

The Clarendon Enterprise

"Wishing You and Yours the Happiest of Holiday Seasons"



Merry Christmas to All

U.S. HWY. 287 PROJECT UPDATE



WEEK #10

During the peak holiday traffic period, the traffic signals will be placed in the flashing mode on Hwy. 287 in Clarendon.

TxDOT officials say this will minimize traffic being backed up on 287. Following the Christmas holidays, the lights will be returned to their original setting.

Gilbert Texas Construction Company will allow its employees to spend the holidays with their families. Work will be halted from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.

TxDOT hopes everyone will have a safe and happy Christmas holiday.

If anyone has any problems regarding the construction or needs to discuss a particular situation, please contact: Danny Brown in the Childress Area Office at 940/937-7249, Steve Smith or Larry Davis in the Donley County Maintenance Office at 874-3721, or Gilbert Texas Construction Co. at 874-9200. After hours call 874-3533.

Remember, local merchants are the bedrock of our local economy. They may be a little harder to get to during the construction, but they are still open and would appreciate your business.

Pick up a copy of next week's *Enterprise* for more Project 287 information.

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Local Weather Report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	15	65°	25°	-
Tues	16	74°	31°	-
Wed	17	60°	21°	-
Thurs	18	64°	23°	-
Fri	19	68°	27°	-
Sat	20	65°	31°	-
Sun	21	33°	31°	1.24"
Total Precipitation For Dec. 1.55"				
Total Precipitation For Year 42.08"				
Total precipitation for Dec. 1996 was 0.27". The total for 1996 was 22.40"				

USDA begins collection of 1997 ag census

WASHINGTON — 'Tis the season for farmers and ranchers to Make It Known — America Counts On Agriculture!

Over 2 million farms and ranches nationwide should now be receiving a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form. And there is something different about this census.

"We are about to undertake a process that touches every farmer and rancher in the Nation, and for the first time in history, USDA is responsible for this task," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

Previous censuses of agriculture were conducted by the US Bureau of the Census. The transfer of the census to USDA represents the consolidation of the entire Federal agricultural statistics program into one agency. Now there will be one source for all important information on agriculture.

"By combining the resources of the former Bureau of the Census with the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) staff, we expect to make the results available more than 6 months earlier than in the past," Glickman added.

"Not only does the census reach everyone during mailout, but perhaps more importantly, the results published in the census of agriculture reports impact farmers and ranchers both directly and indirectly."

Although there are many studies about large-scale farming, the census is unique because it is the only source of local county-level information about small, family farms. Completed report forms are due by February 2, 1998.

"I want farmers and ranchers to know we are there to help them complete their report forms and they can take advantage of our toll-free number,"

said Glickman.

The toll-free number, 1-888-4AG-STAT, will be answered by local staff from USDA's 45 NASS field offices. In addition, other local USDA offices will be available to help.

Another "first" for the census of agriculture will be the collection of information about Christmas trees, maple trees tapped, and farms with all land under the Conservation Reserve Program. NASS has also fortified efforts to improve the coverage of minority-owned farms. Also for the first time, all farm operators on American Indian Reservations will be counted.

Response to the census is required by law. That same law protects the privacy of the reports; information about individual operations is strictly confidential, and census responses are immune from legal processes.

New record set here for moisture

Clarendon set a new record for annual precipitation this past weekend.

The snow and rain that fell Saturday pushed 1997's total precipitation to 42.08 inches according to Tommie Saye, Clarendon's local cooperative observer for the National Weather Service. And still more moisture was predicted as this week's issue goes to press.

But the record wasn't the only thing broken over the weekend.

The weight of ice caused many trees around town to suffer from broken limbs, and one tree was observed to have split right down the middle. Heavy rainfall earlier in the year was also partially blamed for reducing the yield of this year's cotton crop. Too much moisture caused the cotton plants to grow too big and to not develop good bolls.

Still, after the long dry spell in 1996, most residents would probably agree they're happy to see us get our fair share of the moisture for a change.

The previous record was set 37 years ago in 1960, Saye said. That year Clarendon measured 40.86 inches.

For those who like to keep track of other local weather data, the highest temperature recorded here was 117° on August 12, 1936, and the coldest was -11°F on January 9, 1930. Clarendon's average precipitation is about 21.51 inches.

Hedley Owls place first at Samnorwood Tournament

The Hedley Owls won first place in the Samnorwood Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 13. The Lady Owls lost in the consolation game.

In the Championship game, the Owls played the Samnorwood Eagles. Hedley took a first quarter lead 19 to 12 and led 40 to 28 by half-time. The Eagles came back in the third quarter to cut the margin to 52 to 42. The Owls held on the win 66 to 62.

Top scorers for the Owls were James Potts and Aaron Harper, 21 points apiece.

Coach Collins singled out James Potts as Outstanding Defensive player for the game. Players named to the All Tournament Team from Hedley were James Lee Potts, Aaron Harper, and Dustin Monroe.

In the game on Dec. 12, Hedley played the McLean Tigers. The Owls jumped out to a 25 to 8 lead and ended the half 44-21. Hedley went on to win 78-59. Players off the bench contributed 15 points to the win.

Top scorers for the Owls were Aaron Harper, 21, and James Potts, 17.

Coach Collins singled out Jeremy Wells as Outstanding Defensive player for the game.

In the opening round game, the Owls defeated the Miami Warriors. The Owls were ahead 20-16 after the first quarter and held on to a 35-33 lead at half-time. They went on to win the game by a score of 80-64.

Top scorers for the Owls were James Potts, 37, and Cody Graves, 15.

Coach Collins singled out Aaron Harper as Outstanding Defensive player of the game.

In the game played on Dec. 9, the Hedley Owls defeated the Ft. Elliott Cougars in Briscoe. Ft. Elliott went ahead after the first quarter by a score of 15-12. By half-time, the Owls had pulled away by a score of 36-24. Hedley had a 10-point lead at the end of the third quarter, and they finished the game ahead by a margin of 64-49. Coach Collins noted that the players who came off the bench contributed 14 points to the win.

Top Owl scorers were Dustin Monroe, 15, and James Potts, 13.

Sharp delivers December sales tax rebates to local area towns

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp recently delivered his final sales tax rebates for 1997, a total of \$164.7 million in payments to 1,087 Texas cities and counties.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1997 topped \$2.1 billion and were 6.8 percent higher than total rebates for 1996, as the growth outlook for the Texas economy continues to outshine that for the nation as a whole," Sharp said.

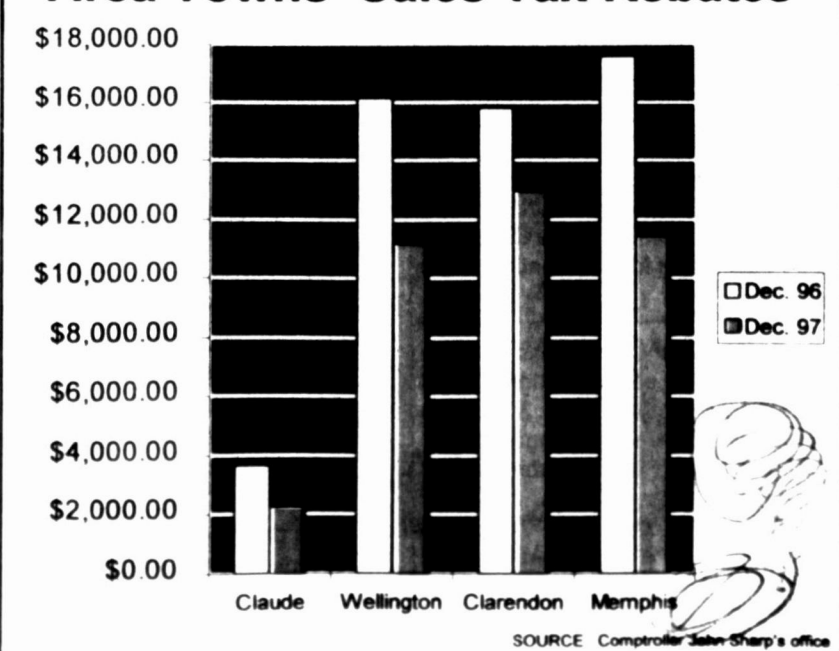
The December payments to Texas cities and counties include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

Locally, Clarendon's rebate of \$12,953.28 reflected an 18.03% drop from last December. The picture for the year was a little better. Clarendon collected \$204,433.61 in rebates — a 26.61% increase over 1996.

Hedley saw a 30.16% increase in its December rebate for a total of \$232.44. The figures for the year were also up 36.01% over 1996. The total was \$6,457.19.

Howardwick, however, was down for the month and for the year. December's rebate was \$1,126 — a drop of 6.71%, and the total for the year was \$10,926.31 — more than 6.5% lower than 1996.

Area Towns' Sales Tax Rebates



Broncos lose hard fought game to Claude Mustangs, 59-52

Clarendon crawled back from a 43-32 third quarter deficit Dec. 19 against Claude, but fatigue and poor shooting sabotaged their efforts in the 59-52 loss in the Mustang Gym.

Claude ran to a 16-9 first quarter lead and were ahead 31-25 at half-time. Brent Gaines scored 15 of his team-high 26 points before the half.

"We were really tired, and it showed," said head coach Jimmy Avery. "They had played so well the week before at the Lockney Tournament, and we just couldn't get it to-

gether. "The play was real physical, and it took its toll. Claude was a quick team and ran with us real well."

Claude led 43-32 at the end of three quarters. Clarendon pulled within a point, but Claude was 8-for-15 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Clarendon outscored the Mustangs 20-16 in the fourth behind seven points apiece from Gaines and Kareem Abdullah.

"It was a really ugly game,"

Avery said. "I think we need the rest, and we'll be back in shape by the time our tournament (Jan. 1-3) rolls around."

Scoring for the Broncos were

Gaines, 25; Abdullah, 14; Elliott, 8; Keith Kidd, 2; and Jason Archuleta, 2.

Clarendon meets Shamrock Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Clarendon gym.

Enterprise early this week for Christmas

This week's issue of the *Enterprise* is being brought to you a day early (Tuesday, Dec. 23) so the staff can take a much needed two-day Christmas vacation. The office will be closed Dec. 24 and 25, but the crew will return this Friday, Dec. 26, to get the started on the first issue of 1998.

Deadlines for the New Year's edition will be back on the normal schedule of Monday noon for articles and pictures and Monday at 5 p.m. for ads.

Welch resigns hospital board

Donley County Hospital Board president Virgil Welch reportedly resigned his position at the end of the board's last meeting on Dec. 16, 1997.

Since no one has been named to the position of vice president following Billy Ray Johnston's departure a few months ago, board secretary Judi Synek says she will be presiding over the next meeting.

A called meeting is set for Jan. 6, 1998, at 6:30 p.m.

C - C names winners

Two more winners have been named in the Chamber of Commerce's "Festival of Lights" contest.

Carol Holden's home at 702 S. Carhart won the Most Creative division. She got a \$20 gift certificate from Harlan's Flowers and Gifts.

Paulette and Larry Kidd's home at 507 Browning won in the Best Religious Theme division. They received a \$20 gift certificate from Country Bloomers Flower Shop.

Two more winners will be selected this week, but the results were not available at presstime.

OPINION PAGE



Guest Column:

"Drawing Strength From Those Around Us"

By US Rep. Mac Thornberry

Not long ago, I was going over my schedule with my wife, Sally, and she said, in her usual direct way, "You just need to give people a break. They don't want to hear about politics during the holidays. Spouses tend to be right about such things, but I hope to be indulged for a couple of thoughts as we approach the holidays and near the end of 1997."

Thus past year, I held 42 townhall meetings across the 13th Congressional District to hear first hand what people had to say about some of the issues we face. We talked about all sorts of problems in all types of conditions - in the sweltering heat during the summer, and in the more recent ice and snow. But whatever the topic or the weather, I was always heartened and refreshed by the good, solid values and the common sense of the people in our area.

I'm often asked what the best and worst parts of my job are. Clearly, one of the best things is the chance to meet some of the amazing people all over our area and see what they are doing every day to improve their school, neighborhood, community

or area. I think about the small business man in Plainview who works with youth from low-income families to show them if they work hard, they can accomplish their goals. Or I think of the lady in Wichita Falls who pours her heart and soul into providing health care for the poor. Or I think of the 10-year old boy who put in more time than anyone else in building a Habitat for Humanity House in Amarillo.

We don't hear enough about the good things going on, but I can testify that they are going on all around us every day. These people don't do what they do for pay or for attention; they do it because it's the right thing to do and because they want to give something back to their community and their country. These individuals - the hard-working, tax-paying Americans who love America and what it stands for - are the real strength of this country. With all of the hot air coming out of Washington, it helps me keep some perspective by remembering that they made this country the greatest in the history of the world, and they are the ones who

will keep us there.

Recently, our family has been watching a series of video tapes on the Revolutionary War. As our eight year old son marveled at the soldiers marching with rags on their feet in the coldest days of December, I was reminded, once again, of the incredible price that so many have paid for our freedom. And so, as 1997 comes to a close and as we celebrate this Holy Season, I am thankful on many levels.

I am thankful, always, for my family who puts up with the very hectic lifestyle that comes with this job. I am thankful for the privilege of representing such really fine people in Congress and for the work they do. And with the Revolutionary War fresh in my mind, I am thankful for the blessing of freedom and for our "one Nation under God."

As we grapple with the problems of the day - just as our forefathers did and as future generations will do - may those words remain in our hearts and minds.

Off Campus

By Scott Elliott

"An opportunity lost. A chance not taken"

The whipping, wintry night air bit with the ferocity of a Bengal tiger as I scurried from my car to the glassed storefront.

Almost ritualistically, I was scrambling to do some twelfth-hour Christmas shopping. What would my father do, after all, without another maroon-and-navy blue striped tie? Or my mother without another pink flannel nightgown?

As I fast approached the store, trying desperately to shield myself from the sharp wind, a bell could be heard in the distance. The closer I got to the entryway, the louder became the piercing sound of the bell. The source was a gentleman in a Santa suit, clanging his Salvation Army bell.

Each year I had dodged such well-intended folks like flying lead, never quite giving them eye contact or, at best, whispering a polite "no, thank you" or "Sorry, I haven't got any change." Sometimes it might have even been the truth.

On this particular night I received a rejoinder, having diplomatically begged off. The Santa said, "God bless you, brother." From the tone of his voice, quivering from the cold, I could tell the response was genuine.

I don't know why it bothered me so. After all, I had stiffed lots of Salvation Army Santas in my checkered past. Nevertheless, I could hardly sleep that night, thinking about that Santa. He represented an opportunity lost. A chance not taken.

I've always had a habit of writing as a catharsis. Sometimes it's prose, and sometimes poetry. This time it was the latter. I sat down and penned a poem based on the experience. I humbly offer it to you during this Christmas season.

THE SALVATION ARMY BELL

Once strolled the city's snow-clad lanes
where lampposts dressed like candy canes,
Salibox houses trimmed in lights,
a kaleidoscope invades the night.

Through frosty windows peered a boy
whose face foretold the season's joy.
Soon nestled in his feathery bed,
he'll dream as sod and snow are wed.

Then in the distance heard a bell
as on the bustle silence fell.
Through downy drifts my hurried plod
deepened prints where others trod,
doubtless men, like me, of God.

Soon spied a burly man in red,
a white-trimmed cap upon his head,
reflections in a puddle froze
revealed his wind-chapped cheeks and nose.

A caldron stationed by his side
beckoned to the passersby,
but answered with a quickened pace,
sat empty in the cold's embrace.

Turned swiftly, 'twas a time for glee,
of gathering 'round a tinsel tree.
No time for portraits rearranged,
amenities to be exchanged.

The haunting clang I must not hear,
It's come upon a midnight clear.
- Scott D. Elliott

Dr. Scott Elliott is the President of Clarendon College.

MORE NEWS

Lady Owls lose to the Irish in consolation game

The Lady Owls played for Consolation on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Shamrock Tournament against the Shamrock Lady Irish.

The Lady Irish took the lead during the first quarter with a score of 26-6. The Lady Owls cut the lead during the second quarter with a half time score of 23 to 30.

Hedley struggled during the second half, and the final score was 34 to 74.

Hedley Lady Owls high scorers were Rachel Howard with 15 and

Ashley Hill with 8.

In Thursday, Dec. 11, game, the Hedley Lady Owls played the Miami Warriors.

Hedley was behind at the end of the first quarter 8 to 14 but outscored Miami during the second quarter 20 to 17, ending with a half-time score of 38 to 31.

Hedley outscored Miami during the third quarter but finished with a loss of 62 to 63.

The Friday, Dec. 12 game was Hedley Lady Owls against Lefors

Lady Pirates.

The Lady Owls took control of the ballgame with a 16 to 3 lead over the Lady Pirates at the end of the first quarter. They continued the lead at half-time with a lead of 30 to 12. The Lady Owls continued the lead through the rest of the game, ending with a score of 61 to 35.

High scorers for the Lady Owls were Rachel Howard, 16 and Ashley Hill, 12.

The Lady Owls played Ft. Elliott on Dec. 9 at Briscoe

The Lady Owls trailed by 2 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady

Cougars took the lead during the second quarter and ended the half with a score of 36 to 21. During the third quarter the Lady Cougars stayed ahead. The Lady Owls shut down the scoring during the fourth quarter, only letting the Lady Cougars score 4. The Lady Owls scored 17 but were defeated by a score of 62 to 42.

High scorers for Lady Owls high point Rachel Howard, 15, and Ashley Hill, 7.

Local resident participates in AQHA horseback riding program

Lacey L. Faulkner of Clarendon recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program provides AQHA members recognition for time spent riding or driving American Quarter Horses.

A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding their American Quarter Horse. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

The first award, a program recognition patch, is given after only 50 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 to 5,000 hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates from Drysdale's Western Store to a Montana Silversmith trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

Jim Bret Campbell, AQHA Manager of the Horseback Riding Program, said, "The Horseback Riding Program is a unique opportunity to earn rewards outside of traditional competition. In some cases the program rewards people who already spend many hours riding American Quarter Horses. For others, the Horseback Riding Program is an incentive to get out and ride."

Horseback riding provides good exercise. According to the U.S. De-

partment of the Interior, more than 27 million people participate in horseback riding nationally.

AQHA actively encourages horseback riding as a relaxing recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends.

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Hedley Varsity Owls Basketball Schedule

Dec. 30	McLean	H	6:30
Jan. 2	Channing	H	4:00
Jan. 6	Lefors	H	6:30
Jan. 8, 9	Silverton Tournament		
Jan. 13	Lefors	T	6:30
Jan. 16	R. Elliott	H	6:30
Jan. 20	Samnorwood	H	6:30
District Games			
Jan. 23	Lakeview	H	6:30
Jan. 27	Silverton	T	6:30
Jan. 30	Groom	H	6:30
Feb. 3	Lakeview	T	6:30
Feb. 6	Silverton	H	6:30
Feb. 10	Groom	T	6:30

Hedley Jr. High Basketball Schedule

Jan. 5	Silverton	H	6:00
Jan. 12	McLean	T	6:00
Jan. 19	Samnorwood	H	6:00
Jan. 26	Lefors	T	6:00
Jan. 29, 31	Miami Tournament		
Feb. 2	Silverton	T	6:00
Feb. 5, 7	Hedley Booster Club Tourney		

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Happy Holidays!

OBITUARIES

Telisa Diane Koetting

Funeral services for Mrs. Telisa Diane Koetting, age 34, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 1997, in the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with Dr. James Bell, Pastor, and Sherman Eastland, Chaplain at Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems of Amarillo, officiating. Interment was in Groom Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. of Clarendon.

Mrs. Koetting died at 3:17 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997, in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo following a lengthy illness. She was born December 3, 1963, at Amarillo and was a long-time resident of Groom before moving to Donley County in 1987. She married Neil Patrick Koetting on August 25, 1984, at Groom. She had been employed at Harlan's Flower in Clarendon. She was a member of the Saints' Roost Emmaus Group and the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include her husband, Neil Koetting of Lelia Lake; one daughter, Shandy Koetting of Lelia Lake; one son, Seth Koetting of Lelia Lake; her mother and step-father, Pat and Bob Pool of Groom; a brother, Dusty Reynolds of Lubbock; her grandmother, Girtude Coe of Groom; and her grandfather, John Coe of Amarillo.

Casket bearers were Burl Hollar, Stan Anthony, H.C. Shaw, Keenan Shields, Steve Sell, and Jerry Smith.

The family requests that memorials be to the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Rita Elizabeth Shields

Funeral services for Mrs. Rita Elizabeth Shields, age 73, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, 1997, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Mike Suiter, Minister, and Bill Dorsey, Deacon of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Shields died at 5:55 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 1997, in BSA Hospice in Amarillo following a brief illness. She was born December 10, 1924, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was a resident of Louisiana for 18 years before moving to Donley County 32 years ago. She married George Clifton Shields on February 16, 1944, at New Orleans, Louisiana. She was employed at Gilkey Clinic in Clarendon for 9 years. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband,

George Shields of Lelia Lake; two sons, Bruce Shields and Donald Shields, both of Amarillo; one sister, Mary Wilson of New Orleans; one brother, Dominick Rando of New Orleans; five grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Larry Shields, Audie Shields, David Shields, Kennan Shields, Jimmy Shields, and Gary Shields.

The family requests that memorials be to a favorite charity.

Olinda Augusta Collins

Funeral services for Mrs. Olinda Augusta Collins, age 93, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 1997, in the First United Methodist Church in Claude with Rev. Don Travis of Amarillo, and Rev. Larry Crumpton, Pastor, officiating. Interment was in Claude Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. of Clarendon.

Mrs. Collins died at 3:35 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 1997, in Palo

Duro Nursing Home in Claude following a lengthy illness. She was born July 27, 1904, in Wellington, Missouri, and had been a resident of Claude most of her life. She married Thomas Reese Collins on March 29, 1925, in Kansas City, Missouri. He preceded her in death on May 20, 1973. She was a member of the Maudlin Club and the Warner Sunday School Class. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Claude.

Survivors include on daughter, Imogene Polizzi of Claude; two sisters, Adeline Dean of Amarillo, Mildred Neely of Amarillo; one grandson, Steve Collins Polizzi of Indianapolis, Indiana; and two great grandchildren, Avery and Morgan Polizzi of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Casket bearers were Wade Watson, John Chauveaux, Raymond Conrad, E.J. Britten, Wallace Stewart, and William Conrad.

Ola Blanche Williams

Funeral services for Mrs. Ola Blanche Williams, age 91, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 1997, in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. James Bell, Pastor, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Williams died at 7:55 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 1997, at her residence in Clarendon following a lengthy illness. She was born September 13, 1906, in Copeville, Collin County, Texas, and came to Donley County that same year. She married Robert Alexander "Bob" Williams on December 8, 1923, at Clarendon. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1997. She had been a checker and clerk at Junior's Food Market in Clarendon for many years and worked at Harlan's Flowers for several years before her retirement.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Merchant of Amarillo; two sisters; one brother; three grandsons; six great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Nick Merchant, Shad Merchant, Shawn Merchant, Bob Trout, Terry Ashcraft, and Bob Kidd.

Mary Elizabeth Pierce

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pierce, age 65, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 20, 1997, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. Bill Hodges, Nazarene Minister from Amarillo, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Pierce died at 1:15 p.m. on

Thursday, December 18, 1997, in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo following a lengthy illness. She was born November 21, 1932, in Lelia Lake, and had lived in Donley County most of her life. She married Clarence E. Pierce, Sr., on July 8, 1948, at Clarendon. She had worked at the Dairy Queen, Mr. Burger, and Medical Center Nursing Home in Clarendon for several years. She was a member of the Clarendon Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband, C.E. Pierce, Sr. of Clarendon; one daughter, Linda Lincoln of Claude; two sons, C.E. Pierce, Jr. of Clarendon, Ricky Pierce of Lefors; one sister, Shirley Booth of Clarendon; eight grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Will Chamberlain, Kyle Hill, Vic Lincoln, Billy Holman, Joe Howell, and Vernie Ford.

LOOKING KIDAB

15 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press,
December 30, 1982

• Genevieve Caldwell was recognized for making a substantial donation to the local fire department and EMS to go toward their quest to purchase the Jaws of Life for Donley County.

25 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader,
December 28, 1972

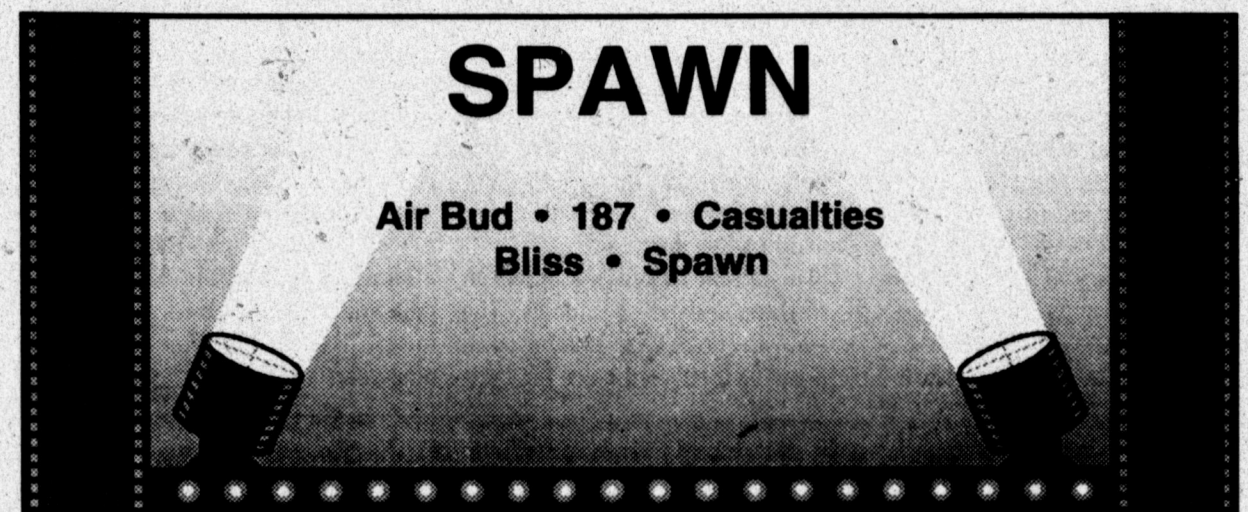
• The Clarendon Broncos were champions in their own right last Friday although this was not in agreement with the final tally on the scoreboard for the State Class A Championship. The Broncos opened the scoring in the game against Schulenburg with Steve Carter intercepting a pass and running 12 yards for the 6 points. Kenneth King made the extra point good. Schulenburg's Shorthorns came back in the second quarter to even up the score 7-7. The game was a see-saw affair until late in the third period when King kicked a 29-yard field goal for 3 points which placed the Broncos ahead 10-7. This is the way it went until, with only 23 seconds left, the Shorthorns drove over from the 3-yard line for the winning tally.

50 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader,
December 25, 1947

• The Senior High School Choral Club, comprised of about 150 students and directed by Rev. W.W. Fry, brought the Christmas Spirit a little nearer Monday night as they sang numerous Christmas Carols about town and at the Mulkey Theatre.

Merry
Christmas &
Happy New
Year!



CLARENDON OUTPOST

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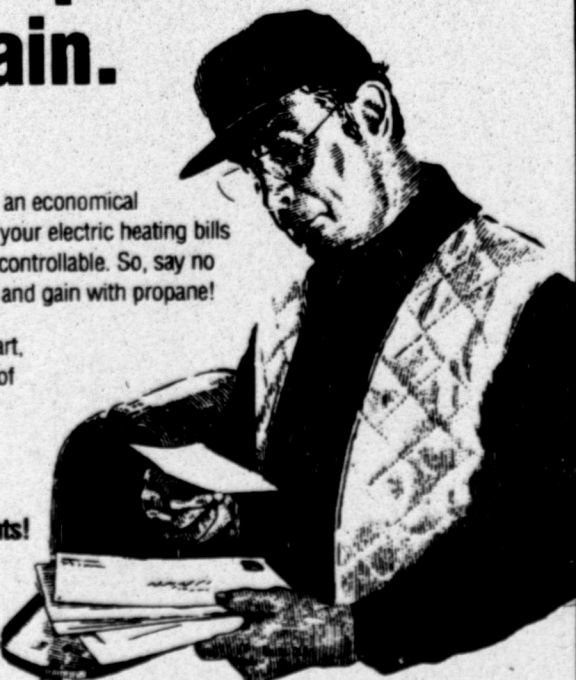
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Jr. Historians trek to Canyon

The Clarendon High School Junior Historians traveled to Canyon Dec. 6, 1997, where Reference Librarian Morvin Frazier assisted the students in their National History project research.

The students then held their annual Christmas part at the Railroad Crossing restaurant.

Later that evening, they attended the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's Victorian Village where they were treated to stories by Native American storyteller Blue Corn, music by elementary students from Canyon and the Randall High School Brass Ensemble, and entertained by the museum's volunteer staff.

The group was escorted by sponsor Lyndal Gillen and parents Carla Devin and Carlton Turvaville.



CHS Junior Historians traveling to Canyon were (back) Matteo Labadini, Noel Devin, Lammie Cruz, Jessie Shelley, Kajal Patel, (front) Paul Goetze, and Bryan Turvaville.

Photo courtesy Junior Historians

Library Board names Russell to be president

Bill Russell was elected chairman of the Gabie Betts Burton Memorial Library Board during its regular monthly meeting Dec. 15.

Valerie Avery will continue serving as secretary, and Ayesha Abdullah will be the designated board member who will provide her signature for library accounts at Herring National Bank.

Librarian Mary Green showed board members a magazine rack Virginia Patten had donated. The rack has plastic front displays which will show

visitors the numerous magazines the library has to offer.

It was noted that the rack was greatly needed, and all members expressed how generous the donation was for the library.

Green also showed the volumes of books the library purchased from the \$5,000 Tocker Grant the library received earlier this year.

The library lacked new books on the 50 states and the 13 colonies. The hard-cover books were purchased as were many medical books for chil-

dren. In many instances, Green asked companies to give a discount or waive shipping charges.

Green suggested donating the old state books to the Clarendon ISD Library, and the board agreed.

The Tocker Grant also provided funding for adult, young adult, and youth non-fiction books.

Green is looking into purchasing a laminating machine from money raised during the library's recent fundraiser. It should be purchased early next year.

Clover Kids gather to sing carols to nursing home residents

About 20 Donley County 4-H Clover Kids met Dec. 18 in the Courthouse to practice Christmas carols before giving a performance at the Medical Center Nursing Home.

Nursing Home residents gathered for the concert in the nursing home cafeteria where the Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students sang songs ranging from "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" to "Rudolph The Red-Nosed-Reindeer."

Residents were presented with personalized Christmas ornaments by 4-H members Pat Church, Shannon Cooper, and Mark Howard.

All the children received candy canes for their efforts from the nursing home residents. The children then returned to the Courthouse for refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, and punch.

Volunteer leaders Lyndal Goetze and Valerie Avery presented instructions on how to care for Christmas trees after the New Year's holiday. To join Clover Kids, call the volunteer leaders or contact the extension office.

CC fall academic honor lists released

Clarendon College's outstanding academic students have been named to the President's and Dean's lists. A total of 48 students achieved this honor.

The President's List, which highlights full-time students who maintained a 4.0 grade-point average through the fall semester, include: Teresa Kay Dronzek, Cherie Dee Lawler, Elizabeth Mae Stepp, Rebecca Lee Swearingen, all of Clarendon; Melody Elaina Middleton and David Lynn Ward, both of Hedley.

The Dean's Honor List is comprised of full-time students who maintained a 3.6 GPA for the fall semester. These students include: Stephane Luc LeJan of Clarendon and Nathan Doyle Koontz of Hedley.

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Lady Broncs outscored by Claude

Claude outscored Clarendon 17-3 in a wild finish Dec. 19 in the Mustang Gym to take away what appeared to be a hard-fought Lady Bronco win.

Class 1A power Claude converted 7-of-8 from the line in the fourth quarter while Clarendon was 3-for-4 from the charity stripe in the final period in the Claude 43-42 win.

Cold shooting plagued the Clarendon ladies as they failed to score a single field goal in the final quarter, head coach Steve Schmidt said.

"We knew it would take four good quarters to beat them, and we didn't get it done," Schmidt said.

Clarendon led 14-13 after one quarter behind Lindsey Eads' five points. Eads put in six of the Lady Broncos' 13 points in the second quarter as they extended their lead to 27-22.

The Lady Broncos put up a huge defensive effort in the third quarter, holding the Lady Mustangs to four points and putting in 12 of their own for a 39-26 advantage. But the fourth quarter proved devastating for Clarendon.

"I think the girls wanted that win so bad they tried to play too carefully to hold the lead instead of attacking Claude while they were down and extending the lead," he said. "I thought we played hard enough to win, but we lost our heads in the fourth quarter."

"That old gym is a tough place to keep your cool when things aren't going right."

Scoring for Clarendon were Eads, 18; Kim Alexander, 11; Melisse Campbell, 8; Kasi Ashcraft, 3; and Geri Butler, 2.

The Lady Broncos take on Shamrock Dec. 30 in the Clarendon gym at 6:30 p.m.



The Hedley Choir entertained the residents of the Medical Center Nursing Home with their beautiful Christmas songs on Dec. 9. The Clarendon third grade classes also sang Christmas carols to the residents on Dec. 11.

Photo courtesy of Medical Center Nursing Home

Junior varsity girls beat Claude Mustangs

The junior varsity girls charged to an 11-5 first quarter lead against Claude and extended it to 21-14 at half-time behind Tonya Wilson's 10 points.

Wilson put 10 more points on the

board in the second half as Lindsey Shelton added eight.

Courtney Newhouse plugged three 3-pointers in the second half to give Clarendon a 40-16 third quarter lead and a final win of 47-34.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Wilson, 20; Newhouse, 14; Shelton, 12; Lindy Helms, 2; and Danielle Holden, 1.

The JV Lady Broncos meet Shamrock Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. in the Clarendon gym.

Lady Colts tromp White Deer

Seven Lady Colts scored in their 32-19 whitewash of White Deer as the seventh graders improved to 4-0 on the year.

The eighth graders evened their record to 2-2 with a 38-13 pasting of the Lady Bucks Dec. 15 in Clarendon.

Their next game is Jan. 5 in Wellington. Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m. for the seventh graders and 6 p.m. for the eighth grade team.

The seventh graders got off to a slow start as they were knotted 2-2 after the first quarter, but Brandi Betts hit a basket and a free throw and May Butler made a basket as they trailed 8-7 at half-time.

The Lady Colts rattled off 18 points and held White Deer to two in the third quarter as Mandy McKinney, Butler, and Kelsey McQuien combined for 13 points.

The third quarter scorefest was too much for White Deer to overcome

as they could only manage nine points while Clarendon scored seven.

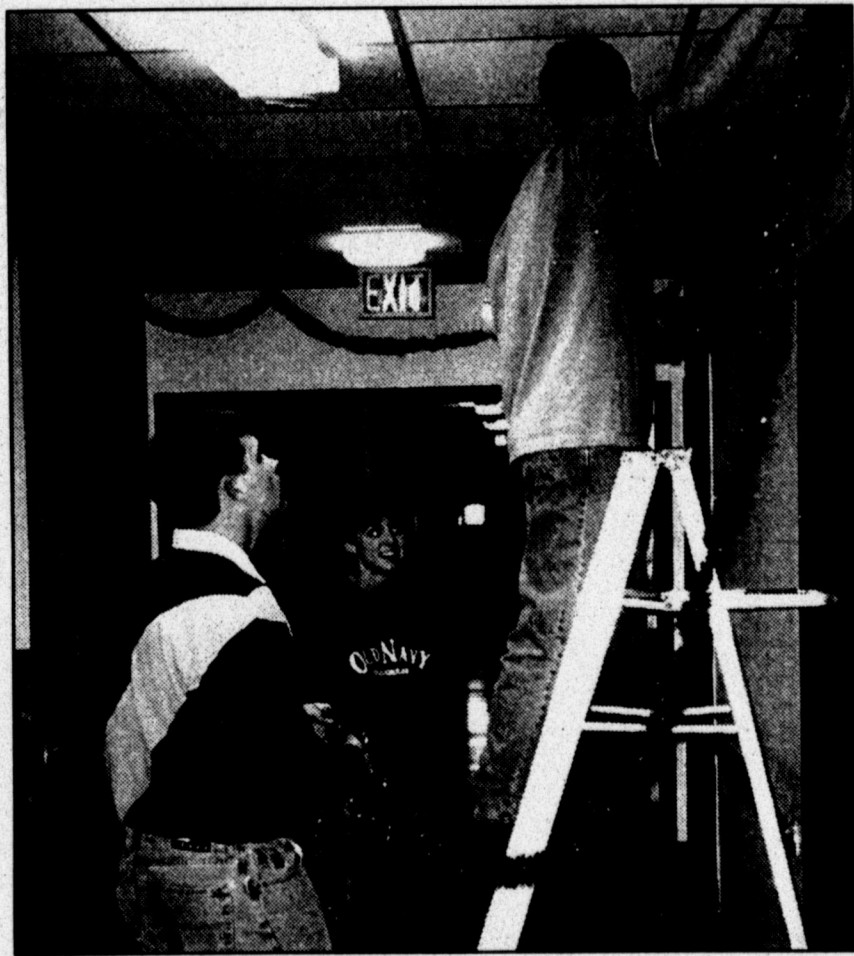
Scoring for Clarendon were Butler, 10; McQuien, 6; Betts, 5; Brandi Martindale, 4; McKinney, 4; Lacey Anderburg, 2; and Chancey Floyd, 1.

The eighth graders went on a shooting clinic and were defensive specialists in their first half against White Deer as they ran to a 23-2 lead.

Kelley Lemley scored nine of her team-high 15 points in the first half as Kristen Glover hit two baskets and three free throws.

The eighth grade Lady Colts made 15 more points in the second half and held White Deer to 11 the rest of the way.

Scoring for the eighth graders were Lemley, 15; April Bryley, 8; Glover, 8; Claire Rodriguez, 3; Tamika Hearn, 2; Erica Smith, 2; and Megan Roberts, 1.



Members of the CHS Junior Historians help get the residents at the Medical Center Nursing Home get in the spirit of Christmas. They decorated the halls of the nursing home on Dec. 3.

Photo courtesy of Medical Center Nursing Home

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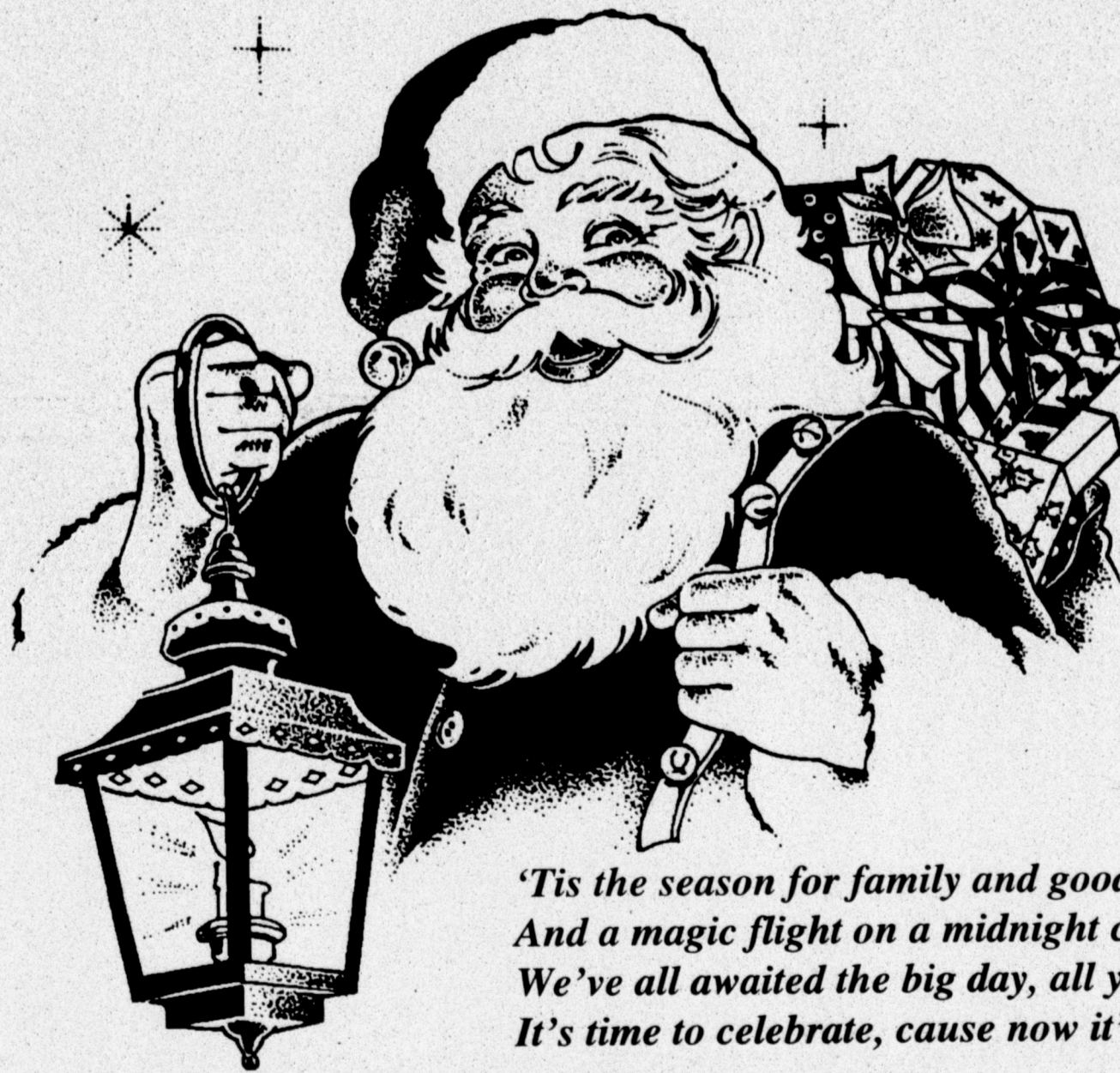
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Clarendon aldermen hold regular meeting

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Clarendon met in regular session on Dec. 9, 1997, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of City Hall.

Jim Roberts reported on the cost for material and labor for water and sewer lines, the progress on the transfer of the radio equipment from building to building, and other work being done.

Carl Draper spoke to the board on closing a street that should run through his property. The aldermen found it not necessary to formally close this street at this time. No action taken.

Like O'Neil asked the board to consider a slower speed limit on Hwy 70 after it enters the city limits, but no action was taken.

St. Mary's begins plans for Parish Hall

St. Mary's Catholic Church, the oldest Catholic Church in the Panhandle, is proud to announce the plans for a Parish Hall.

The hall will be used for classes, church gatherings, receptions, etc. A kick-off fund-raiser in the form of a New Year's Eve Dance is being held on Dec. 31, 1997.

They would like to invite the community come out and help us celebrate our growth and bring in the new year. Tickets may be purchased from any member of St. Mary's or by calling 874-2846 or 874-3069; or at the door.

Fund established for McKinney expenses

An account has been setup at Herring National Bank for Shirley McKinney to help with medical expenses. For more information, please see any of the tellers at Herring National Bank.

Menus

Dec. 29 - Jan. 2

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon. Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, apricots, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.

Tues. Sweet and sour pork chop, corn, broccoli spears, rosy applesauce, bread pudding with sauce, wheat roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.

Wed. Roast beef, mini baked potato, green beans, peaches and pears, chocolate cream pie, dinner, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.

Thur. Closed for holiday

Fri. Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, carrots, purple plums, pastries, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon. Barbecue pork pats, baked beans, corn, potato salad, apricot halve, roll, milk, tea, coffee.

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Wed. Catfish fillet, spinach, French fries, carrot-raisin salad, orange half, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee.

Thur. Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, deviled egg, cherry cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee.

Fri. Meat sauce and spaghetti, broccoli casserole, tossed salad, sliced peaches, garlic toast, milk, tea, coffee.

Bronco JV White Team plays Childress

The Childress freshmen forced the Clarendon JV White team to the free throw line 13 times in the fourth quarter, but the Broncos held off any type of comeback by converting eight from the charity stripe.

The Broncos pulled ahead 40-45 Dec. 15 in Childress. The white team has the holidays off before meeting Wellington in the Clarendon gym on Jan. 5.

G.J. Martindale helped the Broncos get off to a quick start with a 17-6 first quarter lead. Martindale made two treys and a basket, while Hunter Spier connected on two buckets. Cael Shields hit a 3-pointer, and Scotty Ailport made a basket.

Clarendon led 30-22 at half-time, and Childress made some headway in the third quarter. But the Broncos still led 40-30 off five points apiece from Martindale and Junior Rodriguez.

The fourth quarter turned into a free throw shooting contest as the Broncos went 8-for-13 from the free throw line.

Scoring for the Broncos were Martindale, 20; Rodriguez, 11; Shields, 7; Spier, 6; Aaron Kidd, 4; and Ailport, 2.

JV Maroon Team marches over Claude, 68-32

The JV Broncos were led by Josh Williams' 14 points - two of which came in the fourth quarter - as they marched to a 68-32 win over Claude.

Clarendon led 18-4 after the first quarter as Sam Holton put in four baskets and one free throw.

The Broncos increased the lead to 29-14 in the second quarter and held onto a 38-24 lead after three quarters. D.J. Edwards nailed two treys and two baskets in the fourth quarter as Williams put in five baskets and Colt Floyd scored six points.

Scoring for the Broncos were

Williams, 14; Holton, 12; Edwards, 10; Chris Linguist, 8; Colt Floyd, 7; Zack Butts, 4; Brandon Word, 4; Dee Thompson, 4; Khalil Abdullah, 3; and Nathan Floyd, 2.

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Eighth grade Colts knocks wind out of Cyclones

The eighth grade Colts notched their first win 48-32 Dec. 15 against Memphis in the Cyclone Gym.

Clarendon's seventh graders moved to 3-1 with a 33-26 win over Memphis. Their next game is Jan. 5 against Wellington in the Clarendon gym. Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m.

The eighth graders fell behind 15-9 in the first quarter but held Memphis to one point in the second quarter as they rattled off 11 points for a 20-16 half-time advantage.

Antonio Wilson put in three bas-

kets while Anthony Jaramillo scored two. Cody Watson put in a basket and was 2-for-2 from the free throw line in the effort as they led 35-24.

Clarendon outscored Memphis 12-8 in the fourth quarter for the win.

Scoring for the Colts were Wilson, 13; Watson, 11; Greg Wooten, 8; Brian Thompson, 7; John Carroll, 5; and Jaramillo, 4.

The seventh graders led 8-6 after the first quarter with points from Jacob Mondragon and James Williams.

Williams scored the Colts' only points

in the second quarter as Memphis took a 13-10 half-time lead.

Clarendon began making headway in the third quarter as Mondragon nailed three baskets and Williams and Judge Smith scored a basket apiece, but the Colts trailed 21-20.

Eloy Comacho put in three baskets in the final period as Clarendon outscored Memphis 13-7 for the 33-26 win.

Scoring for the Colts were Williams, 13; Mondragon, 11; Comacho, 6; and Smith, 3.

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Hedley Trustees hold regular meeting

The Hedley CISD Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Dec. 16, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hedley School Home Economics Room.

Among other business, the board approved the following members for the textbook committee: Sheila Ward, Janny Longan, Debbie Hill, Cheryl Bennett, Kari Lindsey, TimberLee Potts, Bruce Howard, Linda Rowland, Bob Giffin, Jerry Smith, and Bryan Hill.

The board also approved the addition of one employee position — the person

would work half the time as Technology Coordinator and the other half teaching in the classroom.

The trustees voted unanimously to go out for bids for a 19-passenger bus.

In addition to their regular meeting, the board also held a Public Hearing earlier in the evening for the Hedley Report Card from TEA.

As a part of that hearing, a demonstration of the Shurley Method for Language Arts was presented by Mrs. Hill's third grade class.

Spring TAAS tests to be offered at CHS

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) Exit level tests will be offered this spring at Clarendon High School.

Any qualified individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the TAAS (or TEAMS) tests may pick up a registration packet from the Counselor's office located in the Clarendon Jr. High building at 822 West Fifth. Currently enrolled Clarendon High School juniors and seniors who have not mastered the Exit Level TAAS will also test but do not have to register.

The testing schedule will be as follows: TAAS Writing - March 3; TAAS Math - March 4; TAAS Reading - March 5; TEAMS Math - March 4; TEAMS English - March 5.

Since completed registered forms must be received by the testing center in Iowa by Jan. 30, 1998, any qualified individual wanting to take the tests needs to pick up a registration form as soon as possible.

For more information, contact John Taylor at the CCISD Counselor's Office at 874-3241.

TxDOT holds annual Safety Awards Banquet

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held their annual Safety Awards Banquet on November 21, 1997, at the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College.

This banquet is held to recognize employees' efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for

having no work related injuries for a period of one year.

Members of the Clarendon Maintenance Section who received an award were: Steve Smith, Gary English, Bobby Weatherston, Keith Milhoan, Fu Benavidez, Benny Osburn, Mike Ritchie, Scott Martin, James Thomas, and Jack Leeper.

ENTERPRISE 'TOONS

THE SPATS
by Jeff Pickering



OUT ON A LIMB
by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.
by Mike Marland



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News From The Internet:

North Pole restructures, initiates cost-cutting measures

The recent announcement that Donner and Blitzen have elected to take the early reindeer retirement package has triggered a good deal of concern about whether they will be replaced, and about other restructuring decisions at the North Pole.

Streamlining was appropriate in view of the reality that the North Pole no longer dominates the season's gift distribution business. Home shopping channels and mail order catalogues have diminished Santa's market share, and they could not sit idly by and permit further erosion of the profit picture.

The reindeer downsizing was made possible through the purchase of a late model Japanese sled for the CEO's annual trip. Improved productivity from Dasher and Dancer, who summered at the Kellogg GSB, is anticipated and should take up the slack with no discernible loss of service. Reduction in reindeer will also lessen airborne environmental emissions for which the North Pole has been cited and received unfavorable press.

Rudolph's job will not be disturbed. Tradition still counts for something at the North Pole. Management denies, in the strongest possible language, the earlier leak that Rudolph's nose got that way not from the cold, but from substance abuse.

Calling Rudolph "a lush who was into the sauce and never did pull his share of the load" was an unfortunate comment made by one of Santa's helpers and was reportedly taken out of context at a time of year when he is known to be under executive stress.

As a further restructuring, today's global challenges require the North Pole to continue to look for better, more competitive steps. Effective immediately, the following economy measures are to take place in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" subsidiary:

The partridge will be retained, but the pear tree never turned out to be the cash crop forecasted. It will be replaced by a plastic hanging plant, providing considerable savings in

maintenance.

The two turtle doves represent a redundancy that is simply not cost effective. In addition, their romance during working hours could not be condoned. The positions are therefore eliminated.

The three French hens will remain intact. After all, everyone loves the French.

The four calling birds were replaced by an automated voice mail system, with a call waiting option. An analysis is underway to determine who the birds have been calling, how often and how long they talked.

The five golden rings have been put on hold by the Board of Directors. Maintaining a portfolio based on one commodity could have negative implications for institutional investors. Diversification into other precious metals as well as a mix of T-Bills and high technology stocks appears to be in order.

The six geese-a-laying constitutes a luxury which can no longer be afforded. It has long been felt that the production rate of one egg per goose per day is an example of the decline in productivity. Three geese will be let go, and an upgrading in the selection procedure by personnel will assure management that from now on every goose it gets will be a good one.

The seven swans-a-swimming is obviously a number chosen in better times. The function is primarily decorative. Mechanical swans are on order. The current swans will be retrained to learn some new strokes and therefore enhance their outplacement.

As has been widely reported, the eight maids-a-milking concept has been under heavy scrutiny by the EEOC. A male/female balance in the workforce is being sought. The more militant maids consider this a dead-end job with no upward mobility. Automaton of the process may permit the maids to try a-mending, a-mentoring, or a-mulching.

Nine ladies dancing has always been an odd number. This function will be phased out

as these individuals grow older and can no longer do the steps.

Ten Lords-a-leaping is overkill. The high cost of Lords plus the expense of international air travel prompted the Compensation Committee to suggest replacing this group with ten out-of-work congressmen. While leaping ability may be somewhat sacrificed, the savings are significant because they expect an over-

supply of unemployed congressmen this year.

Eleven pipers piping and twelve drummers drumming is a simple case of the band getting too big. A substitution with a string quartet, a cutback on new music, and no uniforms will produce savings which will drop right down to the bottom line.

North Pole officials expect a substantial reduction in assorted people, fowl, animals,

and other expenses. Though incomplete, studies indicate that stretching deliveries over twelve days is inefficient. They believe if they can drop ship in one day, service levels will be improved.

Regarding the lawsuit filed by the attorneys association seeking expansion to include the legal profession ("thirteen lawyers-a-suing"), action is pending.

Really?? No, not really.

Tree bedecked with customs, history

Of all Christmas customs, perhaps the most universally treasured is the Christmas tree. Brightly decorated with shimmering lights and glittering ornaments, the tree is as likely to reflect the traditions of each individual family as it is those of the world at large.

From the exciting moment when the tree is erected, usually some days in advance of Christmas Eve, it commands a position of central importance during all holiday festivities.

So much so that it is difficult to believe that, a scant 200 years ago, the custom of trimming a tree at Christmastime was not widely observed outside its native Germany.

One legend credits Martin Luther, the 16th-century theologian, with having set up the very first Christmas tree. According to this legend, Luther conceived of a tree alight with countless candles as a way of representing to his children the glory of the starlit heaven.

However, historical sources indicate that the first Christmas tree can be traced to the early 17th century, when fir trees - decorated with colored paper, gold foil, apples, toys and candies - were reported in the German city of Stasburg.

What are the antique origins of the Christmas tree? Historians point to a multitude of sources, among them the Roman custom of decking residences with evergreens during the festival of Kalends, which occurred in the early part of January.

Parallels between the Roman observation of Kalends and the festivities traditional at Christmas are many and include those of decorating the home with lights and extending lavish hospitality to friends and family, as well as extravagant gift-giving.

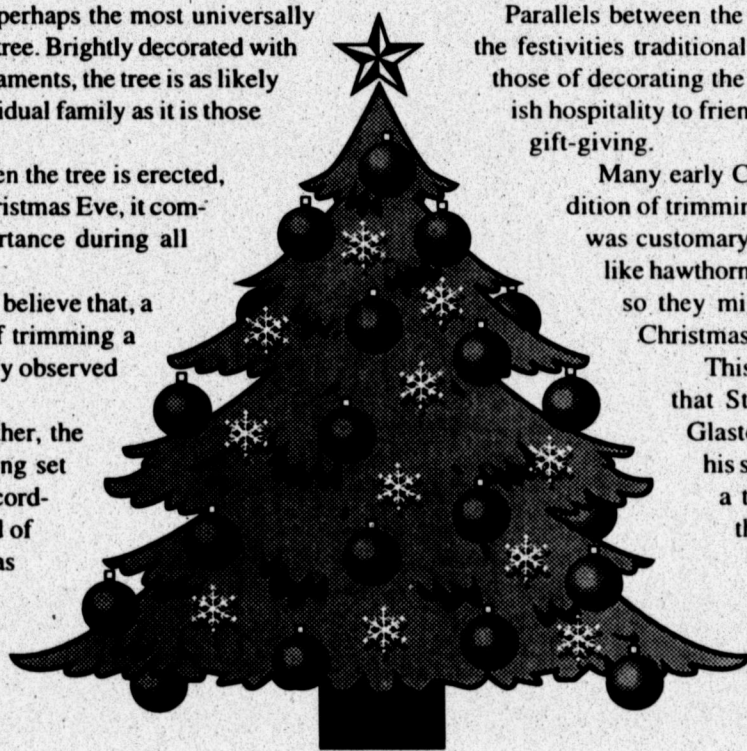
Many early Christian beliefs stand behind the tradition of trimming a tree at Christmas. For instance, it was customary for people to bring flowering trees, like hawthorn or cherry, indoors during the autumn, so they might bloom and bring forth fruit on Christmas Eve.

This tradition may derive from the belief that St. Joseph of Arimathea, settling at Glastonbury in western England, planted his staff in the earth, whereupon it became a thorn tree and sprouted leaves. Furthermore, it miraculously blossomed.

December 24th, according to the old church calendar, was the Feast of Adam and Eve, on which day it was traditional to hang a fir tree with red apples. This Paradise Tree, as it was called, is certainly a forerunner of the Christmas tree as it is known now.

Today, centuries later, the Christmas spirit is still represented in the timeless manifestation of the ever-beautiful, ever-enchanted Christmas tree.

When decorating their tree, people should realize that not only are they creating their own family traditions, but they are continuing centuries of history. (MS)



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Thanks,
Dalton Layton
age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy dog. And a ring thats real pretty. I also want a tickle me Elmo. And alot of games for me to play with my brother. I'll leave milk and reeses on the table for you.

Leigh Ann Layton
age 7

Dear Santa,
I was for xmas cars, trucks, rollerblades, pick-ups and toys. I have

been good. I am 3 years old. I love Santa. I love Jesus and Mom & Dad.

Love
Nathaniel Hayes

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of rollerblades and a dog and I have ben very good and I love you Santa.

Love
Brittney Hayes!

and it is Jesus birthday and I love Jesus!

Dear Santa Claus and Dear Jesus:
Happy Birthday Santa Claus and Happy Birthday Jesus. I want a movie about Beauty and the Beast and the

case. Happy Birthday Santa Claus. That's all I want for Christmas.

I love you.

Michaela Cheyenne Whitaker
Merry Christmas to all. I love you. Happy Birthday Jesus.

Dear Santa,
I wub like a per of a rollerblase and roller balse grll and all kis of tois. I have bin good.

Love
Courtney Hayes

I no it is Jesus berthday. I love Santa.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Batman and Roben, The Lost World, George of the Jungle, Men in Black, and the new Beauty and

the beast movies. Also some beast wars toys. Thats all.

P.S. Marry Christmas Santa and my name is Casey Brent Elliott

Dear Santa
My name is Sarah Baird. I would like a easy bake oven for xmas. I will try to be good until or I will be good. I will leave you some milk and cookies to eat.

Love,
Sarah Baird

Dear Santa,
I hope you've had a good year. My mom says I've been a very good boy for the most part this year. I would like to have a cool tool truck set that I can work on, a new blue water gun, and a Notre Dame toy with Esmeralda. Also, please bring me a new Woody and a Buzz Lightyear that talks. Don't forget to bring my cousins Tennessee and Brandie something speical also. I will leave you a snack by the stockings.

I Love You,
Brayden Phillips

Dear Santa,
My name is Garrett and I am 7 years old this year. I would like a lap desk, a new bank, some new games, a jump rope, some markers, a hockey stick and puck, two new movies, col-

oring books, books, a writing tablet, some Beatle Boards and a stuffed elk.

I will have Christmas at my dad's house, but I will be in Clarendon at my Nanno and Papaw's house Christmas morning. Please don't forget Brooks, he likes loud toys.

Thank you,
Garrett Bridwell
age 7
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am Spencer Shields and I am 5 years old. I have been a very good boy this year.

For Christmas I would like a K-Nex building set, a Cyber Stryke Defender gun and a Skworms game. I will leave cookies and milk for you and Rudolf.

Love,
Spencer Shields

Dear Santa,
My name is Cade Farris and I am 3 years old. I am a good boy most of the time. For Christmas I would like a construction set and a new movie. Thank you!

Love,
Cade

Dear Santa,
My name is Cole Farris and I am in Kindergarden this year. I would

like to have a sing and snore Ernie and any kind of dinosaurs you could bring. Thank you!

Love,
Cole

Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good most of this year. Please send me an Easy Bake oVen so I can help Mommy cook for Daddy. My sister McKaelie is 4 and wants a trampoline so she can stop gettingn trouble for jumping on Mommy's couch. My brother Brandon is 3, and he likes cars just like Daddy. Oh yeah, bring my Momy a break. She keeps asking for one.

XXOO
Merry xmas
Kierston Thomas
age 5

Hi Santa
Mi name is Becky. I want a lucky cuks game, moon shoos, new barby dolls and close, and lava lamp. I am in first grade this year. Pleas bring sumthing fore boby and grady to.

Love
Becky Swearingen

Editor's note: The following letter was transcribed through a scribble interpreter: This is letters to Santa from Zahary and Jasie Sargent. They want a truck and a gun. And a barbie doll and bicycle. They say hello to Mrs. Santa too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Deston Chambless. I am 7 yrs. old. My wish for Christmas this year is a little computer, a gigapet T-Rex, black hot wheel truck, and a old west play set.

Please don't forget my sister Haley and brother Denver and my Poppy.

Thank you,
Deston

Dear Santa,
My name is Haley Chambless. I am 4 yrs. old. This year I hope to get a new bike, a gigapet, Minnie Mouse perfume, and some new business. I love you Santa

Love,
Haley.

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and a

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Dear Santa,
My name is Denver Chambless. I am 1 yr old. I am really looking forward to seeing you this year. I would like to have a 4 wheeler, some new books and some new little trucks.

Thank you
Love,
Denver

Dear Santa,
Christmas has been extra fun for me this year. I love all the songs and the beautiful lights. I have stayed very busy trying to get Mommies Christmas tree just the way I want it.

Mommy says that you are watching me to make sure that I am being good. Well I tell Mommy that Santa is watching her too when she does something I do not like.

For Christmas this year I will be at my nanny and gram-grams. I would like for you to bring me a four-wheeler just like my gram-grams. Of course I will need a battery for mine instead of gasoline.

With Love,
Maci White

Dear Santa,
I am just a little girl of seven months so this is my first Christmas. I think all of this is pretty neat. I sit by the tree alot and watch the lights and my busy sister.

My sissy is really good about sharing all of her baby toys. I guess the only thing I really need is a toothbrush for my brand new tooth.

With love,
Skyler White

Dear Santa,
I would like a train. I would like a small basketball. I would like a football. And I would like my cousin's, uncle's, Aunt's, and other family to come to my house on Christmas day.

Sincerely,
Dylan Wright
Written by: Timothy Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I would like a pretty pink bike, a big fluffy yellow cat, and a change

color Mermaid Barbie. Get some and give them to me.

Your friend,
Gabby Mata
written by: Davy Milburn

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, tamagochi, bike, jewelry, a computer, computer games, a basketball, basketball goal, a playstation, a candle, and a pencil.

Thanks,
Miranda Miller
Written by: Grady Swearingen

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of spurs, a real dirt bike, and a Cool Tools Race Car. If you would send some of these things for Christmas. I would be very much obliged.

Your friend,
Hadley Jones
Written by: Davey Milburn

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a doll, a bike, a Barbie jeep, and a toy man to go with the doll.

I will leave you some cookies and milk out for you. I will be your best friend.

Your best friend,
Vanessa Williams
Written by: Anna Chester

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Mister Freeze, a coloring book, a Santa Claus hat, and a chalk board and chalk. I will leave you some cookies and milk out. Hello Santa! Have a Happy New Year!

Your friend,
Colby Mann
Written by: Anna Chester

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas: a blue bike, a dog, and a Dalmatian. Please bring these things to me.

Thanks,
Dalton Layton
Written by: Destiny Weatherthorn

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and 100 dol-

lars, and I really want a giant swimming pool.

Sincerely,
Jamie Murphy
by Brandon Moody

Dear Santa,
The thing I want most is RC cars with remote controls.

Sincerely,
Travis Lee Cox
Written by: Meghan Gribble

Dear Santa,
I want a Kitty Cat and a baseball bat so I can playball. And I want a brand new story book.

Your Friend,
Kierston Thomas
Written by: Andra Helms

Dear Santa,
I want a Pound Puppy Dog and a Dinosaur for Christmas. I want a real dalmation named Pongo. I really want a new story book.

Thanks,
Ty Tubbs
Written by: Andra Helms

Dear Santa,
I want a turtle, dinosuars, and some Legos. That is all I want for Christmas.

Thank You,
Michael Santos
Written By: Destiny Weatherthorn

Dear Santa,
I would like new clothes, new Barbies, and I would like my dog to get a bone. most of all, I will leave cookies and milk for you!

Sincerely,
Lauren Shelton
Written By: Meghan Gribble

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a tent, and a tepee for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies and I will leave the door open since I don't hav a chimney.

Your friend,
Tré Brown
Written By: Branson Carter

Dear Santa,
I would like, a bike, some rollerblades, a puzzle, some crayons and coloring book, and Bubble Machine.

Your friend,
Caitlyn Christopher
Written By: Sam Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control Dump truck, a dog, a game, and a Bat and Baseball for Christmas.

Your friend,
James Harris
Written By: Sam Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda Reynolds. For Christmas I would like a My Size Rupunzel Barbie, a moving Pooh Bear, and Sleeping Beauty. I would like to say Rudolph is the best!

Your friend,
Amanda Reynolds
Written by: Shanna Shelton

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Hill. For Christmas I would like a computer, tools, and a dumptruck. I will leave cookies and milk for you.

Your friend,
Ryan Hill
Written by Shanna Shelton

Dear Santa,
I want a K'nex building set, a red power ranger suit, and a nerf Cyberstrike gun. I will leave some milk and chocoalte chip cookies for you.

Your friend,
Spencer Shields
Written by: Branson Carter

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline, a dog, a doll, and a fire truck. I will leave you cookies.

Love,
Cori Hinojosa
written by: Cierra Benavidez

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike, a jet ski,

and a horses. I hope you have a happy holidays!

Love,
Charlie Allmond
written by: Cierra Benavidez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Pogo tick, a Crazy Daisy, and a picture of you and Mrs. Claus. I'll lleave some cookies and milk out for you to eat at my Mamaw's.

Love Mariah Benavidez
Written by: Cierra Benavidez

Dear Santa,
I want a pocket knife, coat, cowboy hat, a basketball, basketball goal, and belt buckle

Your friend,
Michael Hall
Written By: Grady Swearingen

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo and I also want a rebound car. For my nintendo, I want some cartridges, all different kinds.

Your friend,
Homero Gallegos
Written By: Jessica Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like Skateboard, Frog, and a Phantom Ranger. Also I will be at my house.

Your friend,
Canyon Canales
By: Kari Steen

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a bike, a sega, and a walkman. I will be at my house at East 1st.

From,
Dustin Ford
Written by: Brent Hix

Dear Santa,
I want a gigapet, gameboy you hook up to the T.V, and a doll that skates. I will be at my moms house.

Love,
Brandi Mays
Written By: Jamie Simmons

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, trampoline, and a

swing. I will be at my house.

Love,
Brittany Sanchez
Written By: Jamie Simmons

Dear Santa,
I want this Christmas a remot control car, two dinosaurs from The Lost World, the Stegasuarus from the Lost World, and all the other dinosurs in the box at Wal-Mart.

I will be in Ozona this Christmas.
Sincerely,
Joshua Dews
Written by: Tim Sears

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house, also a Barbie with a bunch of dresses, and a cat that makes noise.

Love,
Ashely Lacombe
By: Jessie Anderberg

Dear Santa,
I want a pink ball, also a fairy tale book, and a little mermaid barbie.

Love,
Shekia Bryley
By: Jessie Aderberg

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a sega, a bicycle, and a nintendo. I will be at home!

from,
Glen Weatherthorn Jr.
by: (name was not readable)

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control forward drive, a house cleaning robot, checkers. I will leave you Milk and cookies. I will be at home. My house does not have a chimney.

Sincerely,
Nathan Judd
by Ryan Carroll

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want some Legos, a play camper truck, and a semi. I will be at my house this Christmas.

Sincerely,
Eli Short
written by Tim Sears

Christmas is Looking Good!

Happy holiday to all our clients. Thanks for helping us make the cut!

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O Christmas Tree

Festive tidings to one and all.

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Merry Christmas and a chorus of thanks.

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Owens Boot Shop

Behold!

A Child Is Born

Merry Christmas to all.



William J. Lowe

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jerry D. Courtney

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Cennett Rhode


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Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
— Matthew 5:8,9

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Dear Santa,
I would like Remote Control Gami Geep, and Play Buburban. Also I will be at my house.
Your friend,
Trent White
By: Kari Steen

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed bear, a stuffed dog, and a watch with michkey Mouse on it. Would you please come to my house? I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Sincerely,
Bobbi Davis
By: Stephanie Fowler

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger turbo and a remote control truck and a nintendo 64.
Sincerely,
Rashaud Knight
P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk
by Angel Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 wheeler, a motor cycle, and a Karate suit.
Please deliver to Selby Stepp.
written by Kayla Martindale

Dear Santa,
I want a punching bag, a soccer ball, and a Karate suit.
Deliver to Jadon Thorton
by Kayla Martindale

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a doll, and a box of toys.
Deliver to Anessa Williams
by Kayla Martindale

Dear Santa,
I want an easy bake oven, some tie shoes, and a stuffed animal rudolph. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I am going to my nannies.
Deliver to: Sarah Baird
By Laura Dziedzic

thank you for the presents last year.
Deliver to: Joshua Davis
By: Laura Dziedzic

Dear Santa,
I want Ninja turtles action figures. I also want cars, and I want a nintendo 64. Merry Christmas Sannta.
Your friend Christopher Chaney
by Case Elliott

Dear Santa:
Please, I want some race cars. And please I want hot potato. And please I want a race car that goes with remote control. Those big ones. And that's all I want Santa. Oh yeah, I want something for Coley, Santa, pleas. I want new teeth things for Coley Santa. That's all.
And I want soccer bopper and a bean bag that you punch. That's all. I want a bean bag for Jace with Flintstones on it.
Love,
Ben Avery

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa and I'm so glad you're coming to see me. For Christmas, I would like a battery operated car, a motorcycle, a ball and bat and don't forget my sister Tamara and Kala, my borther Brock and my mom and dad. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love Monty Joe Holland

Dear Santa,
I want a baby with skates, a baby cheerleader, a train, some new clothes, and a black bear. I love you Santa!
Jentry Shadle
age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Kyle Lindsey. I am almost 2 years old. I would like a four-wheeler and a remote control car. I would also like a tent to play in. I have been a pretty good boy this year.
Love,
Kyle



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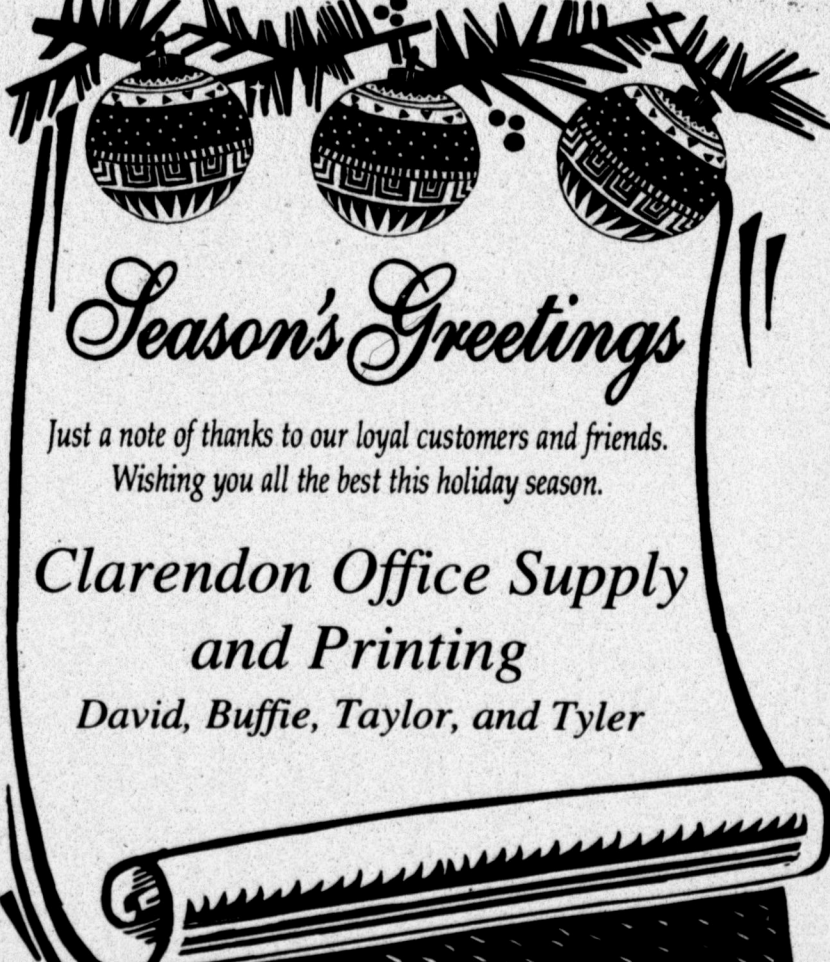
Hope your holiday is decorated with cheer
With friends and loved ones happy and near
Have a joyous day with trimmings galore
And may memories light your days forever more.

Without you, our loyal customers, our year wouldn't have been nearly so bright. Thank!

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Eddy, Holly, Lindsey, Garrett, Lacey, & Jon



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David, Buffie, Taylor, and Tyler

'Tis The Season!

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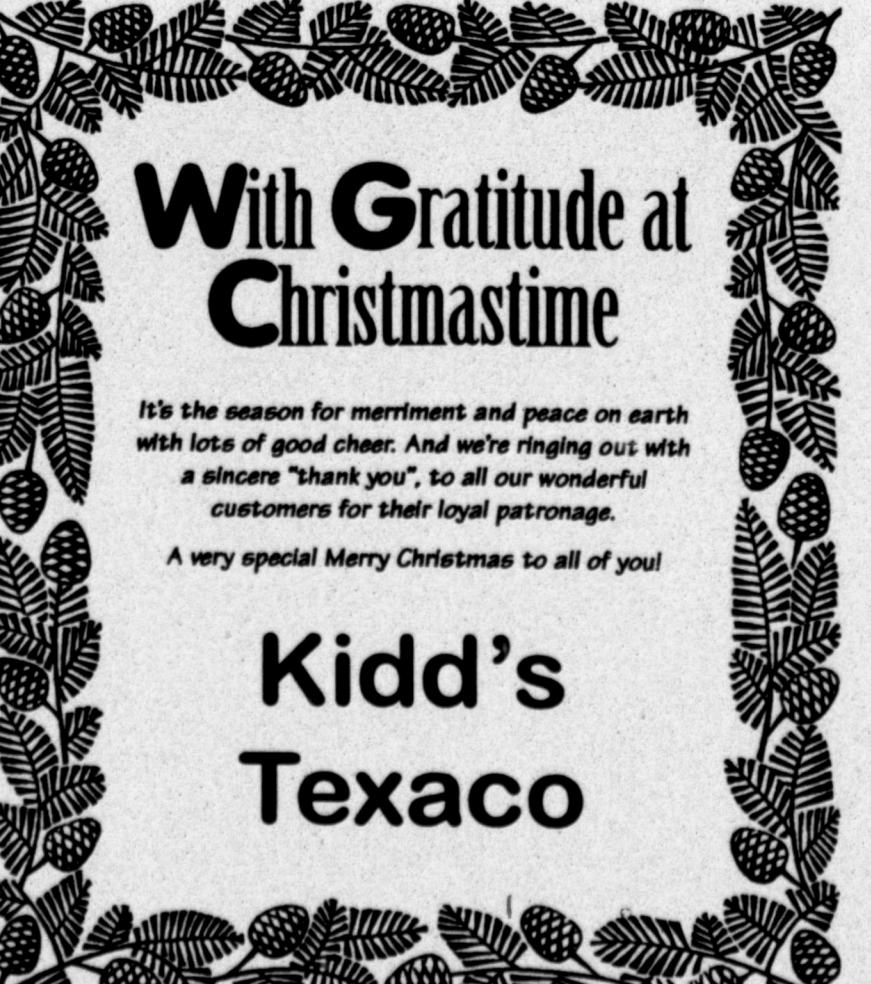



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A very special Merry Christmas to all of you!

Kidd's Texaco

gun but sins shes a girl I wish for a barbie and one of the cars is for my brother. Please I would I presiate your kindness sins my mom car.

thank you

Dear Santa Clause

I want some Nike shoes for Christmas it size 7½ and a doll for my little sister. I like Christas because it fun. It is a nice holiday

from Carmen
I love you.

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me some presents like Army Men, Casper, and 101 Dalmations.

Love,
Trajen Johnson
age 3

Dear Santa,

I want a Slammer remote control car or a go cart. I'd also like a talking Whiz Kid.

Dalton Askew

Dear Santa,

Howdy! It's me again - (the one with the broccili) - How are things at the Pole? It's been going pretty good here - (except for a few minor acci-

dents, anda couple of small fires - I've done real good)

This year I want a sega - my mom says the only thing I need with that many buttons is a Robot that can clean my room, but I thought "What the heck, it's worth a try." My dad needs a hobby - (whatever that is) he's on a month's vacation, and my mom says he's driving her nuts. (I kinda think she was a little nuts before, but how can you tell about these things) Oh, I need some new breeches, (my mom says I'm gettin way to big for mine). (I think they fit fine.) My mom needs a rest, or a nap, or seomthing. She's always saying, "I'm sick and tired." I don't know why she's tired, or what she's sick with, but a little sleep is bound to help. (Hey, anything I can do to help!)

Well, I guess I've asked for enuff, I'll let you get back to work - (you don't have much time left ya know) As usual, I'll leave you a treat by the tree, (I'll probbably have to leave burssel sprouts this year, my mom says all the broccili keeps disappearing). Must be the vegetable fairy!

Love,
Jadon Thornton

Dear Santa,

Hi, it's me again. (I bet you hear that alot, huh?) Well, I don't want too much thisyear, just a bike, trucks, fort,

some dinasours, jump rope, sega, nintendo, dog, 2 horses, a corvette, my own house, rock climbing equipment, a goat, a new T.V., 12 movies, toybox, 14 games, a cat (with kittens), new tennis shoes, a race track, an African safari, and a pet pig. (no, I'm just kidding). I don't really need new tennis shoes. Ha Ha!

Actually anything you bring will be fine. I need to warn you, be extra careful at my hous this year, my brother watched "the Santa Clause" 19 times, and he's devising a plan to "knock you OFF the roof so my Dad can be Santa, but my mom always makes him shave his beard OFF, so he'll be a dead giveaway. (also, don't

eat the brussel sprouts he leaves you, they've been in the toybox for 3 weeks.)

Also, bring me some new excuses, my mom says mine are gettin real old. (actually, I thought washing my hair war a good excuse, but what do I know). Well, I better go (it's hair washing night) tell all your vertically challanged helpers "Hi!"

Love,
Dakota Thornton

It's Beginning To Look

A Lot Like Christmas!

The lights are dazzling, the decorations grand, but nothing fills us with so much joy as the sight of our friends and acquaintances. Thanks for seeing us this past year.



Family Eye Care

125 Ave B NW
Childress, Texas



Season's
Greetings

To all those near and "deer" to us, our deep gratitude and warm regards for a joyous holiday season.

Henson's

**Rejoice
This Season**

We hope this year gives birth to new miracles, blessings and heartfelt joy.

Thank you for helping us withstand the test of time, with your loyal patronage throughout the year.

**Saye's
and
Positive
Feed**

*With Warm Wishes for a
Blessed Christmas*

Our family wishes you and yours an abundance of love, peace, and harmony this holiday season. Your loyal patronage has already given us reason to rejoice.

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50% off
All Christmas Merchandise

"We are here to serve you."
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**Wishing You
Resounding
Success
at Christmas**

Hope your holidays chime with happiness, good health and good fortune.
Thank you for your support.

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- Becky Jackson, Treasurer
- Fay Vargas, Clerk
- Wilma Lindley, Tax Assessor
- Jimmy Johnson, Justic of Peace
- Ann Kennedy, Justice of Peace
- Jimmy Thompson, Sheriff
- Blackie Johnson, Constable,
- Stuart Messer, County Attorney Pro-tem
- Randy White, Commissioner
- C.W. Cornell, Commissioner
- Andy Wheatley, Commissioner
- Will Chamberlain, Commissioner

Offices will be closed December 24, 25, 26 and January 1.

Best Holiday Wishes

From

COLUMBIA Homecare



Holiday greetings from the Clarendon office staff: JoDee Mincey, Cindy Hewett, Cindy Hermesmeyer, Jerry Hermesmeyer, Debbie Dilley, Nancy Stewart, Sue Blevins, James Miller, Kelli Maddox, (not pictured) Glenda Battenfield, Melissa Hatley, and Tiffany Shadle.

*May you celebrate a beautiful
season of spirit and radiance.*

*Blessings to our many friends,
all over the area.*



Dear Santa,
I am not asking for very much this year. I just want a boom box and a Barbie Art center.

by: Katie Askew

P.S. I have outgrown my other bike. May I have a new bike?

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good little boy. I pick up my toys and brush my teeth and say my prayers. I would like a little pickup that crashes and turns over and a blue tickle me cookie monster, a remote control car, a toy Santa, and some little motorcycles. OH! And please don't forget the other children or my Mama and Daddy and my grandparents.

I'll leave you some really nice goodies to eat.

Thank you
Tanner Haire

Dear Santa,

My name is Savannah Topper. I am 17 months old. For Christmas this

year. I would like to have a new baby doll with a baby stroller. I have been a pretty good girl this year and I'll be waiting for you to come down our chimney. I hope you'll bring my brother Adam some new toys because I just love getting into his toys. Thank you Santa for taking the time and reading my letter. I know you're very busy. Please remember my mama, dada, papa, me-me, and memaw, and my uncle Larry, and everyone else.

Love,
Savannah Topper

Dear Santa,

My name is Adam Topper. I am nearly 3 years old. For Christmas this year, would you please bring me a new bang-bang, some tools, work bench, and Tommy - The Choo Choo Train. I've been a pretty good boy this year and I am so excited about you coming to our house. And Santa, if you would please bring my little sister Savannah lots of toys because

she is always getting into mine. Please remember my mama, daddy, papa Johnny, memaw Alice, memaw Junebug, and my aunts and uncles. Thank you.

Adam Topper

Dear Santa Clause,

My name is Dusty. I am 3 yrs. old and I have been a good little Dusty. Please bring me Roller Skates, Tickle Me Elmo, and a bike. I will leave a coke and hamburger for you.

I love you,
Dusty Rice

Dear Santa,

I want roller skates, a lights out. I also want a bike.

Your friend,
Taylee Rice

Dear Santa,

I want a ginga pet and Casey Cartwheel. I also want roller skates.

Your friend,
Lauryn Kellas

Dear Santa,

I want a video game and some ice skates so I can go skating with my grandma. I want a basketball and a football because I like sports. I also want a remote controlled race car.

Your friend,
Jace Avery

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be really good this year. I would like for you to bring me a Roller Skating Baby. I would like any kind of stickers you might bring me. I would like a collector Holiday Barbie. Please don't forget Amanda and Allison. The milk and cookies will be waiting for you.

Love,
Jessica Goodwin

Dear Santa,

I want an Anastasia Barbie. I would like a Barbie Playhouse. I want Casey Cartwheel and a real computer. I would like an Ariel doll whose towel turns into a dress.

Your friend,
Miranda

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy dog and a new bike. I have been really good.

Your friend,
Leigh Ann Layton

Dear Santa,

I would like a Casey Cartwheel. I want a Beauty and the Beast Dancer and a flying angel. I want a Pocohontas dancer. I would like a life size Rapunzel doll.

Your friend,
Roxanna

Dear Santa,

I would like a jeep and the movie called flubber. I would also like a dinosaur book, and a CD player. I want a dog calendar.

Your friend,
Derrick Shelton

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a skateboard. I also want a nintendo 64. I have been a good boy this year. I am going to be a better boy next year. And I am going to be a good boy at school.

Your friend,
Glen Wilson

Dear Santa,

My name is Courtney Hayes. I would like a pair of roller blades. I also would like a GegaPet. A Roller Blade doll would go nicely with my Roller Blades. I would like a ballerina suit for me. Please remember my sister and brother.

I love you,
Courtney Hayes

Dear Santa,

I would really like a new nintendo case for my games. A case for my Gameboy. I would like a nintendo 64. My little sister is 1 year old. Would you please bring her a doll. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Billy Cenicerios

Dear Santa,

I want a go cart. I want a jeep and a dog. I want a real computer. I want a race car from The Lost World. I would like a beanbag tiger and stuff for my socking.

Your friend,
Zack

Dear Santa,

I want a big Raggedy Ann doll! I've tried really hard to be good. Remember to bring me some candy. Please remember my sister Kristen and Jane. Don't forget my cousins Skyler and Maci.

Love,
Jenci White

Dear Santa,

I would really like you to bring me a Batmobile. I like Superman and

I sure would like to have his car. I've been a good boy this year. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Jesus

Dear Santa,

I have been real nice and good this year. Please bring me a "Tickle Cookie Monster," a dollhouse, a bicycle, a cat, skates just like my brother Joshua has, and a Candy Land game. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Natasha Dawn Watts

Dear Old Santa

My name is Dustin Thomas, 8 years. I want some stuff for Christmas, nintendo 64, speaker with tocer, computer, four wiler.

Rudolf and Santa,

There is holiday excitement at our house. The tree will be decorated with lights and ornaments and we'll have candy and cookies too. I've been very good all year and can hardly wait for your visit.

My Christmas gift wish list is Bull T-Rex, Volcano Blow Out, Luke Skywalker, Attack Dinos, Darth Vader, Star Wars Trilogy, Bryer Bull. Thank you Santa.

Love Hadley

Rudolf and Santa,

There is holiday excitement at our house. The tree will be decorated with lights and ornaments and we'll have candy and cookies too. I've been very good all year and can hardly wait for your visit.

My Christmas gift wish list is Mr. Freeze, Scooter, Darth Vader, Toy Pirates, toy Luke Sky Walker.

Thank you Santa.
Love Colby Mann

Dear Santa,

My name is Fayeth Ann Hall. I am 20 month old. I live in Liberal, Kansas, but my Mimie lives near Clarendon.

Would you please bring me a baby doll and anything else you think a little girl my age would like. I love Pooh Bear.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls in the world. Remember my bubba Seth.

I have been a very good girl this year. Mom will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Faye Ann Hall

Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan Earl Naylor. I am three and a half years old.

I want to thank you for all the neat things you left me last Christmas. I have tried really hard to take care of them.

You Light Up OUR Lives!

Merry Christmas and bright wishes to all our valued customers.

We wish you a season that's positively glowing!

**Estlack
Electric**



It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

And that means it's time to send warm wishes your way

Happy Holidays

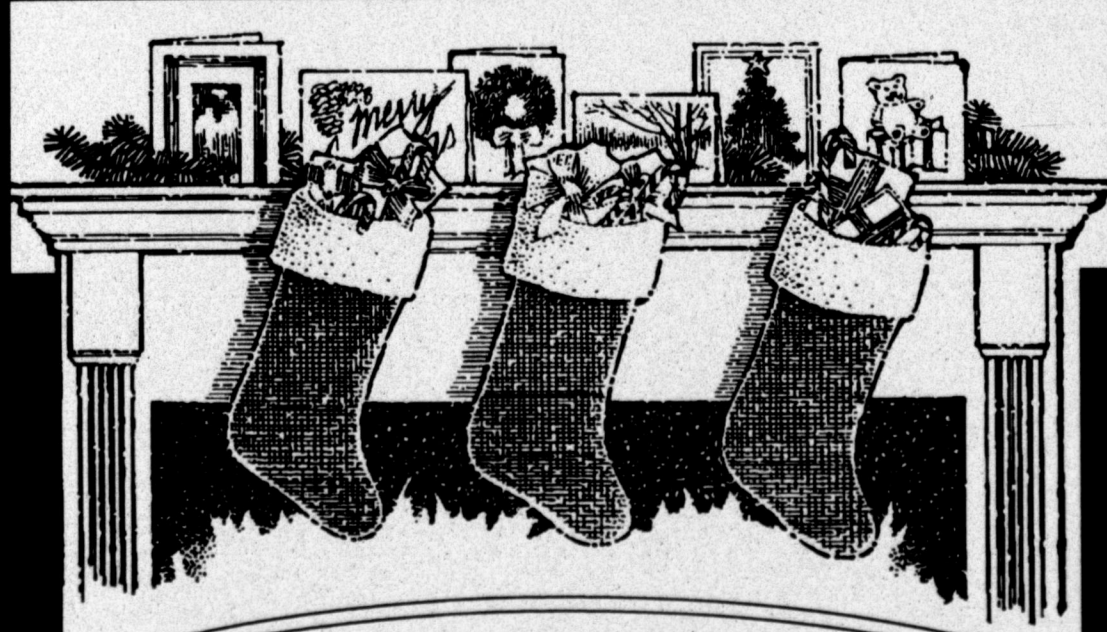
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Glory To The Newborn King

May this holy season strengthen your faith and deliver enlightenment to all mankind.

Poor Boy's Antiques

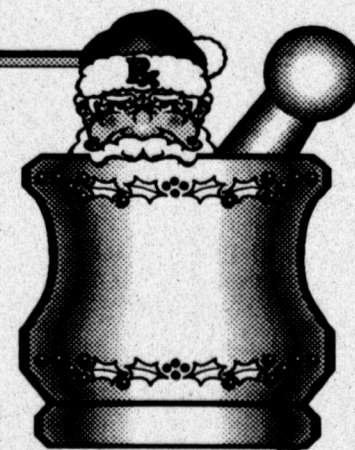


Season's Greetings

We would like to wish all the citizens of Clarendon and Donley County Happy Holidays.
Thank you for your cooperation and drive safely.

**Gilbert Texas
Construction Company**

WISHING YOU Well



Our prescription for a happy holiday season includes generous measures of goodwill and cheer along with a healthy dose of gratitude from us. We're really thankful for your confidence and support.

Mike's Pharmacy



A HERD OF Good Wishes

Happy holidays to all our friends all over the area. Many thanks for your patronage.

Clarendon Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Charlie D. Deyhle, Dr. Chuck D. Deyhle, Dr. Guy Ellis, Dr. Chris Grottegut, Judy, Jeremy, and Bobbie

Bring my brother a nintendo 64 please.

Remember all my cousins nad other boys and girls in the world. Pleas stay warm.

Love,
Ethan Naylor

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. Please bringme a bat, ball, sega foot-ball game, clothes, Dallas Cowboy outfit, and a Lite 3 game. Don't forget to bring something for my sisters, mom, and dad. Enjoy the milk and cookies.

Love,
Joshua Kent Watts

Dear Santa,

My name is Shawna Barker. I am 9 years old. I want a new born baby and a stack up baby crib and a shop for Christmas.

My birthday is December 25, 1997.

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryan Kelly Hill. I am almost 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I want to thank you for all the things you brought me last year. This year I would like a computer, tools like my daddy has, candy electric guitar, VCR. Don't forget about my sister and bubba.

From: Ryan Kelly Hill

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacy Renee Hill. I am 1 1/2 years old. I have been a good girl, I really have. I would like to have my own kitchen with dishes, a baby doll with bottle, books, candy. Thanks for all thethings you brought me last year. Please don't forget my bubba's. I love you Santa.

Love,
Jacy Renee Hill

Dear Santa,

Please remember we talked about a brown puppy to be friends with the spotted "stuffed" puppy you brought last year.

We'll put out some carrots for your reindeer and cookies for you. Have a safe trip.

Love,
Reed Bernabe

Dear Santa,

My name is Jamie Murphy, for Christmas thisyear I would like a

bouncy, bouncy baby, a C.D. player with a C.D., a ring-a-round a rosie baby.

I love you Santa.
Thank you,
Jamie

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you this year? I'm sure your busy but, maybe you could find the time to stop by and bring me a few things for Christmas. I would like some Tonka trucks, a new tent and sleeping bag and Santa would you please bring me and my daddy a new race car truck. Santa please tell Rudolph Hello for me. And I'll leave you and Rudoph some milk and cookies on the table.

Love ya Bunches,
Corey Barker

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. What are you going to give me for Christmas? Our Christmas tree is so big it needs a bunch and a bunch of presents.

I want a dentist barbie, a ginga pet, easy bake oven, my own computer fo rmy room, and a T.V.

This is what I am going to leave for you: cookies and milk.

Your firend,
Kaysea Green

Dear Santa,

I want a toy dinosaur and a remote control car that can stand up straight in the air and tun on it's wheels. Santa I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk when you come on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Justin Martin

Dear Santa,

I want a T.V. for my room, a pooh bear and piglet, and roo. I want a computer, a big stuffed Santa, and a video game.

I will leave some cookies at Nan-nies, you have been there before. I have been really good.

Your friend,
Janae White

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good trip on your way to Clarendon. I hope I see you.

I want a whole bunch of presents. I want a Nietendo Donlkey Kone Country 3, and a Mario game.

I hope you like the food we will leave you and the milk.

Your friend,
Devin Noble

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie. I want a beauty shop. I want a barbie shop.

I will be good. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I want a computer.

Shequitta

Dear Santa,

I want a 5 speed bike and a go cart. I want a computer. I want to live in a hotel so me and my mom can call for our dinner. I want a job at a grocery store to earn extra money. I want a BB gun. I want a baseball and a bat and a new backpack and lunch box.

Santa for my mom. I want a shelf and box for her jewelry.

Your friend,
Dale Hopper

Dear Santa,

I want a Nientendo 64 and a new bike that has hearts on it. I would also lie a baby dinosaur and a poster of a



In This Holy Season
May all your prayers be answered during this season of miracles.

Donut Stop

snowman, a Winnie the Pooh book would be nice. I want a big wind suit, and a little Pooh bear.

Why do you live in the North Pole? How do you get so much wrapping paper.

Love,
Abbie Massingil

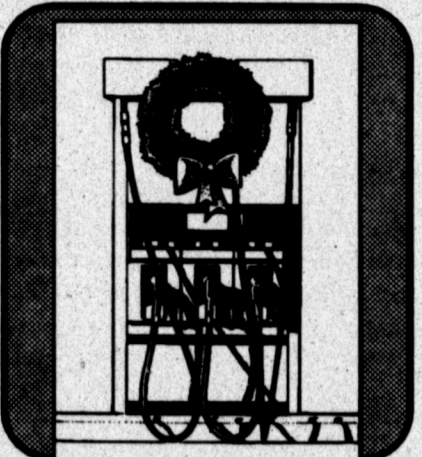
Dear Santa,

I would like some roller blades and an easy bake oven. I need a new swing set with monkey bars on it. I also need a new dress that is different colors. I want a new jacket that is blue and leather. I would like a heart necklace, and a CD player.

Love,
Elizabeth Watson

Dear Santa,

I would like a Batman car like at Walmart that just rides around. A computer for my shelves in my room,



PUMP UP THE JOY!
It fills us with lots of cheer, when we think of those who've stopped by here. Thanks!

Cornell Shell Service
Bill & Dude Cornell

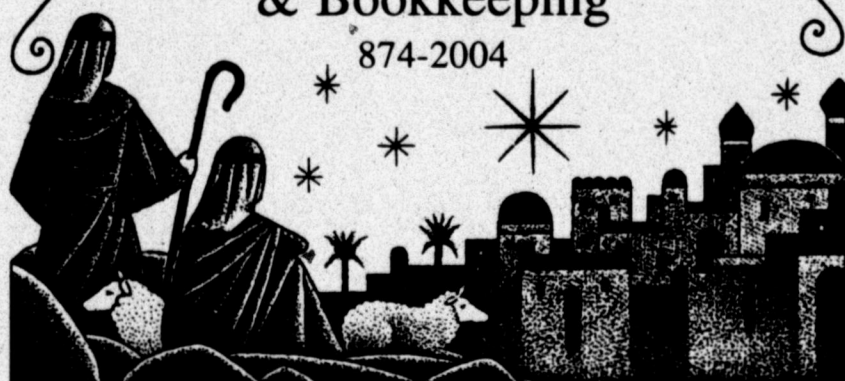
Little Star Of Bethlehem

...for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2:2

May faith guide you, and may enlightenment be your constant companion throughout this holy season.

Mrs. Truett Hall & Cheryl Burch
Hall Tax Service & Bookkeeping
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Merry Christmas!

Joyous greetings of holiday cheer to one and all. We appreciate your loyal-patronage this past year.

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Warmest Wishes to you and your family.
Thank you for your business throughout the year!

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West Texas Utilities Company
A Central and South West Company

YULETIDE GREETINGS!
We appreciate your loyal patronage and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Greenbelt Cleaners

and a play Bee Bee Gun for Christmas.

Love,
Nick Hinojosa

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I would like a coat and memaw a dress. I would like some big toys and a candy bar. I like Santa Claus!

Love,
Sabra Patton

Dear Santa,

Will you please get me a super nietendo and a bike, and a motorcycle.

Thank you,
Johny Ballard

Dear Santa,

I like to have a pretty doll with a white dress and a pretty skirt fo rmy barbie doll. I will like a pretty baby with a red dress.

I been good to my mom and dad. I like Santa.

Merry Christmas,
Taryn Davis

Dear Santa,

I wish you think I've been good. if you do then I wish I could get a newdress and T.V. to put in my room. I wish for a stuffed animal Eeyore. I wish for a tapeplayer with headphones. I also wish for a computer to put in my room and a green skirt with



Glad Tidings

Wherever you go this holiday season, our best wishes are with you. It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving you this past year.

From the staff at

Dairy Queen



Christmas Greetings

To all God's creations, both large and small, go our very best wishes to one and all.

Here's ho...ho... hoping your season is extra merry!



Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority



Greetings of the Season

Peace. Joy. Love.

May all your prayers be answered this holiday season. Thank you so much for brightening our year with your visits.



The Donley County State Bank

Member FDIC

a vest
Santa if you think that is what I need for Christmas then can you get me that for Christmas. And I will lay some cookies on the table and some milk for you.

Love,
Cortnee Thornberry

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty cat. I want a ginga pet, a little mermaid doll, and I want to have a little puppy to keep in the backyard. I want to see Garrett my boyfriend. I want to have a computer for Christmas with a barbie disc. I want a big book of barbie. I want a my size barbie.

Every year I wait for Santa so when I get up on Christmas morning I open my presents.

Your friend,
Audrey Jones

Dear Santa,
My name is Rowdy Speed and I have been a very good boy this past year. I can't wait till you come to my house Christmas Eve. I really hope you'll leave me a monster truck, R-C race way and a dinosaur. Also I would really like a Tonka remote-control dump truck and spider-man suit. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Also Santa don't forget about my Daddy, he's the best Daddy in the whole wide world. I'll see ya soon.

Love,
Rowdy

Dear Santa,
I would like a Gig-a-Pet and rollerblades. I am ready for Christmas and I love you. My little brother would like a airplane. We have been real good except he messed up once on the bus. He is being good now.

Love,
Chandice Lowe

Dear Santa,
Nice suit. I would like a Bat Mobile and a Wolverine suite, a Nintendo 64 would be great. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you.

Love,
Ryan Robison

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me some Legos

and a 2-wheel bike in a blue color. don't forget to gill my stocking that is the black one.

Love,
Danzel Wilson

Dear Santa,
I would like a new toy called a Rescue Mega Zord and new set of Legos. Mys ister is sort of grumpy but she wants a new Walking Barbie. I am going leave a Christmas tree with cookies ona plate under it.

Love,
Brett Strange

Dear Santa,
My best Christmas gift would be a race car track and I would share my gift with my two brothrs. To go hunting it would be great to have a bow and arrow set.

Love,
James Allmond

Dear Santa,
I would like a Gig-A-Pet and a Baby Tumbles Surprise and a new bike and a Hoola Barbie doll.

Love,
Latisha Powers

Dear Santa,
I want 3 Gig-A-Pets and a baby doll an a basketball for my brother. I want monkey bars at my house and I want a basketball court.

Love,
Gabby Lunsford

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I'm ready for Christmas. I want a farm set that has tractors in it.

Love,
Lee Tolbert

Dear Santa,
I want a mountain bike and a Nintendo 64 and one of those race car video games that when you hit something you blow up.

Love,
J.T. Christopher

To Santa,
I want a Giga-a-Pet and a Christmas tree of my own and a candy box. I also want my own pet reindeer. I want my own collection of bells.

Sincerely,
Amelia Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want some new pants and a Cry Baby and a skirt and a shirt to go with my pants. I also want a play bunny and a play bear and a rock tumbler. I want a stroller to go with my baby.

Love,
Kalli Sawyer

Dear St. Nick,
I want a new bike and Nintendo 64 and Sega Sonic I and a Gig-a-Pet and a Power Ranger game and a Power Ranger cosutme and a Turbo Mega Zhord.

Your pal,
Rowdy Floyd

Dear Santa,
I want a toy soldier and a Gig-a-Pet and I want a Santa puzzle and shoes. I also want a football suit and little reace cars. And I want a police car.

Love,
Nathan Gribble
P.S. I would like a tree house.

Dear Santa,
I want a Giga-A-Pet and I want a bow and arrow. And I want a B.B. gun and a mounin bike and another tree house. And I want a football costume.

Love,
McCullough Roach

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I've been helping my Mom clean the house, do dishes too because she has to be away from home. Santa, could you bring her some jewelry and my wish for my Dad is a good job.

For Christmas a computer and a printer plus a CD like a Barbie one. For my brother Caleb, he could use new bike, maybe he would be nice then.

Love,
Macy Shadle



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

There's magic to be found,
And joy and cheer abound.
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Ho...Ho...Ho...
Merry Christmas and thanks to all our customers!

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Joy to you at Christmas,
Wherever you and yours reside.
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Happy holiday and heartfelt thanks.

Sell's Tire

Joy to the World

May you and those you love be blessed with happiness, health, and prosperity, in this joyous season. Thank you for having faith in us.

Wallace Monument Company

In the Spirit of Christmas

May this season of spirituality and miracles bring serenity and joy to all those near and dear to you, and may Heaven shine its grace down upon you.

Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

ALL GOOD THINGS at Christmas

Peace, joy, love and faith. May all things that encompass a special holiday season be yours.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Our family, residents, and staff of

Medical Center Nursing Home

A BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS

Wishing you a sparkling Christmas, glowing with peace, love and happiness.

James T. Shelton
Attorney at Law

Warmest Wishes of the Season

Wishing you all that's bright and beautiful, all through this wonderful time of year and beyond. Many thanks to all our friends, who helped make our year a shining success.

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A BEAUTIFUL TIME

Along with a serene scene of wintertime bliss, we'd like to add our very best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday.

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Bushels Of Thanks!

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Buddy and Alma Lamberson

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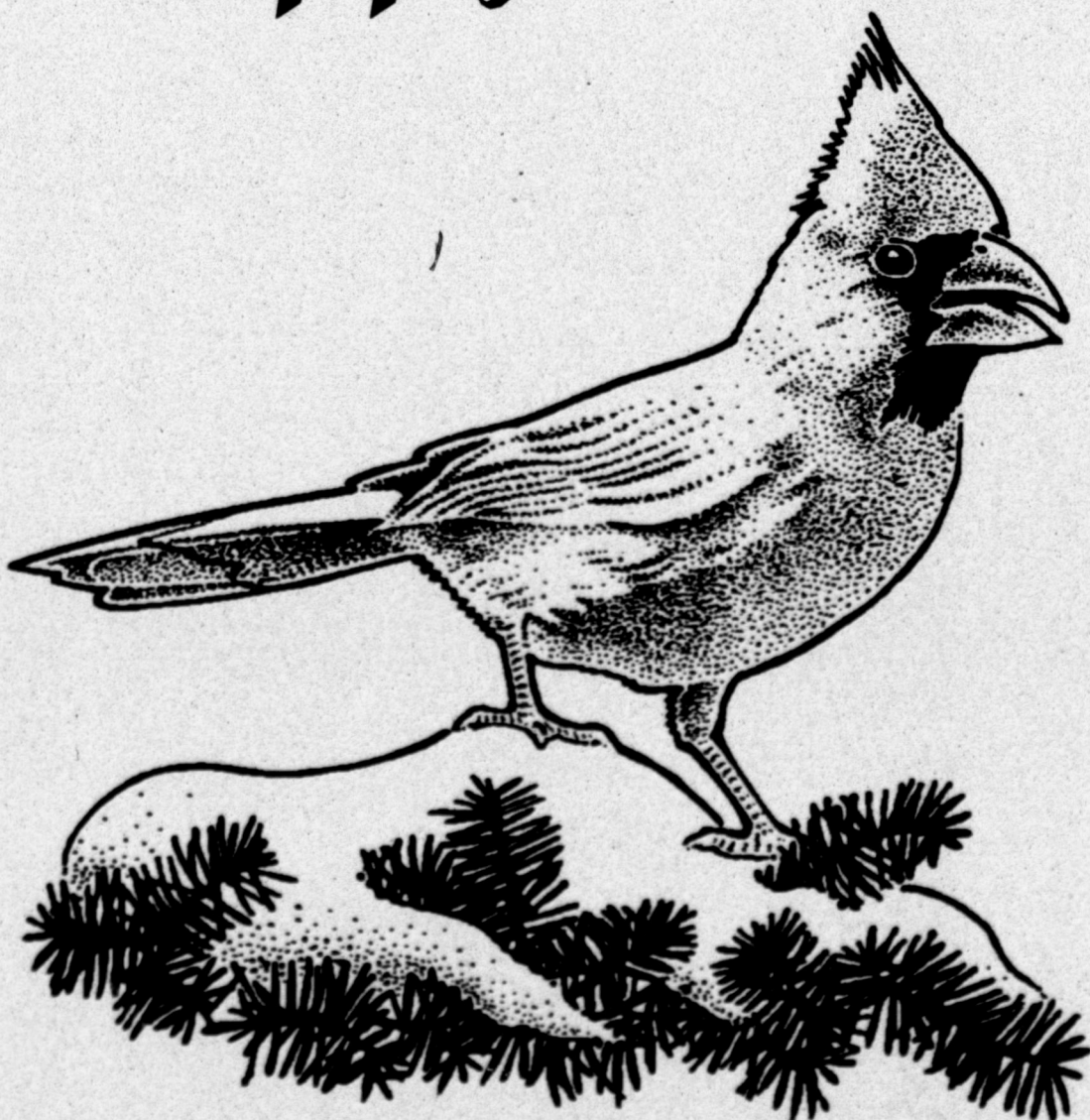
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