

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from...
The Wheeler Times
 Staff and their families,
 Louis and Barbara Stas
 and Mother Stas,
 The Kenneth Nelson Family,
 & Benny Sword

FUND ESTABLISHED FOR JOE MERAZ

A fund has been established at Wheeler Banking Center for Joe Meraz, son of the late Nati Meraz.



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

FOURTH & FINAL 'CASH' DRAWING SAT.

\$400 Wheeler 'Cash' To Be Shared by Eight Lucky Wheeler Shoppers; \$1500 To Be Given Away In December

The fourth of the four Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' drawings will be held Wednesday, December 24, 1997; \$400 will be given away. During the month of December, a total of \$1500.00 will be divided into 58 envelopes for the individuals who shopped in Wheeler. \$300 was given away Saturday, Dec. 6, and \$400 was given both Saturdays, December 13 and 20. The time of the drawing for Wednesday will be 2:30 and the amounts to be handed out will be \$400. The division of the money will be 4-\$25; 2-\$50 and 2-\$100.

The annual Christmas Drawing is again being offered by the progressive merchants of Wheeler. Certificates will be given away during December totaling \$1500. The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers, for the support you have given them during the year and are giving you a

chance to share the profits. Merchants began giving tickets on Friday, November 28. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each dollar spent, you will receive an additional ticket—up to 500 tickets per purchase.

Four drawings will be held. The first three drawings will be held on Saturdays, December 6, 13 and 20; the fourth and final drawing will be Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24. The drawings will begin at 2:30 p.m. again this year. Some 58 lucky Wheeler shoppers will have Wheeler cash to spend again this year. The drawings will be in the amounts of \$300 on the first Saturday, \$400 on the second and third Saturday and \$400 on Christmas Eve.

The \$400 'Cash' will be divided between ten lucky Wheeler shoppers. First to be drawn the ten envelopes containing \$10 'cash'. Four \$25 envelopes will then be handed and the last two individuals will receive \$50 when their names are drawn. The final drawing will be for an envelope containing \$100 in Wheeler 'Cash'.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments. (Continued Page 10)

Jose Natividad Meraz Services Held Thursday

Jose Natividad Meraz, 48, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997. Services were held Thursday in the Country Chapel with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Durango, Mexico. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Meraz was born in San Luis, Mexico. He moved to Wheeler in 1981 and had been employed by Heritage Beef Cattle Co. since that time. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He married Maria Rosario Valenzuela in 1971 at San Pedro, Mexico. She died in 1993. He married Cecilia Moreno in November at El Paso.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Genaro Meraz, Ciriaco Meraz and Ramon Meraz, all of Amarillo, Saul Meraz of the Army in Virginia and Joe Meraz of the home; two daughters Maria Copado and Margarita Apodaco, both of Pampa; his parents, Ciriaco and Antonia Meraz of San Luis; five brothers, Manuel Meraz, Pedro Meraz, Severiano Meraz and Gilberto Meraz, all of San Luis, and Lillo Meraz of El Paso, Mexico; three sisters Chuya Silva of California, Tacha Solis of Hermancez, Mexico, and Belen Meraz of San Luis; and three grandchildren.

Bennie Brown, 61, Is Buried At Dozier Mon.

Bennie Melvin Brown, 61, died Friday, Dec. 19, 1997. Graveside services were held at 2 P.M. Monday in Dozier Cemetery with the Rev. Truman Ledbetter of Clarendon officiating. Burial was under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Brown was born Sept. 17, 1936, at Wellington, to Edwin Ora Brown. He graduated from high school at Samnorwood and had lived in Dozier most of his life. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of Dozier Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Edwinna Johnson of Wheeler; and two half-brothers, Gary Hardcastle and Danny Hardcastle, both of Wheeler.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Wheeler Mustangs advanced to the State Final Playoff Game.

WHEREAS, It was through hard work and determination they obtained this goal.

THEREFORE, The mayor and City Council of the City of Wheeler, Texas proclaim the week of December 21-27, 1997, as "WHEELER MUSTANG WEEK".

PROCLAIMED THIS 15th day of December, 1997

Wanda Herd

Wanda Herd
 Mayor, City of Wheeler

Scott Porter Announces As Candidate For County Tax Assessor-Collector

Scott Porter would like to announce that he has filed for Wheeler County Tax Assessor Collector. This long time resident of Shamrock has worked at Puckett's for 17 years. He married Lena Joyce King and they have one daughter, Amanda, who is 15.

Mr. Porter is a graduate of Shamrock High School. He has been serving the people of Shamrock for 17 years and now would like the opportunity to serve the people of the county as Tax Assessor Collector. (Pol. adv. pd. for by Scott Porter, 607 N. Houston, Shamrock, TX 79079.)

County Ambulance Serv. Will Offer E.M.T. Classes

The Wheeler County Ambulance Service of Shamrock and Wheeler will have an emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Class starting sometime in January, 1998. The class will be held in the Shamrock Community Center (Old National Guard Armory).

Classes are usually held 2 nights per week on Tuesday and Thursday, from 6 to 10 P.M.

Anyone wishing to become a volunteer for the Shamrock or Wheeler service is asked to contact Mary K. Christner in Wheeler at 806-826-3109 or George Hooten at the Shamrock Ambulance Barn or phone 806-256-2136.

Applicants must have a Texas Driver's License and be over the age of 18.

Qualified applicants may have books and tuition paid for by the service.



Scott Porter

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

Winifred Buckingham
 Estelle Orr
 Irene Zybach

New Admissions

12-15 Lina Jackson
 Margrie Bonnell
 12-16 Henry Borst
 12-21 Melinda Parker
 Frank Coates
 Peggy Chandler
 12-22 James Moffett

Dismissals

12-15 Glenn Markham
 12-18 Irma Wiebe
 12-21 Lina Jackson



IT IS PRETTY: If you don't see all the broken trees and shrubs, the ice coating is pretty. The yucca above is heavily coated with ice. The temperature remained cold enough to keep everything coated through Monday, but the roads and streets were not hazardous at any time. Rain came into the area during the night Monday with a winter storm warning for the area. It is supposed to be winter for the next several days.



SANTA DEAR: A personal visit with Santa is much better than a letter. Jennifer Scales, 7, stopped in Monday evening to deliver her Christmas list personally to Santa. Santa's visit is sponsored by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce as part of the Christmas Open House. Jennifer is the daughter of William and Janice Scales. Pictures of the youngsters with Santa were available with 175 being taken.

Tommy Puryear Seeks Re-Election For County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Tom G. (Tommy) Puryear has announced that he is seeking re-election as commissioner of Wheeler County Precinct 2. Puryear has served during the past three years as Wheeler County Commissioner and has enjoyed working with the people of precinct 2 and with all the Wheeler County People. Puryear states that he feels he has been responsive to the wishes and needs of the people of his precinct. He has enjoyed working with the Volunteer Fire Departments of North Wheeler County. "I would appreciate your continued support and vote in the upcoming Democratic Primary and Elections.

(Political advertisement paid for by Tom G. Puryear, Treasurer, Box 299, Wheeler, TX 79096)



Tommy Puryear

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Christmas is upon us. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all.

—cwe—

We appreciate the cooperation in getting the Times to press early.

—cwe—

A reminder, the New Year will fall on Thursday and it will be necessary for us to have the paper at the printers early. This means all news and advertisements are to be in the office by Monday noon for next week.

—cwe—

Patricia is still putting in her time at the office. And, she will be the first to tell you she is enjoying it. Not that she is going to give up retirement. Good to have you back, even if it is only for a short time.

—cwe—

I traveled to Huntsville to pick up Barbara for the holidays. I left with the threat of ice on Friday and Saturday. Notice I said 'I'; the chauffeur had to work.

—cwe—

While in one of the stores at the Woodlands, near Houston, Barbara crossed paths with Pam Garrison Vogt and husband. I was keeping Dorcie occupied at the time.

—cwe—

We decided to stay in Texas on the return trip and returned home to find Wheeler coated with ice. The heavy coating caused quite a bit of damage, and produced 0.89 inches of moisture.

—cwe—

Our pictures with Santa Claus were taken at the Chamber of Commerce Open House held the first of December.

—cwe—

Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots

The first annual Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots drive is underway in Wheeler. Sponsors are the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department, Wheeler Banking Center, First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler and United Methodist Church.

New or good serviceable used toys are needed. Items are being collected for youths from 0-15 years of age. If you wrap a gift, please include sex and age on the gift tag on each gift.

These gifts may be the only Christmas some children may receive. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Please leave the Toys or Donations at any of the above named locations.

If someone is aware of needy families. Please contact Wheeler Sheriff's Department with families names, ages and sex.

Your help and contributions are appreciated.

Todd Meek has been teaching at San Jacinto Christian School at Amarillo and teaching Sunday School and Bible Study for a Singles group at Trinity Fellowship.

Dalton Wayne Childress, infant son of Colby and Stephanie Childress, has been in an Amarillo Hospital with viral bronchitis. He is better and may come home soon. Remember him in

your prayers. Thursday Pat Childress and Amanda and Wanda Childress went to Clinton, Oklahoma on business. Saturday Wanda and Fat Childress met Brandi and Blue Coomer at the Texas Rose Steakhouse in Pampa for supper. Also visited with Fat's cousin, Frank Johnson, there.

Jeremy Childress was getting married in Wyoming Saturday to Tonya, but don't know her last name. Best Wishes.

Enjoying supper together at Maxey's Saturday night after helping with the Care Center party were David and Rita Pearson, Melvin and Cathy Hunt, Shelly Hunt, Gena Seitz.

Dallas Fillingim got plane tickets and game tickets to see a Dallas Cowboys game this Sunday. That was his birthday present from his family. It was still fun even if they weren't still in the play-offs and lost their game. The plane was supposed to leave Amarillo at 6:00, but couldn't leave till after 11:00 so they were a little late to the game. Kristy and Kathy went with him. But he did get to see some of the players up close and get pictures. Dallas has always been a fan of the Cowboys since he was little.

Verneal and Juanita Prater went to Childress Wednesday and met daughter Wanda Prater from Stanford. She lives in a State School and came with a group to Childress. They will take her back to Childress Saturday and met the group at the Dairy Queen. Merry Christmas, Wanda!

Krista Hefley from Lubbock came Saturday to visit David and Phyllis Hefley till after Christmas. Don and Patsy Stinnett spent Saturday night with the Hefleys on their way back to Colorado to have Christmas with their family. Darren and Chalene Hefley from Tulsa are supposed to come for Christmas too.

Lacey and Stephen Horton and Blake and Shayla from Tulsa were weekend visitors to Bill and Kyla Walker. Dusty Walker from Canyon and Misty from Arlington will be home for Christmas.

Pray for Blaine Richardson, son of Kara and Billy Richardson. He has an upper respiratory infection and is



in the hospital. Congratulations to LeAndra and Monty Whittingburg on the birth of their new baby boy Thursday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Arlington, Texas. Proud grandparents include Don and Billie Stuckey of Boerne. Proud great-grandma is Lou Dean Douthit.

Lou Dean visited Bob and Debbie Kinnaman and Kirbie and Corey Sunday afternoon. Also there were Joe Bob Kinnaman and Dalton, Alyssa and Destry.

Lou Dean went to Wheeler Care Center Saturday night to their Family Christmas Party to be there for Zinnia Bailey, 98. Her family was unable to come. Zinnia's daughter Charleen was married to Lou Dean's brother, Paul Luttrell, now deceased. Everyone brought delicious food. Rita Pearson was there with her mother, Nellie Lackey and played the piano while others sang. Some helping with the singing were Cathy Hunt, Kay Luttrell, Jane Dukes, Gena Seitz, Dena Brown, Irene Owens, Carlie Owens and Jandie Taylor. Several of them helped with the sorority bake sale to give Christmas baskets to the needy.

"A good thing to remember, a better thing to do: Work with the construction gang, not with the wrecking crew." "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." from Alberta Helton's news.

Ray and Pat Hudson went to Perryton Sunday afternoon to Ray's company party—the Weatherford Enterra Company. There was a nice catered meal and gifts. No bad roads till they got about 5 miles out of Perryton.

Thursday Ray and Pat Hudson took Lois Hudson to Amarillo to visit Sharon Grandstaff a few days till Tuesday. Ray and Pat shopped. Others expected for Christmas are Cheryl Fraley and Steven John and Cindy Sweet and Jesse Ray, Logan and Nathan. Ray also got some work done on his pick-up. Sharon will bring Lois back for Christmas at Ray's.

Rosalie Keelin enjoys having grandson Daniel Keelin drop by frequently. She also visited Ruth Taylor and Larry and Janie Taylor, who were with her.

We are enjoying so many Christmas cards and letters from near and far. I'm sorry to be so slow. We haven't forgotten you. Merry Christmas everyone!

Glad to have Lou Dean Douthit back home in Briscoe. She had been gone to visit Peggy and Don North at Baytown since November 22. We missed her. Keep praying for Peggy. She has started chemo and is doing pretty well except for being tired. Think she had four partially blocked arteries with angioplast (balloon) on three and stent on one. A lot to have at once and she is a diabetic too.

Wednesday night was pastor's party at Gageby church. Aaron and Claudetta prepared delicious supper. Gifts were chocolate oranges (yummy). Everyone brought a white elephant gift for a fun gift exchange. We shared memories of earlier Christmas and sang Christmas Carols. Some others there were James and Alesha Moffett, Kevin and Jona Meek and Shantell and Tommy, Willa Fillingim, Pat Hudson, J. P. and Martha Meek, Lois Meadows, Evelyn Meek, and Verna Fillingim. Thank you! Nice Party.

We enjoyed going to Sweetwater Tuesday night with Homer Sanders and Edna May to watch Allison High School girls and boys play the Erick-Sweetwater teams. Allison girls won 44-31. Allison boys lost.

My sister, Polly Hefley, and I had a nice sisters-day-out Tuesday with lunch at Hasty's at Shamrock, shopping a Dollar General at Thriftway at Wheeler and lots of visiting. Nice to see Linda Gilmer at Hasty's.

Nice to visit with Jo Redding at Thriftway Thursday. She and daughter Susan Redding hope to go to Umberger for Christmas with a granddaughter and family if weather isn't too bad. Also visited with Eupha Mae Sorenson at Thriftway. She is better since her recent fall.

Rosalie Keelin went to Mobeetie Friday night to the Gospel Jubilee with Shorty and Helen Crawford and

Nadine Lane. Good crowd and of pretty music. Jill Lee, Ma Grimes and Jack and Carolyn S were also there making music.

You might like to try Bertha He delicious Cheese and Potato Casserole.

-2lbs. hash browns, thawed cup melted butter, divided -2 tablespoons chopped onion -2 cups shredded cheddar cheese -1 can cream chicken soup -1/2 teaspoon salt, tsp pepper -1 cup sour cream -2 crushed cornflakes—Mix all ingredients together except cornflakes: 1/4 c. butter. Pour in buttered dish: top with cornflakes and butter combined. Cook at 300 degrees for minutes to one hour.

Winnie Gilmer in recuperating home from surgery. Some who have visited her are Fay Smith, Patricia Hand and Monty, Lois Hudson, Margie Meadows, Evelyn Meek, Lois Meadows, Martha Meek, Tame

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MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, Dec. 29- FRIDAY, Jan. 1998

MONDAY: Basil Chicken, Buttered Garlic Potatoes, Seasoned Spinach Dinner Roll, Margarine, Banana Pudding

TUESDAY: Chicken Strips, Macaroni and Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Bread, Margarine, Bread Pudding with Lemon Sauce

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger Steak Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Fried Zucchini, Corn Bread, Margarine, Plum Pudding

THURSDAY: Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Parsley Garnish, Pineapple Tidbits with Cherry Garnish

FRIDAY: Savory Beef with Roasted Vegetables, Oven-Browned Potatoes, Bread, Margarine, Cheese Cake



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. It seems that there is a campaign again to remove all religious symbols from the Christmas displays. Since the only reason there is a Christmas is to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, it seems that is out of place.

Of course, we all love Santa Clause but he is the fun part. A number of you youngsters had letters to Santa in the Cheyenne Star. From the kindergarten were Priscilla Flowers, MaeLynn Harris, Michael Reed, Mathew Cox, Ashley Yarbrough, Scott Harris, Patricia Fingers, and Jessica Carr.

First Graders were Dusty Jolly, Dalton Perry, Gary Franklin, Thomas Flowers, Luke Davidson, Kayla Thomas. Second graders were Olivia Locke, Kerri Jones and Valeria Lomas. Third graders were Sarah Maples, Jake Davidson, and Kara Cox.

Fourth graders were Ricky Yarbrough, Tyson Perry, Ben, Rodney Flowers, Jerome Franklin, Andrea Nicole, MaLia Greer, Michael Richardson, Kyla Cox, and Nathan Jones. We hope Santa finds everyone of them.

Wilbur and Theresa Nabors, Judy and Gerald Tipton visited J. E. and Clara Lou McGuire Tuesday.

I had a call from Marlene Dykes, Georgia, inquiring about the Sanders Cemetery. Seems in some of her research, she had an obituary that said Hopper buried in Sanders Cemetery, 1929, in Roger Mills Co. I told her to call Minnie Hillman.

Little Bailey Bruner, daughter of the Bob Bruners, Elk, was named 1997 PeeWee Miss America in the local contest. She will represent Elk City in the state contest. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruner, Erick.

I met a nice young man at Pucketts. He was Andy Davis.

The Sweetwater Baptist Church, Buffalo Baptist Church, and Assembly of God Church, dismissed their Sunday morning services and met at the Multi Purpose room at school to hear the Thomas Singing Family and Maysville.

The Sweetwater Church had their Christmas Program by the children that night followed by the supper.

Ross and Jenny Coffey, Wheeler, and Lucille Hines, and T. W. Elkins of Amarillo visited Buster and Gertie Coffey last week.

See that Treva Gilliland had a new T. V. and other items stolen from her country home.

We went to Cheyenne Tuesday and invested in a car tag and sticker. Joe got his curls cut. We visited with Lois Harmon, Frank Tidwell, Johnny Cannon, and Joe Whitson. We thank them for their kindness. Also Mike Sites for being so nice.

The scientists say in 50 years, this part of the country will be grass and buffalo. I doubt the buffalo part bit it may be grass and deer. Keathley Corners checked out 109 deer during the hunting season.

It is sad to drive along and not see a house for miles. And one out of three will be empty and falling apart.

Extension Update
By Joan Gray, CEA-HE

TOY SAFETY TIPS

Toys injure more than 150-thousand children every year. But the more startling statistic is that about two dozen kids actually die from toy-related injuries. Extension family consumer science specialist Dr. Linda Ladd says avoiding toys with small parts is critical for young children. She warns parents to adhere to the labels that list the appropriate age. Ladd says a toy that's too advanced for a child can be frustrating and many children will destroy the toy. So consider the child's stage of development. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends you look for sturdy construction with no sharp edges or points. Do not give a child under the age of eight any electric toy with a heating element. And discard plastic wrappings immediately. It also pays to pay attention to recalls. Last year, the government recalled more than 100 toys and other children's products.

There used to be a house on nearly every quarter. We are running out of folks.

Our Erick, Sweetwater teams did well in the Burns Flat tournament but lost in the finals.

Elbert and Eva Atkinson attended the tournament at Elk City where Brad played on the Cheyenne team.

Sean and Tiffany Macklin, Wichita Falls are parents of a little girl Tyanne Nicole. Grandparents are Clifford and Kay Macklin of Erick, and Bill and

Georgia Baxter of Lindey. Great grandmothers are Louise Macklin, Sayre, Myrtle Hagerman, Weatherford, and Marie Leese, Lindsey.

One of my favorite memories of Santa happened some 50 years ago. The kids were really looking forward to seeing him. The hogs got out and Joe had to go hunt them. He'd barely got gone when there was a knock on the door. There stood Santa, red suit, long white beard and sack of toys.

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Saturday, December 27, 1997
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JANUARY 1998

This Calendar runs the last Thursday of Each Month and is available for Organizations & School Activities. Call: 806/826-3123 for listings.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HYLAND'S PHARMACY 109 East Texas — Wheeler Phone: 826-3361 DOUBLE COUPONS EVERYDAY Limit: 75c-\$1.00 \$1.00 Coupons: \$1.00	Wheeler Banking Center 405 Alan Bean Wheeler, TX Phone: 826-5566 Wellington State Bank Wellington, Texas Member: F.D.I.C.	CROSS CAR CENTER • 24 Hour Wrecker Serv. • Auto Body Repair Phone: 806/826-5515 Intersection Hwy. 152 & 83 Wheeler,	FIRST STATE BANK OF MOBEETIE Mobeetie & Wheeler Member: F.D.I.C.	1	2	3
4 First Baptist Church of Wheeler Wheeler Care Cr. 3:00 P.M.	5 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Wheeler S. Citiz. 6:00 P.M. Mobeetie City Coun. 7:00 P.M. ARC of Texas 6:00 P.M. Meth. Fellowship Hall	6 Wheeler Lions Club Sparlins 6:00 A.M. Driver's License Trooper Wheeler Courthouse 9:00-4:00	7 Wheeler Senior Citizens Quilting 1-5 P.M.	8 Wheeler Senior Citizens Quilting 1-5 P.M. Allison I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M.	9	10
11 First Baptist Church of Allison Wheeler Care Cr. 3:00 P.M.	12 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Comm. Court 10:00 A.M. Fl. Elliott I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M. Kelton I.S.D. Bd. 7:30 P.M.	13 Mobeetie Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club Sparlins 6:00 A.M. American Legion 7:30 P.M. Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. Birthday Party 2:30 P.M. Wheeler Care Cr. First Baptist Church of Wheeler	14 Wheeler Senior Citizens Quilting 1-5 P.M.	15 Wheeler Senior Citizens Quilting 1-5 P.M. Wheeler Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M.	16	17
18 First Baptist Church of Mobeetie Wheeler Care Cr. 3:00 P.M.	19 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. City Council City Hall 9:00 A.M.	20 Wheeler Lions Club Sparlins 6:00 A.M. Driver's License Trooper Wheeler Courthouse 9:00-4:00	21 Wheeler Senior Citizens Quilting 1-5 P.M.	22 Wheeler Senior Citizens Quilting 1-5 P.M.	23	24
25	26 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Comm. Court 10:00 A.M.	27 Wheeler Lions Club Sparlins 6:00 A.M.	28 Wheeler Senior Citizens Quilting 1-5 P.M. Steve Austin Concert Wheeler Care Cr. 10:30 A.M.	29	30	31



The kids were jubilant. When Joe got back from getting the hogs in, they told him all about it. Seven year old Tony concluded with, "And, Daddy, he had some paint on his shoe just like you have."

Harold and Mary Bollen, Erick, were out to visit. Among the gifts was a beautiful poinsettia.

Talked to grandchildren Ken and Ginger DeMarquis in Albuquerque. They were celebrating their 9th anniversary and on their way to a recital where he would direct the band.

Iona Miller is on the puny. Had something happen to her knee. Clifford Jones had cataract surgery

Don't miss the Christmas decorations at Leo and Barbara Swopes just east of the 30 and 47 junction.

Brenda Quinn took the 7th and 8th grades to the Hensley Nursing Home where they sang carols and Brenda gave the reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Imogene Pickering has been our spreading Christmas Cheer. Brought us a big plate of goodies.

Birthday folks are Jay Davis, Tammy Fuchs, Junior Perry, Larry Anderson, Michael Smith, Floyd Pickering, Johnny Davis, Louise Perry, Clifford Jones, Buena Davis, Janice Sanders, and Irene Burckhalter. Anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Ken DeMarquis, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood York, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sutton. Happiness to All.

Theme Park Securities Filing Becomes Effective

Westwood Enterprises, Inc., which owns and operates Thunder Junction Western Heritage Park at Clarendon, Texas announced that their securities offering is now effective.

According to company spokesman, Stan McClendon, the securities sell for \$5.00 per share with a ten share minimum, and the total number of securities being offered is 258,000 shares or \$1,290,000 at maximum.

McClendon said that a minimum of \$365,000 has been established to finish the waterslides, build an amphitheater, and add infrastructure to the existing facilities at the park.

There is \$45,000 to be used to extend water and sewer lines to the Park, without depending on local taxpayers", according to McClendon.

Other projects to be built will include a midway area, bumper boats, miniature golf, and two 5,000 square foot buildings.

The amphitheater is designed to seat 3,000 people and will allow Thunder Junction to provide concerts, and other special events. McClendon pointed out that Yesterday's Children, a non-profit corporation in Amarillo will receive 5% of the gross receipts from the park with proceeds being used for Senior Citizen projects throughout the 26 county Panhandle area.

Westwood Enterprises, Inc., has retained Dave Barrie with the Small Corporate Offering Brokerage Company in Dallas, Texas, as the broker for the offering. Anyone with questions about the offering document may contact JoAnn at 806-874-2035. To receive a copy of the offering document, you can contact the Company at 806-874-3123.



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Mrs. Porter's Class

HAPPY HOLIDAY



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PEACE ON EARTH



May this Christmas see fulfillment of prosperity and brotherhood for all mankind. Our thanks to you, loyal friends, for your continued patronage.

R. J. & Georgia Smith

Dear Santa

I want a tree house and a go cart and a swimming pool and a computer. My dad wants a tool box. My mom wants a dimind ring.
Love
Randall Hatcher

Dear Santa

I want a Giga pet, Easy bake oven and a t.v. and a nintindo. I also want new shoes, a real dog. Mom wants a car. Dad wants a new cap.
Carley Owens

Dear Santa

I want a robot, racecar, train, Jordan basketball jersey, nintendo 64, trampoline, shoes



Happy Christmas

Friendship comes in all shapes and sizes here, and to all our friends, we wish you Christmas joy... all thru the coming year!



Wheeler Veterinary Clinic

and something for my brothers and sisters
Love
Frankie Ramirez

Dear Santa

I want a puppy, a horse, a cat, a rabbit, a duck, a hamster, an elephant, I'll leave some cookies and milk for you.
Love
Linsey Altamirano

Dear Santa

I want train, shoes, socks, clothes, ninja turtle, dad—a new truck Mom—new shoes brother—book sister—doll sister—a new backpack
Ricardo Gallardo

Dear Santa

I want a barbi, a teddy bear, a flower, a shirt and a car.
Love,
Maria Salas

Dear Santa

I want a boat, jet ski, a stunt motorcycle, big house, welder, plastic snowman.
Love
Clay White

Dear Santa

I want barbies and dolls. for my Dad, I want a watch. I want coloring books and crayons.
love
Mallory Groves

Dear Santa

I want barbie, a tv in my room, dishes, dolls, christmas tree, teddy bear for my little brothers. I want big trucks and for my mother I want lots of clothes. Books for my sister, for my big sister a candy cane. A car for my dad. For my big brother I want a kite.
Diana Corral

Mrs. Batton's Class

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the desk you gave me last year. We will put out milk and cookies and maybe peppermints. We will put out horse feed for the reindeer. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me some triplet dolls, and Ariel Barbie and Ken, a CD player, some CDs, and Casey Cartwheel, and Hug-a-Bear with a nightlight.
Love, Danni Nicole Moore

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the cowboy suit. I would like it if you would give my brother something, please. I want a Buzz Light-year, the new one. My brother wants one too. I will leave some cookies and milk. I might have some feed.
Love, Zack Andls

Dear Santa,

I want Stream Dinosaurs. Their names are Bulls-Eyed and Spike. I am putting milk and cookies at the table.
Love, Tyler Burch

Dear Santa,

I like Santa. He is nice. Please bring me a Gigga Pet. I will put the cookies and milk on the table. I want something for my brother, it's a car.
Love, Michel le Torres

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the School Barbie. I want a Dentist Barbie with a patient. I will put peppermint on the T. V. for you.
Love, Ashley Nicole Groves

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a remote control car. Please bring my mom and dad something and my sister. I'm going to be at home.
Love, Chandler Osborne

Dear Santa,

I want a Ricochet remote control car. My brother wants one too. We will be there.
Skilar and Zane

Dear Santa,

I like Claus. He gives me presents. I want a Barbie doll with glitter. I will lay milk and cookies on the table for you.
Love, Jana Williams

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a microphone and some tools and a baby doll. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, P. J. Ford

The world's supply of cranberries are grown on only about 42,000 acres, which is an area equal in size to the tiny island of Nantucket, off Massachusetts, Manhattan in New York or the city of Green Bay in Wisconsin.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

...And thank you for your business. We're especially pleased and proud to be able to serve you throughout the year. Have a wonderful holiday.

Hefley Hardware
Jerry, Carolyn, Justin, Kendall & Staff



Wishing you good cheer!

Whatever the season brings, we sincerely hope that it will make you happy!

M. & M. Farms
W. D. & Mary Mitchell

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa

My name is Braden and I'm 2 years old. I've been good some of the time, and bad some of the time. I hope you will bring me a toy anyway. I promise I'll try to be better next year. I want a Zorro sword, cape, and mask. I also would like a dinasor. I'll leave you a treat at Nana and Papa's house.
I love you,
Braden Crockett-McNeil

Cottage cheese, pot cheese, farmer cheese and skim milk ricotta contain about 1/3 less calories, but most of the nutrients, of regular cheese.

L. & F. Repair
Frank & Leona Coates

Dear Santa

My name is Shawna Hampton. I am 4 yrs. old. I've been pretty good this year. For Christmas please bring me a Barbie Jeep with a telephone, and a boy baby. Please bring Bubba something. I love God, my family and friends. I will leave you a snack on the table. "Thank You!!"

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a drum set, a racetrack, and a Balzooka. I have been very good this year. Could you bring Stormy a Barbie and a Baby? She's been good this year too. I will leave you milk and cookies. We love you Santa!
Love,
Braden and Stormy Moore

Over the river and through the woods, we're sending special holiday wishes to you! Thanks all.

Dr. and Mrs. Mike Smith
Kristin, Lacey & Staff

GREETINGS



It has been a joy to know and serve you.
Speedi-Mart

IT'S CHRISTMAS

Our sincerest thanks for your patronage—may your holidays be joyous!



Marshall's Discount Auto
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Mark & Mariah
Mark & Joanna



OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. This Holiday Season

In the true spirit of Christmas, let's join together and ask His help for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.
Merry Christmas & God Bless You All

PARKVIEW HOSPITAL & HOME HEALTH AGENCY



Let every heart around the world rejoice this happy and Holy time. Thanks, all.

Dr. Larry & Fredericka Barbour & Staff

Wheeler Second Grade Letters

Mrs. McCain's Class

Dear Santa,
I want a Jeep and a computer and a bike. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Love, Hank Hunt

Dear Santa,
I want a cat, My Size Repunzel Barbie, guitar and microphone, my own phone, Barbies, a new Barbie house, a nice long dress, a horse, five white horses, five white cats, and a Gigga Pet, the cat one.
Love, Jordan Lee Alls

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that eats and sleeps, and some earrings. I want some pants for my dad. My little sister wants a big house for her to play in. I want a computer, too, and a Barbie disk. How is

Rudolph? He is my favorite.
Love, Veronica Salazar

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? I wish you and Mrs. Claus a Merry Christmas. I've heard lots of stories about you, but what are you really like? I don't want much. I just want a computer and I want a horse.
Love, Aspen Hathaway

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Gigga Pet, a wonderful Christmas and new sweater. Please send these things. And have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Katlin Rutherford

Dear Santa,
I want a stroller and a Gigga Pet, and a Casey Cartwheel. I

HOLIDAY Memories



As we think back on Christmases of long ago, it makes us appreciate our many blessings. Happy holidays!

John C. & Rosemary Vise

wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love, Jordan Moore

Dear Santa,
I would like a Playstation, and games with it. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Dyron Brown

Dear Santa,
I want a new remote control car and Power Ranger Rescue, and for my mom a pair of earrings, and for my dad, a set of tools.
Love, Tyler Richardson

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a lot of money.
Love, Cesay Hermes

Dear Santa,
I want a fort and some Legos

and Madden 98, and a Playstation and all Spider men, and a T. V., and a bucket of army men, and a football. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Brandon Gallagher

Mrs. Thomas' Class

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a pair of roller blades.
Love, Jennifer Scales

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am looking forward to you coming to my house on Christmas. May I have a B. B. gun and a Playstation.
Love, Caleb Gaines

Dear Santa,
I am waiting for you to come to my house. I miss you. I want a Gigga Pet for Christmas and a doll too. Santa, I can't wait until Christmas, I am going to wait for you in my house.
Love, Kenia Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and some skates and a remote control car and a computer.
Love, D. J. Nelsen

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a snake for a pet, and a long snake too. I want you to bring me a toy remote control motorcycle.
Love, Miguel Soto

Dear Santa,
I want a B. B. gun for Christmas and I want a remote control truck and I would like a puppy and some puppy toys. I'll leave the door unlocked so you don't have to go down the chimney and get dirty.
Love, Jake Benefield

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a Gigga Pet and a sleeping and snoring Ernie. I love Christmas. How are you Santa? How's Mrs. Claus? Is she nice to you? I love you. I can't wait until you are here.
Love, Crystal Newsted

Dear Santa,
I want a computer for Christmas and a bike for Christmas Santa Claus. Please bring me some shoes and some erasers.
Love, Ashley Earl

Dear Santa,
I really don't have four things but I am sorry Santa and I can't wait until Christmas. I want to have one thing, it is fingernails.
Love, Jane Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a little T. V. to watch the shows everyday.
Love, Jesus Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bicycle. Santa, I am leaving cookies and milk at the table. Santa have a good day.
Love, Omar Gonzalez

You can assume that the roots of normally shaped trees extend at least to the width of the branches.

The most wonderful time of year is here! Celebrate with those you hold most dear.
Wendell & Sandra Morgan

JOYOUS NOEL
May the magic and merriment of Christmas be yours.
Wheeler Plumbing Co
Max, Stacy, Creede & Gavin

The largest fish is the whale shark, which weighs up to 15 short tons, twice as much as an African elephant.

MAY YOUR DAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT

Our glowing good wishes to your and your family this Christmas season.

It's a privilege and a pleasure to serve you.



Wheeler Flower & Gift Shop



A Joyful Note...

Hope the season rings in all sorts of happiness for you!

Elva Wood

REJOICE!

Let every heart be filled with gladness!

Steve, Gwen, Kara, Jordan & Drew Emmert

GREETINGS TO ALL!

May the holidays abound with all the warmth and goodness we wish for you and yours... wrapped in love and happiness.

Johnny's Shamrock
Johnny, Betty, Melissa & Justin

A Pile Of Christmas Cheer

Here's hoping that your Christmas is wrapped in joy and tied up with love and togetherness. Thank you for the gift of your business.

Hyland's Pharmacy
Hyland & Betty Weaver,
Tommy & Sharla Weaver, Lauren & Leslie

Dear Friends,
With the holiday season comes thoughts of sharing our blessings of the present and hopes for the future with you. We count among our blessings the privilege of serving you. Our hopes for the future is that we may continue to serve you. Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Sparlins, Faye and Glen

Season's Best...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest Holiday season ever. As we celebrate the memory of Christ's birth. May everyone have a joyous and safe journey whether coming or going. God's blessings to each and everyone.

Our Love In Christ

The Kinnard's
Henry and Phyllis, Jay, Monty & Courtney, Jim, Tonya, Natasha & Justin



Rejoice

As we recall the birth of the Infant Jesus, may the joy of that first Christmas fill our hearts and renew our hope.

McIlhany Dry Goods



PEACE ON EARTH THIS CHRISTMAS

Arrow Water Well Service

Jerry, Barbra & Vince

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A basketful of joy to all of our friends, along with our heartfelt thanks.

APPEARANCES

Rovanda & Sarah



Tamagotchi and a Rapunzel Barbie. Thank you Santa Claus for letting me have all that stuff.
Love, Tisha McLaughlin

Dear Santa,
I want a My-Size Rapunzel Barbie, computer, and a Barbie that walks.
Love, Bailey Estes

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, My-Size-Barbie, Tamagotchi and a computer. Thank you for coming Santa Claus.
Love, Brittany Bryan

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun, four-wheeler, and a new bike. Thank you for coming last year and I want a Tamagotchi.
Love, Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a Rapunzel Barbie and a computer, and a kitten. I want a doll that cries when she falls down. Thank you.
Love, Hailey Estes

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun, swimming pool, a swing for my club house and monkey bars, and a gym. Thank you for the sled last year.
Love, Brandon Finsterwald

Dear Santa,
I want a real kitten, a real rabbit, dress-up clothes, a new jewelry box, and a Tamagotchi. Thank you for coming last year.
Love, Megan Horn.

Dear Santa,
I would like a stereo and a million dollars. I would also like a few CDs, a full blooded doxer, and the movie Flubber.
Love, Tamara Hefley

Dear Santa,
I would like a T. V. and a Sega. I want a Gigga Pet that is a kitty and I want the movie Flubber.
Yours Friend, Stormy

Dear Santa,
I want a snowflake teddybear, a Gameboy, and some clothes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Shantell

Allison Santa Letters:

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Have you been busy this year? We are having Christmas day a school. I would like a Nintendo 64, a Playstation, and most of all a four-wheeler. Thanks for the bike the year before last.
Thanks, Jerry

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I would like a girl hamster, a bird, a Nintendo 64, and a horse. I really want the horse Santa. I like the bike you got me.
Love, Jordan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your elves? I would like a dog, a Gigga Pet, a truck, and a go cart. Thank you for my bike last year.
Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa,
How are your elves and Mrs. Claus? I really hope you will have a good year. I would like a sewing machine, and a Cabbage Patch Kid Fun Bubble Baby. Thank you for my bike last year.
Love, Allison

We thank you all for your valued support.

Christmas is a time for caring, loving, sharing.

Rolling Plains Production Credit Assoc.

Fred, Debbie & Glenda

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a portable CD player. I want a Shania Twain CD called "Come On," I also want a computer game called The Lion King. I want a kitten for Christmas.
Your Friend, Andrea

Nintendo 64. I would like my baby brother to come down and go to school. I would want to have a football and a race car. I would like some CDs that are Maria Carey, "Honey Puffy and the Family," and George Strait "Caring Your Love with Me," and Tim Magraw.
Your Friend, Justin B.

From all of us to all of you... a wish for a very Merry Christmas!

Rain Bow Monograms
Charles, Margaret, Darin, James & Janet Kuntz

Home For The Holidays

May the many blessings of the season visit you and your family this Christmas.

Jim & Beth Alvey

Happy Holidays

Old Saint Nick joins us in wishing you the merriest of Christmases.

Thanks for your continuing support.

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t. Elliott Santa Letters



Have a Bear-y Merry Christmas!

We're so happy to have you as our customers and friends. Thanks.

Jenning's Plumbing & Electric Service
Larry & Bobby

Dear Santa,
I want a Tamagotchi, My-Size-Barbie, a real rabbit, a CD player and some CDs. Thank you for all the presents.
Love, Amber

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and some

CDs. I love you.
Love, Veronica Hungate

Dear Santa,
I want a Tamagotchi. Oh, and I want a baby doll too, Jada wants a diaper doll and a Tamagotchi too. I love you.
Love, Sara Hathaway

Dear Santa,
I want a baby dog, a

You have our insurance of a Merry Christmas season, filled with happiness!

Happy Holiday Friends

Pearson Ins. Agency
Germania Ins. Co.
David, Rita, Dallas & Lindsey

At this wonderful and magical time of the year, our thoughts turn to those who have made our progress possible. Thank you, dear and loyal friends, for your continued patronage and goodwill.

Merry Christmas!

McCain's Auto Body

Bob, Gwen, Kelly, Cristen, Brooke, Kennan, Cory & Gayla

Wheeler Third Grade Letters

Mrs. Masters' Class

Dear Santa

Thank you for what you gave me last year. This year I would like this, a few giga pets, a watch, a stuff Elmo, a word processor, one more thing a CD player.

Love, Lacey Henson
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters

Dear Santa

I would like to have a Playstation and a CD player. I would like some soccer Boppers.

Love Cole Hathaway
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters

Dear Santa

I would like to have a Nintendo 64 and a tape, for the Nintendo 64.

Love Randy Trevino
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters

Dear Santa

I would like two gigapets and Fashion Finger Nails and a Nanobaby. And I would like you to get my Grandma a new alarmclock and my Grandpa a new sweater. I want a C.D. Player and I want a Tweety Alarmclock and I want a computer and a printer to go with it.

Love, Brentney Taylor
3rd Grade
Mrs. Masters

Dear Santa

I would like for my little brother to talk and I would like a new bed and Nano baby. I would like a family ring for my mom.

Love, Norma Salas
3rd Grade
Mrs. Masters

Dear Santa

I would a Nintendo-64 or a

Playstation & a Nike football grip gloves & a CD and a Michael Irvin jersey.

love Ryan Henson
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters

Dear Santa

I want two Gigapets and I want Fashion Fingernail. Nanobaby. I want you to get my mon a new alarmclock and I want to get my Dad some fishing stuff. I want a tweety alarm clock. I want a C.D. player. I want you to get my sister a tickle me Elmo.

Love, Tracy
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters.



Deck The Halls!

Hoping your holidays are trimmed with happiness.

Ed & Patricia Forrester



Dear Santa

My family would like a Playstation for Christmas. Would you get me a CD player?

Jonathan Hampton
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters.

Dear Santa

I would like a CD player, and a new football and basketball, and a remote controll car.

from
Tyler Bradstreet
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters

Mrs. Hall's Class

Dear Santa

How is your wife, Mrs. Claus? How are your elves and your reindeer? I would like a computer, a color printer, a game disc, and 10 pounds of printing paper. Thank you for all of the nice and fun toys and games you bring me. You are my favorite person to get presents from! You're the best!

Yours truly,
Lauren M. Meadows

Dear Santa

I want a glow in the dark watch. I want a new bike. I want a crash back car.

Love,
Hector Badillo

Dear Santa

For Christmas I want a bb gun, Flash cards, a Cd for my sister, a TV, some Nike shoes, a jacket, a bike that has 21 speeds and some shocks, a tant rum race car, a Niki hat, some candles, a flashlight, a super soaker, some Niki socks, Niki shirt, a Nike note book that zips up, some Niki pencils, a play station, a boom box, a micro-wave for my mon, some snow boots for my Dad, a nintendo sixty-four for my brother, a remote control fire truck, a Tickle Me Elmo for my nephew.

Your friend,
Ricky Salas

Dear Santa

This year I want a gegapet, a doll, some rollerblades, and a bike for Christmas. I think you know what my little brothers want for Christmas too.

Love,
Dalila Mendoza

Dear Santa

How is Mrs. Claus? How are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph? In Other words, how are the reindeer? I would like a Nintendo 64 and 1 or 2 controls. Maybe a Memory card would be nice. I would like 1 of these games: WCW vs. NWO World tour, Goldeneye 007. The Empire Strikes Back or an electric piano with some music books. This year I will leave you some hot chocolate, some cookies, and grapes. We will leave some hay and carrots for the reindeer.

Yours truly,
Samuel Hillhouse

Dear Santa

Is the north pole very cold? How are the elves? I want a Nintendo 64, three controls, two games they are called Duke Nuken and WCW vs. NWO World Tour, and a game boy. Are your reindeer fine? Samuel and I want a

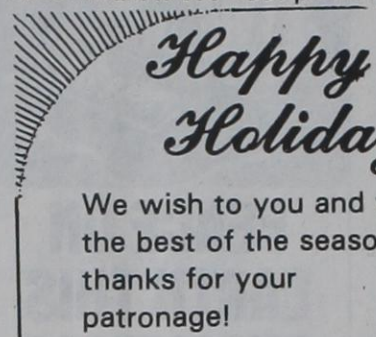
Nintendo 64. My brother wants a basketball goal. Is your house very very big?

Love,
Alan Parra

Dear Santa

Santa I want Sonic and Tails, Power Ranger game, and The Jungle Book game.

I would like to ride in your sleigh once. I want to see Rudolph with



Happy Holidays!

We wish to you and yours the best of the season... thanks for your patronage!

V & S Variety

Dena & Robert Brown
Shirley Dyson



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

his red nose, because I want to see his nose glow. I want you to come in my room. I would like to go to the North Pole with you and see the elves and all the toys.

Cole Nall

Dear Santa

How are you Santa, and you elves, reindeer and Mrs. Claus. Is Rudolph's nose still shining? Will you write back please? I will tell you what I want weights.

Love,
Daniel Diera

Dear Santa

I don't really care what you bring me. Just any thing will work. Just surprise me

Yours truly,
Pakus Kent Eckhardt

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,

How are you? Can you write you are o.k.? This is what I want for Christmas: a dog for Christmas and a cat for Christmas.

Write if you are ok. Put it in one of my presents.

Your friend,
Tommy Williams

Dear Santa,

I want a vcr and a CD Player and some computer games.

love,
Garrett Hampton
3rd grade
Mrs. Masters

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa

Hi, I am 4 years old and I have been a good boy most of the time. Will you please bring me a bike and a rodeo toy. Would you please bring my nephew Byron a puppy and my cousin Felecia a doll.

Thank you
Chase Scales
P.S. I will leave you some m and cookies.

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December 16, 1997

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Survey.

District Clerk's Filings:

No Recordings.

CARD OF THANKS

Again I can only say "Thank Y from the bottom of my heart for Monetary gift." I would love to th you personally, and at least give a "Great big hug". God bless you

I also wish everyone a very bles Christmas and a happy healthy r year.

Rosalie Ke

Most finished diamonds h

58 facets.

Santa's helpers are here to say,
"Have A Happy Christmas Day!"

As for us, we thank you so,
You've been such a pleasure to serve and know!
**Gary Burton Cellular
Beaver Express Agent**
Gary Don, Tracy and Cameron

Season's Greetings To All

During the Christmas season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who helped us through the year. And in the spirit we say, thank you and best wishes for a wonderful holiday.

CROSS CAR CENTER

David & Kathleen
Michelle, Rusty, Christopher, Justin & Chris
Monica, Dale, Ann Marie, Joseph, Sarah & Rachel
Roger, Cindy, Halee, Reese and Chadd

May the gifts of the season be yours as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

We appreciate your loyal patronage. Merry Christmas!

Burton Ford-Mercury

Pete & Gay Burton
Dickie Burton
Gary Don Burton

Waddell Davis
David Gilmer
Jim Gilmer
Jerry Newberry

Merry Christmas

The friendship of those we serve is the basis for our success.

Thanks, all.

FIRST STATE BANK
Wheeler Office & Mobeetie Office

Dortha McCurley	Tammy Maddox	Matthew McCurley
Randy McCurley	Diane Dukes	Corissa Dukes
Melba Carnell	Wanda Hefley	Nissa Boedecker
Bill Howard	Stephanie Coulter	Mary Hovey

Member FDIC

SEASON'S GREETINGS

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

AZZIP PIZZA Robby Schaffer
Brooke & Jennifer

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the beauty of this season renew each heart with hope.

Dr. Louie L. Mendiola & Family
and Staff

Ft. Elliott Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I want some money and an airplane. I want Nike stuff and football stuff for my room. I want a jacket, and I want my friends and family to be healthy.

Love, Steven Kephart

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Barbie house, a Barbie doll, new clothes and a battery operated jeep.

Love,
Felecia McCarty
Fort Elliott Kindergarten

Dear Santa
Please bring me hunting stuff, a crossbow with a trigger on it and a new bicycle.

Love,
Cody Selby
Fort Elliott Kindergarten

Dear Santa
Please bring me a 4-Wheeler, a charge-up motorcycle, and a blue bicycle.

Love,
Roland Newman
Fort Elliott Preschool

Hello Santa
How are you today? I hope I've been good this year. I hope my brothers are good to me on Christmas Eve. This is what I would like to have: a Karaoke Machine, Science set, more games for my Sega set, New glasses, and thats all I want Santa Claus.

Love,
Randi Barr
3rd Grade

Dear Santa
I want a puppy (great Dane), Gun, nintendo 64, a Motorcycle. I have been very good. I also want a rabbit foot. I wish you a lot of luck. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Calvin Lane
Third grade

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is basketball cards, a game called Deep Sea Fishing and a game called Tenter Barr. I would also like a golden coin. I been very good this year to.

Love,
William Hodges
third grade

Dear Santa
I want a dirt bike and a Nintendo 64, and I have been good this year.

Love,
Travis Bryan
3rd grade

Hi Santa!
I would like to have a Poego stick and a skate board. I have been good this year.

I Love you
Serena Sims
3rd grade

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a gigapet, basket Ball and a basket ball hoop. I

also would like a doddle hear, easybake and a real turtle and my dog better not eat it. Most of all my dog peja she is real little. Don't forget a slipaslide.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Downs

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want two cats, miniature clocks, basketball cards, football cards, a puppy, a

Bugs Bunny pillow, a Tweety Bird pillow, a Tazmania Devil pillow, Sylvester pillow. help with homework, new shoes, a sled, a holiday barbie, a watch and a hat. that is all I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Cassie Lee Hodges

Dear Santa
I have been sort of been a good boy all I want for Christmas is a slingshot, rifle, sled, Super Nintendo 64, watch and a pickup.

Sincerely,
Michael Mclaughlin

Dear Santa
I want a 22-2-50 rifle and red fox gocart and a shotgun and three kittens in my stockings and 44 Gun with 44 bullets and 9 millimeter with 9 millimeter bullets

Sincerely,
Jake Puryear

Dear Santa
I would like to have a tamigotchi or a gigapet or a cyber pet. And I want precious metal, easy bake and jewelry box. I've been a very good girl "NOT". I've been a sorta good girl and I need a bigger and heavier coat. And a looney toon miniature clock. Probably a starter coat that you slip on.

Sincerely,
Alicia Brooke Feld

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. I think you are very special. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a cd player and lots of cool clothes. My sister would want a big bag of cole for the fireplace. She wasn't a very good girl. She was naughty this year but next year she'll probaly be very good. So please send her that bag of cole for the fireplace.

Sincerely,
Sarah Beth Zybach

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a moped? your freind,
Chance Newman,
2nd grade

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May your stockings be filled with love and cheer, as we thank you for a successful year.

Wheeler Lumber Company



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THE BANK KIDS: (back row, l. to r.) Keenan Burton, Tucker Long, Trevor Burton, Gavin McQueen, Creede McQueen, (third row) Katie Shipp, holding Cheyenne Hayes, Savanna Shipp, holding Gracie Gaines, Jennifer Jones, Tracy Jones, (second row) Paige Jones, Nicole Moore, Hayley Jones, Aaron Gaines, Darren Gaines, (First Row) Maggie Jones, Katie Jones, Jaten Moore. Not Shown: Monty McCasland, Tina McWhorter, Stacy McWhorter

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Charlotte Coward is home after spending a week in Canadian with Gene and Judy Coward. She is feeling fine except for being weak and sore after her biopsy. We are glad she is able to be home.

Bobbie Hill and Melba Corcoran attended a meeting in Amarillo for the museum Monday afternoon.

Tuesday Marion Grimes, and Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo. Dale and Melba both had test done. Dale didn't get a very good report on his cholesterol test. Melba hadn't received her reports. Marion got his VA Card.

Mickey Mixon came on to Mobeeite on Monday and had eye surgery and spent the night with Jess and Deanna Mixon. Others there were Julian and Jerry Martinez, Micheal, Tisha and Andi. Julian left Tuesday morning for Mineral Wells to work. Mickey went home Tuesday. Dorothy wasn't able to come with him as she is on oxygen and Mickey couldn't load the oxygen bottle with his eye surgery.

Those attending the Christmas Men Breakfast at Sallie's Wednesday were Chuck Hogan, Rob Hogan and

Ft. Elliott Letters:

Dear Santa

I have been a very good girl. For Christmas please bring me a Tamagachi and a new Trampoline. Please don't forget my sister she wants a Barbie telephone. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Lauren Baird
Second Grade

Dear Santani

I want a Sega Saturn, a War in a out Barbie, a Tornado Taz and a cool shopping Barbie. I have been very good.

Love,
Sarah Moon
Third Grade

Dear Santa

I have been very good I want for Christmas please bring me a play remote control chevy and a Nintendo 64.

Your friend,
Alvir Reeves
2nd grade

Dear Santa

I want a Nintendo 64 and some play station games. And some Nintendo 64 games. My brother wants bike and some play cars. And a radio.

Your friend,
Michael Bell
2nd grade

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl. I love you Santa I really really love you Santa because you are my favorite Santa. I wish I could see your reindeer. I wish I could have a Moped and a Million dollars and a tamagachi

Your friend,
Mayci Meadows
2nd grade

Dear Santa

I have been a very good boy. For Christmas please bring me a Trampoline and a Tv and a Moped. Thank You.

Your friend,
Nathan McLaughlin
2nd grade

Dear Santa

I have been a very good boy. For Christmas please bring me a play station and a Nintendo 64 and a trampoline. How is Rudolf doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing and how are you doing?

Your friend,
Tommy John Meek
2nd grade

Dale Corcoran.

Visiting with Ella Trout Wednesday was DeWayne Trout of Amarillo, Lonnie Trout of Miami, and Judy Watts of Harmon Ok.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Wednesday night in Wheeler with Jimmy and Bobbie Hill.

William Burch of Wheeler took his father C. W. Burch to Pampa Tuesday for eye surgery.

Charlotte Coward visited Claudia Charles in Pampa Wednesday. They went Shopping.

Mt. View Quilting Club met Friday at Totty School House with Melba Corcoran as hostess. They got both sides of the quilt rolled. They should finish her quilt at the next quilting.

They will not meet next Friday but will quilt Jan 2. Those attending were Estelle Hodges, Audrey Seitz, Orville Greenhouse and Melba Corcoran.

Jess and Denna Nixon, Micheal, Trish, and Andi attended to business in Pampa on Friday.

Lynn and Serena Sims left Friday and went to Amarillo. They caught the plane for Calif to spend Christmas in Riverside with Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Sims.

Those enjoying coffee and cookies at the home of Jess and Deanna Mixon Friday night were Robert and Lois Bull, Dale and Melba Corcoran, Alvin Reeves, Micheal, Trish and Andi Martinez.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Thursday night in Wheeler with Pauline Barnes. Others there were Denzil and Fern Reid. Pauline still has a cough but is sure feeling better.

Clint Stribling had bisopy in Amarillo Friday. He got to come home Saturday. The reports were good.

Sallie's cafe is closed till Jan. 5, for vacation. Sallie and Amanda deserves a break. The coffee drinkers will really miss the cafe till then.

John and Melody Forbes of Pampa visited their grandparents Ray and

Gageby

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Hartley, Bro. Aaron and Claudetta Laverty, Doyle and Ruth Cornell and John and Julie Shields. Remember her in your prayers.

Lois Meadows and Evelyn Meek shopped in Pampa Tuesday. They went on up to visit Sandra Meek and Ailene Stovall at Panchandle and see all the beautiful lights and decorations in their house.

So nice to have a "Merry Christmas" call from Peggy Thompson Sunday night. They are all doing well. Kelly is out of the service and going to college in Tennessee. Jeff and family live in Sidney, Nebraska. Dennis still works for K. N. Energy and Peggy has her own beauty shop and does well. She was so good at fixing hair before she took training. Sweet people.

"Old friends are the best friends because they know all about you and love you anyway." Amen.

Thanks to Dan and Chris Fillingim for coming and taking us to Amarillo and the Civic Center Friday for Dallas' graduation from WTAM with a degree in General Studies. Some other family and friends there were David and Rita Pearson and Lindsey, Joe Lackey, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox, and Jennifer and Amber, Darren and Chalone Hefley from Tula, Kristy Kathy and her parents. Also graduating were Dallas friends Bart Wyatt from Lipscomb and Clay Henderson from Miami. Also Jill Shields from Canadian and Jeanne Crossland from Shamrock. Janet Tatyrek, Fort Elliott Elementary principal was also getting a master's degree in Education, but didn't see her there. Nice to see Gary Bryant there. He is getting married in January. Best Wishes!

Dan and Chris Fillingim have been working in the Moline, Illinois area with pipeline easements. Chris is secretary receptionists in the office. They will be home to Elk City over Christmas and our house Christmas Day, weather permitting.

"What does it mean to be a friend? A helping hand to the journey's end, a loyal heart and a loving one too; No task too great for a friend to do." (anon.)

Thursday night at Briscoe Fort Elliott Cougars High School defeated Amarillo Christian High School basketball teams easily. In girls game the score was 84-13. The boys also won.

Winning the Christmas basket raffle was Wesley Hathaway's mom, Kim Francis from Spearman. She bought the tickets at the Junior High Tournament earlier.

We had lots of electricity outages in the area from the ice storm Sunday. About 2 hours Sunday morning and again at night. Sure miss it when it's off. Thankful for a gas heater we brought from the old house when we moved.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Velma Forbes on Saturday.

There was quite a bit of broken limbs on trees Sunday due to the ice storm. Part of Old Mobeeitic was without electricity Sunday morning.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes spend the weekend in Amarillo with their children Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Grimes and Mr. & Mrs. Gary Grimes.

Leola Stuart attended the office Christmas party in Pampa Tuesday for Panhandle Community Services. Then Friday she attended the area Christmas Party in Amarillo.

Museum News

Monday, Bobbie Hill and Melba Corcoran attended the meeting of the Panhandle Museum Resource Sharing Consortium Traveling Exhibit Planning team at the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum. Andi Gwyn was in charge of the meeting. The group set Jan. 1, 2000, as the completion date of the exhibit. The name will be Playas, Jewels of the Plains. The overall purpose of this project is collaboration among Panhandle museums to promote an understanding of the impact that management and conservation of natural resources have had on the life of the Plains through a series of three traveling exhibits that focus on the region's water systems (Playas, Canadian River, and Ogalala Aquifer).

The goal of the first traveling exhibit is to promote an understanding among Texans of the playas as geological peculiarity to the Plains that have made habitation possible. Since the Panhandle Museum Consortium was only funded for 3 years, Andi will be leaving us; Dec. 19, 1997 is to be her last day. We will all miss Andi very much. The group selected Jim Pfluger of the Quarter Horse to be the team coordinator. The group heard the report of Bill Green, of Panhandle Plains Museum, James May of the Quarter Horse Museum and Greg Shuman of the Discovery Center. They were to work on the final plans of the difference section of the exhibits. The budget for the exhibit was discussed. The group will meet again Jan. 13, 1998 at the Quarter Horse Museum. The Museums that is on the committee are Mobeeitic Jail Museum, River Valley Pioneer Museum, Saint's Roster Museum, Wolf Creek Heritag Museum, American Quarter Horse Museum, Carson County Square House Museum Discovery Center, Panhandle Plains Museum. They have help from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

On Wednesday Bill Green and Rolla Shallos of Panhandle Plains Museum and Bobbie Hill and Melba Corcoran worked all day on the plans for the new displays for the jail house. Rolla figured out how much track lighting was needed for the room. He also dated the Indian artifacts for us. They help identify some of the artifacts. Bill will be sending us a scale drawing on the plans. Now Bobbie and Melba will have to take books and try to identify all of the bottles and etc. and get more history on everything. We have to sort the artifacts and get them together and they will help us decide which ones to use in the new exhibits. Anyone that has anything they would like to put in the museum can check with Bobbie Hill or Melba Corcoran.

Farmers & Ranchers To Receive Census Forms

Report forms for the 1997 Census of Agriculture will soon appear in the mailboxes of farmers and ranchers across the country, and Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, encourages Texas producers to participate.

"Ag Census forms have been mailed to more than 295,000 individual producers statewide," said Stallman. "The 1997 Census will provide a detailed picture of the changes in agriculture since the last Census in 1992."

The current Census will focus on the number of farms in the United States, farm size, operator characteristics, crop and livestock production, agricultural product sales, and production expenses of farmers and ranchers.

"All answers provided in the Census are considered confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes," said Stallman. "This Census will provide benchmark agricultural statistics for decision making for the next five years for the U.S., for Texas and for each of the nation's 3,100 counties."

Completed forms should be mailed back by February 2, 1998 in the postage-paid envelopes provided.

Farmers and ranchers can receive more information by calling a toll-free number, 1-888-4AG-STAT.

Drawing

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OMISSION

On the back of the Chamber's '\$5.00 Bills' is a list of places the 'money' can be spent. Hefley Hardware was left off the list.

Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

You will receive one ticket per each dollar of the purchase value-up to a maximum of \$50.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating they are giving drawing tickets.

Drawing tickets have been available since Friday, November 28, 1997 at sponsoring businesses.

The merchants giving tickets are: Appearances, Azzip Pizza, Charles Kuntz, Cross Car Center, Germania Insurance, Hefley Hardware, Hyland's Pharmacy, L & F Repairs, Marshall Discount Auto, McIlhany's Dry Goods, Thriftway, V & S Variety Store, and Wheeler Flower Shop.

Those merchants sponsoring the drawings are: Albert's Shamrock Service, Appearances, Azzip Pizza, Dr. Larry Barbour, Britt Ranch, Burton Ford-Mercury, Cross Car Center, Eastern Panhandle Ins., Steve Emmert, Attorney at Law, Farm Bureau Insurance, First State Bank of Mobeeitic & Wheeler, General Store, H & R Block Tax Service, Hefley Hardware, Heritage Beef Cattle Co. Inc., Hibler Implement Co., Honey Inn, Hyland's Pharmacy, Jenning's Plumbing & Electric, Johnny's Shamrock Service Station, Jones Fuels, Marshall Discount Auto, Maxey's Steakhouse, Dr. Louie Mendiola, Mustang Video, McIlhany Dry Goods, Parkview Hospital, R&M Car Wash, Rolling Plains Production Credit Assoc., Dr. Mike Smith, Southwestern Public Service, Sparlin's Restaurant, Speedy-Mart, The Upper Room, Thriftway, V & S Variety Store, Ware Chevrolet, West Texas Gas Co., Wheeler Area News, Wheeler Banking Center, Wheeler Care Center, Wheeler Flower Shop, Wheeler Lumber Company, Wheeler Plumbing, Wheeler TV, Wheeler Texaco, Wheeler Times, Wheeler Vetric & Abstreet Co., Wheeler Vet Clinic, and Wright Funeral Home.



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



COATING OF ICE: The coating of ice received during the night Saturday caused quite a bit of damage to trees in Wheeler. An electrical outage was reported in Mobeeitic and Channel 6 was not on the cable in Wheeler. The picture above shows the ground covered with limbs in the back yard at 1104 S. Canadian.

Careful By Nature Launches Web Site

For farmers who have questions about how to use pesticides safely, and for anyone who wants information about how pesticides are used on cotton farms, there will be a new resource available January 1. That's the launch date for the Careful By Nature Web site, careful by nature.



Actress Marlene Dietrich was born Maria Magdalene Dietrich in Berlin, Germany in 1904.

org.
"If used appropriately, pesticides pose little or no threat to our environment," says Paul Dugger, Assistant Director of The Cotton Foundation, an arm of the National Cotton Council. "To ensure maximum safety and effectiveness, crop protection needs to be done responsibly and precisely. That's an important message the National Cotton Council would like the farm community and the public in general to hear."

To help spread that message, the Council launched the Careful By Nature program through the Foundation, underwritten by a grant from Novartis Crop Protection, Inc. The program concentrates its efforts on educating farmers about safe and effective pesticide use.

The Careful By Nature web page is divided into four areas:

- News contains press releases and other news items. The primary audience of this section is expected to be the media.
- Education is packed with how-to information for farmers.
- Discussion is a question and answer section where farmers can pose their questions to crop consultants, Extension experts and other farmers.
- Sponsors contains information about the National Cotton Council, The Cotton Foundation and Novartis Crop Protection, Inc.

"We are very pleased to make this additional resource available to the cotton community and to the general public," Dugger concluded. "This will be an important resource for the state steering committees, which actually conduct program activities in the participating states. Farmers and others who want to learn about farming also will benefit from this resource."

The Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization that permits the broadest possible participation by cotton industry suppliers. The mission is to provide vision and leadership to the U.S. cotton industry through research and education in support of the Council and allied industries.

The Council, based in Memphis, Tenn., works to ensure the ability of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry to compete effectively and profitably in the raw cotton, oilseed and value-added product markets at home and abroad.

Novartis Crop Protection, Inc., based in Greensboro, N.C., is the world leader in agriculture. The company is committed to ensuring safe and plentiful harvests of tomorrow by developing innovative solutions for sustainable agriculture, applying advanced technologies to maximize farming potential through effective crop protection, resilient seed structure and high quality animal health.

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