



From our house to yours this Christmas season, we would like to wish you good health, much happiness and a bright outlook for the new year.

It is hard to realize that this year has sped past so quickly. I realize that this is supposed to be a sign of older age, but I believe that time passes faster for the young as well as the old.

In this day, we have so many modern miracles which have made our world smaller. I grew up without television, and though I'm very glad we have it now, it has caused us to look past our neighborhoods and into the world.

Those with computers no longer write letters to their friends or call them on the telephone. They send them e-mail, which electronically speeds to their "mailbox", and if an answer is requested it could be there in a very short while.

The college students use their computers on-line to get all kinds of information to enhance their studies, write their essays, seek additional information, etc.

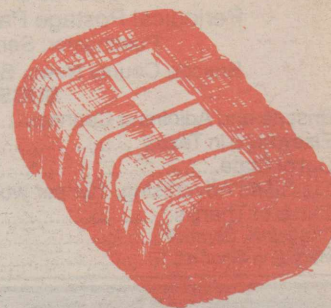
Being a computer illiterate myself, I am so glad that the students in our school are "growing up" with the computer. When I went to school "business machines" meant the typewriters, and you were lucky if you got an electric model.

Times are changing, and I think for the better. Some bad comes along with the good, but most of the young people I know can identify and choose the right direction to travel.

Have a merry holiday!



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Ty Todd, son of Jack and Lee Ann Todd and grandson of Bill Durham, was one of the youngest children who visited with Santa during the open house at First State Bank.

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Windbreak Trees Are Now On Sale

Orders for windbreak trees are now being accepted at the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation office in Silverton.

Orders may be placed from now through March 4, 1998. Prices this year for potted evergreens will be \$2.50 each, with a minimum order of ten (10) trees. Deciduous trees are priced at \$1.50 each with a minimum order of twenty-five (25) trees.

Potted evergreen varieties available are Arizona Cyprus, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Eastern Red Cedar, Colorado Blue Spruce, Scotch Pine, Southwestern Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Austrian Pine.

Bareroot hardwood varieties available are Honey Locust, Russian Olive, Cottonwood, Pecan, Catalpa, Osage Orange, Native Plum, Nanking Cherry, Desert Willow, Poplar, Mulberry/Fruiting Green Ash, Bur Oak and Lacebark Elm.

Bareroot shrubs available are Caragana, Cotoneaster, Honey-suckle and Lilac.

There also are wildlife seeding packets available at \$75.00 per packet. These consist of the Quail and Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and

Squirrel packets. Each packet has 100 seedlings contained in it.

Caprock SWCD is a non-profit organization whose sole concern is the conservation of natural resources. Caprock SWCD is in no way in competition with local nurseries. Trees are sold for wildlife and windbreak protection.

Calendar of Events Being Prepared Here

by Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

The Briscoe County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Tourism Task Force are putting together the 1998 Calendar of Events.

This calendar will be distributed to area businesses, newspapers, radio and TV stations.

Please call the Extension office as soon as possible to have events in Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey and the surrounding area listed on the 1998 calendar.

WEATHER

DECEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	56	32	
2	51	32	
3	42	32	.22
4	42	24	
5	56	20	
6	36	19	
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8	46	31	.06
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10	56	27	
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12	29	14	
13	39	11	
14	52	11	
15	63	27	
16	71	29	
17	58	25	
18	63	24	
19	73	26	
20	65	28	
21	31	28	.98
Total Dec. Precip.			1.30
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			30.35
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			21.21

Nurse Aide Class To Be Held Soon

RNR, Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will sponsor two Certified Nurse Aide Classes.

These classes will train individuals to care for patients in the Nursing Home, Hospice, Home Health and private care setting.

The evening course will begin on Monday, January 5, 1998. The day course will begin on Monday, January 12, 1998. To receive an application packet or for more information, call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

Glad Tidings



The City of Silverton was transformed into a winter wonderland by Saturday night's snowfall. In spite of tree limbs which broke and crashed to the ground under the weight of the snow and ice, everything was made to look fresh and clean. Pictured is the home of Don and Mary Brown.

Briscoe County News Photo

Good Luck
Owls,
Lady Owls!

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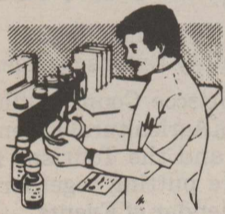
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Brittany Deckard was one of the children that enjoyed a pre-Christmas visit with Santa at the First State Bank Open House last week. *Briscoe County News Photo*



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Holiday

The holiday is when I spend time with my loving family and friends.

We all get together and talk about what we did over the year. When we are called to the dinner table we gather around the table. We can smell the delicious aroma from the crispy chicken, steaming ham, and the delicious turkey. After we have eaten, we all gather around the decorated tree. We all open our presents we have gotten from our family.

After that we all say bye to our family and go home.

The gray fox is the only member of the dog family that frequently climbs trees.

--Dustin Hale



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WEDNESDAY

Evening 8:00 p.m.



LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 24, 1987--Area cotton harvest is 90% complete . . . Dear Santa, This year I have been good. Would you please bring me a scooter, doll, toy and a trampoline. Love, Julie Weaver . . . Dear Santa, I want pom-poms, roller skates, a new Cabbage Patch and a baby buggy. Katy Hester . . . Dear Santa, My name is Eric and I am two years old. I would like to have a little tent for my bedroom and a Little People Main Street. Remember my big brother, too. I love you, Eric Minyard . . . James J. (Jeff) and Ellie E. Steele to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary . . .

December 29, 1977--The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Payne which was located southeast of Silverton, burned Thursday night of last week . . . Varsity teams playing in the Claude Tournament . . . Playing for the Owls this year are Paul Brannon, Doug McJimsey, Kyle Bean, Cam Forbes, Kirk Durham, James Alan Patton, Jace Francis, Jackie Vaughn, Earl Jarrett, Brent Brannon . . . Playing for the Owlettes are Kim Cornett, Ruegena Davidson, Debbie Storie, Karen Martin, Liz Brown, Connie Rowell, Arlene Lavy, Linda Vaughn, Twila Wood, Jennifer Martin, Mignone Rauch and Ramona Clay . . .

December 21, 1967--City to drill deep water test holes . . . Pfc. and Mrs. Norberto Garcia are parents of a son, Norberto, jr., born December 8 . . . Mrs. Gabe Garrison has been a patient in the Plainview hospital this week . . . Pre-Christmas dinner enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia . . . Mrs. Glenn McWilliams was a patient in the Plainview hospital last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester and Mrs. Ralph Hill were in Amarillo Tuesday to take Sp4 Hill to emplane for Washington to await shipment to Vietnam with his unit of the U. S. Armed Forces . . . Silverton Owls who won second place in the Silverton Tournament are Roy Dale Wood, Paul Ray McWilliams, Thurman May, Jimmy Walker, Johnny Roy Weaver, Lannie Arnold, Joe Mercer, Randy Cantwell, Dale Sissney and Lynn Frizzell. Sissney netted 63 points and Cantwell caged 26 points for the Owls during the three-day tourney . . . Dear Santa, Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a doll. Love, Rebecca Reid . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a matchbox city with the little cars. Sometimes I am a good boy. I will try to be better next year. Love, Casey Bean . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Cassie Twist 'n Turn doll. I have tried to be good, and I nearly always have been. Could you please send a few accessories? Yours truly, Linda Hardin . . .

December 19, 1957--Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Brown to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . Rodney Vaughan, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Vaughan, underwent surgery at the Lockney hospital last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard visited relatives here Monday . . . Mrs. C. R. Badgett suffered a heart attack at her home here Friday morning and has been seriously ill since then . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frizzell were Sunday guests of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Long . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bernice May visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Malone, in Plainview Sunday . . . Mrs. Mart Norris and daughters, Cindy Norris and Mrs. C. B. Parker and Opal Fern were in Plainview last Friday . . . Judd Donnell of Las Vegas, New Mexico spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Cora Donnell . . . Mrs. Gerald Smith and Mrs. Ben Bingham were in Plainview Friday . . .

December 25, 1947--Dear Santa, I am two years old and want everything John and David want. Bring me a cowboy suit, a ball and a gun. I want a surprise in my stocking, please. Love, Bill Schott . . . Dear Santa, I love you Santa Claus very much. I want a magic skin doll and two Gene Autry guns and scabbards. I also want a doctor set and a book about King of the Wild Horses. Remember all the other girls and boys. Your friend, Judy Burson . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a fairly good girl. Please bring me a doll, a wagon, tinker toys, a big ball and some doll clothes. Love, Marsha Monroe . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 11 years old. Please bring me a wrist watch, fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Don Ledbetter . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a pair of chaps and a football. I have been a pretty good boy. Bring me a gun and scabbard and some nuts and candy. Remember all the other little boys and girls. Your friend, Dwain Henderson . . .

December 17, 1925--Dear Santa, Bring me a doll and candy, nuts, etc. and other nice things. Willie B. Stout . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want things in the machinery line and a horn and candies. Archie Stout . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll with shoes and little stockings; a little stove and so many other little things but I must not be selfish. Say if it is not asking too much of you I would like to have a little set of dishes. Gaynelle Douglas. P. S. Please don't forget Bob and Rex . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me an air gun, a wagon, a little car and a football and a ball mitt. Jim Haynes . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a big ball and a gold fountain pen and a pretty little kimona and house-

shoes. This is all I want this Christmas except candy, fruit and nuts. Opal Watson . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy eight years old. I want you to please bring me a new suit, size 11 with one pair of long pants, one of short pants, coat and vest and a pretty little red bicycle. Grady Ralph Poe . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl six years old. I want you to please bring me a doll bed to put my doll on. I would love to have some beads and bracelet to match. Please fill my stocking full of candy, nuts and apples. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Evalon V. Poe . . . Dear Santa Claus, I can hardly wait until time for you to come. I must wright you just what I want and hope you will not forget me. I want a baby ma-ma doll. A little ball that will bounce, story book and a rocking chair and lots of nuts and candy. Charlsie Glynn Allard . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, set of dishes, ring and fountain pen. Einell Smithee . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a little car that has a top and a windshield on it, a coaster wagon, a top, a football, chocolate candy, nuts and crackerjacks. Arnold Brown . . . Dear Santa, I am six years old and going to school. So I need a fountain pen, a desk and cedar chest and I want a set of little dishes and a ring

and a bracelet. That is all for mother says I must leave something for other little girls. You don't have to bring me a doll this year, as my dolls will do and then I have to study most of the time. June Weast . . .

November 12, 1925--Mass meeting called for tonight; Fort Worth & Denver official here; Silverton expected to sign railroad right-of-way contract . . . McKoy says no chance to get Denver unless contract is signed soon . . . J. A. Bain building addition to his hardware store . . . The Silverton football boys defeated Lockney 12-10 Wednesday afternoon . . . Miss Josephine Seay, who is teaching at Rock Creek, spent Tuesday afternoon and night with Miss Carabel Biffle . . . Herriage Russell and Miss Pearl Gilkeyson of Lone Star community, were united in marriage Saturday at Plainview . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill were in town shopping Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wright entertained with a buffet supper in compliment to the young ladies of the house Tuesday night. They were Misses Carabel Biffle, Helen Fort and Josephine Seay. The other guests were Misses Bertha Mae Stevenson and Eloise Morgan, Mrs. Walter Lee Bain, Messrs. Walter Lee Bain, Neal Crawford, Tony Burson, Clyde Todd, Emmett Puckett and Henry Norris. Games were play-

ed and the group enjoyed listening to a varied program from the new radio installed by Walter Lee Bain. . . .

Happy Birthday-

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

December 26--Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Jennings, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27--Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey

December 28--Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

December 29--Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters, Sydney Michelle Williams

December 31--Rob Weaks

Happy Anniversary-

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland

December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

December 29--Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell

December 30--Mr. and Mrs. Doug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman

December 31--Mr. and Mrs. Brian Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cogdell



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great holiday. Thank you for your
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Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle suit star wars Movies Frtle Cow Truck Cotton seed trailer remote control truck Foot ball suit ATM
Cord Griffin

dinosaur, Batman car.
I love you!
Joshua

Dear Santa,
How are you I want football suit I want a football I want a green vaye jackit.
Ismael

Dear Santa,
I want a foot ball and a game boy and a Police Lego Set and a At At Set and a 3 set Star Wars movies and a cotton stripper please.
I love you,
Blake Strange

Dear Santa,
Porice car Star War movies,

Dear Santa Claus I want electric dump truck and hot weels track

and cool tools fire truck and cool tools fire truck and tyco Rebound remote control police car and cow truck and a car wash and remote control train
Love tyler Garvin

dear Santa, remote control train crain. Star Wars Movies. remote police car. good christmas.
Cade

Dear Santa,
i like you i want a Star wars Movies Remote Control car and can i hav a flute
love True

Dear Santa
I would like a Sammanta doll

and a stuffed bunny
frum Charla

Dear Santa I want sleeping Elmo I want a stuffed kitten
Townlii Ziegler

Dear santa
I want a Jimnastick Barbie and a Barbie car and a Beach Barbie and I want a stuffed teddy Bear With a red ribbon and a big Bear with a big ribbon and a horse.
Megan

Dear Santa
roller Blades Barbie car, real horse fake sheep, crayons and markers and Aladdin and King of thieves coloring book own big swimming pool.
Victoria

Dear Santa
i want a race car track with two race cars black and toy St. ory
Cord S

Dear Santa,
I want a fingernail parlor I want a gig a pet I want a computer I want a bed I want sum shoes
Torrey

Dear Santa
I want a tico rebad I want a buss lit yer I want a Star wars movies I want a Star wars toy I want a kite I want a Green Bay Packers jrse and nikes
Kenny

Dear Santa
I want a race track I want a truck
I Love Santa
Carlos

Dear Santa
I want a remote control car and a truck and a toy motorcycle and I want a Basket Ball
I Love Santa
Leonardo Perez

Dear Santa
I will Like a little reindeer and a little drum and a little santa.
I love you
David

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby doll four christmas and Baby dog I want new clothes
Love
Kirsten

dear Santa,
I want a nintindo I Love you santa, and a now Heart
Butler Otis 823-2555

Dear Santa,
I want a samantha doll and a gig-a-pet and a computer please.
Nichole

Dear Santa,
I want a nife. I want a tyco rebound. I want Batteries. I want two fife. remote - control car set. I want a foot ball suit I want a foot ball
Jeremiah

Dear Santa,
I hope you are good I want a brum set. an cowboy legos. an

sum stunt cycles.
Shawn johnson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some dolls. I would also like a pair of roller blades. and a doll that walks.
Love you,
Shandy

Dear Santa,
I wold like a giga pet and a computer. and I wold also like a trampoline and a puppy. I wold also like a Cristmas casle.
from
Angela Hunt

Dear Santa
I would like a Super Nails Salon. Giga Pet. Also like a Snoopy Snow Cone Machine. Also Anastasia barbie. Cluete SS hands Free Phone.
Love
Michelle Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy that is wite and a doll that cries. I want a Wedding Barbie. and a tweety bird.
Love,
Lydia DeLeon

Dear Santa
O want a sjptgim amd a Lmofe amd a BIG Pool and a Pool Table.
love
Benjamin Castillo

Dear Santa,
I would like a Super Nails Salon and a Giga pet. I also like a Beauty and the Beast Barbie. I would like a Cluess head phone.
Shandy Beth Forbes

Dear Santa
I would like a puppy. I woud like a giga pet and a man doll. I would like a rabbit.
Love,
Delysa Maciel

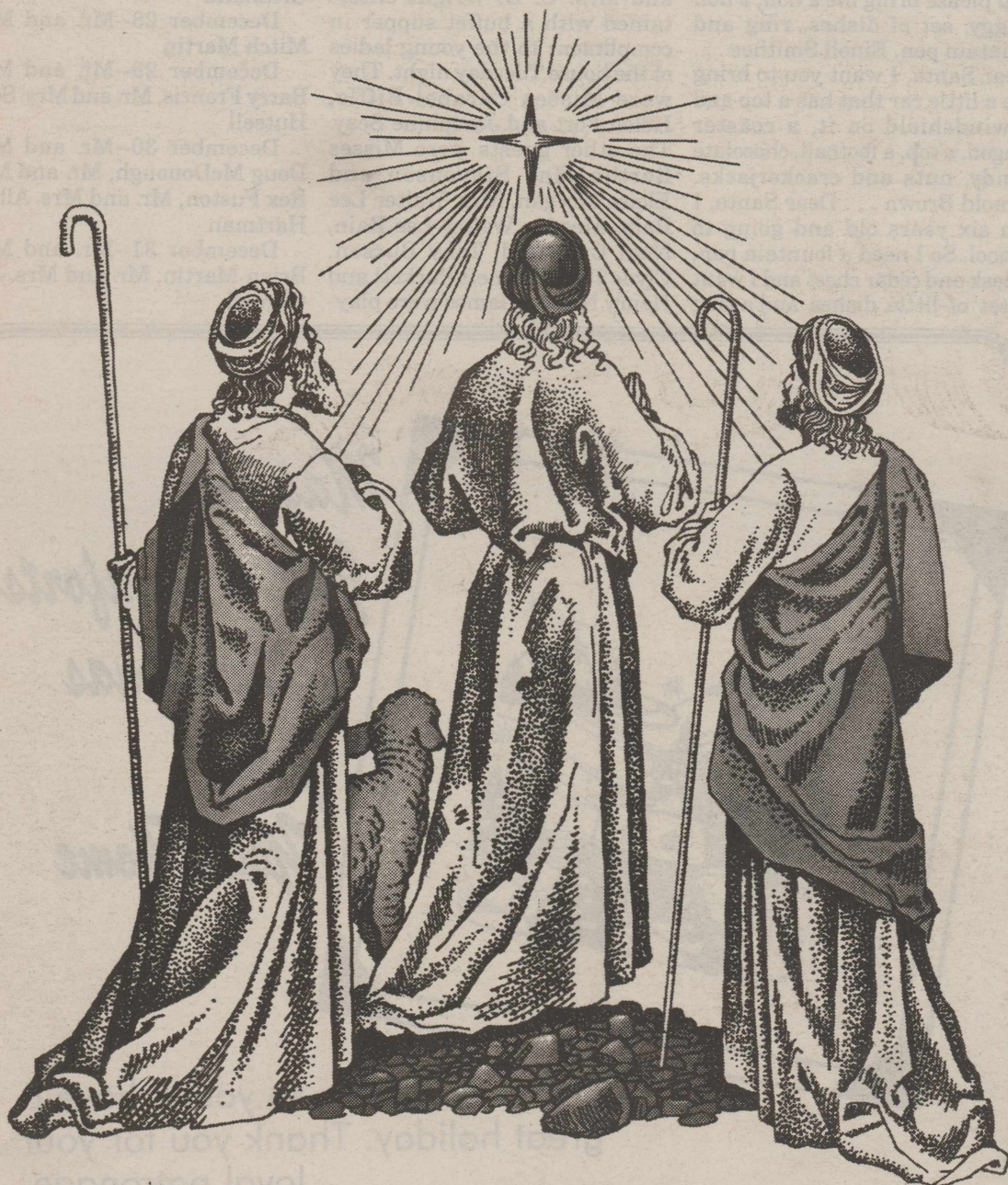
Dear Santa,
I would like a Super Nails Salon and a Giga pet and Dian and a real puppy.
Love
Vanessa Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a foot ball and I want a foot ball suit. green Bay.
Jesse Henderson

Dear Santa,
I wish I want a castle and a puppy. Also, a computer. with a twite Blanket with a twite pillow. Also, a snoope snow cone Machine and Anastasia Barbie.
Love,
Laura Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy and a cat and a computer and a bike and atv and trampoline and a tam Truman and a pool and a game.
Love,
Jamie Garza

Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come



May you bask in the season's glory.

TOWE'S OFFICE

Jay, Patsy, Addlene Towe

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I would like a real house cat. Santa I also a giga pet, and a house computer. Also a super nails salon, snoop snow cone Machine.
Love,
Kassi Jasper

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a puppy. also I want a computer and I want clothes, and a rabbit.
love,
Sebastian Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would want a toy pickup. I would like video game. I would want a bike. I am being good santa. I want a hors too.
Love,
Marcus Gossett

Dear Santa,
I would like A play stasjon and a new dirtbike. And a computer.

I would also like gameday 98.
love
Shane

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie bike. And a Barbie car. And a Barbie house. Also some Barbie clothes and a computer Also a gig-a-pet
Love
Jessica Garcia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Baby called cry Baby. And a car seat. And a pear of socks and it don't matter what color.
Love,
Abby

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control air-plane. and a panther. and a big! castle.
love
Mark

Dear Santa,
I want a roller girl. I do want my size barbie. I want talking buba.
Love,
Jasmin

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo 64. Also if you can would you bring me a v tech comper. I also want a nano.
Love,
Cooper

Dear Santa,
I what a bike. I what some more bisks for sage. I what a ranter. P. S. how is danser dooing
Thank you
Calvin

Dear Santa,
I want a gig-a-pet and roller blades my size is ones. And bike. And roller girl. And a talking buba. And computer
thank you
Angela Pena

Dear Santa,
I wish for a cry baby. I wish for tuta Barbie. I wish for a gig-a-pet

I wish for roller blades size 7 or 8
Love
LouJessica

Dear Santa
I want a remot cantrole air plane and a chigago Bulls jacket reversival and a computer.
Davin

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie dream house 2 floor I am going to gave you coke and cookie.
Thank you,
Tory Ann Patton

Dear santa,
I want a panther and a nut-cracker. Army mans.
Love
Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I want a kitten and a puppy and a cumputer and a cumputer barbie.
Thank you santa
Alina

Dear Santa,
I would like Shania Twain's

Come On In CD, Pictionary and Lego Sets Bank and Crises News Crew. Oh yes and Kassie wants American Girl stuff. Matt wants a Nintendo 64, and Blake wants a Lego Police Station. Nice talking to you.
Sincerely,
Clay

Dear Santa
I wish I had 4 iner tubes and a mutain bike f me to rid at the Lake. my bruther wod like a re-mote helicopler.
your friend
tye Assiter

Dear Santa,
I like to have four things. I like a new bike, a nintendo 64, a new walkman, and a set of football cards. I want to give my brother a new street fighter game. I want for my dad a new watch. My sister wants a doll to play with. My sister want new clothes.
Sincerely,
Your friend
Jose

... 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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Kerry and Tanya Baird
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Doug, Jeanetta and Lance Bradford
Carl and Dorothy Bomar
Jessie Bomar
John and Beverly Bowman
Doleta Boyce
Seymour and Ruby Brannon
Wade and Mary Jo Brannon
Sheryl, Alisha and Josh Breedlove
Bill, Jannine, Josh, Jeremiah and Molly
Ron and Sheila Brooks and Misty
Don and Mary Brown
Gail, Dora and Melonie
Perry, Marsha and Lacy Brunson
Iris Burson
Jimmy and Rhenda
Johnnie and Dean Burson
Mary Tom Burson
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Tom, Deb and Donny Burson
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Delton, Donna and Mollie Cleveland
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Nadyne Childress
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Pascal and Donny Garrison
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Jack and Ruby Graham
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Mary Grantham
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Roberta Griffin
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Tara and Gary Kersh
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Leon, Pat and Nikki Lavy
Corky and Betty Kirk
Joe and Carolyn Kitchens
Louie Kitchens
Paul Ledbetter
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George and LaVerne Long
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 John, Gail, Ashleigh and Trey
 Aaron and Mary Lane Younger
 Riley and Lois Ziegler

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!

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I'm glad Jesus was born because Jesus helps us to be good. I would like: N 64, volcano track, a game of Stratego, and a game of Escape from horror Land. that's all I want. I wish my brother had a big Buzz Lightye too please. I think mose about what my brother wants. Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Zakkary Perkins

Dear Santa,
I would like to hav three or four things I want a buzzeliteyoer, a rovinstatve and arrwos the real mening of christmas is giving and celebrat Jesus burthday. dont a Close howe do you disappear and wine people have their fire places on how do you get in
Yours Truely
Jon

Dear Santa,
I want Carter with dino snare dirtbike and a gift to give my aunt. I want Garth's cd The Collection. I also want things wrapped for my family. You remember the reindeer shoes you gave me? My mom threw them away. Well, would you please bring me some more.
Your friend,
Kollen

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a computer, Barbie and some clothes. That's all I want for Christmas for me. For my mom I want her to have clothes. And my dad a new watch. What do you think about Christmas? How are you doing?
Love,
Claudia Vargas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a C-D player, Super Mario game. and a checkbook. I only wanted a couple things this year! My mother wants a surprise.
Sincerely,
Ory Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Tamogoteni Pet, a baby bedroom set and a fingernail design salon.

I want a Monopoley, nintendo game. And for my brother a Top Gear nintendo game and a clasers palace game. How are you doing. Im doing good.
Your friend,
Ami

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have 3 or 4 things. They are football cards, Dallas Cowboys cap, football, and a walkman. Cristmas is my favorite holiday.
Sincerely,
Dusty Burson

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer. Skates, and clothes for me. I would like you to give me more things because I want to give things to my family like a doll to my little sister, a ring to my big sister, clothes to my mom and a watch to my dad. I am glad about all the things that you give to me.
Love your friend,
Silvia Baeza

Dear Santa,
Please get me a nano pet, Molly Mcentire, medal jewelry maker, and a Sony playstation game. Christmas is for giving not for geting and also is Jesus's birthday. We read a story called Claude the Dog. There was a dog and he did not get anything so Claude the Dog gave him everything he had and all Claude had left was his friends and family. So thats what I am going to do just like Claude the Dog.
Love,
Courtney Perkins

Dear Santa,
I would really like just about three things for Christmas. Theyard a playstation, a dirtbike, and a Brett Farve poster. I really like the real meaning of Christmas. And it is Jesus's birthday and on Christmas you need to give instead of receive.
Sincerely,
Drew

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sony playstation, a nintendo 64, and Troy Aikman cards. He is a good quarter back.

He throws long passes to Mickle Irven he catches the ball and throws to Anthony Miller. Once I would like Michel Jordan cards he is a good player. Sometimes he shoots three points and dunks.
Your friend,
Vincent

Dear Santa,
I would like a new pair of rollerblades, a giga pet please, a fluffy teddy bear, and a cross necklace.
Your friend,
Kelli

Dear Santa,
I would like a 22 gun and more model ears, and dirt bikes. I also want a real dirtbike, a diamond ring for my mom, and a doll for Jasmin. And a new pack of cards for Red.
Santa that's what I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
E. J.

Dear Santa,
I like to have three or more things. I like to have a sony playstation, and a gameboy so I can play games. I want a sonyplaystation so me and my brother to play a mortorceace game and mortalcombat. Sant, I always want to ride in your sled. It is fun ride in the sled.
Love,
Diego

Dear Santa,
I would like a men's Mountain bike. (It is a Muray), all of the foot ball cards, a Nintendo 64 with Nba Hang Time and Nfl 98. A Tantrum with two batteries. I want darts a darts tips for my dad and all of thoes dolls my mom loves cause it is for her. Please.
Love,
Kiefer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Electric dump truck and cool tools, tow truck and Big bike and cool tools fire truck and Hot wheels track.
Love,
Tyler Scott Garvin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that says I'm Hungry. I want a doll carriage and I want a TV. I've been kinda good. Please bring me something.
From:
Reba Jo Garvin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this past year. Please bring me a bike, a train, a tractor, a red pickup with a trailer, and a guitar. Please leave me a little wooden fire truck in my stocking. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the kitchen table.
Love,
CoDee Grabbe

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Celebrate the day,
May your holiday ring out
With joy in every way.

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wish all our friends and customers
a very merry Christmas.

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Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
For Crismis I want a bike. An
some rollerblads. An a barby
house with a barby.

Love
Trichelle Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a back scooper
like Williams, a Dallas Cowboy
throw, a big tractor you can ride
on. Please bring my Dowie a coke
bottle for her coca-cola shelf. One
more thing, a set of real golf
clubs.

Your friend,
J. T. West

Dear Santa,
I would like some books, a tri-

cycle, a baby doll, a stroller for
my baby doll, and a touch n crawl
minnie.

Love,
Brittney Grabbe

Dear Santa,
I believe in you now. I know the
other Santas are helpers for you.
But here is what I want for
Christmas please a C.d. walkman
player with batman and robin
C.d., a Hercules with two batter-
ies, a Brett Farve jersey, a Steve
Young jersey and a nintendo 64
with Nf197 and NBA Hangtime.
Next year I will be good.

Love,
Kiefer

P. S. Can I please have all of the
stuff I want. I be carefull, I prom-
ise.

Dear Santa,
I am two years old. Please bring
me a battery operated 4-wheeler,
a remote control bull dozer or
back hoe, and a bouncing horse. I
have been a good boy.

I love you,
Caden Edwards
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. My
Christmas list is a short one. I
would like to have a Toy Story
talking Woody and some dino-
saurs.

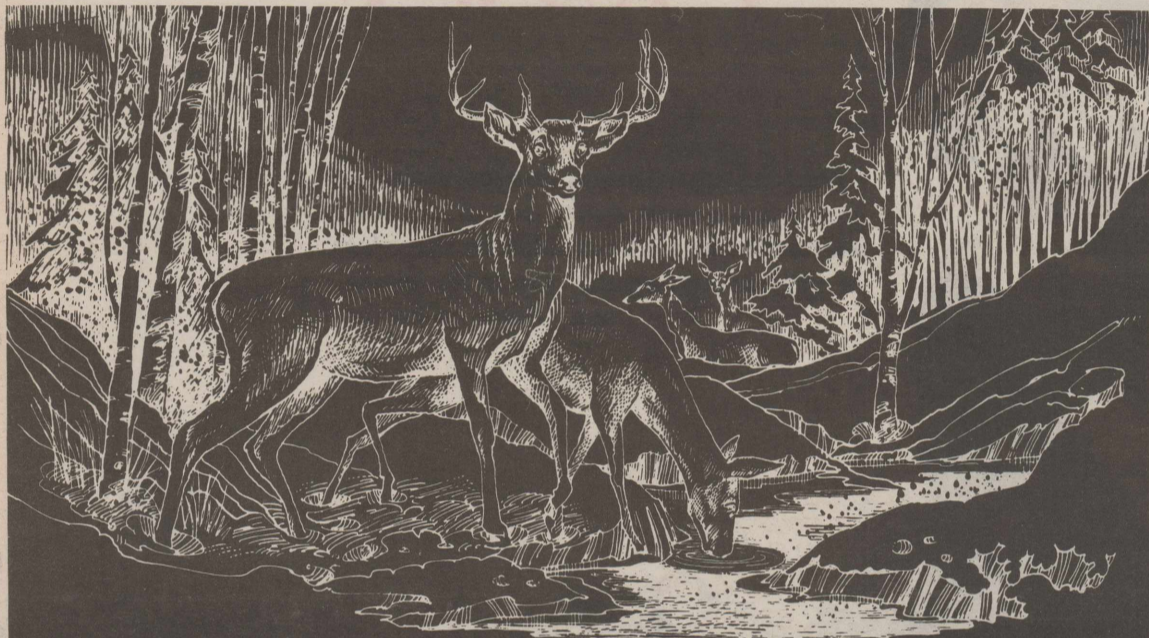
Thank you
Jeremy Hall

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good boy this
year. Please bring me a Talking



Bryce Patton (left) and Cody Daugherty were among 140 children who visited with Santa during the Open House at First State Bank last week. Two drawings were held, and David Allen and Zach Burson each won a \$50 savings bond.

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'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord'
(Psalms 33:5)

Christmastime offers us time to reflect on the beauty of creation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We're pleased to join with you in prayer, and to offer you our thanks.

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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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Bubba, V-tech computer, a Game Boy, a Fighting Action Figure, two Glo-in-the-dark cars, a Jurassic Park car and dinosaur, a Transformer Insect, and a Goose Bumps Pinball Machine. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I love you,
Connor Stafford
Age 5
Brownfield, Texas

Cactus For Christmas

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Poinsettias are plentiful around the holidays, but creeping into nurseries and flower shops are the lovely and longer-lasting Christmas cactus. It's named that because it naturally blooms during the holidays.

Experiment Station horticulturist Dr. Harvey Lang says it begins its flowering phase in October when there are fewer than 12 hours of daylight.

Flowers generally take two months to fully develop. Then the cactus will bloom for about two weeks. It'll usually bloom a second time in late February.

There are more than 70 varieties of Christmas cactus with colors ranging from white to pink, purple and red.

Christmas cactus is native to Brazil. It likes cool, shady areas and can live more than ten years.

Dr. Lang says when you buy a Christmas cactus this time of year, look for one that stands upright and already has many flower buds.

Overindulging Should Be Avoided During Holidays

by Callie Payne
County Extension Agent

Over the holidays, Americans will put on an average of seven pounds. But there are ways to avoid overindulging so you don't face the battle of the bulge come the new year.

Extension nutrition specialist Dr. Dymple Cooksey says the secret to keeping your appetite in check is moderation and balance. If you know you will have a large meal in the evening, eat smaller, low-calorie meals during the day. Then eat a healthy snack right before the party. That way you aren't as hungry. When you arrive, do not head straight for the food. Greet friends, get a low-calorie drink and settle in first. When you do get ready to eat, make only one trip to the buffet. Select small portions. And limit the egg nog.

Cooksey says fruits and vegetables are always good choices, but don't load them up with dip. The same goes for butter and other spreads.

If you're doing the cooking, Cooksey recommends you alter some recipes to reduce fat and calories. But she admits, that may not be possible with desserts. So her best advice there is for you to limit yourself to one serving.

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JOY AND PEACE

The Christmas season, that joyful time of year when a spirit unlike that of any other season fills the air, borne aloft by the voices of carolers proclaiming "Joy to the World" and "Peace on Earth."



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.

Ronnie Hardin
Morris Wilcox
Amanda Simpson
Patricia McJimsey
Kyle Fuston

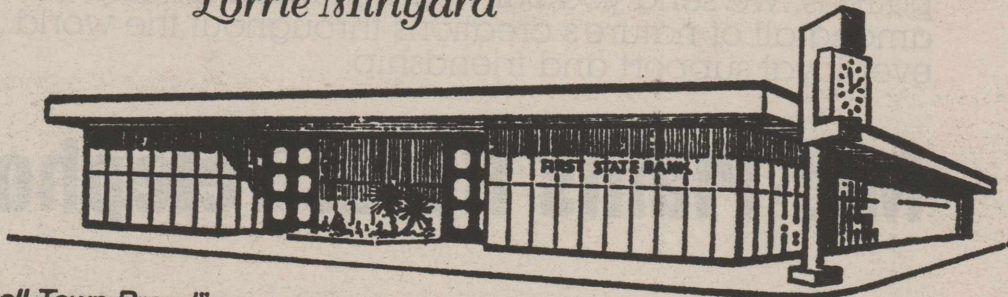
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Eighth Graders Define Holiday Season

The holiday season is very special to me. For starters it means delicious turkey. It's a time to thank Jesus Christ for being born and all the wonderful things he has done for us. Don't forget the wonderful time you spend with your family that you so long to see. It's also a time to give to the less fortunate. Many times we forget how lucky we really are. So in conclusion, I would have to say Christmas is absolutely my favorite time of the year.

Clay McMurtrey

The happy holiday season means not just getting big bulging presents but also giving them. At Christmas time I like to sit by the big warm fireplace watching all the Christmas programs and reading all the holiday books like Charles Dickens

classic *The Christmas Carol* and *Garfield's Christmas*. At Christmas time, I like going shopping and seeing all the cute little kids with a bright glimmer in their eyes. I also like seeing their hope that Santa Claus will soon be at their homes. To me Christmas also means watching all the hustling and bustling of the frantic parents shopping as if the world were about to end. Knowing God sent his one and only son to die for our sins, and all the memories are what Christmas means to me.

Brandi Rice

The season has many different meanings to many different people. To me it means a horde of relatives over for the holidays. It also means a lot of house cleaning to be done before the relatives show up. It also means untan-

gling that huge mess of lights that you rolled up perfectly the year before. It has one more meaning, one that can be seen in the very first letters in the word Christmas which is Christ. Christ and his birth is the real meaning of the season.

Duncan Vernon

Christmas season is celebrated the 25th of December. It is the day that we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a very special day and is my favorite holiday. At Christmas you get big presents, play exciting games, and do many different activities. I like to go out and watch the beautiful shiny lights on the houses, the white snow falling from the sky, and go to church and hear the little children sing. I also like the tasty foods such as the sugary

cookies with some hot chocolate. Christmas is the holiday that means so much to me.

Elida Garcia

Singing on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Angels singing of Jesus' birth, Not knowing what I am going to get for Christmas, Throwing lumpy snowballs at each other, Asking parents when we can open the dazzling presents.

Crying of our Savior being born in Bethlehem, Lying in bed dreaming of our colorful presents, A & M victory over Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl, Unending hugs and sweet kisses of visiting relatives, Sledding off slippery snow drifts onto the brown log cabin in Colorado.

Matt Strange

Just an ordinary baby, so many people said, Except for a chosen few that Jesus that very night led Silently they followed this bright and shining star that stood out

Under God's majestic sky, they soon would all find out Sleeping in a manger was the one that soon would be redemption and salvation for you and for me.

Amanda Estes

The holidays bring my family together with some very special Christmas customs. My favorite one is singing with a host of family and friends on those crisp wintry nights while silvery bells are ringing. Then, on Christmas Day we wake up with dreams of Sain Nick in our heads as we sor through the presents, lookin hastily for that special one.

After all of the goodbyes are done and all of the acts of giving are left for another year, I will still have my memories to carry me through another year.

Andrew Francis



When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

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Owls Do Well in the Games Against Paducah Tuesday Night of Last Week

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls played well against the always-tough teams of Paducah Dragons here Tuesday night of last week, with the varsity and junior varsity Owls winning their matches and the Lady Owls dropping a very close game.

The junior varsity Owls led off the action with a 69-58 win. Daniel Reagan led the scoring with 12 points, and also scoring in double figures were Max Whitworth, 11, and Adrian Ramirez, 10 points.

Adding to the score were Daniel Castillo and Clint Ivory, nine points each; Paul Segura, eight; Ryan Minyard and Vince Cruz, four points each; Isaiah Ivory, two points.

A former Silverton player, Aaron Wederski, kept the Dragons in the game by burning the baskets with a big 26-point effort.

Owls	22 35 45 69
Paducah	9 25 39 58

An overtime period was necessary to decide the final outcome of the Lady Owls game. Michelle Warren and Lacy Brunson had an outstanding night, scoring 19 points each. Also scoring were Lindsey Weaks, eight; Misty Wilkinson, seven; Sara Kirchoffner, five points.

Michelle was able to score three points in the overtime, but that was not enough to overcome

the seven-point effort by the Lady Dragons.

Lady Owls	10 23 41 58
Paducah	10 27 34 62

The Owls had to come from behind to take the 66-56 victory over the Dragons.

Jared Holt led the offense for the Owls with a big 22-point effort. Also scoring in double figures were Trey Wyatt, 18, and Jack Cherry, 14. Rounding out

the score were Nathan Francis, eight, and Jeremy Holt, four.

Owls	17 27 49 66
Paducah	16 36 52 56

Three pointers were scored by Castillo (1), Weaks (1), Cherry (1), Wyatt (3).

Next games for the high school teams will be Tuesday, December 30, when they travel to Lazbuddie for four games scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

Junior High Teams Play Series of Games With Claude

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Owlettes played a series of games with Claude December 15, and will be idle until going to Hedley on January 5, the first day back in school following the holidays.

The seventh grade Owls led off the action with a 19-17 defeat. Red Ivory led the scoring with 13 points. Rounding out the score were Dustin Hale, two points, Monty Wood and Chase Comer, one point each.

Ivory hit a three pointer in the third quarter.

Owls	0 6 14 17
Claude	10 13 19 19

The junior high Lady Owls earned a 27-21 victory over Claude. Chelsey Cherry led the scoring with 12 points. Also scor-

ing were Lauren Van Horn, six; Amanda Estes, five; Bryn Mayfield and Tarran Forbes, two points each.

Lady Owls	6 15 21 27
Claude	7 14 16 21

The eighth grade Owls played to a 34-33 loss. The game was close all the way.

Andrew Francis led the offense with 12 points. Others scoring were Jimmy Castillo, nine; Clay McMurtrey and Matt Strange, four points each; Nicholas Vargas and Danny Dunn, two points each.

Owls	10 15 24 33
Claude	8 16 26 34

Go Owls & Lady Owls!

Seventh Grade Holiday Essays

Christ was born on this day in a manger.

Helping the homeless and other people with needs.

Remembering the joy of having a family and a home.

Improving the environment around us so that we can have a harmonious world.

Sharing happiness and the joy of Christmas.

Thinking about the ill and the poor people.

Making friends and singing happy songs.

Always being happy and giving gifts instead of receiving them.

Sitting under the Christmas tree and looking at the small yet tiny Christmas tree.

--Pamela Castillo

Christmas Day is special. It is time when families are most united. Families come together, to decorate their homes for

Christmas and prepare for the birth of the Lord.

While some family members put up the moss-colored Christmas tree, others decorate with vibrant lights. The perky children eagerly await Christmas Eve and Santa Claus. Their fathers enjoy watching, the children play with their toys they received from Santa.

Meantime in the kitchen, Mom is preparing lunch. The whole family gathers at the table and gives thanks for the many blessings, especially for having a family to celebrate the birth of the Lord.

--Patricia Acevedo

Christmas is a season when families reunite with their families and friends. It's the day everyone waits for because it is the serene day when Jesus was born. It is also the day exuberant people receive surprises and happiness, or sometimes sadness and

tears. You may ask why tears and sadness? This is because many of the family members that at one time had been with them on this special day are no longer living, or they live too far away to join them. It's a day when dreams come true for everyone in the world. You can see the happiness on the children's faces.

--Paola Baeza

The Dangers of Holiday Greenery

by Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

As you put out the holly and poinsettias, you may worry about dangers to your kids and pets, but there's little to be concerned about.

First, let's dispel the myth that poinsettias are poisonous.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Doug Welsh says it's common misconception. He says Ohio State University researchers studied it several years ago just to make sure. And as expected they determined poinsettias are not poisonous. Neither are hollies.

Welsh says the berries on some varieties are even made into a delicious jelly. But don't put mistletoe in your mouth. It may not kill you, but it will hurt you. It causes stomach upset and can be especially hard on young children.

Welsh says the danger from the Christmas tree is more from posing a fire hazard than a medical hazard. Keep the tree in water and away from fireplaces and other heat sources. As for pets, Welsh says in general, animals are much less sensitive to plant materials than humans are, but he advises keeping them away from mistletoe as well.

It's time to trim the Christmas tree
With symbols of the season's cheer,
And place on top for all to see,
A star to honor Him most dear.

We're pleased to know you, honored
to serve you, and happy to offer you
and your family our fondest wishes.

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Silverton Students Describe Holidays

To me, the holiday season means chocolate that warms me up from head to toe. Toasty, blazing fires that crackle and have flames that merely dance about. Crisp, new falling snow, that lightly drops and dances upon your nose tickling it, and clinging to your eyelashes. Joyfully singing Christmas carols during a memorable hayride. Seeing the smile and happiness that slips on a little child's face and twinkles in their eyes after Santa Claus comes. All of the tiring, but yet fun, hustling and bustling while shopping for the perfect gifts. All of these things describe what Christmas means for me.

Amy Maciel

Christ being born that holy night
 Holly and mistletoe making the room with a formal holiday greeting
 Rushing in the scamper of all the scrambling holiday shoppers
 Icy cold icicles hanging ever so gently on the roof
 Sitting around the Christmas tree, glowing with lights and cluttered with ornaments
 Taking time to remember what the holiday season is all about
 Making that delicious holiday candy from scratch
 A day highly anticipated at Nanny's and Grandma's
 Singing the old traditional Christmas carols going from house to house

Kurby Garvin

When I think of the holiday season one of the first things that comes to mind is the word caring. That comes straight from the heart.

Another word that comes to mind is forgiving because no matter what kind of bad thing has happened to you, you've done many wrong things as well. So you're going to want those people to forgive you. So if you do these two things, you'll see that you will get along with people a lot better.

Santiago Castillo

C Cheering for the Christ who born on a cool night in Bethlehem where he laid in the warm cuddly manger.

H Having lovely friends, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents over to spend the joyful holidays with.

R Receiving fragile gifts or even nice warm clothes from your family members.

I Instigating opening the presents right after you eat the fresh meal.

S Searching through all the unwrapped gifts to see what gifts have your name on them.

T Teaching the little ones the wonderful true meaning of Christmas.

M Making all of the festive meals for the family.

A Arriving at Grandma's house for the celebration of Jesus Christ.

S Seeing all of the Christmas plays at church or at the town square.

Chelsey Cherry

Christmas day is getting closer. It is time to decorate our homes and prepare for surprises that go with Christmas. Families that seldom see each other come together to spend a few marvelous days.

On Christmas Eve, supertime

is late in the evening. After supper, everyone starts reminiscing about the times when they had the most fun. The most emotional time for the children is thinking of the coming of Santa Claus. Everyone goes to bed.

The following morning everyone wakes up early, especially the children, to open up their gifts. Then it is time to think of Christmas. We all go to church to give thanks for the coming of the Lord.

Juan Acevedo

Christmas means a day of spending time with your family. A time to enjoy being together, gathering and visiting around the Christmas tree, opening gifts, and eating a big dinner. For the little children, Santa Claus is very important. They become very excited wondering what Santa is going to bring them.

However, the real meaning of

Christmas and what everyone should remember is that it is the birthday of Jesus. Christmas Day should be a day when we give thanks, and we should make it a day of love and peace.

Daisy

Choosing the marvelous presents for your family members
 Hearing the wonderful Christmas carols

Remembering the less fortunate and being thankful for what you have

Insisting on opening the marvelous presents that you have so patiently waited to open

Seeing your family members that you so long waited to see

Talking to the ones you love about the wonderful years you've had together

Making sure that everyone is having a great time and enjoying themselves

Arriving at grandmother's house to celebrate Jesus's birth

Seeing the happy, joyful faces that Christmas brings to all the children in the world.

Junior Gonzales

C The C in Christmas stands for JESUS CHRIST

H The H in Christmas stands for HAPPY HOLIDAYS

R The R in Christmas stands for RIPPING open beautiful presents

I The I in Christmas stands for INVITING best friends and family over to give presents to each other

S The S in Christmas stands for SANTA CLAUS giving great gifts to all the little kids

T The T in Christmas stands for THANKING people for all the presents

M The M in Christmas stands for MERRY CHRISTMASSES

A The A in Christmas stands for ASKING Jolly old St. Nick for toys

S The S in Christmas stands for beautiful white SNOW during the holidays

Eric Minyard

Have A Very Happy Holiday!

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.

Merry

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With Appreciation At Christmastime

Christmas is a time for giving, and we'd like to give our thanks to all of you who have given us so much this past year.

Happy Holidays!

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What the Holiday Season Means to Silverton Seventh Graders

Silverton students wrote themes on what the holiday season means as entries in a contest sponsored by Southwest Airlines and Fairfield Inn by Marriott. Winners will receive two round-trip tickets between any Southwest Airlines published destination and accommodations for three days/two nights at a Fairfield Inn in that same city. Each trip is good for the winner and an accompanying adult. Essays will be judged on the basis of content, sincerity, originality, creativity and writing ability. This exercise has been under the direction of Miss Jane Self.

Christmas is not about the gifts you receive: it's about the day the Christ was born. Christ was born so we could have forgiveness of our sins. If Christ had not died on the cross, we would not be here today. We have Christmas to celebrate the glorious day Christ was born. We get gifts to represent the ones the Lord received from the Three Wise Men who followed the North Star a long, long way. Most everyone celebrates Christmas in some way. Christmas is not about the gifts you receive or give. It's about the Lord's birthday.

--Kathryn Myers

The holidays are filled with many brilliant lights that symbolize hope and peace.

Sparkling lights have always been very special, but not just to decorate your house or trees. Christians believe that a long time ago the vivid light of the Star of Bethlehem led the excited wise men to baby Jesus, and that

Christ is the Light of the World. With the recent terrorism in Egypt and the uncertainty in Iraq, to me the holiday season is the perfect time to strive for peace everywhere. Also to help families, friends and enemies come together in harmony.

Let all the lights shine brightly with peace and love for all.

--Bryn Mayfield

To me Christmas is a time of sharing and laughter, but most of all Christmas means a little baby born long ago in Bethlehem.

Christmas is always an exciting time. The fancy decorations, brightly wrapped packages, and delicious smelling aromas put me in a festive mood.

What the holiday season really means is a sweet little boy born in a manger. Imagine Mary and Joseph with the precious Jesus lying before them. Then the wisemen and shepherds came to worship him while the angels rejoiced in the heavens.

In closing, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of Christmas, but let's remember the true meaning of Christmas.

--Jenny Young

Snow is falling to the ground, the warm fire crackles, and our mouths water as we smell the delicious food. "Set the table; it's almost time to eat," Grandmother calls. On the cabinet there's carved turkey, sizzling ham, fresh-cut green beans, piping hot rolls, homemade pies and much more.

But food isn't what makes Christmas so special. It's when God sent Jesus as our gift long

ago. God's heart was filled with love for us as he sent his son. We should truly be thankful for that special gift.

Remember the true reason why Christmas is special, and let your heart be filled with love and thanks.

--Kassie Strange

- A the Anticipation
- B the Beautiful snow
- C Christ, our savior
- D your Demented family
- E Everything that's happy
- F the Fantastic times you'll have
- G the wonderful Grandparents that feed you
- H the Happiness that everyone has
- I the Intriguing wrapped presents
- J Joy that everyone feels
- K our King, mighty God
- L the Love everyone has with them
- M the Money our grandparents give
- N Noel
- O the Open arms
- P the People who love you
- Q the Quick wit your cousins have
- R the Rest you get from school
- S the Snow that falls innocently
- T the beautiful Christmas trees
- U the Unknown presents that lay unopened
- V the Volunteering that people do
- W the chilly Weather
- X Xenophobia small children have (fear of strangers)
- Y the delicious Yams you eat
- Z the Zillions of children eager for presents

--John Arnold

The holiday season to me means close family and friends gathered together to celebrate the birth of our wonderful savior, Jesus Christ. On that early serene morning, Mary and Joseph proudly stood by as they watched the glorious angels, the exhausted shepherds, and the faithful wisemen come to praise the newborn king.

All of these events happened in one miraculous night. If they hadn't we couldn't be forgiven of our sins. I am very grateful that Jesus was born.

--Lauren Van Horn

The holiday season is a fun time of the year. It reminds me of family, close friends, fragrant foods, gorgeous wrapped presents, Santa Claus, and most importantly Jesus Christ.

Family and friends are such an important part of the holiday season. You get to spend time laughing, talking, playing games, and celebrating with them.

You can also eat hearty and tangy food. You receive and give presents wrapped in brightly colored paper.

Jesus is also a very important

part of Christmas. Jesus was born on Christmas Day to take people's sins away.

These are the things that remind me of the holiday season.

--Tarran Forbes

The reason we have Christmas is to honor Christ's birthday and to see our kind and loving family and friends.

If it wasn't for Christ being born in a little rugged stable, we would not be able to feel the joy and excitement on Christmas Day. Our family and friends remind us of how very lucky we are to be there sharing a lovely meal and time together.

After all of the fun, everyone goes home with a happy attitude and big smiles.

--Monty Floyd Wood

Merry can be defined as full of spirited gaiety, or jolly. It can also mean humorous and fun or festive.

Christmas can be defined as December 25, a holiday celebrated by Christians as the birth of Jesus Christ.

If this is true, instead of "Merry Christmas" we could say "Jolly Holiday" or "Festive Anniversary," and "Have a Full of Spirited Gaiety Season!"

Out of all of these, my favorite is "Have a Festive Anniversary," because I think it's funny.

So have a festive anniversary!
--Chase Comer

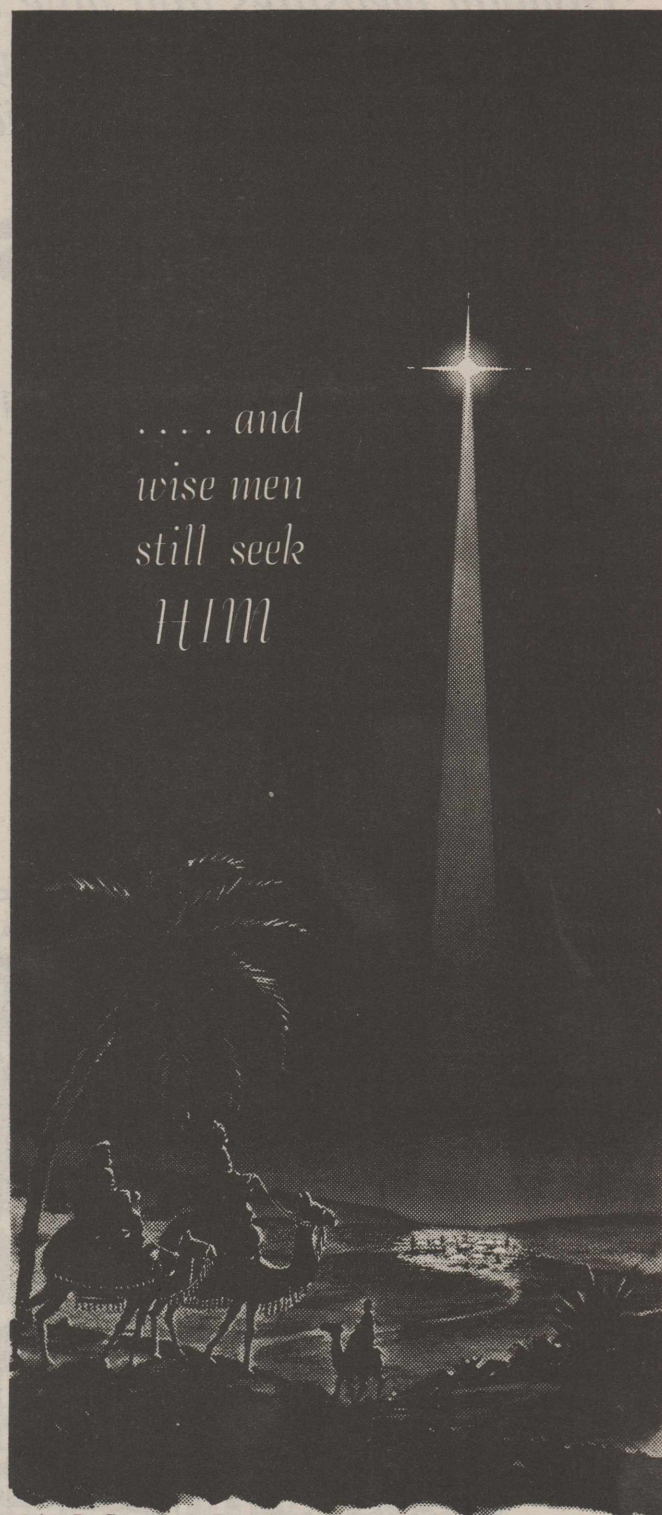
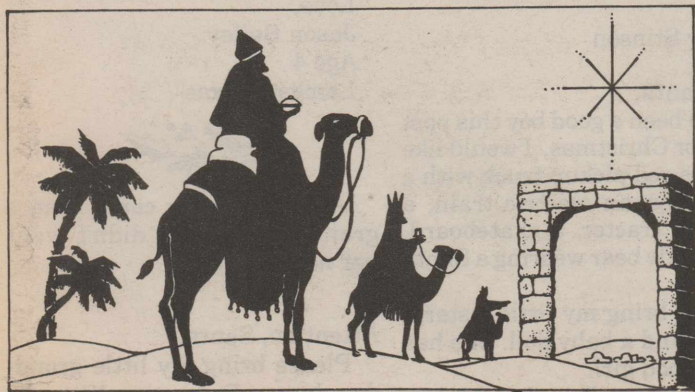
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May this holy season lead you to faith and enlightenment.

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**Kindergarten Class
Writes Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and some dolls for Christmas.
Love you,
Alicia

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicholas. I like you, Saint Nic. I have a new house and a new bunk bed and now I want some new pets for my house, like a goldfish, or a pet bird, and another dog. I also want a hug-a-bear that you squeez and it lights

up and a pool table to go in my room or in the playroom. I need some new drawing paper and pencils and maybe some more new clothes. Oh, yeah, a B-B gun for my dad so he can go hunting with me. I think that's all, Santa. If I think of something else I'll write you another letter.
Thank you,
From: Nicholas N. Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a saddle. I also want a game boy and some

reins and if you can would you bring me a horse blanket.
Blaze

Dear Santa,
I want too many things for this Christmas. I'm not sure if you can bring them at all, but I'm sure you will do your best.

I want a little puppy and a new bicycle. I want too many toys too. I wish everyone in Silverton has Merry Christmas!
Thank you,
Rene

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I would like a pair of Nike Air Hype bas-

ketball shoes. I need a size 1 1/2 or 2. The color I would like to have is black/white/red. Just a reminder about the Today's Girl doll, cheerleader outfit, soccer outfit, and jumper and also a new set of clothes for my Bitty Baby. You are the best Santa ever!

I love you and have a safe trip. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Love,
Kelsie

Dear Santa,
I like a New Buzz Light Year, a new Woody and cars, and Mr. Potato Head.
Love you,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
My name is David. I want for this Christmas a Buzz Light Year and control vehicles.

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a little car that I can drive, a doll, clothes, a little microwave to make food, a Barbie and the house for the Barbie. I hope you can bring me what I want and if you can't, just bring me the little car. I want happiness for my family.
Merry Christmas!
Wendy

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I want a dirt bike with a motor. The one that goes on the road and the grass. I want a play motorcycle that makes sounds and is kind of big. Beau wants any kind of Nintendo 64. Don't forget to eat your cookie and milk.
Yours truly,
Brooks E. Brock

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little Jeep, not a very little one, a Jeep I could get in and ride. Would you bring me a lot of toy trucks and motorcycles, so my brother, Cord, and I could play together. I love you, Santa.
Thank you,
Chase Stidham

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a real talking Bubba, Operation, Croc, new Hot Wheel. Thank you very much.
Logan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a pretty Barbie doll, a doll, some candy and a Barbie computer game. Thank you.
Love,
Molly Stinson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this past year. For Christmas, I would like a bike, a red pickup truck with a red trailer, an electric train, a guitar, a tractor, a skateboard, and a teddy bear wearing a Santa suit.

Please bring my little sister a tricycle and a baby doll. She has been a good girl.
I will leave milk and cookies on the kitchen table for you.

Your friend,
CoDee Grabbe

Dear Santa,
I want the pretend deer, the markers with the bear and a puppy with the machine and string and it walks by itself. I want a God mask, a baby one and a starfish mask too. You might bring Brewster a bug. See you at Christmas.

Love,
Emily Garcia
P. S. I would also like a basketball goal.

Dear Santa,
I want a kitten that has gray stripes and a white belly, blue collar and a silver bell. I would like a Snow White Barbie and a Big Comfy Couch with another Loonette and Molly. And a Yo-Yo. For my brother, Star Wars toys. Some more tea for my Mommy, and a news video tape for my Daddy.
Thank you very much.
Emily Sarah Long

Dear Santa,
I want two packs of socks and a baby all gone and a little mermaid barbie and a dress and shoes and a roller blade barbie and a barbie on a horse and barbie cloths, a case that makes lots of neclases, earrings, a ring more shoes, music box, hair clips, roller blades, piano, guitar, talk boy and more barbies any kind.
With love,
Alexandra Raquel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a bike so I can ride it and I want a barbie too. I think that I have been a good girl this year.
I love you, Santa.
From: Paty

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a computer.
Love you,
Daena Mejia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Power Rangers and a basketball. I would also like a battery operated car.
Love you,
German

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Jason Bailey
Age 4
Lamesa, Texas



And this letter came from a grandmother that didn't want her name used:

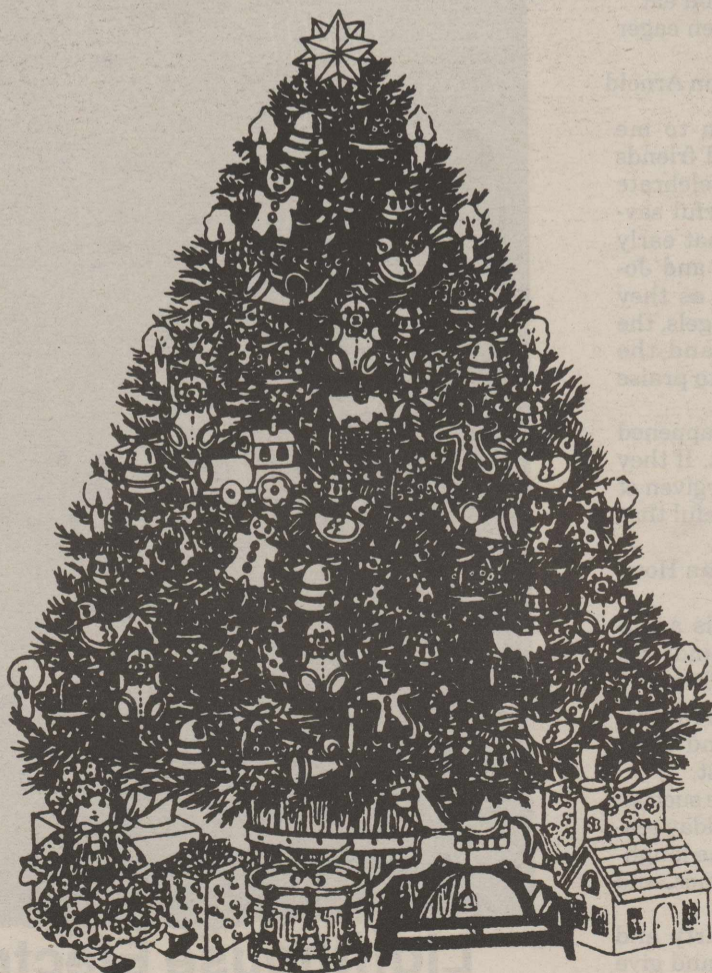
Attention, Santa:
Please bring my little granddaughter a Dalmation Kitty for Christmas!

Merry Christmas

Holiday pleasures and little treasures are what make this a time of joy. Thanks for the pleasure of your friendship.

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*Fast away the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Sing we joyous all together,
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la la la la . . .*

Traditional Welsh Carol

Fond wishes for a Merry Christmas

from all of us to all of you!

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,
 First, we would like to wish all in Silverton a merry Christmas and a happy new year.
 We have been receiving the News ever since we came to Missouri. Through my neglect to inform you of our permanent address, the News was mailed to my daughter who lives in St. Charles, Missouri. She in turn saw that we did receive it. If we are negligent in our payment for the News, please notify me. I am enclosing \$17.50 for continued receipt of the News.
 Currently I am registered in

my old Troop 968 located in St. Charles. This is about 35 miles from Warrenton, so I don't attend every meeting. As you know, my son David, and his wife, Ann, purchased the land, so we like to keep up on what's going on in Silverton.

A very special merry Christmas and a happy new year to all of my Scout friends, and a hope that the Scouting program will continue in Silverton.

Sincerely,
 Pete Hoyt
 66 Cypress
 Warrenton, Missouri 63383

SEASON'S GREETINGS

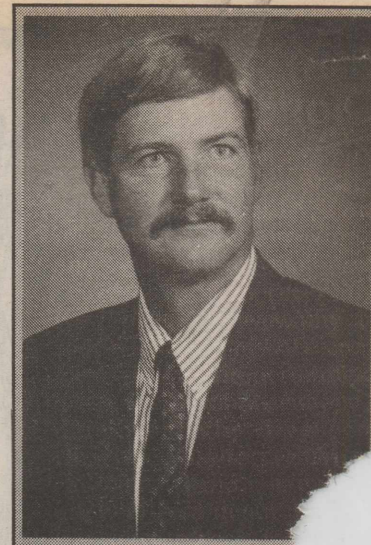
Christmas Holiday Toy Safety Tips

Calley Payne
 County Extension Agent

Christmas is the time when our Lord Jesus was born. Christmas is my favorite holiday because all my family gets together. I like it because we get to hear the Christmas story. That is the time for loving and giving thanks for life. All my cousins, aunts and uncles come to our home and have a great time. I like giving gifts as much as receiving them.

Christmas in Mexico is different. December 24, we have a big feast with friends and family. Then we pray and the party is over. At last, on December 25, we open the gifts and thank our Lord Jesus.

--Martin Hernandez



MIKEL D. GRIFFIN

Funeral services for M. Griffin, 40, were conducted at Silverton High School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 16. Officiating were Rev. Lee Roark and Rev. Ed Norris, former pastors, and Rev. Jay Stinson, present pastor, of the Silverton United Methodist Church.

Interment was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Griffin was dead at the scene of an accident four miles east of Tulia on Farm-to-Market Road 1318 when the wreckage was discovered early Sunday morning. Time of the accident was placed at 1:40 a.m. when the east-bound 1997 Chevrolet Corvette driven by Mr. Griffin left the roadway, veered to the right and rolled two and one-half times on an S-curve. Griffin and his wife, Liz, both were ejected from the vehicle.

Mrs. Griffin was listed in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital from injuries she suffered in the accident.

Mr. Griffin was born May 14, 1957, and was the son of Roberta Griffin and the late L. D. Griffin. He was graduated from Silverton High School and West Texas State University.

He and the former Liz Brown were married August 29, 1981 in Silverton.

He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity at WTSU. He was a member of the board of trustees of Silverton Independent School District and was a former president of the

ASCS board. He was a member of Silverton United Methodist Church.

He was a farmer and rancher and also operated a trucking business.

Survivors include his wife, Liz; two daughters, Taylor Griffin and Lori Griffin, and a son, Mikel Cord Griffin, all of the home; and his mother, Roberta Griffin, of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Terry Bomar, Kelly McMurtry, Ty McMurtry, Zane Mayfield, Bill Strange and Steve Brown.

The family suggested memorials to the Silverton United Methodist Church or Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Season's Greetings



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Kids and Holidays

Calley Payne
 County Extension Agent

The Christmas holiday is upon us. Even if you're not counting, your kids are.

From Barbies and Barnies to brand-name clothing and sports cars, it's especially difficult to curb the "I wants" at this time of year.

Extension family consumer science specialist Dr. Linda Ladd says parents are as much to blame for their children's behavior as the children are. She says if kids expect a toy on every trip to the store, then the parent is at fault.

One way around that is intermittent reinforcement. Don't buy a toy every time and the child will be more grateful when he does get one. It's part of the value system . . . teaching kids to appreciate what they have.

Dr. Ladd says there's no substitute for the old adage that it's better to give than receive. Encouraging children to give to others can be an eye-opening experience. They will see that they can give more presents if they spend their money wisely.

Dr. Ladd says the most important thing a parent can do is serve as a role model for their child. Set a good example and the lesson will be learned more easily.

Pieces of Christmas

Pieces of Christmas come in a diamond sparkling in the snow, a cardinal in an evergreen tree singing, "Joy to the World," jeweled icicles hanging from the eaves, twinkling Christmas lights, the smell of fresh baked cookies and a snowflake landing on one's nose.

It's here—this season of peace and joy. Enjoy it and pass the happy feeling on!

Silverton Sixth Grade Students Describe What Christmas Means



The Poinsettia

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

The best-selling flowering potted plant in the country is one that most people throw out as soon as the holidays are over.

Texas is one of 36 states that produce poinsettias. Texas plants represent about six percent of the total U. S. poinsettia production. That's 3.6 million poinsettias which contribute \$13.5 million to the state's economy.

Over the past 30 years, poinsettias have edged out chrysanthemums to become the best-selling potted flower in the nation.

Each year Americans spend more than \$200 million on poinsettias. P. J. Ellison Kalil of Ellison's Greenhouses in Brenham, Texas, says one of the biggest selling points is the color selection. You can get poinsettias in such interesting colors as salmon. Or how about a red and white speckled poinsettia? The newest variety has an entirely different look. Its leaves and bracts are twisted so the poinsettia looks curled.

But despite the continuous additions, red is still the most popular color by far.

Experiment Station horticulturist Dr. Harvey Lang says 70 percent of all poinsettias sold in the U. S. are red. He says poinsettias can maintain their color for up to two months and can even continue to be kept as house plants although getting them to bloom properly again is not easy.

He recommends you don't consider poinsettias as just another holiday decoration and discard them at the end of the season. With almost 40 million poinsettias grown annually, you can always expect them to be available next Christmas.

C - is for Jesus coming down to earth and being born in an old shed in a hay manger.
H - is for Hallelujah. Hallelujah for Christmas bringing loving families together.
R - is for Rejoice in the Lord always for he is good by sending Jesus.
I - is for ice-clear icicles hanging down from beautiful houses.
S - is for Santa who brings happiness to the world.
T - is for wanted toys that make a child's life.
M - is for merry times with your family.
A - is for Christmas bringing to all the world.
S - is for singing lovely Christmas carols in the black night. --Caleb Francis

The Christmas holiday to me means being with friends and family. It's a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. I like Christmas because it makes me feel good inside. Some people have their houses all decorated with lively, sparkling lights. Some people have their olive-colored tree all set up with dazzling, elegant ornaments. When it's Christmas, I like to decorate my tree with beautiful, rainbow colors. I like Christmas because we have a huge feast and we get to open our wonderful presents. To me Christmas makes everyone cheerful and happy. On Christmas, I like to see the silver snow fall to the bleached ground. I think Christmas brings all the families together. I love Christmas! It's a great time of the year. --Crystal Walls

C - Christ lying in a straw filled manger
H - Heaven opening for Christ's birth
R - Receiving and giving hand-picked presents
I - Inviting friends and family over
S - Seeing all our relatives and visiting with them
T - Telling the Christmas story
M - Mailing pretty red and green holiday cards to friends and family
A - Always smiling constantly if we can open presents
S - Singing Christmas songs with the family --Tyler Reed

When I think of Christmas, I think about many things, such as

rushing, frantic people shopping in crowded stores for just the right gift. People hurriedly cleaning and preparing great tasting foods for the many relatives coming over for the holidays. I think of many happy faces gathered together.

But most of all, when I think of Christmas, I think of reading about the birth of Jesus at my

grandparents' house before we open our gifts.

That's what I think of when the holiday season rolls around. What's on your mind when Christmas comes?
 --Daryl-Ann Reynolds

C - Christ is born.
H - Help to decorate the huge green Christmas tree.
R - Running, playing, and throwing huge, fluffy, white snowballs.
I - Icicles hanging from the tall, white roof.
S - Santa Claus coming down the stone chimney.
M - Mailing Christmas cards to friends and families away from home.
A - Angels looking down and guiding us.
S - Santa leaving small and large presents under the big, green, colorful Christmas tree. --Danielle Netro

H - is for hope and happiness for everyone.
O - is for open hearts that are open to all others.
L - is for love and laughter for all the children in the world.
I - is for the icicles dripping off the house and making wonderful music.
D - is for all the dazzling things around you.
A - is for the adventures happening around the world.
Y - is for the great tasting yams cooking in the oven with marshmallows. --Brandon Stephens

C - Christ was born in a manger
H - Homes bright and all aglow
R - Reindeer on the snowy, icy rooftops
I - Ice Skating on the blue, icy pond
S - Singing joyful tunes of the holiday season
T - Trees to decorate with bright lights, colorful ornaments, and red and white striped candy canes
M - Milk and red sugar cookies left for Santa near the stone fireplace
A - All our families come together from near and far
S - Saint Nick, fat and jolly, and his eight tiny reindeer come to town --Lori Griffin

Christmas is a special time. It means that all the people in the world will rejoice and be glad that Jesus was born.

Christmas is a time to give and receive presents. Christmas is a time to be happy that you are still alive another day. And most of all for someone not as fortunate as me to get a present and to see the look on her face. That's what

Christmas means to me.
 --Kelcy Simpson

H - is for helping yourself to a piece of hot apple pie on Christmas Day.
O - is for opening presents and gifts on Christmas Day.
L - is for liking friends and family.
I - is for inviting friends and family over for Christmas dinner.
D - is for dazzling snow to play with on Christmas Day.
A - is for appreciating Mary for having Jesus so we could have this special holiday, Christmas.
Y - is for the delicious yams we are eating with Christmas dinner. --Joseph Klein

The holiday means traveling to places like Corpus Christi, Texas. It also means gathering with my cousins and going to the widest-ranged paintball field. Sometimes we fly to the Texas Motor Speedway or to the Taledaga Motor Speedway to see Jeff Gordon and Mark Martin race. The holiday also means gathering around a greatly stuffed turkey and eating myself sick. But the holiday mostly means remembering Christ as Lord and Savior.
 --Trace Mattheus

J is for Jesus, magnificent son, the real meaning of Christmas.
E is for the excitement when all of the joyful people holler and scream when they see the big pretty presents.
S is for Santa, the fat jolly man, who comes quietly sliding down your chimney to deliver presents.
U is for unwrapped. When all the children rise on Christmas Day and skip to their mother's giant room to awaken her so they can unwrap giant presents.
S is for stocking. When the joyful kids awake the next day to see their full stockings. --Payton Estes

It's a time of love, peace, kindness and togetherness. It's a joyful time when family and friends get together and exchange beautifully wrapped gifts. It's a time of great celebration when everybody decorates their house with strings of colorful lights. It's a time for happy children to wait anxiously on Christmas Eve night for Santa Claus to leave them neat toys. It's a time for giving and receiving, sharing and for everybody to be at peace with each other all over the world. --Meladie Patino

The holidays mean getting together with my family. My favor-

ite holiday is Christmas because we not only get together but we also show how much we love each other.

Every Christmas my family has a big feast. There are many things to eat such as delicious chocolate cake, colorful fruit salad, and sweet, sugary cookies. My mother, however, will not let me eat as much of this wonderful food as I would like to. I like our Christmas gathering most of all because my family always get together around my grandfather and he reads the Christmas story. All my family enjoys it. --Monica Garcia

H - is for hot steaming apple pie on Christmas.
O - is for opening nice presents and gifts.
L - is for loving your family and friends.
I - is for inviting family and friends.
D - is for the dazzling snow all over the hard ground.
A - is for the apple cider that we all drink on Christmas.
Y - is for the yams that we eat on Christmas. --Marcos Patino

Christmas Candy Tips

What could be more of a Christmas treat than a box of homemade candy! A few mailing tips for candy are: choose candies that will travel well, like fudge, fruit drops, or caramels. Place a layer of crushed waxed paper in the bottom of a tin box. Divide the box in fourths with cardboard dividers to help prevent the candy from shifting.

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Sincerely,
Duane Reynolds



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Dear Santa,

I was created for the elderly just as you were created for children. I want to give them 'peace of mind' just as you give children 'joy'. My gift of comfort and 24-hour security for senior citizens lasts all year. I am Tulia's STATUE OF LIBERTY.

I have many things to offer those who live alone or need someone to be there for them in times of sickness or emergencies. I wish they were here to share my beauty and warmth during the coming year. Will you please tell those who want to live in a clean, safe and secure environment about me? I will cook, clean and do maintenance for them. I am installing a laundry area and I have a large storm shelter.

Santa, do you know anyone who is thinking of moving to a retirement complex in Amarillo or Lubbock? Tell them they can have the same amenities here in Tulia that cost less with a hometown atmosphere. Let them know they can drive right up to their front door without having to walk across parking lots or get on elevators.

Please tell seniors they can keep their independence longer and maybe prevent a nursing home situation if they live here so I can watch over them during cold weather months? We'll have birthday parties and other activities. We could even plant a vegetable garden and share it with others less fortunate.

Anyone who has not taken a tour of my new one-bedroom and studio apartments is invited to join us for blackeyed peas and cornbread on New Year's Day from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
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