



A very serious conversation appeared to take place between 4-year-old Logan Titus and Santa Claus during Santa's visit to Vernonia.



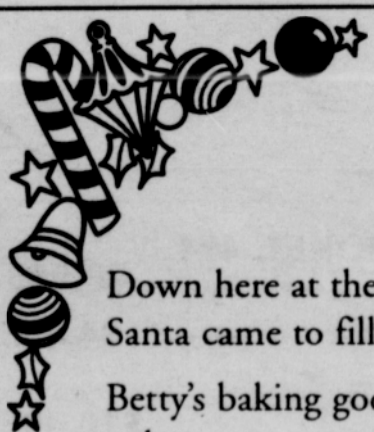
While waiting to take Santa and Mrs. Claus back to their sleigh, after they had visited with youngsters in Vernonia, December 9, Rick Hobart and Digby also entertained the children with free carriage rides. Digby even dressed for the occasion with a Santa hat.



Mrs. Santa Claus looks on while Alicia Newby, 10, smiles for a picture with Santa.



Not much is accomplished on the last day of school before winter break, but it's a good time for an entertaining assembly at Vernonia High School. Each class offered entertainment, the drama class performed "A Christmas Carol" as written by Megan Puera and Jessica Dillon, and the band, shown above, played some seasonal selections.



Christmas at the Country Kitchen

Down here at the Kitchen, we're raisin' a big fuss. Santa came to fill his sack, our gifts here are a must.

Betty's baking goodies to spread the Christmas cheer,

Jimmy's rollin' pizza dough, and will, throughout the year, as

Missy's making cookies for our Toys for Joy jar.

"Cappucino anyone?" says Susan to the gals, as Dave serves cakes and eggs and tries to milk the cow.

When we come in, here's Shawwna, always up before the sun, and

Dave starts making donuts, they're a Ho Ho Hole in one.

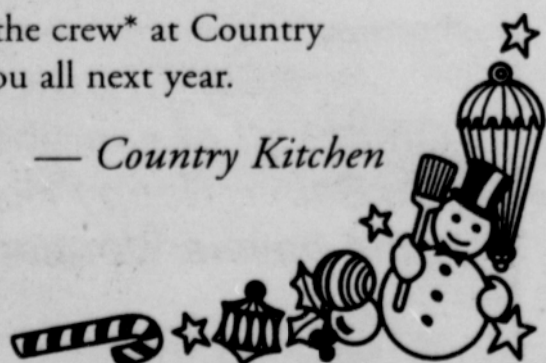
Jason's got burgers on the griddle and Cody's here to watch 'em sizzle —

Best wishes throughout the season, may good things come this year.

Merry Christmas from the crew* at Country Kitchen, we will see you all next year.

— Country Kitchen

*Lil Elf, "Missy", tin soldiers Jay and Adam say "From us, too!"



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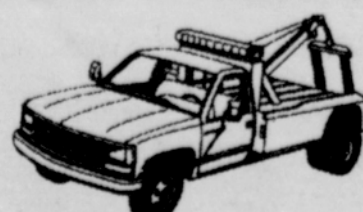
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