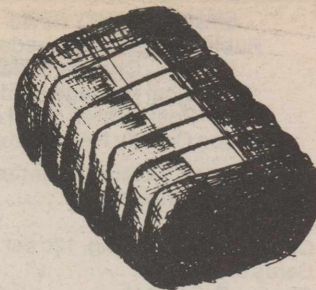




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A hush will fall over the county-wide next week when those who have been rushing from place to place preparing for the upcoming holiday complete their errands and settle in to enjoy the fruits of their labors with family and friends. Our wish for you is a season filled with peace, joy and contentment.

I learned some things about the human body that I didn't know before last Friday when I was at the hospital for cataract surgery.

The woman who was to go into surgery ahead of me was a smoker, and let me tell you--she was penalized for it, BIG TIME.

I didn't know that smoking cuts down on the body's ability to take anesthetics, but I heard the whole thing described to her in detail by a very patient anesthesiologist.

The procedure calls for a small dose of nitrous oxide to put the patient to sleep while the deadening shots are administered around the eye. I think the patient is kept under the anesthetic for just a few minutes, but the lady smoker didn't go under. (This tells you how coated the insides of her lungs probably are.) She had to take her shots cold turkey, and after listening to her scream for a few minutes, I was very glad that I don't smoke.

My advise to a smoker would be: if you are going to have cataracts removed, better lay off the cigarettes and prepare your lungs for it beforehand.

I know this doesn't follow a Christmas theme, but if I can benefit someone by relating this, it will have been worth something.

Brown-McMurtry Implement received this letter recently:

"We were on vacation in October, driving through Silverton. We noticed a problem with the brake lights on the trailer we were pulling. We stopped at your store and Larry (Comer) helped us. Although it was a minor problem, it was difficult to solve. He really went out of his way to help us and solve the problem. You are very fortunate to have such a good employee.

"We will try to stop in on our way up next year. I hope you will include this letter of thanks in Larry's permanent file.

Sincerely yours,
Carole & Jay Fenberg
San Antonio, Texas"

Good Samaritans come in all shapes, sizes, colors and vocations.

GLAD TIDINGS



Ian Dunbar (left) and Forrest Otis visited with Santa Claus at First State Bank in Silverton Tuesday and received treats from the famous gentleman. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Love Fund Started at First State Bank

A love fund for Edwin and Ann Norris has been started at First State Bank in Silverton. Those who wish to take part in this may do so at the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris lost their home and everything in it a few days ago. They have insurance, but this fund is meant to help replace some of the things that it won't cover.

Senior Boosters To Have Projects

Silverton's Senior Boosters 1997 invite you to "Ride With Santa" on the south side of the courthouse from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21.

Refreshments will be offered for sale.

In addition, you may have your picture made riding with Santa for \$5.00; a picture only is \$3.00. and a ride only is \$3.00.

Clinic To Be Closed Two Days

Briscoe County Clinic will be closed December 24 and December 25 for the Christmas holiday and will reopen on December 26.

The Clinic will be closing at noon on December 31 and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.



Along With All Your Cards and Letters...

We offer our thanks and best wishes for a fine holiday.

Christmas Music Program To Be Presented Here

Christmas Lights To Be Judged

Silverton's Christmas decorations will be judged between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. on December 23.

Please be sure your lights and other decorations are on during this time.

The contest is being sponsored by Briscoe County Activities Association.

Senior Citizens to Have Luncheon, Business Meeting

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly business meeting and luncheon at the Center Friday at noon.

Each one attending is asked to bring a gift of canned goods for the needy of the community.

Members of the First Baptist Church will host the luncheon.

You are invited to join the Christmas celebration at the Silverton School Thursday night, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. when the third and fourth grades will present "A Stable Fit for a King," a short musical about the Savior's birth. and the sixth grade will present "Christmas at the O. K. Corral" in true western fashion.

The program will be directed by Robin Boedecker, public school music teacher.

Senior Boosters To Have Bake Sale Dec. 21

Silverton's Senior Boosters 1997 will have a bake sale at Nance's Food Store Saturday, December 21.

Cakes and pies will be offered for your holiday enjoyment.



Silverton Youth Group were pictured in front of the Christmas tree they decorated on the Courthouse lawn. They were also responsible for the creation of the manger scene on the north side of Highway 86 in west Silverton.

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Pre-Kindergarten Students Write Their Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I want a funny bear on T. V. I want a basketball goal and I want a play gun. I have been nice to my brother, Davin.

Love,
 Logan Fabela

Dear Santa, I want two Barbies for Christmas and a frog toy.

Love,
 Alex Ramirez

Dear Santa, I want a bike, and a swing and two Barbies. I want a telephone I share with my brother. I have been a good girl.

Love,
 Emily Garcia

Dear Santa, I would like a baby doll for Christmas, 4 x 4 rebound, and a doodle bear, and a doll monkey for I can play with. I want a pet Santa

so I can play with. I would like another play star. I want my own Christmas tree. I want a big Barbie that's my age.

Love you Santa,
 Kelsie Dutton

Dear Santa, I would like a doll and a game. I want some roller skates and a big crayon.

Love you,
 Pati Vasquez

Dear Santa, I want a barbie doll and a teddy bear. I want a ball for my brother. Lipstick for my Mommie. A well pump for my Daddy. I want a big Bird Doll. I love you, Santa. I want a baby doll like Jesus. My brother has been bad to me but I have been good.

Love,
 Emily Sarah Long

Dear Santa, I want a toy bennot basket and a jumping bascal. I want a duck floatie. I want a big real toy gun, and a toy rabbit that dances and bounces. I want a big train. I want a baby dog.

Thanks, to Santa Claus
 Johnathan Perkins

Dear Santa, I have had the chickenpox, and I have been a good boy. I want a remote control

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car. I love Santa. I like Santa.
 Love,
 Brooks Brock
 P. S. I need a skateboard.

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want a skateboard and a remote control car. I have been nice to my brother, Cord.

Love,
 Chase Stidham

Dear Santa, Please buy me a baby doll. I would like a play house and a sand table and a toy for my little sister.

I would like some crayons too and a baby bed for baby Clarissa and some books.

Love you,
 Melissa Gamez

Dear Santa, I would like a baby doll, and a barbie with a horse, and a back pack and I would like a book for when I'm

big and a toy and a circle.
 Love you,
 Wendy Garcia

Dear Santa, Please bring me

an airplane. I would like a big dog and a small dog.
 Love you,
 Rene Martinez

WARM WISHES



Moonlight Madness

Thursday, December 17

In Silverton 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Specials Door Prizes Refreshments

Participating Businesses
The Plum Thicket
Tiffin's Dept. Store

A JINGLE BELLS CHRISTMAS

Enjoy this festive season,
 Celebrate the day,
 May your holiday ring out
 With joy in every way.

With resounding good cheer we wish all our friends and customers a very merry Christmas.

MALT SHOP

DOUG, JEANETTA AND LANCE BRADFORD

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 25, 1986--Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Tyco black night castle, Leader One or Gobot Puzzler set. Have fun on Christmas Eve. Love, Daniel Reagan . . . Dear Santa, I want a BB gun and chaps. Love, Jared Francis . . . Dear Santa, I want a Cornsilk Cabbage Patch and a Keeper. I want a typewriter. That's all. I love you, Santa. Lindsey Weeks . . . Dear Santa, I want some blocks and a workbench. I want a baseball bat. That's all. I love you, Jeremy Holt . . .

December 16, 1976--Danna Garvin appeared in Clarendon College's music productions during the fall semester. She sang solos in a recent pop music concert which included several popular hits from contemporary rock music . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Roy Weaver are parents of a son, John Paul . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead honored with reception on golden wedding anniversary . . .

December 23, 1976--Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Wadlow are parents of a son, Christopher Dell . . . Dear Santa, I would like a jumping horse and a pick-up. Thank you. Love, Casey Frizzell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I love you. I want a big stove and refrigerator. Love, DeLynn Fitzgerald . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas and a record player. Jeffrey wants a tractor and Jennifer wants some dishes. And please bring all my friends something good, too. Love, Alison Grimland . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl three years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a Digger the Dog and a Hush Little Baby. Please don't forget my friend, Terry Bill, and all my cousins. I love you, Lorrie Minyard . . . Dear Santa, I want a Hush-a-bye baby and a pair of boots size 13D. I have been a pretty good girl. Will leave you a snack on the table. Merry Christmas to you. Love, Donna Tomlin. P. S. I would also like a robe . . .

December 22, 1966--Dear Santa, I am six years old and I am in the first grade. I would like a Baby First Step for Christmas. Thank you, Donna Grabbe . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl six years old. I have been a pretty good kid this year. Would you please bring me a "Francie" doll set. Also, don't forget my brother and sisters, and other children. Love, Linda Lea Hardin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me some candy and cookies, a buggy, a doll, a box of Crayolas and a cook book. Love, Brenda Cantwell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a GI Joe and spaceman. Your friend, Donald Lynn Thomas . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a gun, a ball, a truck and some fruit and candy. Love, Gabby Aguilar . . . Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. If you can, please bring me a

rod and reel. If you would, I would like a football. Yours truly, Ty W. McMurtry . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I wish you would bring me a Baby Magic. Please, Sir. Yours truly, Lee Ann . . .

December 22, 1966--John Baird of the U. S. Navy, who is home on leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baird, accidentally almost took a drink of a very potent poison Sunday morning. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance after becoming seriously ill, but when his stomach was pumped, no evidence of the poison was found . . . Ray Thompson, local John Deere dealer, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younger returned Wednesday from a John Deere tour of the Bahama Islands with Nassau as their headquarters . . . Beth Joiner visited Joe H. Smith Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arlas Cavett and sons of Andrews are expected as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin, this week . . . Faye Lynn Perkins, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins, underwent a tonsillectomy in the Lockney Hospital Saturday morning . . . Winners of the turkey shoot Saturday were John David Turner, Grover Thomas, Robert Hill, Virgil Kidwell, Wayne Stephens, Fred Minyard, Fred Strange, Calvin Shelton, Don Brown, Guinn Fitzgerald, Billy Settle, Bud House, Dyrle Maples, Sonny Thomas, Charles Wayne Mayfield and J. D. McGavock . . .

December 26, 1946--Dear Santa, I want a football for Christmas and a bow and arrow too. And a football hat. Your friend, Stephen Jarnagin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a pair of tennis shoes, a fountain pen, and a sand coloring set, and fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friend, Virginia Garrison . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me fireworks, gun and bicycle? And don't forget the servicemen overseas. Your friend, Eddie B. Jasper . . . Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade. I am ten years old. I would like for you to bring me some slacks, book satchel, pencil case and a sweater, a little short coat. I would like for you to bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Lola Mae Vaughan . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a basketball, a baseball glove and also candy, fruit and nuts. Your friend, G. W. Chappell . . . Dear Santa Claus, This year I am nine years old, and for Christmas I would like a birthstone ring, a pair of tennis shoes, a pair of boots, and plenty of fruit and candy. Your friend, Joni Douglas . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. I want you to bring me a doll, a little washing machine and ironing board, also some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Frankie Lou Hunt . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a cap gun and some caps to shoot. I would like to have a bow and arrow too. Your friend, Alton Riddell . . . Dear Santa, I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I don't want much for Christmas. I want a football and a calf and that is all I want.

Much love, Sharon Gilkeyson . . .

December 26, 1946--Dear Santa, I am a little girl one year old. Please bring me a teddy bear, a set of dishes, a little red rocker and lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Your little girl, Jerry Lynn Garrison . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a set of dishes, a sand coloring set, a magic skin doll, a doll buggy and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Kay Garrison . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me something to play with when I go outside with the big boys. I like candy, oranges and apples and chewing gum. I am nearly two

years old. Love, Bill Schott . . . Dear Santa, I want a pair of cowboy boots, a little rubber farm, a football and also lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Please do not forget Brenda. Your friend, Don Cornett . . . Dear Santa, I want some chaps. I want some spurs too. I want a truck. I want a jeep. I want lots of candy and fruit and nuts. I want a doll too. Your friend, Sue Reid . . .

December 24, 1936--Dear Santa, I want a dump truck, a box of candy, ball and bat. I am a little boy six years old. Thank you. Your friend, Rance Stephens . . .

Dear Santa, I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a truck and water colors. Your little friend, Wilton Whitehead . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a football, a baseball and a bat. I want a cowboy suit and a bicycle. I want a pair of spurs. Yours truly, Buck D. Hardin . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a big doll, a set of little dishes, a little sewing machine, some candy and apples. Don't forget the other little children in Silverton.

See LOOKING BACK
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We trim our trees with
colors bright

In honor of that blessed
night

When in a manger He
was born

And with His love our
world adorned

Sincere thanks and good
wishes to all our cherished
friends and neighbors.
May your holiday season
be a time of peace and
happiness.

NANCE'S FOOD STORE

What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Miss Jane Self's students have written themes of "What the Holiday Season Means to Me" for entry into a contest sponsored by Newspaper in Education, The Amarillo Globe-News, Southwest Airlines and Ramada Inns. The prize to the winner will be a trip for two on Southwest Airlines. Here is a sample of the essays that were written.

ing relatives afar . . .

Having lots of turkey, and holding Baby Mark . . .

Raising voices in song, and ringing Christmas Bells . . .

Intending to be better, and inclining in the chair with Uncle Dale . . .

Singing songs in church, and shouting out for joy . . .

Tasting lots of wonderful food, and talking with Uncle Roy . . .

Cleaning the house, and call-

Making Christmas cookies, and marking every gift . . .

Asking little questions, and annoying my dog Wift . . .

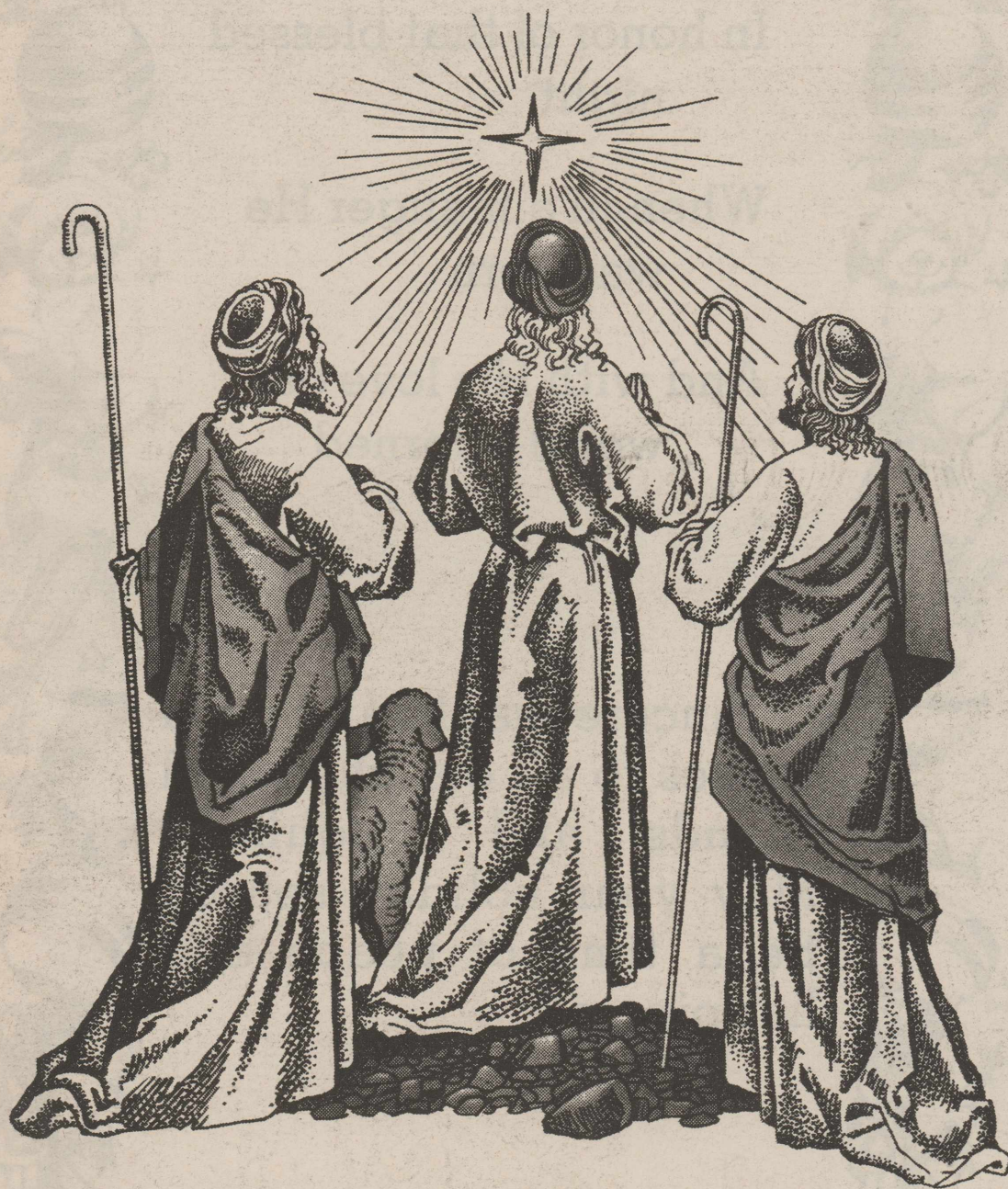
Seasons are very important to me, so please have a gift underneath the tree.

Tyler Young, Eighth Grade

Helping the ones who love you have a very special day.

Offering love to very dear

Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come



May you bask in the season's glory.

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friends and family.

Loving the Lord who graciously sent His son to save us.

Interesting presents under the big green Christmas tree.

Doing good deeds for those who need them most.

All the angels are singing joyfully, "Baby Jesus is Born on Christmas Day."

You and yours spending time with me and mine.

Julie Weaver, Eighth Grade

Helping mom put up decorations around the house.

Outside trying to make a snowman with what little snow there is.

Licking up the last piece of warm pumpkin pie.

Inviting St. Nick to come see me.

Dreaming of what I would find Christmas morning waiting for me under the tree.

Arriving at Grandma's for a great Christmas feast.

Yelling for Mom at the end of the day to come tuck me in and kiss me goodnight.

Taylor Griffin, Eighth Grade

The holiday season means to me, sitting beneath our Christmas tree.

Looking all over at lights aglow; Making angels in the snow.

Going to Nannie's, Grandma's or Sharon's, We go one place each year;

The holiday season isn't much fun, if not spent with family so dear.

It means playing cards, eating fudge, and jumping on the trampoline;

Smiles and laughter throughout the house can always be heard and seen.

Because of this, I know, it must be surely growing near;

The holidays mean so much, but mostly the start of a fresh new year.

Brooke Garvin, Eighth Grade

Many people in this big country of ours forget what Christmas really means. We mainly think getting gifts of all sizes and that's all Christmas is. We all need to remember Christ's wonderful birth.

Parents usually tell their children to be nice so Santa Claus will come to put presents under their Christmas tree, but they forget to tell their children what

Christmas means.

I hope that not everyone has forgotten what Christmas really means.

Elisabeth Thomas, Eighth Grade

Decorative presents and big beautiful Christmas trees

That's not what Christmas means to me.

But to most that's what it is, They really don't know what Christmas is.

To me it means the birth of Christ,

Our Lord, our Savior; in spite of what they think.

Even though I try and try I can't explain to every single one.

I wish there was some simple way

To tell them all the truth,

That Jesus Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day.

Vicki Van Horn, Eighth Grade

Celebration is about parties, balloons all over the place, and confetti all over the floor.

Holidays are about spending time at home or with your family.

Relief is when you are glad school is out and that Christmas is just around the corner.

Inside the warm comfortable house is a life of cheering and happiness.

Surprise is when you are expecting to get a sweater and get a Play School Car.

Tradition lights up the world and makes a kid smile every year.

Mass is a special and most important factor of Christmas and the holidays.

Awaiting is always fun; awaiting for Santa to get on your roof and put presents under the tree.

Singing is about letting out the joy you feel inside of you.

Daniel Castillo, Eighth Grade

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Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently held its annual service awards banquet at the Childress City Auditorium to recognize their employees service to the traveling public and the state transportation system. Pictured are the 15-year service award recipients (left to right) Mike Hosea, South Area Office, Munday; Lynn Smith, Briscoe County Maintenance, Silverton; Delbert Love and David Henry, Childress District Complex, Childress.

Granddaughter Inducted Into Honor Society

Thursday, December 12, J. L. and Bettie Williams were in Idalou to see their 13-year-old granddaughter, Amber Roberts, inducted into the first chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. She and 17 other seventh and eighth grade students had

maintained an A average for the past two years and were elected to membership by a group of teachers.

Amber is the daughter of Scott and Alison Roberts.

Happy Birthday To . . .

December 19--Kassidy Martin,

John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey
December 21--Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry

December 22--Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bittner
December 23--Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison

December 24--Jack Robetson, jr., Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland

December 25--Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens

Happy Anniversary To

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill

December 20--Mr. and Mrs. Cip Garcia

December 21--Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren

New Arrivals

Max and Dana Davis are parents of a daughter, Sheri Ann, born December 12 at High Plains/St. Anthony's Health Care Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed six pounds and seven ounces.

Welcoming her sister into the

family is Brandi, who is 2 1/2 years old.

Grandparents are Carol and Mary Davis of Silverton; Martha DeVore of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeVore of San Angelo.

The baby's great-grandmother is Annette Bennett of Childress.

First Response, Certified Care Class Planned

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have an Emergency First Response/Certified Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) class. The ECA class will train individuals to care for family, neighbors and others in an emergency situation. The course is eight weeks long and starts on Saturday, January 11, 1997, with a Community CPR /First Aid Class. Registration deadline is Friday, January 10, 1997.

ECA classes will be held at the RNR Training Center in the NE wing of the closed Caprock Hospital building located at 901 W. Crockett in Floydada. To receive an application packet or for more information, call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

Driver Safety Course Offered

A Driver Safety Course will be held in Clarendon on Saturday, January 18, 1997. The course will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the CC Administration Building, Room 103. Cost of the course is \$25.

LOOKING BACK

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Your friend, Peggy Davis . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a rubber doll that wets its pants and a bottle with it. The five quintuplets, and please send me some clothes for my Shirley Temple doll. I want an electric stove and an ironing board also. Please bring me all this. Lots of love from Thelma Gean Mercer . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a rubber doll and a big buggy and some firecrackers and please don't forget the nuts and candy and toy telephone and some doll clothes and please bring the poor children some gifts. I hope you a merry Christmas. With love, Merline Yates . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and a twenty-two target. Please bring me some furniture of wood. With love, Vance Childress . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a lamp and a bicycle and tool chest. Bring Albert some chickens. Bring me a twenty-two and twenty-two target. With love, E. H. McGavock . . .

... 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!

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Warm Wishes Are Headed Your Way!

Here's hoping yours is a great holiday.

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Josephine Anderson
Walter Arnold & Family
Able Asebedo
Johnny & Mary Asebedo
Jerry & Jealeta Baird
Lance & Kori Bailey and Jason
Kerry and Tanya Baird
Bobbye and Walter Bean
Bill & Della Boling
Carl & Dorothy Bomar
John & Beverly Bowman
Doleta Boyce
Doug, Jeanetta & Lance Bradford
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Pascal & Donny Garrison
L. B. & LaRue Garvin
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Albert and Rita Hartman
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Pauline Jarnagin
Steve Jarnagin
Putt & Nelda
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Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to community projects instead of sending greeting cards locally. The project was organized and carried out by the members of the Century of Progress Study Club.

The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

Sleigh bells ring. Carollers sing. Magic fills the air as families and friends exchange greetings of joy and good will. It's happening here and now in our most wonderful town, and we're pleased to be a part of it. Merry Christmas to all!

Happy Holidays



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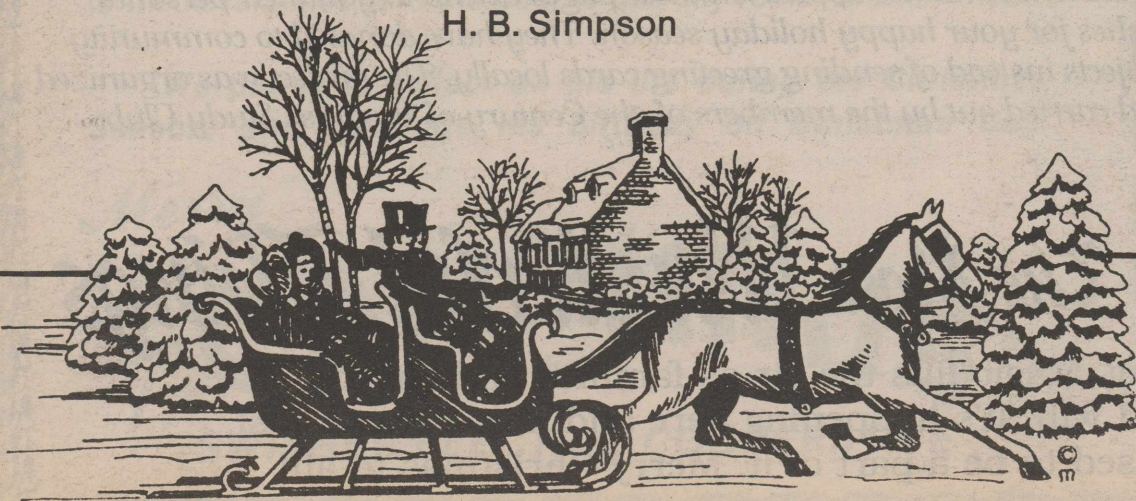
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Santa Letters From Silverton's Third Grade Students

Dear Santa, I want a bike, battleship and a Sega. My brother wants a stereo. I hope he gets it.

Your friend,
Ramon

Dear Santa Claus, I hope that I get a baby doll stroller and a finger nail salon set. I hope that everybody has a Happy Christmas Day.

Love,
Camisha

Dear Santa, I wish you could bring me a My Size Dance Barbie and a two-seated stroller.

Your friend,
Angela Nicole Lewis

Dear Santa, I want a C. D. player, toy story the nintendo game, and some clothes.

Sincerely,
Gid

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is an Air Devil and a Wild West Lego thing.

Love,
Jess

Dear Santa, I want a jeep for Christmas. I would like a computer also.

Love,
Eduardo

Dear Santa, I want a kitten, roller blades, a baby doll, barbie, a puppy and a doll and a two twin doll.

Love,
Tori

Dear Santa Claus, I want a puppy, a kitten, a horse, rollerblades, a non flatabel bike, a baby all gone, a tumbel baby, a gymnastics barby, a patty cake doll and a two twin baby doll.

Love,
Keely

Dear Santa, I want an erector set that you can build a fire truck with and 43 other models or a four lane race car track.

Love,
Ethan

Dear Santa, I want one of thoes big GI Joes. And a skate board and some little GI Joes. I hope I am good.

Love,
Yance

Dear Santa, I would like a Batman Forever-3 in One vehicle.

Love,
Thor

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have hang-time the game, mega construction site, a big wheelie, and a 101 dalmations play puppy.

Your friend,
Joshua

Dear Santa, I want a C. D. player, an Super Nintendo, an doctor dredful, and a bike. I hope my mom gets roller blazes. I've been good.

Love,
Albert

Dear Santa Claus, I want an Electric lab and a real kitten. I hope you have a good trip. I hope you don't fall off a roof. Have a merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Melonie

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a baby puppy and a pear of roller blades. Thats what I want for Christmas.

Love,
Hanna

Dear Santa, I want a game gear for Christmas, Toy Story Nintendo, Toy Story the movie, a puppy that doesn't shed. And I think my brother and sister want

C.D.'s. And please get my mom a dress.

Yours truly,
Tanner

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas doesn't mean the perfectly wrapped gifts under the tree, the lit candles burning on the red fur stockings filled with treats. It doesn't mean to think of yourself or to shut out your little brother that's asking for love. It's a time to give, not to expect; a time to love, not to hate. What Christmas really means is thinking about long ago, so very far away, of a little child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. As he grew and as he played, did his friends know he was to die for them some day? His loving arms are open wide--you know it's not too late to decide. Will you make the right choice to follow him always?

Amanda Estes, Seventh Grade

J-Jesus died on the cross for us because he loves and cares about us. So I praise him on Christmas for his enormous strength.

E-The wonderful decorations on the evergreen trees makes me happy and like if Jesus is around me.

S-Looking at the trees and seeing a beautiful star makes me thing of the night when Jesus was born.

U-Seeing unique treasures given to a family member makes me feel like a miracle just happened.

S-When I hear the word Shepherd, it makes me feel like I'm in the time when the Shepherds heard the wonderful news that Jesus was born.

Jimmy Castillo,
Seventh Grade

Christ was born on a joyful night . . .

Hugs and kisses from all the relatives . . .

Reading the loving Christmas story of Christ . . .

Importance of Jesus's birth . . .

Singing Christmas carols all the way to Grandmother's house . . .

Toys for every little boy and girl . . .

Mary and Joseph, the one who we all know . . .

Allelujah . . . The King is born in Bethlehem . . .

Santa is coming to town this Christmas morning . . .

Chelsey Cherry,
Seventh Grade

**With Our
Best Wishes
On
Christmas**

Lady Owls Win Second; Owls Win Consolation

Silverton's Lady Owls dropped a 33-48 decision to Clarendon in the championship game of the Lockney Tournament Saturday, while the Owls defeated Hart 62-43 in the consolation finals.

Named to the All-Tournament teams were Michelle Warren, Dara Ramsey, Jack Cherry and Trey Wyatt.

The Lady Owls opened the tournament by defeating Hart 58-47. The teams were in an 18-18 tie at the end of the first quarter, and the Lady Owls trailed 25-27 at halftime. By the three-quarter stop, the Lady Owls had taken the lead 42-35, and played on to win.

Michelle Warren led the scoring with a big 19-point effort and Sara Kirchoffner also scored in double figures with 16. Adding to the score were Dara Ramsey and Lacy Brunson, eight points each; Misty Wilkinson, five, and Kenzie Burson, two points.

The Owls had dropped a 20-point decision to Clarendon earlier in the week, and played them to a 42-53 decision in the tournament. After trailing 8-13 at the end of the first quarter, the Owls took a 23-20 lead before halftime. They trailed by a point, 32-33, at the end of three quarters, and went on to drop the match.

Jack Cherry and Trey Wyatt led the team offensively with 15 points each. Also scoring were Brandon Sarchet, four; Jeremy Holt, Jon Ivory, Jared Holt and Jay Arnold, two points each.

In the tournament's second round, the Lady Owls romped to a 56-24 victory over Ralls, after holding big leads at the end of each of the first three quarters: 15-4, 30-13, 41-17.

Lindsey Weaks and Lacy Brunson led the scoring with 12 points each, Misty Wilkinson caged 11 and Dara Ramsey tossed 10 points into the baskets. Also scoring were Michelle Warren, six, and Sara Kirchoffner, five.

The Owls dropped their second-round game to Lockney, 57-60. They trailed at the end of each of the other quarters: 15-17, 33-38, 43-52.

Cherry led the scoring with a big 25-point effort and Wyatt added 17. Also scoring were Sarchet, seven; Arnold, six; Jared Holt, two points.

The Lady Owls dropped the championship game 33-48 to the talented Clarendon team. The Silverton ladies led 7-3 at the end of the first quarter, but had fallen behind 17-19 before the midway stop. They trailed 24-32 at the end of three quarters.

Sara Kirchoffner led the offense with 10 points. Others scoring were Lacy Brunson and Michelle Warren, six points each; Shauna Kingery, five; Misty Wilkinson, four; Kenzie Burson, two points.

The Owls defeated Hart 62-43 in the consolation game. They

had held big leads at the ends of each of the first three quarters: 19-4, 28-14, 42-29.

Wyatt led the offense with 20 points, while Sarchet rang up 14 and Cherry got 13. Adding points to the score were Jared Holt, eight; Arnold Garza, four; Arnold and Ivory, two points each.

Teams Split Four Games With Clarendon Here

Silverton's high school Owls and Lady Owls hosted the Clarendon Bronchos Tuesday night of last week, and split victories with them. The junior varsity Lady Owls and varsity Owls dropped their matches, while the junior varsity Owls and varsity Lady Owls won.

The junior varsity girls led off the action with five Lady Owls going against 12 Clarendon ladies due to illness and injury. The locals trailed 5-14 at the end of the first quarter and were behind 9-26 at the midway stop. By the end of three quarters, the Lady Owls were on the short end of the 17-28 score and went on to lose 22-39.

Lindsey Jennings led the scoring with four three-pointers and a total of 15 points. Sharyl McMurtrey caged five and Kimmie Blazier added two points.

The junior varsity Owls earned a big victory after leading at the end of each quarter: 9-4, 22-19, 39-25, 54-34.

Nathan Francis led the offense with a big 24-point effort. Will Hester also caged in double figures with 12. Also scoring were Jordan Sarchet, six; Paul Segura and Leland Wood, five points each; Bert Garza, two points.

The varsity Lady Owls played to a 53-49 decision. They had trailed 10-11 at the end of the first period, but had played themselves into a 26-22 lead before halftime. They trailed 32-34 at the three-quarter stop but went on to win.

Lacy Brunson led her team with a big 21-point effort, while Dara Ramsey rang up 13. Also scoring were Sara Kirchoffner, seven; Lindsey Weaks, five; Michelle Warren, four; Misty Wilkinson, three points.

The varsity Owls trailed at the end of each quarter of their game: 7-23, 21-42, 39-60, 62-80.

Jack Cherry burned the baskets with 24 points, while Jared Holt rang up 12 and Brandon Sarchet tallied 11. Also scoring were Trey Wyatt, five; Jeremy Holt and Jay Arnold, four points each; Arnold Garza, two points.

Eighth Graders Defeat Claude

Silverton's eighth grade Owls earned a big 52-37 victory over Claude Monday, as the other

What The Holiday Season Means to Me



The holiday season to me means close friends and family gathered together to celebrate. Most of my family doesn't live nearby, so the holiday season

three teams dropped their matches.

The seventh grade Lady Owls led off the action with their first loss of the year, 22-27. They trailed at the ends of each of the other quarters: 4-7, 11-15, 15-19.

Chelsey Cherry led the offense with a big 15-point effort. Adding to the score were Molly Sarchet, three; Kurby Garvin and Andrea Barraza, two points each.

The seventh grade Owls dropped their game 37-45 behind the scoring of Jimmy Castillo, 15; Andrew Francis, 10; Clay McMurtrey, seven; Ismael Alvarez, five points.

The Owls stayed close, but trailed at the end of each quarter: 4-10, 17-23, 26-41.

Brooke Garvin led the scoring for the eighth grade Lady Owls with five points. Adding points to the score were Vicki Van Horn and Taylor Griffin, four points each; Julie Weaver, three; Cathryn Reyna, two points.

The Lady Owls trailed at the end of each quarter: 6-8, 8-23, 16-28, 18-34.

After trailing 9-14 at the end of the first quarter, the eighth grade Owls went on to win 52-37.

Adrian Ramirez led the offense with 14 points, while Isaiah Ivory caged 13 and Clint Ivory got 10. Also scoring were Martin Younger, seven; Daniel Castillo, six; Issac Garcia, two points.

means a great deal to me. We can all gather together to share special memories. But what the holiday season really means to me goes back farther than memories, the birth of Christ. That night in the small town of Bethlehem was probably one of the most historic moments in history. That is a memory I'll cherish forever, so as you see the holiday season is very special to me. The memories shared on this special occasion will never be forgotten.

Lauren Van Horn,
Sixth Grade

I think Christmas is a very important time. I get to see lots of my relatives and friends. We cheerfully decorate the Christmas tree together, visit for hours, and eat delicious food. The good smells coming from the kitchen make my stomach growl. They all smell so wonderful. We have lots of foods like ham, turkey, buttered rolls and salads. We drink hot chocolate and sit by the fireplace. But Christmas is not just decorating and eating wonderful food, it is about Christ's birth in Bethlehem so very long ago. That was the first Christmas ever and we should all remember that this Christmas.

Kassie Strange, Sixth Grade

What I love about the Christmas season is when it snows. I like to see the sparkling ornaments on the evergreen Christmas tree and the lights on the house. I love the bright parade and seeing kids really happy and also hearing about Santa Claus coming to their house. I also like it when all your loving family

travels to get together at other family members' houses. I enjoy seeing all the ground covered in white snow everywhere you go. I also enjoy putting up the Christmas tree with the family. The best of all I like when the whole family wakes up on Christmas Eve to open their gifts.

Felipe Olivarez, Sixth Grade

Dear Santa

Dear Santa, I want Mr. Grinch, the movie, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, a big Batman set, and Toy Story toys that talk, Spider man toys that fight, and goose bump toys. I also want the Toy Story movie and that's all.

I'll be at home on Christmas Eve. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Connor Stafford
Brownfield, Texas

Mrs. Brunson Receives Degree

Julie Graham Brunson received her bachelor's degree in education at the convocation ceremony held last Friday at Eastern New Mexico University.

Her parents, Jack and Ruby Graham of Silverton, her sister and niece, Connie and Megan Williams, and her husband, Bradley, were among those in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive of Petersburg visited with Betty Olive Wednesday of last week.

HALLELUJAH!

At this special time of year, we offer our thanks and join with you in celebrating the birth of our Savior. May the gift of His love fill your home and heart this holiday season.

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went before them, till it came and stood
over where the young child was.

—Matthew 2:10

Season's Greetings

Let there be joy
at Christmas,
when all the world
is warm and loving
in remembrance
of that night when the
Star of Bethlehem
led the three wise men
to the Holy Child.

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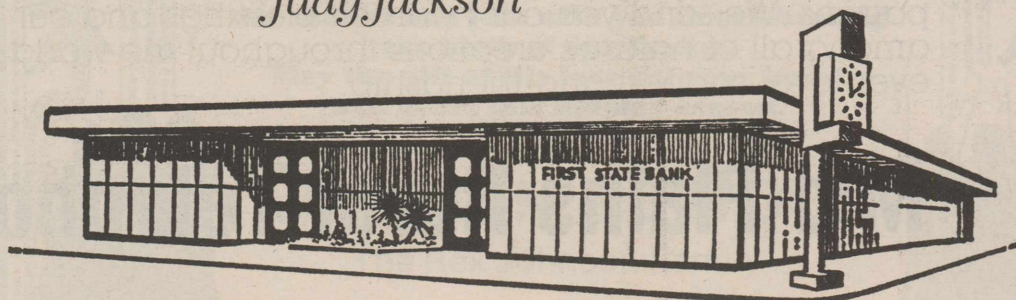
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What To Do When Holiday Cheer Turns Blue

Provided by Calley Payne
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The holiday season brings families together, friends closer and good cheer--but not for all. In fact, if the silver lining this holiday season turns blue, you may be experiencing mild depression.

Dr. Judith Warren, gerontology specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said many things including the recent or past loss of a loved one can trigger feelings of depression during the holiday season.

"The loss of a family member, friend, pet, or a move to a new residence can bring on the holiday blues for some people," Dr. Warren said. "Memories of past special times come flooding back

and overwhelm some people."

The holiday blues may also stem from feelings or disappointment due to unmet expectations.

"Some people feel the holidays just aren't what they used to be," Dr. Warren said. "Comparing this holiday to earlier times when a family member was present can result in thinking things just can't be the same."

To help get out of the holiday blues, Dr. Warren advises three things: increasing physical activity, initiating new traditions and finding a listening ear.

Physical activity such as walking can often reduce symptoms of depression such as energy loss and troubled sleeping.

Starting a new tradition instead of focusing on missing ones can help reduce a negative cast on the holidays. While it is important to remember special times with a friend or spouse, it is not realistic to expect holidays to feel like those when the family member was present.

Hanging a special ornament on the tree to symbolize a connection with a lost loved one or planting a tree to memorialize the person you have lost may help.

Seeking out the listening ear of a friend is one of the best ways to ward off the blues, Dr. Warren said. "Find someone that will listen to your concerns without giving advice or trying to convince you that everything is okay."

This may be a friend, family member, or someone you know has had a similar loss. When the blues persist, however, seeking help from a professional counselor, psychologist or your doctor may be necessary.

"Listening is the greatest gift you can give a friend who is having trouble coping with the holidays," Dr. Warren said. "When you acknowledge the emptiness your friend feels, you are validating the importance of the person she has lost. Listening to heartfelt memories can be useful in the healing process."

Pastors Leaving Assembly of God

Revs. Brad and Danielle Snowden have announced that they left Silvertown as of December 16.

They made the following statement:

"To the Wonderful Community of Silvertown:

"As Pastors of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church we want to tell of our thanks and love toward all of you. You all have welcomed us with such open arms and hearts we really feel at home. The Briscoe County paper was so good to us to post important news items concerning the church and our personal. Everywhere we went we were greeted with a warm smile and hello. Thank you for including us and being so thoughtful toward us in the different activities you all had.

"We've seen the Lord do a

great deal at Lighthouse. New families have joined us, we had great revival and mission services and wonderful fellowships. We can say also that God has blessed this church with love and unity like Christ has planned for the entire 'Church'. The church has grown in two ways, spiritually and numerically and in that we give all the glory to the Lord Jesus Christ! We will be ministering in Indiana (our home, where all our family is.) We also will be going to India in the far future and in that we desire to further our education. Thus, we ask you to remember us in your prayers and we will you.

"Still serving Our Almighty God, Rev. Brad and Danielle Snowden and Nathan."

Best Wishes

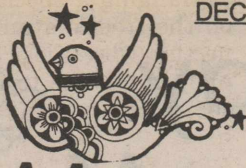


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What The Holiday Season Means To Me



The holiday season means more than Santa Claus and big red packages. It means getting together with family, friends, and relatives.

I especially like the wonderful food that you eat during the holidays. My favorite foods are soft holiday fudge, crunchy peanut brittle, and moist chocolate cake.

The most important thing to me about the holiday season is celebrating the birth of Christ.

Of all the holidays, I like Christmas the best. I like it because you get to sleep in and get to talk to your family.

The holiday season means many different things to me, whether it is being with friends, family, eating, sleeping, or just celebrating the season.

Kurby Garvin, Seventh Grade

The holiday season means sharing good times together and making new memories that last forever. Joy is something seen on a person's face when you give them something they like. Giving thanks to Christ for everything and remembering that Christmas is Christ's birthday. The seasonal music is always great. I love it when joyful carolers come and sing. Piano recitals and Christmas plays are also wonderful. Christmas's bright lights and colorful decorations are neat and pretty every year. At home, when we decorate the evergreen tree, it is always fun and entertaining. The two important parts of the season are Christ and memories.

Molly Sarchet, Seventh Grade

To me the holiday means fun and laughter. It means children smiling while opening gifts. It means a large meal of ham, turkey, potatoes, and many other items. It means big tall snow banks and all of the sleigh rides to be had on them. It means a warm home and new gifts such as a bright shiny bike, an active puppy, glittering jewelry, or a small pocket knife. But what matters the most is the reason for the season, Jesus. Without Jesus's birth, we wouldn't have Christmas; without Christmas, winter would be just another season in the year.

Duncan Vernon, Seventh Grade

The holiday season means so many wonderful things to me. It means having loads of fun and getting to be with all of my family and friends. The holidays are also full of love. It also means remembering the greatest gift of love and the reason for the season--Jesus Christ. He was sent by our Father because he loved us so very much. During these wonderful holidays, I get to see all of my cheerful friends and family members which is very

good because I love them all very much. So as you see, the holidays mean more to me than just delicious foods and nice, expensive gifts.

Amy Maciel, Seventh Grade

Christmas is a time to give, love, praise, and thank the Lord. Christmas is a time to put up the tree and put bells, bows and other decorations on the tree that stands tall in the living room. Christmas season is when brothers or sisters get outside and rake the yard or put up the lights on the house. It is also a time when Dads who are farmers get to see their children more often. It is a time when families get to see their grandparents in Mexico, Plainview or Amarillo and talk and give love. Christmas is a joyful time when the white snow falls and people surround each other with kindness and love.

Nicholas Vargas, Seventh Grade

The holiday season means that family and friends come over and have a good time. But we need to remember the real reason we have Christmas which is Christ died on the cross for our sins. The spirit of the holidays are what brings families closer together. My favorite holiday is Christmas; it fills my heart with joy and laughter. I feel that if you do not like the holiday season then you should really try to do something to help others or that makes you feel good inside. Yes the holidays are one of a kind.

Clay McMurtrey, Seventh Grade

The holiday season is very important to me because it's a time to be with family and friends. I like Christmas because there's joy and happiness in the family. There are colorful Christmas trees all over the world. At Christmas, my little brothers and sisters wait anxiously until 5:00 a.m. because that's when we open the mysterious presents. Christmas is special to me because I get to be with loving family members. Christmas is when you get to eat chewy cookies and to meet the new, cuddly babies in the family. But the best is remembering the wonderful memories that have happened in the past years.

Junior Gonzalez, Seventh Grade

All of the holiday seasons mean a lot to me, but Christmas is the holiday I like best. Christmas is a holiday that we all celebrate when Jesus was born. We get many gifts like toys, and maybe a used car if you're old enough. Christmas is when you get together with your family and celebrate. My family and I always put up outside Christmas lights and a Christmas tree. We

have fun because we sing Christmas songs and play many games with our friends. We also eat Christmas cookies, fruit punch, and many good kids of food. The best thing about Christmas is when we all get together with our parents, grandparents and friends.

Elida Garcia, Seventh Grade

The holiday means family getting together and exchanging gifts. Every year we gather at my nice aunt's house and exchange gifts. All of the torn wrapping paper gets thrown on the floor and we spend a very long time picking it all up. I love a delicious glass of eggnog. After visiting, playing games, and watching TV everyone starts going home. Christmas morning, we get up and open presents. Then we go to my grandparent's house out in the country for Christmas dinner. My grandmother cooks turkey, dressing, green beans, casseroles, and more delicious food. The holidays are special to me in more ways than one.

Danny Dunn, Seventh Grade

Shaking wonderful, huge boxes to try to find out what's in

them. Asking over and over when we are going to Granny's.

Nestling down into my warm soft bed on Christmas Eve night.

Trimming the tree for Christmas to put beautiful decorations on.

Arguing over what we think we got for Christmas presents.

Changing your mind on what dessert to have.

Lying in bed wondering where kind-hearted Santa is.

Amening after the thankful Christmas prayer.

Using my long wooly houseshoes to warm my feet on Christmas Eve night.

Shoveling shiny, white snow off the sidewalk on Christmas

Eve. Matt Strange, Seventh Grade

Celebrating Jesus Christ's birthday because you know he died for us.

Happiness is the second best thing about Christmas because of the bright and shining faces.

Receiving and giving gifts so you can see all the cute little children's bright faces.

Insuring the hopes and dreams of all the cute little kids.

Seeing all the happy Christmas spirit around the town just cheers up all the happy-go-lucky people.

Toys and stuffed animals just make everybody's day just a little big brighter.


Brandi Rice, Seventh Grade

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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



The holiday season means getting up early Christmas morning and seeing all the beautiful wrapped presents under the beautiful Christmas tree. Christmas is not about getting presents, but celebrating Christ's birthday. It means getting together with your caring family and eat the delicious turkey and dressing and all the Christmas candy. After you finish your meal, you can visit with your family that you haven't seen in so long, sing Christmas carols, and read Bible verses. Then after you finish with that, you can play games with the little kids. This is what

the holiday means to me.
Katy Hester, Eighth Grade

The holiday season means a lot to me because I remember the fun days that I had with my family and friends in Mexico. Here in the United States I have fun, but not as much as in Mexico where most of my relatives live.

During the holiday season, we would have big parties and visit most of our friends that lived far away from where I lived. In Mexico we celebrated Jesus's birth. We would make a big altar for him, his family and animals that were with Jesus when

he was born. We had pinatas at the parties, a big amount of food, and we would play Christmas music.

I have fun in the United States because my little brothers and I go outside to play in the white, shiny snow. In Mexico, it doesn't snow. I like living here, but I would really like to go to Mexico for the holidays.

Idalia Hernandez,
Eighth Grade

Christmas means a time of great joy and life of our LORD. It is this day DECEMBER 25 that our Lord was born and

raised by Mary and Joseph. This holiday means a lot to me because it is the one day that my whole family gets together and has a lot of fun. Together we see how it feels to be together without any fighting or saying bad things about each other. So on this particular day we should come as a whole giant family and celebrate the Lord's birth. We should come together to be happy and as one rejoice with the Lord. We are all happy to see each and every one because we love each other as so should everyone else on this holiday.

Diana Garza, Eighth Grade

The Christmas holiday season means no school, being with our wonderful families, giving gifts, and most of all the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is a time to have fun with your family and other loved ones. Christmas is about when the Father sent his son to save our lives. Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season. The reason we get presents is because three wise men saw the star when Jesus was born and took him presents. That is also the reason why we have the theory of Santa Claus. The Christmas holiday to me is a fun, joyful, and loving time of the year.

Kendra Rhoderick,
Eighth Grade

To me, the holiday season is all about Christmas and Christmas carols. For instance, walking in the crisp night air on that "Holy Night" and listening to the little "Silver Bells" jingle in the calm and "Silent Night." Then, looking at the "Star of Bethlehem" shine over the "Little Town of Bethlehem" to bring "Joy to the World," while lights burn bright in the frosty windows. "I'll Be Home For Christmas" and "Noel" are being sung by the jolly carolers. While they are singing

those songs, I feel merry and being to sing "Jingle Bells" and start to dream of a wonderful "White Christmas." This is what the holiday season means to me.

Andrew Francis,
Seventh Grade

What the holiday season means to me is a time of joy and cheer.

What the holiday season means to me is a time of joyful laughter and tears.

What the holiday season means to me is a time of Jesus's birth.

What the holiday season means to me is a turning point in the whole earth.

What the holiday season means to me is a renaissance in one small day.

What the holiday season means to me is loving in any special way.

What the holiday season means to me is a time of getting together.

What the holiday season means to me is a sign for forgiving forever.

What the holiday season means to me is something you could never bear.

What the holiday season means to me is a time that you handle with care.

Issac Garcia, Eighth Grade

Having joyful, heart-filled company over to celebrate.

Occasions that bring fun-filled happiness to our home.

Loving one another and praying hard for those who need our helpful prayers.

Individuals can make many differences around our huge world.

Daddy plays jolly ole' St. Nick on a cold, snowy Christmas Eve.

Anybody can decorate the tall tree in our small livingroom.

Yearly occasions being planned for next year's holidays.

Laura Gray, Eighth Grade

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had - his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."



Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

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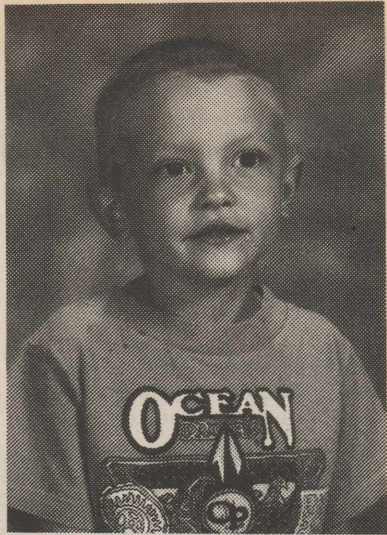


WEATHER

December 24-Hour Readings

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3	57	23	
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6	67	27	
7	59	25	
8	58	28	
9	69	35	
10	77	35	
11	74	44	
13	64	33	
14	72	35	
15	64	31	
16	39	14	
17	56	16	.05

Total Precip. in Dec.	.12
Normal Dec. Precip.	.68
Total Precip. Rec. 1996 to Date	19.99
Normal Precip. 1996 Year to Date	21.22



CODY FLEMING

Cody Fleming, six-year-old son of Ty and Shannon Fleming of Byers, Texas, died Saturday, December 7, 1996 in Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

Services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 10, at First United Methodist

Church in Byers, with Rev. Nan Davis, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Bells, Texas, and Scott Clayton officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery under the direction of Davis Funeral Home of Henrietta, Texas.

Cody was born September 1, 1990 in Wichita Falls. He was a student in the Byers School and a member of the Byers Volunteer Fire Dept.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Holly; his grandparents, Doris Houchins of Byers, Donald Paul and Carlye Fleming of Silverton, Jimmy and Vickie Smith of Ryan, Oklahoma; great-grandparents, Elmer and Della May of Auburn, Alabama, and Iwana Monroe of Silverton.

Advanced Trauma Nursing Class Planned Soon

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will hold the first Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing (CATN) for the West Texas Region. The CATN was developed by the Emergency Nurses Association to provide specialized training and continuing education for emergency/trauma nurses.

The two-day course will be held January 16-17, 1997, at RNR's Training Center located in the closed Caprock Hospital Building, 901 W. Crockett Street, Floydada, Texas. Nurses may call

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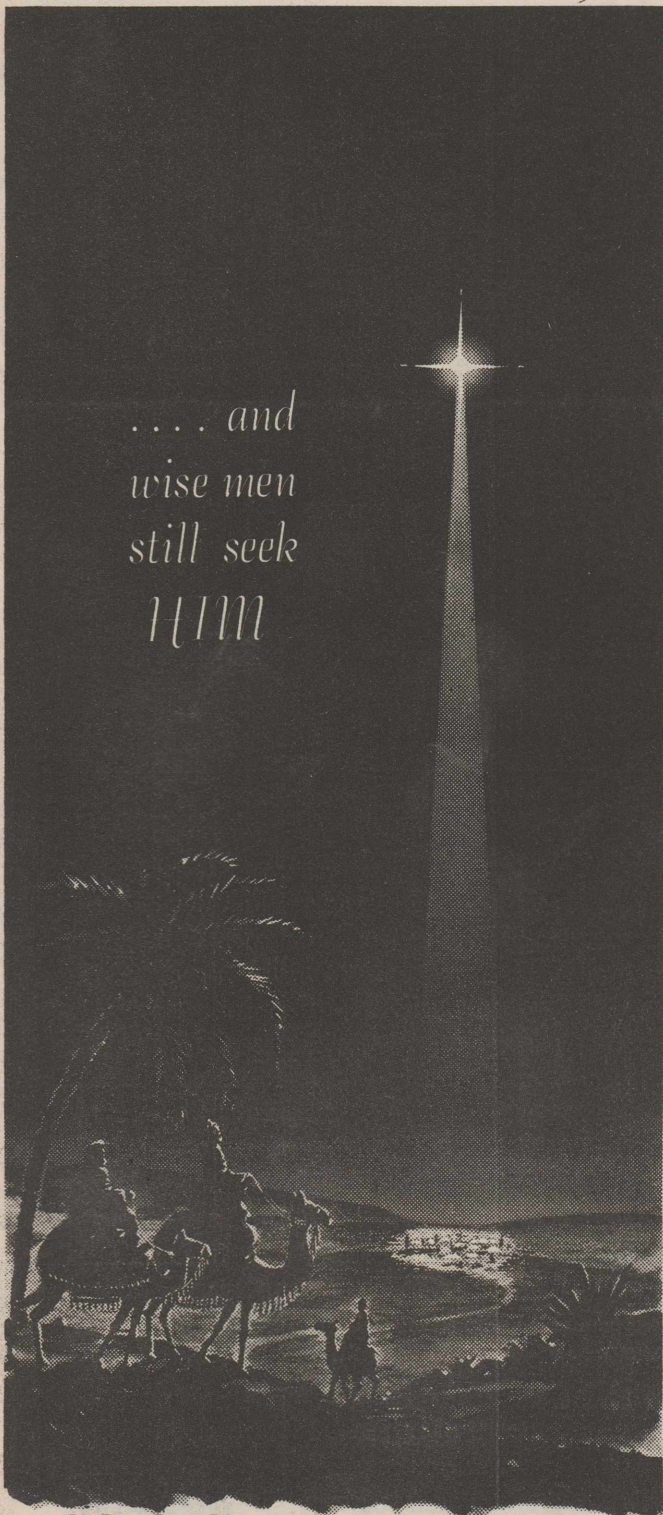
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Dear Santa, I love you.
Martina

Dear Santa, Turboman, TV, Sega, boots, Vampire Suit and a baby Four CoDy.
Calvin

Dear Santa, TV, Candy, boots, Sega, file and suit, dog.
Jeremiah

Dear Santa, I want a barbie house and a computer and a barbie car and Barbie Dolls and a Angel for me and another An-

gel for my mom and a doll that cries and go to sleep. I love you Santa.
Jessica

Dear Santa, I want a Star Wars spaceship and Buzz Light year and a toy. I want a necklace for my sister. I want a ring for Sister. I want Spitfire Space Shooter.
Kenneth

Dear Santa, I want bar Light-house, bop book, computer, candy, cats, dogs, doll
Angela

Dear Santa, I want a computer. A babay and babay clothes Frady cats and a babay crib real barbie car a boom box with tapes. I love you Sant.
Shandy

Dear Santa, I want a computer but my niece wants a barbie house and Miy of her niece wants a buuzz light year and another computer.
Love you,
Angelica

Dear Santa, I want a toy and a cat. I love you and Mrs. Claus. I love all of you. I want a car. I

wish you a very merry Christmas. I love you and I want a crimis. I want a goot this Christmas. I want a wagin and I will give you a toy.
Kassi Ann

Dear Santa, Toy cat, toy dog, toy dalmation dog, toy Aladdin, toy Barbie, toy reindeer.
Tory

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a cat and a motorcycle, a slay and the nintendo game toy story a buzz light year.
Love,
Shane

Dear Santa, How are you. I love you Santa. I want you to bring me a doll and a new Barbie.
Love,
Jasmin

Dear Santa, A dog and wishbox and a rabbit, a wolf and candy cane.
Love,
Vanessa

Dear Santa, I want toys and star wars plaset and a space ship.
Mark

Dear Santa, Please, Santa Claus, bring me a doll for me because I like Santa. And for my brother a car for my little brother He's been so nice and for my mom a big present because I love my mom because I want a barbie house.
Laura

Dear Santa, roller blades, buzz light year. I like Santa's clothes.
Gabriel

Dear Santa, I want toys and I want Buzz and roller blades and I want a lot of toyz, toy Santa. Love you. I live in TX.
Sebastian

Dear Santa, All I want is for my mom to have a merry Christmas.
Love,
Lou Jessica

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie. I wish for a doctor Barbie. I want a computer.
Love,
Lydia

Dear Santa, I wish for a dog. Please bring me a bike and I wish for Spider Man wagon. I hope I get a cat. I hope I get a frog. I want a kite.
Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa, I wish for a remote control car.
Love,
Janue

Dear Santa, I want a doll. I want a dalmation dog. I want the doll with the Cherries and Peas With the bottles and a Barbie and a toy I don't care what can you get. I will take a truck for my brother. I hope you are not sick.
I love you, Santalas.
Love,
Abby

Dear Santa, How are you. I want a Nintendo Go 4 Mario and a TV VCR remote control. Please bring me a pack of cards.
Benjamin

Dear Santa, My Size Barbie. I wish for a bike. How are you, Santa Claus.
Delysa

Dear Santa, I want a Sega and wagon and remote controlled car and motorcycle. How is Rudolph.
Love Mrs. Strange.
Ismael

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Nintendo game and please bring a football. Will you please bring me a desk.
Thank you.
Love,
Cooper

Dear Santa, I want a soccer ball bascit ball jersey and a computer roller blades and a Buzz light year spitfire space center soccer paddle and a football.
Davin

Dear Santa, baby barbie house spit fire spare shooter for my brother and real barbie car and little pool. Angel for mom baby all gone toy story. Don't wake Daddy. 101 Dalmation.
I love you Santa.
Michelle

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Second Graders Write Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I want a 4x4 Rebound. Silver and red. I want a space shooter spite fire. I hope you have a safe trip to my house. Is Rudolf in the sled tonight? I love you.

Love,
Kiefer Dutton

Dear Santa, I would like for Christmas a computer I always wanted that. I hope you are fine Santa. And I would like a trampoline to jump on it. I hope you could bring to me. And my last thing I want please to bring me a Barbie. I hope you bring all these things Santa.

Love,
Claudia Vargas

Dear Santa, I want a Talk boy. I want a Tyco videocam. I want a XRC Ricochet stunt cycle. I want a Real TV.

Love,
Ory Johnson

Dear Santa, Please bring me a remote control car. Bring me a 4x4 Rebound. Bring me a pair of roller blades.

Love,
Jose Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a .22 gun. And a go cart. And a kick stand.

Love,
Dusty Burson

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Sega CD Saturn, and a Tyco Re-

bound and a Mountain bike.

Love,
Zakkary Perkins

Dear Santa, I want a 4x4 Rebound. I also want a new pair of tennis shoes. I want a computer too.

Love,
Vincent

Dear Santa, I would love to have a CD player and a Garth Brooks CD. A bobsled would be great to have. I want one and I want a hockey suit. How is your elves doing?

Love,
Kollen Ferguson

Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me a bow and arrow and a .22 gun. I also want a nintendo.

Love,
E. J.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a little computer. Maybe a little trampoline. I would also like a surprise. I hope you have a safe trip home.

Love,
Ami Dunn

Dear Santa, Would you bring me a Ricochet. Santa would you bring me a new bike. Santa would you bring me a 4x4 Rebound.

Love,
Deigo

Dear Santa, Please bring me a tool set and a crossbow set and a 4x4 Rebound.

Love,
Jonathan

Dear Santa, I want a VCR. And a bike too. I want a puppy. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Kelli Patino

Dear Santa, Please bring me a computer, roller blades and Ask Gypsy she is a doll. How are your reindeers, Mrs. Claus and you?

Love,
Courtney Perkins

Dear Santa, I want a new pair of shoes and a bike too. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love,
Haylee

Dear Santa, Please bring me a CD player with a Garth Brooks CD. And a puppy. Then a remote control pick-up that goes fast.

Love,
Drew Reed

Dear Santa, Please get me these things.

A voice command Capsella, some roller blades, some disks for my Whiz Kid computer, CD player with any kind of disk, and a surprize, and a watch.

Thank you.
Love,
Clay Norman Strange

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy Mini-Van. I would also like a barbie. I've been a good girl. Please bring my little sister a Play kitchen.

Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Silvia B.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a barbie. I've been a good girl. I would also like a bike. Could you please bring my sister Maria a present too.

Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
Carina Vasquez

What Christmas Means To Me

The holiday season to me means more than just opening big gifts wrapped in pretty neat paper with big bows, more than drinking hot chocolate milk and more than eating big dinners with family. It means getting together with family and friends and celebrating the day Jesus Christ was born. I could go on for days about what people do on the holiday season, open presents, playing games and leaving cookies for Santa, but that isn't the real meaning of the holidays. It's about getting together with family and friends and celebrating the two greatest gifts of all, love and Jesus Christ.

Isaiah Ivory, Eighth Grade

To me the holiday season means friends and family getting together, enjoying the holiday with happy cheerful songs, giving gifts and spending a lot of time with the people you love. A holiday wouldn't be right without shopping with fun friends. The holiday season also means a time when Christ was born. The holiday means getting up early and making a big mess with your presents. Having a big dinner is also part of our Christmas holiday. The holiday season must always have big snow flakes and cold weather. I enjoy the holiday season the most when I am with my family.

Catherine Reyna,
Eighth Grade

The holiday season means a lot to me. They're a time of love and joy. They are the times that little girls and boys get off from school. Families get together and get to rejoice. People cry because they haven't seen each other for a long time. And another thing is the beautiful white frosty snow that covers the cold restless land on Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve is the day that Jesus was born. The holiday season is the time of happiness, love and joy. This is what the holiday season means to me.

Adrian Ramirez,
Eighth Grade

To me the holidays mean a time for families and friends to come together. I think it is the best time of the year because it's a time of year for everyone to give thanks. I always have something to look forward to no matter what time of year it is. Some time I just can't wait any longer for this especially wonderful holiday to get here.

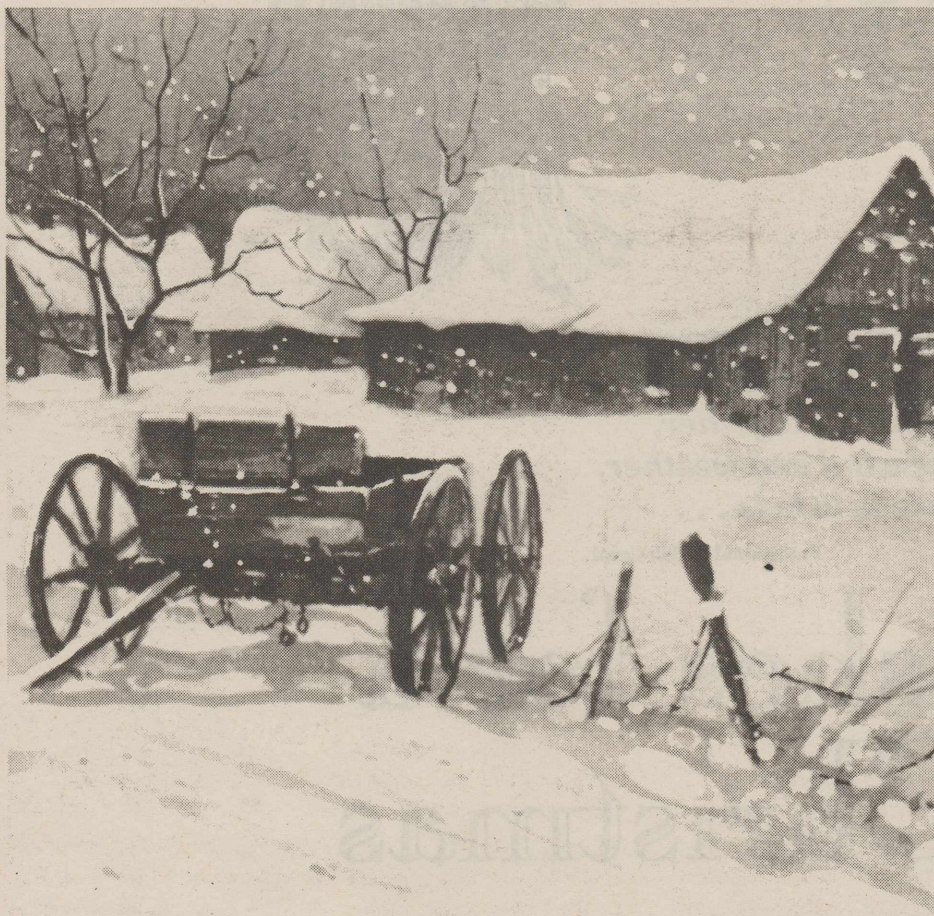
I so love the food. My favorite is the rich chocolatey desserts but the other food is good too. My favorite real food is my grandmother's sweet and buttery sweet potatoes.

I also like the presents and the suspense when you're opening them.

When the holidays finally get here, I'm very thankful because the wait is finally over.

John Arnold, Sixth Grade

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What The Holiday Season Means To Me



The holiday to me means family, presents, and the delicious meals.

The family gets together, talks, and plays games. Our family plays monopoly and other games.

We gather around the Christmas tree and get our presents. When they say we can, we open our gifts. We are excited to find out what it will be.

I like the food too: the delicious crispy chicken and gravy, steaming juicy ham, and the delicious turkey. All of these things make the holiday season very special to me.

Dustin Hale, Sixth Grade

I like Christmas because we get to open big and lovely presents. Every year my 17-year-old brother and I open the presents; then we wrap them back. I also like Christmas because I get to be with family. We always play a fun long game of football. The other reason I like Christmas is because of the lovely food. The juicy plump food is quickly eaten by the family. The reason is it delicious is because my grandma is a very good cook. The last reason is I get to be with my friend. I wouldn't probably care but I don't get to see them as much. Now you know what the lovely holiday season means to me.

Monty Wood, Sixth Grade

Family, close friends, decorated trees, roasted turkey, delicious smelling pies, and beautifully wrapped gifts all remind me of the holidays. Holidays are a merry time. Everyone lives with a caring, joyful heart during the holidays. Friends, family and relatives gather together. When it's time to decorate for the special holiday, the air is filled with excitement. On Christmas morning, anxious kids are up before the sun to see if they got their "Most Wanted" gifts. When people look back on the holidays, they refer to it as "Good Times." People try to forget their worries on one of the most special times of the year.

Bryn Mayfield, Sixth Grade

To me Christmas is a special time when my family gets together to exchange their gifts and

show their love to one another.

When my family joins happily together, we merrily present our presents to one another and then we joyfully play and talk among our relatives.

One of my fondest memories of Christmas is the suspense the children feel having to wait to open the mysterious packages under the tree wrapped in festive wrapping paper.

Christmas is a very happy and memorable time for me.

Jenny Young, Sixth Grade

The holiday means the birth of Jesus Christ, the people who came and saw him, and the play my church puts on every year at the Civic Center.

I get to be a shepherd boy in the pageant. I also get to carry a cute soft lamb in my arms down the aisle, and let little kids pet the live lamb. This helps me remember how it was in Christ's time.

Chase Comer, Sixth Grade

Christmas is a special time when families gather. But before Christmas, we put up the Christmas tree and decorate it with long streams of lights. Then once the tree is up, we put all the presents underneath our beautiful tree. But Christmas is not just presents, it's the day Christ was born. That's why Christmas is so special to many people.

The day Christ was born many people gathered around. The people that gathered around gave our Lord many gifts so that's why we get presents.

After we open our presents at my house, we go to my grandparents' house and also have Christmas there.

Kathryn Myers, Sixth Grade

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing with family and friends. It's also the time when Jesus Christ was born to us.

Christmas can also be very fun and exciting. Everyone loves to open their special presents and see what they got. There is a lot of delicious and wonderful food to eat also.

On Christmas some people only care about themselves, but I think we should think about

those who are often alone and the helpless too. We should be very thankful for what we have.

Tarran Forbes, Sixth Grade

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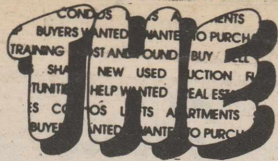
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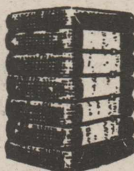
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I know Fred, the kids and I have been gone from Silverton the past few years, but Silverton is still home to us. I would like to thank each of you for your prayers and thoughts since the accident and hospital stay. Your friendship is really appreciated, and may God bless you.

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