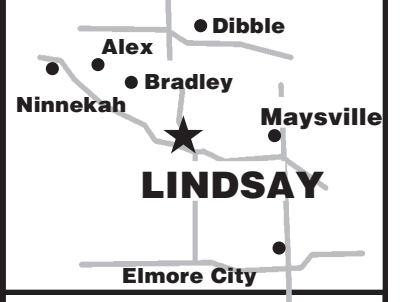




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# Merry Christmas!



The Lindsay Chamber of Commerce distributed food and toys to those in the community that needed help with their Christmas this year. The joy store is shown above. The toys and food were distributed Saturday, December 19 every two minutes for five hours. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the committee volunteers.

## Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Has Connections To Lindsay

As the Christmas season is ending the college football bowl game season is beginning.

A Lindsay High School graduate has close ties to one of the top bowl games, the BCS Tostitos Fiesta Bowl game which will be played in Glendale, AZ January 4, 2010 at 7 p.m.

2004 Lindsay High School graduate Kyle Kuykendall is a Nationally Certified Athletic Trainer for the TCU (Texas Christian University) football team.

The TCU Horned Frogs are undefeated and nationally ranked number 4. They will be playing the undefeated Boise State Broncos who are nationally ranked number 6.

Kyle is the son of Dean and Karla Kuykendall, and grandson of Mildred Keller all of Lindsay.

Kyle is married to the former Jami Milsap, also formerly of Lindsay.

The Kuykendalls will be traveling with the team December 29 and will be staying at a resort in Scottsdale, AZ.



Shown above are head athletic trainer for the TCU Horned Frogs David Gable, #18 Ryan Christian, and Kyle Kuykendall. In the back is #98 Jerry Hughes.

### What When & Where

**St. Peter's Catholic Church** will have Christmas Eve Mass Thursday, December 24, beginning at 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Christ's birth with them.

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A **Free Christmas dinner** will be held from 11 to 2 Christmas day at Calvary Baptist Church.

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**The Class of 1960** is busily planning their 50th reunion for July 3 and 4 in Lindsay. The class will have a special gathering in conjunction with the planned all-school reunion. They are still looking for a few classmates. If you have addresses or emails for any of these people, please email louanne.trueblood@cox.net or call 405-216-5756. Missing classmates are: Bill Blue, Carolyn Burke, Beverly Caudle, Scarlett Clemens, Delores Dover, Colin Hart, Keith Johnston, and Bill Stone.

## "Seniors Ride Free" Program Cuts Back On Free Rides

Due to lack of donations for AARP's "Seniors Ride Free" program this year, Delta Public Transit regrets to announce, as of January 1, 2010, the only free rides will be roundtrip fares to the Lindsay Senior Nutritional Site for lunch Monday through Friday.

All other trips (such as medical, shopping, social, etc.) will be charged a fare of \$1 per stop for seniors (60 years and older) within the Lindsay City limits.

Delta Public Transit is in hopes that the "Senior Ride

Free" program can continue in the future.

They appreciate the community's support and patronage in the past. Delta Public Transit realizes the economic slump has affected everyone.

To adopt a senior, make a donation, or buy passes for an individual please contact Susan Coldwater, Delta Public Transit at 405-756-1100 or 866-842-8287.

Delta Public Transit operates under Delta Community Action Fnd., Inc. a non-profit organization.



Alice Williams, left, recently donated several books of Lindsay history to the Lindsay Library. The photo albums contain every record of every baby born in the area. The books belonged to the Lindsay Historical Society and Dr. Pool, left, gave permission for the books to be donated to the Library. Also pictured is Librarian Jan Blaylock.

## Senator Jim Inhofe Earns Farm Bureau Golden Plow Award

The American Farm Bureau Federation has honored U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) with its Golden Plow award, the highest honor the organization bestows on members of Congress.

"I believe that American farmers are the backbone of our nation - a diverse domestic supply of food and fiber is the foundation of our security, our social values and our economy," Sen. Inhofe said. "I am deeply honored to receive the American Farm Bureau Golden Plow award, and will continue to do all I can to fight for the American farmer in Washington."

"Senator Inhofe is a steadfast supporter of agriculture," said Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Mike Spradling. "His longtime record as a strong, effective advocate of farmers and ranchers makes him an excellent choice for the Golden Plow award."

Sen. Inhofe, a lifelong Oklahoman from Tulsa, was elected to the United States Senate in 1994. He currently serves on the Armed Services Committee,

the Foreign Relations Committee and as ranking member of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau's nomination of Sen. Inhofe for the award cited numerous examples of his work on critical Farm Bureau issues. He has led the fight in the Senate to stop cap-and-trade legislation, noting Farm Bureau's "Don't CAP Our Future" campaign against climate change legislation during a speech on the Senate floor.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and now the ranking minority member, Sen. Inhofe has held hearings on behalf of Farm Bureau and agriculture on numerous issues, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the Water Resources Development Act, endangered species, climate change, wetlands and the Clean Water Act.

Sen. Inhofe also worked to include a compromise solution in the 2007 Farm Bill,

authorizing USDA to give priority consideration to grant proposals that allow agricultural operators to make use of animal waste, specifically poultry waste, for use as fertilizers, energy production, and other useful byproducts aimed at identifying new ways to create an environmentally friendly use of poultry waste.

"Too many times, our farmers face unnecessary mandates, oppressive federal regulations, and an overreaching government bureaucracy," Sen. Inhofe said. "In addition to fighting against the cap-and-trade legislation that would have a devastating impact on our nation's agricultural community, I am committed to protecting private property; promoting alternative energies, such as cellulosic biomass ethanol, that do not compete with feedstock; maintaining a strong safety net for those that provide us with a safe, reliable, and affordable food supply; and ensuring trade doors remain open

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### Weekend Weather

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The Miracle on 30345 Highway 19th Street

Turn off the highway and let's go down the Wallville Road. Now, I don't mean to be a Scrooge, and hope I don't bust anybody's balloon. But, I gave up believing in Santa Claus long ago. But, I'm still a firm believer in miracles. So it was that beautiful Indian Summer day in November. My son Joe and friend Bill were at our place taking care of some things for the old man. Now, I never was one to have to depend on others to get things done. But, since my knees played out I've been delegated to the sidelines. It's times like this you find out how good people really are. A beautiful Fall day, but with falling leaves, racing squirrels, and days getting dark early, we realized we were running out of time to prepare for Winter. 18 years in this old home place and it was here we became acquainted with a reliable wood stove. We had to learn all the secrets of operating a wood stove and keeping a good fire going and the house and those who inhabited it's four walls comfortable. Each year we started planning for Winter as soon as Spring arrived, in making sure we had plenty of good seasoned firewood. That was years past this year we kept procrastinating until Winter was almost on top of us and to top it off the financial situation looked bleak and the price of firewood kept going up. We knew that without warning that cold north wind could come down the Pike and catch us unprepared. Here we sat without a stick of wood and no means to get any. All we

could hope for was a miracle to bail us out of another tight spot we often found ourselves in down the Wallville Road.

Here's hoping you are having a great Christmas and so thankful for God's heavenly gift to man. This is Legend #889. By God's grace we continue on.

The Wallville Veteran's Committee proudly salutes area Veterans' each week, the strength of America, with praying mom and dads. This week we salute another of our finest sailors, Victor Ray Cacy was a veteran of World War II, served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps where he trained and flew in a Douglas Dive Bomber as an airborne Radar Operator, a member of the greatest operation.

Winner of the roses, Paul and Freda Cunningham, celebrating anniversary #52 this December 28. Our ghost writer for the Wallville Road.

Anniversar #31 is celebrated by our friends John and Tammy Hornbeck this December 29. The wheels of Criner, Country.

The Wallville Church had a good service Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Enjoyed having Brother Paul and Sister Ramona Jett and crew in service with us. Brother Joe Hunt is our Wednesday night youth leader.

Nita Hunt reports December 16, 2009 her great grandpa Oscar Worley (96) passed away December 15. He at one time attended the Wallville Holiness Church. Preaching at times. Our thoughts are with Nita and her family and the Worleys of Cole, OK.

Direct from the pages of Old Al's Almanac, December 24, 1975, a heavy snowfall came to Garvin County and blessed the region with a White Christmas.

Happy holidays and birthdays to Dorothy Branch on the 24, Jennifer Holden also celebrates the 24, Hard Chris Smart has a birthday December 25, Mr. Randy Little parties on the 27, the 28 of December finds Sandy Reel and Randy White sharing birthdays, James Donaho and Mrs. Angie Pelfrey share the 30 and ending the year partying big time is Timothy C.C. Hunt and ol' Hughes grad Bobby High on the 31.

December 18, 2009 the annual Al and Cindy Hunt family get-together was held in the Al Hunt home. On hand was the Matthew Hunt family starring Anna Grace Hunt, the Joe Hunt family starring Sierra and McKenzie Hunt, the Timothy Hunt family starring Kyle Jay Hunt, Charity Hunt, Aaron Hunt, Tiffany, Kristen, and Isiah it was an all night affair. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

On the Christmas trail, Walter and Annie Alcorn are headed to Norman for a holiday celebration with son Bryan. Jessie Alcorn and family of Pryor, OK are headed to a trip to Branson, MO. Mike and Naomi Hines will be staying by the fire and expecting children for Christmas Eve.

Davis and Diane Perry of Easy Street in Lindsay has had visits from Rocky and Traci Turner and children from Skiatook, OK, Carol and Angie Pelfrey and Chole and Junie Perry getting a head start on the holiday.

The congregation of the Wallville Church enjoyed sharing a little holiday cheer with the good folks at the Lindsay Nursing Home singing Christmas carols and reading the Christmas story. Then the church had their annual Christmas get-together with food, fun, and fellowship, Saturday, December 19. Much thanks to the Hughes Bapstit Church for letting us use their fellowship hall it helps keep out the cold for us old folks.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as families get together. Decembr 18 the Steve Mayhan and wife Rebecca Mayhan share the holiday season with their children and families. Brad and Cassarre and Silas, Billy and Stephanie Blankenship and children and Shelly Mayhan pulled an all-nighter.

Hats off to Jason and Kelly Brown of Hughesville for such a

splendid display of holiday household decoration.

Hope you are having a great Christmas, your family is close by or coming. Take care and until next year, this is be kind to "Imogene Bunch" week, a dear friend.

Our sponsors this week, the Salvation Army bell ringers of Purdy, OK, and philanthropist Mark and Gwenna Tomilson, the Bill Gates Foundation of Hughes Community.

Now, the conclusion of the Miracle on 30345 Highway 19 Street.

Well, there I sat on the porch watching cars and the such like passing. On that beautiful Indian Summer day trying to contemplate the coming cold and where and how to purchase firewood. It was then I saw a flatbed white truck coming down the highway. As I watched I thought he's sure going slow. The closer he got the slower he got. Now, I thought he was barely creeping and if he was trying to make my driveway to pull in he'd never make it. Then sure enough 100 feet to 200 feet from our drive he stopped in his tracks. The man and his wife got out and started pushing. My son Joe and Bill saw it and went to help. Joe

started directing traffic as they pushed and came in our drive. It was then I realized it was the old tree trimmer Clifford Dean White himself. We did what we could and took him to get gas to get them going. We were glad to do what we could. As he got it running he pulled up to our carport and said, "A lady gave me this 3 ricks of wood, she didn't need it and it's good and seasoned, if you don't mind I'm going to give it to you, I think that's what the Lord would want me to do." I said "Well, bless your heart" as they began to toss wood. Things like this have happened more than once to people from "Down the Wallville Road."

## MATC Building And Ground Maintenance Class Finish Project For Cleveland County



The students in Building and Grounds Maintenance morning class from Mid-America who participated in the community project for Cleveland Co. District 3 were: (back row, l to r) Rusty Sullivan, Dist. 3 Cleveland Co. Commissioner; Sean Orcutt, Little Axe, Justin Smith, Stratford; Thomas Belfiore, Dibble, Aaron Barnard, Noble; Tanner Bell, Bridge Creek; Jesse Dean, Noble; Derek Weatherford, Lexington; Roy Mallory, Cleveland Co. Dist. 3 employee; and Jeff Herndon, MATC Building & Grounds Maintenance Teacher: (middle row, l to r) Jacob Pyle, Pauls Valley; Houston Wilkes, Blanchard; Johnathan Julch, Bridge Creek; Jeremy Buchanan, Noble, B.J. Clark, Pauls Valley; and Derrick Holland, Pauls Valley; (seated) Lucas Coddington, Wayne.



The students in the afternoon MATC Building and Grounds Maintenance class who participated in right-of-way clean-up were: (back row, l to r) Rusty Sullivan, Dist. 3 Cleveland Co. Commissioner; Tanner Bell, Bridge Creek; Jermaine Williams, Wynnewood; Tyler Snively, Noble, Ed White, Lindsay; Cody Mize, Maysville, Chad Trawick, Noble; and Roy Mallory, Cleveland Co. Dist. 3 employee; (front row, l to r) Justin Sargent, Noble; Zach Ewing, Wynnewood; and Trey Pierce, Elmore City.

The students in the Building and Grounds Maintenance class at Mid-America Technology Center recently completed a nearly seven week project for Cleveland County District 3. These 28 young men worked diligently to remove excessive trees and brush from the right-of-way, at Bryant and 180th, so a 33-foot wide house could be moved to a new location on acreage in the area.

In order to complete this task, the students had to use chain saws, pole saws, axes, pruners, shears, chippers and lots of intense physical labor. This project not only taught the students the practical use of these

tools, but also instilled in them the value of volunteering to do work in their communities.

Upon completion of the project, Jeff Herndon, MATC Building and Grounds teacher, arranged a "meet and greet" with his students and Rusty Sullivan, Cleveland Co. District 3 Commissioner.

"The work you've done is greatly appreciated and is something the county does not have the manpower to accomplish," Commissioner Sullivan said. "One of the most important things you guys can learn is how to meet people and present yourselves,

and you've done an outstanding job in both areas."

Herndon stated, "It is a very important part of training at Mid-America to teach our students workplace operations, teamwork, and how to get and hold a job. 'Meeting and greeting' is part of our classroom curriculum so this was the final wrap-up phase of the project."

Mr. John Herfuth, a District 3 employee, went on to say, "I want to be sure everyone understands the great service they have done for this community and that any employer would be happy to have these boys work for them."

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# Matchbook Memories

by Dr. Jerry G. Nye

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

*Note: This is a reprint of the December 20, 2001 Matchbook Memories column. It is the first Christmas article I wrote for Matchbook Memories. It captures my feelings about those childhood Christmases.*

Christmas changes with the years. Once our house was filled with the sounds of our children's voices as the Christmas season approached. Now the house is silent. The lighted tree, the room decorations, and the presents under the tree seem to be waiting for children to arrive. The garlands, bows, and lights outside the house await the arrival of grandchildren.

Christmas music plays softly in the empty house. Nine stockings hang on the fireplace mantle, one for each member

of our family. As I sit in my library in the late night hours, looking at the Christmas lights and decorations, I am overcome with nostalgic thoughts of other Christmases long ago.

My earliest memories of Christmas go back to the late 1930s when we lived on a small farm a mile south of Bradley. In those Depression Era years, Christmas was limited to a special dinner, a few simple gifts, and the school Christmas program where sacks of treats were distributed to all who attended.

I recall my first grade Christmas program in the old Bradley School which stood at the top of the Bradley hill. I recited a short reading and led the rhythm band in playing "Jingle Bells." Santa arrived precisely

on time and handed out sacks of treats. Each sack contained an apple, an orange, assorted nuts, and candy such as hard Christmas candy, orange slices, and cream-filled chocolate drops, my favorite treat of all.

I remember several presents very clearly, even more than sixty years later. I remember one cap pistol set with a silver pistol with white handles, brown belt with red wooden cartridges all around it, and a holster decorated with red glass jewels. A box of several rolls of caps for the pistol was in my sock.

I could hardly wait for school to begin after Christmas so I could show my pistol to my friends. I still have my first grade school picture where I am holding that toy pistol in front of my chest. I remember a set of iron toy soldiers, their uniforms brightly painted. Once I got a pair of cowboy boots with red stars on the tops. I can still see those presents in my mind.

In December of 1941, we moved to the Victoria farm north of Bradley. I have vivid memories of those Christmas seasons during World War II. My mother always cooked delicious Christmas dinners. She cooked for two days to prepare for Christmas dinner. The table would be filled with ham, chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, pickles, and homemade bread. The cook table would be covered with pumpkin, mince meat, and apple pies. Food does not taste as good now as it did in those far away times.

On a book shelf behind my desk in my study sit two Christmas presents that I gave my mother during World War II. A small brown owl with a thermometer in the middle sits overlooking my study. The plastic cover is gone from the thermometer, but the thermometer registers 74 degrees as I write these words.

On a shelf just behind my desk sits a small, brightly colored statue of an Irish hobo standing beside a rock well. On the bottom of the statue is the price of 24 cents beside a sticker with the words "made in Japan," an ironic

statement in 1942 when I bought the statue at Barefoot's Variety in Lindsay. Inside the well is the snuff box that was in my father's overalls pocket the day he died on July 20, 1956. The snuff still has the powerful smell it had nearly a half century ago. I remember several Christmas presents I got during those years. I remember several toy guns and trucks, games and puzzles, and a cast iron P-40 airplane, my favorite of all. I especially remember one book that my mother gave me. It was entitled Nobody's Buddy. It was a sad story about a dog that had no home until he was found on the street by a small boy. The boy named him Buddy, and they became best friends.

I remember sitting on the floor near the kerosene lamp and reading the story with Collie lying with his head in my lap. I would stop reading frequently to pat Collie's head and think how lucky I was to have my own special dog.

Just this week, I had the most wonderful experience that took me back to Christmas in 1941. In my article on December 6, I wrote about the sixtieth anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

I mentioned that my fourth grade teacher that year was Miss Miller. I told about Miss Miller starting the day on Monday, December 8, with a prayer for our country and the Pledge of Allegiance. A few days after the article was printed in The Lindsay News, I had an e-mail from Jonetta Hinkle saying that Miss Miller is her aunt and that she visits with her frequently in Oklahoma City.

I was so thrilled to hear about Miss Miller sixty years after she was my teacher at Bradley. I immediately sent an e-mail to John Mann, who answered at once. John was as excited as I was to hear that Miss Miller lived in Oklahoma City. John sent me several of his memories of her.

Then I called Bill Branch and talked for nearly an hour about Miss Miller, who was a beginning teacher that year. She was thin, pretty, well-dressed, and so kind and friendly. I have asked Jonetta

to send us more information about our wonderful fourth grade teacher.

I have wonderfully sad Christmas memories of Miss Miller. I remember every detail of this small drama even though it happened 60 years ago. We were preparing our Christmas program. I had one of the main parts. About two weeks before the program was to be held, my mother told me to tell Miss Miller that I could not be in the program because we had no transportation to the night program.

I waited until the end of the day to tell her. I have never had a harder thing to do. As I walked up to her desk, she could see that I was upset. She got up from her chair, knelt beside me on the floor, and asked me what was wrong.

When I tried to tell her, I started to cry. She hugged me until I could finally say the words. After I finished, she hugged me again and said, "You are just a little man!" I have always remembered the kindness of that pretty young teacher who did her best to help a disappointed little boy through a hard time in his life. I want Miss Miller to know that she is one of my fondest Christmas memories.

As Christmas approaches, I look forward to celebrating the season with our two sons, their wives, and our three grandchildren. Our son, Vance, is 33. He and his wife, Lena, and their children Christopher, 11, and LaurieBeth, 8, will join us around the Christmas table.

Our son, Chad, 31, his wife, Erica, and their son, Walker, 3, will complete the family circle. We will enjoy the food, the gifts, and the time together. The Christmas season will add to my Christmas memories. From my childhood Christmases of long ago to this year's Christmas, I will cherish my memories of this special season.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS to all my readers of MATCHBOOK MEMORIES.*

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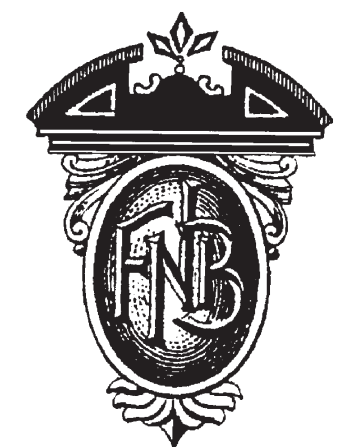
AFBF presents Golden Plow awards to one House member and one Senate member each year. Farm Bureau awards the Golden Plow to a member of Congress, regardless of party affiliation, whose philosophy or record demonstrates his or her commitment to the private enterprise system; sound agricultural policies supported by Farm Bureau;

fiscal conservatism; and reduced federal regulations on businesses and individuals.

Sen. Inhofe is one of only three Oklahoma lawmakers to receive the prestigious award, following Sen. David Boren, who won the award in 1990, and Sen. Don Nickles, who received the award in 1992. In addition to the Golden Plow award, Sen. Inhofe has been given American Farm Bureau's "Friend of the Farm Bureau" Award in every Congress since he took office and was named Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award recipient in 2005.

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**Doc Hayes Lively**

Matt and Brandi Lively are proud to announce the birth of their son, Doc Hayes Lively, November 4, 2009. He was born at 1:19 p.m. at Grady Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Dale and Kim Waite of Lindsay and Aunties Christina Waite and Tamitha Staggs.



The citizens of Lindsay came out in full force to provide a great Christmas for those in need this year. Thanks goes out to all the donors and volunteers who helped make Christmas a reality for those less fortunate.

*We want to say a big thank you to the Lindsay Manor Nursing Home Staff who provided a wonderful evening of food, gifts, and entertainment to all of the residents December 17. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas! May your lives be filled with the blessings that this season brings!*

*Love,  
All of the residents  
Lindsay Manor Nursing Home*

# Society

## Yes, Virginia There Is A Santa Claus

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

By Francis P. Church, first published in The New York Sun in 1897. [See The People's Almanac, pp. 1358-9.]

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor—  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon  
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no

childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



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**Tiffany Ryan and Todd Lindsay**

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Tiffany is the daughter of John

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Tiffany is employed as a tax analyst with American Fidelity in Oklahoma City and Todd is a criminalist with the OSBI in Edmond.



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In the District Court of Garvin County State of Oklahoma.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Joan Ruth Martin, deceased.  
No. PB-09-40

Notice of Hearing Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account Determining Heirs-At-Law, and Approving Distribution and Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that William E. Martin, Personal Representative of the Estate of Joan Ruth Martin, Deceased, having filed in this Court his Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determining Heirs-At Law, and Approving Distribution and Discharge, the hearing of same, which will include a hearing upon various matters requested therein to be taken into consideration by the Court has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 14 day of January, 2010 at 9 o'clock a.m., in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse of Garvin County, Pauls Valley, OK, and all persons interested in said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said Estate should not be distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

John A. Blake  
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