

TALK OF THE TOWN

Menaul School, Bugg Display Light It Up

MENAU SCHOOL would like to celebrate with its Albuquerque neighbors a successful renewal of an Albuquerque Christmas season tradition — The Bugg Lights Christmas Display. Menaul School was privileged to share this joyous, homegrown holiday tradition, established in the front yard of Norman and Joyce Bugg.



GOOD JOB

For 30 years, beginning in 1970, the Bugg Family delighted Albuquerque with inventive displays on the front yard of their home. In 2000, Jim Long and Traditions carried on annual holiday event until Menaul was granted the privilege to display the lights this Christmas season.

Our goal was to revive and expand this wonderful Albuquerque tradition. In addition we hoped to introduce Albuquerque to the 112-year-old tradition of Menaul School — a school whose heart shines in Albuquerque because of our commitment to the development of the whole student — mind, body and soul in an inclusive Christian community. ...

The data tells us that the event was an awesome success: 10,000 cars, 14,000 brochures handed out, 25,000 visitors, 5,000 volunteer hours worked, 13 musical groups performed, 16 teams competed in the first annual Bugg Light Basketball Tournament, 10,000 Santa visits thanks to Noonday Ministries, thousands of dollars raised to pay for the electricity, some new lights and the school spring mission week, 13,000 Bugg Light live Webcam visits, thousands of cups of hot cocoa, green chile stew and posole served by parent volunteers.

Assuredly a million "Merry Christmases" and warm Menaul smiles have been shared. ... Thank you Albuquerque for joining us in this wonderful tradition. ...

LINDSEY R. GILBERT JR.

President and Head of Menaul School, Albuquerque.