

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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PA-RUM-PUM-PUM-PUM: Christy Wood follows Joe the Drummer in his percussion-laden trailer while Dude steps in time to the music.

Wood 'N' Horse train for Rose Parade

by SARAH ELLIOTT

121ST ROSE PARADE

Friday, Jan 1, 8 am
NBC or ABC

Watch for entry no. 33,
which will include
Christy Wood of Three Rivers

It was a crisp, clear Three Rivers day. Fairly typical until Joe "The Drummer" Parisi fired up the tunes.

The horse reared and attempted to bolt, but there was a skilled rider on his back. Things were quickly brought back under control.

This was the scene on North Kaweah River Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 16, as Christy Wood worked in tandem with Joe to desensitize her award-winning appaloosa "Blue Suede Dude" to sounds that may be encoun-

tered during a parade. Such lessons can prove to be a challenge in a peaceful country village like Three Rivers.

But Joe the Drummer with his trailer of acoustics is a one-man traveling band that solved Christy's pressing training dilemma. For an hour on two consecutive

—see **PARADE**, page 10

Merry Christmas provided for all 3R kids

by JOHN ELLIOTT

Christmas is all about some special kids... and their parents too! Two local events highlighted an important reason for the sea-

son — giving.

Christmas bikes— On Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at Lions Arena, parents began showing up to pick up 38 brand new bicycles

to be distributed to disadvantaged Three Rivers children on Christmas morning.

The holiday bicycle give-
—see **KIDS**, page 5



A REASON FOR THE SEASON: Children received a visit from Santa (above) during the Three Rivers Bread Basket's Christmas meal giveaway. Bikes are gathered at Lions Arena (left) for gift-giving.

• KAWEAH COUNTRY OUTLOOK: three rivers • lemon cove • woodlake •

Saturday, December 26	Sunday, December 27	Monday, December 28	Tuesday, December 29	Wednesday, December 30	NEW YEAR'S EVE, December 31	NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1
Cloudy Hi 54 • Lo 38	Chance of showers Hi 54 • Lo 37	Clouds and sun Hi 54 • Lo 36	Mostly sunny Hi 53 • Lo 34	Cloudy Hi 54 • Lo 36	Partly cloudy Hi 54 • Lo 37	Partly cloudy Hi 55 • Lo 34

YULETIDE WEATHER

Christmas pasts have always been a good indicator as to the season's weather. Totals approaching eight inches of rainfall or more have generally indicated an above normal season — the 30-year norm for the entire season is 20 inches. Three Rivers to date: 7.12 inches. The seven-day forecast calls for daytime highs around 60 degrees with lows in the mid-30s. The cold, clear, starry nights will allow most of that daytime thermal heating to escape, keeping temperatures slightly below normal.