

Merry Christmas

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Quotes From The Country...

Christmas Memories Bring Thoughts Of Days Gone-by

Somewhere in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, when there is a quiet moment or we settle down to catch our breath, a small part of each of us returns to a special Christmas gift or Holiday memory. For some it was Christmas as a child, for others it was a special time when all the family was together. Several members of our community have special memories that they shared with us, and in turn we wish to share them with you.

Kenneth Black
The Black family is a large old family here in Groom and Kenneth, as always, looks at the practical side of his memories.

"We had wonderful get togethers at church where Santa would bring fruit, nuts and candy. Then, we would go to Grandpa Black's house. My mother was the champion of turkey and dressing making and when we were all together we made enough food for "Cox's Army"! Maybe it tasted so good, because when you were young in those days, you were always hungry.

Today Christmas is such a hardship because we all have so much. Too many people follow their heart instead of their pocketbook when they buy Christmas presents.

Something else that takes me back in time that we have this time

of year is the smell of wood burning. Fireplaces are wonderful and I love the smell of it in the cold morning air, but it brings back memories of having to chop wood and carry out ashes. We used it for cooking and heating, often we burned coal. It sure took a lot of the fun out of it."

Charleen Weller

In my teenage years, Doris Kuehler and I would always go to Teresa Homer's house on Christmas Eve. We had wonderful fun doing what teenagers did best! There were always delicious things to eat, but I remember the Christmas Sausages best! Everything tasted

so great. We had to eat early in order to prepare to attend Mass. Even though I was not a Catholic, I enjoyed attending the High Midnight Mass, with all of my friends. It was all in latin and at times seemed like it went on forever.

After Mass, we would return to Teresa's house and open gifts. I cannot remember how I ever got home. I think Jack must have picked me up!"

I think there is more to this story, but this is all I could get out of her!

Henry Fields

"As a child growing up on the farm in the 1920's we looked forward to Christmas

See Memories, pg. 22



Who is this stranger lurking in the vicinity of 5th and Ware Streets? He appears to be an extremely hip Santa, but rumor has it that he is just a dummy!

COMMUNITY NEWSLINE...

THERE WILL BE no edition of The Groom/McLean News next week as we take our annual week off. Be sure to get us news of your holiday activities on Jan 5.

THE POST OFFICE will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wed., Christmas Eve, and re-open on Monday, Dec. 29. Mail will be put up and rural routes will run on Friday.

THE GROOM GROCERY will close at 2:00 on Christmas Eve and re-open on Dec. 26 at 10:00 a.m. The store will also close at 5:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve and re-open on New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE National Bank will be closed on Christmas Day.

CITY OF GROOM offices will be closed at noon on Christmas Eve, and re-open Monday, Dec. 29.

TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO.
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No Moisture reported this week



Groom's Community Youth Choir serenades the audience at Groom School's recent Holiday program. The Youth Choir is under the direction of Leslie Crowell. Pictured are Dean Fields, Michele Stephens, Brooke Britten, Marci Babcock, Debbie Ollinger and Evan Crowell accompanying them on the guitar.

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Irene Biggerman was in Amarillo recently for a reunion of the High Plains Baptist Hospital

"Lunch Bunch. The group enjoyed a meal at Cafe Marison, shopping and a movie.

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Local Happenings

Groom Birthday & Anniversaries

December 25 - Kristy Case, John Fraser III, Karen Fields.
 December 26 - Jerry Britten.
 December 27 - Kevin Brown, Connie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Fields (A).
 December 28 - Bobby Babcock, Larry Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Weinheimer (A).
 December 29 - Tony Treadwell, Macie Ann Britten, J'Lynna Fink, Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser III (A).
 December 30 - Mrs. Bob Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crowell (A), Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Britten (A).
 December 31 - Tom Lambert, Ty Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lambert (A), Mr. and Mrs. Monte Ray Schaffer (A).

Old Man Winter Spoils Last Holiday Shopping Weekend

It has been said that Christmas will come whether we are ready or not! If you didn't have your shopping done, you may not be alone, as Groom woke up to bitter cold soon followed by a freezing drizzle Saturday morning. Snow followed late Saturday night. When church bells rang Sunday morning a blanket of white covered the ground with more snow falling. The freezing rain made roads treacherous,

causing only the very brave or desperate to venture out. Many trees around town are minus big limbs due to the ice and wind. Groom never lost electrical power, as it has during past storms.

Some clearing occurred Sunday afternoon. Predictions of another front may bring Groom more snow in the early week. Wishers of a "White Christmas" may have their way this year.

Services Held For Diane Koetting

LELIA LAKE - Telisa Diane Reynolds Koetting, 34, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997, in Amarillo. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with Dr. James Bell, pastor and the Rev. Sherman Eastland of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery.

Mrs. Koetting was born in Amarillo and raised in Groom. She graduated from Groom High School in 1982 where she was active in many activities including being an FHA officer, Tiger Spirit, Class Favorite, FFA Sweetheart, and Class Secretary. She also attended Clarendon Junior College. She was a homemaker and worked for Harlan's Flowers in Clarendon and for Koetting Automotive in Lelia Lake. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clarendon. She married Neil Koetting in 1983 in Groom.

Survivors include her husband, a son Seth and a daughter Shandy, both of the home; her mother and stepfather, Pat and Bob Pool of Groom; a brother,

Dusty Reynolds of Lubbock; three stepbrothers, Gary Pool of Nashville, Tenn., Larry and Bobby Pool, both of Groom; grandparents John Coe of Amarillo, Gertrude Coe of Groom and Mildred Reynolds also of Amarillo; and many beloved in laws and friends.

The family requests memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church.

Lighting Contest Winners Named

Joe Homer, Mayor of Groom, was pleased to announce the winners of the 1997 Holiday Home Lighting contest, Monday. The winners are: 1st place - Johnny Brumley, 2nd place - Slim Fink, and 3rd place - Fabian Torres.

Homer stated that the mystery judges had an extremely hard time choosing due to the number of beautifully lighted homes in Groom.

He added, "It is well worth a trip to drive around town some evening to see the display. We appreciate all the hard work that went into lighting these homes."

COW POKES By Ace Reid

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"Say Jake, I mean Santy, what I want for Christmas is that \$10 which a cowboy named Jake borrowed from me last Christmas!"

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Groom Board Hears Report On Academic Indicators

The Groom School Board met in regular session last week with the following members and visitors present: Trustees Barry Fields, Tony Treadwell, Dennis Babcock, Pat Britten, Adela Kotara, Tony Britten, and Tim Case; Superintendent Ben Ingham, Business Manager Joyce Hutsell,

Principal Danny Chisum; and Curtis Downs.

The A.E.I.S. report was discussed and approved.

The board unanimously approved Christmas bonuses for all permanent school employees.

A formative conference for the superintendent's

evaluation was held with no action taken.

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 7:40 p.m. and came out at 8:30.

The campus/district improvement plan was approved.

The school board unanimously approved all bills before adjourning.



Lewis Leven

Lewis Leven Joins City Staff From Field Of Ten Applicants

The City of Groom Council met last week to interview applicants for the position made available by the recent resignation of Jody Ball. Ten applicants were interviewed.

In a unanimous decision, the Council hired Lewis Leven for the position at a salary of \$16,000 per year. Leven is a longtime Groom resident and has done carpentry and plumbing work for many years in the area.

Obituaries

Troy Whatley
Troy Whatley, 74, of Tucumcari, N.M., a former Bushland-area resident, died Tuesday, December 16, 1997, in Amarillo.

Services were December 20 in N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel, with the Rev. Bob Miller of First Baptist Church of Tucumcari and Chester O'Brien of South Georgia Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery Mausoleum.

Mr. Whatley was born in Groom and graduated from Groom High School in 1941. He served with the Army during World War II in the Philippines on the island of Mindanao. He was wounded and received a Purple Heart.

He married Billye Louise Hodges in 1942 at Groom.

Mr. Whatley farmed at Bushland from 1948 to 1955 before buying the Rafter K Ranch in Tucumcari. He had been actively involved in the cattle and horse business for more than 50 years.

He was a charter member of the Quarter Horse Association. He had been a member of First Baptist Church in Tucumcari since 1955.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jerry Whatley of Amarillo; a sister, Dardanella Helton of Texico, N.M.; and two grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

Ruth McCarver Payton

Ruth McCarver Payton, 74, passed away on December 21, 1997. She was born at Wellington, Texas on May 21, 1923. Services will be held in the Groom Church of Christ on Wednesday, December 24th at 2:00 p.m.

She was a long-time resident of Groom. She was married to Frank Donald Payton on January 29, 1950. She formerly worked at Groom Memorial Hospital, Groom School, U.S. Post Office, Lucky 13, and the Golden Spread Grill. She was a member of the Groom Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her father W.T. McCarver and mother Eula McCarver and two

sisters.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth Payton of Groom, Rickey of Woodward, Oklahoma; one daughter, Josephine Webb, Howardwick; five grandchildren, Shilo and David Payton, Texahoma, Ok., Kirk Webb, Amarillo; Brent Payton of Austin and Andrea Boucher of Lubbock; one great-grandson, Corbin Boucher; and many many friends and acquaintances.

Barbara Jo White

Barbara Jo White, 64, of Amarillo, died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997.

Graveside services were Thursday in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Sherman Eastland, chaplain at Northwest Texas Healthcare System, officiating.

Arrangements were by

Rector Funeral Home.

Ms. White was born in Dallas. She had lived in Groom and Vega before moving to Amarillo. Her father was the Baptist minister in Groom in the 1940s. She worked as a service clerk for K-Mart for 15 years before retiring in the early 1980s. She also was a

volunteer for the Salvation Army.

Survivors include two sons, Curtis White of Athens and David White of Amarillo; a brother, Phil Godwin, of Amarillo; a sister, Peggy Stephenson of Brownwood; and three grandchildren.

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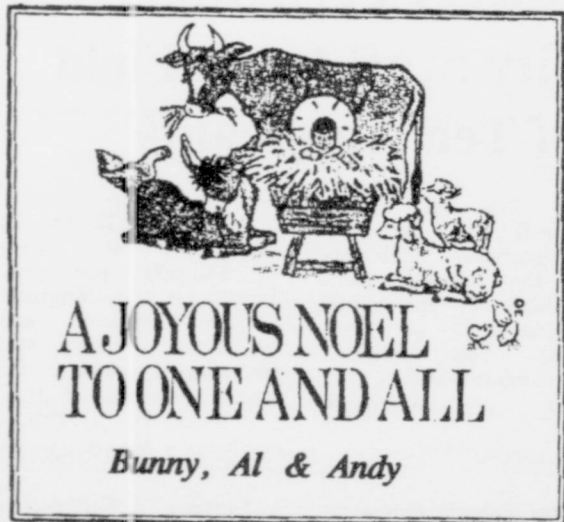
Dusty Babcock



Wade Ritter



Justin Homen



Post Office Holiday Hours

Dec. 24 - Open 8:00 am til 1:00 pm
Please put mail in outside box

Dec. 25 - Closed

Dec. 26 - Office will be closed. Mail will be boxed and rural delivery will be made. Place outgoing mail in outside box. Stamp are available in \$4.80 book in vending machine

Merry Christmas



Santa Saw...

Naughty
Johnny Brooks scaring the "Dickens" out of the Groom News Editor.

Some children who were not helping their



mom's get ready for Christmas.

Jack Frost for breaking tree limbs off many beautiful old trees.

Nice
Many people braving Sunday's storm to get out and go to Rebecca Conrad's Shower.

Jay Lamb and Danny Chisum making an ambulance run during

the icy weekend.

Arnie Kuehler spreading Christmas cheer.

Justin Homen and Dusty Crump for rescuing Ben Ingham's grand-dog.

Shirley Sustair, Betty Treadwell and Jackie Bichsel keeping the coffee going at the DQ for all the storm weary victims.

Greetings

May your Christmas holidays bring you every happiness and special memories to treasure all year
The Donnie Conrad's

May the Love, Joy and Peace of Christmas, be with you now and throughout the New Year.
Joe Longway

Greetings and special wishes for a Happy Holiday to all my Groom Friends
Allene Dean

I wish you Christmas joy and a New Year filled with happiness and peace.
LaVesta Barnett

Donna, Blake & Nichole Barnett

We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments and lasting memories to treasure always.

Howell, Sharlene, Michael & Jeremy Lewis

This brings a prayer at Christmas time that God will always Bless your home and you and those you love with lasting happiness.
Bill & Norma Jean Homer



Deck The Halls!
Hoping your holidays are trimmed with happiness.
Amos & Loretta Britten

May you and your loved ones enjoy the best the season has to offer.

Merry Christmas to all my dear friends in Groom,
Cortia Thurman



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a magical holiday filled with mirth, as we celebrate His wonderful birth.*

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Linda Babcock, Letty Evans, Donald Burgin and David Britten*

Christmas Greetings

SANTA'S ON HIS WAY



Oops! ... might even be dropping in sooner than expected!

Larry, Karen & Skye

Wishing you the best the season has to offer. Merry Christmas.
Bill & Mildred McWhirter



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's taking time out to wish everyone a very happy holiday!

Rip & Joy Snyder; Truman & Nina Richey, San Angelo; Jerry & Carolyn Snyder & family, Amarillo; Albert, Michel Garcia & family of Levelland; Cory, Jennifer, Richey & family of San Angelo; Mr. & Mrs. Sean Richey & family.

God be with you and bless you at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.
Sambo & Adella Kotara

At this Holy season, May we wish you and yours every blessing.
Gloria & Jan Ledwig

May the special meaning of Christmas remain with you throughout the year.
Arnold & Doris Kuehler


May this sacred season bring its finest blessings to you and those you love.
Jean Morrow

At this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year, may you be blessed with good health and happiness.
Essie Knowles

May every happiness be yours at Christmas and throughout the New Year.
Lloyd & Verda Lee Littlefield

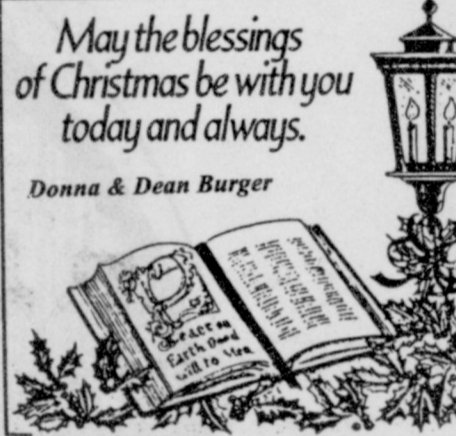
May you sense His Love and goodness in a very special way this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to One & All,
W.H. & Evelyn Ollinger

May the blessings of Christmas abide with you



Evelyn Hubbart

May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always.



Donna & Dean Burger

A Time To Rejoice

Spread your wings and fly a little!



Breeze & Alice Kuehler

YOU'RE ON SANTA'S LIST

And ours, too! We're sending our best holiday wishes for a season filled with happiness and cheer.

Ronny & Linda Fields

SILENT NIGHT

The joy of giving and sharing makes this Holy Season truly the most beautiful.

Bill & Georganne Hinson

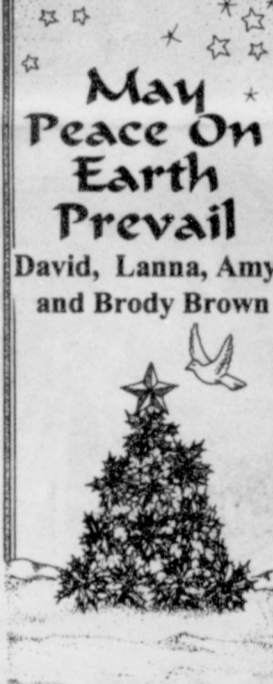
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May it be harmonious in every way.

Leona & A.J. Newsom

May Peace On Earth Prevail

David, Lanna, Amy and Brody Brown



We Know Who's Been Nice...

And we'd like to acknowledge you by extending our very warmest wishes for a very, merry season. It's always a pleasure to serve you.

Bob Cornett



Come Let Us Adore Him

We join you, your family and families all over the world in celebrating the birth of our Lord.

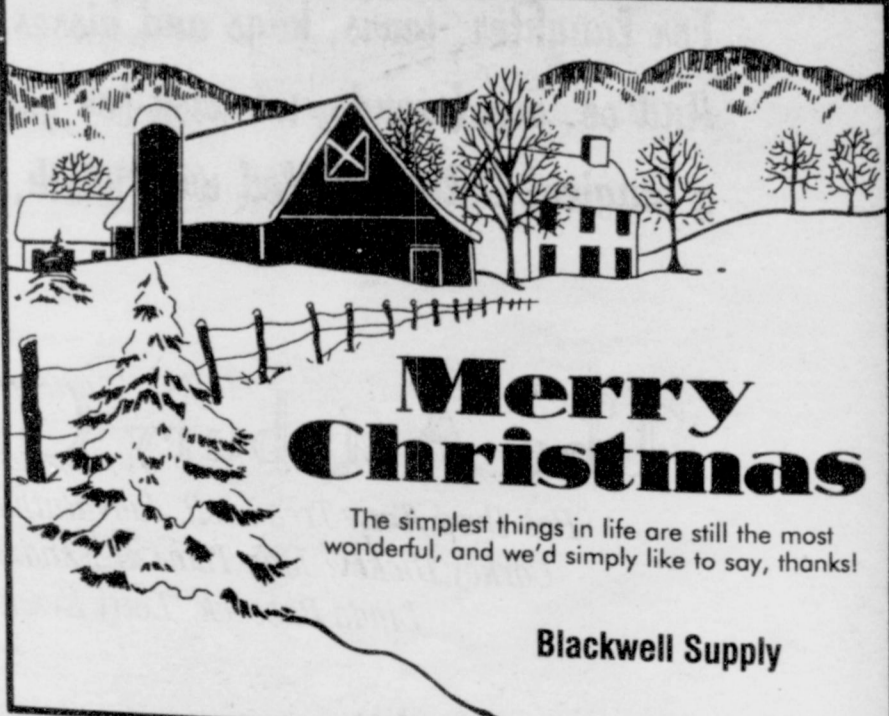
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Season's Greetings

May peace be with you this joyous holiday season as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Hop, Jan, Sara, Travis, Katy & Brody Britten

May our wonderful God bring to each of you His love and His blessings, too! Have a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Earl & Vonnie Barker

From our house to yours...Happy Holidays

Donald & Juardell Ritter

May the Lord Bless you during this Holiday Season and in the New Year.

Dr. Richard & Myrtle Hall

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year filled with God's unending love!

Bill & Roberta Ellington

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ralph and Joyce Hutsell

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for your loyal friendship.

Max and Helen Wade

To all my dear friends in Groom, Have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Truman Goodlett, The McLean Care Center

Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Tony, Wamyth, Karri, Lorri, Sharri, & Korri Britten

May you and yours enjoy the spirit of the season which is peace, hope, and love.

Dan & Pat Ashford

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas time be with you the whole year through.

Kenneth & Betty Black

Wishing you a joyous Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

Glynn D & Sybil Harrell

Joy to you at Christmas time.

Glynda and Jason Eschle, Lubbock; James, Erin Kate and Elysa Wolf, Austin; and Darron, Brandi, Madison and Bailey Eschle, Dallas

Wishing you the best gift of the season, happiness at Christmas and always.

Kelvin, Debbie, Stephanie, Chris & Lance Ollinger

At Christmas time, soft and still, may the spiritual peace gently fill your heart and home with love and goodwill.

Jerry, Leslie, Bryan, Sean, Evan & Lauren Crowell

Rejoice! The Savior is Born! Let each of us spread His message of love and peace this Christmas Season.

John & Patsy Fraser

May the happiness of Christmas be in your heart to stay, and to brighten all your moments long after Christmas day.

Bob & Carolyn West

May the spirit of Christmas abide with you throughout the coming year.

Barry, Carole, Brenda, Dean & Doug Fields

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dorothy Clark

God Bless each of you through the holidays.

Jack and Betty West

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

Rose England

Dear Santa,

I've been very good. I want a doll, a puppy, and a baby sister. I will have a tea party when you come. I love you.

Tiffani Homer, age 5

Dear Santa,

How are Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen and Rudolph? I would like a spiderman web car and a manthspider spiderman and a spiderman and a watergun.

Your friend, Trent

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl.

How is Comet? Have you seen any polar bears lately? I want a bike with the brakes on the handle bars. I want kitchen little food mart. I want cool shopping Barbie. I want some socks. I want a pair of cool shoes.

Your friend, Brittany



Dear Santa Claus,

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a sled. I also want a nintendo 64. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Tyler Martinez

Dear Santa,

I am not sure where I am going to be for Christmas.

I have been nice.

I want a football for Christmas.

I also want a football helmet too.

I also want a football jersey too.

Love, Anthony Luna

Glory To The Newborn King

Best wishes from all of us.



Keith, Shirley, Matt & Stacy Fields

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Debbie Addy and Annetta Childress

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Hope Your Season Is A Blast!

A jolly good time to all.

Helen Witt

CHECKING IT TWICE

When it comes to what we'd like for Christmas, your continued friendship is at the top of the list.

Buddy & Charleen Weller

SEASON'S EATINGS

We're serving up our heartiest thanks plus generous helpings of holiday cheer. We appreciate your friendship and support.

From All The Gang
At The Dairy Queen

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Take some joy. Add some cheer... May it total up To a prosperous year!

Wishing you peace and good fortune this holiday season. Thank you for your valued business.

Grantham, Cory & Heare, P.C.

All I want for Christmas Is...

Dear Santa,
I would like one thing for Christmas. I want a Nintendo game. Santa how have you been doing?
Your friend,
Blaine Britten

with 21 speeds. I also want a nintendo 64. I have been a nice boy. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Love,
Kendall Weller

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a gigga pet for Christmas. I also want a new bike

Dear Santa,
I would like if you could make me some

Christmas Blessings



Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the newborn Prince of Peace—may He bless you and yours.

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nike shoes, some nike socks, a nike shirt, a jacket, and a giggapet. I will leave you some milk and maybe if my mom might make me some cookies, I will leave some for you.
Your friend,
Desirree Marie Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you come cookies and milk. May my brother have a batman? You may bring me anything you want to give me. I have been a good girl this year. I love Christmas because you come. I will be at my house. You will see Santa on my tree. I would like a nana baby. I lie you Santa Claus very, very much!
From your friend,
Taylor Yelverton

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of rollerblades. I would like Dallas Cowboy pants and a helmet. I want a crashback remote control car. I want a sega game. We will have milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Chad Barkley

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a portable C.D. player please. Could you please bring me a stuffed Tigger?
Last, I would like a

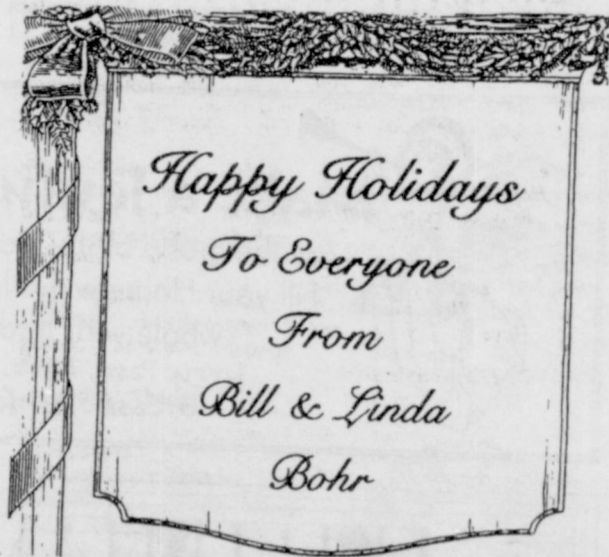
basketball signed by Michael Jordan (a real autograph-not a fake one).
Merry Christmas
Kecia Howard

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas would you bring me the Shania Twain new C.D.? Or would you bring me Match Box cars that are fast? Or I would really like it if you got me the American Girl C.D. rom?
Wishing you a Merry Christmas
Karla Howard

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. I would like a 10 speed bicycle and a model helicopter.
Your friend,
Thane Barkley

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a remote control truck and a toy truck.
Yours, truly,
Bryan Newton

Dear Santa,
I will leave you cookies and milk. I want a puppy for Christmas. How is Mrs. Snata? I want a bike. I have been a good girl this year. I want a giga pet. How are you doing down there? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Whitney Evenson



We hope the message of love and the true spirit of the season makes its way into each heart in every land.

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Deck The Halls!!

Hoping your holidays are trimmed with happiness.

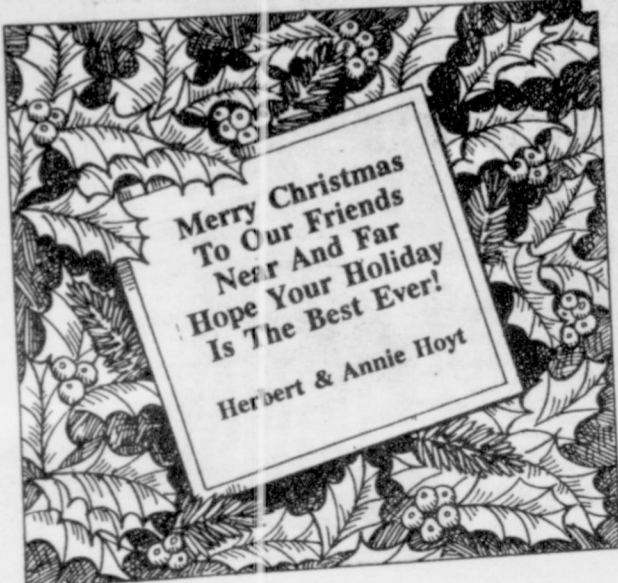
Allie & Norris Hoyt



A Word From The Wise: REJOICE!

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Jim, Donna, Melody & April Burton



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From all of us, to all of you we send our very best wishes this holiday season.

The City Of Groom

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like the
spiderman web shooters
and a tyco rebound. I

also want a crashback for
Christmas. I am going
to leave you one pack of
coke-a-cola for your trip
around the world.

Love,
Thomas Wain Head

Dear Santa,
I would like a
nintendo 64. Also I
would like a basketball
goal, Nike shoes, Nike
jacket, Nike backpack

and a Nike bag. I
would also like a pair of
rollerblades. My sister
would like Barbie stuff.
I'll leave some milk and
cookies. I do not know
where I will be this

Christmas. I would like
some games. Thats all
that I want.
Love,
T.J. Moraniec



Make a Joyful Noise!

May the music of the Holiday Season
Fill your Home with Blessings the
whole year through.
Jerry, Pam, Nick, Tami,
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IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

*May goodness and peace prevail for
your and your loved ones.
Thanks for allowing us to serve you.*

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Ernie, Dedra, Monte & Sandi

**WARMEST
WISHES**

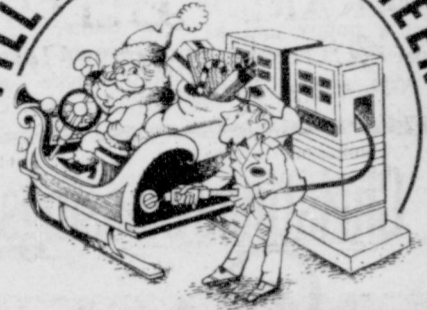
May the spirit of
Christmas keep you
warm all season
long...and the happy
glow of holiday joy stay
with you throughout
the year. Your
business...and
friendship...mean the
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A time to sing God's many praises
in hymns and psalms.
In these modern times,
it's good to remember,
The gentler days of
past Decembers
Though some things never
change, it's true...
Like our deep felt thanks
for friends like you!*

Brad, Dondra, Jaxon,
Wanda, Viki, Joe,
Bobby Joe & Jeanne



Thank you for your continuing support!

Dear Santa,
How are the Elves doing?
Santa are your ready for little children? The

children will lay cookies and milk for you. Is it cold up there? Do you like living in the north pole? How are the 9 reindeer? I would like a

work truck for Christmas.
Your friend,
Kelton

Dear Santa,
How are the Elves? How are the nine reindeer? In a couple of weeks it will be Christmas and little children will lay cookies out for you. I love you and I believe in you and I like your sleigh. I want some fingernail polish please. I would

like a computer Barbie hair styler disk.
Your friend,
Bailee

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? How are the toys going? I have been a good boy. Please bring me a laptop computer so I can play games on it. I also want a big computer to play Toy Story on. I would like some hot wheels cars and a real BB gun. Thank you Santa,
Your friend,
Brett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a guitar. I would also like a farm set. How are the polar bears doing up there in the North Pole? I'll see

you on Christmas. I might leave you some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Trevor

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? How is your sled? How are Dasher and Rudolf and Dancer and Prancer and Blitzen and Vixen and Cupid and Comet and Donder? I would like a spiderman web blaster and a spiderman web car and a cool tool motorcycle.

Your friend,
Andrew

Dear Santa,
I would like a My Size Barbie. I will leave some cookies and mild out for you. I like you.
Love,
Korri Britten

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Barbie car but it's all right if you don't get it. I love you.
Love,
Cady Wilson

Dear Santa,
Put a white dog in my stocking.
Love,
Danielle Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a tea set. I have been good.
Love,
Michelle Nunn

Dear Santa,
I want a toy dalmatian and a Minnie Mouse doll.
Love,
Ruby Head

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Tyler Case

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler and a ricochet car and pickup.
I like Santa.
Tyler Babcock

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and a puppy dog. I have been good. I love you.
Love,
Britney Evenson

Dear Santa,
I want a doll.
Love,
Tiffani Homer

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a kitten. Merry Christmas. I love you.
Ashley Randall

Dear Santa,
I love you because you bring toys. Please bring me a brand new Magic Stroller Baby that I can sleep with.
Love,
Ashley Murray

Dear Santa,
I like Rudolph because he pulls your sleigh. Please bring me a cop car and a Nintendo 64 and a Sega. I like snow because you can make snowmen.
Love,
Eric Torres

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I want a cat and a computer for Christmas.
Love,
Jessica Glazener

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, at least I think I have. Please bring me something nice. I don't care what.

If you can, would you ask everyone to please bring us their holiday news on Jan. 5. After my week off, I will need all the help I can get getting back into the swing of things.

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



DECK THE HALLS!

Get out the mistletoe,
Pile on the cheer...
Christmas time
Will soon be here.
Pat, Connie, Brett,
& Blaine Britten



Rejoice

Here's wishing you a holiday blessed with love and happiness!
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS
May the warmth and wonder of this joyous season embrace you and yours, now and throughout the year.
The Pools
Bobby, Marion,
Suzy & Caleb

For your thoughtfulness and dearness, for the sweet things that you do, for your kindness and your caring that's such a part of you. There's a very special meaning in this wish for you alone - for the merriest of Christmases that you have every known.
Bertha Knight

We're Gearing Up For Another Great Season!
Hope your Christmas runs smoothly in every way. We're always glad to be of service.
Mark, Tammy, Jack, Stan, Donna & David
Bivens' Automotive

Dear Santa Claus,

Dear Santa,

I would like a Volcano Racetrack for Christmas. I would like a playstation, and please bring me Donkey Kong 3, and a box of legoes.

Merry Christmas,
Kade Brown

Dear Santa,

I would like a surprise for Christmas, please.

Merry Christmas
Joel Horn

Dear Santa Claus,

Where do you keep your reindeer all year, Santa? Well, mainly I

want roller blades and a Sega game. Put a note in my stocking, please.

Sincerely,
James E. Reid
P.S. Please send me a real autographed Shania Twain card.

Dear Santa,

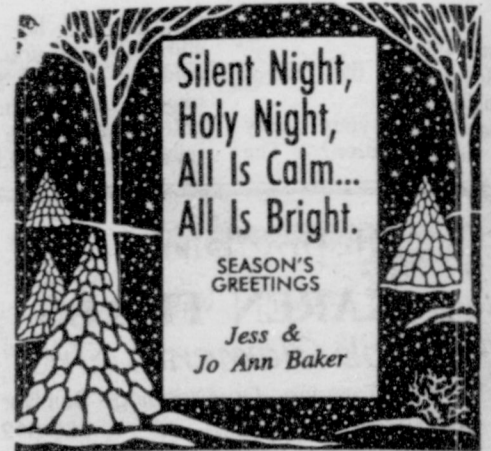
I wish for a portable C.D. player, please. I would like a Polly Pocket and a Barbie and some new Roller Blades,

please. Oh how are your reindeer and your elves?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
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May harmony follow wherever you go.
Happy Holiday
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Merry Christmas

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Our Spirits Are Soaring

Christmastime is near!
May your joy know no bounds this holiday season.

Groom Flying Service
Harris & Clea; Craig & Monica
Caren, Kecia, Karla & Keeli Howard

GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the best of holidays with friends and loved ones all around you!

Joe & Barbara Homer & Family

YULETIDE WISHES
May you and yours celebrate a holiday of great warmth and joy. And may you be blessed with good health and happiness always!

Al & Agnes Homer

Santa will soon drop in!

The stockings have been hung and you're ready for the festivities to begin. But before everyone gets too wrapped up in the countdown to Christmas, we want to thank all of you for your friendship.

Happy Holidays!

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Prissy
Shelly
April
Jennifer
Jessica
Tara
Amber
Angie
Spence

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Irene Baggerman

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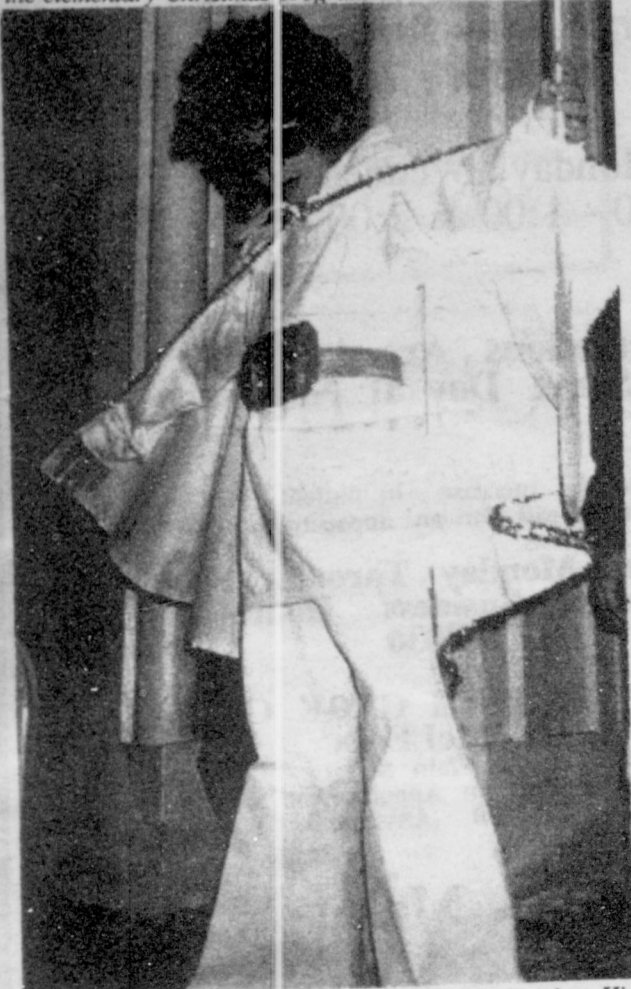
The McLean News



Commerce Bank Building No. 5 Thursday, December 25 & January 1, 1998



Judith Watkins takes a bow as she is presented roses after the elementary Christmas program.



Russell Anglin may have found his calling! His performance as "Elvis" was fabulous.

Elementary Christmas Music Program Brings Down The House

Mrs. Judith Watkins directed the elementary children in three mini musicals Thursday, Dec 18, 1997 in the High School Auditorium.

The kindergarten and first graders presented "The Cactus Christmas Tree" by Ruth Roberts.

The cast included Toby Focken, Amber Stanton, Suzanne Howard, Tucker Adams, John Jefferies, Da Shae Tolleson, Janie Jackson, Dakota

Young, Ashley Nobles, Sherry Haynes, Chris Walker, Nancy Castillo, Ben Thompson, Cameron Taylor, Kathryn Herndon, Caleb Crawford, Dustin Lee, Caitlin Mantooth, Mark Jefferies, Jessica Skipper, Brian Shackelford, Katy Acuna, Nikki Alvarez, Tammy Syfrett, Emory Crawford, Jamie Sanderson, Courtney Smith, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsy Ellis, Trenton Darsey, Arely Vega, Chase Bohlar, Evan McMordie, Amanda Loya, Zach Odom and Billy Corley.

The second play was a holiday musical by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson entitled "Holley and Ivy League" with 5th, 6th



These elementary students put on a Christmas program that brought the audience to their feet. The three programs were enjoyed by parents, grandparents and interested friends.

and 7th graders.

It starred Derek Best, Tami Marsh, Kendall Newton, Colt Patterson, Caroline Cole, Traci Rigsby, Jennifer Greer, Sarai Sawyer, Jamie Seitz, Jamie Kingston, Jenny Smith, Shaley Steel, Delinda Simpson,

Katrina Routon, Amanda Hauck, Caroline Cole, Jaci Grigsby, Jennifer Greer, Jamie Kingston, D.J. Graybeal, Dustin Moody, Slade Terry, Jay Wallis, Reo Dennis and the whole 5th grade class.

The last musical was "The Elves Impersonator, A Rockin Holiday Fantasy" by Teresa Jennings, starring the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders. Some of the main characters were
See Program, pg. 16

School Board To Do Away With 3-Day Senior Trip

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on December 16, 1997. Present were members Jay Dee Fish, Bob Glass, Don Dorsey, Billie Ward, Neal Odom and John Holland. Absent from the proceedings was

Eugene Galley. Also attending were Superintendent John Griffin, Secretary Leslie Darsay, and High School Principal Edgar Bailey, as well as visitors Linda Haynes, Kim Oldham, Bill Layman, Jimmie Hannon, Alicia Reynolds, Jacque Riley,
See School Board, pg. 16

McAnears' Home Named 1st Place In Holiday Light & Decor Contest

The McLean Lion's Club had out of town judges pick the five most beautiful and uniquely decorated homes in our fair city. It was a very difficult decision. First place went to The McAnears, second place
See Contest, pg. 16

McLean

Reminders . . .

THERE WILL NOT be an issue of the Groom/McLean News next week as we take our annual vacation. Be sure to get all of your holiday news to us on Jan. 5.

CITY OFFICES will be closed Dec. 25 & 26.

LOVETT Memorial Library will be closed Dec. 22 - Jan 1, 1998.

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 Worship & Children's Church
 10:45 am, Worship 6:00 pm
 Wed. Bible Study & Youth Service 7 pm

CHURCH OF CHRIST 4th & Clarendon
 779-2548
 Sunday Bible Class 10am Worship 10:40am & 6pm
 Wed. Bible Class 7:30 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 206 E. 1ST
 Pastor David Drennon 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11am & 6pm
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7pm
 Youth Bible Study Sun. 5pm

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049/2337
 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:50am & 6pm
 Sun. Sr High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
 Wednesday: Choir 7:00 pm

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 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 pm



The R.C. Parkers Plan To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Parker of McLean will be celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on January 4, 1998. R.C. Parker and the former Martha Lou Hogan were married in Mobeetie on January 4, 1948. The Parkers are long time residents of McLean where he was

an officer for the Department of Public Safety for 29 years. Following his retirement from the state. Mr. Parker served Gray County as Justice of the Peace for eight years and then served the 223rd District Court as bailiff for three years. Mrs.

Parker served the city of McLean as Librarian for 22 years. They are active members of the First United Methodist Church in McLean. A reception honoring the couple will be held in McLean at the Devil's Rope Museum on Saturday, January 3, 1998 from 2 until

4 in the afternoon. Friends of the couple are invited to attend. The Parkers have four grown children: Bryan Parker of Euleus, Brad Parker of Canyon, Michele Bell of Pampa, and Ken Parker of Aptos, California. They have ten grandchildren.

Love is a celebration
 The children and grandchildren of
R.C. and Martha Lou Parker
 cordially invite you to share in
 the celebration of the
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Joann Wells, Mary Emma Wood, and Ruth Magee were just a few of the ladies who enjoyed seeing Mrs. Lamb's collection of Madonna's.



Irene Pakan, Beverly Odom, and Ella May Reyna enjoy a good visit and delicious refreshments at the Pioneer Study Club's recent holiday gala.

McLean's Pioneer Study Club Holds Annual Christmas Party

The Pioneer Study Club held their annual Christmas party on Thursday, Dec 18, 1997 in the home of Wanda Lamb with Ruth Trew as hostess. Wanda's home was beautifully decorated with a victorian tree and accents including a

collection of Madonna's. The story of some of those beautiful figurines and an explanation of the meaning of the Christmas symbols completed the program. After everyone had drawn a number, Ruth Trew passed out gifts

and the members enjoyed a "show and tell".

Ruth served punch and coffee, spiced nuts and cheese ball wrapped in corned beef, apples and dip, stuffed olives, peanut butter on crackers covered with

white bark to Kristie Crockett, Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Nell, Fabian, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Ruth Magee, Sherrie Martindale, Zella McClellan, Loyce Murray, and Beverly Odom.



Ruth Trew serves some delicious Christmas goodies to Lynn Reeves.



What fun it is to celebrate Christmas, especially when the folks you treasure bring you so much pleasure.

The Crockett's
Brock, Kristie, Clay & Cody

My Dear McLean Friends,
You have been so kind to me in so many ways for 63 years. You have brought me food, and you have supported me and prayed for me. I could never have pulled through the last year when S.A. was so sick if I hadn't had your prayers. We both were always so thankful to God that we were placed right here in McLean.
May God Bless you this Christmas Season.
I love all of you will keep you all in my prayers as long as I live.
God Bless you,
Isabel Cousins

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Heald Methodist Church

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Annual Christmas Eve Service
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McLean Care Center News

The residents of the care center had a very busy week. Of course there was the normal bingo, dominos, games, beauty shop and movies. Residents who participated in these activities were Ruby Ayers, Mattie Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Ora Billingsley, Lillie Billingsley, Sue Cubine, Truman Coodlett, Lopez Hauck, Dorothy Patterson, Teresa Richardson, Bud Simpson, Jessie Watson

and Dick Wheeler. To add to the excitement of Christmas, the residents had many groups come visit them. On Wednesday the Daisy Scout Troop and the Brownie Scout Troop came to meet their adopted grandparents. On Friday the singing group "Joyful Noise" came from Shamrock to sing Christmas carols. On Saturday the Daisy and Brownie troops came to entertain at the

birthday party. Brownie scouts singing were Tammy Syfrett, Kristen Odom, Kristen Ellis, Emory Crawford, Anna Shackleford, Amanda Fricks, Lacey Wallace, Arely Vega, and Nikki Alvarez. Daisy Scout singers were Katherine Herndon, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsey Ellis, Jessie Skipper, and Nancy Costillo. Future scouts helping were Jamie Alvarez, Ruby Costillo, and Cardine Herndon.

Leaders assisting the scouts were Heidi Gamble, Linda Syfrett, Beverly Odom, Dawn Herndon, and Stephanie Ellis. All the scouts sang Christmas carols and then helped serve cake and ice cream to the residents.

On Sunday afternoon the children's group from the United Methodist Church performed their Christmas play and did a wonderful job.

Contest

The Larry Wallis's, fourth to T.D. Simmons and fifth to Loyd Bybee.

Everyone is encouraged to take a few minutes and see these and other beautifully decorated homes this holiday season.

Program

Kevin Smith, Lindsey Ruiz, Russell Anglin, Troy Pennington, Ashley Love, Justin Wehenberg, Talitha

Newton, and Nicholas Odom.

Mrs. Watkins was presented with roses by the 7th grade girls in appreciation of all her hard work.

At the end of the presentations, the audience rewarded all the cast members with a standing ovation.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

December 25 - Ted Simmons.

December 26 - Janet McCracker, Chet Bohlar.

December 27 - Jan Haynes, Joe Magee, John Griffin, Herman L. Petty, Harold C. Petty, Jane Herndon.

December 28 - Stefanie Turpen, Rosa White, Michael Doniz, Ted and Imogene Longino (A).

December 29 - Kyle Woods, Evelyn Pennington.

December 30 - Trevor McDonald, Olene Brown, William Floyd Smith.

December 31 - W.C. Kennedy, Beverly Odom.

School Board

Nancy Woodard, Rose Steel, Sammie and Bob Morris, Joe Grimes and son.

Minutes of the previous meeting held Nov. 19th were read and approved.

Sammie Morris discussed the Property Tax Code and the board approved the tax roll for 1997.

Linda Haynes presented a proposal regarding the senior trip. The issue was discussed at length by the board and the High School staff.

Neal Odom made a motion that the 3-day trip be discontinued and that proposals for an alternated choice be presented at the January 15th board

meeting. Don Dorsey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion. It was suggested to the Senior sponsors that a one day educational trip might find more favor in the future.

Linda Haynes asked for the board's approval to have a National Honor Society Scholarship Ball. Approval was granted.

Financial reports were approved and bills paid as presented.

The board went into executive session at 9:25 and returned to open session at 10:28. No action was taken on the closed session discussion.

Do not forget that there will not be a paper next week. Be sure to bring all your news of holiday activities and visitors in on Monday, Jan. 5, 1998.

Obituary

James E. Corbin, a former McLean resident, died Friday Dec. 12, 1997, in Fort Worth.

Graveside services were Dec. 16 at the Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, with Rev. Claud Tugwell, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. Corbin was born in Balko, Oklahoma and graduated from McLean High School. He moved to Amarillo in 1985 from California. He and his wife, Pauline, were married in 1941 at Denver. She died earlier this year.

Mr. Corbin was retired as a precision grinder for Grant Oil Company. He was a Baptist and an Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by a son, James E. Corbin Jr.

Survivors include a son, Gerald Corbin of Saginaw; a daughter, Elizabeth Collins of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Troy Corbin of McLean; three sisters, Jessie Corbin of Amarillo, Louie Terrel of Concord, N.H. and Viola Holt of McLean; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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McLean 1997-98 Tigers & Lady Tigers

MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
11-18	SAN JACINTO	THERE	6:00
11-25	HEDLEY	HERE	4:00*
12-2	HIGGINS	THERE	6:30
12-4--6	MIAMI TOURN.	THERE	TBA
12-9	WHEELER	HERE	4:00*
12 11-13	SAMNORWOOD TOURN.	THERE	TBA
12-19	ALLISON	HERE	6:30
12-30	HEDLEY	THERE	4:00*
1-1--3	FT. ELLIOT TOURN.	THERE	TBA
1-6	SHAMROCK	THERE	4:00*
1-9	WHEELER CHRISTIAN	HERE	7:00***
1-13	SILVERTON	HERE	4:00*
1-16	ALLISON	THERE	6:30
1-20	HIGGINS	THERE	6:30
1-22 & 24	DARROUZETT JV TOURN.	THERE	TBA
1-23	MIAMI	THERE	4:00*
1-27	LEFORS	HERE	6:30
1-30	SAMNORWOOD	THERE	4:00*
2-3	MIAMI	HERE	4:00*
2-6	LEFORS	THERE	6:30
2-10	SAMNORWOOD	HERE	4:00*

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Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
How is it at the North Pole? This year were having a Christmas Play. Were the working elves. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I am fine.

Will you please get me a bicycle and a Red Pencil. Please. I also want some Roller Blades!
Your Friend,
Amanda Fricks

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer? Will you try to make my Christmas wish come true? I would like a remote control car and a computer.

from your best friend,
Seth Childers

Dear Santa
I would like a Pit Bull, a Great Dane, and a 410 Shot Gun for Christmas. Also some slugs for the gun. How is Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer? How is the head elves and Mrs. Claus. My address is 201 Commerce Street. I do not have a chimney so, you can come in the Up stairs window. My cat Harley needs some cat toys so he won't bug me and my mom. Have a safe flight to McLean T.X.

from Evan Patterson

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? Ary you ok? I hope I get a turbo tantum remote control car and a go cart for Christmas. I hope my Mom and Dad get me a CS player for Christmas.
Your friend,
John Ruel Haynes

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Ho's Rudolf doing? I hope it isn't foggy this year. I would like a Death Star Globe and some silly putty.

Will you get me an electronic battle ship board game.
Your friend,
Michael Doniz

Dear Santa,
How are things going? Are your reindeer growing? I am doing good. Except when I got in trouble with Josh. We were breaking a window. sorry. I will like a dirt bike and a tyco tantrum.

Merry Chrntmas
Love, Tyler Cole

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing this year? I wouldn't like anything but I will leave some cookies and milk. If have an extra Tyco tantrum, I'd take it Merry Christmas,
Anthony Ruiz

Dear Santa,
i have been a good girl this year. Will you bring me a Barbie Car that moves by itself and Cool Shipin Barbie. Will you bring me a Nike or Addias coat, a Nike sweat suit, a make up box that is purpoe with white sparkles on it and a Nike gym bag. So how are the reingdeer and the wives? This year is Rudolph going to guide the sleigh this year? Well just make sure your coming to my house this year. O how is Mrs. Claus?: Just making sure she is Okay.
Love Shelby Terry

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have a couple of problems but I will work them out. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a swimming barbie, a computer and a giant Taz stuffed animal.
Thank you Santa,
Kay Taylor

Dear: Santa Claus
Would you please bring me a computer

with that pink stuff. Would you please give me a toy soldier. I would also like a 4/10 play shot gun. How are the reindear and Ruldoph offthe Red Nose Reindear.

from: Jacob W.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Are the reindeer doing food? Say hi to Rudolph. I would like for you to bring me a velour shir and a Tuggles dog, please. If you could bring me Nanu Gega PEt with Remote Control Care. That is all I want.

Love your friend,
Tamaro Loya

Dear Santa Claus
How are you? How are the wives? Are you doing a lot of work this year? Would you please get me a clack girl patten leather shoes with big hills, and a doll woth a lolly pop and grape juices. Will you get me red pencils and a puppey dog and the Guess Who game. Can I have a purse. If you can gert some boots and a My size barbie. Would brring me a pind dress with the golden belt with my dress. Have a nice trip on Chrismas.
I have been a good girl.

Your friend,
Shay Nobles

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer, Mrs. Claus and the elves? Are you well? These are the things that you could bring to me. A barbie car, a minney Mouse tent, and a tee shirt. Can you please bring me those things.
Love your friend
Brooke Danielle Seymour

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the elves and the reindeer? I would like a

Giga Pet and a basketball.
Thanks your friend,
Jacob Tolleson

Dear Santa
i have been a good boy this year. i would like a rebound 4x4, and a blue bike with a bottle my sister would like a remote barbie car.
I love you
Chase

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a tran and the white rangers suit and are a Big power rangers stufe and ron m v. Dad and I will give him a big monkey and for my mom I will giver her a big white cat and for my sixter I will give her a little mikey mouses and for my gramda she want a purple can wrap-it in read wrapping paper and for my Granny I will giver her a vas of red roses poot red bow a it.
Thank you Santa
Cameron Taylor

Dear SANTA,
This is Suzanne Howard. I hipe your staying warm for Christmas because we really need you to come by our house. Here is my list: Barbie Doll House, Dalmation puppy if daddy will let me. An a baby girl if Mommy says it's ok. Also Santa heres Bradley's list my little brother: Race track, Bright light truck. I guess mam and dad have already mailed their list please get them what they asked for. We don't live close to a town so just look for a white cross on the watertank and go down the hill there will be milk and chocolate chip cookies for you.
Thanks Santa
Susanne and Bradley

Dear Santa,
I want a santa suit, dog, pig, cowboy hat, gaitar, bicycle, woody doll, bBus light years, reindeer doll, cowboy shi:, tv for my room w/ a remote control.
Thank you,
Christopher Waller
PS. I have been a good boy this year. Chris

Dear Santa,
I would like a keyboard, some clothers and a baby check up. My sister Staci would like a barbi doll house, some clothers and a barbi telephone. We've been good.
Love,
Kortney and Staci
The Smiths

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll that talks, Barbie Motor Home, a puppy and my family to be together. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring my sister a collection of "Winnie the Pooh" things

and some rabit things for my mom and "Taz" things for my brother and the "Star Wars" movies for my dad.
I hop you have a great Christmas.
Love,
Tammy Rene

Dear Santa
Baby doll, tennis shoes, Watch winnie, bunch of socks, games
Love Amanda

Dear Santa,
I want a skate board and two of the stuff robots. I wantthe a nust shamooove and a tornado remotkintrole. I hav ben a good boy. I will make som cookeez and milk.

Dar Santa,
I have been a good girl throughout the year. This is the time to write the list of gifts that I wish for Christmas. I hop you have fun taking presents to all the kids. Machine printed out a copy, CD player like on of my brothers, Giga Pets "Kitty", a bike, barbie skates, wlectronic floor keyboard, a doll house, super storage easel, patio ply house, slumber bag, "Minnie".
Thanks a lot,
Arelly Vega

Dear Santa,
This year I want 1 finger nail fun 2 fingernail polish 3 lamp 4 dolls 5 boy barkie 6 stuffed Pooh 7 lights 8 play telephone 9 stuffed dolphin 10 bicycle 11 gigi pet. The end yes
Love Da Shae
I love you Santa

Dear Santa
I would like you to bring me a tub of green army men, a go cart, jurasic park the lost world, anna belles wish, some gold fish and some new computer games.
Love,
Evan McMordie

Dear Santa
I want a bouse baby an dreme swet
Love Emory
I love you Santa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a wagon, a bike with not kick stand, and an ornament that moves. I don't know if Ive been good. Have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you,
Ben

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a trampoline. I promist I will let my sister jump on it too. I also want a new baby sister but u mite better talk to my mom abvout that first and I need sum new clothes becasue I'm outgrowing all of mine. Merry Christmas.
Jamie Sanderson

Dear Sant,
I want a batman and robn. I want a supermen. I want a moder sirley.
from Matthew Jefferies.



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Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a crashback and some Nikes and a green bay football helmet and some green bay pants and a pack of football cars and two wars planets.
Mark Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Take Care of Me Triplets. I would like a Tock to me Barbie. I would like a remote control barbie car. I would like a Baby all gon. I would like a now bike.
Love Lacey Wallis

Dear Santie,
I want a tair um busutog htyear pull string moo dy.
luv,
Caleb Crawford

Dear Santa Claus,
I waoul like a remote control car. 20000 dollars and a shupe for my Dad and a pogo stick.
Trey Skipper

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a brack doll and a Timet Lee and a rabbit cot and atime for chrimes. I wonte a sleeppen bag.
Katie Lane Thompson

Dear Santa Clous,
I would like a Camera I wont \$200 big smelly candle cheerleader suit leopard eont candy I

want pocahantus toy a coca-cola-set for my mom.
Anna Shackelford

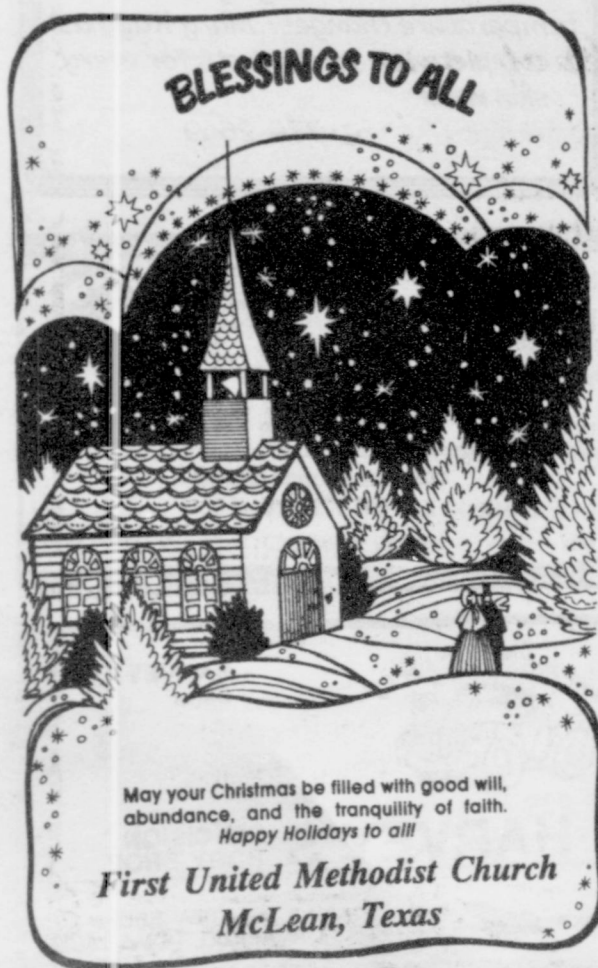
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a tandom doll stroler and I would like take care of me triplets. and my moble office. and a bug box of candy cans and solid choklet bells.
From Kristen Odom

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a nodel airplane. And a nintendo 64. and a greenbay packers jersy it should be green. And a motor cycle. And a alligator head. And a totum pole. and a toy train with the track.
Logan Sparling
PS. I hope you have a good trip and take care of your rain dear.



May your holidays be bright, beautiful and bountiful. It's been a pleasure serving you. Come see us again soon.

**Employees Of
Puckett's
Food Store**



May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.
Happy Holidays to all!

**First United Methodist Church
McLean, Texas**



Never too cold for kindness, never too deep the snow... To wish you the merriest Christmas our good Lord can bestow!

Bank Of Commerce
McLean, Texas

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like film for my camera, nintendo 64, hot wheels, lots of hot wheels, 10 trains for my trian, green bay football and jersey, Legos, puzzles and the doble train thats in the jc

Penny Christmas Billok
pleas.

No close and I wont a computer. for my own. a year sply otchdey and a toys ar us star.

Travis Fish

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a pogo

stick, and a baby doll and towy comra, and a toy airplane that flies, and a toy tetty bear, I want a pocahantus toy, and a necklas and a bracelick, and a winnie the pooh watch, a micky mouse clock, I like a barbie clothes and a book that says The Vevlteen rabbit, and a little rill dog pet,

Thanks
Kristin Ellis

Dear Santa Clas,
I want a nail stuff and a nintendo 64 and a camera and £2 remote control cars and batman forever and mario kart 64 and intido and pogo stick and a baber head and 1,00 crazy jokes for kids and a pocahantus and

gooey looy and angles and ear rings and rings and a hair bareB salon its a cd and a wakmen whith play and fastorwerd and rewind. record and a puzzl.

Love,
Stephanie Henson

Dear Santa. C
Hi! How's Mrs. Santa.C? How's the reindeer? Hows the slves? Please can I have a Tommy Rugrats doll for Christmas and overalls. Also Please can I have a GiGa Pet but if my MOM doesn't want me to have one, it's ok.

from Erin Bailey

Dear Santa,
I want a John Elway jersey and I want a Onrtal Combat with the motorcycle. I want a little dress for my litte sitter. Iwant a Giga pet for my Mom. Oh! by the way I've been good this year. How is Mrs. Claus?: Are your

working hard. If you can't get all my stuff that's ok! Thanks Santa.
From David Jeffes,
your friend.

Dear Santa
I want a toy gun johny thats what I want Santa for Christmas (No Name Signed)



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Sure Goes A Long Way!
May you all enjoy the sweetest of seasons with family and friends and smiles far and wide!
Thank You for your business in past years!
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The best gift at Christmas time is the gift of love! Merry Christmas!
Trinity Baptist Church
McLean

Christmas Has Come Round Again...
And we hope your whole family celebrates with love and harmony. Thank you for visiting us!
The Hair Gallery
Cathy & Sherry

GREETINGS
'TIS THE TIME OF YEAR FOR US TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE AND WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST THE SEASON HAS TO OFFER.
Smitherman Tax Service
Monta Jean & Tony

Greetings of the Season
Let us reflect on the wonder of the season.
Country Corner Texaco

Season's Greetings
From the Residents of
The McLean Care Center
*There's Never a Christmas morning,
There's never an old year ends,
But somebody thinks of some one,
Old times - old days - old friends*

Ruby Ayers	LENA Bailey	MATTIE Bailey	Phyllis Bailey
ORA Billingsley	Ella Bowling	Lillie billingsley	Polly BURNETT
MARY CARTER	Gladys CHEYNE	SUE Cubine	MABLE Dickey
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JESSIE COLEMAN	BERYL HALBERT	Gladys MANN	ANN REYNOLDS
Ruby Myers			DOVIE SIMMONS

Hello Santie

Dear Santa,
My name is Katy Jade Acuna. I am 5 years old. I have tried to be a

good girl this year. I would like a new bike with streamers and a horn on it. I'd like a baby that crawls, a doctor kit and a new teddy bear, Santa.

I will leave you some milk and cookies to eat. Please use the dorr because I am afraid you might get burned if you come down our chimney because it is small.

Please bring Shannon and Savannah some toys too because they have been good and are too little to write you. God Bless you Santa!

I love you
Katy Jade



Here's hoping jolly old Santa has you on his list. We're pleased to have you as our customers.

City Of McLean



Heald United Methodist Church

Harmony and Joy!



Corrine's
Gerald & Lynn
Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year Mom says. I would like if you please, some jewelry, an art set, a boy barbie, and a girl barbie, and a black and white toy beanie kitty and a teddy bear.

Love,
Janie

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I would like dishes and pots and pans and a duck and a game boy of my own.

Jessi

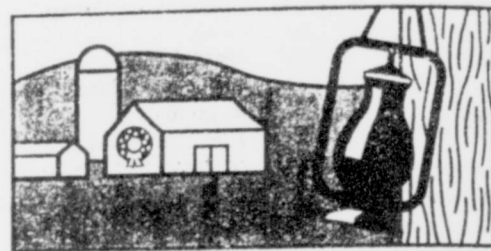
Dear Santa Clause,
I want a motet cunchrol car and a thing that sand thing that you put in that thin. I whan nintendo 64. and donkey kong land fery me and my bruther. And I what a sage sonik the hed chog and a laser game.

Jacob Connors

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like a mortar cycle and a Nintendo 64. and a sony play station and a donkey kong land. 4 three wheelers and 5 four wheelers.

Zachery Richardson

Dear Santa,
I want an Army jet remot control and Please give home to people who don't have any.
Love Daniel



Merry Christmas

Thank you for choosing us.

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David and Bcb

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Wishing all a blessed Christmas with gifts of love and laughter and peace unending.

From All Of Us At

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May your Christmas be filled with lasting memories to keep forever!

Magee Ranch.

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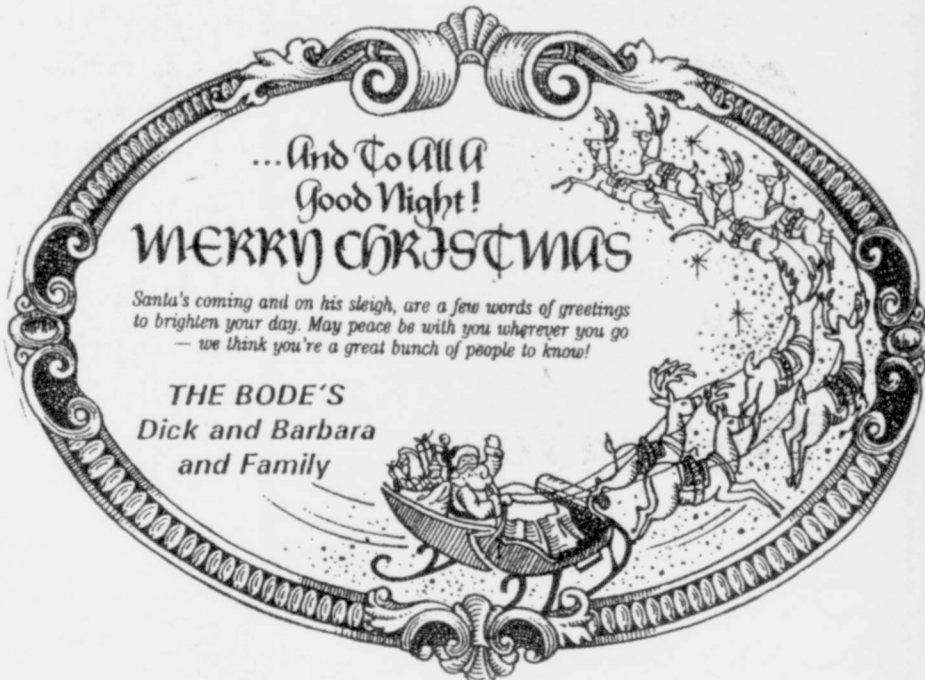


We're never too busy to pause and wish you the best for this holiday season. Thank you for letting us serve you.

McLean Home Health Agency

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...And To All A Good Night!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's coming and on his sleigh, are a few words of greetings to brighten your day. May peace be with you wherever you go - we think you're a great bunch of people to know!

THE BODE'S
Dick and Barbara
and Family

All I want for Christmas...

Dear San,
I want a pogo stick
pnocke now, nintendo
game and tak mys front
teth and flashers for
Chrismis
lov,
Lyndsey

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Doll,
Barbie doll, boots and a
doll stroller.
Thank you,
Nancy Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a pogo stic and
sum nintendo games and
a doll for krismis. I oso
mi two front teeth.
lov
Lisa

Dear Santa,
This is what I wish
for Christmas: a
trampoline, a Barbie
House, Barbie camera, an

oven magic curly sue
doll and a baby doll.
Love always,
Nikki Jo Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle,
a puppy, video of "Liar,
Liar", a guitar, a bunch
of toys, a train, tractor, a
tonka truck and some
smell good cologne.

Thank you,
Brian S.
P.S. Please forgive me
for not being a very
good boy this year.

Dear Santa,
I want a batman. and
a buck er bronco a day,
power rangers a truck, a
toy master truck,
superman on green
ratgger.

Mark Jeffries
Dear Santa
I want a talking

Spiderman. Power ranger
motorcycle that talks,
Space Jam figure, the
bad guy, toy walking
Rudolph, Spiderman that
shoots webs, and a toy
swan that swims, an X
man with a plane.
David Tyosh

Dear Santa,
I want a toy 4-wheeler
that I can ride, a cash
register, a light up
football, some walkie
talkies to share with
Nicholas & a real guitar
with a stap on it if you
have some extras. Ive
been good.
Love,
Zachary

Dear Santa,
I want all beetle borge
big and little. I love
you
DaKota

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ariel
doll taht swims, a barbie
house.
Amber Slatan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
"Newborn doll" and a
baby that uses a disper
and you can tust the top
and a new one ccomes
our. I want a remote
control car. I need some
more dresses, shoes and
pantyhose.

I am leaving you milk
and cookies. I am
leaving your reindeer hay
and water.
Thank you,
Caitlin Mantooth

Dear Santa,
I been good. Please get
me a present. I would
like a barbie car.
Kathryn

Dear Santa,
I have been good.
Please bring me a R C
car and cowboy boots
and a hat.
Love Tuckers

Dear Santa, I hope you
see our Christmas tree.
I hop I get a Barbie doll
house and a computer
game. We will be at the
ranch and will have milk
and cookies for you.
Have a Merry Christmas.
I love you
Sheri Ann Haynes

JOYEUX NOEL

Our holiday prayers wish
you peace on earth, good
will to all men.

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A blessed 1997
Christmas to
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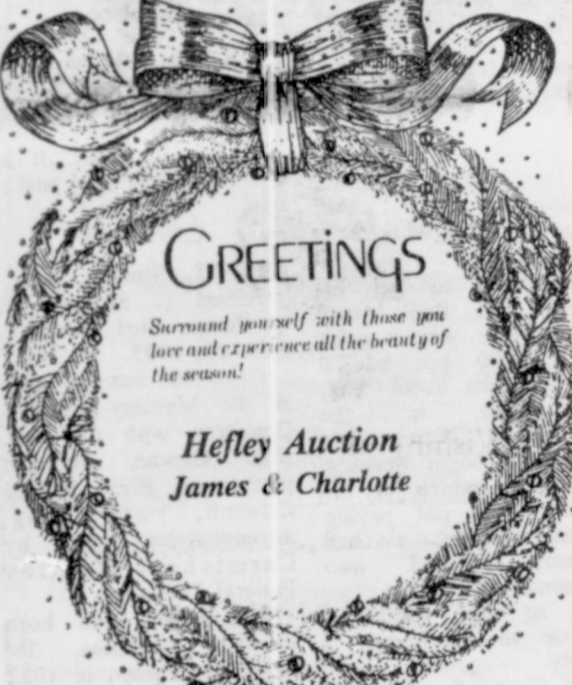
Rejoice

Here's wishing you a
holiday blessed with
love and happiness!
Taylor's Food Mart
& All Employees

**Ho...Ho...Hoping
Your Holiday
Delivers Loads
Of Good
Cheer!**



From all of us who write the
stories, take the pictures, and
set the type, to you who
make it all worthwhile...
Our sincerest best wishes and
heartfelt thanks. May all
your News be Good News
this holiday season.
The Groom/McLean News
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Jo Ann & Kristle



GREETINGS

Surround yourself with those you
love and experience all the beauty of
the season!

Hesley Auction
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**Wishing You A
Delightful Season**

Here's hoping the holidays bring a special magic to you and yours.

*McLean School, Board,
Employees & Students*

Warm Wishes

Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;
When good friends get together,
Love and peace will abide.
It's Christmas!



MCLEAN FEEDYARD, INC.

Memories

when all 14 children would be home. Everyone would put up a stocking on the heath the night before Christmas. On Christmas morning the stockings were filled with fruit and nuts and lots of excitement and joy to fill the day. Then we always counted our blessings as Mother and Dad had us gather around to read the Christmas story from the Bible and pray together.

Emalea London

I wish everyone could have attended the wonderful Christmas Parties that we had in the Corn Valley School in Wheeler County. I remember a Mr. Robinson, who taught Sunday School was Santa and a tree decorated with beautiful presents.

All the girls were whispering about a beautiful doll that was hanging quietly on the tree. It was sort of dark pink and had pretty blue eyes that winked at me. The shoes and socks matched the rest of her beautiful clothes. So many names were called out to receive gifts. I was getting frightened because nearly all the gifts were gone. Finally, Mr. Robinson called my name. He reached up

and cradled that beautiful doll in his arms before handing her to me.

My mother had made the doll and all her clothes. Daddy had gone all the way into Wheeler to get the parts.

Carol Babcock

Of a bit younger generation, many of us have more mobile Christmas memories.

"Most of my childhood memories of Christmas came from being on the road going to one grandparent or others home during the holidays. One set of Grandparents moved around a lot and it seemed like we were always traveling somewhere."

Susan Babcock Harp

"I cannot remember exactly how old I was, maybe 6th or 7th grade - but I do remember that it had been one of those years that farmers sometimes have. The crops had not been good for whatever reason and although Mom and Dad didn't talk about finances in front of us kids, we still sensed that there was some stress. On Christmas Eve at lunch time, we sat down at the table to chili and sandwiches. Before we ate, however, Mom handed the Bible

to Dad. For the first time that I remember, Dad read the Christmas story to us. Needless to say, there was not a dry eye in the house as we redirected our focus to the real meaning of Christmas.

It was the beginning of a beautiful tradition in our home."

Pat Ashford

"My favorite memories of Christmas come from when I was small. Most of the Christmas gift giving was done in church at the Christmas Tree. I know that sometimes we would have a program before hand, maybe even a meal, but I know the tree was beautiful and was decorated with gifts for all the children. We would sit anticipating Santa's arrival, speculating about the many beautiful dolls that decorated the tree, wondering who would get this one or that. The boys got things like toy trucks and tractors. Santa would finally arrive to hand out the gifts and bring the suspense to an end."

Father Ray Crosier

Father Ray was raised in Vermont and has a few traditions that are a little different than ours. "One thing we never

had to wish for was a white Christmas! There was always snow! Our family would always fast before Christmas, giving up meat. On Christmas eve we would have lobster, which now sounds very extravagant but in those days was simply a meat-less meal.

The highlight of our home celebration was placing Baby Jesus in the Manger. It was our way of showing that Christ was present in our home and in our hearts. Each year we (my older brother, my younger sister and myself) would have a drawing to see who would get the honor. And woe be to the child who got it two years in a row!

We always attended Midnight Mass and afterward got to open 1 present before going to bed. The rest had to wait for morning."

Alice Kuehler

Alice Kuehler is an expert at making special Christmas memories for her many children and grandchildren.

"I always felt like everything should be done by the time we went to Grandma Kuehler's home on Christmas Eve. Of course, it wasn't! I really did good to be even a little late! Going to Breeze's mothers home was always special for all of us. We had such wonderful family times together. Then we would go to Midnight Mass. Back home to get the children in bed and begin the "Santa Chores". Of course, you know who stayed up and who went to bed! We would have stuff hidden here and stuff hidden there, so it sometimes made for a very long night. Thank goodness, Santa never wrapped presents at our house!

The hardest part was waiting for Aunt Bessie, who worked at Woolworth to get off work. I think they must have stayed open until 9:00 pm but it seemed like about 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning. Then before we could begin opening packages, which if the adults were not paying close attention we had already divided into personalized piles, we had to wait for Aunt Bessie to fix herself a toddy.

Patsy Fraser

The best gift I ever received was a crock of cookies that my grandmother made. She had asked me what I wanted for Christmas and I said that all I wanted was some of her delicious cookies.

Christmas morning I found a big blue crock of cookies waiting for me. I still have the crock and never look at it without thinking of my grandmother and her most delicious cookies!

Lucille Merrick

"My mother came to America with her family from Russia in 1892. Their celebrations were different than people who had always lived in America.

We lived in the country on a farm

several miles from town when I was a little girl. The first Christmas I can remember was a big gathering at the one room school house, where we were having a program. I was reciting my "piece" when Santa Claus was lowered into the room from the attic. I finished my part but I'm sure no one heard because Santa had come before we were finished. Gifts from the tree and candy and fruit were given to everyone. My gift was a little wooden trunk in which I could store my extra doll clothes in.

On Christmas Eve, we all hung a stocking, one we had worn that day, on the chrome bar in front of the iron range in the kitchen. We did not have a real fire place. In the morning small items such as folding combs and pocket knives would fill the stocking. Although sometimes, larger items would appear, they were not always attributed to Santa.

Donna Burton

I guess being one who likes to write every Christmas to me has a story. As a child, we celebrated with our extended family on Christmas Eve. at my great-grandma's house...you know... "Mean Grandma".

The hardest part was waiting for Aunt Bessie, who worked at

Woolworth to get off work. I think they must have stayed open until 9:00 pm but it seemed like about 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning. Then before we could begin opening packages, which if the adults were not paying close attention we had already divided into personalized piles, we had to wait for Aunt Bessie to fix herself a toddy.

If Grandma was not watching too close, we would have the whiskey already poured in the shot glass, ice in a glass in the freezer and a coke already opened! As soon as we could get her to sit down, Grandma would look out over a sea of excited faces and red and green packages and proclaim that it was time to open presents!

Somehow Santa would always come to our house before we got home from Mean Grandma's.

As an adult I can think of many special Christmas memories. One Christmas when Jim and I were still throwing the Amarillo paper, there was about of inch of snow on the ground. It made everything so quiet and silent. The stars were

shinning so bright and you could almost visualize the sugar-plum fairies dancing in the heads of the sleeping residents of Groom.

We had one of those sets of big sleigh bells that you usually put on your door. Everytime we drove up to a house with children we would ring the bells as we left. We pulled up to Marcia Conrad's

house at about 4:00 in the morning. I thought that she had probably just got in bed with as many small children as she had then. I was thinking that maybe I shouldn't when...Jim

Did! As we pulled away, lights started snapping on and I could swear I hear a child's voice shouting...Santa's come! Santa's come!

So many Christmas memories were made wonderful by my association with Girl Scouts, too. As I have worked to write this story I have come to realize that it is not the gifts we give or receive that make memories special... it is the people who touch our lives, the traditions which are ever changing and ever staying the same.

I hope that God will Bless you all with a special memory this year. If you don't think you have had one yet this year...it is not too late to make one!

Obituary

Albert L. Stokes

Albert L. Stokes, 75, of Pampa died Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997.

Graveside services were at the Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stokes was born in 1922 at Dallas. He moved to Pampa in 1952 and lived in Lefors while working in the oilfield. He married Penny Hinkle in 1982.

He was an Army veteran and self-employed carpenter.

Mr. Stokes was preceded in death by his first wife, Maxine Stokes, and a son, Ronnie Dean Stokes, in 1990.

Survivors include his wife; two step-daughters, Candice Hinkle-Conn of Beaumont, and Margaret Pearman of Amarillo; four brothers, Alvin Stokes of Pampa, Doil Stokes of Fort Worth, Everett Stokes of Odessa and Leon Stokes of Phoenix; and a grandson.

He is also survived by nieces, Mildred Miller, Margaret Whatley, Rozelle Collingsworth, Irene Baggerman, and nephew Ruben Baggerman.



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Tony Treadwell

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Republican:
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Democrat:
Jeannie Cunningham

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Democrat:
Sonya Millican

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Democrat:
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Dist. & Co. Clerk
Republican:
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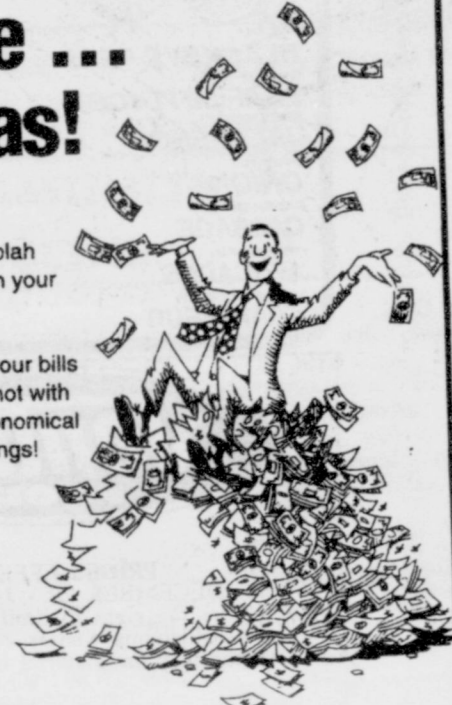
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