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## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Post-season football honors continue to pile high for the Valley Patriots. They were featured Monday by having Fidel Valdes chosen as Player of the Year and Bret Tyler as Coach of the Year on the Six-Man Golden Spread Team.

Silverton's Owls were featured in the article as most improved team. "Despite some injury problems, the Owls finished with an 8-3 record and their first playoff berth since 1997," the article read. "Yance Forbes and E. J. Ivory keyed the Silverton offensive unit, while linebacker Max Comer helped solidify the defense."

The Owls' three losses were to state finalist Valley and twice to District I champion Wheeler. The Owls fell to Wheeler in bidistrict, 54-22.

I thought *The Valley Tribune* did a beautiful job on their special edition honoring the Valley Patriots.

Briscoe County Activities Association is sponsoring a Christmas lighting and decoration contest. Judging will take place on December 23, so be sure your decorations are in place and lighted that night.

You are invited to have Christmas Dinner with the friendly folks of Silverton on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2004. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Silverton School Cafeteria. Please call 823-2412 now and make your reservation so the organizers of this event can plan especially for you. The community will be serving you the meal at no cost to you. Don't be lonely on Christmas. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, Dec. 27-Chicken Patties, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Cobbler

Wednesday, Dec. 29-Beef Stew, Cornbread, Cottage Cheese and Pears, Cake

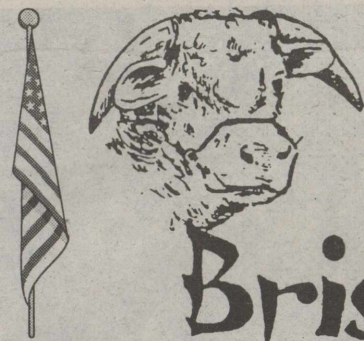
Friday, Dec. 31-Closed

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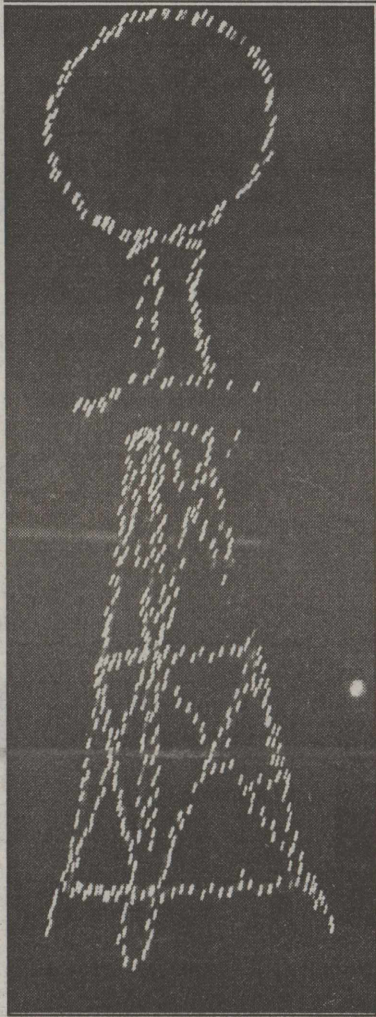
Merry Christmas!

Charlie and I attended the graduation from Texas Tech of our grandson, Jordan, Saturday afternoon. He received his bachelor of science degree in psychology cum laude.

Following the ceremony, a large group of family, including both of



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2004



The windmill near the Jailhouse Museum, decorated by members of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, provides a colorful holiday beacon for hometown people as well as those passing by on the old Ozark Trail (Hwy. 86).

Briscoe County News Photo

*Trust yourself. Create the kind of self you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into the flames of achievement.*

Foster C. McClellan

*Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement.*

Charles F. Ketterling

his parents, and several friends went out to eat together.

Taylor Griffin received her degree from Angelo State University in San Angelo Saturday.

Ramona Martin underwent surgery on both of her feet Friday in Lubbock. She was able to return home that same day.

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## Owls, Lady Owls to Play in Greenbelt Holiday Classic

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls will play in the Greenbelt Holiday Classic December 28-30 in Clarendon. Sponsored by Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority, the tournament will be played in the Clarendon High School Bronco Gym, the Clarendon College Bulldog Gym and the Clarendon High School Colt Gym.

The Lady Owls will open their appearance in the tournament with

## Holiday Closings

Briscoe County and City of Silverton offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23-24 for Christmas and Monday, January 3, for New Year's.

Briscoe County News will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23-24, but will reopen the following Monday to put out a newspaper for Thursday, Dec. 30. If you have something that must go in the Dec. 30 newspaper, please either bring it or fax it by noon Monday, Dec. 27.

## City Council Has Regular Meeting

Silverton City Council convened in regular session December 13, 2004, with the following members present: Mayor Lane Garvin, Council Members Dwain Henderson, Kyle Fuston, Wayne Reed and Dwain Tipton; and City Secretary Jerry Patton. Absent was Council Member Delane Smith.

•Members voted to accept the financial reports as presented.

•Paying the December monthly vouchers was approved.

•Dwain Tipton made motion to accept and adopt Article 13 (Work Schedule and Time Reporting) as presented and to incorporate Article 13 to the City of Silverton Personnel Manual effective January 1, 2005. Dwain Henderson seconded the motion which passed.

•The Secretary reported that the City has received a grant of \$26,000.00 to purchase a skid

Trinity of Amarillo at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday at Clarendon College. The Owls will play Alpha Charter of Garland at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Clarendon College.

Other teams entered in the girls division are North Hills, Happy, Vega, WT High, Hedley, Grady, New Mexico, Adrian, Clarendon, Wellington, Panhandle, Hart, River Road of Amarillo, White Deer and Valley.

Entered in the boys division, along with Silverton and Alpha Charter, are North Hills of Irving, Highland Park of Amarillo, Vega, WT High, Hedley, Grady, New Mexico, Adrian, Clarendon, Wellington, Panhandle, Hart, Spearman, White Deer and Valley.

loader with attachments to enhance the City's recycling projects. The Secretary also reported on the monthly water use, monthly tax collection, the progress on the TTHMs and HAA5 project, water tower repair schedule, new dumpsters, and that the Fire Department has received a \$12,600 grant from Texas Forest Service to replace the tanks and pump on the 1979 Chevrolet fire truck.

## City Bank to Have Open House

City Bank-Silverton invites you to open house from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23.

## Don't Stay Home Alone Christmas

A Christmas dinner is being planned for anyone in the community who does not have plans to be with family members on Christmas Day.

The meal will be served in the school cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and can be delivered to those not able to come.

The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, corn and dessert.

*The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.*

Francis Maitland Balfour

*Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.*

Carl Jung



Sheridan Reagan made sure that Santa knows exactly what she wants for Christmas when she visited with the old gent at City Bank last week. She is the daughter of Todd and Lisa Reagan.

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**Obituary**

**LUCILLE SCOTT**

Services for Elsa Lucille Scott, 81, were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton with the Rev. L. V. Deloney of Fort Worth officiating. Burial was in Silverton Cemetery by Golden Gate Mortuary of Amarillo.

Mrs. Scott, who resided in Amarillo, died Monday, Dec. 13, in Plainview.

Born in Nashville, Arkansas, she was a retired post office worker.

Survivors include a daughter, Nellie Faye Grays of Amarillo; three brothers, Orbradean Deloney of Houston, Precious Deloney of Texarkana, and the Rev. L. V. Deloney of Fort Worth; two sisters, Willie Mae Young of Phoenix and Georgia Vaughn of San Antonio;

**Caprock SWCD is Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees**

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas and Colorado Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees from New Mexico as well. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care for the trees.

A minimum order may be required on the seedling orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by five grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

DEAR SANTA,  
 I would like some animals and some toys. I love you and I have been a good boy. I love Neil, Nic and everybody. Give them some too.  
 Nathan Garcia

DEAR SANTA,  
 I want a talking kitchen and a talking vacuum cleaner for Bentley. I want a new gun and a new TV for my room. I want a new bicycle and a dump truck and a white jacket to ski in. I want a CD for Daddy and a new car for Mom.

Mott Mott and I made you a football cookie, a turkey cookie and a broken heart cookie and we will leave you some milk. Thank you for calling me Santa!

Love,  
 Braxton

DEAR SANTA,  
 I have been a really good boy this year and I hope you remember what I want. I would like a Ninja Turtle castle and a Shredder and the Ninja Turtle with a red mask. I would also like a Ninja Turtle "clanger". I will be at my Nana's house so please bring me presents there. Be careful with Rudolph because his feet might hit the chimney and wake people up because their door might be open. I love you, Santa!

Love  
 Shea Stockton  
 Age 5

DEAR SANTA,  
 I can't wait for you to come and bring me some new toys. I think I

the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton located at 410 Lone Star.

**WEATHER**

Readings Taken at  
 6:00 a.m. during December

	High	Low	Precip.
1	46	18	
2	53	21	
3	47	23	
4	50	22	
5	52	26	.07
6	58	33	
7	57	30	.21
8	55	29	
9	61	34	
10	70	36	
11	61	29	
12	69	32	
13	63	30	
14	45	18	
15	45	17	
16	51	25	
17	51	23	
18	57	21	
19	59	23	
20	62	27	
21	71	30	
December Precipitation			.28
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2004			38.25
Normal Precip. to Date			21.22



Edwin Paul Yanez, son of Robelo and Eugenia Yanez, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. Briscoe County News Photo

**Silverton School Activities**

Tuesday, Dec. 28-Thursday, Dec. 30-Clarendon Varsity Tournament

*Set up as an ideal the facing of reality as honestly and as cheerfully as possible.*

Dr. Karl Menninger

**FOR SALE BY SEALED BIDS**

Briscoe County Sheriff's car, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, 4 dr., automatic, 180+K. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. Jan. 10, 2005. Car will be sold as it/where is, with no warranties or guarantees of any kind. Briscoe County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. For information call 806-823-2135. Car may be viewed at Jack's Automotive in Quitaque, TX.

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At Christmas-time, when we receive presents we really don't need, GOD offers us a gift we cannot do without.

Have you opened that gift? The instructions are found in the New Testament. Read it all, not just bits and pieces or you "could" take the Scripture out of context. For instance: read Matt. 19:21 by itself and you will see that one verse doesn't prove anything. I dare say that "selling all you have and giving to the poor" would be noble, but if there wasn't more to it than that, that's the only scripture God would have inspired.

You're always welcome at the church that meets at Rock Creek.

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 22, 1994-**Dear Santa, Please bring me a fort and K-nex blocks and a clock. I've been good all year. I can't wait until you get here. I also want some tacks. I love you, Clay Strange . . . Dear Santa, I want a Power Ranger game, roller blades, a bicycle and a play motorcycle for Christmas. Thank you, Vincent Paul Martinez . . . Dear Santa, My name is Kelli. I am five years old and in kindergarten. I have been pretty good this year. I want you to bring me a baby with a bottle that's all. I love my family. I love my teacher. Your friend, Kelli Patino . . . Dear Santa, My name is Townlii Ziegler and I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a life-size Barbie, peanado (piano) and a baby bed, stroller, and high chair for my dolls. Please bring Trey some cowboy boots, too. I love you, Townlii Ziegler . . . Dear Santa, I want a .22 oldtimey sotgone. I want .22 bolets with it. I want a .22 and it has to have bolets to. I also want a hoster. Love, Chance Rhoderick . . .

**December 20, 1984-**Dear Santa, I want a bike and a clock and a watch for Christmas. Brandi Breedlove . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid and I also would like a real monkey if you want to go to Africa or maybe the zoo. I would like another Barbie Doll. Love, Brandi K. Brunson . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a set of drums. And please bring me a doll with a cradle. Please bring me a surprise. Merry Christmas. Love, Holly Nance . . . Dear Santa, I wish for some Star Wars and Transformers. You are the best Santa Claus. Love, Dewayne Juarez . . . Dear Santie Claus, I love you. I want a B-B gun and a tape player and some cassettes. That's all. Anthony Gamble . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll. I want a cookie monster and a telephone. That's all. I love him and I like him. Carrie Baird . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Blueberry Muffin, Purple Pie Man, Apple Dumpling, Raspberry Tart. I forgot somebody else but maybe you know her. Oh yea, Sour Grapes. I'm three years old and I obey my mother and I can help pick up. Merry Christmas. Love, Lisa Comer . . . Dear Santa, I want a big baby. I want a present. Katy Hester . . . Dear Santa, I want He-Man stuff and He-Man bracelets because I am tough like him. Nobody can mess with me. I want everything. I want my own battle-ship game. I love you, too. Lorn

Estes . . . Dear Santa, I want a bicycle. And a thing that goes "Um Um" and also a boxing pen. I want a B-B gun when I get big. I want a pop gun and Mickey Mouse lamp. Jay Arnold . . . Dear Santa, I want a 6x6. I want my own tape player and some Alvin and the Chipmunk underoos and a short sleeve shirt. Donny Burson . . . Dear Santa, I want a Cabbage Patch kitty. I want a calculator. Holly Tiffin . . .

**December 26, 1974-**Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a five-speed bicycle and a motorcycle. Ross Estes . . . Dear Santa, Send me a bike and a gun and a truck and a football suit. Dear Santa, I love you. Send my mother a Christmas tree. Merry Christmas, Chris Clardy . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a TV Magic Set and a fur coat. Your friend, Stephen Stephens . . . Dear Santa, I want to give you a snack for you and your reindeer. I want a Barbie Town House and I want a Kathy Quick Curl and a live puppy. I love you, Donna Sue Tomlin . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a trampoline and a three-story Barbie house and a ten-speed bike. Love, Angie Lowrey . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Miss America Beauty Center and a TV tennis game. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Tammi Edwards . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl six years old, and have been pretty good. Would you please bring me a Madame Alexander Doll, knitting machine and a trampoline. Don't forget all of the other boys and girls. Love, Melissa Leigh Stone . . . Dear Santa, I will be happy in the house for Christmas and I will share all the things that I get for Christmas. Love, Judy Segura . . . Dear Santa, I want a bottle cutter and a surprise, too, and an Evel Kneivel Van. Love, Jim Forbes . . . Dear Santa, I can't wait until Christmas because it is my birthday. Sincerely yours, Donna Boling . . . Dear Santa, I want a tape player and some clothes, a Barbie Town House. I have been a good girl. Love, Missy Brown . . . Dear Santa Claus, My name is Lee Ann Durham, and I live in Silverton, Texas. Would you please bring me a bicycle, a doll house with an elevator. Bring the other boys and girls something. Love, Lee Ann Durham . . . Dear Santa, I want an airplane and a football outfit. I also want a bow and arrow for Christmas. Thank you, Norby Garcia . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please will you bring me a ten-speed bicycle and an Evel Kneival

set and a Golden Gate Road Race and a football. My name is Dick Cogdell . . .

**December 24, 1964-**Dear Santa Claus, I want a bicycle and a gun and apples and candy and oranges. I want a V-room truck. Sincerely, Emilio Cruz, jr. . . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like a watch and a pair of house shoes. Thank you for the things you brought me last year. Love, Donna Stodghill . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll and some clothes for my doll. I also want a typewriter. I hope the other children get what they want. Sincerely, Lori Francis . . . Dear Santa Claus, I like that bike you gave me. I can make it go very fast. I've had a good time with it. This year I want a B-B gun. Sincerely, Barry Francis . . . Dear Santa, I am in the third grade and I am nine years old. For Christmas I would like a pellet gun and a race track. Also I would like a bicycle. Thank you very much. Your friend, Rickey Minyard . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a baby doll and a buggy for it to ride in. I have been a nice girl. I love you, Mary Chris Cantwell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Johnny Seven OMA. Thank you for everything I got last year. Sincerely, Wylie Bomar . . .

**December 14, 1944-**Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a set of dishes. If you can't bring me those little dishes, bring what you can. Please bring me some nuts, oranges and apples, candy and bananas. Please don't forget my grandma Noblett and grandma McJimsey and all the rest of the little children and our poor soldier boys. We wish you good luck. Love, Helen McJimsey . . . Dear Santa, I don't want much this Christmas. Just a pair of boxing gloves, football and plenty of fruit, nuts and candy. Santa, don't forget the boys overseas. Yours truly, Norman Jasper . . . Dear Santa, I'm trying to be good. I hope you will bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I want a bathrobe and don't forget to bring my little sister, Rebecca, a doll. I hope very much that you have a Merry Christmas. Don't forget to bring some candy, fruit and nuts. Your pal, Sandra Mallow . . . Dear Santa, I am a girl eight years old and in the second grade. I want a doll, a set of dishes, and candy, nuts and fruit. Your little pal, Ernestine Strange . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a tractor, some cars, a little bus, and an airplane. I would like you to bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Robert Edwin Crass . . . Dear Santa, I am a little boy six years old. Please bring me a good football so I can learn to play football like my brothers. I would like to have a good rope, and a blackboard. Yours truly,

Walter Arnold . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a beautiful doll with a glass bory and three dresses, an evening dress and cape, and hair that I can comb. I want a table and two chairs, and apples, nuts and candy. I have been a good girl and studied hard all year. Your friend, Virginia Garrison . . . Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good girl. And of course my stocking will be hanging over the stove. You may bring me a bicycle if you can, a paper doll house, also some house shoes. And don't forget the candy and nuts. Take the other boys and girls something too. With love, Kay Steele . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doctor set and some tinker toys. I would like to have a gun and scabbord too. I have tried to be a good boy. Bring my little cousin, Nancy Jane, something too. Yours truly, Alton Riddell . . . Dear Santa, I want a doll, a pair of boots, and a bow and arrow for Christmas. don't forget to bring me some fruit, candy and nuts. I forgot, I also want a scooter. Love, Sharon Gilkeyson . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a baby elephant, a gun, Polly Anna game, some candy, apples and nuts. With love, Joni Joan Douglas . . . Dear Santa, I do not care what you bring me this year, but bring me the best you can. Bring the children in the other countries more than you do me, because they never get as much as we do. Yours truly, Gay Merrell . . .

**December 21, 1944-**Dear Santa, I want a doll, a doll buggy, a doll bed, some dishes, a Mickey Mouse and a scooter. Bring Marsha some things too. We have both been good little girls. Love, Carlye Monroe . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl two and a half years old. I think I have been a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, a set of dishes, table and chairs, a stick horse and some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget Mommie and Daddy, Glenda McWilliams . . . Dear Santa, I have been good and David has too. I wish you would bring me a football, a gun, and some house shoes. Please put some candy and fruit in our stockings. John and

David Schott . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me an army tank and boxing gloves and a cowboy suit. Don't forget our Daddy overseas and all of the other soldiers. Donald and Floyd Perkins . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. I would like a doll, a pair of house shoes, a teddy bear and some fruit, candy and nuts. Zobie Sue Self . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a doll, dishes and candy and fruit. Shirley Fitzgerald . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me an airplane, and a gun and lots of fruit and candy. Guinn Fitzgerald

### Happy Birthday-

December 23-Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison, Matthew Rowell  
December 24-Jack Robertson, jr., Sally Grimland

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

December 26-Molly Brooks, Lindsey Irwin, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

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

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

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

### 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

*I do not have to make over the universe; I have only to do my job, great or small, and to look often at the trees and the hills and the sky, and be friendly with all men.*

David Grayson

*The earth is, like our own skin, fated to carry the scars of ancient wounds.*

Fernand Braudel

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**Mrs. Nance's Class Writes Letters to Santa**

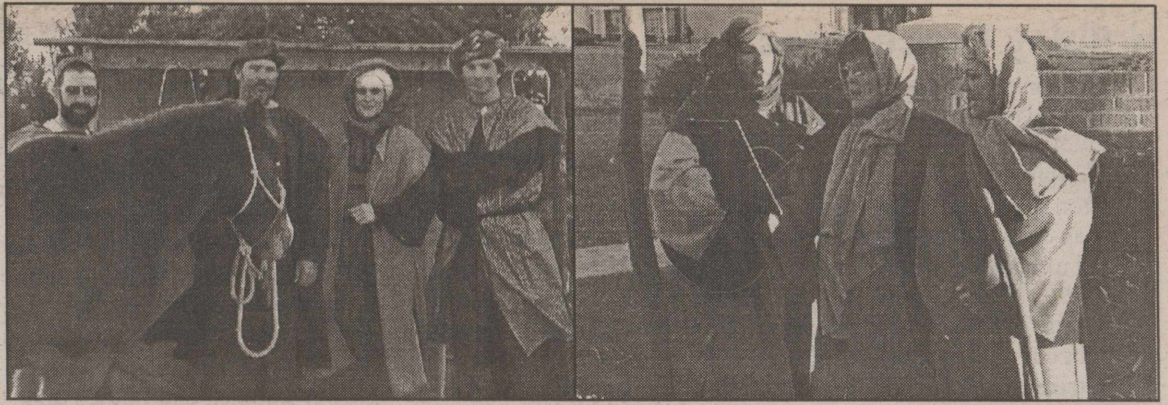
Dear Santa, I hope you bring me a motorized scooter for Christmas. I would like a red, white and blue one. I would also like a truth or dare game. They are cool! Another would like is a real comeputer for my room. Last

I would like a miniature video now TV with a Linnie tape and a Phil of the future tape. Would you try to get Cash a little barn with cows and horses? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Love, Candy Kate Carpenter

Dear Santa, I hope you will bring me a four wheeler. I want it to be red. Also I would like horseshoe earrings and a locket. Please bring my earrings and locket in a box. I would like to also have a barrel racing game. Please bring Emily a lot of presents. Love, Molly Moore

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me a new bike for Christmas, a chopper bike. My Dad Trevor wants a new book. Could you bring my Mom a new bracelet? Your friend, Skyler Wayne Stephens

Dear Santa, I hope you could bring me my very own cat. I want it to be white please, or a different color. I would also like a CD player please. I would like for my brother to have something because my family last year got a little bit. My brother would like a rumot cuntroll car. My sister would like a doll. My daddy would like a new X box and some games. My mommy would like some dimand earrings.



It was reported that a total of 329 people from Silverton and various towns all over the Panhandle attended the Walk to Bethlehem presented Sunday evening, Dec. 12, by members of Silverton United Methodist Church. Those who wanted to take the walk met in the Pioneer Room at City Bank, and were taken from there to several venues located on the church yard.

Love, Your friend, Taylor Hubbard

Dear Santa, I hope I get a gameboy X box, a puppy and a Humer pickup. I hope you can get my mom, dad, brothers and sisters sum thing. I would like a black puppy and a blue Humer pickup. Your friend, Matias DeLeon

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me the Halo 2 for X box, because we have Halo 1 but not Halo 2. I also want the Sponge Bob Square Pants TV and radio and watch. I hope you make Belle my baby sister get well. I want a PDA. I want a puppy that is a golden retriever. I want a bell from your slay. I want the Kim and Ron action set. Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me. I want a ropot that tells jokes and can box and that can walk and talk. Wake me up. I want an alarm clock. I want a game boy. I want a video now.

Your friend, Blake Jasper

Dear Santa, I want a gray humer pickup. I want a red, black, blue and white, and orange four wheeler. I want a cat toy for my cats.

Your friend, Kaison Gage Hubbard

Dear Santa, I would like a purple desk from Kid's Space, a four wheeler and a Mc Kids McFlurry blizzard maker. I hope everybody understands what Christmas is really about. I hope you bring Colton a Ford F 1X50 controller with a real FM radio.

I would like you to bring my kit-tens a cat toy. Love, Harlee Elizabeth Cogdell

Dear Santa, I hope yo can bring me a black cat and a twister movie game. Could you bring my sister a telephone? It would be nice if you brought my Mom an orange shirt and black pants. I would also like a silver watch for my Dad.

**Toys With 'Character'**

(NAPSA)-One of the keys to unlocking a child's creativity is to choose a toy that encourages make-believe play. Here are a few suggestions:

- T.V. activated toys-Expected to be popular this season are new Batman Batwave T.V. activated toys including a Batmobile and Batlink Communicator from Mattel, Inc. that use VEIL technology (Video Encoded Invisible Light) to interact with "The Batman" animated series. Also available are new toys inspired by the series, such as assorted action figures, an animated Batcave and more.

- Secret compartment-Harry and Ron are looking forward to their third year at Hogwarts, but with Hogwarts Express Playset, from Lego, their first meeting with Dementor frightens them both. Lift off the roof and check out what's hidden inside.

- Make toast of ghosts-With Scooby-Doo Mystery Machine Ghost Patrol Playset, from Equity Marketing, kids can create their own Scooby-Doo adventures that include a ghost-tracking system.

Your friend, Karina Garcia

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me a four wheeler. My brother wants a Monty Walsh DVD. My mom wants a mother's ring. I want a telephone too. My sister would like a rocking horse I think. Would you bring me my own saddle? And my brother and me would like a trampoline. Love, Brittney Grabbe

Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a white rabbit? Will you maybe get me a four wheeler? Will you also get me hoise shoe necklace? Would you please get my mom some good smellin candles? I would also maybe want a motorised scooter. Will you get a couple of good movies for my dad? I would like a couple of sets of horses? Have a good Christmas Santa. Your friend, Taylor W.

**Notice to Contractors of Proposed Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Contracts**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: Childress Contract 0925-00-052 for Striping in Childress County, etc. will be opened on January 11, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO:15078

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**Dist/Div Office(s)**

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Childress, Texas 79201-9705  
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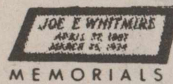
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**Mrs. Comer's Kindergarten Students Write Santa**

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you're having a lovely Christmas up in the North Pole. I wonder what your elves are doing. I know they're making toys. Some of them got sick. My momma told me. I'm very sorry they got sick so I decided to make 'em some cards. I can make 'em some cards from my house. I'm not gonna send 'em with this e-mail. I'm gonna send 'em--put 'em in the mail in the post office. Did you know I got soaked in ice and snow one time? I fell in and my brothers helped me out. It was funny. Do you ever have some brothers 'at grew up with you? I think you would have two. Hey! That word is this number (holds up two fingers). Dear Santa Claus, what are you gonna do for Christmas? I love you, because you bring all the kids some presents all the time. Its fun when they get all the presents. It's not about the lights or the presents or everything. It's about Jesus' birthday. Frosty the Snowman, it's fun when kids make him. It's so fun because when they say he's a happy jolly soul. I hope you're having a happy, jolly Christmas and I hope your elves get better.  
Everett Dudley

Dear Santa, I love Santa. I like him. I like his Christmas. I like Rudolph. Please bring me a Barbie Jeep, and a puppy, a hug-a-bear, and that's all. I'll leave you milk and cookies.  
Elena Rowell

Dear Santa, I'll leave you milk and cookies. Please bring me a skateboard that's purple, a Barbie doll, and a Sweets Street Town House, and the hospital. I love you. Have a safe trip.  
Sheridan Shyann Reagan

I love you, Santa. I wish for a little ring and I want a CD player. That's all. Have a safe trip with all of those presents!  
Mesa McJimsey

I wish you a Merry Christmas. Our time is coming and a Happy New Year! I hope your reindeer and your elves and everything that's yours don't get really shivery and cold. I can spell food. F-o-o-d with two o's together. Do you eat green beans, Santa, or peas? I want you to eat some healthy food so you'll get strong and never ever die. I wish that I could have a net, bug net like Elena brought to school. I will catch bugs with it.

Merry Christmas to you, Santa, Victoria Baker

Merry Christmas! Happy Holiday and I hope you have good trip and I hope your reindeers keep you safe and I hope you bring us a bunch of presents and I hope your penguins are okay and your polar bears. I wish I could have a soft pillow and a toy horse and a baby doll that drinks a bottle and moves its hands and feet. Santa I hope you find your milk and cookies on the bar in the kitchen.  
I love you, Baylee Deckard

I want you to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope your reindeer doesn't get sick. I hope you get to come to town. I wish I could have a baby doll that moves its hands and feet.  
Love, McKena McJimsey

Rudolph has the shiniest nose. I know the song. I wish I could see Rudolph, but I have to go to bed early. I like school a lot. I made some letters for the elves and Santa and Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. I wish I could have the Teddy panda that hugs and sucks bottles and talks and I wish I could have a new Barbie Doll. I really need a flashlight for my bed.  
Merry Christmas, Santa, Kali McDowell

How does your reindeers fly? I think they fly like with pixie dust. I would like a alligator race track. Have a Happy Holiday Christmas.  
Evan Dudley

Merry Christmas. How do Santa ride on him sleigh? I will like a baby doll. I love you.  
Lana Kay Baird

Santa, hey have you heard this song, "I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus underneath the mistletoe last night?" Mommy said if she catches Santa Claus she'll kiss him under the mistletoe. Merry Christmas. I would like two gymnastics mats and a make-your-own root beer kit.  
Shayna Smith

Santa is going to bring me a bunch of presents. Will you bring me some shock shoes and will you bring my Mom and Dad some presents? Please bring my Papa some presents. I will leave you some milk and cookies and I want to see they Santa's reindeers nose glow.  
I love you, Harley Wadlow

To Santa  
Your beard is white as snow  
I know I surely know  
His cap on his head  
Is barn red  
His belly  
Shakes like jelly  
When he laughs like this Ho Ho Ho  
Down the chimney he will go go go.

That's all!

Please get me a toy dinosaur that talks. Not a real one. It's a little one, a toy one that's plastic. Ho Ho Ho and a bottle of Ro. I love you, Santa Claus. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Reno Fabela

Merry Christmas, Santa Claus. I hope you be okay and your family. You're funny. When you laugh you sound funny too. I hope Mrs. Claus will be okay too. May I please have a little toy house because I have some Barbies that might fit in it.  
Love, Destiney Perez

You have a reindeer what could fly. Why do you have one? And a sleigh. Why do you have a sleigh too? Why do you have elves to make some toys? Why do you have bags to carry the toys? To carry the toys? So they won't break? The elves make them, because you make a lot of hard work. A sleigh--because you have to go there to send toys to the children. I wonder if the elves make you one, Santa. For my little brother I think he wishes for a wiggle like blue red purple. One of them are blue and it's hungry. It has a pirate but it's nice and it likes roses and a dog that can stand up and talk inside its mind. Sometimes my little brother is scared of dogs. I wish to have a army man just like little ones because I think one of them got lost somewhere. I can't find them. I thought I put them right on the shelf. Pease and Joy to you and the family.  
Truly, Isias Colunga

I like you, because you make cool toys and because you're my friend. I like your toys--cowboy toys like spurs and chaps and horses and cattle.

I love you, Kolton King  
Oh--Merry Christmas!

I love Santa Claus and I want to say Christmas is the favorite holiday ever. I wish I had a trampoline, because we want to do back flips on it.

Merry Christmas, Michael Nayola

I love Rudolph, your reindeer. I was gonna do that because he never gets attention. Does Rudolph really get pushed around by the others? I want to know how your reindeers fly. Could I have a lego airplane, please for Christmas? What about a football trophy because Zack's getting one and I want one too.

Happy Christmas! Matthew Tipton

*It's a h after that C. No, I didn't want to do that! Hey! Quit doing that! You're doing something wrong. Why are you doing that? I can read that you know. Just erase all that. Hey! (laughing)* Dear Santa Claus, I hope you have a good Christmas Eve. I hope I have a good Christmas. Could I have a gold coin and a football trophy also? And I hope I



Baylee Deckard was one of the children who visited Santa at City Bank Monday, Dec. 13. "I would like to have a baby doll that drinks a bottle," she told Santa. She is the daughter of Terry and Barbara Deckard.  
Briscoe County News Photo

have a good time.  
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.  
Zach Patton

I love you, Santa Claus. I hope you have a good Christmas. I know you've been workin' hard and I like your toys you made. I like a toy electric train with three trailers.  
Merry Christmas. Dylan Smith

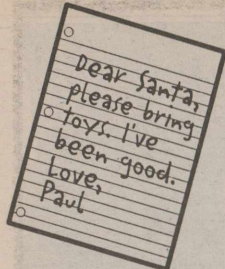
Hello, Santa Claus Care of himself. A Barbie, a trampoline, a computer, a book, a teddy bear, a big one--a real one (giggling), and that's all!  
Christmas! Jennifer Castillo

Dear Santa Claus, Joy to you for Christmas. I know somebody that you like--Mrs. Claus. I want to see Rudolph. I hope it isn't foggy when it's Christmas so Rudolph can guide you. May I please have a alligator, a real one, a baby shark, a real one and a BIG aquarium? A real komodo dragon. May I have a grass snake? Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.

Blaine Austin Patton (I have every vowel in my name)

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**Mrs. Smith's Pre-K Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa, I want an Xbox, a Spiderman, and a Glow Pal. I've been good. I also want a Spiderman box. Bring me presents and more toys now. Bring my mommy and daddy something. Bring my friend a toybox too. Love, Oswaldo

Dear Santa, Please bring me a horse, a table, a lamp to go on the table, and a tablecloth. My sister wants a 4-wheeler. Nothing else. I'm kidding. I also want a pillow to sit on. I will leave some cookies. Love, Emily

Dear Santa, I want a computer and a micropone and a collar for my dog. I want a sticky ball. I will leave you cookies and milk with M&M's. Love, Lara

Dear Santa, I love you! Will you come to my house and look in my room at my stuff. I want for Christmas a Yugio card fighter that you put on your arm. I've been good for four years. Please bring my brother a remote

control car. Love, Christian  
Dear Santa, I want a toy truck, a Jack-in-the-box, and bring Jahaila a baby doll. Please bring Jarden a dumpster truck. I was good, really good. Love, Xzavier  
P. S. I will leave a present for you!

Dear Santa, I want a Grumpy toy. I want a Grumpy movie. Please bring Sierra a barbie doll. My mom want a necklace. My Daddy want Raider things. My sister Erika wants a necklace like my mom. I will leave you cookies and punch at my new living room table. Love, Britney

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a Brat doll, chalk to write on the sidewalk, and Santa Claus, I have a sister named Samantha and she wants some barbie dolls. My brother, named J. C. wants Monster Rescue Heros. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Mandy

Dear Santa, I want a toy race car, a stuffed tiger, a toy raindeer, a hero Spiderman. Please bring Momma some earrings and bring Daddy a gun to hunt with. I will leave you a banana and Orange juice to drink. Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa, I want a new coat, a car, and candy. Please bring boots for my Dad and a horse. My mother wants a new purse. Please bring my sister a new coat. I will leave you some orange juice and cookies. Love, Andres

Dear Santa, I want a truck, a car and a dog. I want some cookies. Love, Armando

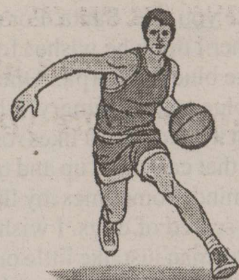
*The power of words is immense. A well-chosen word has often sufficed to stop a flying army, to change defeat into victory and to save an empire.*

Emile de Girardin

*A man at work at his trade is the equal of the most learned doctor.*  
Hebrew proverb



Elena Rowell, daughter of Will and Mary Ann Rowell, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. She made sure that Santa knew exactly what she wants for Christmas. Briscoe County News Photo



**Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls This Season!**

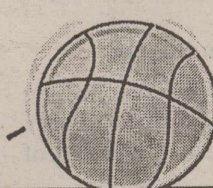


**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Dec. 28-30-Clarendon Varsity Tournament**

Lady Owls vs. Amarillo Trinity, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday

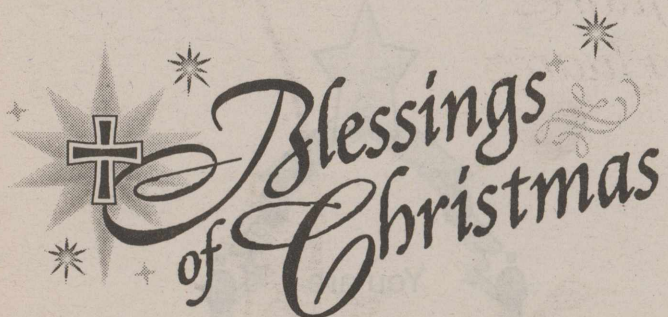
Owls vs. Garland Alpha Charter, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday



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Light the tree and hang the holly;  
'Tis the season to be jolly!  
Sing the carols, old and fine,  
Like Silent Night and Auld Lang Syne!  
Greet dear friends, both far and near,  
With cards and gifts and much good cheer.  
And say it loud for all to hear--  
Have a joyous Noel, and a Happy New Year!

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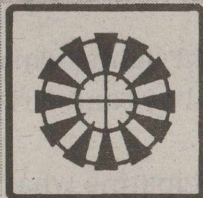


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*Our sincere wishes for a glorious holiday that gladdens your heart and leaves you with wonderful memories to last a lifetime. Customers like you have given us so much to be thankful for, and we greatly appreciate your patronage.*

*Kyle Fuston  
Beverly Minyard  
Brenda Patton  
Patricia McJimsey*

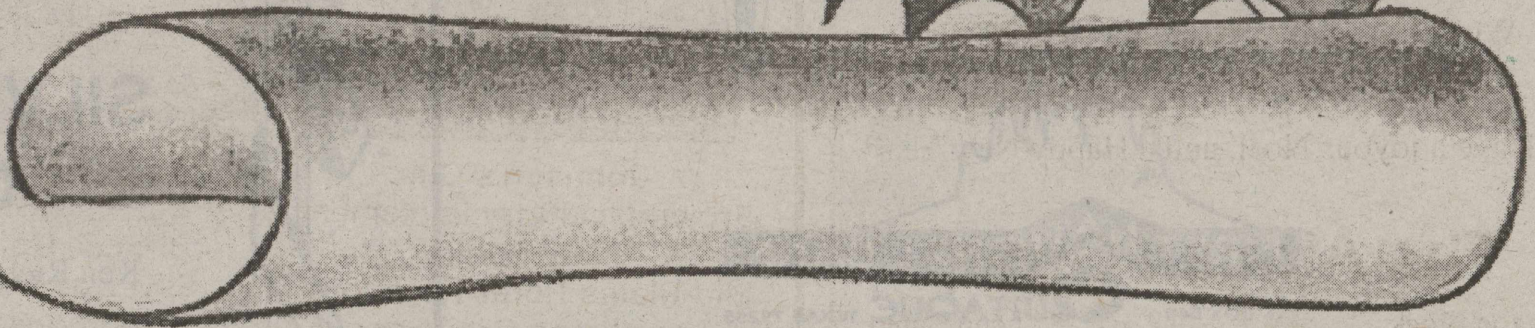
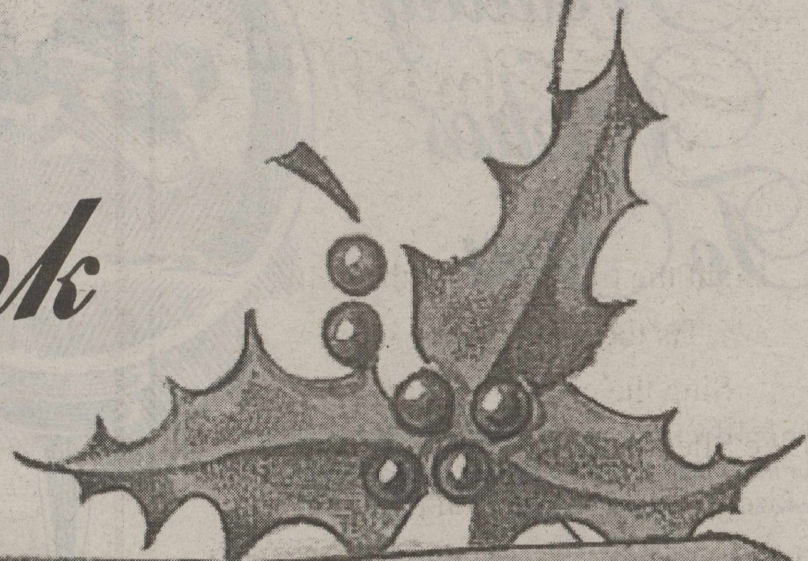
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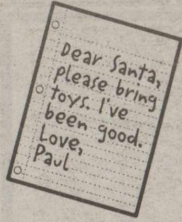


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**Mrs. Strange's First Grade Letters to Santa**

I want a wock a rawn phone with Lizzie Mcgirey with lime green on it and a rill rill rill soff pilow with Leoper on it and a Hedbens Leorer and Deba and some ring. Merry Christmas. Love, Lucchese

Dear Santa How are ou doing? I what a disi Kland a mike ufone. Love, Tricia

Dear Santa Show glowb video camera DVD Sark tele DVD four wheeler ear rings shoes necklace Go Go my Walking Pup. Make up trempuleen dolls stickers clothes Love Maison

Dear Santa, Bratz Calculator Hello Kitty TV Video Camera Barbies

new Shoes, new Clothes, new ear rings, wigs, makeup computer bike necklace Strawberry Shortcake dolls Love 2 Chanola

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa, Video Camera Trampoline Spy Gear safecrack robot, easy bakery oven, Science stuff Real live cat Slushie Machine Love, Gavin

Dear Santa, How aryon doing i wonte ax box adiwate adeleeg disck adiwante iazrtage qdiwonte a throapileen a diwnte a thathformr adiwnte a easy bakery oven adiwante slushie machine Benigno

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa, I wont a biotow gain for mi Xbox and a football a aomil and a laser tag and va dueling disk. Love, Noe

Dear Santa, haw is rockt of I walroknbox I wot utay soldier toy gun I luvsa nta mi Name is Ryan

Dear Santa, I like a Barbie close far my Barbie and I licke How are you doing won't tent far My Barbie tent and I like a Hello Kitty disk and a Hello Kitty close and a big house far mi I will leve some cookes I will leve milke Love Julissa

Dear Santa, a Dall and a gias dull

I love you Santa I wanta horyov I wont a beerpbekar Shea

Dear Santa, how is the north powl I wunt a pawr ranejr viteow game Love Zane

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Bratz calculatore video camera dueling Hello Kitty soldier trampoline Love, Adri

*There is honor in labor. Work is the medicine of the soul. It is more: it is your very life, without which you would amount to very little.*

Greenville Kleiser

*To set your world on fire, warm up to your job.*

Arnold Glasow

**Helping Heroes**

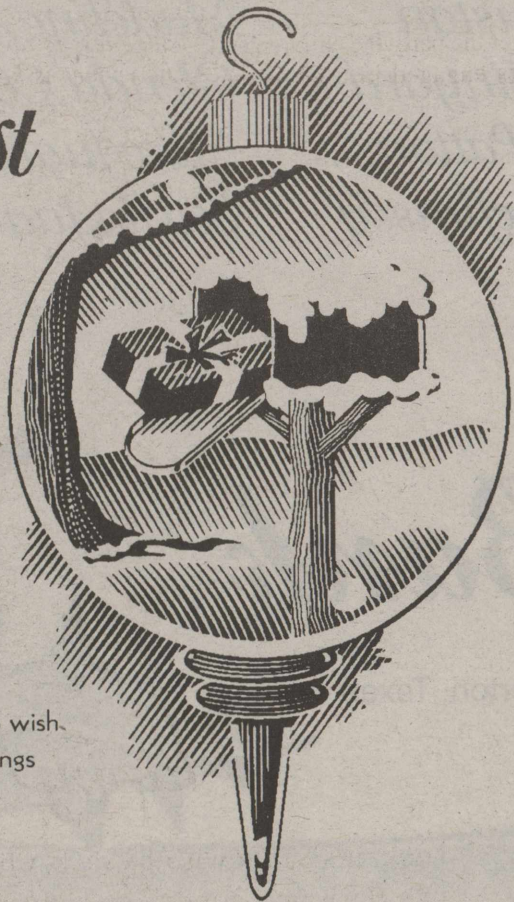
(NAPSA)-A national program helps people give back to the heroes in their communities.

The initiative recently honored Steven Cohen of Gainesville, Fla. In 1996, Cohen began donating his free time to help children with debilitating diseases. Within seven years, his local efforts grew into "Friends for Life of America," a worldwide initiative involving 50,000 college students working with pediatric cancer patients.

Recently, Cohen was honored for his efforts by the Volvo for Life Awards, a nationwide search for and celebration of local heroes. Award organizers are now looking for more nominees.

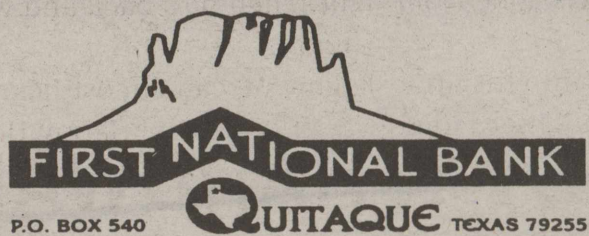
Judges will select nine finalists. Three will each receive \$50,000 to be donated to the charities of their choice. Six will each receive a \$25,000 charitable donation. One winner will receive a new Volvo for the rest of his or her life. To nominate someone, visit [www.volvoforlifeawards.com](http://www.volvoforlifeawards.com) by Jan. 10.

*Our Best Holiday Wishes To You*



The holiday season is here, and we want to wish our many friends and neighbors all good things now and far into the future.

Thank you so much for your loyal support!



*Greetings of the Season*

The streets resound with song and mirth,

While people pray for peace on earth;

Bright lights twinkle from tree...

And boys and girls are filled with glee,

Anticipating what delights Santa's sleigh will bring tonight.

What is the meaning of these things?

It's the joy that Christmas brings!

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## Second Graders Write Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dora the Explorer. And some shoes and cloths. And a reading blaster. How is Mrs. Claus. And I want to tell you thanks for the presents last year. Thanks for your presents in Christmas.  
Love, Giselle

Dear Santa,  
How is it in the noth pole. I wold like a X box and a halo 2 game. Also a children's Encyclopedia. Santa, I hope you and every one has a mary Christmas.  
Love, Riley

Dear Santa, I what a bike and maby a dog. Hay is Mis Claus doing. I hope she is doing fine. I wis you a mary Christmas.  
Love, Ciara

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have Shrek 2 and a hillary Duff CD. Trapolin and game Boy Advenc. Clohes and I wear size 14-16. I would also like a brand new bike. P. S. How is Mrs. Claus and the raindeer and thank you for the presents last year and have a safe and good fly I can't wait to see what I get this year and the years to come.  
Love, Sarah

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike and a winning pool. I also want a trampoline and a X box. I want a madden 2005 game and a pokemon ball. how is the rinedear my most favorite

rinedar is Ruteof also ow is Miss Clase to. I cant wate for Christmas!  
Love, Koree

Dear Santa, I wold like weth My play Stashan 2 a Madden 2005 football game Halo 2 weth it. I wode like Yu-Gi-Oh cards. haw is Meses Santa doing. Mere Cresmus.  
Love, Braden

Dear Santa  
I want Magic Cylnder and Mirror For And Spong Bob Square pants the movie. Also Blue-eyes Ultimate Dragon. And a Tramiline. The Power Randers Dino Thunder the game. Also Winged Dragon of Ra. And YuGiOh the movie. Skull Gualdian and Novokes prayer.  
Love, Josh

Dear Santa,  
I would like a megomam game a dueling disc picster and a go cart Children's phyclopedia.  
Love, Enrique

Dear Santa, I wold like to have Poke ball with Pickachu and Charmander how are your raindeers and I wold want to have Children's Encyclopedia. and some Pokèman cards  
love, Jacob

### County 4-H Christmas Party Held Sunday

The Briscoe County 4-H held its annual Christmas party and Caroling hayride Sunday at the Briscoe County Courthouse. Members from both the Valley 4-H Club and the Silverton 4-H Club were present to eat goodies and treats prepared by the club leaders.



Dylan Smith, son of Tammy and Yopie Smith, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week and made sure his Christmas wishes fell on the old gentleman's ear. *Briscoe County News Photo*

### Panhandle District 4-H Food Show Results

Provided by David Hawkins, CEA-Ag Texas Cooperative Extension

Briscoe County 4-H members Emily Garcia, Khaki Scrivner, Brittany Deckard, Brewster Garcia and Shelby Fuston participated in the District Food Show in Amarillo on December 11, 2004.

These participants were first-

After the party the children and leaders engaged in a Christmas caroling hayride around the town of Silverton.

place winners at the County Food Show which was held in November. The top four winners of each category were recognized at the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show competition on Saturday, December 11, 2004. Among them was Khaki Scrivner from the Valley 4-H Club with her Nutritious Snack entry in the intermediate medalists (ages 11-13) category.

*Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work body and soul.*

Charles Buxton



## Season's Greetings To All

The Driskill Halfway House and board of directors would like to thank you for your support and your attendance at our second annual fundraiser, the Driskill House Silent Auction.

From the Driskill House, we send you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

We sincerely appreciate the support of all our people in the Silverton area. You are just great to support our projects!

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MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BRING YOU

*Peace and Joy.*



Just as the wise men found their way on that first Christmas, may you, and your loved ones, be guided by the light of His love this holiday season, and evermore.

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*Happy Holiday!*

Look, it's Santa with hs sack, Climbing down the chimney stack! In a flash he's gone from sight; Then he's back and waves good-night.

He jumps into his little sleigh; You can almost hear him say, As his laughter fades away--Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Hooliday!

**BROWN HARDWARE**

Carol and Mary Davis and Family

# Warm Wishes Are Headed Your Way

## Here's hoping yours is a great holiday!

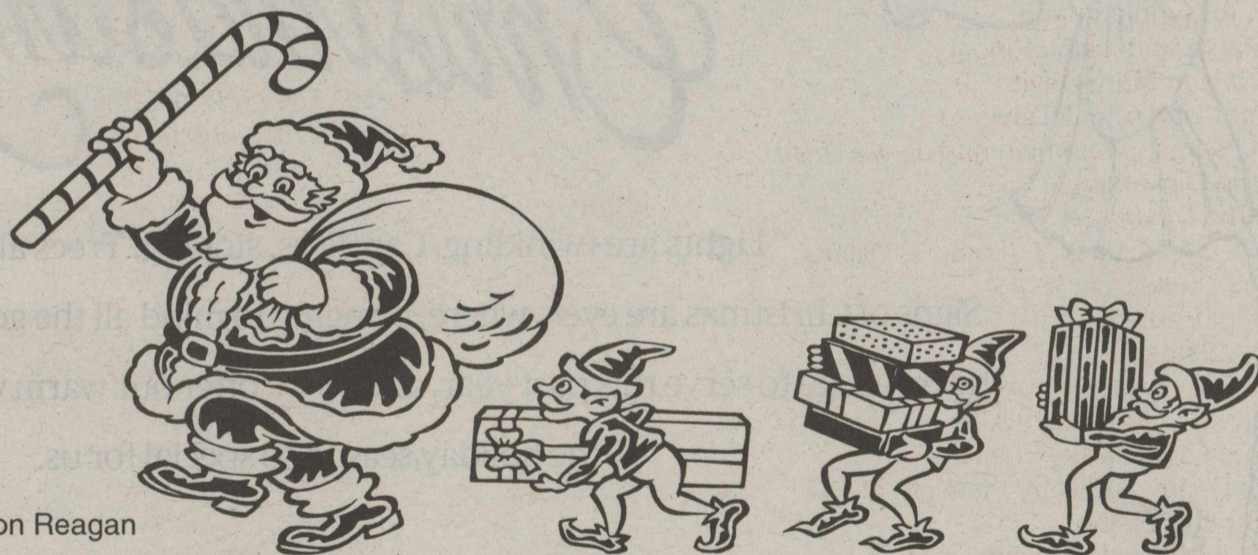
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## The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

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!

Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. The project was organized and carried out by the members of the Century of Progress Study Club. Receiving the proceeds of these pages will be the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and the Silverton Public Library.





4-H Christmas Party Hayride, 2004  
Extension Service Photo



4-H'ers Caroling, 2004  
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# With You in Mind at Christmastime

Lights are twinkling. Carollers, singing. Trees all aglow.

Signs of Christmas are everywhere, bringing to mind all the good people we've had the privilege to serve this past year, and so we offer our warm wishes to all who make the holiday season so special for us.

Happy Holidays from all of us at

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Weston Howell and his cousin, Ray Soto, a senior on the State Champion Richland Springs Coyotes football team

### Local Boy Visited Relatives at Game

Weston Howell enjoyed visiting old friends and family from

Richland Springs at the State football playoffs.

Weston's cousin, Ray Soto, is a senior and #11 on the Richland Springs Coyote team (state champs!) Weston has followed the Richland Springs Coyotes via computer and friends since moving from there to Silverton. He is really proud of these guys; they have gotten close for the past few years and thank God they finally did it!

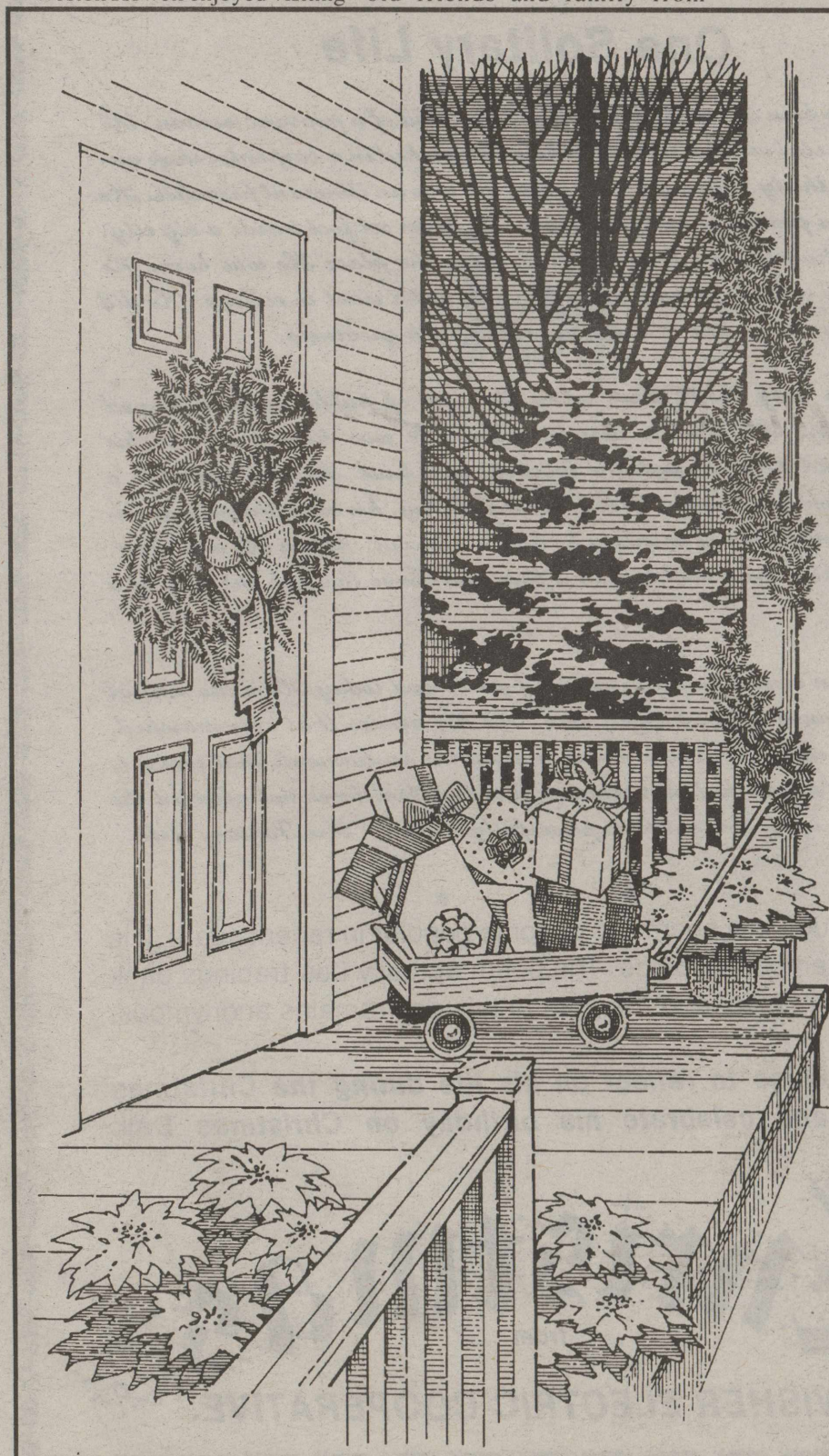
Valley also played an awesome game and should be proud.

*People who decide they came to earth to work, who make work their personal philosophy, are kept very busy.*

Constantine Karmanlis



District 4-H Food Show competitors were Brewster Garcia, Brittany Deckard, Emily Garcia, Shelby Fuston and Khaki Scrivner.



# Merry Christmas

One of the real joys of the season is the chance to put aside the routine of daily business, and, with sincerity, wish our friends a very merry Christmas.

## BROWN - McMURTRY IMPLEMENT



Bradley Carter, son of Kevin Carter and Lisa Hunt, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. He is the grandson of Gary and Theresa Clinton.  
Briscoe County News Photo

## Holiday Entertaining With Experts

(NAPSA)-If you want to give a holiday party that your guests will remember, the one thing to remember is this: Involve all the senses. Whether it's a unique dish, tabletop decor, or the aroma of the best cup of coffee ever, there are ways to stimulate your guests' senses and create a more memorable experience.

"One experience that stimulates all the senses is coffee, which most people overlook," says Francesca Abbraciamento, founder

and president of Francesca Events in New York City. "Flavorful and aromatic, coffee does it all. A finely grounded bean such as Kona and a high-performing machine like Krups are a surefire way to impress your guests." Abbraciamento recommends a few entertaining tips for an unforgettable party:

**Sight**  
Create a lush tabletop, using several layers of fabric. From antique lace to rich velvet, don't be shy

about mixing textures and colors. Create a centerpiece that mixes flowers and vegetables, such as roses and kale. Abbraciamento also suggests using colored glassware, which can be purchased at antique stores or at Crate and Barrel.

**Taste**  
For Abbraciamento, coffee time is one of the most fun moments of her dinners. She notes that a thermal carafe coffee maker is an entertaining must-have. The thermal carafe keeps the coffee piping hot and fresh and you can keep it on your tabletop. She rec-

ommends her favorite, the new Krups thermal coffee machine at Macy's and Lins 'n Things, which is not only functional but has a sleek European design that complements any tabletop.

**Scent**  
Use fresh pine, either from your backyard or your local tree farm. You can slide a clipping into napkin rings or use it as a centerpiece with unscented candles. She suggests Sur La Table for a diverse selection of napkin rings, and also suggests brewing your coffee with cinnamon or peppermint

to create a whirl of mouth-watering aromas.

**Touch**  
If you have wooden chairs, Abbraciamento suggests using seat cushions. You can either make them yourself using a favorite fabric or check out the wide selection at Pottery Barn.

**Sound**  
Introduce your guests to a new sound. Whether it's a Caribbean steel drum band or Balinese music, Abbraciamento suggests thinking outside of the typical traditional holiday or jazz albums.

## 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."*

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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.

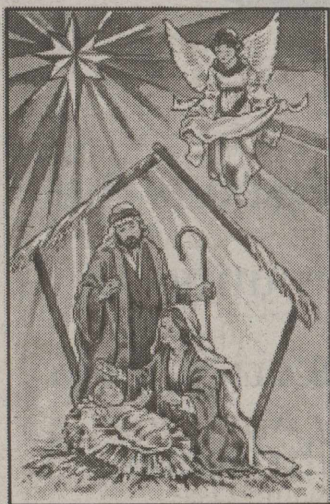
**We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.**

Merry

**CHRISTMAS**

from

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His Glory  
and  
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### Texas Quail Flying High

Texas is experiencing the best quail season in 20 years. Extension expects to find even larger populations later in the season when vegetation dies off. Quail thrive in wet weather, and Texas has received much of that this year. The moisture keeps streams running, quail cool, and provides ample

vegetation for cover from predators and extreme weather. The cool weather also extended the quail breeding season, causing good hatch numbers in June, July, August and September. Quail were historically found all over the state.

*It is better to know some of the questions, than all of the answers.*  
James Thurber

### Picture Gift Tags— Unique as Snowflakes!

by Eleanor Levie

(NAPSA)—Personalize your packages with picture gift tags! They're fun and easy to make, and even the youngest Santa's Helper will be able to "read" the tags and help pass out holiday gifts.



Photo: Donna H. Chiarelli studio

Preparation is simple. First, copy digital photos of your family into a standard software document, so that each face measures under 2". Print them out on 8 1/2" x 11" sheets of Fujifilm photo paper. Next, cut them out. Make tags by cutting 3" x 6" rectangles from colored card-stock paper. If you like, you can cut off the corners for a sharp, shipping-tag shape.

Family members choose the right photos and use glue stick to make a tag for each gift. Most kids can write or copy "To:" and "From:" with red and green markers. Kids can add personal touches with stickers, crayons or rubber stamps.

Get the kids involved in crafting gift wrap and gift bags too. Gardening or package twine is a natural and inexpensive alternative to ribbon, as well as a tie for a gift tag. String bells for that extra zing. And remember paper-cut snowflakes? Your kids only need a little help with folding and snipping, and they'll love unfolding their masterpieces. With tissue paper and child-safe scissors, your grade-school youngsters will turn out a blizzard-full of snowflakes. Again, glue stick makes it easy for kids to adhere their best ones to bags and boxes.

There are many easy ways to print your digital pictures. Learn more on [www.Fujifilm.com](http://www.Fujifilm.com).

### Teams Drop Four Close Games

Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Silverton High School teams dropped four close games to Clarendon here.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls led off the action with a 58-12 loss, the largest of the four.

Scoring was by Abby Reyna and Lydia DeLeon, four points

each; Kassi Yancey and Laura Scarborough, two points each.

JV Lady Owls	2	4	4	12
Clarendon	16	29	47	58

The Junior Varsity Owls lost a 41-62 decision in the second game.

Cooper Cogdell led the offense by scoring 17 big points. Also scoring were Jonathan Garcia, seven; Gabriel Vargas, five; Dusty Burson, Zak Perkins and Shane Estes, four points each.

DeLeon hit one shot from downtown.

JV Owls	7	16	25	41
Clarendon	24	36	44	62

The Varsity Lady Owls got off to a slow start in their game, but finished with a 50-56 deficit.

Offensive leaders were Kelsie Estes and Krista Hale, 13 points each, and Haylee Simpson, 10 points. Adding points to the score were Shandy Forbes, six; Sasha Wood, five; Kelsi Birdsong, three points.

Lady Owls	8	17	33	50
Clarendon	13	23	40	56

Clarendon had to come from behind to defeat the Varsity Owls by three points. Gid Mayfield led the offense with a big 27-point scoring output, including three from outside the arc.

Also scoring were E. J. Ivory, seven; Drew Reed, six; Jacob Francis, three; Yance Forbes, two points.

Owls	11	18	26	45
Clarendon	10	24	33	48

## Wishing You a Festive Christmas

Light the tree and hang the holly;  
'Tis the season to be jolly!  
Sing the carols, old and fine,  
Like Silent Night and Auld Lang Syne!  
Greet dear friends, both far and near,  
With cards, and gifts, and much good cheer.  
And say it loud for all to hear—  
Have a joyous Noel, and a Happy New Year!

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Lisa Reagan

## "O Little Town Of Bethlehem..."

When the shepherds saw that shining star over Bethlehem, they knew a great miracle had taken place. Let us remember to keep the miracle of that night alive, and renew in our hearts the true meaning of Christmas.

May all the joys of the season be yours.



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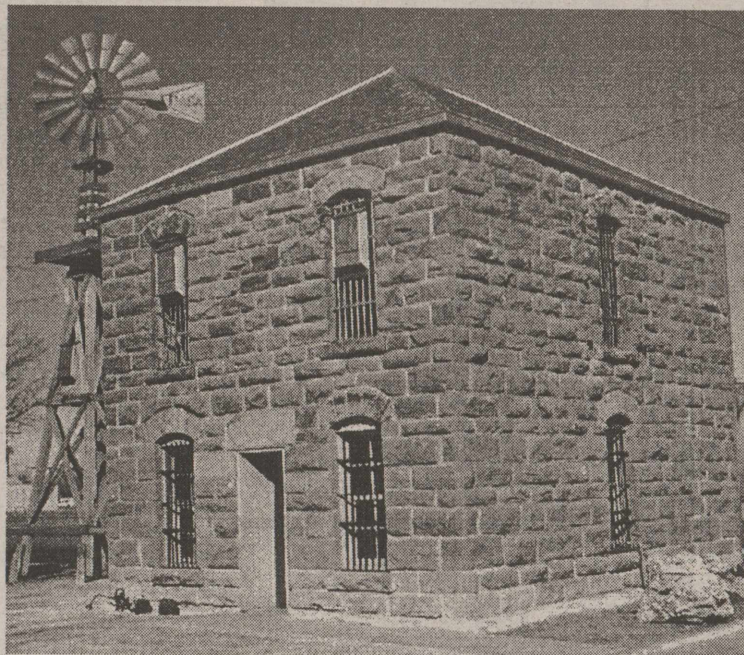
## Holiday Greetings

May the gladness and contentment of the season remain with you and those dear to you, enriching your lives to the fullest measure.

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Katy and Lisa





*Happy Holiday!*

May the true spirit of Christmas bring you  
peace and joy,

and may you dwell in His light, forever.

***From all of us to you!***

**Briscoe County Officials  
and Employees**



## Oak Trees Planted in 254 Counties

David Lee Hulsey, jr., in lieu of his mother, Dorothy Hulsey, attended the final Stephen F. Austin Tree planting ceremony at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin October 30, 2004. Ms. Hulsey received the invitation as Regent of the Palo Duro Chapter of NSDAR. This ceremony concluded the planting of live oak trees in all of the 254 counties of Texas. David Hulsey presented a small sample of earth wrapped in a red bandana handkerchief from Swisher County as requested so that each county would be represented by a soil sample to go into the tree hole of the final planting in Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Bill F. Price of Houston sponsored this ambitious

project. All of the trees were grown on the Prices' property and they delivered trees all over the state.

Swisher County's live oak tree is located on the Southwest corner of the Courthouse Square. This live oak tree was planted in May of 2002--Betty Falkenberg of Kress, a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, delivered the tree to Tulia and Tim Reed, County Commissioner of Precinct 4, assisted in planting the tree. Judge Harold Keeter approved the location and volunteered to oversee the care after the planting was completed.

Ms. Falkenberg contacted some members of the community who were members of the Swisher County Historical Association and members of the DAR for assistance with the program. Mary Burgess presented a very interesting historical profile of Stephen F. Austin that held the school children spell-bound. Tulia teachers brought several school children to the tree planting ceremony. Girl Scout leaders brought the Tulia Girl Scouts and the Daisy Troops who joined in singing several patriotic songs. Several members of the community attended the tree-planting ceremony, including members of the Swisher County Historical Association and the Palo Duro Chapter of NSDAR.

In April of 2004, an oak tree was planted on the North side of the Briscoe County Courthouse with the assistance of students from the Silverton Schools. The Mary McCoy Baines Chapter of NSDAR presented the program. County Judge Wayne Nance presented the oak tree and former County Judge Jimmy Burson gave the welcome and closed the ceremony with a song. Roma Swindle, Regent of the Plainview DAR chapter was a special guest. Other out-of-town guests were Mary Milam and Nancy Lechner of Tulia, members of the Palo Duro Chapter of NSDAR. Bill Price, donor of the trees, and Sam Houston IV of Virginia, great-grandson of Sam Houston, a Texas hero, delivered the Briscoe County live oak tree to Silverton.

*The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.*

Frank C. Ross

*It is by work that man carves his way to that measure of power which will fit him for his destiny.*

Josiah G. Holland

*Parents are not interested in justice; they are interested in quiet.*

Bill Cosby



Santa prepares to give Riley Cogdell, son of Toy and Rank Cogdell, a peppermint stick when they visited at City Bank-Silverton last week.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Holiday Safety Dynamite Comes In Small Package

Keeping a working fire extinguisher in your home could save lives and property this holiday season. Each year about 4,000 people across the country die in house fires, many of which occur in December and January when alternate heat sources are more commonly used. Possible sources of house fires include unattended stoves, ovens, portable heaters, fireplaces, and overloaded extension cords. For more tips on home and property fire safety, visit <http://fcs.amu.edu>.

*Elbow grease is the best polish.*  
English proverb

If good things come in small packages, then this year's pecan crop should be great. Rain and flooding caused Texas pecan's expected harvest to drop by one million pounds. However rain helped make the pecans into a top-quality crop. Pecan trees were not stressed because pecan numbers went down, and the rain helped the pecans to develop a full-sized nut. One area of Texas was not as lucky. West Central Texas endured rain too, but didn't reap the benefits as disease lowered the quality of nuts and affected the kernel.

..... and  
wise men  
still seek  
HIM

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

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### Holiday Procedures Are Announced

Offices in the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.

Cotton producers who need to obtain an endorsement during this time for a check made jointly payable to the Texas Department of Agriculture will need to make an appointment at their local office.

Contacts for the offices in the

zone are:

Childress-Barbara Jones, 940-585-9499; Debra Medford, 940-585-4400

Memphis-Rusty Pierce, 940-937-0000; Janet Montgomery, 806-259-1116; Barbara Booth, 806-259-3333

Turkey-Lynn Davis, 940-423-1303

Endorsements may also be ob-

tained at the Texas Department of Agriculture office in Lubbock or the TDA office in Dallas. Growers are encouraged to call the offices to make sure someone will be there to help them. The Lubbock office number is 806-799-8555.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Foundation in Abilene at 800-687-1212.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded orga-

### All-You-Can-Eat For Texas Deer

Both deer populations and hunters should reap the benefits of plentiful rains and lots of ground cover. Excess rain caused increased for- nization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the safest, most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

age, placing deer at a higher nutritional plane. This means deer will be in better condition, and bucks can grow even bigger antlers. However habitat management is crucial. Landowners should consider that livestock and deer compete for forage when stocking pastures. Hunting can be very lucrative for landowners, \$1.5 billion is spent in Texas on hunting every year. The season begins the first Saturday in November and ends the first Sunday in January.

*Our Best  
Holiday  
Wishes  
To You*



As we enjoy the symbols  
of the season,  
the tree, the decorations,  
the music and more,  
we would like to add  
our best wishes for a  
joyous holiday.

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

**FROM THE WHOLE GANG!**

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Minister

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Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Chad King, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th TUESDAY:  
Womens Bible Study  
WEDNESDAY:  
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting  
SECOND WEDNESDAY:  
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rance Young, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.  
FRIDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
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Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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Junior & Senior  
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

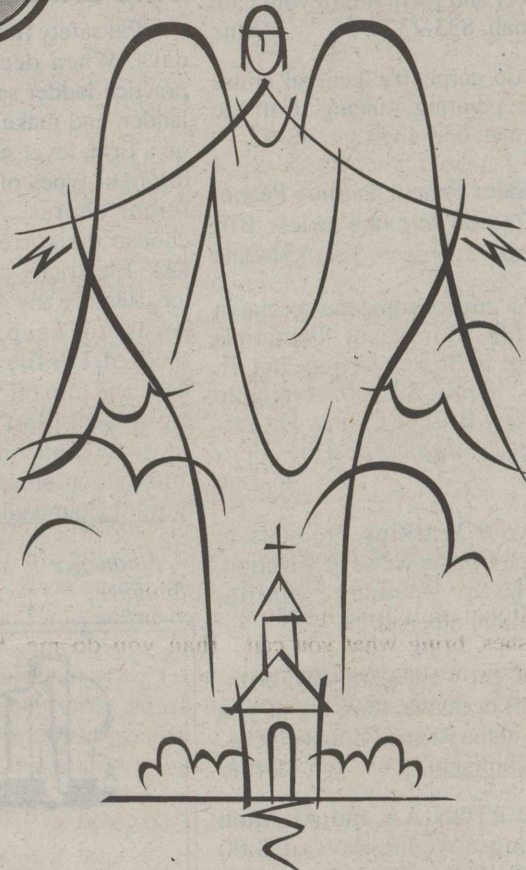
**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:  
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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C. D. Lawhon, Minister

SUNDAY:  
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Worship  
THURSDAY:  
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7:00 p.m.-Singing

# Share THE Blessings OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON



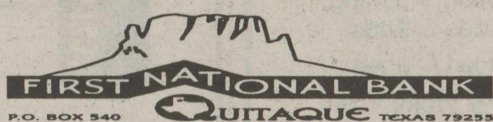
*I Bring You Good News*

Everyone enjoys receiving good news. We can just imagine how the shepherds must have responded when an angel of the Lord appeared before them to announce that their Savior was born. The Gospel of Luke tells us that they were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!" The shepherds then went to Bethlehem to see Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and they told them what the angel had said about the child. Then they went back singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen. After two thousand years, the good news of Jesus Christ is still available for everyone who embraces God's love and mercy. Our Heavenly father has given us His Son so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. Good news is something that we can never get enough of. The reality that Jesus was born for all mankind is an indication of how much we are loved by God.

*She will have a Son, and you will name Him Jesus—because He will save His people from their sins.*

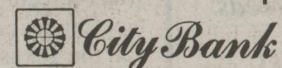
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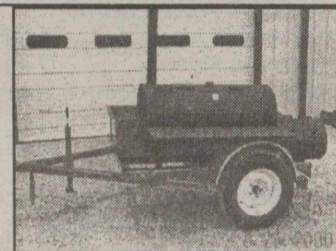
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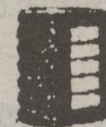
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