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Parents encouraged to talk, cuddle with babies

Lufkin—The time to begin helping a child get the best possible start in life is during the first months after it is born, according to Cassy Drake, service director for Cornerstone, an early childhood intervention program of the Burke Center.

"A baby needs to feel loved and cared for," says Ms. Drake. "It is during the first eight months after a baby is born that he or she forms an attitude about life." For example, a baby will feel confident and safe if parents respond quickly to its cries. However, if the adult waits too long or ignores the cries, the baby will feel the world is a cold and hostile place, says Ms. Drake.

She also suggests that parents begin talking to their baby at birth. Although the baby cannot understand what is being said, a parent's voice and words help teach a baby the sounds of language.

"Babies understand a parent's tone of voice," she says. "Words of praise, love and encouragement will help a baby grow and feel loved."

Early childhood specialists agree that parents should hold and cuddle a baby as much as possible. This type of contact helps both the parents and child feel loved.

One of the most important things a parent can do for their child is learn about their developmental stages, says Ms. Drake. "Parents should provide experiences that help their baby develop its senses. For example, a baby should be exposed to things that stimulate its hearing, sight, smell and touch."

Although babies develop at different rates, Ms. Drake believes that early parental involvement helps a child become more alert, cheerful, and interested in the world.

"It does not matter a great deal if your baby learns to sit up at 5 months or at 6 months," she says. "What is important is that you provide a baby with lots of play activities and different types of experiences. The Cornerstone program specializes in helping children birth to three years of age overcome problems in areas of early development such as walking and talking. For more information about the program or if you have a question concerning your child's development, please call 1-800-321-1302."

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THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Dec. 20
 Santa Claus will be at Heritage Village to meet children every afternoon from 3-5 p.m. now till Christmas.

Woodville Rotary Club meets at noon at the Woodville Inn.

Members of the Katy Baptist Church will create a "Walk Through Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph" on Hickory Street in Colmesneil tonight beginning at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hwy. 190 West in Woodville.

Refreshments and Christmas Carols.

Thursday, Dec. 21
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hwy. 190 West in Woodville.

The Woodville Lions Club meets in the Lions Den on US 196 East.

Friday, Dec. 22
 5 more days till Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 23
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Woodville.

Sunday, Dec. 24
 Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Dec. 25
 Merry Christmas!

Crittenden files for Tax Assessor/Collector

The following is a political announcement submitted by Sandra Harrison Crittenden for the position of Tyler County Tax Assessor-Collector.

"I Sandra Harrison Crittenden, am announcing my candidacy for re-election for Tyler County Tax Assessor-Collector.

"I have lived in Tyler County most of my life. My parents, L. C. and Alene Yawn reside in Warren. I have married Danny Crittenden; therefore my name has changed since the last election. We have a 12 year old son, Bret, still at home. I am a member of the Hillcrest Pentecostal Church. I am the first Vice-President of the Woodville Business and Professional Women's Club.

"I worked at the Tyler County Tax Office for 15 years before leaving to take the position of Tax A/C at Warren ISD where I worked for 6 years. I then won the election for Tyler County Tax A/C in 1992 after Mrs. Barbara Tolbert decided to retire. I am a certified Tax Assessor-Collector. I am experienced in both county and school tax collections, in automobile title and registration, boat and motor title and registration and in voter registration.

"Since I have been in office the county has started collecting taxes for Warren ISD. I am for consolidation of tax collection in the county tax office because we have proven we can collect taxes at a cost savings to the school districts.

"I enjoy my job as county tax assessor-collector that you, the people of Tyler County, have entrusted to me for the past 15 years. If re-elected, my staff and I will continue to serve you with the courteous and respectful efficiency you deserve.

"I may not be contact each of you personally because I am a working Tax Assessor/Collector, but I take this opportunity to ask each of you for your vote and support as you have so graciously given to me in the past. Sandra Harrison Crittenden

Chamber of Commerce Education Celebration Bar-B-Que Announced

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce will host the 49th Annual Education Celebration Awards Bar-B-Que on Thursday, Jan. 11, 1996. The event will take place at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church Hall on Hwy. 287. Tickets are priced at \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door and are available from the Chamber of Commerce.

"This year we are doing things a bit differently. We are having an informal Bar-B-Que in place of the more formal banquets held in the past," said Chamber of Commerce President Emily Sumner.

The menu will feature BBQ chicken and brisket, along with potato salad, baked beans, bread, dessert and tea or coffee.

The Woodville High School Band will perform. Honor students will also be on hand. The Outstanding Business of the Year will be announced along with the Honorary Citizen of the Year. Outstanding Citizen of the year and Teacher of the Year awards.

Harken, started with two strikes against him: Polio and illiteracy. Eventually, he became a vacuum cleaner salesman and later entered the recreational vehicle business. He is now owner of 12 restaurants including Casa Ole, Crazy Jose's Patio and Cafe Auntie Pasto's.

Wade Skinner seeks Constable Pct. 3 office

The following is a political announcement by Wade Skinner for the position of Precinct 3 Constable:

To the voters of Pct III:

I, Wade Skinner would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Constable of Pct. 3.

I have enjoyed serving as your Constable for the last few years and appreciate the support that each of you have given me. If re-elected I will strive to continue to do the duties and responsibilities of the office of Constable to the best of my ability.

Again, I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible before the upcoming election. --Wade Skinner

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Commissioners approve Airport Policy

By C. J. Patrick

The policy, as proposed, would have charged monthly rates of \$30 for hangers up to 1,000 square feet, \$75 between 1,000 and 2,000 square feet, \$100 between 2,000 and 3,000 square feet and monthly rates set by the Commissioners for hangers larger than 3,000 square feet.

All of the speakers expressed the opinion that monthly rental rates were set too high by the proposed policy. Many acknowledged that \$25 per month would be a reasonable fee though one individual stated that no rental fee should be charged at all.

The owners were successful in getting rental fees reduced to \$25 per month for hangers up to 2,000 square feet, \$50 per month between 2,000 and 3,000 square feet and monthly rates set by the Commissioners for hangers larger than 3,000 square feet.

Many owners were also concerned that they be allowed to keep an amount of fuel in their hangers since fuel is not otherwise available at the airport. Commissioners approved the policy as amended.

In other business Commissioners also:

- approved minutes of prior meetings;
- approved bills for payment;
- approved line item transfers in the budget;
- approved annual certification for the judicial region;
- approved a resolution supporting The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail (see related story).

The next regular meeting of the Commissioners Court will be at 10 a.m. on Monday Jan. 8 1996. The public is invited to attend.

Birding Trail to come to Tyler County

By C. J. Patrick

Tyler County Commissioners Friday passed a resolution in support of The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. The resolution authorizes sites in Tyler County to be included in the project. Commissioners heard a presentation from Madge Lindsay of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding the project.

"Birding in Texas has historically been unorganized. Most birding sites function independently," said Lindsay. "The unique quality of the trail is that these independent sites into one cohesive, marketable unit."

"There are a number of potential sites in Tyler County including Dan B," said Lindsay. Other sites around the county will likely be nominated for inclusion on the trail as the public becomes aware of the project.

"Texas has more bird species than any other state in the union," said Lindsay who noted that nature tourism is a fast growing part of the tourism industry.

Phase one of the trail, to be completed by mid-summer of 1996, includes site along the coastal coast from Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge near Wadsworth to the uppermost tip of Padre Island.

There will be a number of off-trail loops extending out from the main track of the trail. The trail is designed so that no more than 30 minutes away from an adjacent site.

Phase two of the trail, to be completed in late 1997 or early 1998, will include the upper Texas coast while phase three will include the lower coast.

A public meeting on the project will likely be held in the Beaumont area in the first quarter of 1996.

'Light up Tyler County' winners

In other business, Pete Perlitz, of the Beautification Committee, reminded the chamber that Jarrett's Pharmacy will receive the Beautification award for January.

Steve Porcari, of the Industrial Development Committee, announced that his committee is working through State Senator Drew Nixon's office to get some bed rock for road work in Tyler County.

Emily Sumner, speaking for the Planning and Goals Committee, reminded everyone that the 49th Annual Education Celebration awards Bar-B-Que will be held Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church on Hwy 287. Tickets are priced at \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door and are available from the Chamber is not in a position to provide such a sponsorship.

The next meeting of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce will be Monday, Jan. 22, at noon at the Woodville Inn.

Summer, speaking for the Education Committee, said that a number of Chamber members went to the Business and Education Conference in Nacogdoches recently. The conference was well attended. Chamber members discussed Class Act at the conference. Chamber members received a letter received from Joyce Moore, a senior at Warren High School.

Miss Moore was nominated to represent her school in a delegation of Texas at the National Youth Leadership Conference, in Washington D.C. She wrote soliciting a sponsorship toward conference tuition. The letter was presented to chamber members to make them aware of the situation since the Chamber is not in a position to provide such a sponsorship.

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A Christmastime Recycling Story

by Patsy Duke

Since the invention of toilet paper, people have wondered what to do with the spool's been, to my knowledge, the most popular solution.

In these days of recycling, Mrs. Ora Belle Clark, 86, of Woodville, a retired interior decorator, has devised a use for this heretofore, wasted item.

For about two years, Mrs. Clark has saved her empty toilet paper spools (Mrs. Clark saves just about everything.) And has found a way to recycle them.

About the time she began saving these spools, her granddaughter, Charlene Smith and her husband, John, and their two children, Krystale, age nine and Ryan, age four, of Houston, had made one of their frequent visits.

"Mamaw, Krystale said, 'What are you going to do with all these things?'"

"I thought we might recycle them and make Christmas tree decorations," Mrs. Clark replied.

Again, I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible before the upcoming election. --Wade Skinner

Sheriff's Department jail count

20 people were put in the Tyler County Jail last week as follows:

- Assault 1
- Building Burglary 1
- Misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance 1
- Driving While Intoxicated 4
- Public Intoxication 6
- Resisting Arrest 2
- Theft 2
- Weapons Offense 1
- Motion to Revoke Probation 1
- Motion to Revoke Bond 1

Shivers Library to observe Holiday closing

The Allen Shivers Library and Museum will be closed for the Christmas holidays Sat. Dec. 23rd, Mon. Dec. 25th, Tues. Dec. 26th. For the New Year holiday, Dec. 30th and Jan. 1st according to Mrs. Ann Overstreet.

Warren UMC sets production

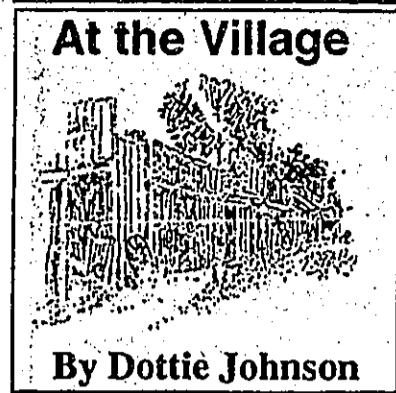
The Warren United Methodist Church is having a mini-production entitled "One Solitary Life" on Saturday, December 23 at 7 pm.



Ora Belle Clark displays Christmas Decorations crafted out of toilet paper spools

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At the Village
By Dottie Johnson

Education came first at the Village last Thursday, but it was all about Christmas.

Anyone visiting from out of town felt they had been cast back into another time zone, back a hundred years or more, as over 100 Woodville 7th graders dressed to the period filled our early East Texas farming village.

This was the culminating activity of the students' annual study unit on Christmas in Texas that evolves all seventh grade subjects. In prepara-

Woodville Seventh graders bring Christmas in Texas to Village

tion for the trip to the Village, the students read Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in their English class, studied the life of Dickens in their reading class, made hard candy and pine cone wreaths in science, created thematic geometric designs in math and learned old fashioned games, which they played with zest under the direction of Physical Education teacher Carol Vaughn. "Red Rover Red Rover" was their favorite. And, of course, they studied the history of Christmas in Texas, learning from Texas History teacher Mildred Bates about the many ethnic groups that settled in East Texas and the traditions and customs they brought with them from the old country.

Music and drama and fashion also came into play, as the 7th grade choir presented a truly outstanding concert in the Cherokee Church and nearly all visiting students arrived in period costumes.

Awards for the best costume went to Tommie Foley and Jake Martin.

Along the way, the students learned how to make rope from Jack Whitmeyer, got a lesson on early railroading in East Texas from John Owen, sat mesmerized on the front porch of the Tolar Cabin as Martha Hanlon spun wool into thread and told them what an important task this was to the families who settled Tyler County, and begged for more as Mary Hale played her dulcimer and slipped into the role of her great grandmother.

The boys and girls packed their own lunches, and many took to the challenge by packing theirs in a pail, as was the custom years ago. Their final treat was in the Collier Store, where their parents laid out an old fashioned array of treats, molasses and sugar cookies plus waffles and egg nog, again tying into the period costume.

At the beginning of each school year, letters of invitation are sent out to 4th and 7th grade teachers in all school districts within a 100 mile radius of Woodville. These letters explain what

is available in our Living Village, offering the first and third Thursdays as preferred school tour days. Each letter includes a Village brochure with a yearly calendar of events, a diagram of the village grounds and a southeast Texas highway map.

Once a date is confirmed for a student group, and activity packet is sent out that gives the teacher various games to interest the students in their upcoming experience. These vary from crossword puzzles, connect the dot pictures to paper dolls and stories to be read. When they arrive, they are divided into groups of 20 children and two teachers or chaperones, led by a docent who explains how life was in a small farming town in the late 1800's and answers questions.

At various stops, volunteers in the roles of pioneers tell their own personal stories.

The Village staff has worked long and hard on putting together this newest and by far most successful plan of action for handling school tours. Not only is it profitable for the Village, it is profitable for the students and teachers alike in helping them have a better understanding of the importance roles their own ancestors played in settling East Texas.

Meanwhile, the Village will be closed both Sunday and Monday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and again on New Year's Day. But, all those days in between will give you ample opportunity to bring your visitors to the Village and let them relive their own bit of history, as it is depicted at Heritage Village Museum.

And so, our wish for you and yours is not just a Merry Christmas, but a blessed and safe one.

See you soon, at the Village.

Vocational nurses to commence

Tyler County Hospital School of Vocational Nursing students invite you to share in their happiness at commencement exercises on Dec. 22, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 205 W. Wheat St. in Woodville, Tx.

Graduates are: Judy Bartholdi, Kathy Gallagher, Lynn Hamilton, Melissa Lane, Sally King, Jill Pate, Kristi Pickle, Elaine Primm, Angela Read, Ola Stanford, Dana Stanley, Tina Waldrep, Mary Whitehead, Randall Winger and Sherry Wyatt.

Former Pastor returns here to preach

His Place Church of Woodville will be welcoming Bro. J.F. Doggette of Laurel, Mississippi, to their Sunday Morning Service, December 24th, at 10:45 a.m. Bro. Doggette, formerly of Tyler County, was where he was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of God, and he will be ministering in the Word for all who seek the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior.

He is coming with hopes of seeing many friends and family. Everyone welcome.

His Place Church meets each Sunday morning at 10 am for Sunday school and 10:45 am for Praise and Worship and every Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

His Place Church services are held at the Wood Fain Opera House on the County Courthouse Square in Woodville.

His Place Church offices are located at Magnolia Place 208 S. Magnolia in Woodville. For more information, stop by or call 283-5888.

Beech Creek FCE Club hosts children's Christmas party

Members of the Beech Creek Family and Community Education Club of Spurger stepped aside from their usual December Christmas party, instead hosting a group of young first and second graders from Spurger Elementary, with whom they have been working in a reading program known as HOSTS.

An acronym for "Help Our Students to Succeed," the program calls for volunteers to work one-on-one with youngsters to help them develop their reading skills. Volunteers and students meet each Friday morning in the Elementary School Library for an hour of reading.

In September, County FCE Chairman Mary Hastings approached Spurger ISD curriculum director Connie Hughes asking what the Beech Club could do to help, and found that Ms. Hughes was on the verge of asking the club for help.

As the word spread, women outside of the club asked to be included while others have signed on as permanent substitutes.

At their Christmas party on Thursday, December 14, at the Spurger Lions Den, the children sang Christmas carols, led by volunteer Ruth Jordan, took turns trying to break a pinata

Hospital Auxilians enjoy luncheon

After decorating the Hospital Christmas Tree, Auxilians enjoyed a delicious luncheon provided by the hospital.

Each volunteer was given a beautiful, hand made, gold ornament, made by Jean Riddle.

Margaret Sims, President, presided over a short business meeting.

A new Scholarship Committee was appointed. Members appointed were: Mildred Staudin, Betty Payne, and Marie Howell.

Auxilians were please to see new desks in the L.V.N. classroom, and a new copying machine in the OPD department.

These purchases were made from contributions from the Community as they participated in the recent Benefit Golf Tournament.

Auxilians will serve as hostesses at the reception following the L.V.N. Graduation to be held December 22nd at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Jim Gaine, Administrator, again thanked the volunteers for all the work they do in the hospital.

He then further clarified the transactions and agreement between St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Tyler County Hospital.

Tree seedlings for homeowners

[a member of the Texas A&M University system
Keith Hawkins, (409) 283-3785.]

In Tyler County, talk of tree planting typically arouses thoughts of reforestation of pine. However, homeowners anywhere can take advantage of an Arboretum Packet available through the Texas Forest Service. The packet has 50 hard-root seedlings for low cost landscaping. The packet will have baldcypress, green ash, pecan, an oak variety, an evergreen variety, and a wildlife shrub species. The cost of the packet is \$18.50.

Single species are available in a packet of 50 which costs \$9.50. Some of the trees include black walnut, lespedeza shrubs, Mexican plum, cherrybark, Shumard oak, longleaf pine, and many others. Many hardwoods benefit wildlife and provide shade.

For a free species list and order form, call 283-3785 or request yours.

Dec. 20-26 Tyler County Aging Center

WOODVILLE—The Tyler County Aging Service, Inc. located at 201 Willow St., Woodville offers a variety of activities as well as lunches to area senior citizens.

Seniors are invited to attend the nutrition center's exercise and game activities which include:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:15-9:45 a.m., exercise with an instructor.
- Thursdays: 10 a.m., bingo.
- Fridays: domino and 42 games are played after lunch.

Lunch Menus

The following are the lunch menus for the center for December 20-26.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20: Chicken fried steak w/gravy, au-gratin potatoes, seasoned turnip greens, cornbread, mixed fruit and milk or tea.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21: Meat loaf w/ creole gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, applesauce and milk or tea.

FRIDAY, Dec. 22: Turkey and dressing w/ giblet gravy, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, ambrosia and milk or tea.

MONDAY, Dec. 25: Holiday

TUESDAY, Dec. 26: Holiday

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1

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COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3

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COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1

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COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2

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COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3

none

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

none

Readers write

Thanks for sweet memory

Dear Readers Write,

I've never written a letter to the editor, but have considered it when my feathers were ruffled. Most of the time that's when we think of writing. I would like to share a good experience with everyone. A group of young teen boys, while on their way to bowl, Christmas shop, and have a good time reflected on a recent tragedy in our community. A house burned completely, leaving a family with three small girls homeless and without any-

thing. My heart was uplifted, when I watched these five young teens pool their money, count it, add more, shop, and even as they won at the game, pick prizes for the little girls. As their Sunday School teacher, I should have been the one least surprised. The boys and I delivered the gifts there presents and the boys were a little embarrassed at the moment. This will truly be one of the best highlights of this Christmas season. Thanks guys for this sweet memory. Thanks for sharing this.

Sandy Davis
Colmesneil, Tx.

A Christmas Poem

By Darby Keithan

It is the week before Christmas, not just a few days,
And families are frantic, just counting the ways
They still are not "ready", still have much to do,
So read on, it can be much simpler for you,

The reason for Christmas is Jesus, you know,
Born in a stable so long, long ago,
The wise men who came bearing gifts for the babe,
Teach us that love is the reason they gave.

Love cannot be measured by size, shape or color,
It only is seen in how we treat one another.
Remembering this, it is simple to learn,
How to easily have that for which we all yearn.

Stop thinking of what you have to do yet,
Stop rushing and grabbing in an effort to get
More "things" or more toys, more "junk", or more "stuff",
Decide you are finished, just say, "That's enough!"

Use time not for rushing but for looking at how
Your family can have a great Christmas...start now.
Some gifts need no wrapping...fruit baskets and flowers,
Think of more and you will save time by the hours.

Food gifts are truly for "those who have everything",
Cheese, nuts, jams and breads will continue to bring
To those that receive them, the gift of caring,
And that is the point and the reason for sharing

Coupons for eating out cannot be beat,
From teens to grandparents, meals out are a treat.
The ways you save time by not "walking the mall"
Will benefit many, and you, most of all.

Decorations or ornaments always are fine,
Building traditions and memories...I treasure mine.
Start collections of angels or silver or such,
Through the years the items will come to mean much.

Books always are good...for all persons, all ages,
Recorded or printed, there is treasure on pages,
Videos give pleasure throughout the whole year,
Family movies on tape will always be dear.

And what about the cooking to do?
The cleaning and working that never is through?
Just SAY IT, "I'm Done", and let it all go,
For much of it can be done different, you know.

Work smarter, not harder, get help, accept less
than the magazine-picture-perfect-Christmas-no-mess,
Let children wrap presents, can't husbands bake pies?
Others can push the vacuum...(they'll learn as they try).

Remember the stable...it wasn't too clean,
Yet that small shelter has come down to mean
That Christ's love is present wherever we are,
That we are the people who follow his star.

So Merry Christmas to all...may the season bring cheer,
With gifts that continue to give through the year.
Gifts of love, time and care, ones that never stop giving,
Are those after all, that make life worth the living.

Professions 'His first coming'

By David Rust

Somewhat to my surprise, I encounter intelligent people who say they believed in Santa Claus as children. And some of them defend the jolly old fraud even now. The "Yes, Virginia," letter, over a hundred years old, is still quoted in all its warm-fuzzy bathos. But the guy was lying.

I don't remember a time when I really believed that Christmas gifts were delivered down chimneys by a fat old nicotine addict in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Practical minded even then, I could hardly overlook the absence of chimneys on 20th century houses in the south. And where was snow for the sleigh to ride on? Oh, we'd read Clement Moore's engaging poem, hang up stockings on our fake mantle piece, and pretend to go along. But everybody knew it was pretense. My dear mother had a gift of rendering mythology without losing any of its flavor, yet never leading us to confuse it with reality.

But, why shoot holes in such a delightfully harmless piece of fiction? Who is hurt by believing in S. Claus?

If there were no Jesus, I'd probably agree. What harm can it do to personally good will to men, boundless generosity, and seasonal jollity? But there is Jesus. Without Him, we might celebrate a Saturnalia, or a Solstice, or maybe the New Year, but not Christmas. And the celebration as we have configured it today bears precious little witness to Him whose birth it honors.

Don't get me wrong. I don't want to censor the joy out of the occasion, nor do I think Jesus does. Indeed, the reality of joy in a Christian Christmas is far more appealing to me than the most extravagant dreams of material gifts. I'd much prefer a modest meal shared with people we love to the most splendid of royal banquets. And I find infinitely more fullness in the life changing, ongoing love of Jesus than in the once-a-year fatuous conviviality of Santa Claus.

It hardly needs saying that our Christmases have become carnivals of greed for our kids, agonizing times of stress for most adults, and sales bonanzas to retailers. Strong are the temptations to eat, drink, spend, and travel too much. Easy credit escalates the problem exponentially—"Don't pay until next year." And good of Santa is right in there engaging you on.

So what's to do? Well, if we really

want to honor Jesus and commemorate His first coming, maybe we could profit by His example and by His words. Such as what? He fed the hungry. He brought healing and words of encouragement to sick people. He taught us to love, unconditionally—even those who make themselves our enemies.

That stuff used to bug me no end. Who could take this Jesus seriously? Feed the hungry, heal the sick, He says. Love your enemies, He says. He's openly opposing human nature, and coming close to a contradiction in terms: My "enemy" is somebody I hate, right? Whatever, I had to recognize that what He was saying was an impossibility for me—in my own strength. I might drop a buck or two, into the Salvation Army pots, just to appease my conscience—but who was I fooling? As for loving my enemies, I didn't even want to love them.

But what I didn't know, and had never been told, was that He never expected me to do these things on my own! He promises help. The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, "Whom the Father will send in My name," will not only enable me to do good things for others, but will motivate me to want to! And that opened a bunch of new doors for me.

My old idea was off the wall: that "do-gooders" operated out of white-knuckle discipline, sacrificing their own interests in hopes of mollifying a vengeful God. Christians are taught to pray "Your will be done on earth as in Heaven." If that is what we want, then it becomes our will too. So we help less fortunate folks because we want to, not because of some legalistic duty. And even if we can't love our enemies right off, we act like we do—amazingly, very often we discover that after a while it is no longer an act. Asol "Jingle Bells" Gluehocker commented, "If you can't break it, fake it until yuh make it!"

As the angels sing Hallelu, peace on earth and goodwill toward men...or more succinctly: Shalom!

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Pet of the Week

"Hey, look over here! I am a big dog picked up on Ada Street on Dec. 18. Do you know me? The Dog Catcher says I'm part pit bull but I'm gentle with folks. My color is mostly brown and white and I'm male. You know there are other dogs here, all wanting to go home for Christmas. Let's see...a male terrier/mix white with brown spots; two puppies; a hound mix and a shepherd mix. Please come see us and hopefully adopt a pet. I (Big Dog) want to go to my home so I need you to call them as soon as possible. We wait for your call 283-2234."

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Clarence Durham and To be

Mr and Mrs W. Levon Thigpen, of D Allen "Butch" Durham, Sr., of Woodville, marriage of their children: Miss Javon Durham, Jr. The wedding is set for Jan. 14 at the First Baptist Church Sammuels officiating. The groom is Colm and the late Percell Durham, of Colm

Terri Broussard and To recite

Raymond and Theresa Broussard, of Woodville, marriage of their daughter, Terri Broussard and Ann Horton, of Lufkin. The wedding is set for Dec. 23, 1996, at Our Lady of the Pines Cath



Javon Thigpen wed
 Javon Thigpen, and Mrs and Mrs Clarence ... are proud to announce the ... of Javon Thigpen to Clarence Allen ... on March 13, 1996, at 7 p.m. at the Slaughter ... in Dallas with the Rev. Warren ... grandson of Mrs. Fobia Durham ...



John Horton VOWS
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Woman's Study Club meet at Phillips home

Members of TFWC Woman's Study Club and one guest, Harry Lou Shields, enjoyed a special treat when they gathered Tuesday afternoon, December 12, at the beautifully decorated home of Carol Phillips for a Traditional English Tea presented by club member, Rosemary Bunch.

Mrs. Bunch is a native of England and has lived in Woodville for ten years. She was introduced by President Aline Swift.

Before tea was served, Mrs. Bunch gave origins of the custom of afternoon tea in England and etiquette to be observed.

Among the delicacies on the tea table were scones with strawberry jam and cream, chocolate truffles, shortbread, lemon curd tarts, e'clairs, miniature mince pies, meringues, dark fruit cake, cucumber sandwiches, also pate', shrimp, and salmon sandwiches.

Co-hostesses for the Christmas meeting were Rochelle Gassiot, Rosemary Bunch and Aline Swift.

Woman's Reading Club celebrates Christmas

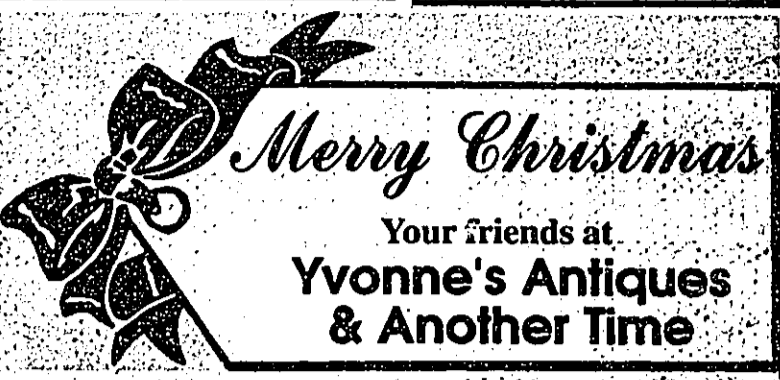
The Woman's Reading Club met on December 12th in the home of club member Beth Allison. Debby Strickland assisted as co-hostess for the evening. A special "welcome back" was extended to former member Judy Walls of Conroe and life member Harry Lou Shields who had been absent from recent meetings due to illness. Following a brief business meeting, the club was entertained with a Christmas reading and candy canes presented by Phillis Hull.

Each club member brought a Christmas theme gift to play the annual gift exchange game. After all the openings and "friendly" steals were completed refreshments were served as members shared with each other best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy new year.

His Place Church offers Christmas Program

His Place Family Outreach Church of Woodville will present a modern Christmas Program, Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 7 pm, at the Wood Fain Opera House on the Courthouse Square. The Christmas Program titled "The Tragedies of Christmas" is an original production and features many people from all over Tyler County and Contemporary Christian Music. There is no admission. Everyone is welcome. There will be Christmas refreshments and music following.

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Hillster Pentecostal Church
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 Wed. 7 p.m. Bible Study
 Roy Quinn Pastor

Assembly of God
Abundant Life Fellowship
 Hwy. 190 at 92, Dam B, Tx. 283-3324
 Rev. J.D. Hughes
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 R.C. Tillery, Pastor
Chester Assembly of God
 Hwy. 287, Chester, 283-7862
 Don Hensarling, Pastor
Colmesneil Assembly of God
 Colmesneil, Texas 837-4424
 J.C. Carter, Pastor
Hillster Assembly of God
 Hillster, Texas 283-2725
 Ken Lewelling, Pastor
Oak Grove Assembly of God
 Hwy. 92 between Fred & Spurger
 429-5050
 Rev. Wayne Waits, Pastor
Shady Grove Assembly of God
 West of Woodville
Trinity Christian Center
 Hwy. 190 West, Woodville,
 283-2447
 The Rev. William Stockstill, Pastor

Baptist
Alone Independent Baptist
 1/8 miles N. of Doucette on FM3065
 Buddy McDaniels, Pastor
Beech Creek Baptist Church
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 Bill Swearingen, Pastor
Bethany Baptist Church
 Colmesneil, Texas
 Rev. Jack Butler, Pastor
Bethel Baptist Church
 Warren, Hwy. 1943 W. of 69
 Rev. Bobby Hoffpauir, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church
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Camp Zion Baptist Church
 Doucette, Texas
 Rev. I.S. Hunt, Pastor
Caney Creek Baptist Church
 Chester, Texas
 Mark Martin, Pastor
Chester Baptist Church
 Chester, Jimmy Dean, Pastor
Dogwood Hills Baptist Church
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 Colmesneil, Texas
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Enon Baptist Church
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 Henry Shettles, Pastor
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 547-2223
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 Warren, Texas
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Katy Baptist Church
 Colmesneil, Texas 837-2022
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 Hillster, Texas 547-3336
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 283-3166, East of Woodville, Moss Hill Rd.
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St. Carmel Baptist Church
 Colmesneil, Texas
 Jack Lewelling, Pastor
St. Hope Missionary Baptist
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St. Sinai Baptist Church
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 Thomas Martin, Pastor
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 Hwy. 1746, Town Bluff Rd. 283-7983
 Matthew W. Stout, Pastor
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 Rev. Robert Campbell, Pastor

Catholic
Our Lady of the Pines Church
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 Rev. Roger Thibodeau, Pastor

Christian
First Christian Church
 109 Charlton, Woodville, 283-2449
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Dam B Church of Christ
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 283-7746, Alvin Ickles, Minister
Pine Street Church of Christ
 604 Pine (Hwy. 287 & Nellius St.)
 283-8328, Don L. Byler, Evangelist
Warren Church of Christ
 Warren, Texas 547-2785

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 283-2156, David Emmons, Pastor

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Candlelight service Dec. 24
 There will be a candlelight service at Faith Lutheran Church, 704 West Holly, at 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24th.

Gospel singing
 There will be a gospel singing at Rocky Springs Baptist Church Sat., Dec. 23rd; 7:00 p.m.
 Refreshments will be served. Public invited. Located 8 miles East of Rockland.



Leroy and Emma Lee Toney

50th Anniversary
 Family and friends of Leroy and Emma Lee Toney, of Chester, wish to announce their upcoming 50th wedding Anniversary with a reception in their honor at the Caney Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Dec. 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. The couple were married Dec. 27, 1945 in Woodville. Everyone is invited.

James Alton 'J.A.' McInnis
 Memorial Services for James Alton J.A. McInnis, 58, of San Antonio, who died Sunday, Dec. 16, after a lengthy illness, will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beaumont on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Gary Jones will officiate.
 McInnis was a former resident of Woodville and member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
 He is survived by two daughters: Peggy Bland, of Beaumont; and Shawna Bell, of San Antonio; and a Granddaughter Anna Nicole Bland, of Beaumont.

Obituaries

Bessie Lou Risinger Taylor
 Woodville: Bessie Lou Risinger Taylor, 87, of Woodville, died Thursday, December 14, 1995 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.
 Graveside services will be Friday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.
 A native of Warren and longtime resident of Beaumont, she had lived in Woodville for the past three years. She was a retired school teacher with the Warren I.S.D. and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.
 She is survived by two nephews, Dennis Gardner of Woodville and T.K. Goodbee of Warren; and two nieces, Odessa Smithey of Vidor and Betty Jo Spencer of Swinney.
 Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

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W. E. "Gene" Riggie, Sr.
 Woodville: W. E. "Gene" Riggie, Sr., 84, of Woodville, died Thursday, December 14, 1995 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.
 Funeral services are Saturday, December 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church in Woodville with Rev. Barbara Clemmons officiating. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Restlawn Cemetery in Houston with Brother David Riggle officiating.
 Visitation will begin at the funeral home on Friday, December 15th from 4:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 A native of Vandergrift, Pa. he had lived in Woodville for the past 19 years coming from Houston/Deer Park area where he was a retired sales manager with Reshaver Cemetery. He was a member of the Woodville Lion's Club.
 He is survived by his two sons and daughter-in-law, Gene and Dale Riggle of Colmesneil, and Fred and Pat Riggle of New Orleans; seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.
 The pallbearers were Rand Riggle, Rand Riggle Jr., David Riggle, James McGee, Ronald Riggle and Josh Simcik.
 Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Velma Outhouse
 Woodville: Velma Outhouse, 90, of Woodville died Monday December 4, 1995, at Dogwood Manor Nursing Home in Woodville. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves with a graveside service at 3 p.m. at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville.
 A native of Morgan's Point and a former resident of Vidor, she lived in Groves 24 years before moving to Woodville 25 years ago.
 Survivors include daughters, Wanda Burrows of Houston, Myrtis Dougherty of Toledo, Berisand Bonnie Simpson of San Rayburn; brothers, W.F. Simpson Jr. of Bridge City and James Simpson of Burleson; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great grandchildren.
Lewis Ben Cloyd
 Woodville: Graveside services were held for Lewis Ben Cloyd, 59, of Woodville at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 13, 1995 at Hopewell Cemetery near Woodville with Rev. Ken DeRouen officiating and music provided by Whitney Garrity. Under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.
 Mr. Cloyd died December 19, 1995 near Woodville, Texas.
 He was a lifelong residence of Tyler County and a retired self-employed carpenter.
 Survivors include his three sons Roy Cloyd of Texarkana, Tx., William Cloyd, and Ronnie Cloyd both of Texarkana, Ark., two daughters Leavina Cloyd of Woodville, Laura Greenway of Shreveport, La., three brothers Glover Cloyd of Woodville, Johnny Cloyd of Sweenie, R.C. Cloyd of Siblee, three sisters, Faye Wigley of Woodville, Mattie Cain of Warren, Merlean Edwards of Vidor, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.
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Casinos trying to create new generation of gamblers Spurger man spreads Yule cheer 'For the joy of it'

Casinos, not Santa Claus, may be putting some electronic games in children's stockings this Christmas.

And their intent is to create a new generation of gamblers, according to a political consultant from Longview, Tx., a charge industry spokesmen deny.

More than a year ago, Richard Blankenship began noticing something odd in his local newspaper. Retailers advertised electronic versions of poker and blackjack next to Lego blocks and Power Ranger toys.

Suspecting a link between the commercial gambling industry and the electronic games, he made a list of the games' manufacturers and asked a local broker to research them. Blankenship found that Radica Games, Ltd., and Tiger Electronics, Inc. dominated the market.

He discovered that Radica had sold at least nine percent of its stock to International Game Technology and had agreed to begin manufacturing gambling machines for IGT.

He also found that Tiger Electronics makes casino-style electronic games under the "Bicycle"

name, a registered trademark of the U. S. Playing Card Co. Tiger also manufactures games sold under the trademark "Caesar's Palace," a subsidiary of Caesar's World, Inc., a major Las Vegas casino operator.

"So there you have it, Blankenship said. "The toy casino game manufacturers are linked with the world's largest maker of slot machines (IGT) and one of the preeminent casinos in Las Vegas (Caesar's Palace) and U.S. Playing Card Co."

Diversification is not the casino's goal he maintains. He believes the gambling industry is investing in its own future by spawning a new generation of casino customers.

"The gambling industry is driven by greed," said Blankenship, who had worked as deputy campaign director for the 1991 anti-lottery campaign waged by Texans Who Care. He also had worked for the organization, now known as Texas Against Gambling, in its 1987 campaign against pari-mutuel gambling. "Their goal is to take your money by any means possible. It that means entering into agreements with toy manufacturers and computer software companies to familiarize children with gambling, they'll do it because they know that translates into future profits.

"They also know that a generation of computer literate, video-oriented youth will be more receptive to playing electronic casino games, whether hand-held or computer driven.

"Most of the electronic versions of casino games carry disclaimers saying that they are not meant for gambling purposes. But the owner's guide of 'Las Vegas Casino Corner,' a product of Micro Games, makes no pretense about the product's educational value.

"Practice our games to sharpen your skills and, after you have learned with us, you won't be surprised by the games in Vegas," the manual said.

Nancy Jablin, marketing and promotion manager for Micro Games, said the instructions are "just a fun way of encouraging people to play our product. Our intention is not to encourage bad behavior."

Jablin, along with Harold Stone, marketing director for Radica, and Jamie Roth, public relations and promotions specialist for Tiger Electronics, said their companies market casino-style games to an adult audience.

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Spurger man spreads Yule cheer 'For the joy of it'

By C. J. Patrick

What do you wish with 500 silk flower corsages? If you're Jim Davis, of Spurger, you give them away to the nursing homes, hospitals and businesses.

"My Mother-in-Law had a flower shop till she was 102 year old," said Davis who became interested in flowers "messing around in such as much as a night."

At age 78 Davis has been arranging flowers for over 30 years. He does flowers for Spurger United Methodist Church once a month. He does corsages for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Valentines Day.

"This is what I do at night while you're sleeping," said Davis who reports sleeping only about five hours a night.

"I used to sleep three hours. I am up to five now. Maybe someday I'll sleep as long as everybody else."

Davis has worked in silk flowers for 25 years. "When they first came out they were American made and expensive. Now they are made in Japan and cheap. They do a good job," said Davis.

He says gifts appropriate for the holiday, poinsettia or holly for Christmas, and ties a bow around the stem. Then he gives them away "for the joy of it."



Jim Davis is shown above spreading Christmas cheer.

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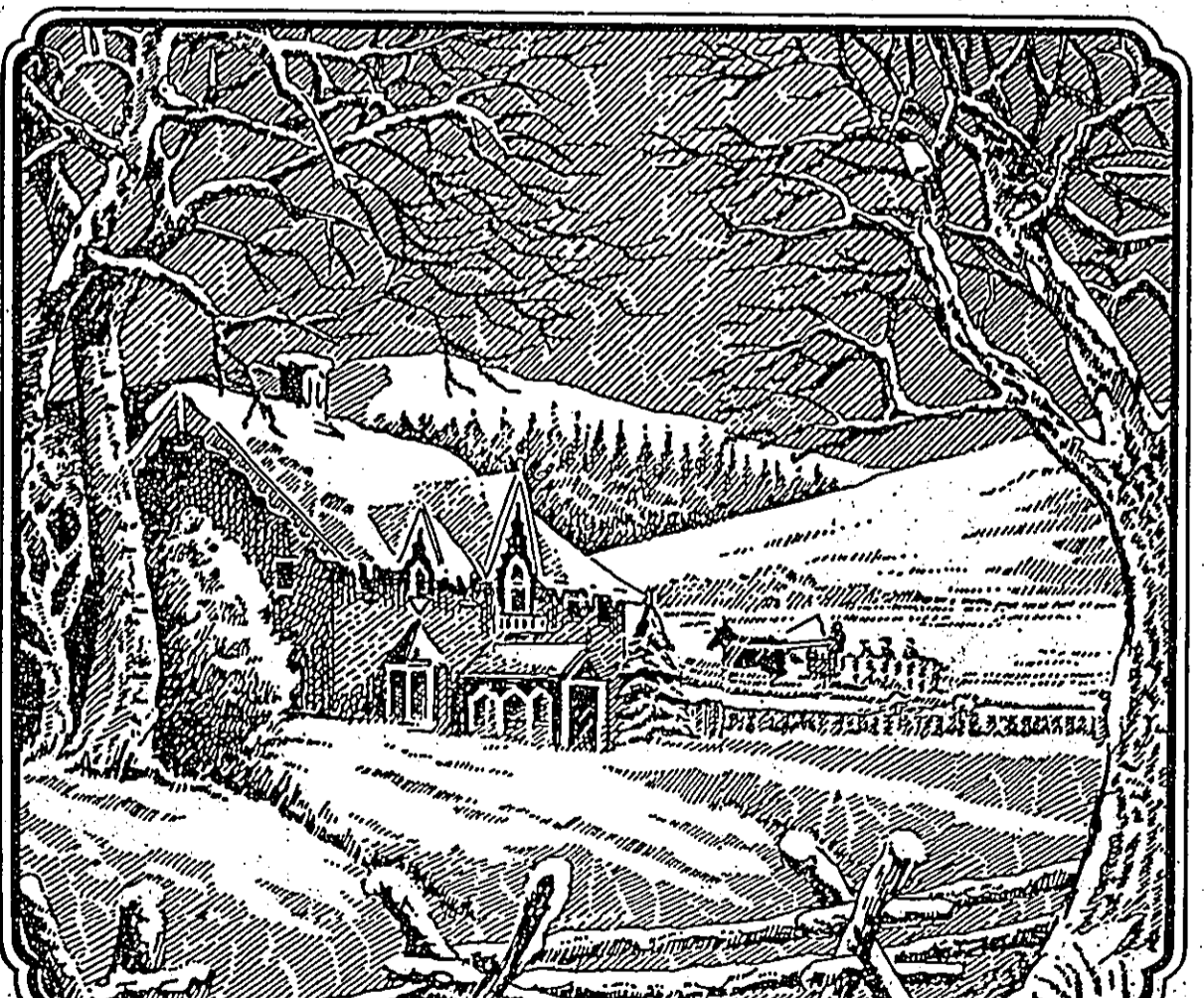
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Warriorettes out-do Leggett, Colmesneil

Warren - The Warren Warriorettes added to their win column this past week when they defeated Leggett 68-35 Tuesday night. Leggett never could quite catch the pace as the Warriorettes out-scored every quarter.

Leigh Ann Neal once again was the leader with 24 points, while Christina Graham added 12 with Kristin Duke's 10 for the win.

(Score by Quarter)
 [Warren 17 18 16 17 68]
 [Leggett 14 18 14 12 60]

The Lady Bulldogs also fell short to the Warriorettes in a disappointing 58-38 loss Friday night. While Leigh Ann Neal once again was the leader with 24 points, while Christina Graham added 12 with Kristin Duke's 10 for the win.

A strong first quarter paved the way for the Warriorettes. Coach Don Eliff of Warren feels that good defense by his players caused a great deal of those turnovers, coupled with a full court press. "It was an overall effort," he stated, "the Warriorettes were valiant."

Leigh Ann Neal and Christina Graham tallied 16 each for Warren, while Chelanie Shults led the Lady Dogs with 11.

Warren faces the Woodville Lady Eagles in district play Tuesday night before the holidays, while Colmesneil will go against Spurger to end play for Christmas.

(Score by Quarter)
 [Warren 16 15 12 15 58]
 [Colmesneil 5 11 9 13 38]

Pirates take championship at Zavalla basketball tourney

By Suzan Lannon

Zavalla - Two tournament championship games in a row could be had for a father and son running the benches, but the Spurger Pirates again out-did the Brookland Wildcats to take the championship of the Zavalla tourney with a 65-60 win. Brookland, however, fought hard over each of the way. Although the Wildcats were always a strong contender, the Pirates came alive in crucial moments for the win. As hard as a loss can be, a father can always be proud for his son.

Spurger had opened a 10 pt. lead in the 3rd quarter, when the Wildcats scored back to back 3. With 5 minutes left in the game, Brookland went on one, thepirates came alive. Jeremy Franklin led the Pirates with 32 pts, while Justin McCabe added with a 65-60 win. Brookland, however, fought hard over each of the way. Although the Wildcats were always a strong contender, the Pirates came alive in crucial moments for the win. As hard as a loss can be, a father can always be proud for his son.

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Lady Jackets on top of Latexo

Chester - The Chester Lady Jackets found themselves on top this time in a re-match with Latexo, 56-55. The Lady Tigers had defeated Chester 48-45 previously in the third place game of the Chester Invitational.

With the Lady Jackets down 25-18 going into the second half, they turned on the steam. Chester built a seven-point lead before Latexo staged their comeback.

The Lady Tigers hit four three point buckets in the last three minutes of play making the game come-still in doubt until the final buzzer.

Adrienne Bryan led Chester with 26 points. Coach Robin Grissom also cited Brandi Williams, Tye Rivers and Connie McQueen for their outstanding efforts.

The Chester Yellow Jackets were quite as fortunate in their contest against Latexo, falling 72-30. The team is hustling and playing as hard as they can," remarked Coach Barnard.

Latexo had a hard time making the shots.

The Lady Jackets will next face Warren in the 1st round of the R.B. Moffitt Classic on December 27. Chester's boys will also play in the Colmesneil tournament facing the Bulldogs in the final game of opening play.

Eagles split Livingston, Lumberton

Woodville - Despite the return of two key players the Eagles fell short of a victory to Livingston last Tuesday night. With a game decided at the end, fouls and free throws seemed to be their demise with Livingston hitting 9 for 12 from the line in the 4th quarter.

Gerrod Betts led the Eagles with 16 points, followed by Byron Rigby's 13 and Desmond Sargent's 10. Jimmie Solomon, Kevin Powell and Gerrod Betts contributed 10 rebounds each, while Santa Mitchell recorded with 5 steals and 6 assists. Gerrod Betts also added 5 assists.

(Score by Quarter)
 [Woodville 14 23 18 12 67]
 [Livingston 19 15 15 25 74]

Friday night's match-up with Lumberton proved to be more lucrative with the Eagles on top at the buzzer 76-70. With the score tied 48-48 at the end of the 3rd quarter, Woodville pulled out 6 additional in the 4th for the win.

"We're starting to play better," remarked Coach Lambeth, "rebouncing and breaking the press. We should have a chance to get in the thick of it."

High scorers for the Eagles were Gerrod Betts with 26 points and 8 rebounds, while Jimmie Solomon tallied 11 points and 8 rebounds. Desmond Sargent and Darb Buttsie added 10 each to the final score. Kevin Mitchell lead assists with 5.

(Score by Quarter)
 [Woodville 19 18 11 28 76]
 [Lumberton 19 13 16 22 70]

Cardinals, road trip too much for Warriors

Warren - With all county schools feeling the crunch of the flu, the Warren Warriors were no exception. Faced with a long road trip during final quarter of play, leading by 10 at the end of the first half, the Warriors lost their re-match with High Island, resulting in a 79-66 loss.

The Cardinals dominated the first quarter of play, leading by 10 at the end. Although Warren played even the rest of the way, the Warriors could never manage to make up the deficit.

Coach Lannon stated, "Although we played hard, some questionable calls and illness got us."

Steve Mitchell led the way with 24, while Chance Sims hit for 12. Jeff Nixon also added 9.

The Warriors are off until Monday's road trip to Spurger, followed by Tuesday's game at home against Lumberton.

(Score by Quarter)
 [Warren 8 21 15 22 66]
 [High Island 18 22 16 23 79]

Place kicker Mike Reeder first-team All-American

Texas Christian University Sophomore Michael Reeder, place-kicker and consensus first-team All-American has strong ties to East Texas. Reeder is the son of Elaine and Tom Reeder, graduates of Port Neches-Groves High School who presently reside in Montgomery, Alabama. His grandparents are Hugh and Rosalie Reeder of Ivanhoe and Peggy and Grady Johnson of Orange. He is also supported by numerous uncles, aunts and cousins throughout the area. His great grandmother, Mrs. Dora Pentecost, also lives at Ivanhoe.

Reeder, who played high school ball for the Louisiana team, won the fourth annual Lou Groza Award which goes to the nation's best kicker. The honor is named for the Cleveland Browns' Hall of Fame kicker.

A panel of sportswriters, sportscasters, conference commissioners and previous recipients selected Reeder over Northwestern's Sam Valenzisi, Minnesota's Mike Chaberg, Oklahoma's Jeremy Alexander, and Pittsburgh's Chris Ferencik. The honor is presented by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

TCU football coach Pat Sullivan has called Reeder the Horned Frogs "security blanket." He has converted 23 of 25 field-goal attempts and all 20 point-after attempts this season, and he has never missed an attempt inside 39 yards during his two-year career. His leg strength and accuracy have both been impressive. He hit two 47 yarders and owns several school records, including 32 consecutive extra points and 13 consecutive field goals.

Reeder, who has a grade-point average of 3.80, has also been named a GTE Academic All-American and early in the season was honored during the ESPN Broadcast of the TCU-Kansas game as a Honda Scholar. He will be introduced later this month along with others on the All-American Team on Bob Hope's TV special.

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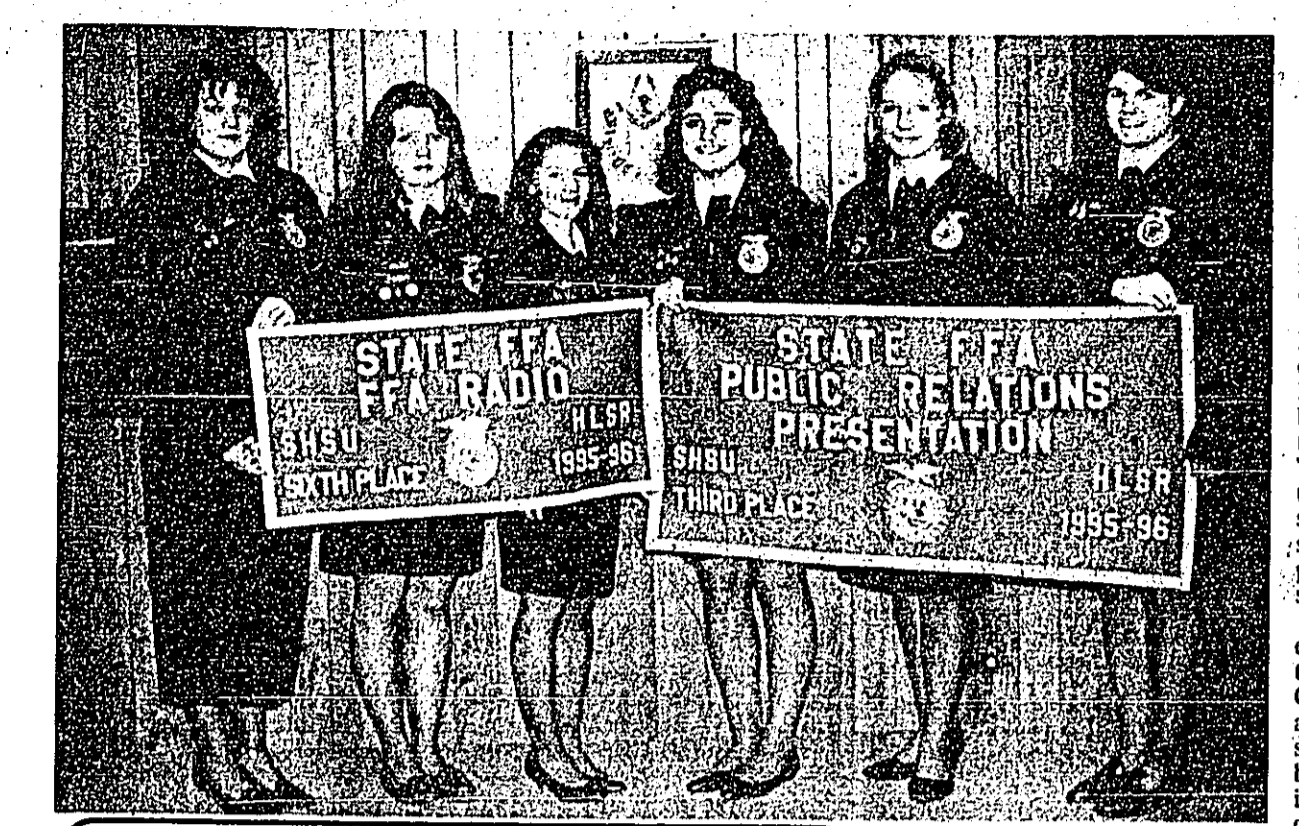
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Troy Alkman, Emmitt Smith, and Michael Irvin - Videos of Super Bowls XXVII and XXVIII.

O.J. Simpson - A pair of binoculars to hunt for Nicole and Ron's killers on his favorite golf course.

Barry Switzer - Wisdom on when to go for a first down at what end of the field and with how much time left in the game.

The Aggie football team - An egg light to count their chickens. Colmesneil football coach Mike Jacobs - A district without Burkeville.

Dennis Rodman - A new hair dresser to help him determine whether he is "straight" or one of the other folks.

Deion Sanders - A baseball contract for Japan.

Jerry Jones - A one way ticket to Arkansas.

O.J. Simpson - A new pair of gloves.

Woodville football coach Ty Quirk - A district without Newton.

The Houston Rockets - A third NBA title.

The Texas Longhorns - A Sugar Bowl victory.

Bud Adams - To be left unchaperoned on a Houston street corner for 10 minutes while singing the Houston Oiler fight song.

Tonya Harding - Dale Carnegie's book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

Jimmy Johnson - A coaching contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The Denver Broncos and San Francisco 49ers - Singing lessons.

The Spurger Pirates boys basketball team - A berth in the state tournament.

The McNeese State Cowboys - Another shot at the 1-AA national football title.

George Foreman - Another son named George.

Fight promoter, Don King - A business partnership with Mark Furman.

Texas A&M, U.T., Baylor, and Texas Tech - Winning seasons in the Big 12.

Art Modell, owner of the Cleveland Browns - A seat among the fans in the "Dawg Pound."

O.J. Simpson - A new athletic bag.

The Dallas Cowboys - A victory over the Redskins in the playoffs.

The Warren Warriors - A reclassification from 3A to 2A.

Nashville football fans - A super giant bottle of aspirin after one week with Bud Adams.

Lamar University's baseball team - More recruitment of Texas players.

Terry Bradshaw - More enthusiasm in his NFL halftime reports.

San Antonio - A NFL franchise.

The Huntington Red Devils - A new nickname and mascot.

The U.S. Olympic basketball team - To play their opponents hopping on one leg and with one arm tied behind their backs. That, or return the team to the college players.

Dogwood Hills Country club - More memberships and less armadillo.

Hakeem Olajuwon - Another MVP award.

Texas Tech - A win over Air Force in the Copper Bowl.

Deion Sanders - A football contract in Canada.

The Houston Astros - At least 10 fans who really care.

Hennigan Park - Another regional baseball tournament.

Andre Agassi - A hair style somewhere between all or nothing.

The Chester Yellowjackets - A winning football season once again.

The S.F.A. Lumberjacks - Another shot at the 1-AA national football title.

Any major league baseball player - To be paid what he is really worth.

The Utah Jazz - A nickname that fits.

Mike Tyson - A business partnership with Janet Reno.

Texas A&M - A victory over Michigan in the Alamo Bowl.

John Madden - A ride in the Goodyear blimp.

Rice, S.M.U., T.C.U. - Better luck in the WAC than in the SWC.

To Sports Fans Everywhere - An ever mindful awareness of the real reason for the season - Jesus. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Warren FFA Winners

SHOWN ABOVE ARE: (Left to right) Christina Graham, Melissa Zeller and Katie Cauthon who took home State FFA Radio Award while Angela Jones, Jeri Daniel and Naomi Lee earned awards in Public Relations presentations.

'Local FFA Chapter to help farmers keep pesticide licenses and certificates'

Farmers and ranchers who need to renew their Private Applicator licenses and certificates are getting some help from the Spurger FFA Chapter. As a community service, the Spurger Agriculture Dept. is sponsoring the "15 in Two" program that combines home study and classroom Continuing Education Units. Nine CEUs can be earned in spare time at home and six CEUs will be earned in two short classes taught by the FFA advisor, Buck Hudson.

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, only one out of four Private Pesticide Applicators have earned the CEUs needed to renew their permits for 1996. Unless renewed within 15 CEUs by December 31, approximately 100,000 Private Pesticide licenses issued before 1990 will be cancelled. Approximately 8,000 Private Licenses issued in 1991 will expire on February 28, 1996. Without a valid license or certificate, farmers and ranchers may not legally buy many of the pesticides they have used for many years.

The 15 in Two program was developed to allow those with expiring Certificates or Licenses to complete all 15 CEUs.

Christmas Around the World

First Grade students at Wheat Elementary School participated in an in-depth study of the many unique Christmas customs which were brought to America by immigrants from various countries. Each class studied a different country, decorated their rooms with traditional foods and them shared with the other classes. Children in Mexico celebrate Los Posadas the nine nights leading up to Christmas. Following each Posada is a festive party with the breaking of the pinata and wish for "Feliz Navidad."

The Legend of the Poinsettia originated in Mexico and children find their gifts in their shoes. Children in England play the "We Three Kings" game where a bean is baked in a cake and the person finding the bean in their piece of cake is King for the Day. Foods include plum or figgy pudding, English toffee, and mince pie. Children from Sweden taught that Santa-Jultomte, a fat man dressed in red, and his elves sometimes help good people throughout the year. Scandinavia is credited for the reindeer and North Pole stories which were spread by the Dutch people in the United States. In France, the French Father Christmas gave good French children their gifts, while Father Spanker rewarded the bad ones with switches. Their favorite carol was "The First Nowell." In Venezuela children dress as shopkeepers and travel from house to house singing and reciting the Christmas Story. Good children receive gifts from La Befana on January 6th. Our Santa Claus and his 15 of Dutch reindeer. The early Americans translated the Dutch Sinter Klass to Santa Claus.

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Warren FFA chapter competes at State FFA leadership contest

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In the FFA Radio Broadcasting category, the team consisting of Christina Graham, Melissa Zeller, and Katie Cauthon placed sixth in competition against other teams from across the state. The event requires FFA members to perform a six to eight minute information type radio program covering one or more agricultural subjects. The subject must be current in nature and local in content. The Warren FFA Chapter's program was over the loss of property rights and how it affects agriculture.

In the Public Relations category, team members consisting of Angela Jones, Jeri Daniel, and Naomi Lee placed third in the state of Texas. This event requires members to deliver a presentation based on a chosen scenario. The members were given a 5th grade assembly for choosing high school electives, in which the team was provided five to eight minutes to sell the FFA by passing on their enthusiasm and excitement for the FFA to the assembly. The team is evaluated on the effectiveness of their presentation and response to random FFA questions presented by the judging committee.

The State FFA Leadership Contest are sponsored each year by the Texas FFA Association and allows FFA members to enhance leadership skills that are learned in the classroom. The FFA confers leadership, development to be an integral part of a student's learning experience that allows them to excel in the total educational process.

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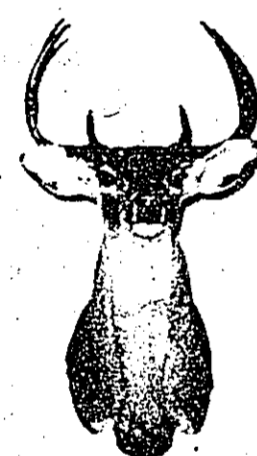
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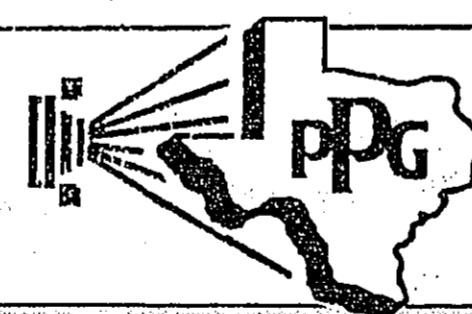
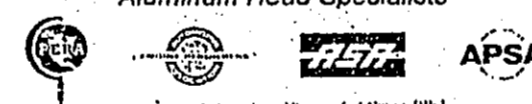
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As the magic of Christmas unfolds, it brings joy to young and old
 It is the children, however, who often truly bring forth the wonder
 spirit of the season as they prepare their letters to Santa Claus. While
 many ask Santa for toys and games for themselves, many embrace
 spirit of giving by asking for gifts for others.

Merry Christmas
 From
 The Tyler County Booster

Woodville

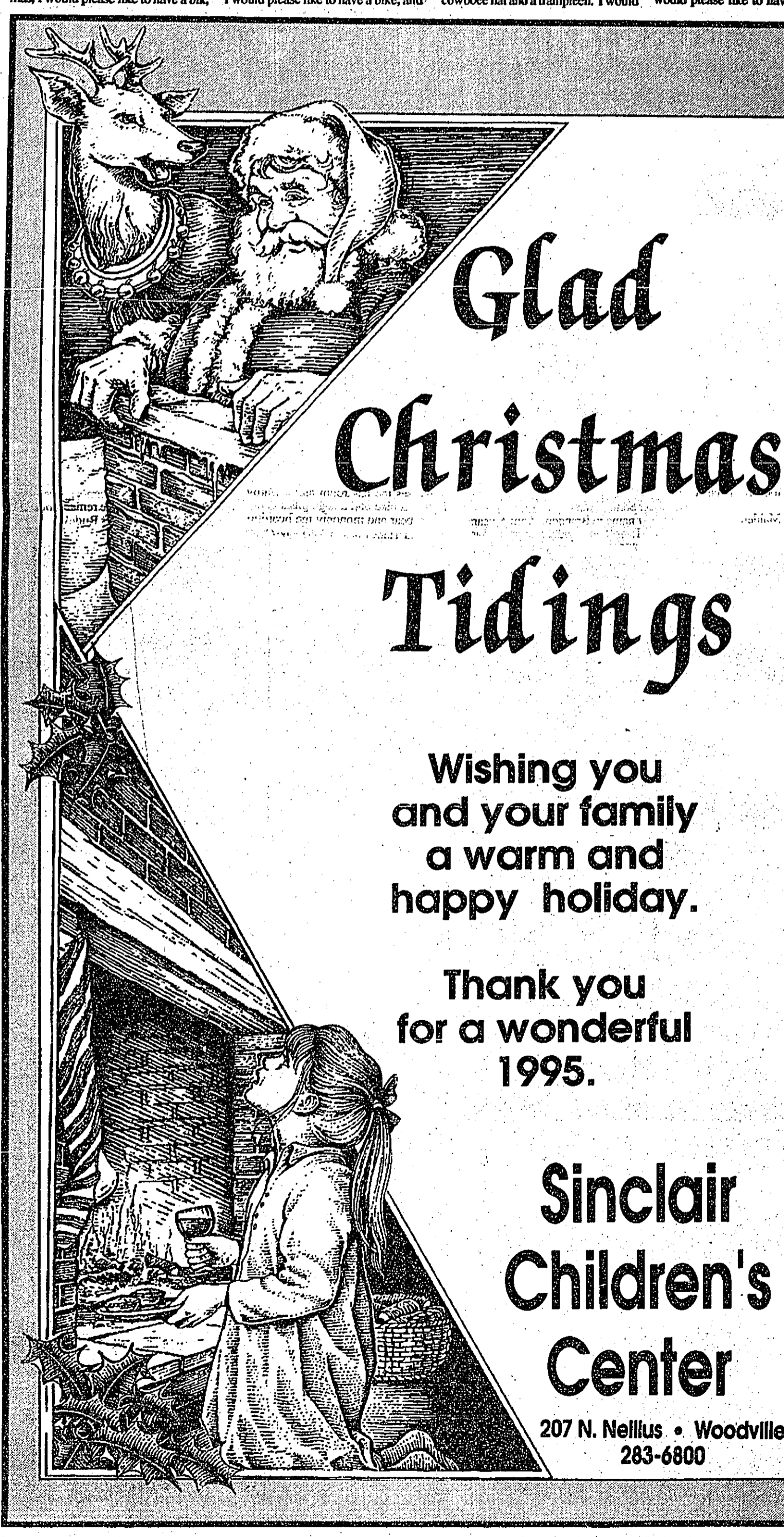
'Visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads'

Dear Santa Claus, We are in Mrs. Williams First Grade Class. We are writing you just one letter with a small list of things we want for Christmas so as to make your job a little easier. This is our list: Brandon Derouen--Game Gear Antonio Hobbes--Kane Fidgets Brandon Hart--A Car for his Mom Chris Jenkins--A Dog Team Ward--Kane Suit DeAnn Diggle--A Baby Doll Josey Divins--A Bike Elijah Humphus--A Game Board Jennifer Wagstaff--A Bike CVody Bruton--A Nintendo Game Steven Hicks--A truck Please hurry to deliver our presents. WE LOVE YOU!

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Samantha. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas, I would please like to have a bike, and a dalmatian dog. I would also like a kite. I would like to have a ninetendo. Love, Samantha Manuel

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Catherine. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas, I would please like to have a fussy cat and a brown dog. Love, Catherine Lilley

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Justin. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas, I would please like to have a truck and a doll. I wish that could go to the North Pole to join you because I love snow. Snow is fun. Do you know why? Because it is special and you can eat it. How? Mrs. Santa! When will she get to come with you. I will have chocolate chip cookies and milk waiting for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Megan



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'First I want a slime ball, then a 4-wheeler'

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Cain. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade. I am writing you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. First, I want a slime ball, then a four wheeler. When you come to my house, I will put fried chicken on the kitchen table. I want one more thing--I want a Super Nintendo. Love, Cain Tolbert

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Kristal Savory. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas, I want a Barbie Tumbles, a computer, and a yo-yo. By the way, how are the reindeer doing. How is Mrs. Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer? I hope that the other reindeer are letting Rudolph play games. Love, Kristal

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Michael. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. I am writing you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. First, I want a teddy bear, a Barbie, and a Super Nintendo. I want two Sega Genesis games and Sonic Chaos. That's all. OK Santa? Love, Michael Milton

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Heather Huthorn. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. I am writing you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. First, I want a trampoline. Then a Sega with a Sonic game. A Mortal Kombat 3. I would like to have Power Rangers. The moovey game. That is all I want. Love, Heather

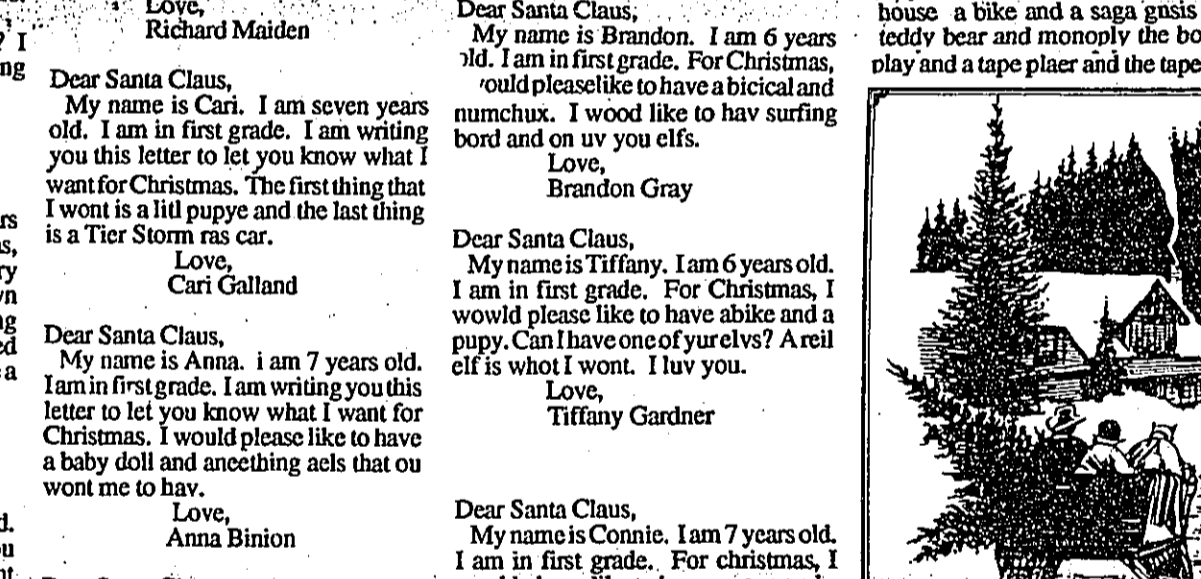


Showing them the ropes... Jack Whitmeyer, of Heritage Village, is shown above explaining the fine art of rope making to students from the Woodville 7th Grade. Over 100 of the kids came to spend a day's-gone-by visit as part of a Christmas in Texas study unit. Part of the kids preparation included reading Charles Dickens' 'Christmas Carol.' (Photo by C.J. Patrick)

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Jody. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. I am writing you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. First, I would like a Barbie and a puppy and a tool. I would like a swing set and a bird. Also, I want a skateboard and a horse and a motorcycle. Love, Jody Winners

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Nicole. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas, I would like to have one of yer elfs. Can I have one? I want a Barbie. Can you give my cats a present? Will you bring yer wife? I luv yue Santa. Love, Nicole Nichols

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Matthew. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas, I would please like to have a crock pot and a Special pitcher of Root Beer. Love, Matthew Gober



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Merry Christmas

Shown above are kids from the Wee Wisdom Pre-school on an outing to the Tyler County Courthouse Square to decorate the Community Christmas Tree. The kids are members of Miss Yantey's class and Miss D's Class. (Photo by C.J. Patrick)

Woodville 'I want a big bear and a baby brother'

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want lots of toys... I want a basketball, hop ball, poster, pen writer, shirt size 8, hat, and a new game, police badge, football, nerf gun, football helmet, football shirt, basketball shirt, jacket money bank, movie picture, t-shirt, color tv.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a baby doll and a teddy bear and make-up for Christmas and a dress with flowers on it...

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a bicycle, a power ranger bicycle, a batman skateboard, a horse, that's all.

Dear Santa, I am eleven years old. I would like some roller skates and some Nintendo games. And would like my Daddy to come home before Christmas.

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a baton for Christmas. I also want to make cheerleading. If you can help me there, if you can get me these things I will be very thankful.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a snowman, a lion king in a box, a batman ring, a jack-in-the-box, a robot too, a bike, a little shelf for the bear, that's all.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a kitchen center, washing machine, radio, I wish I had a puppy dog, cat, teddy bear, choo choo train, and I wish I had a Barbie doll dream boat, car, motor cycle, and an airplane, playdium, bunny rabbit too.

Dear Santa, I wish I had some skates, and a bee gun with a whole in it. I wish I had a rocket, would you give me a table and a tv with buttons on it too, oh year a horsey too!

Dear Santa, I wish I had a heart and a house, a shirt, high o'cherry, a radio, a cat, a dog, shoes, a dress, a flag, a teddy bear, clothes. That's all.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a skate board, a rocket, airplane, pet fish and a straw that goes round and round.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a cat, barbie doll, bunny rabbit, skates, motorcycle, and a Christmas tree, and motorcycle.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a 49 inch my size Barbie, a 54 inch my size horse, a cow, girl suits, a wig really long wig, tiger and eagle tattoos and a Barbie jeep.

Dear Santa, I would like a game of Mechanic bart game Dr. Jref and Nickelodeon clone. Thank you Santa.

Dear Santa, I would like a candy cane and dish washer for my mom and sister. My sister is 19 years old. I want a watch and present to. A little kitties and a Barbie Bubble gum shop, a bike, Dr. Dred full food labe, and elves.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a board, a snake, toy trucks, and a road thing for them. A big egg and a house.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a fire truck, helicopter, race car, rice truck, and a dump truck (A big one). And a airplane. I want a story book and a table and a table chair.

Woodville 'P.S.: I will be good to my Mom and My Daddy'

Dear Santa, I wish I had a board, a snake, toy trucks, and a road thing for them. A big egg and a house.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a baby doll, a Barbie, and that's all I want.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a tree, a heart, another heart, a bunny rabbit, and three cloudes, a bench and that's it.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a batman bicycle, a power ranger bicycle, a batman skateboard, a horse, that's all.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a phone, a big house, and little men to go in the house, some pepper to cook with. That's all. Santa get a picture of me.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a robot, and a snowman, skates, a bear, a batman and power ranger watch, a santa book with rudolph, a basketball.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a snowman, a lion king in a box, a batman ring, a jack-in-the-box, a robot too, a bike, a little shelf for the bear, that's all.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a duck, a volcano, a string to put in my shoe, a swimming pool, a hot dog, a horse, a bike, a yellow power ranger watch, a float for the swimming pool. That's all!

Dear Santa, I wish I had a heart and a house, a shirt, high o'cherry, a radio, a cat, a dog, shoes, a dress, a flag, a teddy bear, clothes. That's all.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a radio, and a Barbie doll, a toy santa, a baby doll, That's it. I love Santa. I wish you took a picture with you.

Dear Santa, I wish I had some skates and a man, with Barbie dolls, some fish and a castle, and a horsey.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a pet fish with a bowl and a dump truck with a man.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a motorcycle and a dump truck. A lawnmower. I want a air boat too. That's it!

Dear Santa, I wish I had a Barbie, and some skates and a baby doll.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a horse, a kite, a play dog and a play pony nothing else.

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Dear Santa, I wish I had a Christmas tree, a star heart, a Barbie, a chair, a Christmas book, and that's all.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a heart ring, a horse, a pig, a bike, a tv, a big big bike.



Sweet holiday sounds...

...are made by Dullemer expert Mary Hale as she plays for visiting students from Woodville's 7th Grade. Over 100 students made the visit as part of a history study of early holiday traditions in Texas. The students got spend a day at the village and interact with the village "residents". (Photo by C.J. Patrick)

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a football and a truck and some Nikes shoes and a pool table and a Sega CD and a hot shot game.

Dear Santa, I want a sega cd player, I want a drum set, I want a super van city, I want a Dr. Dreadful, I want a radio, I want a sega Genesis. I want a remote control car. I want a pellet gun. I want a power gear, I want a calendar.

Dear Santa, I have bin good. I am going to put some milk and cookies out for you. I want cutting silic barby, and a puppy. How do you go up the chimney? Please don't cut tall my house. I want all the pore pepol to wit well.

Dear Santa, I have been good. I deemed that I will leave cookies out for you. I have lights on my house. I want a doll house a size birby, and I want a pricessa wishing star. I hope people get well. Why do rindocosity? I want a Barbie house. Please dont curtail Santa. I want a baywatch barbie. Why does rudofo nose glow?

Dear Santa, I want a big puppy for Christmas, and I want ten dollar and a game and I want a bike and a tv and a car and a roman warrior and a I wop my gopher mothz girl. Santa how do you make? The deers fle? I deem I wand pat you. Pes dont curtil.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Will you be my sega and barbie then baby sipp'n slurp and a adio and a bycycle and a talk girl and a power wheel jeep super ninendo and a sega genesis and a telephone and a barbie a cd player. I like you reindeer.

Dear Santa, I have not ben bad at all I want to have my size Barbie and my brothers to give me for christmas you do not have to tell me want you are going to give me.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a heart and a house, a shirt, high o'cherry, a radio, a cat, a dog, shoes, a dress, a flag, a teddy bear, clothes. That's all.

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'Dear Santa: I want a new bike because my old one always tumps over!'

Dear Santa Claus, I was good this year and I want a dragon and a bicycle and a green range and a red ranger and a hot will set and a batman set and I want a batmobile and a bat man new plan and batman forever and ruben tonight and a batman toy. Is your workshop invisible? Santa will rudolph off! I'll be at my friend, Tony Dear Santa, I will poot cook and mile for you I want my siso bore and a bore car and a sagus.

Your friend, Cassie

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll, an airplane, and a Christmas tree. I want a class room. Kaci Scott

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll house, a big bike, and I wish we had some roller skates. I love dear santa. Marisa Simon

Dear Santa, I want a ballerina Barbie, a new bicycle, and a bathing suit.

Brittany Whitte That's it.

Dear Santa, I want a squirt gun. That's all. Jason Guinn

Dear Santa Claus, Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a bike for Christmas. Something special too. A water gun and a talking toy would be good. I'm going to be good. Andre Mitchell

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll with a chalkboard. I want a classroom and a train. Aniquita Trimble

Dear Santa, I want a sun, a fake ghost, and a fake fish. Dillon Willis

Dear Santa, I want a bat mobile. Owen Dennis

Dear Santa, I want a car and a man to drive the car.

Dear Santa, I want a seal, a reindeer, and a house. I would like a ring. April Michelle Odom

Dear Santa, I want a football and a dog with a collar. I want a remote control car. A bunny I want a bb gun. Love, Kimberly DiAnne Parker

Dear Santa, I want a purple light, a bike, and a rainbow. Justin Trimble

Dear Santa, I want a hoola hoop. I want a bear and a doll. I love you. Nadia Midkiff

Dear Santa, I want a skating Barbie. From, Amber Nicole Vann

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie power car and a skating Barbie. I want a new bike because my old one always tumps over. From, Amber Guinter

Dear Santa, I want a truck.

Thanks, Joe Roat

Dear Santa and Mis Santa, I like how you make your presents. If you get this letter would you get me this stuff; a little backpack, a race car for a foot and a little boat that is just my size and one more thing a robot, and tow make things a bed for Hance the cow dog and Ben the cober and one mor thang a batry tv. Love, Susan Archer

Dear Santa, I want a gun case and a compound bow and I want a white horse and saddle and some reins and a bass boat. Love, Trevor

Rainey Dear Santa, I hope you can make it this year. How are those reindeer of yours? How is rudof the red nose reindeer? I want a racing tracks and a new bike and shirt and shorts and hats and a remote con-

All I want this year is some earring, cloths and a black horse with white spots. And I want the spotlight barbe. And if you want to you can suprise me. Love, Kimber Wigley

Dear Santa, I want a footbal and a dog with a collar. I want a remote control car. A bunny I want a bb gun. Love, Jason Broom

Dear Santa, I wouldn't want to spoil this year so I just want a few things and here they are: python m. car, spy camera, That bike in B.Bros., games Criss-cross-cmsh, New Nintendo game, candy canes. Christopher Ken Smith

Dear Santa, I love you, you can wake me up when you get to my house? I want to see what you look like and show me your money. One more thing I want some roller blades and Dr. Dreadful Lad. Love, Ashley Worthy

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, baby born, baby so real, starcastle, baby slip'n slurp, solo barbie, treasure rocks, computer, teacher barbie sky dancer, roller blades, shoes, new clothes, brown horse with white spots, purse, backpack, high steeper, fantastisticker maker, earrings, baby siter Kelly, China barbie, bows, bath baby, Jewey. Love, Leah Kelley

Dear Santa, I want all the Barbies and a easy backoa and a jumbo x bigone to and col player and all the books, and a tv, what all thanks. Love, Allen Mitcham

Dear Santa, I want a saga and a jaguar and mountain loin and a mountain bike and super nentendo and a big screen tv and new shoes. Love, Aaron

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. My Mom said I did EXTRA chores this year. I hope you bring presents this year to Santa. I will always love you forever. Your friend, Amber Rainey

Dear Santa, I want a barbe doll for Crisumas. I want a power wheel. I want a big bike. I want a ramping. I been a good girl for you and you no how I been doing all those year. cause you can see what I been doing. We love you Santa Claus. Shekethia Mitchell

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. So I would like you to bring me a game boy. Or maybe a game for my supper nentendo. And I would like the most is a very Merry Christmas from you. Love you always, Brando Laine

Dear Santa Claus, I have been very good this year I would like a computer, super nintendo game and a game boy game also a game boy holder. Your friend, David McColister

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me a bike for Crisimas and I want some skats to and me some cloths and I want to pars of shoe and a earring box and a doll and I hope you bring me what I said if you can "I just bring me what you can mery crisimas. I love you Santa. Your friend, Wyquella

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, baby born, baby slip'n slurp, baby so real, star castles, teacher barbie, roller blades, solo barbie, care set, fantastic stickers, babysiter kelly, china barbie, spotlight barbie, earrings, bath baby, small my gack and life yard barbie or anything els. Love, Skylynn

Coplen Dear Santa, My name is Kalyn Ramsey and I'm three years old. I've been real good this year. Could you please bring me a Princess wishing star doll, a crying baby, and a jenny doll. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Happy Birthday Jesus. Love, Kalyn

Dear Santa, We are in Miss Kelly's room at First Baptist Day Care Center. We have been pretty good this year and we would like to ask for the following: Eaulon Anthony- A big yellow tractor like Trevors, Trace Barlow- a piano, Josh Latham- a nice horse, Morgan Jermigan- a laugh and tickle baby, Cody Turner- big blue tractor, Keira Lee- a tractor, Elizabeth Gregory- horsey and tractor, Casidy Releford- power ranger, Tate Reagan- toys, and Adriana Keyes- horse. Happy Birthday Jesus. Love, Skylynn

Dear Santa, I would a super duper surprise, and smelly markers. Thank You, Symone Pickett



HO! HO! HO!--

Santa arrived just in time to see the Tyler Courthouse lit with over 100,000 lights on Nov. 24 as the "Light Up The Square" Committee drew over 2,000 visitors to see the holiday extravaganza. Shown above Laura Harrington, 8, of Spurger, gets to whisper her Christmas wish list to Santa as part of the event. (Photo by John Morrison)

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Baby Star - Teri Lynn Riley
Please stop by and pick up your 1996 Calendar.

We hope the holidays find you well and happy, peaceful and content. Have a wonderful Christmas Season.

Pat & Gladys; Terry, Melissa & Teri Lynn; Pat, Jr., Jan & Holly; Jo Ellen & Mila Nicole Miller; Edna (MawMaw) Best and staff.

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... And To All A Good Night!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

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Dear Santa, I want a horse, T.V., vcr, sand art, pot belly pig, slicer and I want some ranes. Love, Jennif Tucker

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, baby born, baby slip'n slurp, baby so real, star castles, teacher barbie, roller blades, solo barbie, care set, fantastic stickers, babysiter kelly, china barbie, spotlight barbie, earrings, bath baby, small my gack and life yard barbie or anything els. Love, Skylynn

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(More letters to Santa on Page 7-A)

Woodville 'I would like a trampoline' P.S. My sisters' been pretty good this year'

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a wishing star and a bike a computer a baton a pool a swing set a sega nintendo a new backpack but most of all on this list I want the wishing star. Your friend, Whitney Barefield

Dear Santa, I want the whiz-kid notebook, tire storm car, power ragers the move, power weels jeep, triple are bag. Your friend, Matthew Williford

Dear Jefferson Co., Jefferson County Judge I want to see my mother for Christmas. Sincerely, Ken

Dear Santa Claus, I want a rain boots, watch and a bike. I have you Santa Clause I want a Barbie doll car, radio and barbie doll. Sincerely, Carla Frank

Dear Santa, My name is Antionette Marshall I am 13 years old. What I really want for Christmas is to go home. And if I can't go home I want something really neat and special to me like to see my family again. If you can't get these two get me something I will be thankful for like a cowboy starter jacket or better. Sincerely, Antionette

Dear Santa, I would like a watch, game boy with tapes, walkman, batens with all of my things, jewelry and poker game hand game, cowboy starter and shoes. Sincerely, Damarcus Senegal

Dear Santa, I would like a flying car, real motorcycle, reindeer, go cart, watch, robot. Sincerely, Scott

Dear Santa, I will like a Olters jacket, gameboy, shoes, clothes, dress and game. Sincerely, Gidgette

Dear Santa, I would like to have some roller blades, weenie dog, cat, go cart, hat, boombox. Sincerely, Sunshine

Dear Santa, I want a Cowboys Jacket, some Nike shoes, Roller Blades, and a Big Radio and tapes! Sincerely, Latoya Brown

Dear Santa, I would like a headphone set, tapes, cloths (dress), necklace, earrings. Sincerely, Christine Gomak

Dear Santa, I like roller blades, a remote control car and a motorcycle toy. Sincerely, Chris

Dear Santa, My name is Mark. I want a camem, power rager, and a coloring book. Sincerely, Mark

Dear Santa, I am giving a rebulet for Christmas and a black and my suteristo and I am giving a nice baby doll for Christmas and a go car for Christmas. The End, Crystal McNeal

Dear Santa, I want a sega game gere and a tv, vcr and a go cart and a bike and a dallas cowboys jacket and 2 puppies. Logan

Dear Santa, I want a nice bik and a playhouse and a staeerwo and a house. Frances Reid

Dear Santa, I want a nice dillhoes and a doll and a tree hues and a tranuplet. The End, Jamie Broom

Dear Santa, You no wut I wot. Justin Jeffcoat

Dear Santa, I want a nise bicr and a nowe play house and nise staeerwo and a panlun in a car and a nise house and a trike and a nowe dallascow boys and a nise pare of nowe dallascow boys and a shirt. Nikki

Shannon Dear Santa, this year I want a mudhedyrele and a modernide and a twin body rase car and a new glas pig and a snoe mowe bill. Love, Aaron

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. My Mom said I did EXTRA chores this year. I hope you bring presents this year to Santa. I will always love you forever. Your friend, Amber Rainey

Dear Santa, I want a barbe doll for Crisumas. I want a power wheel. I want a big bike. I want a ramping. I been a good girl for you and you no how I been doing all those year. cause you can see what I been doing. We love you Santa Claus. Shekethia Mitchell

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. So I would like you to bring me a game boy. Or maybe a game for my supper nentendo. And I would like the most is a very Merry Christmas from you. Love you always, Brando Laine

Dear Santa Claus, I have been very good this year I would like a computer, super nintendo game and a game boy game also a game boy holder. Your friend, David McColister

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me a bike for Crisimas and I want some skats to and me some cloths and I want to pars of shoe and a earring box and a doll and I hope you bring me what I said if you can "I just bring me what you can mery crisimas. I love you Santa. Your friend, Wyquella

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, baby born, baby slip'n slurp, baby so real, star castles, teacher barbie, roller blades, solo barbie, care set, fantastic stickers, babysiter kelly, china barbie, spotlight barbie, earrings, bath baby, small my gack and life yard barbie or anything els. Love, Skylynn

Coplen Dear Santa, My name is Kalyn Ramsey and I'm three years old. I've been real good this year. Could you please bring me a Princess wishing star doll, a crying baby, and a jenny doll. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Happy Birthday Jesus. Love, Kalyn

Dear Santa, We are in Miss Kelly's room at First Baptist Day Care Center. We have been pretty good this year and we would like to ask for the following: Eaulon Anthony- A big yellow tractor like Trevors, Trace Barlow- a piano, Josh Latham- a nice horse, Morgan Jermigan- a laugh and tickle baby, Cody Turner- big blue tractor, Keira Lee- a tractor, Elizabeth Gregory- horsey and tractor, Casidy Releford- power ranger, Tate Reagan- toys, and Adriana Keyes- horse. Happy Birthday Jesus. Love, Skylynn

Dear Santa, I would a super duper surprise, and smelly markers. Thank You, Symone Pickett

Dear Santa, I am 12 years old. I want a cowboy jacket and a radio shak remote control car. Sincerely Yours, Love Larry

Dear Santa, I would like a game boy, roller blades, nerf gun, cowboy jacket. I am 12 1/2 years old. Sincerely, Randy Jones

Dear Santa, I would like a haunted highway, race car, and 5 hockey sticks. Sincerely, David

Dear Santa, I want a walkman and a super nintendo and a big air plain. Sincerely, Jacob Guerra

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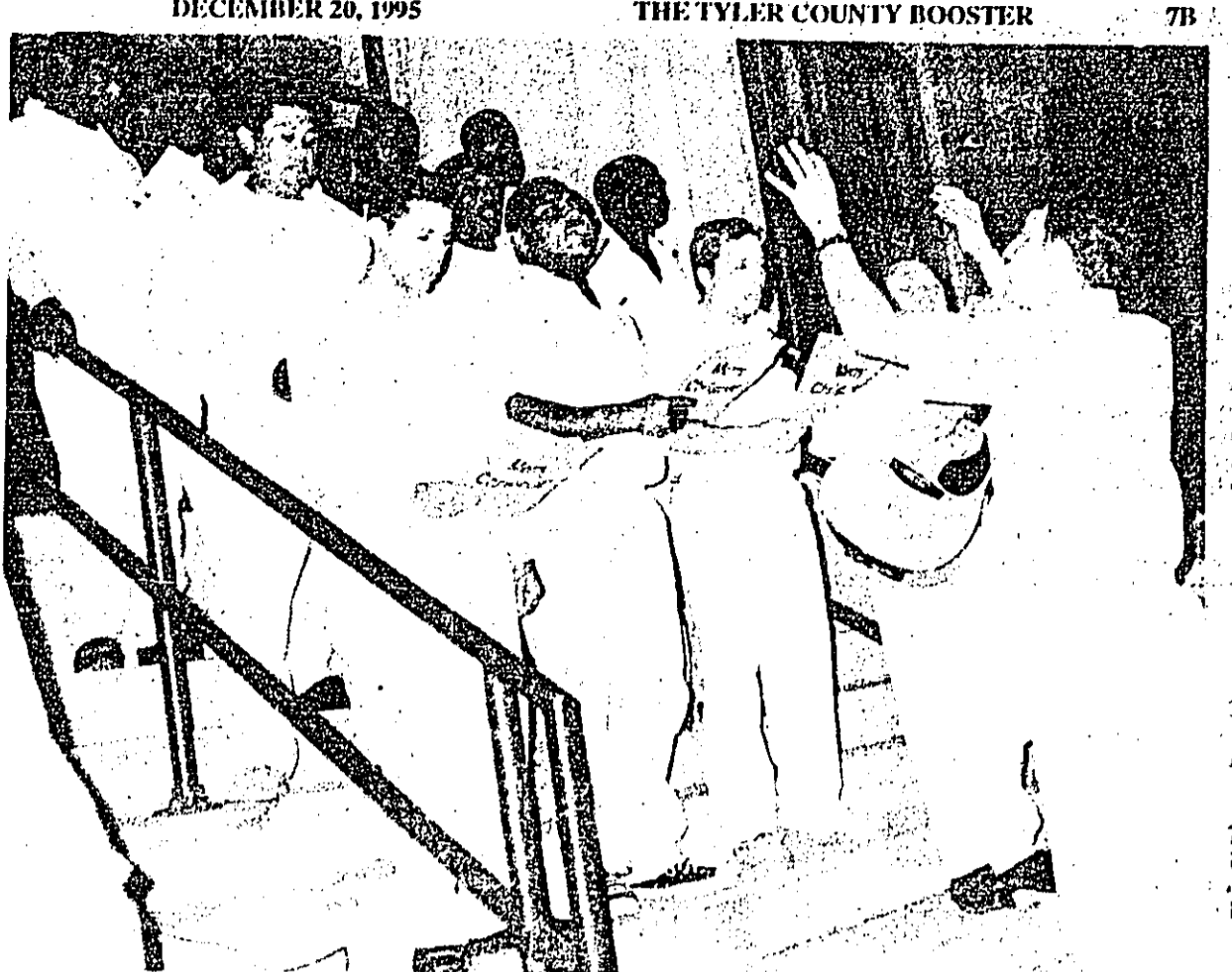
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'Silent Night, Holy Night' inmates from the GIB Lewis Choir got a chance to sing Christmas Carols as part of the "Light Up the Square" activities at the Tyler County Courthouse. The choir, as part of the Chaplaincy Program at the prison makes periodic visits to area churches under the direction of Chaplain Mike Maness. (Photo by John Morrison)

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'Christmas is a time to think about Jesus'

Dear Santa, I want a goffy ball and a trampoline to go with Kirby's Adventures and some new skis. Love, Benny

Dear Santa, I want a new bike and a teddy bear and a trampoline with white colors. I want a mountain bike with a purple and pink helmet. I like siamese cat with 10 kittens. I would like Bear to have 10 puppies. Love, Samantha Dobbins

Dear Santa, I want a trampoline and a bike and a tv and a vcr and a computer and some skates. I want to get all of them but if you can't that is all right. Love, Marylyn

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like some roller blades, sega, a watch, a birdstone, necklace and ring, batman forever and a horse. Love, Jessica Pittman

Dear Santa, I want a big swimming pool. Love, D'Lea

Dear Santa, I want a trampoline and a bike with a brink and siamese cat and a teddy bear and a brother and a bath of crayola. I love you, Jessie Powell

Dear Santa, I want a siamese cat, my cat simba got run over and a scooter board. I want some roller blades and a best friend necklace. Love, Devin

Dear Santa, I want a new bike and a new mountain bike and some roller blades and a swimming pool and a scooter board and a birdstone ring and necklace and a Teddy bear and a playhouse. Love, Kelsey Cutrer

Dear Santa, I want a teddy bear and a new mountain bike and some roller blades and a new dog for me and my sister and brother and a new trampoline and that's all. Love, Brittany

Dear Santa, I want a mountain bike for Christmas and a helmet. Love, Jessica G.

Dear Santa, I want a new bike and a dog. Love, Katie

What Christmas means to me is that it is a day that most of the world celebrate the birth of the most important person in their home (Jesus Christ). My grandparents have raised me for seven now, and times have been hard sometimes. So at Christmas, I think about a good meal, all my aunts, uncles, brothers and sister, and grandparents being together and happy. That's what Christmas Means to me. Brandon Worby

To me Christmas is the best time of the year, you celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. People all over the world are opening presents every year at Christmas no matter what, I'm always having fun. First we open the presents that our house, then we go to my grandma's house to open all of our presents that our their. Derek Marshall

What Christmas means to me, Christmas means fun laughter and joy. It also means presents food and to see my family. It also means Santa Claus and his reindeer and sleighs Elves and snow and it also means hot coco and coffee. It also means candy and toys this is what christmas means to me. Charlie Rogers

Crystal Powell What Christmas means to me is happiness and joy. It is a time when you get to know your relatives. It means Jesus birthday, but he gives us the joy of presents. It means a time when you can have a big meal and play with your relatives. Christmas is not how much you get, but how much you give and receive truly from your heart, love and love. We have a chance to show our love for each other by giving and receiving gifts. Marie Ross

Christmas is a time for giving back to Jesus what he has given to us. The wise men gave him material things, but we should give him our heart full of love. We have a chance to show our love for each other by giving and receiving gifts. Beth Carter

Christmas means giving and sharing. I many ways Christmas is mistaken by greed. Christmas is suppose to celebrate the Birth of the Lord. So many people miss lead Christmas by wanting presents when they could be celebrating the Lord. That's what Christmas means to me. Richard Shane Daniels

Christmas means a whole lot of things. One thing Christmas means to me is it is the day of Jesus Birthday. I celebrate Christmas every year. Christmas is not just the day to celebrate opening presents to see what your gonna get. Its to celebrate Jesus birth. It means to have fun and enjoy yourself. Merry Christmas. Naomi Burns

Christmas means alot to me but, most of all celebrating Christ's birth. My family gets together for lunch and exchanges gifts with each other. Then we spend time talking about our wonderful year that we had. After everyone is finished talking we get together around the Christmas carols. That is what Christmas means to me. Janna Kerr

What Christmas means to me is all the Christmas lights and Christmas trees. But most of all I mean Christ's birth, how the three kings brought, and how the shepherds followed the North Star. It means our Christ laying in a manger. He was the most special gift to fall. Phillip Griffin

What Christmas means to me is having all your family around and having food to share and sharing gifts with your family around with other kids that don't get to have Christmas. Christmas means to me is the starting of a new year, and Jesus's birth. Lisa Daniels

My brother has been a good boy but my brother chases me all over the house but he has still been a good boy for Christmas he would like a pogo stick and a play ball. From, Shain Rawls

I have been a good girl. I hope you have a good Christmas and I hope your wife has a good Christmas to for Christmas I would like a pogo stick and I would like a computer with a mouse and I would like a doll and a dry erase board on some games. From, Whitney Rawls

I would like to see how Rudolph is doing. When are coming to my house? Are you doing good. Are the elfs ok? Are Dancer and Prancer ok? I would like a Barbie doll, Barbie doll angel, play room and arting. That is all I would like this year. Love, Merissa Stockton

I would like to know how you make the reindeer fly. I have been very good this year. I want a blue bike. I would like a dumptruck that I can ride. I want a hot air balloon that is red. I would like a long, fat bridge to go over my creek I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. P.S. I would like a clock. Your friend, Christopher Groze

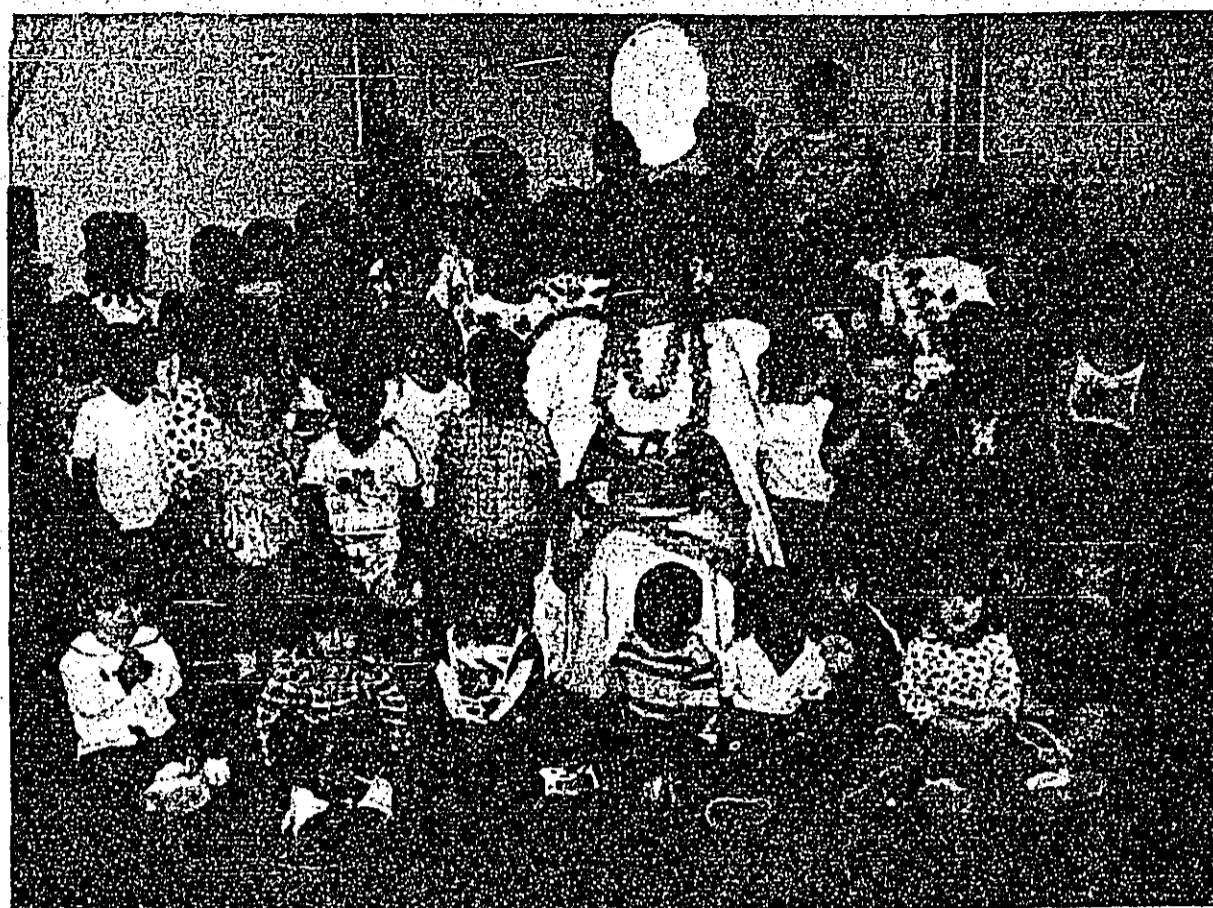
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I would like a red horse, and I would like some race cars. I like how your reindeer fly in the air. I want one of your hats. I want a real dog, and I want a B.B gun. I like santa because he brings me toys. I would like some new clothes. I like Santas big white beard. I would like a play reindeer. I want a volley ball. Your friend, Ty Cauthen

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Angel Gabriel visits First Baptist Kids from the First Baptist Church Day Care (ages 3-years to Grade Four) were treated to an after school story telling time through a miraculous visit from the Angel Gabriel (Tiffany Altman). The Angel read books to the kids about the true meaning of Christmas, and the best Christmas gift of all - Jesus.

Spurger kids write to Santa Your Patronage Has Kept Us Rolling All Year Long! A sincere thanks to each and every customer who visited us this year. See you in '96! Hensarling Tire 283-2566 Woodville

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Warren letters to Santa: 'How do you make reindeer fly?'

Dear Santa, I have been doing good. I miss Santa alot, I would like some skates, a Barbie doll, jeep, and a fake reindeer. I like Visson and Rudolph. I like Santa Clause. I want alot of presents. I want a play house. The elfs have big ears. They are very small. They make toys for kids. We are going to leave cookies and milk out on the table. I want a girl club house. I want a doll that comes with make-up. Your friend, Brittany Robinson

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I have been very good this year. How are your reindeer? I hope that they are fine. I would like a new puppy. I love your long, white beard. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I would like a new bike, a cat, and a new red dress. Merry Christmas! Love, Shayla Young

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I would like a bike for Christmas. I would like a Barbie doll, big kite, tumble doll, pet, baby crbe, elf and the last thing is a clock. I have been really good this year. would you come to my house. love, Rebecca Cottle

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Through rain, or sleet, or snow Woodville Postal Officer-in-Charge Tillman Johnson is all smiles as he displays a Santa Claus stamp while encouraging folks to mail early this year. (Photo by Mike Roberts)

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Michelle Garsce

Dear Santa, I want to tell you what I want for Christmas this is what I want I want a cowboy jacket, gameboy, crocodile, dentist, cut and style barbie, hat susie, some more Reba Macintire tapes, a tape player, some makeup, a new swimming pool, a new game for my nintendo and a go cart.
Sincerely, Megan Gregory

Dear Santa, I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. So here goes. I would like a trampoline I would jump on it every day except when it was raining. I also would like a pair of shoes and I would like them to be dark green. The last thing I want is 4 Goosebumps books. I would read two a day. There Santa that is all I want.
Sincerely, Nikki Hunt

Dear Santa, I want a car and a bike and some head fons and taps and a dallas cowboys hat and a dog.
Sincerely, Bodie Crosby

Dear Santa, Here are a few things I would like to have for Christmas a Doode Ber, and headphones, and hand pads for my roller blades. Oh I almost forgot a baby so real. Bye.
Sincerely, Amy White

Sincerely, Morlena
I want a bike and a gun and a baseball bat.
Sincerely, William Mathis

Dear Santa, this is what I want for Christmas I want a new remote control car and I want a map of the world, and some nintendo tapes and super nintendo tapes.
Michael

Dear Santa, You know what I want a Am-Fm walkman oh yea with head phones ok and a brush & a diamond ring & some earrings & a pretty coat & a jogging suit & a dear diary & a doodle bear. I were size 7 ok.
Your friend, Donovan

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Karate fighter and a telescope.
Sincerely, Jee

Dear Santa, What I want this year is a big king size water bed, a computer with rainforest game, a rocking chair, and a big long soft blanket.
Angel Roth

Dear Santa, I want a million dollars and a credit card, and a cd player and a big screen tv and what I really want is a baby monkey or a baby chimpanzee also I want a french poodle and a game gear.
Yours truly, Sarah Lee

Dear Santa, I would like a billion dollars and a credit card a super buman samurai, a go cart, a miniature motorcycle, a trampoline, a little monster truck so I can run over piles of dirt and ride it to my friends house, some super nintendo games, some sega genesis games, a sega genesis some teene mutant turtles, and some power ranger toys, and some toy cars. Give my friend James a little plastic bow with plastic arrows with plastic stoppers on it like mine. And some earplugs for Donovan and Joe.
Love, Rachel

Dear Santa, My sister Tara would like boots and a dress and pink panties and socks and a hair bow.
Love, Clinton

Dear Santa, I want a 1995 Christmas holiday Barbie and a baby born.
Love, Sommer

Dear Santa, I want a saga and a dog too. Please I will take good care of it. I do not care if it is a boy or girl. I want Pochontas a lame clock too, that is three gears I want this year. Have a very very Merry Christmas.
Love, Brettini

Dear Mr. Santa Claus, I wish you would bring me a B-B gun.
Love, Ronnie

Dear Santa, I want a monster truck and a hotwheels and a sega genesis, street shark, magic tricks and a necklace.
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa, I've been a pretty good kid this year and I hope you have to. I want a pretty good bit. Should I tell you? I want a trampoline and a new bike and a new basket ball goal and some new chalk board and I sure been waiting for a new play house and a telephone inside of it. Just bring me what every you want me to have.
Your friend, Sabrina

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An important task...
As demonstrated by Martha Hanlon, of Jasper, who is shown sitting on the front porch of the Tolar Cabin at Heritage Village while she explains to visiting 7th Graders from Woodville I.S.D. how to spin wool into thread. This was an important task to early settlers of Tyler County. (Photo by C.J. Patrick)

Dear Santa, I want many presents this I can get only presents this year I want Return of Titanus and it runs on wheels, and it is big. It is above a foot. I will get all my other presents on my birthday.
Your friend, Aaron Tanton

Dear Santa, I want a new cowboy western hat. My most spicial wish is for my whole family to be well and happy and get what they want for Christmas.
Thank and Merry Christmas
From Jason Poche

Dear Santa, I want a cd player, a new bike, super nintendo, ten milions dollar, four wheeler, dirt bike, six wheeler, three wheeler, ten wheeler, football, basket ball, to million lot wheels, all the answers in the world, mokenrow car, my own house, my own car, a chair with wheels.
Michael

Dear Santa, This year has been really good. So I hope I get something that is good present. Like a Trampoline or a computer and a radio, but most of all I want a trampoline. O yea I almost forgot and I want some concrete to skate on.
Yours truly, Amber Immel 4th grade

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I hope you have been very good too. I'm going to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a play set oven, and a pair of face up boots, and a new dog and 15 pair of blue and black, brown wangers, and a new stereo the last thing I want is a new play house.
Your friend, Sabrina

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, for Christmas plus a baby doll, plus a phone in my room, and a four wheeler. But no switches. But most of all I want our family to be together and to see my cousin Haley. And some ice skates and some roller skates. Some that are white because I like white skates. Hope you come and see me. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend, Kara Fountain

Dear Santa, I was waiting since last Christmas for this Christmas and there are a lot of things I want Her they are: gokart, 10,000 pogs, 1000 presents, a day care for my mom, four wheeler, three wheeler, and 100,000 dollars and a thousand stores.
Your friend, Freddie

Dear Santa, I hope you get this letter. I hope you saw that I've been a good girl. Well I can tell you what I want. A super nintendo, go cart, blue jean dress, new shoes, get nite, to and a led bed. I hope this gets to the north pole.
Love the sweetest girl in the world, Megan Alshire

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Dear Santa, I hope you are real or not. I know you was along time ago, but I want a go cart and that is all I want.
Love, Bud

Dear Santa, I would like a four wheeler, bahnakulas, money, and a lot of other stuff. Like something for all my cousins and they are, Clinton, Trey, Tana, Michael, Marlena, Travis, Travse, Dec, Brant and my brother T.J. My mon and my dad my uncles, aunts and kintfols.
Sincerely, Stanley Callaway

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Love, Dustin Woodrome

Dear Santa, I have been very good girl. And I have learned a new song it is call Willie the red nose long horn. I want a want a sticker maker and a bike and some socks earrings some clothes backpack, a tea seat, a baby doll. Jewery and a jewler box.
Love, Quynisha

Dear Santa, I want a jewelry box next I want a ring.
Love, Kaneshia

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year and this is what I want for Christmas. I want a big doll and I want to see, you and Roudouh. I want a bike some gloughs and some cloughes. I can't think of nothing els right now so bye.
Love, Tiffany Hubert

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. So I want a secret shot and a ball mopa and some other nerthe guns please santa. Thank you and I want a sega. I love you.
Love, David Windsor

Dear Santa, I want a remote control car? I love you.
Love, Vincent

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Love, Charvia Bell

Dear Santa, My name is Katy Johnson. I have been a good girl. I want a game boy, a glitterator sleeping bag.
Love, Katy

Dear Santa, I would like to know why you wear the same suit every Christmas? I want to know how old you are? I have been pretty good this year. I want a mini mouse watch for Christmas and make sure that it ticks. I also want some babies and a baby that cries.
Love, Cecily Sturrock

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas a baby check up baby cherry, gene gymnastics, pair earrings, dress, skirt, a picture of you and your wife a picture of your elf's a pair of boots.
Love, Charvia Bell

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Love, Cecily Sturrock

Sam some earrings too, please. I love you Santa - please bring very quick.
Love, Justin White

Dear Santa, I just want two things for Christmas really really bad and that is a BiBi Gun, and the White Ranger Eagle. I would also like a guitar for Christmas. Thank you. You could stop by our home I'll have cookies for you.
Love, William Harris

Dear Santa, I want a trampoline, light shoes and a computer for Christmas.
Stephanie

Dear Santa, I've been a good boy this year. I played Santa in the Christmas play. Please bring me a T.V. and Hilbilly movie and a Hilbilly music. Some wood for a club house and some paint too, green and gold. A 4 wheeler to haul my feed around, a trip to Beaumont to eat seafood. And 2 little glass angels for mummy, and some cooking stuff for my Daddy. I love my Mommy and Daddy and you Santa.
Love, Hunter Handley

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is crossfire, howlchek adventures, karate fighters, log truck (blue). I have been very good this year. Please stop by my house for some milk and cookies.
Love, Richard

Dear Santa, My name is Romira and I am five years old. I am writing this letter to say hi! I hope you'll be able to come to my house on Christmas eve. And bring me a plastic horse, some like shoes a bike, please. but I don't think you will come by my house because you would get lost. I have been good boy.
Love, Ramira Martinez

Dear Santa, My wish list: trucks, train, clock, and cars.
Aaron Ortiz

Dear Santa, I would like to have some more clothes.

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Parents encouraged to talk, cuddle with babies

Lufkin-The time to begin helping a child get the best possible start in life is during the first months after it is born, according to Cassy Drake, service director for Comerstone, an early childhood intervention program of the Burke Center.

"A baby needs to feel loved and cared for," says Ms. Drake. "It is during the first eight months after a baby is born that he or she forms an attitude about life. For example, a baby will feel confident and safe if parents respond quickly to its cries. However, if the adult waits too long or ignores the cries, the baby will feel the world is a cold and hostile place, says Ms. Drake.

She also suggests that parents begin talking to their baby at birth. Although the baby cannot understand what is being said, a parent's voice and words help teach a baby the sounds of language.

"Babies understand a parent's tone of voice," she says. "Words of praise, love and encouragement will help a baby grow and feel loved."

Early childhood specialists agree that parents should hold and cuddle a baby as much as possible. This type of contact helps both the parents and child feel loved.

One of the most important things a parent can do for their child is learn about their developmental stages, says Ms. Drake. "Parents should provide experiences that help their baby develop its senses. For example, a baby should be exposed to things that stimulate its hearing, sight, smell and touch."

Although babies develop at different rates, Ms. Drake believes that early prenatal involvement helps a child become more alert, cheerful, and interested in the world.

"It does not matter a great deal if your baby learns to sit up at 5 months or at 6 months," she says. "What is important is that you provide a baby with lots of play activities and different types of experiences. The Comerstone program specializes in helping children birth to three years of age overcome problems in areas of early development such as walking and talking. For more information about the program or if you have a question concerning your child's development, please call 1-800-321-1502."

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Wednesday, Dec. 20
 Santa Claus will be at Heritage Village to meet children every afternoon from 5-5 p.m. now till Christmas.

Woodville Rotary Club meets at noon at the Woodville Inn.

Members of the Katy Baptist Church will create a "Walk Through Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph" on Hickory Street in Woodville tonight beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments and Christmas Carols.

Thursday, Dec. 21
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hwy. 190 West in Woodville.

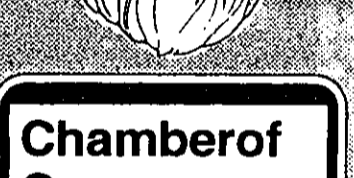
The Woodville Lions Club meets in the Lions Den on US 190 East from Dec. 11 to Dec. 17.

Friday, Dec. 22
 6 more days till Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 23
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Woodville.

Sunday, Dec. 24
 Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Dec. 25
 Merry Christmas!



Chamber of Commerce Education Celebration Bar-B-Que Announced

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce will host the 49th Annual Education Celebration Awards Bar-B-Que Thursday, Jan. 11, 1996. The event will take place at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church Hall on Hwy. 287. Tickets are priced at \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door and are available from the Chamber of Commerce.

"This year we are doing things a bit differently. We are having an informal Bar-B-Que in place of the more formal banquets held in the past," said Chamber of Commerce President Emily Sumner.

The menu will feature BBQ chicken and brisket, along with potato salad, baked beans, bread, dessert and tea or coffee.

The Woodville High School Band will perform. Honor students will also be on hand. The Outstanding Business of the Year will be announced along with the Honorary Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Citizen of the Year and Teacher of the Year awards.

The guest speaker this year will be 1992 Horatio Alger Award Winner and motivational speaker Tom Harken.

Harken started with two strikes against him: Polio and illiteracy. Eventually, he became a vacuum cleaner salesman and later entered the recreational vehicle business. He is now owner of 12 restaurants including Casa Ole, Crazy Jose's Patio and Cafe Auntie Pasto's.

Wade Skinner seeks Constable Pct. 3 Office

The following is a political announcement by Wade Skinner for the position of Precinct 3 Constable:

To the voters of Precinct 3:

1. Wade Skinner would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Constable of Precinct 3.

I have enjoyed serving as your Constable for the last few years and appreciate the support that each of you have given me. If re-elected I will strive to continue to do the duties and responsibilities of the office of Constable to the best of my ability.

Again, I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible before the up-coming election. --Wade Skinner

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Crittenden files for Tax Assessor/Collector

By C. J. Patrick

"You succeeded in upsetting a bunch of old men," said E. L. Puckitt, of Kountze, as Commissioners considered a new set of policies for the Tyler County Airport at a special meeting Friday.

Puckitt was one of several current owners of airport hangers who spoke against various aspects of the proposed policy.

Much of the furor revolved around monthly rental rates and use restrictions on the hangers.

The Airport Committee noted, in its presentation on the policy, that charging hanger rental is not new. Minutes of Commissioners Court from 1977 contain an entry setting hanger rental rates.

Nobody has actually paid rent for years.

Many current owners say they were not told of the rental arrangement when purchasing hangers from prior owners.

The policy, as proposed, would have charged monthly rates of \$50 for hangers up to 1,000 square feet, \$75 between 1,000 and 2,000 square feet, \$100 between 2,000 and 3,000 square feet and monthly rates set by the Commissioners for hangers larger than 3,000 square feet.

All of the speakers expressed the opinion that monthly rental rates were set too high by the proposed policy. Many acknowledged that \$25 per month would be a reasonable fee though one individual stated that no rental fee should be charged at all.

The owners were successful in getting rental fees reduced to \$25 per month for hangers up to 2,000 square feet, \$50 per month between 2,000 and 3,000 square feet and monthly rates set by the Commissioners for hangers larger than 3,000 square feet.

Many owners were also concerned that they be allowed to keep an amount of fuel in their hangers since fuel is not otherwise available at the airport.

Commissioners approved the policy as amended.

In other business Commissioners also:

- approved minutes of prior meetings;
- approved bills for payment;
- approved time transfers in the budget;
- approved annual certification for the judicial region;
- approved a resolution supporting The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail (see related story).

The next regular meeting of the Commissioners Court will be at 10 a.m. on Monday Jan. 8, 1996. The public is invited to attend.

Birding Trail to come to Tyler County

By C. J. Patrick

Tyler County Commissioners Friday passed a resolution in support of The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. The resolution authorizes the county to be included in the project.

Commissioners heard a presentation from Madge Lindsay of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding the project.

"Birding in Texas has historically been unorganized. Most birding sites function independently," said Lindsay. "The resolution authorizes the county to include sites along the coast into one cohesive, marketable unit."

"There are a number of potential sites in Tyler County including Dam B," said Lindsay. Other sites around the county will likely be nominated for inclusion on the trail as the public becomes aware of the project.

"Texas has more bird species than any other state in the union," said Lindsay who noted that nature tourism is a fast growing part of the tourism industry.

Phase one of the trail, to be completed in late 1997 or early 1998, will include the upper Texas coast while phase three will include the lower coast.

A public meeting on the project will likely be held in the Beaumont area in the first quarter of 1996.

'Light up Tyler County' winners

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Read of Warren, was named best decorated individual yard by the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce in its annual "Light Up Tyler County" contest. This is the second year in a row that the Reads have won the individual section of the contest.

At 82 years old, Mrs. Read said that she and her 88 year old husband led their children from Marshall, Tx. come and see the decorations each year.

To get to the Read home: from Warren go east eight and one half miles to 1943, turn left on a dirt and oil-top road, go one and one half miles. The Read home is on the right at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church on Hwy 287. Tickets are priced at \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door and are available from the Chamber of Commerce.

Jo Porcari, of the Tourism Committee, announced that the East Texas Vacation Guide has gone to press. The Chamber has purchased two pages in the publication.

Summer, speaking for the Education Committee, said that a number of Chamber members went to the Business and Education Conference in Nacogdoches recently. The conference was well attended. Chamber members discussed the Class Act at the conference.

Chamber members received a letter from Warren High School, a senior at Warren High School.

Miss Moore was nominated to represent her school in a delegation of Texans at the National Youth Leadership Conference, in Washington D.C. She wrote soliciting a sponsorship toward conference tuition. The letter was presented to chamber members to make them aware of the situation since the Chamber is not in a position to provide such a sponsorship.

The next meeting of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce will be Monday, Jan. 22, at noon at the Woodville Inn.

A Christmastime Recycling Story

Since the invention of toilet paper, people have wondered what to do with the spool it's wrapped on. Tossing the trash has been, to my knowledge, the most popular solution.

In these days of recycling, Mrs. Ora Beck Clark, 86, of Woodville, a retired interior decorator, has devised a use for this heretofore, wasted item.

For about two years, Mrs. Clark has saved her empty toilet paper spools in Woodville, was named winner of the contest.

Chief Scott Nyosko pointed out that a number of shoppers have been caught in recent weeks because store customers reported what they had seen to store employees.

Chief Nyosko also reminds everyone to keep your cars locked on store parking lots and don't leave purses unattended while shopping.

About the time she began saving these spools, her granddaughter, Charlene Smith and her husband, John, and their two children, Krystale, age nine and Ryan, age four, of Houston, made one of their frequent visits.

"Mama," Krystale said, "What are you going to do with all these things?"

"I thought we might recycle them and make Christmas tree decorations," Mrs. Clark replied.

Krystale's eyes lit up. "Where's your old Christmas wrapping paper?" She asked. "Let's cover them with that."

Mrs. Clark brought forth stacks of leftover paper and the task of measuring, cutting and gluing began.

"The project took Krystale and me about two years," Mrs. Clark said. "We didn't work steady - just a little bit now and then during their visits."

Instead of putting the finished product on the Christmas tree, Mrs. Clark strung the decorated spools on small ropes and attached these garlands to the lattice on her front porch.

A few weeks ago, Charlene and John and the children visited and under Mrs. Clark's supervision, completed the outdoor decorations.

This bit of creativity is an overflow from Mrs. Clark's talent as an interior decorator.

In her younger years, she worked in a department store in Houston, but received experience in her chosen field working for other people in the interior decorating business.

She was a "natural" and opened her own shop in Channelview, near Houston.

"I was too old to go into business for myself," she said. "But I did. And it was successful!"

This 12 year span included all aspects of interior decorating including her own upholstery shop.

In 1987, Mrs. Clark retired, sold her business and moved to Tyler County to be near her son, Jim Allen.

Mrs. Clark speaks well of her former employees, many of whom visit her from time to time.

Last week, Richard Mills, Mrs. Clark's former upholsterer and his wife, Peggy, of Pasadena visited and brought her a Christmas poinsettia. "They're special people," Mrs. Clark said.

Those who know Mrs. Clark think she, too, is special. A brilliant, candid businesswoman and artist in her field, she continues to be creative. Presently six cloth frogs are lined up on a portion of her worktable and a handmade throw graces the back of her recliner. Recycled? Of course. They are made from scraps of material. And it's anyone's guess what, next, will come forth from this woman's creative mind.

Mrs. Clark is a member of Hillister Baptist Church.

Have a Blessed Christmas, Mrs. Clark, and thank you for sharing a bit of your life and your recycling adventure with us.

Sheriff's Department jail count

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| • Assault | 1 |
| • Building Burglary | 1 |
| • Misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance | 4 |
| • Driving While Intoxicated | 6 |
| • Public Intoxication | 0 |
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| • Motion to Revoke Probation | 1 |
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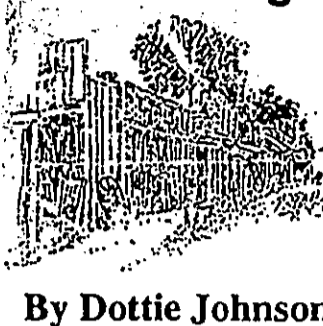
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At the Village



By Dottie Johnson

Education came first at the Village last Thursday, but it was all about Christmas.

Anyone visiting from out of town felt they had been cast back into another time zone, back a hundred years or more, as over 100 Woodville 7th graders dressed to the period filled our early East Texas farming village.

This was the culminating activity of the students' annual study unit on Christmas in Texas that involves all seventh grade subjects. In preparation for the trip to the Village, the students read Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in their English class, studied the life of Dickens in their reading class, made hard candy and pine cone wreaths in science, created thematic geometric designs in math and learned old fashioned games, which they played with zest under the direction of Physical Education teacher Carol Vaughn. "Red Rover Red Rover" was their favorite. And, of course, they studied the history of Christmas in Texas, learning from Texas History teacher Mildred Bates about the many ethnic groups that settled in East Texas and the traditions and customs they brought with them from the old country.

Music and drama and fashion also came into play, as the 7th grade choir presented a truly outstanding concert in the Church and a fashion show with visiting students arrived in period costumes.

Vocational nurses to commence

Tyler County Nursing School of Vocational Nursing students invite you to share in their happiness at commencement exercises on Dec. 22, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 205 W. Wheat St. in Woodville, Tx.

Graduates are: Judy Bartholdi, Kathy Gallagher, Lynn Hamilton, Melissa Lane, Sally King, Jill Pace, Kristi Pickle, Elaine Pruitt, Angela Reed, Ola Stanford, Dana Stanley, Tina Waldrep, Mary Whitehead, Randall Winger and Sherry Wyatt.

Former Pastor returns here to preach

His Place Church of Woodville will be welcoming Bro. J.F. Doggett of Laurel, Mississippi, to their Sunday Morning Service, December 24th, at 10:45 a.m. Bro. Doggett, formerly of the First Baptist Church in Woodville, was the pastor of the church for many years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville and is the author of the book "The Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior."

He is coming with hopes of seeing many friends and family. Everyone is welcome.

His Place Church meets each Sunday morning at 10 am for Sunday school and 10:45 am for Praise and Worship and every Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

His Place Church services are held at the Wood Fain Opera House on the Courthouse Square in Woodville.

His Place Church offices are located at Magnolia Place 208 S. Magnolia in Woodville. For more information, stop by or call 283-5888.

Readers write

Thanks for sweet memory

Dear Readers Write,

I've never written a letter to the editor, but have considered it when my feelings were ruffled. Most of the time that's when we think of writing. I would like to share a good experience with everyone. A group of young teen boys, while on their way to bowl, Christmas shop, and have a good time reflected on a recent tragedy in our community. A house burned completely, leaving a family with three small girls homeless and without any thing. My heart was uplifted, when I watched these five young teens pool their money, count it, add more, shop, and even the girls won at the game, pick prizes for the little girls. As their Sunday School teacher, I should have been the one least surprised. The boys and I delivered the girls their presents and the boys were a little embarrassed at the moment. This will truly be one of the best highlights of this Christmas season. Thanks guys for this sweet memory. Thanks for sharing this.

Sandy Davis
Colmesneil, Tx.

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Woodville Seventh graders bring Christmas in Texas to Village

umers. Awards for the best costume went to Tommie Foley and Jake Martin.

Along the way, the students learned how to make rope from Jack Whitmeyer, got a lesson on early railroading in East Texas from John Owen, sat mesmerized on the front porch of the "Tolar Cabin" as Martha Hanlon spun wool into thread and told them what an important task this was to the families who settled Tyler County, and begged for more as Mary Hale played her fiddle from the porch of the "Miracle on 34th Street."

Isn't it wonderful that Tyler County has a facility that allows these students to learn first hand what their history, their heritage is all about.

The Village staff has done an outstanding job of preparing students and teachers alike for their trips back in time.

Beech Creek FCE Club hosts children's Christmas party

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filled with candy, found their name ornaments on the Christmas tree and had their pictures taken with Santa Keith Halton. Each child then presented his or her tutor with a candy cane tied to the story of how it came about.

Before and after lunch the children listened attentively to the reading of two Christmas stories and upon leaving for the short walk back to school, were given reading certificates, wrapped as diplomas, thanking them for letting the volunteers help them to read better.

The program, which currently involves 12 children and 14 women, will continue on Friday, January 5, 1996.

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Dec. 20-26 Tyler County Aging Center

WOODVILLE—The Tyler County Aging Service, Inc., located at 201 Willow St., Woodville offers a variety of activities as well as lunches to area senior citizens.

Seniors are invited to attend the nutrition center's exercise and game activities which include:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:15-9:45 a.m., exercise with an instructor.
- Thursdays: 10 a.m., bingo.
- Fridays: domino and 42 games are played after lunch.

Lunch Menus

The following are the lunch menus for the center for December 20-26:

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20: Chicken fried steak w/gravy, au-gratin potatoes, seasoned turnip greens, cornbread, mixed fruit and milk or tea.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21: Meat loaf w/creole gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, applesauce and milk or tea.

FRIDAY, Dec. 22: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, ambrosia and milk or tea.

MONDAY, Dec. 25: Holiday

TUESDAY, Dec. 26: Holiday

A Christmas Poem

By Darby Kethan

As a family before Christmas, look just a few days ago, as if the angels had just arrived. They still are not ready, still have much to do, so read on, if it can be much simpler for you,

The reason for Christmas is Jesus, you know, Born in a stable so long, long ago. The wise men who came bearing gifts for the babe, Teach us that love is the reason they gave.

Love cannot be measured by size, shape or color, It only is seen in how we treat one another. Remembering this, it is simple to learn, How to easily have that for which we all yearn.

Stop thinking of what you have to do yet, Stop rushing and grabbing in an effort to get More "things" or more toys, more "junk", or more "stuff", Decide you are finished, just say, "That's enough!"

Use time not for rushing but for looking at how Your family can have a great Christmas...start now. Some gifts need no wrapping...fruit baskets and flowers, Think of more and you will save time by the hours.

Food gifts are truly for "those who have everything", Cheese, nuts, jams and breads will continue to bring To those that receive them, the gift of caring, And that is the point and the reason for sharing

Coupons for eating out cannot be beat. From teens to grandparents, meals out are a treat. The ways you save time by not "walking the mall" Will benefit many, and you, most of all.

Decorations or ornaments always are fine, Building traditions and memories...a treasure mine. Start collections of angels or silver or such, Through the years the items will come to mean much.

Books always are good...for all persons, all ages, Recorded or printed, there is treasure on pages. Videos give pleasure throughout the whole year, Family movies on tape will always be dear.

And what about the cooking to do? The cleaning and working, that never is through? Just SAY IT, "I'm Done", and let it all go, For much of it can be done different, you know.

Work smarter, not harder, get help, accept less Than the magazine-picture-perfect-Christmas-no-mess, Let children wrap presents, can't husbands bake pies? Others can push the vacuum...(they'll learn as they try).

Remember the stable...it wasn't too clean, Yet that small shelter has come down to mean That Christ's love is present wherever we are, That we are the people who follow his star.

So, Merry Christmas to all...may the season bring cheer, With gifts that include love, give through the year. Gifts of love, time and care, ones that never stop giving, Are those after all, that make life worth the living.

Professions 'His first coming'

By David Rust

Somewhat to my surprise, I encounter intelligent people who say they believed in Santa Claus as children. And some of them defend the jolly old fraud even now. "Yes, Virginia..." better, over a hundred years ago, is still quoted in all its warm-fuzzy bathos. But the guy was lying.

I don't remember a time when I really believed that Christmas gifts were delivered down chimneys by a fat old nicotine addict in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Practical-minded even then, I could hardly overlook the absence of chimneys on 20th century houses in the south. And where was snow for the sleigh to ride on? Oh, we'd read Clement Moore's engaging poem, hung up stockings on our fake mantle piece, and pretend to go along. But everybody knew it was pretense. My dear mother had a gift of rendering mythology without losing any of its flavor, yet never leading us to confuse it with reality.

But, why shoot holes in such a delightfully harmless piece of fiction? Who is hurt by believing in S. Claus?

If there were no Jesus, I'd probably agree. What harm can it do to personally good will to men, boundless generosity, and seasonal jollity? But there is Jesus. Without Him, we might celebrate a Saturnalia, or a Solstice, or maybe the New Year, but not Christmas. And the celebration as we have configured it today bears precious little witness to Him whose birth it honors.

Don't get me wrong. I don't want to censor the joy out of the occasion, nor do I think Jesus does. Indeed, the reality of joy in a Christian Christmas is far more appealing to me than the most extravagant dreams of material gifts. I'd much prefer a modest meal shared with people we love to the most splendid of royal banquets.

And I find infinitely more fruitfulness in the life changing, ongoing love of Jesus than in the once-a-year fatuous conviviality of Santa Claus.

It is hardy-needs saying, but our Christmases have become carnivals of greed for our kids, agonizing times of stress for most adults, and sales-bonanzas to retailers. Striving for the temptations to eat, drink, spend, and travel too much. Easy credit escalates the problem exponentially...until we pay until next year. And good Santa is right in there egging you on.

So what's to do? Well, if we really want to honor Jesus and commemorate His first coming, maybe we could profit by His example and by His words: "Is not my Father's house my Father's house?" He fed the hungry. He brought healing and word of encouragement to sick people. He taught us to love, unconditionally—even those who make themselves our enemies.

That stuff used to bug me no end. Who could take this Jesus seriously? Feed the hungry, heal the sick, His words. Love your enemies. He says: He's openly opposing human nature, and coming close to a contradiction in terms: "my enemy" is somebody I hate, right? Whatever, I had to recognize that what He was saying was an impossibility for me—in my own strength. I might drop a buck or two into the Salvation Army pots, just to appease my conscience—but who was I fooling? As for loving my enemies, forget it. I didn't even want to love them.

But what I didn't know, and had never been told, was that He never expected me to do these things on my own! He promises help. The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, "Whom the Father will send in My name" will not only enable me to do good things for others, but will renovate me to want to! And that opened a bunch of new doors for me.

My old idea was off the wall: that "do-gooders" operated out of white knuckle discipline, sacrificing their own interests in hopes of mollifying a vengeful God. Christians are taught to pray "Your will be done on earth as in Heaven." If that is what we want then it becomes our will too. So we help less fortunate folks because we want to, not because of some legalistic duty. And even if we can't love our enemies right off, we act like we do—ungrudgingly, very often we discover that after a while it is no longer an act. Asol "Jingle Bells" (Hoeucker comment), "If you can't break it, fake it until you make it!"

As the angels sing Hallelu, peace of earth and goodwill toward men...of more succinctly: Shalom!

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY PAID POLITICAL CALENDAR (For the March 12 Primary Election) (Filing Dates: Dec. 4 - Jan. 2)

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Clarence Durham and Javon Thigpen To be wed

Mr and Mrs W. Levon Thigpen, of Dallas, and Mrs and Mrs Clarence Allen "Butch" Durham, Sr., of Woodville, are proud to announce the marriage of their children: Miss Javon Moore Thigpen to Clarence Allen Durham, Jr. The wedding is set for Jan. 13, 1996, at 7 p.m. at the Slaughter Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Dallas with the Rev. Warren Sammuels officiating. The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Faltia Durham and the late Percell Durham, of Colmesneil.



Terri Broussard and John Horton To recite vows

Raymond and Theresa Broussard, of Colmesneil, announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Broussard, to John Horton, son of Jimmy and Ann Horton, of Lufkin. The wedding will be at 10 a.m., on March 9, 1996, at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

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Mrs. Bunch is a native of England and has lived in Woodville for ten years. She was introduced by President Aline Swift.

Before tea was served, Mrs. Bunch gave origins of the custom of afternoon tea in England and etiquette to be observed.

Among the delicacies on the tea table were scones with strawberry jam and chocolate trifles, shortbread, lemon curd tarts, clairs, miniature mince pies, meringues, dark fruit cake, cucumber sandwiches, also pate', shrimp, and salmon sandwiches.

Co-hostesses for the Christmas meeting were Rochelle Gassiot, Rosemary Bunch and Aline Swift.

Woman's Reading Club celebrates Christmas

The Woman's Reading Club met on December 12th in the home of club member Beth Allison. Debby Strickland assisted as co-hostess for the evening. A special "welcome back" was extended to former member Judy Walls of Conroe and life member Harry Lou Shields who had been absent from recent meetings due to illness. Following a brief business meeting, the club was entertained with a Christmas reading and candy canes presented by Phillips Hill.

Each club member brought a Christmas theme gift to play the annual gift exchange game. After all the openings and "friendly" steals were completed refreshments were served as members shared with each other best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy new year.

His Place Church offers Christmas Program

His Place Family Outreach Church of Woodville will present a modern Christmas Program, Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 7 pm, at the Wood Fain Opera House on the Courthouse Square. The Christmas Program titled "The Tragedies of Christmas" is an original production and features many people from all over Tyler County and Contemporary Christian Music. There is no admission. Everyone is welcome. There will be Christmas refreshments and music following.

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 429-5481, Bro. Hershel Lott, Pastor
Hillster Pentecostal Church
 Sun. 11 a.m.; Sun. Eve. 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. 7 p.m. Bible Study
 Ray Quinn Pastor

Assembly of God
Abundant Life Fellowship
 Hwy. 190 at 92, Dam B, Tx. 283-3324
 Rev. J.D. Hughes

First Assembly of God
 R.C. Tillery, Pastor
Chester Assembly of God
 Hwy. 287, Chester, 283-7862
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Colmesneil Assembly of God
 Colmesneil, Texas 837-4424
 J.C. Carter, Pastor
Hillster Assembly of God
 Hillister, Texas 283-7275
 Ken Lewelling, Pastor
Oak Grove Assembly of God
 Hwy. 92 between Fred & Spurger
 429-3050
 Rev. Wayne Watts, Pastor
Shady Grove Assembly of God
 West of Woodville
Trinity Christian Center
 Hwy. 190 West, Woodville
 283-2447
 The Rev. William Stockstill, Pastor

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 Colmesneil, Texas
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 Doucette, Texas
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 Chester, Texas
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Chester Baptist Church
 Chester, Jimmy Dean, Pastor
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 Colmesneil, Texas
 Bro. Mike Ivey, Pastor
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Warren Chapel Baptist Church
 Warren, Mark Hadnot, Pastor
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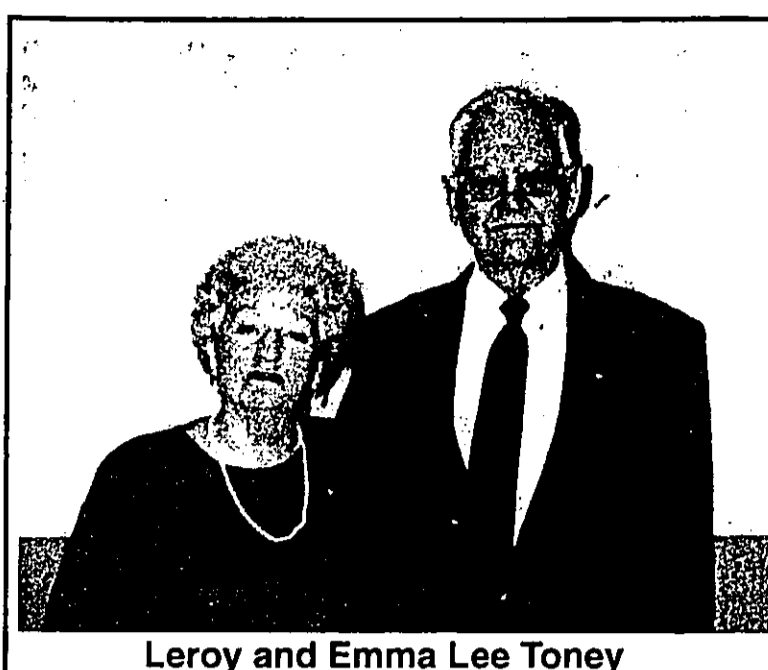
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Candlelight service Dec. 24

There will be a Candlelight service at Faith Lutheran Church, 704 West Holly, at 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24th.

Gospel singing
 There will be a gospel singing at Rocky Springs Baptist Church Sat., Dec. 23rd, 7:00 p.m.
 Refreshments will be served. Public invited. Located 8 miles East of Rockland.



Leroy and Emma Lee Toney

50th Anniversary

Family and friends of Leroy and Emma Lee Toney, of Chester, wish to announce their upcoming 50th wedding Anniversary with a reception in their honor at the Caney Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Dec. 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. The couple were married Dec. 27, 1945 in Woodville. Everyone is invited.

James Alton 'J.A.' McInnis

Memorial Services for James Alton 'J.A.' McInnis, 58, of San Antonio, who died Sunday, Dec. 16, after a lengthy illness, will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beaumont on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Gary Jones will officiate.
 McInnis was a former resident of Woodville and member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
 He is survived by two daughters: Peggy Bland, of Beaumont; and Shawna Bell, of San Antonio; and a Granddaughter Anna Nicole Bland, of Beaumont.

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK
Mark 16: 15-18
"The Great Commission"

15. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
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 17. "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
 18. "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

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Obituaries

Bessie Lou Risinger Taylor

Woodville - Bessie Lou Risinger Taylor, 87, of Woodville, died Thursday, December 14, 1995 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville. Graveside services will be Friday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.

A native of Warren and longtime resident of Beaumont, she had lived in Woodville for the past three years. She was a retired school teacher with the Warren I.S.D. and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by two nephews, Donald Gardner of Woodville and T.K. Goolsbee of Warren; and two nieces, Odessa Smith of Vidor and Betty Jo Spencer of Swiney.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

W. E. "Gene" Riggle, Sr.
 Woodville - W. E. "Gene" Riggle, Sr., 84, of Woodville, died Thursday, December 14, 1995 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services are Saturday, December 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church in Woodville with Rev. Barbara Clemmons officiating. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Restland Cemetery in Houston with Brother David Riggle officiating.

Visitation will begin at the funeral home on Friday, December 15th from 4:30 - 9:00 p.m.

A native of Vandergrift, Pa., he had lived in Woodville for the past 19 years coming from Houston/Deer Park area where he was a retired sales manager with Resthaven Cemetery. He was a member of the Woodville Lion's Club.

He is survived by his two sons and daughter - in -law, Gene and Dale Riggle of Colmesneil, and Fred and Pat Riggle of New Orleans; seven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

The pallbearers were Rand Riggle, Rand Riggle Jr., David Riggle, James McGee, Ronald Riggle and Josh Simcik.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Card of thanks

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Velma Outhouse
 Woodville - Velma Outhouse, 90, of Woodville died Monday, December 4, 1995, at Dogwood Manor Nursing Home in Woodville. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 at Lovington Funeral Home in Groesvenor with a graveside service at 3 p.m. at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville.

A native of Morgan's Point and a former resident of Vidor, she lived in Groves 24 years before moving to Woodville 25 years ago.

Survivors include daughters, Wanda Burrows of Houston, Myrtis Dougherty of Toledo Bend and Bonnie Simpson of Sam Rayburn; brothers, W.F. Simpson Jr. of Bridge City and James Simpson of Burleson; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great grandchildren.

Lewis Ben Cloyd
 Woodville - Graveside services were held for Lewis Ben Cloyd, 59, of Woodville at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 13, 1995 at Hopewell Cemetery near Woodville with Rev. Ken Derouen officiating and music provided by Whitney Garity. Under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Cloyd died December 19, 1995 near Woodville, Texas.

He was a lifelong residence of Tyler County and a retired self-employed carpenter.

Survivors include his three sons Roy Cloyd of Texarkana, Tx., William Cloyd, and Ronnie Cloyd both of Texarkana, Ark., two daughters Luvenia Coney of Woodville, Laura Greenway of Shreveport, La., three brothers Grover Cloyd of Woodville, Johnny Cloyd of Sweeney, R.C. Cloyd of Silsbee, three sisters, Faye Wigley of Woodville, Mattie Cain of Warren, Mercen Edwards of Vidor, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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Casinos trying to create new generation of gamblers Spurger man spreads Yule cheer 'For the joy of it'

Casinos, not Santa Claus, may be putting some electronic games in children's stockings this Christmas.

And their intent is to create a new generation of gamblers, according to a political consultant from Longview, Tx., a charge industry spokesmen deny.

More than a year ago, Richard Blankenship began noticing something odd in this local newspaper. Retailers advertised electronic versions of poker and blackjack next to Lego blocks and Power Ranger toys.

Suspecting a link between the commercial gambling industry and the electronic games, he made a list of the games' manufacturers and asked a local broker to research them. Blankenship found that Radica Games, Ltd., and Tiger Electronics, Inc. dominated the market.

He discovered that Radica had sold at least nine percent of its stock to International Game Technology and had agreed to begin manufacturing gambling machines for IGT.

He also found that Tiger Electronics makes casino-style electronic games under the "Bicycle" name, a registered trademark of the U. S. Playing Card Co. Tiger also manufactures games sold under the trademark of Caesar's Palace, a subsidiary of Caesar's World, Inc., a major Las Vegas casino operator.

"So there you have it, 'Blankenship says, 'The toy casino game manufacturers are linked with the world's largest maker of slot machines (IGT) and one of the preeminent casinos in Las Vegas (Caesar's Palace) and U.S. Playing Card Co.'"

Diversification is not the casino's goal he maintains. He believes the gambling industry is investing in its own future by spawning a new generation of casino customers.

"The gambling industry is driven by greed," said Blankenship, who had worked as deputy campaign director for the 1991 anti-lottery campaign waged by Texans Who Care. He also had worked for the organization, now known as Texas Against Gambling, in its 1987 campaign against pari-mutuel gambling. "Their goal is to take your money by any means possible. It that means entering into agreements with toy manufacturers and computer software companies to

Spurger man spreads Yule cheer 'For the joy of it'

By C. J. Patrick

What do you do with 500 silk flower corsages? If you're Jim Davis, of Spurger, you give them away at churches, nursing homes, hospitals and businesses.

"My Mother-in-Law had a flower shop till she was 102 year old," said Davis who became interested in flowers "messing around in the back of her shop."

At age 78 Davis has been arranging flowers for over 30 years. He does flowers for Spurger United Methodist Church once a month. He does corsages for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Valentines Day.

"This is what I do at night while you're sleeping," said Davis who reports sleeping only about five hours a night.

"I used to sleep three hours. I am up to five now. Maybe someday I'll sleep as long as everybody else."

Davis has worked in silk flowers for 25 years. "When they first came out they were American made and expensive. Now they are made in Japan and cheap. They do a good job," said Davis.

He buys sprigs appropriate for the holiday, poinsettia or holly for Christmas, and ties a bow around the stem. Then he gives them away "for the joy of it."



Jim Davis is shown above spreading Christmas Cheer

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Warriorettes out-do Leggett, Colmesneil

Warren - The Warren Warriorettes added to their win column this past week when they topped Leggett 68-35 Tuesday night. Leggett never could quite catch the paces the Warriorettes out-scored every quarter.

Leigh Ann Neal once again was the leader with 26 points, while Christina Graham added 12 with Kristin Duke's 10 for the win.

(Score by Quarter)
[Warren 17 18 16 17 68]
[Leggett 10 8 9 35]

The Lady Bulldogs also fell short to the Warriorettes in a disappointing 58-38 loss Friday night. While the Lady Dogs were missing key players - turnovers and missed free throws called the game for them.

A strong first quarter paved the way for the Warriorettes. Coach Don Elliff of Warren feels that good defense by his players caused a great deal of those turnovers, coupled with a full court press for the Warriorettes. "It was our stated, "the Warriorettes were while."

Leigh Ann Neal and Christina Graham tallied 16 each for Warren, while Chelanie Shultz led the Lady Dogs with 11.

Warren faces the Woodville Lady Eagles in district play Tuesday night before the holidays, while Colmesneil will go up against Spurger to end play for Christmas.

(Score by Quarter)
[Warren 16 15 12 15 58]
[Colmesneil 5 11 9 13 38]

Pirates take championship at Zavalla basketball tourney

by Suzan Lannon

Zavalla - Two tournament championship games in a row could be hard for a father and son running the benches, but the Spurger Pirates again out-did the Brookland Wildcats to win the championship of the Zavalla tourney with a 68-60 win. Brookland, however, fought hard ever inch of the way. Although the Wildcats were always a strong contender, the Pirates came alive in crucial moments for the win. As hard as a loss can be, a father can always be proud for his son.

Spurger had opened a 10 pt. lead in the 3rd quarter, when the Wildcats stormed back to within 3. With 5 minutes left in the game, Brookland up by one, the Pirates came alive. Jeremy Franklin led the Pirates with 32 pts., while Justin McCabe added 11. All-tournament players included Jeremy Franklin and Jason Spurlock.

(Score by Quarter)
[Spurger 15 19 15 19 68]
[Brookland 14 18 14 12 60]

The Pirates had previously topped San Augustine 88-47 in opening round of play, and out-did Colmesneil in the second round 93-69 to advance. Coach Chris Carter stated, "We're playing a lot better than in the past. After Newton we talked about winning. Staying balanced will be a key factor in our success."

Jeremy Franklin hit for 25 against San Augustine, while Jason Spurlock tallied 18, along with Chris Gill's 15.

Six Pirates were in double figures against Colmesneil. Jeremy Franklin tallied 19, Justin Sullivan added 17, Justin McCabe hit for 15, while Chris Gill and Jason Spurlock had 14 each. Jason Winkle also tallied 11.

The Pirates will face Warren at home on Monday, while traveling to Colmesneil Tuesday before Christmas.

(Score by Quarter)
[Spurger 27 24 20 17 88]
[San Augustine 16 4 8 19 47]

(Score by Quarter)
[Spurger 22 25 28 18 93]
[Colmesneil 15 16 16 22 69]

Lady Jackets on top of Latexo

Chester - The Chester Lady Jackets found themselves on top this time in a re-match with Latexo, 56-55. The Lady Tigers had defeated Chester 48-45 previously in the third place game of the Chester Invitational.

With the Lady Jackets down 25-18 going into the second half, they turned on the steam. Chester built a seven-point lead before Latexo staged their comeback.

The Lady Tigers hit four three point buckets in the last three minutes of play making the out-come still in doubt until the final buzzer.

Adrienne Bryan led Chester with 26 points. Coach Robin Grissom also sided Brandi Williams, Tye Rivers and Connie McQueen for their outstanding efforts.

The Chester Yellow Jackets were not quite as fortunate in their contest against Latexo, falling 72-30. "The team is hustling and playing as hard as they can," remarked Coach Barnett.

"We just had a hard time making the shots."

The Lady Jackets will next face Warren in the 1st round of the R.B. Moffett Class on December 27. Chester's boys will also play in the Colmesneil tournament facing the Bulldogs in the final game of opening play.

Eagles split Livingston, Lumberton

Woodville - Despite the return of two key players the Eagles fell short of a victory to Livingston last Tuesday night. With a game decided at the end, fouls and free throws seemed to be their demise with Livingston hitting 9 for 12 from the line in the 4th quarter.

Gerrrod Betts led the Eagles with 16 points, followed by Byron Rigby's 13 and Demond Sargent's 10. Jimmie Soloman, Kevin Powell and Gerrod Betts contributed 10 rebounds each, while Kama Mitchell is credited with 5 steals and 6 assists. Gerrrod Betts tallied 11 points and 6 assists.

"We're starting to play better," remarked Coach Lamberth, "rebounding and breaking the press. We should have a chance to get in the thick of it."

Six scorers for the Eagles were in double figures with 26 points and 8 rebounds, while Jimmie Soloman tallied 11 points and 8 rebounds. Demond Sargent and Darth Battiste added 10 each to the final score. Kevin Mitchell lead assists with 5.

(Score by Quarter)
[Woodville 19 18 11 28 66]
[Livingston 19 15 15 25 74]

Friday night's match-up with Lumberton proved to be more lucrative with the Eagles on top at the buzzer 76-70. With the score tied 48-48 at the end of the 3rd quarter, Woodville pulled out 6 additional in the 4th for the win.

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(Score by Quarter)
[Woodville 19 18 11 28 66]
[Lumberton 19 13 16 22 70]

The Eagles will face Diboll in their territory on Tuesday, followed by hostton Tarkington at home Wednesday before the break.

Cardinals, road trip too much for Warriors

Warren - With all county schools feeling the crunch of the flu, the Warren Warriors were no exception. Faced with a long road trip during final week, Warren couldn't quite pull it off in their re-match with High Island, resulting in a 79-66 loss.

The Cardinals dominated the first quarter of play, leading by 10 at the end. Although Warren played even the rest of the way, the Warriors could never manage to make up the deficit.

Coach Lannon stated, "Although we played hard, some questionable calls and illness got us."

Steve Mitchell led the way with 24, while Chance Sims hit for 12. Jeff Mison also added 9.

The Warriors are off until Monday's road trip to Spurger, followed by Tuesday's game at home against Lumberton.

(Score by Quarter)
[Warren 8 21 15 22 66]
[High Island 18 22 16 23 79]

Place kicker Mike Reeder consensus first-team All-American

Texas Christian University Sophomore Michael Reeder, place kicker and consensus first-team All-American has strong ties to East Texas. Reeder is the son of Elaine and Tom Reeder, graduates of Fort Nichols. Groves High School who presently reside in Montgomery, Alabama. His grandparents are Hugh and Rosalie Reeder, and his father is Mike Reeder. Reeder is also supported by numerous uncles, aunts and cousins throughout the area. His great grandmother, Mrs. Dora Penicost, also lives at Vanhook.

Reeder, who played high school ball in Sulphur, Louisiana, won the fourth annual Lou Groza Award which goes to the nation's best kicker. The honor is named for the Cleveland Browns' Hall of Fame kicker.

A panel of sportswriters, sportscasters, conference commissioners and previous recipients selected Reeder over Northwestern's Sam Valenzisi, Minnesota's Mike Chalberg, Oklahoma's Jeremy Alexander, and Pittsburgh's Chris Perencik. The honor is presented by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

TCU football coach Pat Sullivan has called Reeder the Horned Frogs' "security blanket." He has converted 23 of 25 field-goal attempts and all 20 point-after attempts this season, and he has never missed an attempt inside 39 yards during his two-year career. His leg strength and accuracy have both been impressive. He hit two 47 yarders and owns several school records, including 52 consecutive extra points and 13 consecutive field goals.

Reeder, who has a grade-point average of 3.80, has also been named a GTE Academic All-American and early in the season was honored during the ESPN Broadcast of the TCU-Kansas game as a Honda Scholar.

He will be introduced later this month along with others on the All-American Team on Bob Hope's TV special.

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Warren FFA chapter competes at State FFA leadership contest

The Warren FFA Chapter competed at the 1995 Texas FFA State Leadership Contest, held on the campus of South Houston State University in Huntsville on December 9. The Texas FFA is a statewide organization of over 60,670 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. There are over 930 chapters in Texas. Competition in the FFA contests is not divided by the size of school as in other UIL events in school contests. These students competed with the largest schools in the state.

In the FFA Radio Broadcasting category, the team consisting of Christina Graham, Melissa Zeller, and Katie Cautchen places sixth in competition against other teams from across the state. The event requires FFA members to perform a six to eight minute information type radio program covering one or more agricultural subjects. The subject must be current in nature and local in content. The Warren FFA Chapter's program was over the loss of property rights and how it affects agriculture.

In the Public Relations category, team members consisting of Angela Jones, Jeri Daniel, and Naomi Lee place third in the state of Texas. This event requires members to deliver a presentation based on a chosen scenario. This year's scenario was an 8th grade assembly for choosing high school electives, in which the team was provided five to eight minutes to sell the FFA by passing on their enthusiasm and excitement for the FFA to the assembly. The team is evaluated on the effectiveness of their presentation and response to random FFA questions presented by the judging committee.

The State FFA Leadership Contest is sponsored each year by the Texas FFA Association and allows FFA members to enhance leadership skills that are learned in the classroom. The FFA considers leadership development to be an integral part of a student's learning experience that allows them to excel in the total educational process.

Dear Santa

by Don Stevenson

It's that time of year again... credit cards maxed out, waist lines growing inches by the week, and White Elephant parties by the score. It's also time for our Christmas wish list, just in case Santa pays us any mind. If he doesn't, it won't be the first or last time. But here is a start for jolly 'ol Saint Nick should he find time.

Troy Akman, Emmitt Smith, and Michael Irvin - Videos of Super Bowls XXVII and XXVIII.

O.J. Simpson - A pair of binoculars to hunt for Nicole and Ron's killers on his favorite golf course.

Barry Switzer - Wisdom on when to go for a first down at what end of the field and with how much time left in the game.

The Aggie football team - An egg light to cook their chickens.

Colmesneil football coach Mike Jacobs - A district without Burkeville.

Deans Rodman - A new hair dresser to help him determine whether he is "straight" or one of the other folks.

Deion Sanders - A baseball contract in Japan.

Jerry Jones - A one way ticket to Arkansas.

O.J. Simpson - A new pair of gloves.

Woodville football coach Ty Quick - A district without Newton.

The Houston Rockets - A third NBA title.

The Texas Longhorns - A Sugar Bowl victory.

Bud Adams - To be left unchaperoned on a Houston street corner for 10 minutes while singing the Houston Oiler fight song.

Tonya Harding - Dale Carnegie's book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

Jimmy Johnson - A coaching contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The Denver Broncos and San Francisco 49ers - Singing lessons.

The Spurger Pirates boys basketball team - A berth in the state tournament.

The McNeese State Cowboys - Another shot at the 1-AA national football title.

George Foreman - Another son named George.

Fight promoter, Don King - A business partnership with Mark Furman.

Texas A&M, U.T., Baylor, and Texas Tech - Winning seasons in the Big 12.

Art Modell, owner of the Cleveland Browns - A seat among the fans in the "Dawg Pound."

O.J. Simpson - A new athletic bag.

The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders - Something to really cheer about.

The Warren Warriors - A reclassification from 3A to 2A.

Nashville football fans - A super giant bottle of aspirin after one week with Bud Adams.

Lamar University's baseball team - More recruitment of Texas players.

Terry Bradshaw - More enthusiasm in his NFL halftime reports.

San Antonio - A NFL franchise.

The Huntington Red Devils - A new nickname and mascot.

Andre Agassi - A hair style somewhere between all or nothing.

The Chester Yellowjackets - A winning football season once again.

The S.F.A. Lumberjacks - Another shot at the 1-AA national football title.

Any major league baseball player - To be paid what he is really worth.

The Utah Jaz - A nickname that fits.

Mike Tyson - A business partnership with Janet Reno.

Texas A&M - A victory over Michigan in the Alamo Bowl.

John Madden - A ride in the Gypsydair blimp.

Rice, S.M.U., T.C.U. - Better luck in the WAC than in the SWC.

To Sports Fans Everywhere - An ever mindful awareness of the real reason for the season - Jesus. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Local FFA Chapter to help farmers keep pesticide licenses and certificates

Farmers and ranchers who need to renew their Private Applicator licenses and certificates are getting some help from the Spurger FFA Chapter. As a community service, the Spurger Agriculture Dept. is sponsoring the "15 in Two" program that combines home study and classroom Continuing Education Units. Nine CEUs can be earned in spare time at home and six CEUs will be earned in two short classes taught by the FFA advisor, Buck Hudson.

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, only one out of four Private Applicators have earned their CEUs. Applicants have earned their CEUs by renewing their permit for 1996. Unless renewed with 15 CEUs by December 31, approximately 100,000 Private Certificates issued before 1990 will be cancelled. Approximately 8,000 Private Licenses issued in 1991 will expire on February 28, 1996. Without a valid license or certificate, farmers and ranchers may not legally buy many of the pesticides they have used for many years.

The 15 in Two program was developed to allow those with expiring Certificates or Licenses to complete all 15 Christmas Around the World.

First Grade students at Wheat Elementary School participated in an in-depth study of the many unique Christmas customs which were brought to America by immigrants from various countries. Each class studied a different country, decorated their rooms with traditional items, and then shared with the other classes.

Children in Mexico celebrate Los Posadas the nine nights leading up to Christmas. Following each Posada is a festive party with the breaking of the piñata and a wish for "Feliz Navidad."

The Legend of the Yule Log originated in Mexico and children find their gifts in their shoes. Children in England play the "We Three Kings" game where a bean is baked in a cake and the person finding the bean in their piece of cake is King for the Day. Foods include plum or figgy pudding, English toffee, and mince pie. Children from Sweden are taught that Santa-Jultomte, a fat man dressed in red, and his elves sometime help good people throughout the year.

Scandinavia is credited for the reindeer and North Pole stories which were spread by the Dutch people in the United States. In France, the French Father Christmas gave good French children their gifts, while Father Spanker rewarded the bad ones with switches. Their favorite carol was "The First Nowell," "In Venezuela everyone uses either an artificial tree or a real one imported from the U. S. Naivety seems stressing the religious aspect of the holiday about.

The special Christmas treat is hyacinths, a large tangle filled with many good things. Germany's "Froehliche Weihnachten" includes the popular gingerbreadhouse-gingerbread. It symbolize the stars in heaven. Foods include roast goose stuffed with prunes and apples. On December 23rd Italian children dress as shepherds and travel from house to house singing and reciting the Christmas Story. Good children receive gifts from La Befana on January 6th. Our Santa Claus Legend is of Dutch origin. The early Americans translated the Dutch Sinter Klass to Santa Claus.

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Merry Christmas
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'Visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads'

Dear Santa Claus, We are in Mrs. Williams First Grade Class. We are writing you just one letter with a small list of the things we want for Christmas so as to make your job a little easier. This is our list: Brandon Deroven--Game Gear Antonio Hikes--Karate Fighters Brandon Hart--A Car for his Mom Chris Jenkins--A Dog Tiam Ward--Karate Suit DeAnn Diggles--A Baby Doll Josey Diving--A Bike Elijah Humphris--A Game Board Jennifer Wagstaff--A Nitecdo C Vody Bruton--A Nintendo Game Steven Hicks--A truck Please hurry to deliver our presents. WE LOVE YOU! Mrs. Williams Class from Wheat Elementary of Woodville

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Dear Santa Claus, My name is Justin. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas, I would please like to have a jeep cowboe hat and a trampoline. I would like to have boots to. Love, Justin Cotter

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'First I want a slime ball, then a 4-wheeler'

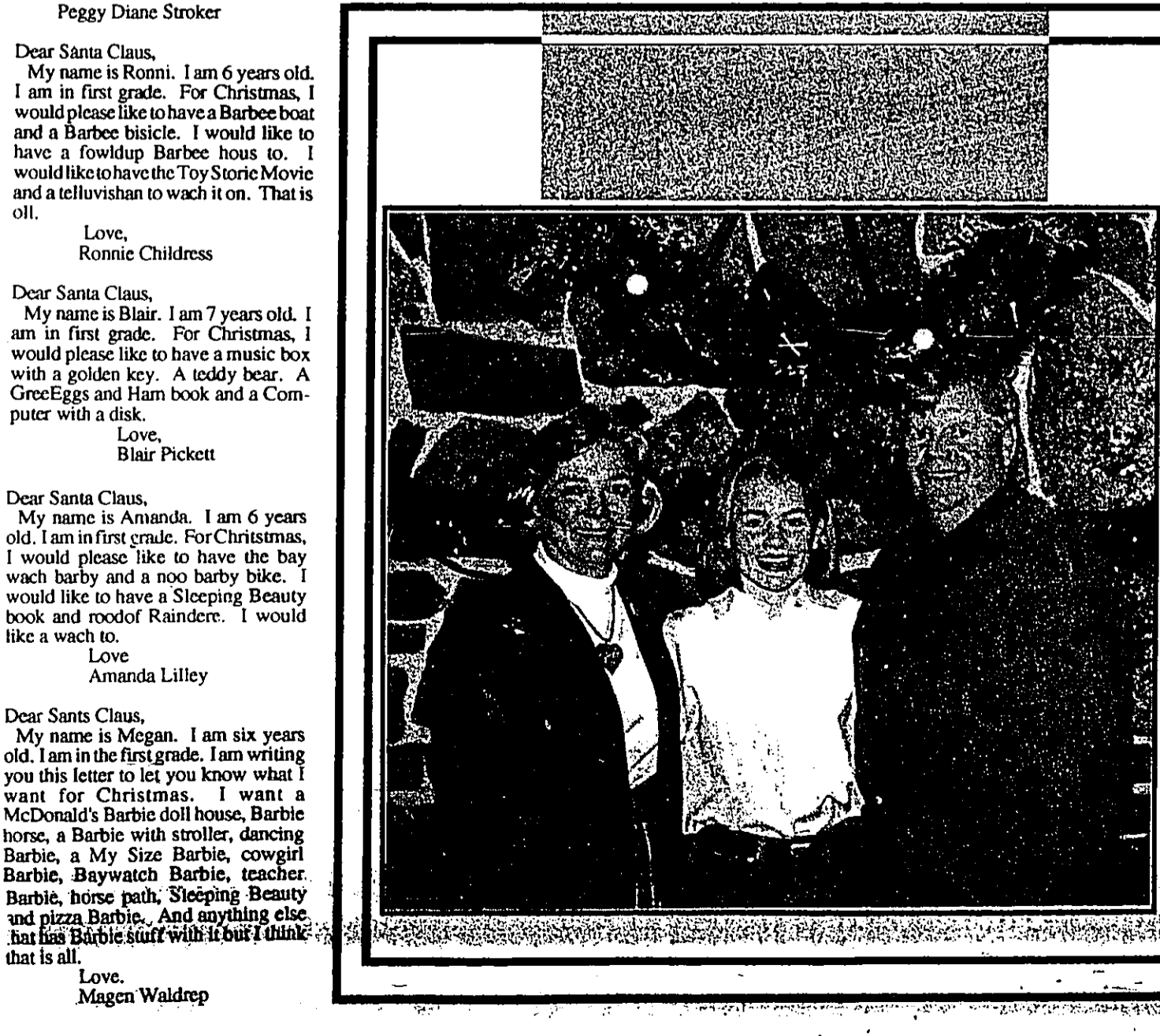
Dear Santa Claus, My name is Cain. I am 7 years old. I am in First Grade. I am writing you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. First, I want a slime ball, then a four wheeler. When you come then a Super Nintendo. I want one more thing--I want a Super Nintendo. Love, Cain Tolbert



Showing them the ropes... Jack Whitmeyer, of Heritage Village, is shown above explaining the fine art of rope making to students from the Woodville 7th Grade.

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Ashley. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade. I am writing you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I would like to have a Barbie style such as McDonalds Barbie, My Size Barbie, Dancing Barbie and all the other Barbies. I would also like to have a big trampoline and a computer with about 100 disks. I would like to have a huge teddy bear and a family pool. I think I would like to have a real car not a toy one. I would keys to it and a license. I want my own phone and a big library of books. Finally, I want my own T.V. and V.C.R. I would also like to have Pocahontas sleeping bag and pillow. Love, Ashley Bonner

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Merry Christmas

Shown above are kids from the Wee Wisdom Pre-school on an outing to the Tyler County Courthouse Square to decorate the Community Christmas Tree. The kids are members of Miss Yantcey's class and Miss B's Class. (Photo by C.J. Patrick)

Woodville 'I want a big bear and a baby brother'

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want lots of toys this year. I want a basket ball, hopping, poster typewriter, shirt size 8, hat, and a new game, police badge, football, nerf gun, football helmet, football shirt, basketball shirt, jacket money bank, movie picture, t-shirt, color tv. Your friend John Thomas Suten

Woodville 'P.S.: I will be good to my Mom and My Daddy'

Dear Santa, I wish I had a board, a snake, toy trucks, and a road thing for them. A big egg and a house. Charles Berry



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The spirit of Christmas is welcomed once more! Merry Christmas to one and to all!

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We would like to invite you to stop by the main bank this Wednesday - Friday, Dec. 20-22 for a cup of hot cider or coffee and Christmas cookies. So that our employees may enjoy the Christmas Holiday with their families, the drive-in and main bank will be closed Saturday, December 23 and Monday, December 25, 1995. Have a safe and happy Holiday weekend.

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Dear Santa, I want to have motorcycle bike, a B-B-gun and a Sega. From Gordyn

Dear Santa, I wish I had a kitchen center, washing machine, radio, I wish I had a puppy dog, cat, teddy bear, choo choo train, and I wish I had a Barbie doll dream boat, car, motor cycle, and an airplane, playdum, bunny rabbit too. Love, Bianca

Dear Santa, I wish I had a heart and a house, a shirt, high o'cherry, a radio, a cat, a dog, shoes, a dress, a flag, a teddy bear, clothes. That's all. Santa likes me. Samantha McKee

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Seasons Greetings From Everyone at Seale, Stover, Coffield & Bisbey ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW 950 North Wheeler Jasper, Texas 75951 (409) 384-3463

'Dear Santa: I want a new bike because my old one always tumps over!'

Dear Santa Claus, I was good this year and I want a dragon and a bicycle and a green rigger and a red ranger and a hot wot set and a batman set and I want a batmoobill and a bat man uv plan and batman forever and I want a batman toy. Is your workshop invisible? Santa will ruldoph efulgent.

My friend, Tony Dear Santa, I will pool cook and nite for you I want my size bore and a bore car and a sagus.

Your frind, Cassie

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll, an airplane, and a Christmas tree. I want a class room.

Kaci Scott

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll house, a big bike, and I wish we had some roller skates.

I love dear Santa.

Marisa Simon

Dear Santa, I want a ballerina barbie, a new bicycle, and a bathing suit.

Dear Santa, I want a car and a man to drive the car.

Brittany Whitte That's it.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a squirt gun. That's all.

Jason Guinn

Dear Santa Claus, Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a bike for Christmas. Something special too. A water gun and a talking toy would be good. I'm going to be good.

Andre Mitchell

Dear Santa, I want a purple light, a bike, and a rainbow.

Justin Trimble

Dear Santa, I want a sun, a fake ghost, and a fake fish.

Dillon Willis

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie power car and a skating Barbie. I want a new bike because my old one always tumps over.

From, Amber Gunter

Dear Santa, I want a truck.

Thanks, Joe Roat

Dear Santa and Mis Santa, I like how you make your presents. If you get this letter would you get me this stuff, a little backpack, a race car a fur coat and a little boat that is just my size and one more thing a robot, and two make things a bed for Hance the cow dog and Ben the cober and one more screen a baty Lv.

Love, Susan Archer

Dear Santa, I want a gun case and a compound bow and I want a white horse and a saddle and some reins and a bass boat.

Love, Trevor

Rainey Dear Santa, I hope you can make it this year. How are those reindeer of yours? How is rudoof the red nose reindeer? I want a racing tracks and a new bike and shirts and shorts and hats and a remote control car.

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All I want this year is some earring, cloths and a black horse with whit spots. And I want the spotlight barbe. And if you want to you can surprise me.

Love, Kimber Wigley

Dear Santa, I want a football and a dog with a collar. I want a remote control car. I want a bb.gun.

Love, Jason Broom

Dear Santa, I wouldn't want to spoil this year so I just want a few things and here they are: pythion m. car, spy camera, That bike in B.Bros, games Cris-cross-cranh, New Nintendo game, candy canes.

Christopher Keel Smith

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, baby born, baby so real, starscastic, baby sip'n slurp, solo barbie, treasure rocks, computer, teacher barbie sky dancer, roller blades, shoes - new clothes, brown horse with white spots, purse, backpack, high steper, fantastiscucker maker, earrings, baby siter Kelly, China barbie, bows, bath baby, Jewery.

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Dear Santa, I want a horse, T.V., ver, sand art, pot belly pig, siter and I want some ranes.

Love, Jennif Tucker

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, baby born, baby sip'n slurp, baby so real, star castles, teacher barbie, roller blades, solo hurbie, care set, fantastic stickers, babysitter Kelly, china barbie, spot light barbie, earings, bath baby, small my gack and life yard barbie or anything els.

Love, Skylynn

Coplen Dear Santa, My name is Kalyn Ramsey and I'm three years old. I've been real good this year. Could you please bring me a Princess wishing star doll, a crying baby, and a jenny doll. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Happy Birthday Jesus.

Love, Kalyn

Dear Santa, We are in Miss Kelly's room at First Baptist Day Care Center. We have been pretty good this year and we would like to ask for the following: Daulton Anthony- A big yellow tractor like Trevors, Tracee Barlow- a piano, Josh Latham- a race horse, Morgan Jerrigan- a laugh and tickle baby, Cody Turner- big blue tractor, Kedra Lee- a tractor, Elizabeth Gregory- horsey and tractor, Casidy Reliford- power ranger, Tate Reagan- toys, and Adriann Keyes- horse. Happy Birthday Jesus.

Dear Santa, I would a super duper surprise, and snitelly-thankers.

Thank You, Syrtone Pickett

Woodville

'I would like a trompeline'

P.S. My sisters' been pretty good this year'

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a wishing star and a bike a computer a batman pool swing set a sega mintendo a new backpack but most of all on this list I want the wishing star.

Your friend, Whitney Barfield

Dear Santa, I want the whiz-kid notebook, tire storm car, power ragers the move, power weels jeep, tipie are bag.

Your friend, Matthew Williford

Dear Jefferson Co., Jefferson County Judge I want to see my mother for Christmas.

Sincerely, Ken

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Barbie doll car, radio and barbie doll.

Sincerely, Carla Frank

Dear Santa, My name is Antonette Marshall I am 13 years old. What I really want for Christmas is to go home. And if I can't go home I want something really neat and special to me like to see my family again. If you can't get these two get me something I will be thankful for like a cowboy starter jacket or better.

Sincerely, Antonette

Dear Santa, I would like a watch, game boy with tapes, walkman, batens with all of my things, jewelry and ring poker game, hand game, cowboy starter and shoes.

Sincerely, Damarcus Senegal

Dear Santa, flying car, real motorcycle, reindeer, go cart, watch, robot.

Sincerely, Scott

Dear Santa, I will like a Oilers jacket, gameboy, shoes, clothes dress and game.

Sincerely, Gidgette

Dear Santa, I would like to have some roller blades, weenie dog, cat, go cart, hat, boombox.

Sincerely, Sunshine

Dear Santa, I want a Cowboys Jacket, some Nike shoes, Roller Blades, and a Big Radio and tapes!

Sincerely, Latoya Brown

Dear Santa, I want haunted highway, game boy and games large power ranger stuffed.

Sincerely, Blaine

Dear Santa, I would like a game boy, and a Emmitt Smith football jersey and some air Nike Jordan's for Christmas.

Sincerely, Fred

Dear Santa, I would like a headphone set, tapes, cloths (dress), necklace, earrings.

Sincerely, Christine Gomak

Dear Santa, I like roller blades, a remote control car and a motorcycle toy.

Sincerely, Chris

Dear Santa, I want jewelry and makeup and crayolas and a pup and a tv.

Love, Tiffany Mullins

Dear Santa, My name is Mark. I want a camera, power ranger, and a coloring book.

Dear Santa, I want a Sega game gere and a tv, vcr and a go cart and a bike and a dallas cowboys jacket and 2 puppies.

Logan

Dear Santa, I want a nice bik and a playhouse and a stazweo and a house.

Frances Reid

Dear Santa, I want a nice dilhoes and a doll and a tree hues and a tranpule.

The End, Janice Broom

Dear Santa, I want a nice bicr and a nowe play house and a nise stazweo and a panlow in a car and a nise house and a trublun and a nowe dallascow boys and a nise pare of nowe dallascow boys and a shirt.

Nikki

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Love, Aaron

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Love, Aaron

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. My Mom said I did EXTRA chores this year. I hope you bring presents this year to Santa. I will always love you forever.

Your friend, Amber Rainey

Dear Santa, I want a barbie doll for Crisimas. I want a power wheel. I want a big bike. I want a trampoline. I been a good girl for you and you no how I been doing all those year cause you can see what I been doing. We love you Sana Claus.

Colmesneil

'Christmas is a time to think about Jesus'

Dear Santa, I want goofy ball and a trampoline to and Kirby's Adventures and some new skis.

Dear Santa, I would like a new bike and a teddy bear and a trampoline with white colors. I want a mountain bike with a purple and pink helmet. I like slimes cat with 10 kittens. I would like Bear to have 10 puppies.

Dear Santa, I want a trampoline and a bike and a tv and a ver and a computer and some skates. I want to get all of them but if you can't that is all right.

Dear Santa, I want a slimes cat, my cat slama got ran over and a soccer ball. I want roller blades, sega, a watch, a birthstone, necklace and ring, batman forever and a horse.

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Angel Gabriel visits First Baptist

Kids from the First Baptist Church Day Care (ages 3-years to Grade Four) were treated to an after school story telling time through a miraculous visit from the Angel Gabriel (Tiffany Altman). The Angel read books to the kids about the true meaning of Christmas, and the best Christmas gift of all...Jesus.

Spurger kids write to Santa

Dear Santa, My brother has been a good boy but my brother chased me all over the house but he has still been a good boy for Christmas he would like a pogo stick and a dog and he would like a pogo stick and a play ball.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I hope you have a good Christmas and I hope your wife has a good Christmas too for Christmas I would like a pogo stick and I would like a computer with a mouse and I would like a doll and a dry erase board and some games.

Dear Santa, I would like a bike for Christmas. I would like a Barbie doll, big kite, tumble doll, pet, baby cribe, elf and the last thing is a clock. I have been really good this year. would you come to my house.

Dear Santa, I would like to know how you make the reindeer fly. I have been very good this year. I want a blue bike. I would like a dumptruck that I can ride. I want a hot air balloon that is red. I would like a long, fat bridge to go over my creek I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. P.S. I would like a clock.

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a toy reindeer. I want a skating Barbie. I want a new bicycle. I want a big hot air balloon. I want a big fat toy bag and a baby doll. I want to know how Rudof's nose glows.

Dear Santa, I want to know how Rudolph is doing. I want a teddy bear, smoke bear, stamp, jackalener, real puppy and a doll. I want to know how you are doing. I want some cool tools. I want a Santa Clause hat. I want a dress.

Dear Santa, I would like a real horse, and I would like some race cars. I like how your reindeer fly in the air. I want one of your hats. I want a real dog, and I want a B.B gun. I like santa because he brings me toys. I would like some new

Advertisement for Hensarling Tire. Text: 'Your Patronage Has Kept Us Rolling All Year Long! A sincere thanks to each and every customer who visited us this year. See you in '96! Hensarling Tire 283-2566 Woodville'

Advertisement for Temple-Inland. Text: 'About this time every year, we give our trees a really good trimming. Happy Holidays from all of us at Temple-Inland. THE HOME FOLKS WHERE PEOPLE STILL COME FIRST'

Warren letters to Santa: 'How do you make reindeer fly?'

Dear Santa, I have been doing good. I miss Santa alot, I would like some skates, a Barbie doll, jeep, and a fake reindeer. I like Yaxson and Rodolph. I like Santa Clause. I want alot of presents. I want a play house. The elfs have big ears. They are very small. They make toys for kids. We are going to leave cookies and milk out on the table. I want a girl club house. I want a doll that comes with make-up.

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie for Christmas. I want a baby chihuahua, Barbie jeep, teddy bear and a play reindeer. I also want to know how the reindeer are doing. I want to know if the reindeer are all boys or not. I also want to know how you are doing. I want to know how Rudolph is doing. I want to know how all of you are doing Santa I have been very good this year.

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Dear Santa, I want a new bowling set, a real go-cart with a key so that I can drive. I also want more candy canes and a paint set and a Christmas tree with lights to put on it and decorations. I want a sand table with sand in it. I want some puzzles and markers too. I want every color of markers that there is. I log track that smokes. I have a Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, I have been good boy this year. I would like a remote control monster truck. A hot shot basketball game and a new log track that smokes. I have a Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, I have been good girl this year. I would like a pink jeep and that's all. I love you Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, I love you and your reindeer and elves will you please... bring me what I want this is what I want: sega with a sunthe hedgehog game, puppy, kitten, Lunking video game and a teenage mitem niga turtles video game.

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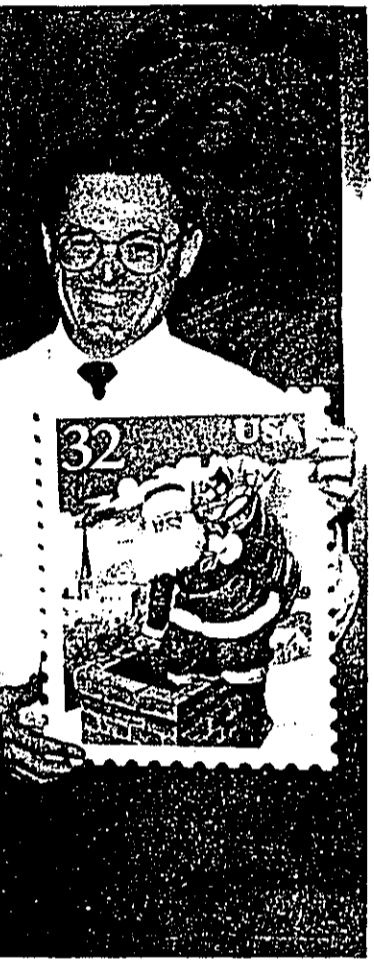
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Through rain, or sleet, or snow Woodville Postal Officer-in-Charge Tillman Johnson is all smiles as he displays a Santa Claus stamp while encouraging folks to mail early this year. (Photo by Mike Roberts)

Advertisement for Magnolia Appliance. Text: 'Ringing In The Season With Joy. May all good things come your way this holiday. Our thanks for your continued support. Magnolia Appliance 322 S. Magnolia 283-7331'

Advertisement for Childress Monument Works. Text: 'SEASON'S GREETINGS. Childress Monument Works is celebrating its 47th year in the monument business here in Woodville, Texas. Organized by Rupert and Merle Childress in December of 1948, they started their business with a very small inventory. The business has grown and prospered and today is one of the largest displays in the Southeast Texas area. Since Rupert's death in 1973, Merle has continued to operate the business. Through the years she has shared her success with friends, customers and suppliers who have contributed to help the business grow and prosper. Congratulations Childress Monument Works and owner, Merle Childress on 47 years! Rupert and Merle Childress. Childress Monument Works Hwy. 69 South 283-2487 Woodville'

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Warren letters to Santa:

Kids want Barbies, bikes and Batman

Dear Santa, I hope you can come because I was wanting a Barbie doll player with 4 cd's, a shaving fun ken doll, a red head hot skating Barbie and a go-cart, and a trampoline and a kids brainstrom times computer, some knee pads and black and green roller blades for my sis I also hope you have a very good Christmas. Good by.

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Please bring me some toys. I want a sleigh ride from you. A saved by the bell tape, and a meeko chair. Please wake me up when you come to my house. I want a trampoline, and a red dalmatian and doudle bear.

Dear Santa, I love you so much and your reindeer too. This is what I want: backpack, purse, horse, and a big doll house.

Dear Santa, I want some: money, shoes, socks, coat, markers.

Dear Santa, I hope you want be sick, but this is what I want: computer, baby tumbler, 5000 and 100 dollars, knife, watch,

That is all Santa. Love Your friend, Amanda White

Bring me a hot shot, new tv, chunky money, 200, 10,000, dollars, no school, recorder, 100 boy car, motor cycle, ball. I don't care what you bring me. I just want some toys. Ps thanks.

I hope I'm getting what I wanted. I hope rudo, cupid, donner, bleisen, all the reindeer are fine. I hope your ok.

I want a toy all gator. I know ducky wants a Christmas tree with mice on it. Tell your elves I said Hi. Merry Christmas Santa.

This is what I want a new doll, and Barbie, a cat, a collar, and that's all. Oh and how are you doing? I hope your filling good. So come to my house on Christmas. I'll give you some cookies, and milk. I hope you bring me my stuff.

Friends, I don't care what you bring me. I just want some toys. Ps thanks.

I've been a good boy. I want a rang color blue rang.

I want my friends back because I'm bored outside. Then I want some more video games. I want a new truck pack.

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I have been very, very good this year. Please bring me Casper, and a new bike and bat man forever. I'd like a hockey set and Nike boots too.

Thank you for the Christmas last year. Thank you for the doll and the cooking toy. Thank you for the presents too.

I have been good over the past year. I was hoping for a doll house and a new bike. I thank you for the gifts last Christmas. This Christmas I will put out some cookies.

I have been very good this year. I want a letter. I want ABC blocks. I want a remote control car. I want a playhouse.

I want 100 dollars! I want magic works and a red jeep. I want 100 toys and a red pickup, a bull dog, a gun and dollars.

I love you so much and your reindeer too. This is what I want: backpack, purse, horse, and a big doll house.

I have been very good this year. Please bring me Casper, and a new bike and bat man forever. I'd like a hockey set and Nike boots too.

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Holiday music fare...

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Thank you for my Long Haired Barbie. I want a new little teddy bear that is a potter bear, just like the one that I got last year.

Thanks for all the presents. I've been good all year. I want a pretty pretty princess. I want chicken limbs too.

Please bring me Dr. Dreadful. Please bring me a football signed by Emmit Smith and a bring me a Grant Hill jersey. I'd also like a basketball and

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Letters to Santa from Fred:

'I want a Super Nintendo and \$40,000'

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a top, a pair of pants, a shirt, a pair of shoes, a skateboard, some lego, a bicycle, some bb's and a pellet gun. I also want a remote controlled car, some G.I. Joes and the Goofy Golf Machine.

Sincerely, Caleb K.

I only play one cd at a time a remote control car, a black seaside z71 chevy with a 305 engine for my brother a new Dodge pickup that is miding blue, a new red Honda zow the Blowfish makes a cd rom computer with the game badgog, a apple computer, my brother a timber wolf 4-wheeler, mortal combat two, mortal combat three, and make sure their for saga and also for saga rocken roll racing and world series baseball, candle box single "Something", a J to go on my neclubar, my present from my uncle hope Jered gets my gift at the party

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas is a Go-kart and a teddy bear with a red heart in the middle of his stomach and a cassette tapes of Hank Williams Jr. and a watch that tar is singing to you every hour, and also some movies like Gordy, Free Willy 2, and a Dallas Cowboy's hat, and a shirt too. Oh and a horse and not to be yep my hole life and talk pen, and goosebumps books for Christmas and also open Mrs. Moore precisions and have all of my family to get together. I will name them for you, my mom, dad, Granny and Grandmow, papa, baydog, tiger and socks.

More Warren Letters: 'Dear Santa: Will you make it snow here.... PLEASE!'

Dear Santa, I love you so, so, so much. I want a remote control car, Rudolph how does your nose glow? I want a bike.

I would like some rollerblades, a Barbie car, a Jiminy Gymbies doll, and a puppy dog.

Dear Santa, I have been very good. Thank you for my toys last year. For Christmas, I would like a baseball bat, some skates, a play gun, some Nintendo games.

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Dr. Dreadful drink, a super Nintendo, a mortal combat II cartridge, and a trampoline. I would like to have a chess set, a 22 caliber rifle to hunt with and a set of bunk beds for my brother and I. I hope this is not more gifts than you can handle for one boy. I will leave you a snack by the Christmas tree when you come.

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More letters to Santa from Fred Students: 'All I want is a billion dollars and a credit card'

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Michelle Garsce

Dear Santa, I want to tell you what I want for Christmas this is what I want a cowboys jacket, gameboy, crocodile, dentist, cut and style barbie, hat sunie, some more Reba Macintire tapes, a tape player, some makeup, a new swimming pull, a new game for my nintendo and a go cart.

Sincerely, Megan Gregory

Dear Santa, I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. So here goes. I would like a trampoline I would jump on it every day except when it was raining. I also would like a pair of shoes and I would like them to be dark green. The last thing I want is 4 Goosebumps books. I would read two a day. There Santa that is all I want.

Sincerely, Nikki Hunt

Dear Santa, I want a car and a bike and some head fons and taps and 1 dollar cowboys hat and a dog.

Sincerely, Bodie Crosby

Dear Santa, Here are a few things I would like to have for Christmas a Doodle Ber, and headphones, and hand pads for my roller blades Oh! I almost forgot a baby so real. Bye.

Sincerely, Morlena

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a gun and a baseball and bat.

Sincerely, William Mathis

Dear Santa, this is what I want for Christmas: I want a new remote control car and I want a map of the world, and some mintendo tapes and super mintendo tapes.

Michael

Dear Santa, You know what I want a Am-Fm walkman oh yea with head phones ok and a brush & a diamond ring & some game, a rocking chair, and a jogging suit & a clear diary & a doodie bear. I were size 7 uk.

Yours truly, Breanne

Dear Santa, What I want this year is a big king size water bed, a computer with a rainforest fons and taps and a big long soft blanket.

Angel Roth

Dear Santa, I want a million dollars and a credit card, and a cd player and a big screen tv and what I really want is a baby monkey or a baby chimpanzee also want a french poodle and a game gear.

Yours truly, Amy White

Dear Santa, I would like a billion dollars and a credit card, a super buman samurai, a go cart, a miniature motorcycle, a trampoline, a little monster truck so I can run over piles of dirt and ride it to my friends house, some super nintendo games, some sega genesis games, a sega genesis, some tennee mutant turtles, and some power ranger toys, and some toy cars. Give my friend James a little plastic bow with plastic arrows with plastic stoppers on like mine. And some earplugs for Donovan and Joe.

Love, Chris

Dear Santa, My name is Tammy Simmons I present I want a Barbie doll, a bike, I want a boy Rudolph, I have been good. Merry Christmas to you.

Love, Tammy Simmons

Dear Santa, My name is Rachel I have been good. I want a open flower, big trampoline, playhouse and a new dog. I will leave



An important task...
...as demonstrated by Martha Hanlon, of Jasper, who is shown sitting on the front porch of the Tolar Cabin at Heritage Village while she explains to visiting 7th Graders from Woodville L.S.D. how to spin wool into thread. This was an important task to early settlers of Tyler County. (Photo by C.J. Patrick)

Dear Santa, I want many presents this I can get only presents this year I want Return of Titusa and it runs on wheels, and it is big. It is above a foot. I will get all my other presents on my birthday.

Your friend, Aaron Tanton

Dear Santa, I want to know if you are real or not. I know you was along time ago, but I want a go cart and that is all I want.

Love, Bud

Dear Santa, I've been a pretty good kid this year and I hope you have to. I want a pretty good bit. Should I tell you? I want a trampoline and a new bike and a new basket ball goal and some new chalk board and I sure been waiting for a new play house and a telephone inside of it. Just bring me what every you want me to have.

Your friend, Sabrina

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, for Christmas plus a baby doll, plus a phone in my room, and a four wheeler. But no switches. But most of all I want our family to be together and to see my cousin Haley. And some ice skates and some roller skates. Some that are white because I like white skates. Hope you come and see me. Merry Christmas Santa.

Your friend, Kara Fountain

Dear Santa, I was waiting since last Christmas for this Christmas and there are a lot of things I want. Her they are: gokart, 10,000 pogs, 1000 presents, a day care for my mom, four wheeler, three wheeler, and 100,00 dollars and a thousand stores.

Your friend, Freddie

Dear Santa, I hope you get this letter. I hope you saw that I've been a good girl. Well can I tell you what I want. A super nintendo, go cart, blue jean dress, new shoes, get nite, io and a led bed. I hope this gets to the north pole.

Love the sweetest girl in the world, Megan Alshire

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Michael

Dear Santa, This year I've been bad and good. Mostly good. Do you know what I want for Christmas? If you don't know, I'll tell you. I would like a remote control airplan, and a watch that shows the date and seconds on the front. I want a stopwatch and some video games and a game boy game. I want a good Christmas. That's all I want.

Sincerely, Perry Anderson 4th grade

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I hope you have been very good too. I'm going to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a play set oven, and a pair of lace up boots, and a new dog and 15 pair of blue and black, brown wangler, and a new stereo the last thing I want is a new play house.

Your friend, Sabrina

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Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a shot gun. Love, Ryan

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Dear Santa, Santa I want a tv and a dirt bike and a video games. Love, Sunni Hubert

Dear Santa, This year I have been a very good girl, and I would like a lot of things this year but I do not think I will get all of them. But I would like a pair of earrings and a necklace for right now. Love,

Megan Stanley

Dear Santa, I have been between good and bad. Hear is what I what for Christmas this year. I want a red bicycle. And I want a boombox. And a walkman. Love, Dustin

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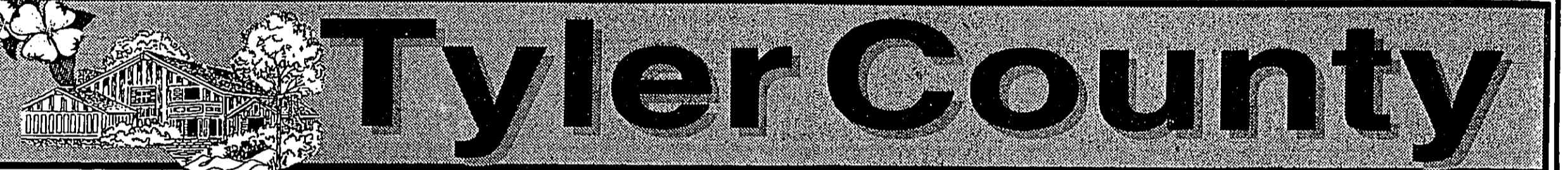
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