloway and family

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm doing fine. How are you doing fine to. Tell me how is Rudolph? I'll leave you present by the fireplace and I hope like it. I've been very good and I have things I'd like to have: Nintendo 64, JTT, Douge Manshon Aqua, cool clothes and a life time of frost and a good future.
Love,
Lacie Hinton

Dear Santa,
What are you doing today? How are you doing good because I'm doing fine. I only want five things, a cube, something to ride or drive, of the green money man, a deck of cards and a gun to shoot deer with bullets. I got to go, bye.
Love,
Jordan Edge

Dear Santa,
I want for everyone to have a jolly Christmas. I want you to bring my mom a necklace with a diamond on it, my step-dad a tool box with tools in it, my sister, Tiffani a K&G Get Jessica a stuffed Pooh bear, Savannah a walking Pooh bear, get my grand ma a saw blade for Christmas.
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS
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Elmore family holds Christmas

The Elmore family Christmas Reunion was held to honor Granny Elmore of Deport. It took place December 7 at the Deport American Legion Hall.

Ones from Deport attending were: Faye Elmore, Ruth Whittle, Jesse, Carla, Brittney and Courtney Filkins, Billy, Becky and Emory Robinson; Chad and Cindy Robinson from Caviness; Jacky and Melba Elmore of Minter; Jimmy, Pam, Jimalyn, J. Kurt, and Jerrica McKee of Pattonville; Beulah Randolph of Sulphur Bluff; from Paris, Joyce and Bill Smith, Donna and Charles Slaydon, Bene't and Dorothy Smith; Carl, Vicki, Michael, Carl Jr. and Clayton McKissick of Red Oak; Rick, Brandy, Nicki and Stacy Westerman of Hagansport; Johnny Henderson of Dallas; Mike, Carla, Dylan, Dustin Smith of Garland.



ALL TOURNAMENT- Jody Nolen and Cortney Huddleston received All Tournament honors at the Detroit basketball tournament held Dec. 4-5-6. Both boys are Seniors at Rivercrest. Jody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen of Talco. Cortney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Huddleston of Bogata. Congratulations boys! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Red River County Sheriff's Report

December 7-14

December 7: Activated alarm in Bogata; inmate released on bond with arrangements to pay fine; inmate transported to county jail on charge of DWI; telephone harassment in Annona; disturbance in Bogata; accident in Avery; inmate transported to county jail on warrant from Fannin County.

December 8: Theft in Annona. December 9: Open door in Annona; activated alarm in Detroit High School; telephone harassment in Kiomatia; telephone harassment in Avery; suspicious activity in Bogata.

December 10: Family disturbance in Avery; assault in Avery; male arrested on capias pro fine; inmate transported on charge of burglary of vehicle; prowler on Country Club Road.

December 11: Activated alarm in Detroit High School; inmate released on bond; family disturbance in Detroit; assault in Detroit.

December 12: Family disturbance in Annona; missing person in Ackworth community; hit and run on Hwy. 37 south in Bogata; assault in Bogata; telephone harassment in Detroit; reckless driving in Bagwell; shots fired in Bagwell; harassment in Annona; suspicious person in Detroit.

December 13: Male arrested on charge of public intoxication; suspicious person in Bogata; activated alarm in Detroit Elementary; inmate released on bond.

December 14: Criminal mischief in Bogata; suspicious person in Annona; male arrested on charge of driving while intoxicated; criminal mischief on 37 north; activated alarm at Detroit School; prowler in Detroit; disturbance in Bogata; illegal burning in Detroit; family disturbance in Bogata.

Third Place Christmas Memories Contest

By Mary Jane Lowry

I remember one of our Christmas traditions at our house (Clarence and Genevieve Deberry) centered around our friends, the Alfred Fleming family.

Mary and I started school together and have continued to be such good friends throughout the years. My daddy dealt in beef during the Depression years, butchering it and delivering it house to house.

We never did fatten a hog and have pork. The Flemings always did and when I would spend the night with Mary I'm sure I made a pig of myself over the breakfast sausage.

At any rate, it became a tradition that they sent us a sack of sausage for Christmas for many years and it made Christmas so special after Santa came and gifts were opened. We continued to have that treat for many years after and even after I married (until we were warned about fat). When I do occasionally break over and have it, it brings back such sweet memories of depression day sharing!

About Christian Women in Action

Christian Women in Action, a newly organized group in Bogata and the surrounding areas, has set forth their purpose and goals. The group stems from community churches. They have chosen not to embrace any denomination or theological belief. The group has no political ties. All the ladies of the community are invited to join this effort. Teamwork lightens the load and enlarges the effect.

The goals that have been thus far discussed are: to supplement the Community Fund for needy families, add some fellowship and spiritual growth for the ladies and to be in-

olved in community and nursing home activities.

The theme song selected by the group is "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds".

The January meeting will be held on January 12 at The First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Beginning in February 1998 there will be a meeting the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the local newspaper or contact one of the local churches for the meeting location. The meetings will rotate among some of the available facilities. All ladies of the community are invited to come and join this group.



Glad Tidings

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Talco Letters To Santa.....



Dear Santa,

I want some Polly Pockets, Barbies, Barbie clothes, a game, boys one set of walkie talkies and a cat Gigga Pet. I forgot about one thing, which your probably could not get, a Nintendo 64, ok? Have a Merry Merry Christmas, Love,
Brooke Hale

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy. I want a Nintendo 64. I want a cowboy uniform. I want a football game. I want a trampoline. I want a TV. I want a Green Bay helmet.
Love,
Cole Birchfield

Dear Santa,

I want two walkie talkies, a 4-10 for Christmas. I want a movie, Space jam and George of the Jungle. I want a new VCR. I want a telephone in my room. I want a remote control car. I want a water gun for Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Josh Stephens.

Dear Santa,

I would like to get for Christmas a Gigga Pet, Spice World CD and a phone and a socking bobber.
Your friend,
Amber Merrill

Dear Santa,

What i want for Christmas this year are pound puppies, pound kitties, a Barbie doll and a Christmas tree. I want you to get my mammy some earrings.
Love,
Sarah Tolkuehn

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish that I could see all the little kids in Talco Elementary who can't get presents. And I hope that they have a home to go to. I feel sorry for alot of people. I hope they have money to get presents. I think it is very sad and I can maybe get them something for Christmas. I still feel sad about people even if it is not on a holiday or Christmas. It does not have to be a holiday to help a person. I hope that everybody believes in you but some people just do not. But the 2nd reason that I know you are true is because when we were fixing to go on a out of town trip my sister and I saw you flying off of our roof that night with your reindeer. We also heard you saying Ho! Ho! Ho! well I have to go Bye!
Sincerely,
Ashley Isaacs 4th grade

Dear Santa,

By the way I never got that 20 gauge shot gun but what I would like best of all is a dirt bike or a four wheeler.
Sincerely,
Ricky Grubbs 4th grade

Dear Santa,

Dewayne wants a football suit but special I want a go-cart and a motorcycle and a skate board and Nike shoes and some Michael Jordan shoes and a machine gun, some skates and one airplane.
Thank you,
Dewayne Sanders

Dear Santa,

I want that gymnastics Barbie, CD player. How are you doing this year? And a CD to go with it, some pens, go-cart, Nintendo 64, a chalk board, chalk to go with it, telephone that glows in the dark and glow in the dark stars, Gigga Pet, a cat and a puppy.
Love,
Taylor Phillips

Dear Santa,

I want an Nintendo 64, hot wheels cars, hot wheels track. I want a go-cart, a cellular phone, a tomagochy. I have been good. How are you doing and one more thing, a black and purple bike.
Love,
Allen Rose

Dear Santa,

I hope you come to my house. I want a CD player, volcano blow out, a movie, Men In Black, Gigga Pet, a dog house, Mickey telephone, binoculars and roller blades.
Love,
Jesi Allen

Dear Santa,

How are you doing. I am doing fine. I want a Nintendo 64 with Doom 64 and Star Fox 64. Next I want a BB gun and a big pocket knife. Then I want a pocket TV.
Love,
Andrew Deaton

Dear Santa,

I was a good boy this year. I want a Wild Western Town for Christmas. The other thing I want is roller skates and Men in Black CD rom. How are you doing?
Love,
Robert Caul Rhoades

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a hot wheels space ship set, a police station, a red and green hot wheels car, a monster truck, a big green remote car, a hot wheels garage, a Gigga Pet puppy, a picture frame for mom, a cap and tools for dad and a Barbie for my sister. Santa I like you.
Love,
Garett Carroll

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a 4 wheeler, a kitten, a teddy bear and a tickle me Elmo. I would also like a bicycle for my dad, flowers for my mom, a basketball goal for my brother, Daniel, a teddy bear for my brother, Drew and a Barbie for my sister Abby. I have been very good this year and I will leave you out some milk and cookies.
Love always,
Cody Brown

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Gigga Pet, Kitty and dinosaur, a my size Repunzel, a brown kitty and a brown puppy. I would also like a truck for my brother F.J., a candy cane for my momma and a watch for daddy.
Love,
Brandi Via

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a remote control car, ared Power Ranger, a dog house, a toy of you Santa Claus, plus a few of your reindeer and a toy gingerbread man. I would also like a firetruck and a bag of strawberry candy. I have been very good this year and hope to get these.
Love,
Troy Brooks

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a Gigga Pet, a Barbie doll with a matching poster, please bring a teddy bear for my mom and a bag os switches for my papaw J.B. Brown. I have been a very good girl this year.
Love,
Jerica White

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like a dumptruck, motorcycle, a car and a bright red race car. Please remember that I have been the best I could and that has been very good.
Love,
Mike Pierce

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I want a my size Repunzel, an Alien, Gigga Pet, a real farm talking Bubba, a drum and an Easy Bake. Don't worry Santa there will be plenty of cookies for you and a little something for Rudolph.
Love,
Amber Via

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a tractor, a wagon, trailer, BB gun and a toy truck. This is what I want for Christmas.
Thank you,
Chi Jones

Dear Santa, Bring me a Batman car, Guitar and a firetruck. I would like for you to bring my mom nails, my dad a navy blue car and my brother a valise. I hope to see you next year and Merry Christmas.
Love,
Fernando Lopez

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Barbie set, a tea set, and a Gigga Pet. I would also like you to bring my mom a Christmas cow, my dad a gun and my sister a teddy bear. Santa I have been a good girl and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Amber Brown

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Barbie set, a tea set, and a Gigga Pet. I would also like you to bring my mom a Christmas cow, my dad a gun and my sister a teddy bear. Santa I have been a good girl and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Amber Brown

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas this year is a bicycle, a jacket, a Batman action figure and a Nintendo game.
Your friend,
Joshua Moore

Dear Santa,

I want a new house, a cheerleader suit, some nike's, a Gigga Pet, a type writer, lot's of clothes, a mustang, a jeep, a basketball, a puppy, a fan in my room, some rollerblades, a big TV screen, a computer, Name That Tune, a watch, a necklace, a bracelet, some braces, some nike socks, a Rebel coat, a nike bag and nike hat.
Love,
Megan Savage

Dear Santa,

I want a Sega, red convertible and a frog. I want you to give my dad a dog, my mom a gold necklace, Becky a necklace and Mrs. Wright an airplane necklace. I have been really good this year. I will also leave you cookies and milk. Please bring me all of these.
Love,
Decota Sanders

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy, Barbie, Barbie shoes, a teddy bear. I also want a watch for my dad, shoes for my mom, a basketball for Cody, a jacket for Jayme and a watch for my sister Amie. I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa and I love you.
P.S. I will leave out some milk and cookies.
Love,
Ashley Stinson

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl and this is what I want for Christmas. I want roller blades, a BB gun, a football, a skate board, a toy gun, a dinosaur, a Gigga Pet, a go-cart, a Nintendo 64 and a Chihuahua.
Love,
Angela White

Dear Santa,

I would like a new bike, Nintendo 64 with games, a new George Strait video, a kite with Elvis Presley, a video of Elvis Presley, a car that I can drive, a big screen TV, Chicken Limbo, a lot of books and Jenga.
Love,
Torrie Grissom

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? For my brother I would like a Hot Wheels Space Shuttle. I would like a new watch for my dad. I would like teddy bear earrings for my best friend Tab. I would like a jewelry sorter for my mom. I would like Gigga Pet Kitty Cat for myself.
P.S. I'll leave out milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Carissa Carroll

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a bike and a wheeler and I would like to get my Mom some clothes. Carolina want some shoes. Maribel some pants. Susie a bike colored red and blue. Pete some pants.
Love,
Susie Ontiveros 4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish I could give to poor people. And because I want to give to poor people is that they don't have no toys, no clothes and no roof on their heads. So please tell me how I could do to help them. I would love to help poor people. I have been waiting since I was a little girl.
Love,
Amanda Baird 4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a bicycle. I want to be blue. My sisters also want bicycles. My mom wants a car. My would like to have his own house.
Love,
Jose Paz 4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to give my sister and Barbie jeep. I would like to have new bicycle. My sister would like one also. I would like to get a grandma a new car. I would like get my dad a new rear end for his truck. I would like to get my mom another horse. I would like my cousin to get a go-cart. I would like to get Grandfather a new pocket knife.
Love,
Curtis Tollkuehn 4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a computer and a go-cart. Christmas from you. My brother and sister need a new bicycle. I need to get out of my hair. I want to know how to help poor people. I have no food and toys. Can you help me how? Oh!! Santa don't forget to did not give me what I really want. I wanted it to snow all winter and would like it to be so deep!
Don't Forget Me!
Love,
Erica Jones 4th grade



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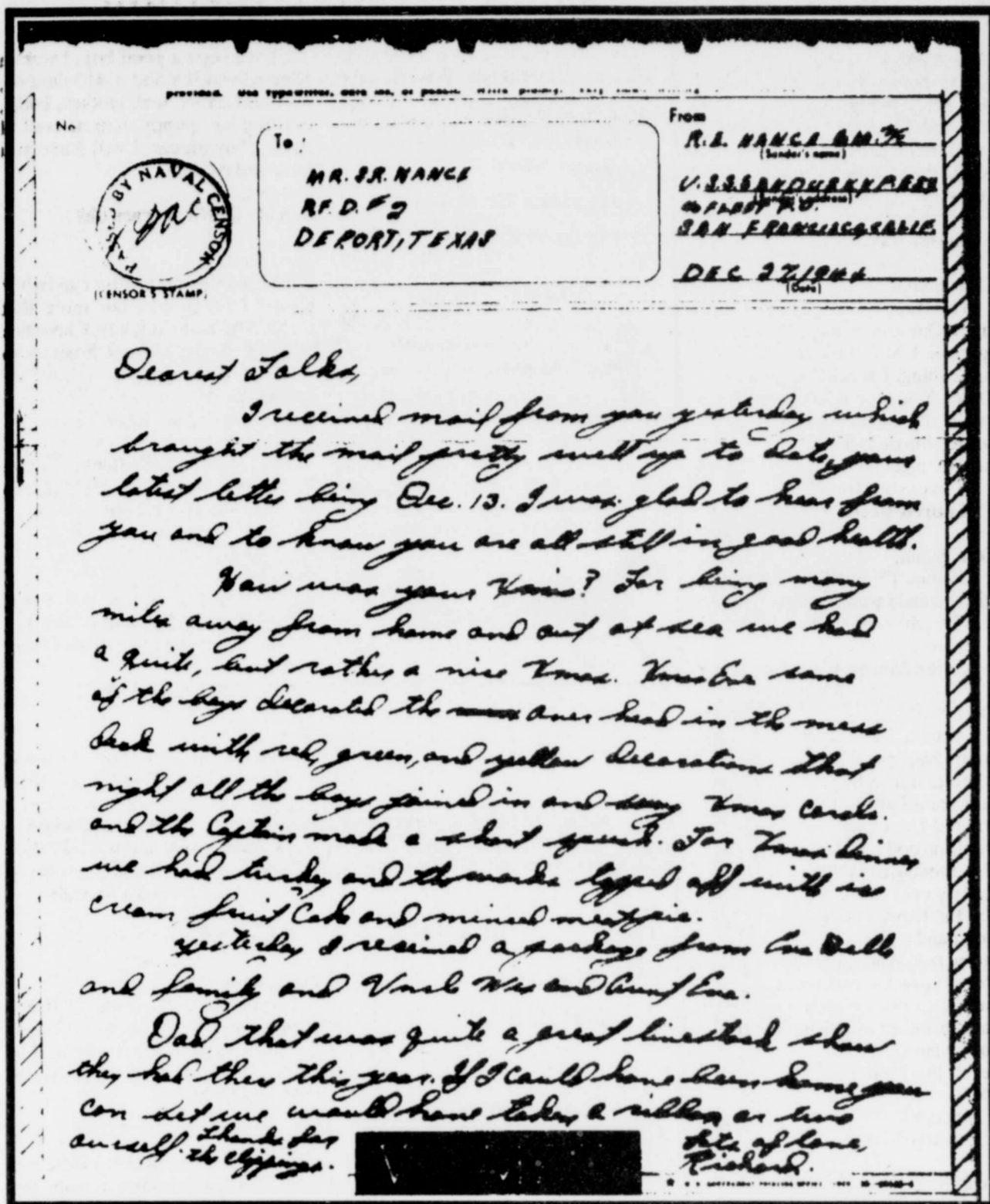


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V MAIL-the above is a copy of V mail sent from Richard Nance to his parents in Deport while he was posted in the South Pacific during WWII. It reads, Dearest Folks, I received mail from you yesterday which brought the mail pretty well up to date, your latest letter being Dec. 13. I was glad to hear from you and to know you are still in good health.

How was your Xmas? For being many miles away from home and out at sea we had a quiet, but rather a nice Xmas. Xmas Eve some of the boys decorated the overhead in the mess deck with red, green and yellow decorations that night all the boys joined in and sang Xmas Carols and the Captain made a short speech. For Xmas dinner we had turkey and the works topped off with ice cream, fruit cake and minced meat pie.

Yesterday I received a package from Eva Bell and family and Uncle Wes and Aunt Eva.

Dad, that was quite a great livestock show they had there this year. If I could have been home you can bet we would have taken a ribbon or two ourself. Thanks for the clippings. Lot of Love, Richard. Richard recalls that out at sea they could only have fresh meat for about two weeks, but a passing ship shared their fresh turkeys with them, and provided the "turkey and all the works" which was a great treat to them.

Christmas Memories

"Lonesome"
By Ruth O'Brien
Your name was just a fit,
only a "gangly black dog",
with many you were a hit!

You came when called
to cheer one and all
up that lane all fall

Our heart is sad,
some thought you were had
though you were all we had,
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Bogata ladies go on tour

Clarice Vaughan and Lillian Taylor traveled with 80 Prime Time Travelers to Marshall on December 9. Their first stop was at Jefferson where they viewed the downtown and stopped at the Blackburn Store where they purchased Jelly and etc. They ate lunch at the Bakery in Jefferson. After lunch they traveled on to Marshall where they stopped at the two pottery outlet malls. Afterwards they went to the Starr State Historical Home for refreshments. They then traveled to the square in Marshall where they saw beautiful lights on the courthouse and buildings around the square. Several children were ice skating on an ice pond. The group toured the Starr State Historical Home where they were served a delicious candlelight dinner with entertainment. After dinner, they toured Wonderland of Light Festival which features more than seven million lights.

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Kim's Kuttin Korral
Kim Fields, Tina Williams
Karen King
Bogata, Texas

Visiting weekend Page from Saturday. Saturday son went to mas party. Those after of Milto Cunningham. Paris, Chri Pam Speit Appleby's for dessert The Ba Christmas December Bogata. Tl Fowler. Lo Jennifer I

Bogata Letters To Santa.....



HOLIDAY Health-St. Joseph's Health Clinic in Deport held a Healthy Holiday Cooking Experience last Wednesday. Healthy foods, a presentation by Tania Jaeger, Lifestyles Resource Co-Ordinator for the hospital, and recipes were shared with those who attended. (Staff Photo by Cindy Allen)

Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson
652-3502 or 652-2059



Visiting Bill and Pat Page this weekend were Ricky and Channing Page from Granbury.

Saturday, Linda and Cindy Anderson went to Greenville for a Christmas party at Sharon Speir's home. Those attending were Tracy Chipman of Milton, Sandra Burnett of Cunningham, Carol Newberry of Paris, Christy Godwin of Celeste and Pam Speir of Celeste. They ate at Appleby's and then went to Sharon's for dessert and exchange of gifts.

The Baptist Church Women's Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 13 at Jane Glass's home in Bogata. Those attending were Lucy Fowler, Eorette Pynes, Carol Dorsey, Jennifer Dorsey, Deann Presley,

Shelby Kennedy, Debbie Gilbert, Pat Norwood, Mendy Cole, Ida Mae Norwood, Jennifer Barnes, Jenna Barnes, Lorene Lewis and Mary Ann Hart.

Wendy and Carlos Ordorica attended her school Christmas party Saturday night at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood had lunch Sunday, December 14 at Deport for the Foster Christmas lunch. John Darold Walker of Paris visited Sunday night.

The Cunningham Community performed a live Christmas program of the birth of Jesus. Neva Jean Oats did as great job of directing and planning the program with many from the com-

munity singing and performing. It was well attended by the community at the Community Center.

Johnny and Joyce Smith spent the weekend in Rosharon.

Visiting Lou Hatfield over the weekend was her daughter, Sheran Johle of Georgetown.

Velma Cox visited her sister, Dora Hester of Paris on Friday.

Jerrold, Susan, Chance and Gerrie Bankhead of Cunningham, Bryan, Kristy and Kaden Callihan of Mt. Pleasant and George and Maureen Richardson of Paris spent the weekend in Dallas visiting Bud and Sallie Richardson. They attended the Christmas play at the Prestonwood Church in Dallas.

Sunday, the Cunningham Baptist Church had their Christmas lunch after services.

Dear Santa,

I would really like a Nintendo 64 and a big big house with a swimming pool and a hot tub. I would like the tap jock jam and a computer with a CD that is called The Barbie Fashion show. That is all.

Love,
Kelsey Taylor

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a Game Boy and a Mario disk to go in it. I would like to ask for one more thing. I would like a Keychain Diary. You do not have to get me all of the things because they are only some things I request. If you are unable to get them I will understand.

Love, your friend,
Lauren Beers

Dear Santa,

I want a TV and I want a Makes a Ray car and I want a remote to the TV and I want some walkie talkies.

Sincerely, love,
Callen Morgan

Dear Santa,

I want a Tyco crashback, remote control car. And I want a go cart, four wheeler and a boat. I would like a radio and I want a computer and a colored TV. I want a water bed, and a million dollars in cash money, and a big clubhouse and I want a new bike. I really would be nice if I got a ticket to see the Cowboys play at the Super Bowl and a monster truck with a big music box. And I want a motor cycle for riding on the back roads and a new garage to put my new cars and go carts in. I want to own the country side and I want a jet airplane. And if I don't get all this I will be happy for what I got.

Sincerely,
Brantly Morris

Dear Santa,

My name is Shelby. I have been good. I want a baby doll dollhouse and an M&M toy.

Shelby S.

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaylee McIntire. I am almost 8. I want a CD jam box and a CD of Ricky Nelson and a CD of Elvis Presley. I want the tape Jungle 2 Jungle. I want an Elvis Tee shirt and an easy bake oven.

Love,
Kaylee
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I have been very good this year and I have been wanting a wiat peach CD player and their doga yak back, some money, a horse, a good TV, Nike shoes, Rebok shoes. Make it snow.

Please,
Chelsea Alford

Dear Santa,

I want a corvette go kart and Tyko RC. The Lost world with spitter dinosaurs, a VCR and a TV, a Nintendo 64, a toy General Lee, Every beast warrior and a new home and a happy Christmas holiday.

Coy Townes

Dear Santa,

I want a doctor's bag. I want my family back together forever, I want my sister, Crystal and brothers, Jason, David, Edward and Kenny. I want a cat and a real toy poodle. I want some Barbie Dolls and a Barbie Car.

Yours truly,
Janet

Dear Santa,

I want a new bicycle, a ten speed that is and a new train set, please.

Love,
D.J. Gentry

Dear Santa,

Please let me have for Christmas a yak bak and some roller blades and a horse and reins and a saddle and a blanket and a super pound van, a keyboard, a 44 piece winner's choice micro horse super arena set.

Please,
By Sarah Jean

Dear Santa,

My name is Chrystal, I have been a pretty good girl this year, and I would like for Christmas a dog giga pet, a new suit of clothes, a coat and shoes, basketball, rollerblades, mouse computer, roller doll, dream phon game. Lots of Candy and a fruit and popcorn. If possible a four wheeler, whatever else you think I'm worth, a CD spice girls, soccerbopper. Please.

Love,
Chrystal

Santa,

I have been good this year and I would like a dumptruck and a race car.

Yours truly,
James Harper

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a Nintendo 64, TV and a 410 shotgun, bow and arrow, tent, clothes, boots, cowboy hat, puppy, remote control truck, Batman car. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Kyle Duffie 8 years old

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a kitt car and a few Grand Champions, not more than eight. And make it a nice Christmas after all. And a Merry Christmas to you.

Lauren M.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nano Baby, a Barbie Clothes and my granny and papaw to come to church with me.

Dara Williams

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Car and a few Barbie dolls too. I want a bike and four wheeler and most of all I want my family.

Lyzette Ray Gayton

Dear Santa,

I have been good. For Christmas this year I would like a 243 deer rifle, a truck and trailer and cows and a welder and a welder hat a new bow. I want some boots and a 30-30 deer rifle and some tools and a new bean-bag and a saddle and a football.

Love,
Jesse Hanna

Dear Santa,

I want a train. I want a 1000,000 train because I love trains. All I want for Christmas is trains. I want a lot of train cars. I want a lot of trains. Please.

Colby Horn

Dear Santa,

I want a horse, bridle, saddle and rope. I want a rabbit. I want the dreamhouse. I want the tooth. I want a CD player.

Franny Galyean

Dear Santa,

I wish for a dirt bike and a Nintendo 64 and an electric guitar. Please. Give me this stuff, Santa. Corvette-Go cart.

Ethan

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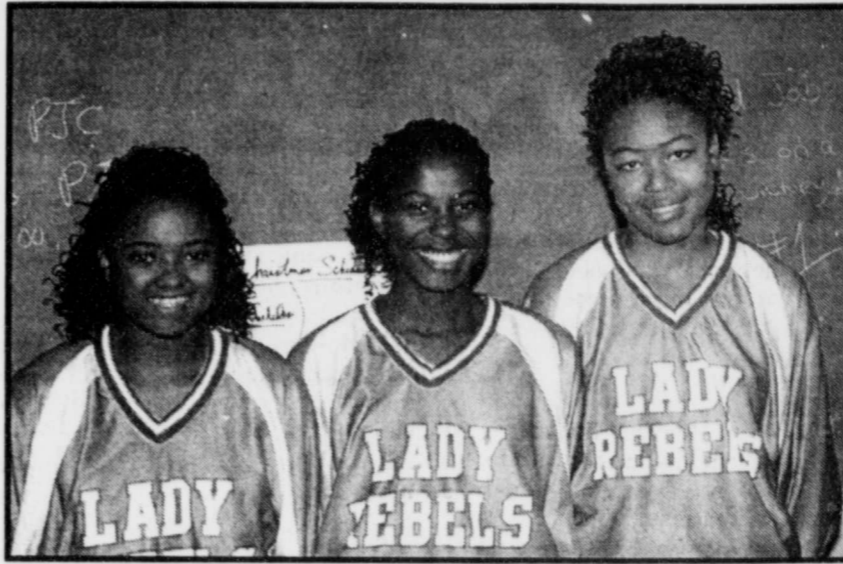
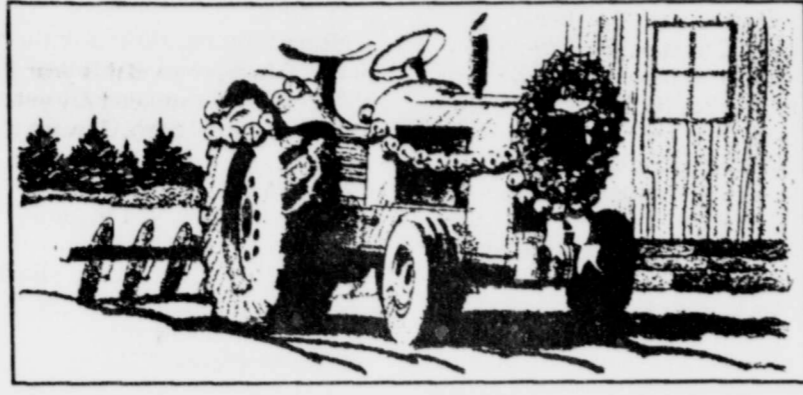
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ALL TOURNEY AND MVP- Named All Tourney at the Detroit basketball tournament held Dec. 4-5-6 were Deidre Brown and Candias Nickerson. Kristi Hines received the MVP award from the tourney. Deidre and Kristi are Seniors at RHS. Candias is a Junior at RHS. Congratulations girls! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels shock Lady Lions

On Tuesday, Dec. 9 the Lady Rebel JV and Varsity hosted the New Boston Lady Lions. The JV Lady Rebels got a slow start and were down 6-16 after the first quarter and by the half had lost a little more ground. Score 15-27 Lady Lions.

In the final half the Lady Rebs scored but could not stop the Lady Lions from scoring also. The game ended on a sour note for the Lady Rebs. Final 68-30 Lady Lions. Posting high score for the Lady Rebs was Cheryl Griffin. Also scoring were: Jill Foster, Kim Shirley, Kim Ross, Jessica Hinton, Jennifer Hays, Cassie Wilcox and Debra Janes.

The Varsity Lady Rebels took the court facing the Lady Lions who held a 6-1 record this season. The first jump of the ball went to the Lady Rebels and Tiffany Prentice turned it into the first score of the game. Candias Nickerson went to the hoop to score 8 point and Kristi Hines, Deidre Brown and Joanie Swarts added good defense, some well made passes and stole the ball right out from under the Lady Lions. The quarter ended in a 17-17 tie.

In the second quarter Deidre Brown and Joanie Swarts continued to hurt the Lady Lions. Brown with rebounds and a trey from the field, Swarts with quick hands getting or causing a steal and adding a trey from the field.

Prentice, Nickerson and Katie Hare added field goals and the Lady Rebs went to the locker room with a 35-29 lead.

The third quarter began with the Lady Lions playing catch up and by half of the quarter they trailed by only 2 points. Score 44-42 Lady Rebels. The Lady Rebels shots had been off but they changed their pace quickly. Good team hustle, a good quarter from Tiffany Prentice and Missy Carroll, treys from Prentice, Hines and Brown, field goals from Prentice, Nickerson and Carroll sent the Lady Rebels ahead by 3. Score 54-51 and ending the quarter.

In the final quarter the Lady Rebs looked good using strong team work and sharp shooting to hand the Lady Lions their second defeat. Final 74-62.

Candias Nickerson posted high scores for the Lady Rebels with 18 points. Three pointers came from Kristi Hines, who hit 4 treys plus 5 points for a total of 17 points. Deidre Brown, who hit 3 treys plus 6 points for 15 points, Tiffany Prentice, who hit 1 trey plus 8 points for 11 points and Joanie Swarts, who hit 1 trey plus 2 for 5 points. Field goals came from Missy Carroll with 4 points, Katie Hare and Erin Stansell who both added 2 points. Great job Lady Rebs!!!

Rivercrest High School Choir performs

Twice in the last two months the Rivercrest High School Choir has performed for community functions. In November the choir performed at the Bogata Community Thanksgiving Service held at the First Assembly of God Church. Leading the audience, the choir sang the traditional anthems; "We Gather Together" and "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." A new selection calling for peace and brotherhood named "One Small Step" was presented, featuring soloist, Michelle Glosson, Jason Dyess, Jeremy Price, Lauren Robertson and Jamie Jeans.

This month, the choir was invited to perform for Red River Healthcare Center, Bogata. Keeping in the season: "Come See the Baby", "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks", "Silent Night", "Good Christian Men, Rejoice", "Joy to the World" selections were performed asking the audience to sing along. Also a Roger

Miller tune, "Old Toy Trains" and "One Small Step" were presented. Soloist were Kelly Gee, Jason Dyess, Lauren Robertson, Jeremy Price and Jamie Jeans.

Other choir members include Jason Brown, Amber Morgan, Minerva Mauldin, Amanda Hayes and John White. The choir and Mr. Davis give a special thanks to Mrs. Anaya Phillips who has accompanied the group on keyboard on both occasions. Mr. Davis commented: Community support such as Mrs. Phillips and other involved band and choir parents give will make our music department and the whole school grow to new heights of achievement.

The Rivercrest Music Department welcomes the opportunity to perform in the community as often as scheduling and repertoire permit. Contact Principal, Keith Price or Director Richard Davis to make arrangements.

To Our Valued Customers

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Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Vince Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed pets and taken out the trash. Please bring me Nintendo 64, Sega, Playstation.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Tyrone Sanders

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets, taken out the trash. I want some shoes. I want some pens. I want some books.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Saul

Dear Santa,
My name is Heather. I'm in the fourth grade. I'm looking forward to seeing you. Now let's get to the good part about Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a Giga Pet plus and Internet Computer. I want a night-gown made out of towel that is lime green and has a frog on it. You might think it sounds a little crazy. Not a little crazy but very very crazy, but I want a Chevrolet Cavalier. Oh and I also want some CDs.
Your little girl,
Heather Presley

Dear Santa,
My name is Kathryn Nicol Smith. All I really want for Christmas is a Swimming Ariel Barbie, TV and VCR, new house pet and a Giga Pet. So about the house pet, if my mom will let me. Oh, yeah, and a Guess Who game and Fashion Nail Salon. Then for movies I want Beauty and the Beast The Enchanted Christmas, The lost World and Anastasia. Well that is it.
Sincerely yours,
Kathryn Smith

Dear Santa,
I hope that you can make it to my house. On your way there give me a Nintendo 64 and a Play Station. I hope your reindeer can fly. Just give them one of them fishing motors. By the way give me a remote control car and some talking roller blades and some brand new black boots and a cowboy hat and a four wheeler.
Happy Christmas,
Troy Morris

Dear Santa,
I know how much work you and the elves do to give us a fun and merry holiday. I know you're watching every move I make. If I were to get only three things from you, it would be: Nintendo 64, Mario 64, Zelda 64 and that about wraps it up. I hope your reindeer can fly and Rudolph's nose is bright.
Sincerely,
Joshua R. Cox

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets and taken out the trash. Please bring me a computer game CD, Nintendo 64, four wheel drive. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Cody Cox

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets and taken out the trash. Please bring me a BB gun, car, shotgun.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Lee Flores

I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets and taken out the trash.
Please bring me a computer, bicycle, candyland.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Britney Harris

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, Play Station, four wheeler, tent, roller blades, Crack back, 30-30 rifle, Doom 2, Metal Molder, Walkie Talkies, Tonka, truck game.
If you let me have that I won't break it.
Thank you,
Josh McGee

Dear Santa,
My name is Monique Savage. I'm in the fourth grade. So I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some LA Gear Shoes, Tweety Bird Overalls, Mickey and Minnie Shirts. Then I want a keyboard and for my mom I want to get her a diamond ring, necklace and two hundred dollars, the movie Beauty and the Beast and The Enchanted Christmas. For my brother, Jamal, a car with a remote control.
Your friend,
Monique Savage

Dear Santa,
I want a Octo Pet and a Giga Pet. I would also like a Nintendo 64 and Sony Playstation. I want a computer to type stories on. I would like a new go cart too. I would like Bulls Telephone, also. I want an inground swimming pool too. I want a Chinese Pug. I want a new snow white horse. I want a four wheeler of my own. I would like a gameboy, pocket. Give my mom a new Camaro.
Love,
Jessica Griffin

Dear Santa,
I would like a new motor cycle, a bike, go cart, a forty magnum, a medal molder and a trillion Million dollars. And the last thing I want is some clothes and a monster truck.
Your friend,
Ronnie Parker

Dear Santa,
I want to get a Doberman for my dad, a giga pet for Natalie. Bring me a fingernail fashion. Bring me twin dolls. A Scotty, red, white and green diamonds and a go cart. I am bringing cookies and milk for you and corn for your reindeer. Have a good Christmas.
Yours truly,
Jennifer L. White

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets and taken out the trash. Please bring me a computer, candyland, go cart and a trampoline.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Kayla Birchfield

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom. I fed my pets. I took out the trash. Please bring my trampoline, a tee and a squirm.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Ty Brown

Dear Santa,
Would you give my Nanny some parakeets and a cage. And would you give my dad a new truck. Could you give my mom some diamond earrings. And would you give my sister Kelsi, Beauty and the Beast, The Enchanted Christmas and could you give Keith a Talkbox and could you give me, Leslie, a Giga Pet and for me could you give me a ten speed bike and a computer a diamond ring, a camera with film and a four-wheeler, and a puppy and a cat and a hot tub and one more thing for me an Ultra Pet they're fun.
Sincerely,
Misti Richeson

Dear Santa,
I want a Play Station and a Giga Pet. I would also like some clothes and a pair of Doc Martins. I would like an inground swimming pool too. I would also like a Dallas Cowboy telephone and a kitten too. I would like a go cart. I want a Dodge Ram with a Cellular Phone. I would also like a four wheeler to go with the go cart I asked you for.
Love,
Jesi Navia

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade and I am looking forward to Christmas this year. I hope it is a White Christmas and a White Christmas tree. For Christmas I want a Fashion Nail Salon, a pair of Filas, a make up set, the movie, Beauty and the Beast and the Enchanted Christmas and a player with headphones. Santa for my mom a thousand dollars, 100 carat gold ring, a pair of Filas, a new car, a Mustang and two dozen roses. Santa for my brother, Jamal, a Talking Bubba, a pair of Nikes and two or four pairs of overalls and a Miami Dolphin coat. But what I really want is a computer, some wide leg jeans and a pair of dress shoes and a giga pet. Mostly for my grandma, nine million dollars. Merry Christmas to you, Santa.
Truly yours,
Monica

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my dad with the trash. I want a B. Bear. I want a doll. I want a ball. I want a book. I want a dog. I want a cat.
Brooke Wilson

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets and taken out the trash. Please bring me an ant farm.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Jordan Wright

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets and taken out the trash. Please bring me a go cart and a giga pet and a shell toy tank truck.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
F.J.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom feed my pets and taken out the trash. I want a shotgun. I want a computer. I want a go cart. I want a trampoline.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.
B.J.

GED test date changed

GED testing at Paris Junior College will resume January 22 following the holidays and spring registration.
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Honorable Mention Christmas Memories Contest
By Ruth O'Brien
It was 1940, Craig School's last year to be used, our teacher was Mrs. Mildred Nettleton. I was six years old. We were just one of the families in that community that were often referred to as "Mudville".
The state curtain was down and at the front of the room stood a huge cedar Christmas tree, all decorated and it was a cold night, but most of the community was there, our family had eight, from 20 years of age to an eleven month old baby. Our parents took us all, gifts were passed out, and how I treasured the little set of green dishes and a small doll dressed in a blue knit suit, the boys all got gifts of toy guns and the baby a rattler.
Such fellowship, and "Dear Old Santa" was there, a treat for us all! This is 57 years ago, most of that community's older ones have gone on to be with the Lord. My parents, two brothers, aunts, uncles and our dear friends and neighbors but such an occasion has never been forgotten, or the dark star studded sky above as we walked home, our hearts were overflowing with such a joyous night.

DEPORT LOCALS
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Jammie Currier or call
652-4205

Sam Upchurch and girlfriend Bonnie visited L.C. Ballard for three days this week. After visiting L.C., they went to Arkansas to visit her aunt.
Dorothy Scott, Theda Short and Richard Redus, all of Paris, Penny Cooper of New Braunfels visited the Walker Devlins over the weekend.
Cari Beth of Oklahoma City visited Dick Burden this week.
Alma Scaff visited Lucille Morgan on Monday.
Mary Bumgardner visited Linnie Bailey on Monday.
Willie Mae Speirs visited Estelle Chessire Monday.
Sharon Hatcher of Paris had dinner with Katherine Green Friday. Also visiting Katherine over the weekend was Frances Davis of Ft. Worth.
Jessie Woodard visited Frances Franklin Monday.

Have a Happy Holiday
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By Betty Rodgers
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Karen Baker had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cox in Detroit Saturday. Dianne Woods of The Colony and Carole England of Euleless visited in the afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Smith is in critical condition in St. Joseph Hospital in Paris. The members and friends of the Fulbright Baptist Church had their Christmas dinner at the fellowship hall Sunday and Christmas play Sunday night at the church.

Betty Rodgers and Marcella Wright enjoyed Saturday Christmas shopping in Paris.



Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
Call in Your News To
379-4445



A Christmas party was enjoyed by 42 guests at the home of Ralph and Ruth Wilson on Thursday Dec. 11. Everyone enjoyed singing Christmas carols, exchanged gifts and had a lot of good food. The Wilson's appreciated all that attended. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown spent Wednesday in Tyler where Mr. Brown received a good report from his heart doctor.

Karen and Johnny Jones returned home Wednesday from a two week deer hunt in south Texas. They reported killing three deer while there. Judy Sloan enjoyed shopping in Texarkana on Thursday. Jeremy Grissom broke his arm in an accident at home Wednesday. He is reported doing well.

Louise Nolen underwent gallbladder surgery Thursday at Titus County Regional Hospital. She is reported doing well.

Rhonda and Jimmy Taylor, Cece and Kenneth Johnson moved into their new home in the Maple Springs Community this past week. They would like to welcome in the community.

Cawyer Currey broke his leg in a Younis accident at home Tuesday. He is reported doing well.

The Calvary Baptist Church enjoyed a hot dog lunch Sunday following morning services. The wrapped Christmas gifts were taken to the nursing home this week. The group are sponsored by Jones, Steve and Eric Hall, Ann Francis and Chance shopping in Sulphur Springs.

Celebrating Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon and Tonya Saturday were Mrs. Morris Hawkins of New City, Cora Lee Evans of Long and Mrs. A.J. Clowers of New. Everyone enjoyed the meal and bingo and 42 for gifts.

The Talco Calvary Baptist R.A. boys class visited the Villa residential homes in Mt. Pleasant day evening and gave the residents all Christmas cards, gifts and Christmas carols. The group their sponsors enjoyed a pizza before returning home.

Kim Anderson of Bogata Sunday night with her parents and Mrs. Eddie Brown and brother Jack.

Betty Jones and Jessica Johnson of Ft. Worth visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roger and family. On Sunday, they with Lou Hall, Chasity Francis Camen enjoyed shopping in Pleasant.

Celebrating December birthdays Roger Hall, Brian Rivers, Cece Smith, Kaysie Hatley and Mary ertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Holmejoyed shopping in Sulphur Saturday.

Roger Hall and Brian Rivers honored with a birthday party Hall home in Talco Saturday. tending and enjoying hamburger cake and ice cream were Lou Chasity and Clay Francis and of Bogata, Jabo and Mary Nita Robertson all of Mt. Bryan and Susan Jones and Rivers of Winfield, Betty Jones Jessica Johnston of Ft. Worth visiting in the afternoon were and Rachel Ward and Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith brated their wedding anniversary 9, 1997.

Nancy Brown and Cindy enjoyed shopping in Sulphur Saturday.

Jack Brown and Jana Weat traveled to Shreveport, La. to get tickets for World Championship Wrestling which will be there in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hall celebrated his birthday with lunch at Restaurant in Texarkana on Monday.

Carl Antone and Andy Speir to the New York Knicks vs Mavericks basketball game in tion Dec. 3. They enjoyed Andy's favorite player, John play.

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Honorable Mention Christmas Memories Contest

Santa In A Dark Sedan
By Thomas Nichols

I grew up in the country, and at Christmas time each year, we were visited by a Santa Claus delivering fruit. As a kid, I would start looking out the window every few minutes anticipating his arrival. We had no TV so we would play games like dominos, checkers or battleship to pass the time, and a visit from Santa was a really big deal.

Santa always came after it was real dark. He arrived, not in a sleigh, but in a large dark sedan. I can remember the light beams from the sedan piercing the darkness, providing a visible route for him to our porch.

Santa was very tall, and seemed so large to my young eyes. He would approach the house with a deep voice rolling out the "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas" greeting. The bag he gave to me, my brother and any other kids that might be on hand, contained an apple, orange and peppermint candy.

The bag was always stuffed with the best tasting fruit I had ever tasted. After all, it was from Santa Claus!

As the years passed, and I began to wonder why this Santa seemed so familiar to me. That voice! Even though it sounded different, it still seemed so familiar.

After I had my bag of goodies and I retreated inside the house to enjoy them, my dad would stand on the porch and visit with Santa. My dad drove a school bus part-time to supplement his farm income. How did he know Santa so well?

One Christmas, right on time, the big dark sedan slowed to a stop with the light from the beams leading the way to our porch. I ran out to meet him and took the bag of Christmas he offered. I don't know why I did what I did, but I took the bag, looked him in the eye and said "Thank you, Mr. Isbell".

When I retreated once again into the house, my mother scolded me for exposing the big Santa to everyone. I didn't think about what I said as being rude. I just wanted to thank him for his annual visit with the Christmas goodies. I did feel bad, though, that I had exposed Santa to any of the younger visitors at our house that night.

More than 40 Christmases have come and gone since Mr. Gordon Isbell, Principal at Depot Elementary School, made those home deliveries of fruit in his dark sedan to my house, but every year at Christmas, I always remember him. The way he looked, his "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas" greeting, and the delicious fruit he had to offer. I doubt that he knows just how special he made those Christmas holidays.

I don't see Mr. Isbell very often anymore. Most on election day at the poll where he serves as an election judge, but once again at Christmas let me say, "Thank you, Mr. Isbell!" for all those years of being my Santa Claus in a big, dark sedan.

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Bogata Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
I would like some spurs, chaps, belt, and buckle, boots, jeans and cowboy shirt, hat.
I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. So I was wondering if I could have a Barbie Doll and puppy and let me and my family to be OK.
P.S. Come through my front door.
Love,
Shyla Burns

Dear Santa and the elves,
I've been very good this year and I would like to thank you for the toys and candy you've given me. This year would you please get me a giga pet cat, Barbie doll, and an art set and a Barbie car. Thank you.
P.S. I don't have a chimney so please come through the door.
Love,
Rachel Green
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I can't wait until Christmas. That's the only thing I talk about. My mom has been good this year. Maybe she would like some clothes for Christmas. My dad has been good too and he might like some new shoes and some tools. I would only like toys and a jacket for Christmas. I hope you have a fun Christmas too, delivering all the presents.
Love,
Micah Haynes

Dear Santa,
I have just turned three years old. I have also been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a baseball, a football, a basketball and lots of cowboy stuff. I would like some new cowboy pants and cowboy shirts. Please bring my big brother, Jarod, lots of stuff too. We will be waiting on you and Rudolph.
Lots of love,
Wesley Don Davidson

Dear Santa,
My name is Brady and I have a sister named Ashlyn. I have tried real hard to be good this year. Ashlyn has turned one and has learned to walk so now she gets into my things all the time. I have to try real hard to be nice to her. She doesn't try so hard to be nice, though. Sometimes she's real rowdy. But she really needs a baby doll because Anthony and I broke her other doll. I would like for you to bring me a Tantrum remote control car, an electric train and some Hot Wheel cars to put in my stocking. I also want another BB gun because the one I have is too big for a 5 year old. I'll leave the heater door open so you can get in. I'll leave milk and cookies on the table for you, too.
Love,
Brady Kennedy

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashlyn. I have been pretty good this year. I would be better but all of the grown-ups in my world don't always do as I want them to. When they don't, I have to let them know. Since I can't talk, I have other ways of letting them know. Mom and Dad say I'm being bad, but how else can I get what I want? This year for Christmas I would like to have a baby doll, a toy piano and some blocks. Please remember to put something in my stocking too. We'll leave the outside lights on. They are red so you'll be able to see them from your sleigh.
Love,
Ashlyn Kennedy
P.S. Brady has been good this year. Please bring him some toys too.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing?
I have been real good, or I've tried to be. My daddy has been wanting a rifle and a new vehicle too. Lisa needs lots of hugs and kisses. You know what Emily said? There is no such thing as you. Well, I do believe in you!! Not all of our Christmas presents come from Moms and Daddys.
Well, anyway, you should see our Christmas tree. It is really pretty. My mom, Tonya, wants a new house. I want a Gig-a-pet dog bad. They are my favorite. You are the best Santa ever.
Love,
Sherea Roach

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley, and so far I have been pretty good. For Christmas I would like a porcelain doll, giga pet and a teddy bear. My little cousin is only five and has not started school. I think he wants a batmobile and a bicycle. My brother would like a giga pet and guitar lessons for Christmas. (I will have to ask him what else he wants.) I'm sure they want more, but I don't know what else. I think my school would like more computers so could you stop there. My house is peach and green and white and I'll leave the porch light on. My cousin's house is white and next door to mine. My dad would probably like another model motorcycle. The kind you put together. His house is in Paris. My mom would like a new house, but I don't think you can leave that under a tree.
Love,
Ashley Shew

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I hugged people and I helped by mom with her work. For Christmas I want some Band-aids, a Barbie and a boat and some cars. That's it.
Love,
Heather Holt

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a vampire for Christmas and a motorcycle and Batman. I have been nice to my Daddy and spiderman. I want a spiderman too.
Love,
Wyatt Shelton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I play with my toys and I clean my room. For Christmas I want a play baby and a farm family game and a toy box a bag of colors and a jewelry box because my jewelry tangles up and a Barbie and a calendar.
Love,
Lauren Peek

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a car with a string, a gun, race car with remote control, and surprises. I have been a good boy and I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Jesse Ross

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a tent to camp out in, a walkie talkie and a stable for my horses. Please bring my puppy a chew toy. Don't forget all my cousins.
Love,
Carter Kelsey, Age 3
P.S. I'll leave milk and cookies for you.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, sometimes. I know that you are really busy with the elves and reindeer, but when you check your list and find my name please bring me a Barbie Car and a computer. Mommy, Daddy and I will leave you some milk and cookies. (your favorite kind)
Love,
Emily Ruth Ward

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year (well, sort of) I want a bike, a doll, a car that you buy chicken and candy. Please bring my brother and sister something good, too. I will leave you some cookies at our house.
Love,
Callie Eyvette Alford

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like a Nano Puppy for Christmas please. And if you don't have a Nano Puppy, give me a Nano Baby.
Thanks,
Nikki O'Donnell

Dear Santa,
My name is Christopher Kennedy and I am two years old this year. I have tried to be very good this year and believe me, it's been hard. You know, I am in my terrible twos. So, could you please bring me a tractor, some trucks, a Winnie the Pooh movie, some boots, a remote control car and a football like my Bubba's.
Love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year (maybe not very good - but I've been pretty good, anyway). Please bring me a new baby doll, a doll changing table, a stroller and lots of stuff to go with my new doll. I would also like a new Barney tape and a Barney doll. I will leave you lots of milk and cookies to eat.
Love,
Hailey Brown, Age 2

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a Barbie doll and some surprises. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Kaitlyn Yates

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a ball, a teddy bear, a horse and a Barbie doll. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Callie Conway

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little girl this year. For Christmas I would like some toys. You can just surprise me. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Mamie Shelton

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Blackland Prairie Gin

Genealogical Society meeting held
The Red River County Genealogical Society met Monday, December 8, at the Detroit Museum. Mrs. Delores Henexson gave a very informative talk about the start of the Museum, from it's beginning up until the present time.
Mrs. Martha Sue Stroud, a society member and author of *Gateway to Texas History of Red River County*, presented a copy of the book to the Museum after Mrs. Henexson spoke. There have been very few books written about the area.
Added excitement for the evening

Foster family holds Christmas dinner
The Foster family held their Christmas dinner on December 14 at the Deport American Legion Hall.
Those attending were Geraldine Patterson of Dallas, Darlyne and Richard Nix of Rockwall, Kenda Foster of Arlington, Willard and Carolyn Brown of Hugo, OK, Ann Sisk of Daingerfield, Morris, Ginger, Jill and Alison Foster of Bogata, Ann

came with Mrs. Leta Hall giving the Norris Hotel register to the museum. The register is nearly one hundred years old and filled with names and addresses of guests of the Norris Hotel that was located at Detroit, Texas.
At the present time the Detroit Museum is the only museum in Red River County. The society applauds their efforts to preserve history of the area.
A large crowd was in attendance for the program and finger food buffet.

Dear Santa,
I would like some spurs, chaps, belt, and buckle, boots, jeans and cowboy shirt, hat.
I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Dakota

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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a giga pet for Christmas. If you can't get that's okay. I will be happy with whatever you can get me. Also, I would like my family to have a very merry Christmas this year.
Yours truly,
Emily Hood

Church...
Hi! My name is Danielle. I am nine years old and in third grade. I live in Bogata, Texas on Roachtown road. I have been very good this year. Is Clause doing okay? and your elves. I hope they're making lots and lots of toys and Mrs. Clause had to get to work so that she can get those cookies ready. The elves get to work making all those toys. I know that it's just November, but as long as my list is they're going to start now. My Christmas list is so long so it will probably take a week to make all the toys I want. I hope they get it all done.
Love,
Danielle Pirtle

P.S. There will be milk and cookies on the table

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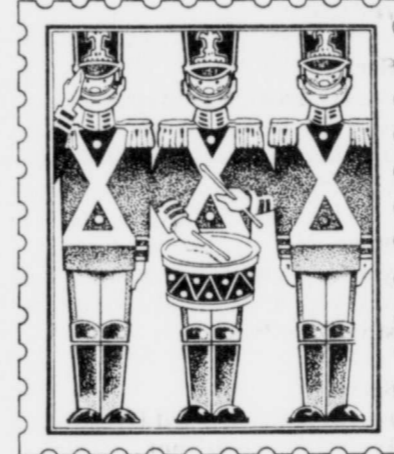
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 For A **PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**



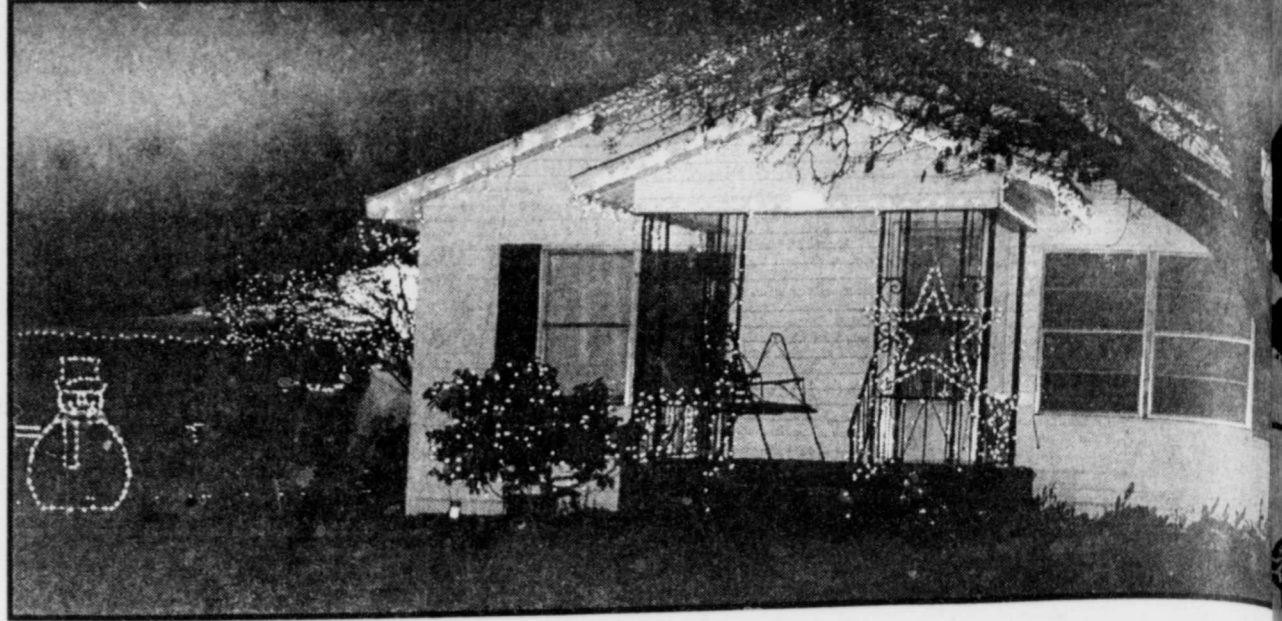
EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK- at the Bogata Elementary-Junior High campus this week is Sue Nolen. Sue is an aide and teaches the third, fourth and fifth grade computer classes. She has been employed in this capacity for 11 1/2 years. Sue and husband, Rickey, along with son, Jody, live at Talco. Daughter, Julie Weatherall's, family includes twins, Jessica and Jerrica (Sue's Grandchildren) Mrs. Nolen's Grandmother, Dorothy Moore, and mother, Wilma Moore, both live in Bogata.

Sue is a graduate of Rivercrest High School, and is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Talco. Her hobbies include watching Jody play ball, baby-sitting and reading.

Employees of the week receive flowers from Backroom Florist.



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SNOWMEN and lights, stars and glittering tees make this home in Bogata, along with many others, appropriate to the season. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



1997-98 LADY REBELS- (from the left back row) Coach Debbie Williams, Missy Carroll, Kristi Hines, Joanie Swarts, Candias Nickerson and Erin Stansell. (front from the left) Tiffany Prentice, Deidre Brown and Katie Hare. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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

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Lady Rebel junior high defeat Lone O...

The Talco-Bogata Lady Rebel Junior High team played host to Lone Oak on Monday, Dec. 15. In the seventh grade game the Lady Rebels held a 22-12 lead by the half and continued on the win the game 38-24. Erica Williams was high scorer for the team making all her 22 points in two quarters. Also scoring for the team were Molly Hare, Tina Carder, Devonie Jones, Camelia Mankins, Alison Foster and Khrystal Valenzuela.

Rebels take second plac...

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels and Rebels traveled to North Hopkins for tournament play Dec. 11-12-13. The Lady Rebels were defeated by Hallsville 55-34 in the first game of the tourney and went on to win over Quitman and took a loss to Whitewright leaving them with 11th place in the tourney. The Rebels defeated Winstboro on Thursday, defeated Daingerfield in overtime play with a score of 57 and defeated North Hopkins on Saturday night for first place vs Clarksville. On Saturday the Rebels played a strong first half trailing the Tigers, Clarksville by only two points half. The Tigers came back and control winning the game and the Rebels with second place.

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A go-cart if you can carry it in your sleigh.
And a horse and a bale of hay..
A CD player if it doesn't break,
And some CDs that it will take. A coloring book would be fine,
And markers if you have time,
some Sunday School dresses so I will look nice.
And maybe some shoes don't think twice!
I will leave some milk and cookies that will taste fine,
So stay if you have time.
Haley Hawkins fifth grade



Bogata Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want earrings that hook,
Or maybe just a little old book.
I want some headbands and other stuff too,
I might even set out a present for you.
I want a CD player with lots of CDs that sing,
Or maybe I want a pretty ring.
For Christmas I want a Bible cover,
One that will last all spring and summer.
I also want winter clothes,
Or maybe some medicine to help my stuffy nose.
I'll be sure to put out a snack for you,
Because you're real nice guy,
And a super cool dude.
Lindsey Robertson, fifth grade



SEASON'S GREETINGS

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.
Hugh & Vicki Jeffus, Jeff, Camey, Benji & Sharon, Christy, Jason and Chase

Santa,
I want a bottle of perfume,
I don't want it to get in fumes.
I want a giga pet that's mice,
It would be really nice.
I want a better school
It would be really cool.
I want a big teddy bear.
It looks like my hair.

Harper, fifth grade

Santa,
I would like to have a 22 that
is tough.
A 20 and a rifle would be rough..
A new four wheeler would be
at night.
A new bed would be just right.

Pitts, fifth grade

Santa,
I would like a bed spread if you
can give me one.

I want a go cart so I can race away,
A cowboy coat to wear at night.
A giga pet, What a sight.
I want to play
I want to watch and hear what they

I want a CD player
I want some CDs too.
Hawkins, fifth grade

Santa,
I want a four ten
I want some new pens
I want some slugs
I want new rugs
I want a long life.
I want some cool
I want markers for school.
I want camouflage clothes
I want new bowls.
I want a head necklace,
I want a watch that doesn't look reckless.
I want to be a star.
Cannon, fifth grade

Santa,
I want a phone,
I want a good tone,
I want a stereo,
I want to hear people sing.
I want an alarm clock
I want a ring.
I want a blue swimming pool.
I want a cake,
I want an easy bake.
I want to be on Christmas Eve
I want to leave some milk
I want cookies on the table
I want to take if he's able.
Hammonds, fifth grade

Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
For Christmas I want a train
I want the big engine and all of the
I want the stuff that goes with the train
I will leave you some cookies and

Barker

Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
For Christmas I want some turbo
I want a Hercules collection and a
I want a Ninja
I want a collection.

Bishop

Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
For Christmas I would like a Feeding
I want a becer bopper and a 4 wheeler.
I will leave you some milk and cook-

Chivers

Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
For Christmas I would like a
I want a cycle. Please bring my little
I want Eric a Pooh bear. I will leave
I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Williams

Santa,
I have been a very good girl this
For Christmas I would like Pop'n
I want a bike. I would also like a Feeding
I will leave you some milk and
I would also please bring
I want a brother, Brandon a truck.

Rains

Dear Santa,
I want a giga pet and a go cart,
Is a big piece of art.
Boxer shorts and a wind suit
I think they'll be really cute.
I want a jacket
And black tennis racket..
The next thing I want is really cool
I'd like a swimming pool.
I'm nearly done
The last thing I want is a bb gun.
Love,
Stacy Borders, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I think I would like some hair dips
and bows,
And maybe some dresses and some
clothes.
Or maybe a cat in a hat,
Just to go along with my rat.
Maybe some candy in a can
Or maybe popcorn in a can.
Maybe a bike,
And anything else you think I
would like

Jillian Shirley, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Bledso jersey or a shirt
that rules,
I also want a 260 rifle that is cool.
I want a remote control car too,
That kicks up to 50 in a heart beat
and the color of blue.
I also want a dangerous minds CD
to join the house,
But I don't want a cat in the house
to chase the mouse.
Your friend,
Payden Franks, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
You are good. You like elves. I
want a four wheeler. Kaicee wants a
big bike. Papa wants a pair of shoes.
Mama wants a ring. I believe in you.
Love,
Corey Branch

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler. Santa, I
want a trampoline and a go cart. I
want a real computer
Lloyd

Dear Santa,
I would like a gameboy and a baby
sitters little sitter #21, a tape for my
boom box, a new comforter to go on
my bed.
I love you,
Tara Cunningham

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this
year. For Christmas I would like a
horse and saddle, Barbie doll and a
sled with a Barbie doll in it. I will
leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Brooklyn Bishop

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little girl
this year. For Christmas I would like
a puppy dog, some play-doh, a doddle
bear, a hug-a-bear, a baby doll, walkie
talkie, and some other surprises. I
will leave you some milk and cook-
ies.
Love,
Haley Lemme

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a dump
truck, new clothes, a remote control,
colors, play-doh, baby doll, and some
other surprises. I will leave you some
milk and cookies.
Love,
Stacy Travillion

Dear Ho Ho,
Please bring me a motorcycle to
ride with my Woody. We want to ride
in the dark and turn the lights on. I
would also like some snow, so I can
build a snowman. I built one for you
already, but he fell down and melted.
I'll leave you a snack, and I'll try not
to drink all the milk.
Love,
Riley Reeder

Dear Santa,
I want a horse and a trampoline
and a bike for Christmas.
From,
Eva Barrett

Dear Santa,
I have been doing good in school
would you please bring me hockey
stuff, skates, a video game, a football
suite and helmet, and some Indian
and Astronaut toys. Please bring
Wesley toys too.
Love,
Jarod

Dear Santa,
My name is Crystal DeWitt, I
would like a VCR and TV. I would
also like new shoes and a new dress to
match. I would also like a newborn
diaper surprise (doll) And Easy bake
oven and some more good stuff and
don't forget my little sister, Kim-
berly. We love you Santa.
Crystal DeWitt

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a Barbie jeep,
a cat, a doll, a gigapet, a doll cheer-
leader. I will leave you some milk
and cookies too.
I love you Santa,
Samantha and Jeff Glasener

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, a giga pet, a
knife, a Chicago Bulls locker, a watch,
a T-rex lost world, the raptor game,
Batman electronic game, wave race
64 Nintendo game. Bring my brother
Seton a Wayne Gretsky Hockey game.
Love,
Seth Hawkins

Dear Hawkins,
Please bring me a Kasey Cartwheel,
pretty porcelain doll, a trampoline a
horse, a computer and Barbie disk,
Wiggle and walk pound puppies.
Love,
Tara Raulston

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I
want a go kart, a pair of Nike shoes
and a Batman castle. I love you Santa
Claus.
Love,
Anthony, first grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Staci Whitaker and for
Christmas, I would like a Real Talk-
ing Bubba Bear, a doll house with
Barbie dolls, a yak bak, a goosebumps
in the graveyard game, some marbles,
a Santa Bear that talks. I have been a
good girl.
Thank you,
Staci Whitaker

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
year. For Christmas I would like a
remote control truck, and some other
surprises. I will leave you some milk
and cookies.
Love,
Cody Haddock



Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this
year. For Christmas this year I would
like a store, a doll and a new dress. I
will leave you some milk and cook-
ies.
Love,
Precious Applewhite

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
year. For Christmas I would like a
dump truck, a jeep, and another dump
truck. Another house also. I will leave
you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Bryan Caton

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
year. For Christmas I want a big
water gun and light up sword, and a
tractor, a box to hide in. I would also
like a \$5.00 toy and play-doh and
another house too, please. I will
leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Dustin Travillion

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
year. For Christmas I want a white
tank and a gun like Tony has and a
hunting hat and some play-doh. I will
leave you some milk and cookies out.
Love,
Matthew O'Dell

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
year. For Christmas I want a tool set
and cars that I can push or ride on. I
will leave you a Dr. Pepper and some
candy out. Drive carefully. Love you
bunches.
Love,
Brandon Rains

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some
Jurassic Park toys, play-doh, letter
cutouts for the play-doh and some
other surprises. I have been a good
boy this year.
Love,
Blake Richardson

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this
year. For Christmas I would like a
remote control truck, and some other
surprises. I will leave you some milk
and cookies.
Love,
Cody Haddock

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 Your biggest fan,
 Keylee Clemmons

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have for Christmas a teddy bear, tweety dress, tweety ring, Pooh tape, Taz blue jeans, candy, Santa shirt, tweety backpack and shirt. I have been good this year.
 I love you,
 Lacey Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,
 I hope that the kids in the hospitals, shelter and poor houses will have food, clothes, presents and have a joyful Christmas eve. I hope that each and every child will be happy. Now it's my turn to get something. My mom wants a house like Bill Clinton and probably \$99,299,999.50. My brother wants a nerf gun, a talking Bubba and a Nintendo 64. I, Whitney, want a Clueless phone and the Clueless make up computer set. 2 Gigger Pets, a big screen, an inside pool, my own room with a hot tub in it and I want to be a B.A.P.S. it stands for Black American Princess. I will leave you some sweet potato pie and with whipped cream on it. I won't leave you any cookies it will be pie and milk.
 Love,
 Whitney Savage 4th grade



Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a green bike with gold racing stripes. Then I want an Angel Barbie and that flower Barbie with a little fairy that sprinkles water. I really want Dolly to have puppies soon! And I want my cow Bell to have a calf next year. Cause I want to keep her.
 Love,
 Laura Beville
 Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
 I want a bike, computer, stuffed rabbit, skates, sega, jack-in-a-box, diamond ring for my mama, a belt for my dad and a CD player.
 Love,
 Haley Shumate

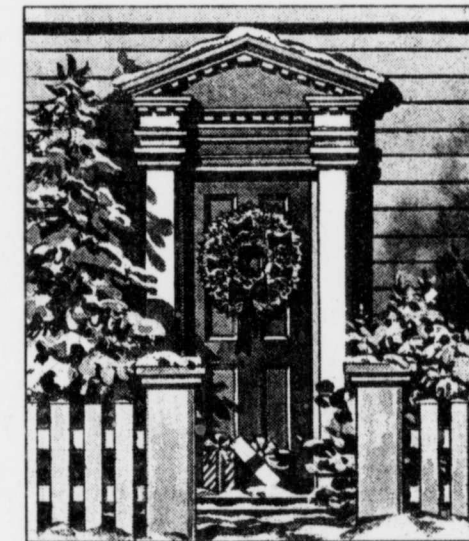
Dear Santa,
 I want an Easy Bake Oven, 2 pair of red pants, a white sweater, a bat, some new socks, a new belt and a computer.
 Love,
 Jessica Paige Kay

Dear Santa,
 I want a crashback car, a thousand dollars, a parrot, a puppy dog, a bike that is red and blue and a Gigger Pet.
 Love,
 Aaron Watson McQueen

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Dear Santa,
 I want a race car track with a pit stop, surprise from you, a red jeep and a swing set and more clothes, and a puppy and a forty niner jacket and a twenty-two and a computer with Math Facts and \$1000.
 Love,
 Colby Chitsey

Dear Santa,
 I want a Gigga Pet, a play house, a Barbie doll, a play doll, a can of popcorn, a kite, a new phone for PaPa and MaMa, a pair of clothes, a puppet, a wishing ball, a pair of gloves and a pair of skates.
 From Susan Nicole Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
 I just wanted to know if I can call you Saint Nick? Well I want to know if I could help the kids who don't get gifts and food. Could you save some cookies and milk? If you could sacrifice some milk and cookies. Could you give my dog a good toy?
 Thank You,
 Kelly Pierce 4th grade
 P.S. You just sit down and I'll do the work.

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like if all the little children could get toys this Christmas. Would you get my sister a pair of earrings. I will give you cookies and milk.
 Love,
 Cody Hill 4th grade
 P.S. I would like a race car track!!!



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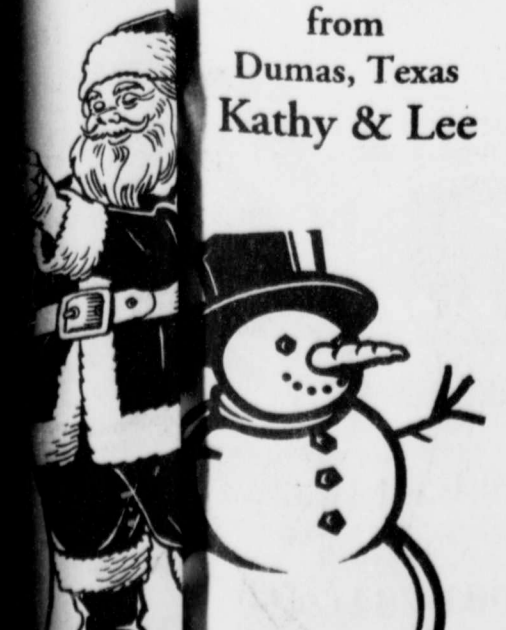
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Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas this year are boots, some race cars and a Batman action figure. Also please bring my brother something.
 Your friend,
 Michael Horton

Dear Santa,
 This year I would like a puppy, a Gigger Pet, Computer games, Christmas decorations, stuffed animals, Tigger doll, Reiner doll, an easy Bake Oven, tapes, Santa, sleigh, reindeer and toys. I have been very good this year and I leave you a special Christmas card for you and your reindeer.
 Love you,
 Casey Franks

Dear Santa,
 Since I have been very good this year I would like you to bring me a Barbie Deluxe, a dollhouse, a Santa house, a Christmas house, a school bus, a cabbage patch doll and lots of candy bars.
 Love,
 Alynn Cox

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas this year I really, really want some dump trucks, trucks, cars, the blue, yellow and red power rangers, baseball video games, snickers candy bars, Dr. Pepper and coke.
 Love,
 Sus Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
 I would really enjoy having an Angel Barbie doll, a dollhouse, a Santa house, a Christmas house, a school bus, a cabbage patch doll and lots of candy bars.
 Love,
 Alynn Cox

Dear Santa,
 I want a computer and a bike that is red and blue and a Gigger Pet. Santa you are my best friend.
 Love,
 Mary Brooks

Dear Santa,
 Will you bring me a pet dog and a cowboy hat and a Nike hat and a pair of skates and a pair of shoes and a pair of boots and a remote control car and a kite and a teddy bear and some candy.
 Love,
 William Morgan

Dear Santa,
 I want a boom box, a football jersey, a diamond ring and a necklace, a present from Santa.
 Love,
 Stain Norman

Dear Santa,
 I want some toys, Barbie dolls, a swimming pool, tent, kite, Christmas poster, earrings, computer, markers, paint, paint brush, puppy, play cat, 100 dollars, VCR, roller blades, soap, shampoo, shoes, tea set and more.
 Love,
 Bui Talco School

Dear Santa,
 I want you to bring me a soccer ball and a present. Will you bring me a motorcycle. Santa you are very good.
 Love,
 Gabriel Flores

Dear Santa,
 I want a typewriter, a television set, teddy bears, easy bake oven, Barbie doll, little Mermaid books and ribbons, Polly pockets, Barbie house, Barbie furniture, chalk board, coloring book, Barbie van, animal posters, clothes, Barbie clothes and a Barbie car.
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*Christmas
Memories*

Yule Never Forget
By Kitty Mays

Just a few days ago, my memory went back to when I was a child. I had a large family, four brothers, myself and my parents, which made seven of us. I can still remember sitting seven plates on the kitchen table. That was a lot of plates, I thought. My parents worked hard for all of us kids, times weren't always easy but they were good times. I kept things going at home little time did I have for much of anything else. Keeping four brothers going wasn't easy. We didn't have much back then, but we were happy with what we had and what God provided for us. The thought was always what counted. My parents worked hard trying to keep us all together. Myself, I worked hard trying to keep house, cooking and cleaning and keeping my brothers at home. I can remember how horrified I was of Santa Claus, oh, how I cried my heart out everytime I looked at him especially his white beard. Little did I know as a child, my Paw Paw was Santa Claus and he knew I was scared of him, I can still hear his laughter, but I knew God was on my side, I kept thinking.

The aroma of apples and oranges smell like Christmas to me and Yule Tide Old Fashioned Ribbon Candy brings back old memories. I love the smell of apples on my kitchen table. My husband brought in a box of fruit just the other day and I had to stop and reminisce. I have an uncle that always gave me a bag of apples, oranges and candy. I can smell the aroma now. Long ago, I went to a small community country church called Sherry, I now live in (no longer active). One Christmas we had a singing as I walked into the church I could smell apples and oranges and there it was, sitting off in a corner, a big box of apples and oranges in paper sacks. I can walk in a grocery store today and smell apples and I know Christmas is near. My husband just remodeled my kitchen for me. I can remember now why I wanted apple decorations in my kitchen. Isn't God good to us?

Every Christmas, apples remind me of my uncle. I was gone Christmas shopping must the other evening. I came home, there sit three bags with an apple, orange and candy my uncle had just came and left, the first I had gotten from him since I was a kid. I almost cried. God does love each and every one and he works in mysterious ways. May God bless you all and to all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



BIRTHS

Brandon Kissieme Alvarez

Brandon Kissieme Alvarez born October 13, 1997 at 5:15 p.m. at McCuiston Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

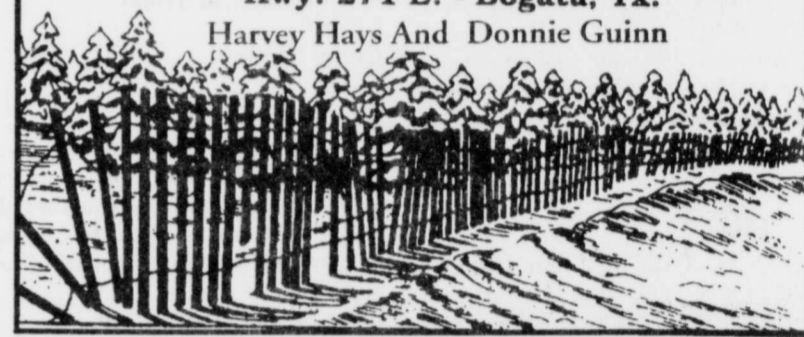
Parents are Carmello and Virginia Alvarez of Bogata. Proud big sis Angela DeLaRosa. Grandparents Sammy and Ercell Croy of Bogata and Jose Reyes and Silveria Alvarez of San Luis de la Paz, Mexico.

Season's Greetings

Thank you for putting your trust in us.

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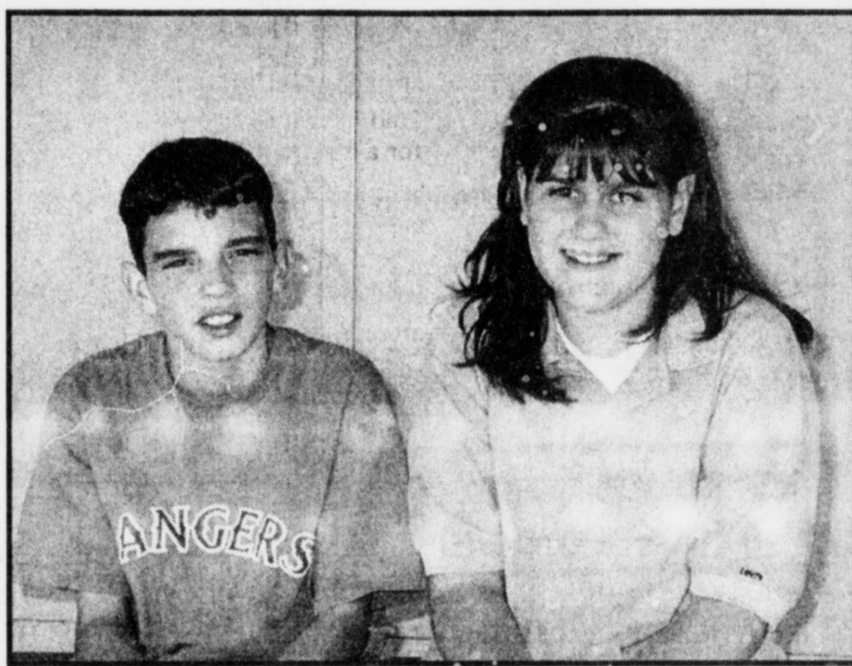
greetings at
christmastime

We'd like to deliver our best wishes for a great season!

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Liz, Jim
And Cari Irwin



SEVENTH GRADE CLASS FAVORITES AT BOGATA-Elementary-Junior High School are Nathan Crane and Camelia Mankins. Nathan is the grandson of Jack and Jackie Crane and Nathan and Judy Mankins are Camelia's parents.



GREETINGS!

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A Visit from St. Nicholas

by Dr. Clement C. Moore

It was the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes did appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight to his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

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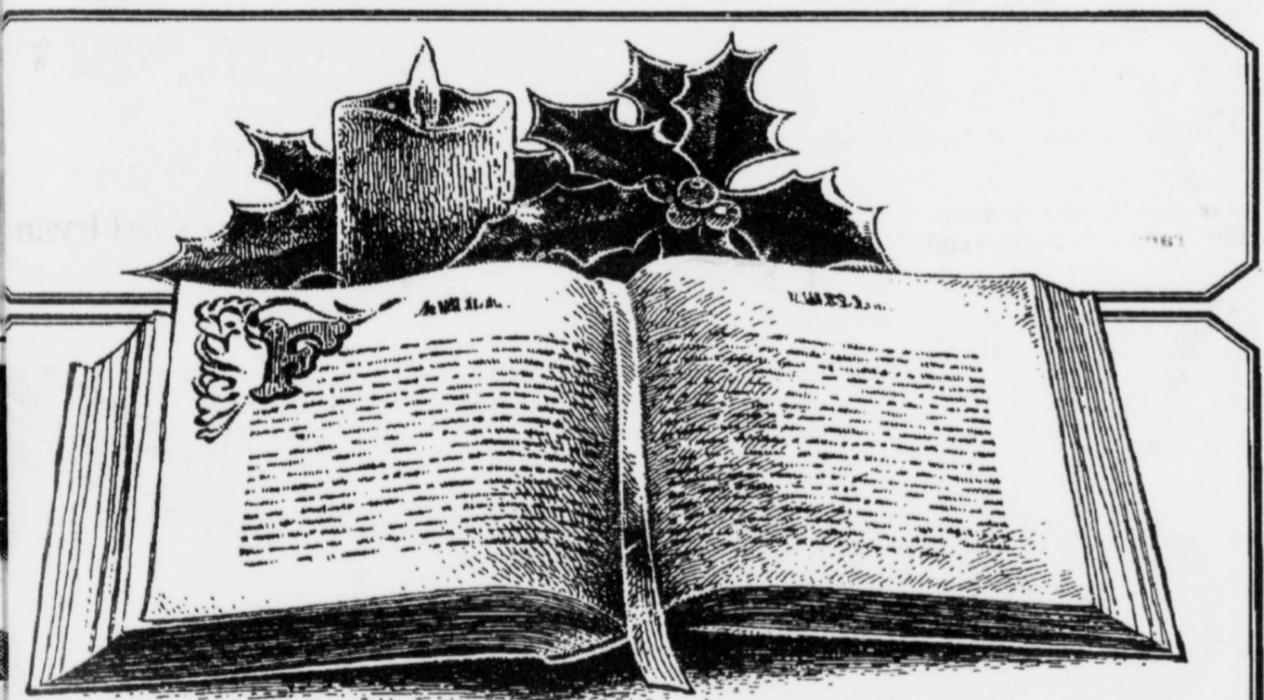
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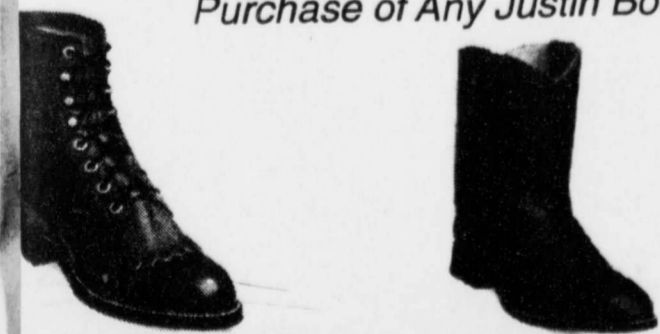
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Among the December 11, 1997 graduates from the University of Texas at Arlington was Sharon Greer who was awarded her BSN. Mrs. Greer's parents, Justin and Jane Strawn, hosted a supper and get-together at their home on Saturday evening, December 13, in her honor. Guests enjoying the celebration were the honoree and her husband, Clint, the honoree's in-laws, Peggy and L.B. Bryant, Kelley, Deana and Paige Boyd, Jeff and Carolyn Gibson, Melanie Thomas, Dalton and Brenda Gib-

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CHRISTMAS GOODIES-one of the joys of Christmas seems to be indulging in home cooked goodies. Ice cream and delicious cookies, served on a Christmas plate make a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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