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Valley School To Close For Christmas Holiday

The Valley School will dismiss classes for the Christmas Holidays at 1 p.m. on Friday December 20, 1991. Classes will resume on January 2, 1992.

The School Business Office will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 and also on January 1, 1992. Business hours for the School office will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. during the holiday season.

The Valley School Gymna-

sium will be closed starting Friday afternoon on December 20, 1991 through December 26, 1991. The gym will re-open December 27, 1991.

The Valley School Administrative Staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Equipment In; Firemen To Train Soon

Some of the new equipment has arrived that the Fire Department ordered to fight grass fires, and training will begin soon in proper technique of controlling grass fires.

Rusty Sargent just returned from a controlled burn school in Wichita Falls where National Forest Service methods were taught, and Rusty will be teaching these methods to the department.

Work is almost completed on the Dodge pickup that has been equipped to fight grass fires also. We have some controlled burns scheduled in the near future, and plan to work with the new equipment and try some new methods of fire-fighting.

Anyone interested in joining the department is welcome to come and participate.

Lopez Family Opens Restaurant In Turkey

A new cafe opened its doors in Turkey Wednesday, December 11, 1991. Mary Lopez, formerly of Dimmitt opened the Lopez Cafe in the former Line Shack Restaurant building.

Mrs. Lopez has had 18 years of experience in the restaurant field. She and her husband have the El Sombra Resteraunt in Dimmitt.

Mark Lopez, her son and Cecilia Barron, her granddaughter will be assisting Mrs. Lopez in her new venture. Mark is the manager of the restaurant.

The Lopez Cafe will serve authentic Mexican food. Nothing is frozen, the food is prepared fresh daily. They will be featuring daily specials.

The cafe will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Serving hours are from 6 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The restaurant will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and reopen from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

THE BRISCOE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 1991.

Turkey Post Office Honors Customers

Customer Appreciation Day is being celebrated at the Turkey Post Office on Monday, December 23, 1991 from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon with Open House. Please make plans to attend.

Caprock Country Christmas Slated Success By Community



WINNER OF COMPACT-DISC PLAYER by Jerry Beck

Well, another Caprock Country Christmas has come and gone. This was my first to be a part of. I regret all the ones past that I missed and look forward to the next hundred. We truly enjoyed visiting with all the people who came by the Fire-hall.

Refreshments were served all day to those who came, and everyone was invited to register

for our door-prizes. Dorothy May won the Panasonic Compact-Disc Player that the fire-department gave away.

The fire-department gave two door-prizes; Clara Ruth Davidson won a fire extinguisher, and Connie Franks won a smoke-detector.

The Womens Auxiliary also gave away two door-prizes; Joe Edd Smith won a Red Velvet cake, and C. L. Hawkins won an All Times Favorite cookbook. (From what we hear, C. L. truly needed his prize.)

The E.M. T.'s gave away two door prizes also. Aleda Ross and Betty Jarrel both won first-aid kits.

Santa was at the firehall from about 1:30 until 4: p.m. to take orders from the kids, (and some of us adults), and pictures with Santa were available. The Fire Department had a pretty good turn-out for the Turkey Shoot, although the cool weather kept a few away.

All things considered we felt like it was an exceptional day, made special by those coming by and sharing it with us.

Hall County Now Has 9-1-1 Access

Hall County telephone subscribers in the Turkey (423) exchange are now able to have access to 9-1-1 service as of December 10, 1991. The Hall County 9-1-1 System is one of 23 planned systems to be implemented across the Panhandle, according to Chief of Police Robert McGuire.

The availability of 9-1-1 service in Hall County was made possible through a cooperative effort with Hall County, the Cities of Memphis, Lakeview, Estelline and Turkey, the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. Local elected officials, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire department personnel, local businesses and the citizens of the area have volunteered their services to ensure that the 9-1-1 system will be successful.

Choirs To Perform Christmas Musical

The combined choirs of the Turkey and Quitaque United Methodist Churches will be presenting "Come Home for Christmas" Sunday night, December 22, 6:00 p.m., in the sanctuary at Quitaque. This stirring Christmas cantata can be enjoyed by persons of all ages. Kacey Fuston brings moving narration to the event, along with musical solos by Waydette Clay and Julie Ulrey.

Following the musical, a Frito-pie supper and Christmas fellowship will be enjoyed. All are welcome to "Come Home for Christmas" at the Quitaque United Methodist Church this Sunday night.

Food Collection Still Underway

The Churches of Quitaque continue to collect canned goods for Christmas food packages. The fire department is helping gather food and this will go on through Sunday, December 22. Persons desiring to contribute may do so at any of the churches or at the fire hall.

There are many different kinds of needs. Certainly many people are struggling these days.

The families and individuals who will be receiving these packages are persons whose circumstances are particularly heavy right now. This community project serves as a token reminder that we care. Perhaps the burden can be relieved, at least a little.

Recipients vary from individuals who are alone to large families with small incomes.

Distribution of the Christmas food packages will take place Monday, December 23. Sponsors of the project hope that the joy of giving and the grace to receive add to the spirit of the season in Quitaque.

No Tribune To Be Printed December 26

Due to the printing office being closed on the day after Christmas we will not print the Valley Tribune on Christmas week. The next issue of the Valley Tribune will be January 2, 1992.

If you need to reach me and I am not in the office please call 455-1184.

Santa Claus To Visit December 21

Santa Claus will be greeting Quitaque youngsters at the Quitaque City Hall Saturday, December 21 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. He will visit with each child and have a sack of fruit and candy for each.

The visitor form the North Pole is sponsored by the Quitaque Lions Club. Lions are asked to be at the City Hall at 4 p.m. to sack up the treats and prepare for the jolly old guest.

Firemen To Assume Commodity Distribution Here

The Quitaque Volunteer Fire-Department has been asked by Senior Citizens to assume distribution of commodities for the Quitaque area. This has been agreed upon by the fire-department who are happy to assume the responsibility.

The next time commodities will be available will be in February of 1992. Those currently receiving these commodities, or anyone qualifying and wishing to may pick up commodities at the firehall in Quitaque.

Further information will be published when it becomes available to us. The Quitaque Volunteer Fire-Department look forward to serving the community in this capacity.

Briscoe County Names Alexander As New Agent

Ronda Booe Alexander is Briscoe County's new Extension agent-Home Economics. She is coming to Briscoe County from Swisher County where she was an assistant County Extension Agent.

Mrs. Alexander and her husband Craig now reside in Tulia but plan to be moving to Silverton shortly.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in Home Economics from Texas Tech University as well as a home economics teachers certification. A graduate of Seminole High School she was on Texas Tech Dean's honor roll list two semesters, was on Tech's President's List 2 semesters.

Mrs. Alexander received the Jewell Taylor Scholarship in 1987 and also the 1985 Awbrey Russell Scholarship.

In 1991 she was one of the outstanding young women of America. She is a member of Texas Association of Extension Home Economist and Texas Association of Extension 4-H agents.

Mrs. Alexander is joining the Extension Staff in Briscoe County that includes Scott Strawn, Extension Agent-Agriculture and Martha Cavitt, Secretary.

THEN & NOW!

When was the last time you tried something new? Have you taken on a new task at your church, home or job? Perhaps you want to learn a new skill such as playing the piano, learning to type, how to sew, take better photographs or ride a horse. Or may be you wish to try your hand at changing the oil in your car or baking fresh bread.

Mary Lou Redding states "Trying new things require something of us, a new territory can be terrifying. We feel inadequate. We fear that we will fail or look foolish. I'd love to dance, but frankly, I fear looking ridiculous. So I have not seriously tried dancing." She says, "I look at many of my friends who dance and enjoy it and wonder why I cannot risk even a little and give it a try. The answer is, for me, is that I doubt myself!"

It is easy, even simple to say that the answer for this little problem is to stop doubting. But doubting is usually easier to do than to believe in ourselves. Even when it is something that we know how to do, we sometimes put the task off because of fears or of earlier failures. Perhaps we recall taunts from the past about our failures. Maybe an insensitive person in our yesterdays called us stupid or clumsy. Or maybe someone tells you that you have no ability to do anything mechanical or no ability to discern the tone of the music or the talent to paint the picture you always thought you could paint or the book you felt you could write. Whatever negative thoughts they have pitched at you are usually easier to listen to and accept than the positive messages sent out.

God has given all of us many abilities. But he also has given us the freedom to try the ability in whatever way we choose. God puts many opportunities in our life. We can use them as a way to stretch and grow or we can just let the doubts grow and try nothing new.

The Bible contains many, many stories of God believing in people and helping them to believe in themselves. Many wonderful things have been recorded in the Bible of people who made the wonderful choice to believe in themselves because God believed in them. Many people of the Bible, such as Moses felt they were not capable of the job God wanted done but he showed them he believed in them and the job was accomplished. Mary, Mother of our Savior had the faith to say, yes to God with no excuses. Try listening--Power to use your talents to their fullest will then be yours.

Have a very Merry Christmas, A very Happy New Year and above all a very SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Mrs. Ava Hawkins will be celebrating her 102 nd Birthday on Tuesday, December 31, 1991.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Eunice:
 I just have to share a joy Lewis and I received at Christmas time. It is a personal, signed card from Billy Graham and wife Ruth with a picture of them on "our 48th Wedding Anniversary 1943-1991," and "we pray that you will find the calming peace and joy of Jesus that He came to give us that first Christmas morning." Billy Graham, and Ruth.

For years, we never miss seeing his Evangelistic messages on TV. I wrote him and sent a small donation once, and have lots of free booklets I have requested from him, and told him how much he has meant to the world, spreading the gospel round the world to those who may have never known Him.

Mozelle Eudy

Dear Editor,
 Lee and I have been in California 35 years. Still like to get the Valley Tribune.
 Thanks,
 Benyl & Lee

Turkey News

Visiting Mrs. Belle Cruse in the home of R. V. and Joleta Johnson were Clyde and Tommie Burnett of Roswell, NM. Joining them for dinner Monday night were G. P. and Betty Driskill, Vernell Cotten, Paul and Marie Cruse, Tommy and Lawana Cruse and Shannon, Lisa and Amanda Cruse.

OBITUARIES

Wilburn M. Currie

Graveside services were held at Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque for Wilburn M. Currie on Saturday, December 14, 1991 at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Turkey, officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Mr. Currie died Thursday, December 12, 1991 in Amarillo Veterans Hospital at the age of 79.

Mr. Currie was born in Whiteflat in Motley County. He moved to Turkey in 1914. He attended Turkey schools and was a retired farmer. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, where he served in the Aleutians, South Pacific and Guadal Canal.

Survivors include two sisters, Sue Van Winkle of Amarillo and Irene Jester of Arkadelphia, Ark.; and a brother, John Currie of Turkey.

Happy Anniversary

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pigg, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lackey

December 21--Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Purcell

December 22--Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irby, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lucero

December 23--Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bob Smith

December 25--Mr. and Mrs. Prof Patrick

December 26--Mr. and Mrs. Billie Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Smith

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mora, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ham, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Browning

December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Eudy, Mr. and Mrs. Roye Pigg

December 29--Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane

December 30--Mr. and Mrs. Michie Maupin, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lacy

January 2--Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Leal

Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.

—Francis Bacon

Bertha Rhoderick

Services for Bertha Lois Rhoderick, 95, of Silvertown were at 2 p.m. Friday, December 13, 1991 in First Baptist Church with the Reverend Bryan Donahoo, pastor, officiating.

The Reverend Rob Lackey, pastor of Quitaque First Baptist Church, assisted and burial was in Silvertown Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rhoderick died Wednesday, December 11 in Slaton Care Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Ellis County and moved to Briscoe County in 1910. She moved to Quitaque in 1919 and to Silvertown in 1960. She married James Rhoderick on November 29, 1919, in Silvertown. He died on May 4, 1972. She was a graduate of West Texas State University. She taught school in Milo and Love until 1919. She was a school teacher, homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by two sons: Jesse on January 28, 1989, and Bernie Lee on November 23, 1991.

Survivors include two sons, Billy F. of Lubbock and Lynn of Grants, NM; a daughter, Lorene Johnson of Orem, Utah; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Church Of Christ Has Christmas Party

Quitaque Church of Christ held their annual Christmas Party Sunday night, December 15, 1991. Refreshments of sandwiches, dips and snacks were served. Each of the 28 present brought a gift to put under the tree. The presents were distributed by the "Chinese Christmas Tree Exchange" method.



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 Leland Pinkerton, Oklahoma City
 LillieMae Smith, Amarillo
 Lillie Sperry, Flomot
 Carrie Wise, Hermitage, PA.

Calendar Of Events

December 20
 Motley Co T 4 p.m.

December 21
 Quitaque Senior Citizens
 Breakfast

December 22
 First Day of Winter
 Worship at Church

December 23
 Valley School Holiday
 Quitaque Firemen
 Turkey Lions Club

December 24
 Turkey Senior Citizens
 Valley School Holiday

December 25
 Christmas Day
 Valley School Holiday

December 26
 Valley School Holiday
 Triple L Club

December 27
 Boxing Day

December 28
 School Holiday

December 29
 Attend Church of Choice

December 30
 Guthrie H 6 p.m.

December 31
 School Holiday

January 1
 New Years Day

January 2
 School Holiday

January 2
 School Resumes

January 1: Johnnie Morrison, Rick Mullin

January 2: Connie Franks, Elizabeth Monk

Happy Birthday

December 19: Rob Warner, Kristi Hill, Greg Ramsey, Christine Hinojosa, Lela Mae Hutcheson, Callie Helms

December 20: Susie Shannon, Wilburn Leeper, Cheri Davis, Mozelle Eudy

December 21: Tammy Edwards, Bob Hill, Meredith Cleavinger

December 22: Bly Shannon

December 23: Katy Landry, Dale Ramsey, Michael Dowd, Charles O. Hamner, Matt Washington

December 24: Delbert Phelps, Bill Pigg

December 25: Floye McCracken

December 26: Rhonda Fuston, Vicki Lindsey

December 27: Paullette Liscomb

December 28: Amanda Mullin

December 29: Barbara Saul, Peggy Irby

December 30: Ty Barclay, Billy Don Hughes, Neil Guest, Pauline Lane, Hollie McKay

December 31: Arturo Reyna, Tiffany Woods, Koree Price Dianne Washington, Ava Hawkins

Hope is a good breakfast, but it is a bad supper.

—Francis Bacon

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Genie Seymour Receives Tech Scholarship

Texas Tech University's College of Business Administration hosted a scholarship reception for 103 student recipients in October. Faculty members and administrators attended the reception at the college.

Among the students receiving a scholarship was Genie Leigh Seymour, a freshman accounting major from Turkey, who received the South Plains Foundation Scholarship.

Book Sale A Success

by Arlene Hinkle

The book sale at the Library was very successful in that we not only sold books and gave out Library cards, but we also had a chance to renew acquaintances and make new ones.

The book sale will continue until January. Please stop by and browse and/or buy. Paperbacks are 10 cents each and hardbacks are 25 cents each--this is inexpensive entertainment!

"Footprints"--the book from the historical Society is now on sale at the Caprock Library. There are only a few of these memory compilations left--so hurry! For more information on these please call 455-1225.

The Library is open from 9 to 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Caprock Country Christmas Wrap-up (Continued From Page 1)

During the Six Shooter Classic Tournament at Valley School Keith Green was the winner of a 20 inch RCA Color Track TV.

Butler's Drive In gave away a meal to each of the following: Jo Patrick, Bobbie Richey, Joe Edd Smith, Mary Pigg, J. R. Payne, C. L. Hawkins, Carl Woods, and Henritta Scoggins.

B. J. Griffin was the winner of Caprock Home Center's cordless drill and Barbara Covington, Floydada, was the lucky one to take home the Handy Man Multi Mixer.

Merrell Food gave a turkey to Pauline Tiffin.

The Parks and Wildlife's displays were enjoyed by young and old alike. The longhorns are very interesting to watch.

The Commercial Building, Arts and Craft Show and Chamber of Commerce food concession all seemed to be a success this year.

Merchants enjoyed having extra visitors and customers in their businesses Saturday.

Santa arrived in style in Odie Reagan's buggy. After several trips around the block with Odie and the children, Santa stepped down to the fire hall for picture taking with the children.

Entertainment Appreciated By Large Crowd

The entertainment at the Caprock Country Christmas was enjoyed by many.

Patsy Herrington and several of her students favored us with Christmas music on the piano and displayed the great talent Quitaque has in its young people.

Elizabeth Monk assisted Puppeteers Brandi Price and Walt Henson in presenting a great puppet show. Giving us the real meaning of Christmas. They played to a full house and an appreciative audience.

In the afternoon we had the County Sounds. The "Country Sounds" Briscoe's finest entertained royally. They are always well received.

We'd expected a short program of fiddle music by Shanna Van Winkle of Lubbock but she was unable to attend because of illness.

Samantha Stark Selected As SPC Hostess

Samantha Stark of Turkey has been selected one of ten freshmen coeds to serve as Presidential Hostesses for the 1991-92 school year at South Plains College.

Miss Stark is a 1991 graduate of Valley High School and the daughter of Vicki Lindsey of Turkey and Scotty Stark of Quitaque. Stark was a member of the VHS basketball and track teams, Future Homemakers of America, Future Farmers of America, while also serving as class officer and Pep Squad president. In addition, Stark was elected as cheerleader, Prom Queen and Bob Wills Queen. Hobbies include playing the piano, singing and photography.

As a student at SPC, Stark is a home economics major and is employed with the Office of College Relations.

Big Buck Winners

The third annual Briscoe County Big Buck contest was completed with great results.

The contest entries were up from last year and the mule deer hunting was much better with several nice deer being entered.

Receiving first place and 50 percent of the \$500 jackpot was Briscoe County rancher, John Grady.

Receiving 2nd place and 40% of the jackpot was Tom Satterwhite of Houston. His deer was killed on the Hildebrand Estate.

A special thanks goes to Bronc Otis for measuring the deer and Brown-McMurtry Implement for providing the official contest measuring site.

For the official measurements on the contest deer, or if you have ideas on marketing hunting in Briscoe County, call Scott Strawn at 823-2131.



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Quitaque EMS Winners

Winners of the Ambulance Service door prizes were Betty Jarrel of Memphis and Aleda Ross of Flomot with each winning a first aid kit.

Baked goods and candy canes were donated by Flomot and Quitaque residents.

Emergency phone stickers were also given away. If you are in need of a sticker for your phone, please contact Judy Barrett.

WTU Proposals Boost Economy

The West Texas economy could get a boost if the Public Utilities Commission of Texas approves recommendations made recently by West Texas Utilities Company.

"WTU has filed a request to offer new services designed to attract and encourage business expansion in this area," according to Keith Edwards, WTU's area manager for Quitaque and Turkey. The three new experimental tariffs will allow WTU to provide economic development service, curtailable service or interruptible service.

The services will be available to customers that voluntarily request and qualify for one of the service options.

The new tariff proposals, which the company has asked the PUC to approve by March 1, 1992, would benefit all WTU customers because they would encourage new and existing businesses. In addition, the curtailable and interruptible rates can help delay the need to build new power plants in the future. WTU serves a 52,000 square mile area of Texas that stretches from the Red River to the Rio Grande.



Teacher Spotlight

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Dianna Gilmore, who teaches fifth grade at Valley School is the wife of Clifton Gilmore. The Gilmores have two children, Brandon, who is eight years old, and Tayler, who is six.

After graduating Harrold High School in Harrold, Dianna attended and graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Dianna enjoys arts and craft projects, sewing, and playing volleyball.

Her goal for 1991-92 school year is to relax and enjoy her class of 18 after last year's class of 32!

"I have enjoyed the students of Valley and being involved with them. The teachers work very well together and are supportive of each other as well as students," states Mrs. Gilmore.

A Bountiful Christmas

Frank and Jimmye
Taylor

Eunice McFall

Brenda Couvillion

Earlyne Jameson



To you and yours,
our sincere wishes for
a holiday season that's
filled to overflowing
with all the best!

The Valley Tribune

Turkey Senior Citizens

The Sr. Citizens of Turkey met December 10 at the Sr. citizens Room with 23 present. Two were visitors, Billy and Marjorie Pinkerton. Buster Hanna welcomed everyone, and Ray Whittaker led the prayer. A nice meal and time of singing was enjoyed, then gifts were exchanged. Margorie was presented a quilt made by Senior Citizens.

Merry Christmas



BILL GRIFFIN

On The QT

Jarrell and Jean Rice visited their son and wife, Mike and Lamri Rice of Lubbock, Sunday.

Buster and Ann Chadwick spent Sunday in Plainview with the Wesley Woods family.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Cooper, Amarillo attended Church services in First United Methodist Church of Quitaque Sunday.

Recent visitors in the Leon McCracken home were Alvie and Glenda Francis, Silverton; Floye McCracken, Peggy Brannon, Florene Cobb, Horace McDonald, Annette Helms, Ruby, John and Joyce King, Bruce Price, Jimmy Davidson, Elgin Conner, Jacquelyn Ham, Keith, John Keith, Chasity & Candise Edwards and Walter and Coleen Taylor.

Estelle Davidson spent from Thursday until Sunday in Amarillo visiting her son Fred Davidson and family and her sister, Merrell Shackelford.

Nuevo Study Club

The Nuevo Study Club met in the home of Dessie Mae Robertson for the Christmas meeting and program. Madine Baisden, president, opened the meeting by reading a poem "What a Smile Can Be."

For the program, each member brought a short Christmas story. Plans were made for the January 16 luncheon and meeting at Virginia Degan's.

Refreshments, prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Robertson, were served by Mary Jo Barnhill and Edna Earl Blakney, who also assisted with the program.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Bain, Baisden, Colvin, Degan, Green, Meacham, and Walker.

Christmas cards were signed by the group to be sent to Wilma Wedge and Sabra Setliff.

The hostess presented each member a beautiful house-bell tree decoration for a Christmas gift.

FLOMOT NEWS by Earlyne Jameson

Wilburn Martin visited Saturday in Lubbock with Mrs. Mollie Burleson of floydada, a patient in the rehabilitation center at the Methodist Hospital following hip surgery.

Local residents reporting a successful and enjoyable day at the Caprock Country Christmas were Mesdames Wilburn Martin and Leon Clay, who had booths and Mesdames Bill D. Washington, Seab Washington and Jerry Barclay who helped with the EMT Booth.

Lions Club Ladies Night

The Quitaque Lions Club Ladies Night Banquet was held at the Community Center Monday, December 16. Lions and their guests enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by the United Methodist Women. Mrs. LaRue Garvan and her granddaughter, Kurby Garvan, entertained with several selections on the piano and electronic keyboard.

The group celebrated the year of service as a Lions Club. Eighteen members received perfect attendance pins. Three Lions received membership anniversary awards: Dely Meyers for 25 years and Bennie Brown and Charles Wallace, each with fifteen years.

Santa appeared to distribute gifts to all the guests. The evening was closed with the singing of "Silent Night" and a prayer.

Lady Patriots Win Classic Tournament

by Coach Janssen
The Lady Patriots won first place in the Valley Six-shooter Classic. The Patriots were undefeated in all three games of the Round Robin Tournament. On Thursday the girls beat a tough Guthrie team 45-43 on two last second free throws by Angie Pointer.

The Patriots shot 76% from the free throw line.

Leading scorers in the game were Katy Browning, 18; and Angie Pointer, 13.

The Patriots then defeated Silverton 67-22 with Katy Browning delivering 22 points and Pointer 17.

The final contest was with Patton Springs. The girls won easily 69-28.

Leading scorers were Browning 25, Brandi Gaddis and Kacey Fuston, 12 each.

Three Lady Patriots were recognized during the tournament: Katy Browning was the MVP while Angie Pointer and Julie Clay both made the All Tournament team.



EMS and Families Celebrate Christmas

On Tuesday night, December 3, 1991 the Quitaque EMS and their families gathered together for a Christmas Party at the Firehall. They enjoyed playing games, refreshments and special performances by Mrs. Gilmores 5th grade class, who recited Christmas poems and sang Christmas songs. Elgin Conner was presented a plaque recognizing him for his 15 years of volunteer services as an EMT for the Quitaque Ambulance Service.

EMT's and family attending the party were: Elgin and Cathryn Conner, Judy and Una Lee Barrett, Dianne Washington, Sandra Barclay, Albert and Sylvia Castillo and Erma Washington.

Others attending were Dianna and Tayler Gilmore, Latika Clardy, Phil, Linda & Vance Lemmons, Maggie and Ruben Martinez, Cory Chandler, Casey Beck, Karla and Holly McKay, Karen and Cody Yates, Randy and Amy Stark, Casey and Elliot Fields, Gilbert Vela and Geneva Quilimaco.

Share the Love of Christmas

Glory to the New Born King



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Wishing you good cheer!

Whatever the season brings, we sincerely



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Santa Will Be Right Down!

Hang the stockings, trim the tree, and enjoy your gifts! Thanks, friends.

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We Wish You A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hoping for you and yours a holiday that sings with joy! Thanks, friends.



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Hand in hand, hearts filled with joy, let peace reign in every corner of the earth.

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Ho, Ho, Hope You Have A Great Christmas!

May the blessings of season fill your heart and home with joy.

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RICKEY HUGHES

Rickey Hughes of Valley FFA exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Hog at the Top O' Texas Hog Jackpot, on Saturday December 14, 1991 at Pampa, Texas.

Rickey's 159 pound Champion Yorkshire barrow was also selected as the Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Hog at the South Plains Swine Jackpot held on Sunday, December 15, 1991 at Levelland, Texas.

OVERHEARD:
Give us the spirit of the Christmas season and fill our hearts with love and good, the true and beautiful, then earth will be like heaven. Merry Christmas!

Honored on Birthdays

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Martin of Whiteflat and Art Green attended a birthday dinner Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Williams in Matador honoring their brothers, Phil Green of Borger and Luther Green of Matador. They were presented a decorative green and white birthday cake, gifts and best wishes.

Others attending the happy occasion were Pat Green of Tahoka, Mrs. Phil Green of Borger and Mrs. Luther Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams of Matador.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Jackie Starkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Starkey, celebrated his birthday with a party in his home Sunday afternoon December 15. He blew out his three candles on a col-

orful, dinosaur-decorated birthday cake and had fun opening his gifts.

Birthday cake, ice cream and punch were served to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Monty George and Emily of Lubbock and Melody, Vance and Randy Farley of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cannon of Tulia visited Wednesday night with her mother, Mrs. James Monk.

Mrs. Wayne Hunter accompanied Mrs. Clemente Sandoval and daughter, Mary to Lockney, Tuesday, where Mary was hospitalized until Friday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter during the hospitalization of Mary were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval, Alonzo, Liliana and Mimi.

Dale Smith of Quitaque visited Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson Sunday. Ms. Burton and Stinson attended the Caprock Country Christmas in Quitaque, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Jeffries of San Diego, CA visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Tiffin.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lee of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond and Wayne Hunter presented a Christmas program and service at the Care Center in Lockney Friday morning. Joining them for lunch were Mrs. Bea Bilberry and Mrs. Emma Thomas of Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Barclay of Lockney visited Sunday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Cody and Ty.

Vic Jacobs of Plainview visited Mr. and Mrs. D. M. "Ikie" Gilbert, Friday. Visiting them Wednesday was Billy Merrell of Quitaque. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert enjoyed the Caprock Christmas in Quitaque, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Floydada, Monday, for medical treatment and were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Speer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited from Monday until Wednesday in Fritch with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moon and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, Warren and Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers met Mrs. Stanley Degan and daughter, Shay, of Kalgary in Abernathy Friday night, to attend the basketball tournament in which Shay played on the Crosbyton team.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond left Saturday to visit during the Christmas holidays with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jackson in Irving.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. C. W. Starkey were daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Monty George and Emily of Lubbock.

Wayne Hunter accompanied his father, H.G. Hunter of Quitaque to Lubbock Thursday for a medical appointment. They visited daughter and granddaughter, Ms. Anita Hunter before returning home.

Hometown Christmas Enjoyed at Flomot

A Hometown Christmas at the Community Center in Flomot, Tuesday afternoon, December 10 was a festive event for members of the Do-Gooders' Club. Glistening ornaments on a table top Christmas tree surrounded by gifts with ribbons and garland galore, a wooden rocking horse and wooden reindeer at the base of the table and little Christmas elves and stockings throughout the building transformed the Center into a Santa Claus wonderland.

Mrs. Doyle Calvert, president the past two years, greeted each member with a crocheted Christmas star. She expressed her appreciation for the good response and support of the club's projects and special events during her tenure. She held the election of the officers to serve in 1992: Mrs. Coy Franks, president; Mrs. John Poulson, vice-president; Mrs. Clayton Bond, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. James Monk, reporter.

Following the business session, a fun time materialized when Secret Pal names were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Hostesses Mesdames Wayne Hunter, Roger Lee and John Poulson presided at a milk glass service on a table laid with a green cutwork and lace cloth. The centerpiece was a poinsettia plant in milk glass vase encircled by pine cones and greenery. Refreshments of homemade Christmas confections, canapes and nuts were served with strawberry punch.

Those attending besides those mentioned above were Mesdames George Pope, Howard Rogers, Bill D. Washington, Jack Starkey, D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert and C. W. Starkey.

Corey Kendall Named All State Second Team

Cory Kendall of Flomot, senior student at Motley County School, was named on the second team of the AP Sports Editors' Class 1A All State Football Team. He was selected to both the offensive and defensive lines.

Cory is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and grandson of Mrs. Jackie Kendall of Flomot.

Third Grade News

Hi! It's me again from 3rd. We have been so busy with the Christmas program. Also with Santa letters. We are going to sing Jingle Bell Rock, I Love Christmas and It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas. The Santa letters are hard because you have got to know what you want. The program is on the 19th. We also wrote our pen pals a card for Christmas. So we have got us alot more a head of us. Got to go!

Your friend,
Mary E. Pigg

MERRY CHRISTMAS



PRECIOUS MOMENTS

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Christmas Greetings



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

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Dolls Head List of Most Wanted

Dear Santa
How are your elves? Tell Rudolph I said hi I love you Santa I want a Wal-mart truck and a new tractor.
JC

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you brought me last year.
This year I would like a batmobile, Batman, and Robin, Penguin and Joker and a bat cave. Also a train.
I love you,
John Whitener

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like a machine gun and a set of drums. I would also like you to bring my sister a doll. Would you please bring my mom some roses, and a dog and cat. She likes animals.
I will leave you some milk and cookies Christmas Eve.
Thank you,
Jon Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want a new pair of Wine Colored ropers, and a black duster for Christmas, That's all.
Sincerely
Ben Pigg

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is money, water babies and also clothes.
Valeri

Hola Santa,
Mi nombre es Luis tengo Un ano y este A nome eportado bien. Gviero qve me traigas un carito acotrol Remoto por plis Santa Clos.

Dear Santa,
My name is Amber Lee Ann Ortiz. I live in Quitaque. I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl all year. Will you please bring me a Barbie Jeep and a Bambi Video tape. I am leaving you a glass of milk and some cookies on the kitchen table.
Thank-You Santa
Amber

Dear Santa,
I live in Turkey close to the Allsup store. My name is Santana Alaniz and I am 4 years old. I've been a good girl so won't you bring me a doll.
Thank-You
Santana

What Christmas means to me. It means going to see family. Giving presents to one another and getting presents. Seeing all the lights all over the place. The Christmas trees in every house or in a building. And seeing Santas on every corner. To Remember when God was born.
Yours Truly,
Cody Yates

What Christmas means to me, is seeing family, eating, and giving presents, and playing with cousins, also hunting with my dad and several other uncles, But out of all those things the one that means the most to me is seeing all my Family together.
by
Cory

Christmas means joy to me. I love to open the presents, I love giving presents too, I also love singing Christmas Carols. Christmas reminds me of Jesus, the happiness, the sweetness, mostly the love. Sometimes it brings me sadness, of the ones I love, who have passed away. Christmas tree, red bows, gifts, stockings, reifs, and sleigh riding all remind me of Christmas. I love Christmas most of all.
Amy Michelle Butler

What Christmas means to me is seeing family to give and hope what they do. It also means to love, care, and also forgiving. I love my parents and my grandparents. They also love me and I love them. And all of my aunts, uncles, and everybody. That's what Christmas means to me.
Michael Silva

What Christmas Means To Me I love Christmas because everybody in the family comes home for Christmas. An then we all go to my grandma's and grandpa's house to eat an to open presents. An to help my grandma and grandpa decrat their house with Chjristmas lights. An to go to Dallas with my ganddad to see my aunt. That's what Christmas means to me.
Vance Lemons

Dear Santa,
I have ben very good this year. I want a four wheeler, a lego ship, lego case, binoculars and walkie talkies. I will leave you 7 up and cookies.
Your friend,
Chris McBee

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a girls bastetball. I want a collector's dolls. I want a nintendo tape and a computer game. I want a dolls that looks like me. I want to go to my grandmother and not be sick like I was last christmas. I guess that you can not do any thing about that.
Jamie LeAnn Pigg

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Here is a list of things I want. Ten turtles, pizza throw, calculator, watch snake, and a super soker 100.
Your friend,
Vance F.

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you? I've been good. I love you. Here are the things I want Barbie house my walking go How is Dasher Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupide, Donner, Blitzen. Plus Rudolph!
Danielle Price

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? What I want for Christmas is a gun. Say Hello to Mrs. Claus for me. I love Christmas. I will leave a plate of cookies under the tree.
Eric

Dear Santa
I want a Pelleet gun for Christmas I want a water bike Santa. I am going to buy you a coke!
Ramjro

Dear Santa
How are you and your elves? We are all wonderful in first grade. I am a good boy. How's Rudolph? And the other Reindeer? Please bring me a Remote Control Truck and a Guitar and a Set of Drums.
Cliff

Dear Santa,
I want a b-b gun and a jam-box. I also want Ninja play toy. I want a baseball bat. I don't know if I have been good boy this year. I want mistletoe, 2 gernades, 3 machine guns and dart gun. That is all I want. Good bye!
Always,
Vincent

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a super Nintendo, Contra, Hoops, Prancer, Dino and the Flintstones, Turbo Fist, Five Reindeers, a Skate Board, and a Trampolin.
Your Friend,
Cole

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I want a game boy and a doll. Her name is Twinkling Thumbellina. Would you bring me a magic nurcery doll and a game boy nintendo tape for the game boy? I want a perfect match game and a big trouble game. I want a neckleces and waches for my Mom and Dad. Plesse give me the neckleces and waches to me to give to my Mom and Dad. I like Christmas. Merry Christmas!
Your Friend
Ashley Lucero

Dear Santa,
I want a bi bi Gun and movies of blood sport. I want a Nintendo Tapes, and rocknroll. I want litle gun and pellet gun.
Your friend,
Gilbert Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a b.b. Gun and blood Sport Movies. I want Three nintendo Tapes and poison Tapes. I want a Walkie, Talkie and binoculars. Have a happy Christmas.
Love,
Christopher Lee Green

Dear Santa Claus,
This is want I want for Christmas. I would like some rockies, boots, a doll, stero, tapes, a game, a day bed and a play crib for my doll.
Your friend,
Brenda Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good this year. What I really want is a doll. Her name is Twinkling Thumbellina, and a game that is called Perfert Match. I hope you will bring me that. I really want to meet you. I want to now your elves names. Please bring my mom a new watch and my dad a new watch. Please bring them watches. Please leave the watches in my presents. So I can give it to them. Thanks a lot. Merry Christmas!
Always,
Gaby Fierro

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. All right lets get to business I wont nerf bow and arrow I wont some ning turtle stuff. I wont some pump shoe.
Your friend,
Jeffrey

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. What are your elfs names? For Christmas I would like some binoculars. I would even like a stereo with a remote control I hope that you will let me have one. I would like a game called Girl Talk. I would even like a night stand like Tiffany. Even some work boots like my dads. Even some cover-alls. I would like a computer to. Even a kick ball.
Your Pal,
Kimberly Woods

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Santa I wont clothes for Christmas and shoes for Christmas. Santa and I won't doll, jambox and a toy dog and Santa and a toy cat.
Your friend,
Gracie

Prettige Kerstdagen Feliz Navidad

LET'S JOIN IN SONG AND CELEBRATION



Happiness, health and harmony to all. Our thanks for a wonderful year.

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GREETINGS

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas to all.

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WOULD YOU BRING ME



Dear Santa,
I Love You! My name is Katie. Do you know how to spell my name? All of us love you. I would like you to bring me easy bake oven and a Barbie House with an elevator and a vanity set with make-up. Please bring my brother Cam a stool and a farm set. and my Dad a pair of binoculars. I will leave lots of goodies for you.

Katie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a red bike with training wheels, boxing gloves and an ant farm. How are the elves and how is your wife?
Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Matthew Whittington

Dear Santa,
We would like a baby doll that has long hair. We also would like some cowboy boots.
Thank you,
Macy, Molly and Mary Kate

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Baby Doll and a Musical Dream Screen. I will like the lights and music on it. Also, please bring my Granny and Granddad and Nana and Papa something to.

I love you,
Taylee Brooke
p.s. Don't forget my cousin, Tyler.

Dear Santa,
How are you. I have been a good girl. I would like to have some roller blades, packers, and a bicycle. I will be at my grandma and grandpa's. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.
This year please bring me a Little Tykes Doll House and accessories, a Suzy Snapshot, P.J. Sparkles and a Magic bottle baby and a little Mermaid Doll and roller skates, and a slush puppy maker.
Have a safe trip.
Love,
Paula Whitener

Dear Sant
i want polce car cops, turtl, gun, pig
i will leve milk an cokes
jose mora

Dear Santa
Brbe cr is what I wnt. rel horse is i wnt
ples bring hanah a ratl
hot dog is i wnt to lev u
i lv u
rachael lackey

Dear Sdnta Rodney
Captan hok good gi swod
pla kanun is what I wnt.
I wl lve u pizza and hot cholet
Rodney Fuston

dear santa
I want turtl mam, guitar. i hav
bn a good boy. i wl lve u milk and cookies.
luv u chase maynard

Dear Santa
Please brng a batman set, turtl
watch. I will leve chocolat cookies
Jessica Wellman

Dear Santa
My name is Ruben Ramos. Will you bring me a jeep and bring my baby brother, Roger, a talking robot. We've been good.
Thank you
Ruben Ramos

Dear Santa,
I have beern good all year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me some clothes and a guitar. My name is Justin Billegas and I am 2 years old.
Thank you
Justin

Dear Santa,
My friends call me Camelia, I live in Quitaque. I am 3 years old. I have been good all year. Will you please bring me a doll and bring my little brother Noel a truck.
Thank you very much.
Camelia Vela

Hi Santa,
My name is Lupita Mora and I am 3 years old. Could you please bring me a doll, a truck for my brother Juan, and another doll for my baby sister Brenda. We have been good all year. Thank you Santa.
We live in Turkey, Texas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Adam Lopez. I live in Quitaque. I am two years old. I have been a good boy so could you please bring me small remote control car.
Thank you
Adam

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year. Will you please bring me guitar and a bike. I will leave you milk and cookies on the table.
I love you Santa,
Kevin Ortiz

Querido Santa Clos,
?Como estas? Yo soy muy bien. Yo quiero las ropas. Quiero el carro y los discos, tambien. Yo espero tu un Feliz Navidad.
Concarina
Amelia

dear santa
i wnt a brbe. i lv u
lucy silva

Mrs. Gilmore's fifth grade What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas mean to me is people to have a great time and have a good Christmas and sharng with and careing loveing and and sharng.
Archie

What Christmas means to me. Christmas is about loveing, careing, and receiveing and giveing. It is one of the precious holiday of the year. Christmas is my favorite holiday of the year. Christmas is the best holiday to me because you get to open presents. And people go to their family for Christmas. And that's what Christmas is all about.
Reuben Martinez

What Christmas means to me!
This is what Christmas is to me it is a time of sharing giving and loving. The most favorite gift I have is love. and another is you. God gives us the time to share certin times together. But not always people of all kinds get to be with each other. Some people are to far to come and see them or thay might be at the hospital not knowing whats going on. Most of the time people get to see there relatives if not plan a family reunion. That way you will get to see everyone. Just thank about your gift of Christmas..... You never never know what it will be.
Love Casey Beck

What Christmas means to me
Christmas is about love and care. It is not about taking it is about giving. I love Christmas we get to go see my grandma and grandpa at Groom. We have lots of fun and a lot to eat.
John Lowe

What Christmas Means to Me
Christmas is all about is joll and fun and have a best Christmas holi-day and have toys on Christmas day but they allright to no have Christ-mas again but God is the man above your hear.
By, Latika Clardy

What Christmas means to me
Christmas means a lot to me because everybody in the family shows how much they love each other. During Christmas I love my parents, my baby brother, my uncle, and my sisters. Christmas is the best holiday of the year. People buy presents that cost a lot to show how much they love them. What Christmas means to me is all the love that people show.
Yours Truly,
Gilbert Vela

Querido Santa,
To soy Jose' Dave'. Yo necsito una raquet de te'nis. Tambie'n cuerdo und tro'ca nveva. t si no es mucho cuerdo un caja de much dinero.
Feliz Navidad
Jose' Dave'

Querido Santa Clos,
?Como esta' a? Yo soy muy bien. Yo quiero las ropas y el caro. Yo quiero muy dinero, tambien. Fel! Navidad!
Carino,
Laura

Mrs. Lemons Kindergarten
Santa Letters
Santa
Nataasha Ramos
brbe cr is what i wnt
little mermaid
i wl lv u cok
luv u nataasha ramos

Dear Santa
I want a wooden gun. I want a bow and arow for e and mi brothr
i wl u 7up and kokies
luv u Jeffrey Browning

Katherine
Dear Santa
Plese bring me a horse. Plesse bring me a brbe jeep. i will leve cookies and milk.

der Santa
Gun race car is what i want. I wl lve u cok crn dog doretos. luv u Francisco Rodriguez

Olivia Greene
Dear Santa,
Bill Mom joj Peter pan, litl mermaid cande I want to fli i wl leve milk and cokes.

Dear Santa
I wnt a ras cr bike cloth. I wl leve u milk and cookies cande cn.
Adam Ortiz

Dakota Dear Santa
lamb I want a hot big fot 4 bn arrow turtl watch.
I wii lev you a hot dog. I hv ben a good boy.
I oso wnt turtl 2
Dakota kirk smith

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!

Santa knows the greatest gifts are peace and love. May your heart be blessed with both.

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Enjoy a wonderful holiday.

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CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO REMEMBER

A time to look back with fondness on good times, family traditions, and loyal friends. And a time for us to thank you for making us feel so welcome here.

WTU
TAMI, KEITH & JAN

O come, let us adore Him

Warmest greetings and heartfelt thanks to all of our loyal friends.

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Fair Winds, Calm Seas, And A Merry Christmas To All!

Here's wishing you smooth sailing through the holidays.

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I've Been Sorta' Good

Dear Santa
I been a good litle girl Santa. How is Miss Claus and the Elves? What I want mostly want for Christmas is a Bike with a smoochy radio and cheerful tearful. I will leave cookies and milk Santa.

Love: Natalie Dann Wheeler

Dear Santa
How are you doing? good I hope. I want a b b gun, motorcycle bike and a play pactice car

Manuel

Dear Santa
How are you? Ive' been a good girl. I want Pj Sparkle and water baby I's been a good time writing to you.

Scarlett

Dear Santa,
how is Mrs. Claws doing? I want a Scorpion-Casset, and Turbo Fist. Thank you,
Mark Reyna

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves. And Dylan wont to no how is Miss Cwals? And can you bring me a bike and a motorcycle.

Sined by Dylan

Dear Santa
How are you doing? My name is Leigh Ann. I am 7 years old and what I want for Christmas is a toy ranch and a bick that has a stero and a uricorn and that's all I want for Christmas. If you don't bring it it's ok.

Leigh Ann Nielsen

Dear Santa,
How are your rine deers doing today. How are your elves doing to? I love you Santa. Would you bring me a play race car, bring me toys, and a robot. I lov you Santa.

Douglas

Dear Santa
How are you and Miss Claus? How is Dasher and Rudolph, Dancer, Comet, Cupid, Blitzen, Prancer, and Vixen? Tell them Hi. I love you, Santa.

Krystle

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a mini compact bow and arrow. I've been very good this year. Santa I have been counting down days to Christmas I bet you are? How long is your list this year? Is your elva working hard this year? How many elvs do you have? Have a merry Christmas.

Your friend Ryan McCollum

What Christmas Means to Me
What Christmas means to me is loving, sharing, giving, receiving warm fire, Christmas carolers and the things that God gave me. God gave us our hearts to love one another. It is also great that we share our love. It is so nice to think about others and give. If you give you may even receive. With a warm fire you will have a warm Christmas. It is great to hear the loud voices of the Christmas carolers, and most of all I love the things that God gave me. Without him I would not be here today.

Hollie McKay

What Christmas means to Me
What Christmas means to me is seeing family that I haven't seen since last year. seeing aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents is an important part of Christmas to me. I also enjoy eating Memaw's turkey, pies, cakes, and cookies. Well, even though Christmas is a time for giving, i enjoy getting just as much as I do giving. But what Christmas really means to me is the birthday of Christ. It is not the day for getting presents, or for eating Memaw's cakes. Though we all sometimes get out of hand around Christmas, we should remember why we celebrate Christmas.

Amy Stark

What Christmas means to me is having my family together. We eat lots of snacks, stay up late--visiting, and play games. As much as I use to love opening presents at Christmas, I enjoy watching my own children now. I guess just the happiness that everyone shares along with family and love are most important at this time of year.

Mrs. Gilmore

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a good girl. I would like a aki bike with a radio, and a trip to go skiing

Love, Tayler Gilmore

Dear Santa
All I want for Christmas is a Bike it has a smoochy radio. and wrap it nice Santa paper

Megan McCollum

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I wish for a new pellet gun with pellets. I want a mini basketball goal. I want a t.v. with super nintendo and games. I want a twentytwo with fifty bullets. I want size 10 regular pants. I want a super soker fifty.

Your friend, Vance Chandler

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. Santa I wont clothes for Christmas and shoes and a Nintendo for me and my brother to.

Your friend, Lisa Lopez

Dear Santa,
This is all I want for Christmas is a super nintendo, a fast trax, a motorcycle, M.C. Hammer Doll, an Erclie doll, a tv, a baseball bat, a remote control robot an thats all I want.

Justin

Dear Santa,
How is all of the reindeers. Dose Rudolph's nose still glow at night well I gees i better get to the toys I want a monpoy game, a girl talk game, a perfect match game, a connect four game, a little miss singing marmad doll and I want some boots.

Love Always, Cassie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a Super Ninitendo for Christmas. I want a Ninitendo Tape for Christmas. I want Prancer for Christmas. I want a shotgun for Christmas. I want a elve for Christmas. I HOPE YOU CAN GET THIS FOR ME. Have a Merry Christmas

Santa. Your Friend, Brandon Gilmore

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler. And a little motor cycl. and I want a b-b gun. And I want a Kitten good by.

Richard

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Here is what I want a raido, nintendo and tapes, ninja turtle, cars. Santa how many raindeers do you have and i want there names. Oh i want country music.

Cory Varnell

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. This is what I want for Christmas I was going to get a four wheeler but not now I want a color T.V. to come with a stand please be sure that I can hook the Nintendo up to the T.V.

Your friend, Brandon Stewart

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a Rubbie Cubbie. Also I want some Fashion Plates. I want the game Girl Talk and if you have time a Go-Go. I'm leaving the cookies out.

Your friend, Mary E. Pigg P.S. Don't talk to my mom.

Dear Santa,
I want a b. b gun and a puppy and a dog and 1,000 doller if you got it please I am going to by a new car and I want a pocet size coacalter thats all.

Your friend, Ryan

Mistletoe Has Come Long Way Since Days of Druid Worship

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshipped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peace-making and goodwill survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.

The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. Held high, it never could be evil.



We wish you the merriest! May every holiday joy be yours at Christmas time!



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Holiday Safety: Helpful Hints

Santa says: Now's the time to make a list and check it twice—a safety list, that is. Many home fires that occur during the holiday season can be prevented if you take the following safety precautions, say the experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL):

- Keep light strings and other electrical decorations out of children's reach.
- Look for the UL Mark on light strings. Artificial trees should also carry the UL Mark—that means samples have been tested for flammability.
- Check each light set for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections.
- Overloading circuits with too many decorative lights and/or light strings can cause fires.
- Check markings on light strings. Never use decorative lights outdoors marked "For Indoor Use."
- Always turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed. A short circuit can cause a fire.

•To prevent overheating or damage, use only decorative lamp fixtures packaged with each string. Use only manufacturer's specified fuses and lamps when old ones burn out.

•Make sure your tree is fresh when you buy it. If the needles are brown and break off easily, the tree is a greater fire risk. Keep your tree base holder filled with water at all times.

•Place your tree away from fireplace, radiator and other heat sources. Be sure it doesn't block a doorway.

•Don't cut or damage wire insulation when installing decorative light strings.

•Throw away gift wrappings immediately. Don't burn them in the fireplace. They can ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.

•Burning evergreens in a fireplace is also dangerous—they can cause flames to flare out of control and send sparks flying around a room.

•Equip your home with UL Listed smoke detectors and an ABC-type fire extinguisher. They make good stocking stuffers.

Dear Santa, Please Bring Me

Guest Editorial by Jimmye Taylor, Paducah Post Publisher

Dear Santa,
This year I'm not asking for much, cause I know I haven't been a very good girl. So I guess I'd better start off by asking you to please use your magic vision to overlook the bad things I've done, and try to see only the good. Surely there are SOME good things.

Santa, for Christmas this year, I need an extra big stocking full of tomorrow-vision. It seem that I get so bogged down in the troubles and cares of today, I forget there is always a brighter tomorrow, and no matter how bad things may look now, they will pass. Even just a small bit of hope would help a lot.

Then, the second thing I need is a box-full of smiles, some for every day of the new year, but especially for those droopy days when my face gets long, and my mouth is all turned down, and my eyes are full of tears. Those days when my heart is heavy, and everyone around me knows it, because I cannot smile. Some smiley-faces would make everybody feel better.

I would like to have some new thoughts — thoughts to fill my mind with good and helpful and wise things. "As a man thinketh, so is he," ... I could sure use this.

And, Santa, could you please throw in a little bag of self-esteem? Sometimes I really need a little self-confidence and sense of self-worth, cause there are days when I sure don't feel like much.

Last, I'm hoping you will give me a great big package of love, forgiveness and kindness. Not just for me, but for everyone. Help me truly care for every person I come in contact with, and not just to care, but to show it. And some understanding, a few sprinkles of that on the package; you might also decorate with a pair of ears to listen instead of talking, and eyes that can see inside my fellowman, not just the outside.

Now, if you can just tie all that up with a bunch of subjects to write about in Ramblin' every week of next year, I would be a happy camper.

And a Merry, Merry Christmas to you.

And now, for all you faithful few who read this drivel every week, I leave you this year with this thought:

I wish for all of you, my friends, ... a warm fire, something to eat, loved ones beside you, and health.

May this Christmas season be a time of rich happiness for all of you; may the sadness in some of your hearts be replaced with joy, and your burdens be lifted as you realize that the One whose birthday we are celebrating cares for you — even you — and only through Him can you have Peace in your hearts and with your fellow man.

FOOD SAFETY HINTS

FACTS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

Here's food for thought: By using your safety sense, you can protect yourself and your family from foodborne illnesses this holiday season.



It's the season to stay healthy: Don't leave cooked turkey out all day—you may risk food poisoning.

Nearly one in five of the people you'll see around the table at holiday dinners could face special risks from food poisoning. People over 65, pregnant women, infants and people with chronic illnesses all stand a greater chance of getting sick from food poisoning and suffering complications. Here's some precautions you can take for safe holiday food:

•Don't thaw a frozen turkey on the kitchen counter. Thaw in the refrigerator or microwave oven. Cook immediately.

•Snacking off the turkey is fine, but don't leave it out more than two hours—bacteria growth can double every 20 minutes under the right conditions.

•To speed cooling, debone the turkey and refrigerate it in small, shallow containers. Storing wings and legs intact is okay.

•Don't cook turkeys overnight at low temperatures—they help bacteria grow. Cook at 325 degrees F.

•Cook custards to 160 degrees F and refrigerate pies made with eggs.

•Don't use a raw eggnog recipe. Use commercially prepared, pasteurized eggnog or make your own with a cooked custard base.

People with questions can call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 800-535-4555.

TRADITIONS

The Holiday Feast

Two places to which the holidays really appeal: the heart, and the taste buds. For most people, special delicacies are among the foremost joys of Christmas. In fact, historians say that year-end festivities of ancient European peoples included huge feasts lasting for days and these led to special foods becoming an important part of Christmas celebrations throughout the world. Whether it's the roast boar of old England, the candy-filled Pinatas of Latin America or the visions of sugar-plums that dance in the heads of American youngsters, Christmas is a time to enjoy special celebrations and foods.



Gift packages such as the Figi's "Holiday Feast" are popular time-savers during the holidays.

For an increasing number of people, a Christmas feast of cheeses, sausages, preserves, tortes and candies can be as easy to give as it is delightful to receive. The gaily wrapped, three pound box of holiday favorites can be ordered from a gourmet food catalog that offers the very finest meats, fruits, cakes, candies and cheeses, among other goodies. From its modest beginning in the 1940s, Figi's Inc. has grown into one of the nation's largest direct mail specialty food and gifts marketers.

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Healthy Holiday Recipes

Holiday eating can be more than just festive, it can also be healthy.

"The holidays are a time for celebrating with our families. Let's also make them a healthy time by choosing delicious and nutritious foods," says Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Start the New Year off right by making a resolution to improve your diet," he says.

The family favorites can still be healthy dishes with just a few adjustments.

- Try serving chicken grilled or barbecued instead of fried — and remember to remove the skin.
- For lasagna and other Italian dishes, use low-fat cottage cheese instead of ricotta cheese.
- Prepare those popular dips with low-fat yogurt instead of sour cream. Or make your own with plain low-fat yogurt and curry, or dill and dried onion or dry vegetable soup mix.
- Serve a big salad with lots of raw vegetables, beans or bean sprouts. Serve with reduced calorie dressing, lemon or vinegar on the side. Try an attractive and appetizing fruit salad.
- Offer a great-tasting fruit sorbet for dessert. Just place fruit, water and sugar in a blender and puree,

then freeze.

- Try refreshing non-alcoholic drinks by mixing orange or cranberry juice with seltzer water and garnish with a slice of lime.
- Try your hand at making a healthy, homemade bread with this recipe for cranberry bread.

Cranberry Bread

- 1 C. whole wheat flour
- 1 1/4 C. all-purpose flour
- 2/3 C. sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. grated orange rind
- 3/4 C. orange juice
- 1 egg (or 2 egg whites)
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 C. cranberries

Sift together dry ingredients. Stir in orange rind. In separate bowl mix together orange juice, egg, and oil. Add to dry ingredients and mix just to moisten. Fold in cranberries. Lightly grease bottom of 9"x5"x3" loaf pan. Pour batter in pan and bake in 350 degree F. oven 55-60 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean. Remove from pan and cool.

Yields 1 16-slice loaf at 120 calories, 2 gm fiber and 2 gm fat per slice; 15% of calories from fat.

Santa: A Good Life Insurance Risk?



If you ran a life insurance company, would you be willing to give Santa Claus a life insurance policy? A few experts at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance evaluate some of the factors that might go into their thinking.

In evaluating the risk of insuring Santa, the company would scrutinize the more hazardous aspects of his work—risks he shares in common with private pilots and skydivers.

Most experienced pilots are acceptable risks and Santa earned his "wings" long ago. However, the company would examine carefully the application of any pilot who regularly landed a private craft on rooftops. The company adds, "It's obvious that Santa has an excellent safety record and this would work in his favor."

Santa's slide down the chimney can be likened to skydiving. The company is most concerned with beginning skydivers. It requires five

freefall jumps before skydivers can qualify for life insurance. Santa would most likely be assessed a modest extra charge.

In recent public appearances, Santa remained "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf." This may endear him to young children, but it does not help his assessment as an insurance risk. So he would most likely be assessed a further modest premium for his ability to shake, when he laughs, "like a bowlful of jelly."

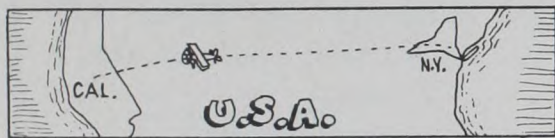
When Santa's smoking is considered, the underwriting cloud clears, even for the pipesmoking Santa. At Northwestern, only cigarette smoking is considered in underwriting.

Northwestern Mutual underwriters point out, however, that in the final analysis, it would be almost impossible to determine how much to charge Santa Claus for life insurance. Life insurance rates are based on the age of the insured. And Santa Claus is, after all, ageless.

...

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—La Rochefoucauld



Air mail service between New York and San Francisco began on July 20, 1920. The mail-carrying planes arrived in California on August 8th.



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The City Of Turkey



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Teel Bivins Family

1951 Origin of Symbolic Tree Shrouded in Old Legends

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.



1940 Don't Marry the Girl Day After Christmas

If you believe the early monks, don't select the day after Christmas to get married, start a new job or put on that new suit. It's Childermass day, commemorating the slaughter of the Holy Innocents by Herod, and in the early days was considered an occasion of the greatest ill-omen.

Children, according to legend, were soundly whipped Childermass day to impress on their minds the story of the baby martyrs.

So intense was the fear of this unfortunate festival that the coronation of England's King Edward IV was postponed in order to avoid the fatal date.

1940 Sun's 'Virginia' Still Has Faith In Santa Claus

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to life its highest beauty and joy."

Forty-two years ago an editorial writer for the New York Sun penned these now-famous lines in answer to a scrawled letter from a little girl named Virginia, whose faith in Santa had been shaken.

Today Virginia is grown up, married, and serves as assistant principal in an east side New York school. Her name is Dr. Laura Virginia Douglas and this Christmas she's playing Santa Claus not only to her pupils but her own daughter. Meanwhile, in 42 years she's evolved some ideas of her own on what to tell children about Santa Claus.

Pink-cheeked, vivacious, yet shy and hesitant in speaking of personal matters, Dr. Douglas is not in favor of breaking the news boldly to a child that there is no Santa Claus. He will learn naturally, she says, as he turns from the free, imaginative stage of early childhood to an interest in the world around him.

When she first became old enough to realize the full meaning of the Sun's editorial, she felt badly because poor children were not able to have Christmas gifts as tangible evidence of Santa's existence. Later, she says, she grew to realize that material gifts were not so important as the faith which even the very poor child could have in something spiritual.



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John Currie 29 1tp

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The Entertainment Committee 29 1tp

Valley Booster Club would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that took part in the drawing for the RCA TV. Keith Green of Turkey was the winner. Congratulations to Keith.

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The hustle and bustle of the holiday season puts us all in a whirlwind of activity. The combination of work, an increased social schedule and shopping for those special details makes us yearn for comforting foods, delicious drinks and time set aside for relaxation. These special moments are a rare treat to be savored and appreciated - if only to rest and rejuvenate the spirit and the mind.

The body can be tempted with warm beverages that soothe the psyche right down to the toes or exhilarated with something cool and sparkling to tickle the tummy. Luscious taste sensations can be created for yourself to sit-a-minute and gather your thoughts or for those friends and neighbors who steal a moment to rush by to exchange a hearty hello and warmth of the season.

Customarily, both hot and cold beverages are offered to guests upon their arrival whether they just dropped by for a visit or if they were invited to share a meal. Tea, quite simply, has long been considered a symbol of togetherness, a sharing of something enjoyable and even a way of showing respect for visitors and guests. In some parts of the world it is even considered disrespectful to turn down an invitation to take tea - if only a small sip.

Tea is quite versatile, too, because it can be served hot or cold and prepared for one, two or quite a few guests with very little effort. It is almost always on hand in the pantry and can quickly be turned from a proper "cup-a" into an exciting holiday punch.



spotlight on health

Q. Could my headache be due to allergy?

A. There is no scientific evidence to suggest that migraine and other common headache disorders are true allergic conditions. According to experts at the American Council for Headache Education (ACHE), since allergy and headache are highly prevalent in the general population, there's bound to be an overlap between the two. In other words, the same person may suffer from both allergy and migraine. Treating the allergy may not benefit the headache. A word of caution: if your doctor plans to give you allergy injections, let him or her know the list of medications you are taking for migraine control, as there can be some unexpected reactions.

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