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A LIVE MANGER SCENE was staged by children from the Abundant Life Family Church in Dimmitt on Nov. 16 as a part of the Holiday Celebration in Dimmitt, sponsored by local merchants and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Posing in their costumes are (standing, from left) Joshua Williams, Caleb Williams, and Caleb Penney as the wise men

and Valerie Quiroz as the angel; and (kneeling, from left) Shekana Thomas as a shepherd, Vivian Quiroz as Mary and Jeremy Gamez as Joseph. The youngsters stood out in the cold weather from 6:30-7 p.m. in the mini-park on East Bedford Street in downtown Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Gas prices inflating as temps shrink

Sky-rocketing natural gas prices are putting the squeeze on nearly everyone's budget this winter, and the poor and elderly may literally get left out in the cold.

Roy Urrutia of Lubbock, public affairs manager for this area's natural gas supplier, Energas Co., has said that natural gas market prices are continuing to increase.

Wholesale natural gas prices nation-wide are continuing to increase, along with the wholesale costs of heating oil, propane and other energy sources, according to a news release from Energas.

"Last December the cost of natural gas was \$2.50 per hundred cubic foot (ccf), while this year it is now almost \$9 per ccf," Urrutia said Tuesday.

This increase, along with colder than normal weather, means that customers' heating bills will be significantly higher than in 1999.

Based on current gas price projections, the average residential customer's peak winter bill may increase 50% to 100% or more over last winter, using the same units of consumption.

There is help—temporarily—for those who are financially unable to pay the higher utility bills.

Panhandle Community Services at 110 SW Second in Dimmitt can help in three ways, but only for a short time, according to Stella Devers,

PCS center coordinator for Dimmitt. "We have a lot of money available to help, but only through Dec. 28," Devers said. She said the agency's funding ends that day and it is unknown when money will be available for the new year. It depends on the legislature.

The three ways PCS can help are to actually pay an applicant's heating bills (gas or electric), pay for repairs to a faulty heating system or for replacement of an unvented heater with a wall heater, or to pay for weatherization work (weather stripping, insulation, etc.) on a home to make it more economical to heat.

Any repair or replacement work must be authorized by Dec. 28, even though the work may not be completed by that date.

Those seeking help must meet income eligibility guidelines, Devers said. For more information, call her at 647-3244.

"Our elderly clients are scared to death," Devers said. "They are facing a major increase (in heating costs) and they live on a tight budget. They are asking, 'What can I do?'"

"They haven't had to make a choice between food or heat yet, but they may have to in January," she said. "It doesn't look good as far as our funding being in place by January."

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New judge to help speed court system for children

Kevin Hart was sworn in Monday as the Associate Judge for the South Plains Cluster Court, which encompasses 11 counties, including Castro County.

Hart's responsibility is to hear the

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By Don Nelson

The three sections of this issue are, in order, A, C and B.

It's been that kind of week around here.

Everyone on the newspaper staff has had either back surgery, upper respiratory infection, gastroenteritis or carbon monoxide poisoning within the last week or two, at the same time that we've been putting the

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abuse and neglect cases involving children in the custody of Child Protective Services. This project allows for judicial specialization and more court time in Lubbock and surrounding counties. The concept has proven successful in clearing the backlog of Child Protective Service cases, according to Jane Piercy with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program of Lubbock.

The Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care piloted two projects in 1997 that became known as "cluster courts." These courts handle CPS cases exclusively and utilize a traveling judge that hears cases in a cluster of counties, which individually would not otherwise have enough children in CPS care to constitute a full caseload. Each cluster court is designed to meet local needs and utilize local resources.

The 11 counties in the cluster include Castro, Hale, Swisher, Lubbock, Crosby, Dawson, Gaines,

Garza, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum.

"It will give us our own judge," said Phyllis Suber-Raper, intensive family preservation caseworker with the Child Protective Services office in Plainview. "We will be able to get cases into court quicker and we should be able to progress faster. It will be a lot smoother."

Castro County CPS cases are handled through the Plainview office.

Judge Jack Miller of the 64th District Court said about the cluster court program, "I am really appreciative of it."

He said it will definitely take some pressure off his court.

"I had three emergency CPS cases filed in my court just recently," Miller said. "They are usually very difficult and long lasting. I look forward to having a judge who is thoroughly versed in the requirements (of such cases)."

Miller said the legislature has set very strict time requirements for things that have to be done by the Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services, parents, and the

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FRANCES AND ROBERT DUKE RECEIVE PLAQUE SUNDAY MORNING ... From Betty Cordell of Dallas, regional director of food-gleaning program

Local 'gleaners' honored by Society of St. Andrew

Frances and Robert Duke were recognized for their ministry and their efforts to eliminate hunger during a ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt Sunday.

The Dukes are the Northwest Texas area gleaning coordinators for the Society of St. Andrew, a national hunger relief organization with a regional office in Dallas. As gleaning coordinators, they recruit farmers who will allow volunteers to pick up the leftovers after harvest to donate to feed the hungry.

The Dimmitt satellite office began operation in 1997. Betty Cordell, regional program director, recognized the Dukes for salvaging 480,000 pounds of fresh food,

utilizing the help of many volunteers, since the office was established. This food was distributed to agencies that provide food for hungry people free of charge.

More than 260,000 pounds of otherwise wasted produce were salvaged this year. Most of the food has been potatoes, but any edible food crop is accepted. Rejected loads of loose potatoes are also accepted and bagged by volunteers for distribution.

Mrs. Cordell stated that under the leadership of the Dukes, the Northwest Texas operation has provided almost 11/2 million servings of fresh food to hungry people in the northwest region of the state at a cost of less than a penny a serving.

The Society of St. Andrew is a "501-C3" ecumenical hunger relief organization which began in Big Island, Va., in the early 1980s. Started as The Potato Project to transport food from an area of overabundance to an area in need, its mission is to salvage fresh produce that would be wasted and donate it to feed the hungry. Noticing the amount of food left in the fields after harvest, the Gleaning Network was founded. By utilizing the services of volunteers, this food could be salvaged and not left to rot. The organization is financially supported by churches, individuals and foundations.

To become involved in the ministry or to schedule a program for your church or group, contact Frances of Robert Duke at 647-5517.

Greetings raise \$3,000

Over \$3,000 was raised in Castro County by three Christmas greeting projects, set up to raise money for local groups.

Participants in the greetings for each community are listed in this week's issue of the *News*. Donors were asked to give the amount they would have spent sending greetings to local friends and family.

The Dimmitt greeting project is sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, with the money used to purchase items for the hospital. It has raised an estimated \$1,550 this year, according to project chairperson Lequetta West.

The Hart greeting project is used to benefit the Hart Cemetery Association. A total of the funds raised this year was not available at press time.

Nazareth's greeting project money will benefit the Nazareth Meals on Wheels program. A spokesperson said that over \$1,500 was donated this year.

Those whose names were turned in too late to be included in the community greetings are listed below.

Dimmitt

Merle Arthur
Marvin & Gwen Bryant
Ben and Bernice Hill

Hart

Irene Brooks
Ester Sunday School Class
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Grensberg
Jerry & Edna Kittrell
Midge McLain
Tom & Laverne McLain
J.D. & Freddie Sue Myrick
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Sanchez Jr.
Don & Neoma Williams & Rachel

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	47	20	
Friday	56	27	
Saturday	58	25	
Sunday	42	16	
Monday	66	15	
Tuesday	46	10	
Wednesday	57	12	

December Moisture 0.03
2000 Moisture 14.20

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

More about

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Devers said PCS has an agreement with Energas. If a person is unable to pay their bill and qualifies for help, then PCS notifies Energas that PCS will pay the bill for that person, and Energas agrees not to disconnect that customer for non-payment.

However, Devers said that Energas has been slow in responding to PCS's notifications and some clients have been disconnected anyway. Then, when they are already having difficulty paying, the customer is faced with paying a deposit and a reconnect fee.

"Part of the problem is that PCS has to talk to someone in Amarillo (to stop the disconnect process), and before Amarillo can notify (the service personnel in) Hereford, the service gets disconnected," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, who also is a member of the PCS board of directors.

"It's regrettable that we're going the way we're going (toward centralization and no personal contact), but it seems to be an irreversible trend in our society," Collins said.

Wednesday morning, Collins said he had spoken with personnel at the Hereford Energas office and was told that an effort would be made to make a refund of extra fees to any customers who may have gotten disconnected after the notice to continue service was posted.

The Texas Railroad Commission recently adopted an emergency rule that can stop discontinuance of natural gas service during winter months. However, the rule is enforceable only in the rural areas of a county unless it is adopted by individual cities. The City of Dimmitt has not adopted the rule—yet.

"We may talk about it at the next meeting of the city council," Collins said. "Energas had assured us they

would be judicious and work with customers who have difficulties.

"I just hope it doesn't give people a false security, making them think they still don't have to pay," Collins said. "They still have to pay it eventually. It (the rule) would just keep them from getting cut off (when it is cold)."

Once an Energas customer is past due on a payment, they will receive a termination notice, according to Urrutia. Then a second notification is given by a tag placed on the customer's door. If there is no response to either notice, service is disconnected.

"If the temperature is 32 or below, we will suspend action as far as turning anybody off," Urrutia told Karla Abernethy-Thetford of *The Canyon News* staff as reported in an article in the Dec. 17 issue. "We will pursue with notices, but we won't turn anybody off."

If service is disconnected for non-payment, a customer must pay a \$50 deposit and a reconnect fee. It costs \$29.50 to be reconnected during regular office hours or \$39 for after hours service, according to Urrutia.

Collins said he was told that there is a \$10.50 service charge if the door tag has to be placed.

"We want our customers to be aware of the higher gas prices, so that they can plan for higher gas bills . . . and adjust their budgets accordingly," said Tom Hawkins, president of Energas. "We also want our customers to know that the sale of natural gas is not a source of income for our company. Changes in natural gas prices—either up or down—are passed through to customers on their monthly gas bill."

He said the company's revenues are derived from the cost of providing service, and state regulators, through rate filings, set these rates.

"We also share our customers' hopes that natural gas prices will soon return to lower levels in the near future," Hawkins said.

Energas blames the increase in natural gas prices on:

◆ Greater demand for natural gas.

Summer demand for natural gas increased due to its use in gas-fired electric generating plants. Industrial growth also has increased the demand for natural gas.

◆ Colder than normal weather being experienced.

◆ Higher energy prices. Gasoline, home heating oil, and crude oil prices also are contributing to the rise in natural gas prices.

◆ Less exploration and production. Natural gas exploration and production declined in 1998 and 1999 due to mild winter weather and low prices at the well head. While current levels of exploration and production are high, forecasters have factored this into current and future gas prices.

Customers are advised to conserve energy and take necessary steps to lower their heating bills. Thermostat setting and the energy efficiency of customers' homes and heating equipment can affect gas consumption and the impact of higher gas prices. Setting a natural gas water heater temperature to 120 degrees, or "medium," for example, can lower a customer's gas bill without sacrificing comfort.

To offset the impact of higher gas prices and cold winter weather, Energas says that its customers may choose to enroll in the company's "Budget Billing" program, which offers a way to even out monthly gas bill payments. To learn more about this program or to ask about alternative payment arrangements, customers may call toll free 1-888-363-7427, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We are asking customers to call beforehand if they find they will need a payment plan," Urrutia said.

Customers may want to call to verify a correct reading of their meter or if they want to make a comparison with their usage levels a year ago.

"We have been having quite an influx of calls, so you may have a better chance of getting through if you call at other than peak hours," Urrutia said. He said the busiest times are all day Monday and Friday, during business hours, and 8 a.m. to noon on other week days. After regular business hours and on weekends are the least busy.

"They are trying at the call center to handle calls as quickly as they can," Urrutia said.

In a side note, agricultural producers also are being hard hit by increased natural gas prices, especially those who use natural gas to power their irrigation engines.

Area rural electric cooperatives have said they are getting a lot of inquiries from producers thinking about switching from gas to electric.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has had a significant number who have already signed up to make the switch.

"I estimate about 90 different customers are on current work orders, but I'm not sure how many meters that represents," said Tommie Weemes, the manager of member services for DSEC. "We will take care of them as fast as we can, but that represents about two years of work that we're trying to do in a two-month period."

He estimated that the work will take 63 miles of overhead line and 25 miles of underground line.

Weemes said most of the switch-over is due to higher natural gas prices.

"On smaller horsepower engines, electricity is definitely more economical," said Mike Ferguson, member services advisor for Swisher Electric Cooperative. He said his company has received some inquiries and he expects more action on the matter after the conclusion of the ginning season.

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courts involved in child abuse and neglect cases.

"An advantage of the cluster court is that the judge will be able to monitor the progress in cases so much better," Miller said.

He noted that the program has had good results in other places that have tried it.

"I am excited about it," Miller said. "It will give us more time to concentrate on criminal matters."

In conjunction with the new South Plains Cluster Court, CASA has received a grant from the Governor's office to expand its services into the 11 counties covered by the cluster court.

This collaborative expansion will provide for a CASA volunteer to be appointed to all the children in CPS care in the cluster court area.

Judge Kelly Moore, administrative judge for the Ninth Judicial Region, said, "When I learned that a court had been approved for 11 counties in this area, my first thought was that we might be able to facilitate the expansion of CASA into all 11 counties. I cannot stress enough the importance of the CASA program to the children."

CASA is a nationwide program that provides volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system. CASA volunteers conduct interviews and do research regarding their cases and then make written and verbal recommendations to the judge. They help ensure that the children are put in the best situation possible.

People interested in becoming a CASA volunteer can call CASA of Lubbock at 806-763-2272 for more information.



KAREN MARTIN is sworn in Tuesday as Dimmitt's new postmaster in a ceremony in the Post Office foyer. Administering the oath of office is Don Jones of Lubbock, USPS Fort Worth District manager. In background are Martin's husband, Lance, their sons, Blake and Tyler, and their daughter, Shyla. The local Post Office staff hosted a reception after the ceremony.

News DigiPic by Don Nelson

New postmaster is sworn in

Karen Martin took her oath of office as Dimmitt's new postmaster Tuesday afternoon in the Post Office foyer.

Martin has been the acting postmaster here since Sept. 9, and succeeds Jay Lewter, who has been named the new postmaster at Dumas.

Administering the oath Tuesday morning was Don Jones of Lubbock, manager of post office operations for the Fort Worth District.

Also on hand were Martin's family, other Postal Service employees

from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth, city and county officials and friends.

A native of Hereford, Martin is the daughter of Raymond and Mary Schlabs. She graduated from Hereford High School in 1977 and attended West Texas A&M University.

She started with the USPS in 1991 as a city carrier, and has held supervisory posts in the Amarillo area since 1995.

Her husband, Lance, is a Deaf Smith County employee. They have three children—Shyla, a freshman at

Angelo State University; Tyler, a junior in Hereford High School; and Blake, a fifth grader at St. Anthony's School in Hereford.

The new postmaster is a volunteer swimming instructor for the Red Cross, is a member of St. Anthony's Church, and is involved with her children in the Deaf Smith County 4-H.

"We have a good staff here at the Dimmitt Post Office," Martin said. "I hope to stay here for many, many years."

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Christmas issue together.

It has been a really fun holiday season for all of us so far. Luckily, we have a spunky and upbeat bunch here and the work got done—as it always seems to do—even though some were working when they should have been at home.

I imagine you've been busy, too. At least, I hope you've been, for if you're busy then you're probably adding to others' enjoyment of the season.

If you've been working sick, too, my Santa hat is off to you.

Now, with the work done, and with everyone feeling better, and with a little time to muse before going to press—I get to write: We're out of space—cut it off.

So: Merry Christmas!

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519 or Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

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MERRY FROM THE TEXAS CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- gauge to check rpm on Santa's reindeer?
- Stanley Gardner was an honorary TX Ranger
- what you get to do on X-mas morning (3 wds.)
- challenged mockingly
- a stand is a _____ for the X-mas tree
- plastic money gets _____ a lot at X-mas
- yuletide log chopper
- clothes packer for a holiday trip
- there's little of this in difference on X-mas eve
- what you get to do on X-mas morning (3 wds.)
- challenged mockingly
- a stand is a _____ for the X-mas tree
- some Texans go to this NM area to ski over the holidays
- main ingredient of X-mas nog
- the widow of Conway Twitty
- TX Blue Bell flavor: "cookies" _____ cream
- best little puzzle in TX (abbr.)
- Alpine football class
- elves to Santa
- T-bone and Ribeye
- "festive" Archer Co. town?
- Tex-Mex chain
- TX handyman Carrel and Mr. Neiman
- TXism: "hotter than a two-dollar _____ tol"
- actress Garr (init.)
- Santa's jolly shout when repeated
- beige
- suitable
- hot tub
- TXism: "flew off the handle"
- Curly, Moe, or Larry (2 wds.)
- looks through the blinds for Santa
- TXism: "it belongs to me _____ the bank"
- TX Tanya (init.)
- _____ McArdle painted "Dawn at the Alamo"
- TXism: "rile up"

DOWN

- a famous TX song (4 wds.)
- TX ambassador to England Anne and astronaut Neil
- TX Gen. _____
- Chennault founded the "Flying Tigers"
- TXism: "_____ few bricks shy of a load"
- pig's place
- TX media giant: _____ Belo Co.
- TXism: "_____ fine" (pretty woman)
- what to do with a tiger (2 wds.)
- birth state of 8-across (abbr.)
- "Buffalo" school that beat UT in 2000 (abbr.)

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

I've been taking a survey. My question has been, "What family Christmas tradition does your family observe now, or what do you remember from your childhood?"

Ida (Birkenfeld) Gibson said she, her husband and their seven children always attended midnight Mass at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth on Christmas Eve. Afterward, they would be invited to the home of the grandparents Birkenfelds for breakfast and would open their gifts from the grandparents there.

Santa always came to their house while they were at Mass and having breakfast at grandmother's.

Ida's seven children are pretty scattered throughout the states now, but every Christmas she has at least four and sometimes all seven at her house for the holidays.

Congratulations to Ida for being the Employee of the Month at Hereford Regional Medical Center. She lives in Dimmitt, but works in Hereford.

George and Carolyn Sides shared that each Christmas when their four children, along with their mates and 11 children, come for Christmas dinner, down stairs on the basement floor are the names of the 11 grandchildren attached to 11 strings. Each child, after finding his or her string, must follow it wherever it leads until her or she finds the end. At the end of the string there is a bag full of all sorts of presents bought especially for that child.

The children's fathers have become quite adept at developing obstacle courses for the children to go through. The strings lead to upstairs, outside, over the roof, through the hedges, over rocks, back around through the basketball goal, and every place imaginable. The older the child, the more challenging the course.

The Sides' children and grandchildren are Gregg and Lynn Sides of Dimmitt and children, Kate, Ben and Clayton; Don and Cinde Ebeling of Plainview and children, Joe and Steven; Ed and Kim Watson of Georgetown and children, Chloe and Emma; and Joe and Laurie Hill of Kodiak, Alaska, and children, Sara, Turner and Grace. The Hill family will not be able to make it to Texas this year for the holiday.

Karron Smith hosted the annual Christmas party and officer installation for the Republican Organization for Women. After the members enjoyed the variety of pick-up foods, Kaye Stevens, outgoing president, installed the officers for the year 2001.

Karron Smith is the president, with Doris Flynt as vice president, Carolyn Jones as secretary, and Frances Duke as treasurer.

Robin Gonzales and Susan Coleman blended their voices for several new Christmas carols and some of the old. They gave beautiful renditions of *Christmas Everyday*, *Bethlehem Morning*, and *Hope Is*

Born Again. The rest of the women joined in on *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas* and other old familiar carols.

Joyce Davis was host to her fifth annual Snowman Exchange Party this month. She is an avid collector of snowmen. Each guest brings a gift-wrapped snowman and some Christmas goodies. After visiting and eating, they gather around the tree for a "Chinese Auction," in which each person selects or trades for the snowman of his or her choice. Joyce has over 500 in her collection—including the snowman ornaments that adorn her tree. There were 17 guests present. Those from out of town were Ann Powell and Patti Love of Canyon and Nikki Watson of Hereford.

Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church, related to his congregation one Sunday that at his home in Friona during his "growing up years," his dad, the late "Friday" Rhodes, always took Howard and his three brothers and four sisters driving around town to see the Christmas lights. As they enjoyed the lights, Howard kept one eye on the sky, because every year when they returned home, Santa Claus had come and gone. There were presents under the tree. They'd missed Santa again, but he never missed bringing them presents.

Howard's mother, Maybian Rhodes, who now lives in Dimmitt, tells us that in the early part of the year 2001 she will welcome her 73rd descendant. This will be a great-granddaughter. Maybian has eight children, 24 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. The new baby is Margaret Coker's grandbaby, her son Mark's baby, and will make the 39th great-grandchild for Maybian.

Lloyd and Jane Vaughan started the holidays with a Thanksgiving trip to Dallas to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Laura and John Peterson, and grandson, Todd Hyso. They shopped and went sightseeing around "Big D."

Terry and Lisa Mixson joined a group on a week-long cruise to Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico. They cruised on over to Honduras for a beautiful pre-Christmas vacation.

Carole Dyer was one of several Dimmitt people who attended a Christmas party in the lovely home of Bill and Helen Piehl. The Stanley Schaeffers co-hosted the affair, which was held 2½ miles north of Bushland in the Windridge Estates. Some of the other Dimmitt people attending were the Ray Bains, Stanley, Jackie and Rala Byrnes, Jimmy and Nancy Ross, Reba Touchstone and Diane Sanders, Truman and Betty Touchstone, G.L. and Juanita Willis and Kay Lyn Rogers.

Other familiar names enjoying the festivities included Jack and Elaine Flynt of Lubbock, Jack and Murna Miller of Plainview, and John and

Denise Merritt of Amarillo.

Gertie Williams was the honoree of an open house in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Paul Wayland. The occasion was Gertie's 90th birthday. The house party included Paula Proffitt, Maria Sloan and Karen Keil. Special guests were Gertie's brother-in-law, Kenny Williams, and his daughter, Denise, of Miraloma, Calif.

Jean DuLaney, Nell Kenmore, Deanne Clark and Bessie Elder, all people who now live in Lubbock but formerly lived in Dimmitt, had lunch recently to reminisce and catch up on everyone they had known back in Dimmitt. They said they covered almost everything, visiting for two more hours after they finished lunch!

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will have Christmas Eve Mass at 8 p.m. the Christmas Mass celebration will be Monday at 10 a.m. Prior to the Mass, caroling led

by Robin Gonzales will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Barbara Hudson and Bessie Strickland attended a Christmas pageant at the Amarillo Civic Center, sponsored by Paramount Terrace Christian Church. The theme of the pageant this year was "Freedom." It is about two prisoners. One of them is a Christian and tells the other one about the miraculous birth of Jesus, the messiah. As the Christian prisoner relates each part of the beautiful story, a cast of hundreds acts out each scene in dramatic form.

Barbara Hudson visited her daughter, Donna Newton, in Wichita Falls over the Thanksgiving holidays. Donna, an R.N., has recently been promoted. She is the emergency room director for the Bethania Hospital.

Grandsons Dagon Newton and Clint Birdwell will be having Christmas dinner with Barbara. Dagon has completed computer training and is employed in Amarillo with Cox

Computer. Clint works in the Emporium Drug pharmacy at Lubbock.

The Hudson family will have a late Christmas gathering on Jan. 6.

"Sometimes even the best traditions must end. In our family, V.C. and I have had a quail breakfast for any of our clan who wanted to get up early enough on Christmas morning to come over to our house. This year V.C.'s bird dogs died. V.C. tried one day this season to find quail without a dog. According to him, you just can't hunt quail without a dog.

Some of you will remember that Don Graham had two bird dogs, Joe and Butch, that he walked a couple of miles each morning before daylight back when he and Paula were neighbors across the street. Don had rather kill a quail than eat one, so he very generously shared some of his quail with us. (I try to write only upbeat news, but this story is sad.) Joe met his demise about a year ago and Butch went on to dog heaven in October. A good bird dog is hard to

find.

Speaking of bird dogs, the late Chuck Braafladt enjoyed fishing and hunting. His bird dog, Rosebud, is probably one of the most-loved dogs in the world. She is a beautiful red Vizsla that rode in the passenger seat of Chuck's pickup, a constant companion to Chuck. And now Rosebud rides with Chuck's wife, Patricia, in the passenger seat of her car.

Nati and Olivia Ortiz are very proud of their son, Gus Ortiz. Coach Ortiz is the offensive coordinator for the Blanco Panthers and his team advanced to the state finals before losing a heartbreaker to Sonora, 27-24.

Coach Ortiz coached at Dimmitt for 10 years before moving to Blanco.

There were three former Dimmitt coaches that went to see the game, including Coach Lanny Crow, Coach Monty Gothard and Coach Corey Lynch.

They had also made the playoffs.



NO INJURIES—A 1995 Ford Thunderbird driven by Felecita Soto Hernandez, 76, of Dimmitt, drove into the path of a 1998 Ford Aerostar driven by Jan Curry Edwards, 54, of Dimmitt, causing light damage to both vehicles last Thursday morning in Dimmitt. Police said Edwards

had been driving east in the 200 block of West Bedford when Hernandez failed to yield right of way at the stop sign in the 100 block of Southwest Second. No citation was given. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Letter

Community generosity is appreciated by PCS

Dear Editor:

It was an exciting day on Dec. 11 when the new freezer arrived at Panhandle Community Services.

In appreciation, the staff had a celebration and invited representatives from all facets of the community for refreshments and a picture.

Johnny Raymond, executive director of Panhandle Community Services, informed the group that our community was one of two in the Panhandle that offered such strong support to their local food bank.

The people of Castro County are indeed most generous and giving. Their generosity will make it possible for PCS to offer a more varied diet for their clients because of the increased freezer storage.

There are several individuals and businesses that offer regular financial support to the food bank. Any support of this kind would be most appreciated by PCS, as they depend

completely on donations to operate.

Jerry Pena is dedicated to the clients who use the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry; and Stella Devers, center coordinator; and the entire PCS staff, including Lorena Corrales, Esther Espinosa and Estella Salinas, offer many valuable services to the residents of Castro County.

Many prayers were answered to bring this project to completion.

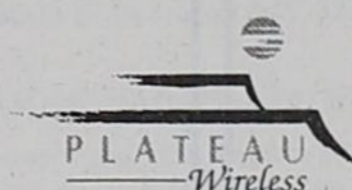
Thanks so much to all the individuals and organizations who opened their hearts and pocketbooks to this endeavor. Thanks to the *Castro County News* for the publicity. We appreciate James Baker for volunteering his time to install the freezer. Thanks to Walt Hansen for putting us in contact with Les Green at HiTech in Amarillo. Thank you and God bless you.

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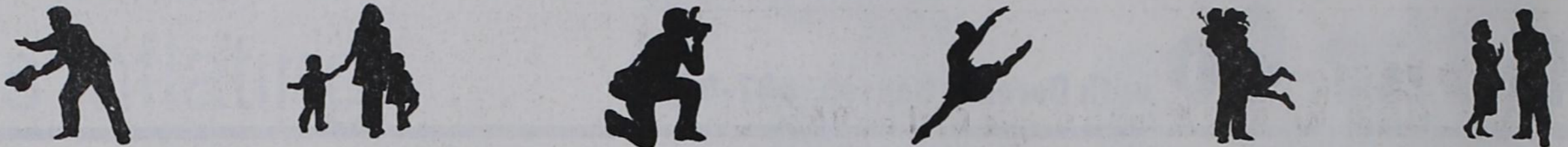
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Eric Benjamin Sammann and Rebecca Elizabeth Fox

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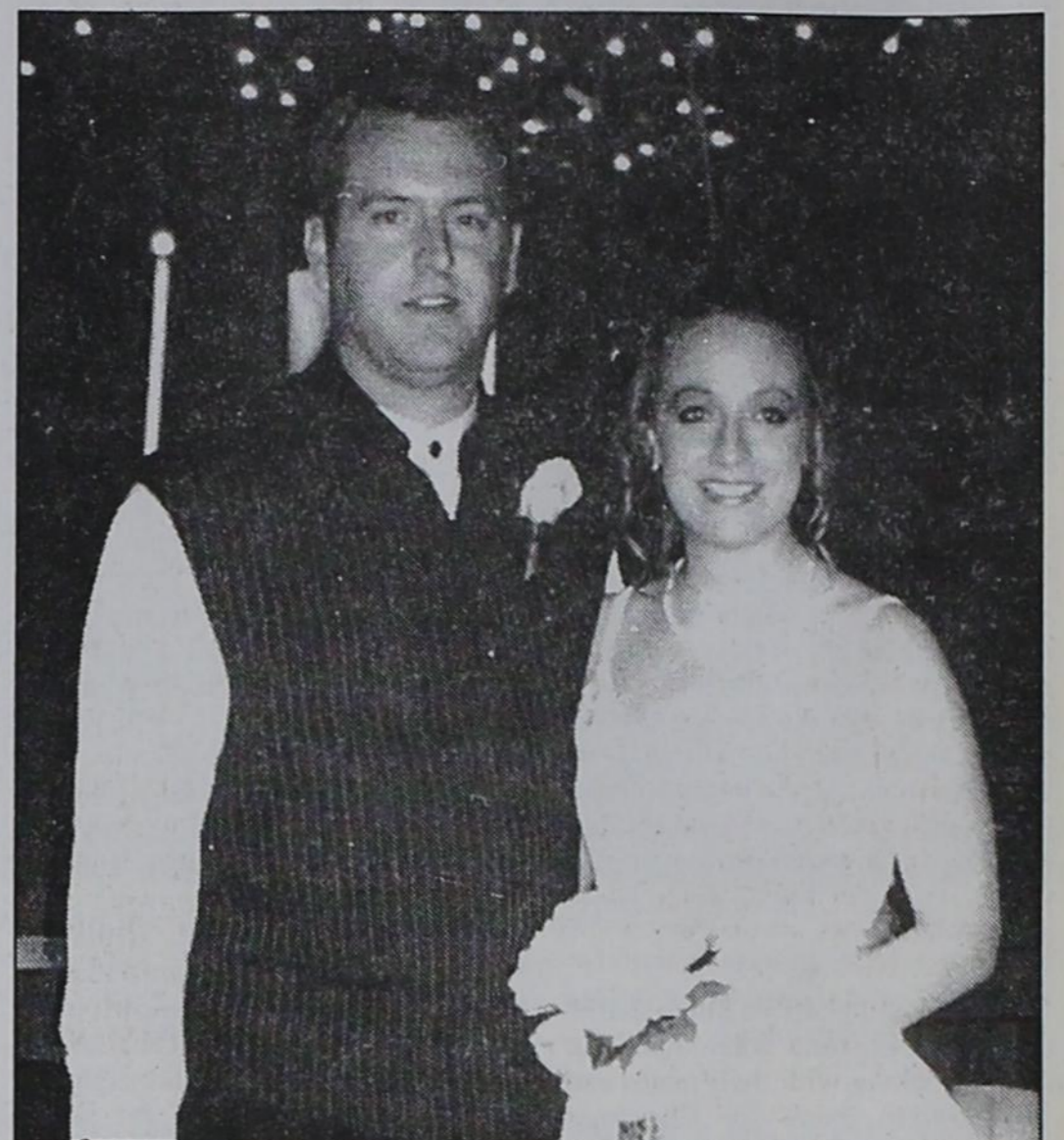
Eric Benjamin Sammann and Rebecca Elizabeth Fox will exchange wedding vows on Dec. 30 at Amarillo South Church. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Micheal and Janis Bristow and Kerry and Nealann Williams of Amarillo. The prospective groom is the son of Alfred and Mira Sammann of Lubbock and Jeannie and Scott Amman of Colorado. He is the grandson of Ernest and Marie Sammann of Dimmitt. The couple are planning a wedding trip to Disney World, and plan to reside in Lubbock after the wedding. The prospective groom is finishing his degree at Texas Tech University. The bride-elect is working at the Children's Home of Lubbock and attends Texas Tech University.

Nominations sought for Chamber honors

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the honors that are bestowed each year at the annual Chamber Banquet, set for Jan. 20. A selection committee will choose the Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, Teacher of the Year, and Chamber Member of the Year. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford and must be returned to the office by Jan. 4. "We'd like to see a lot of nomination forms turned in, because we know a lot of people are deserving of recognition," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava. If someone cannot stop by to pick up a nomination form, they may call the chamber at 647-2524 and request that a form be mailed. Forms also have been mailed with Chamber dues notices and with newsletters. Nominations also may be submitted in letter form, but are generally more complete and effective if a regular nomination form is used, Sava said. The theme for the Chamber Banquet this year is "Castro County: Cattle, Cotton, Corn and Cowboys."

Christmas singing party set Dec. 29 in Nazareth

If all those office parties and family gatherings the last few weeks have left you with the urge to sing, then you are in luck. On Friday, Dec. 29, on the fifth night of Christmas, the Home Mercantile in Nazareth will be hosting an old fashioned "Christmas Singing Party." The public is invited to this one last chance to sing the whole gamut of great Christmas music before the New Year arrives. Special guests for the party will be singer-songwriter Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock, who will be bringing along selections from his newly released Christmas CD. Also along for the evening will be the String Technicians, ready to perform *Christmas in the Trenches*, *Merry Texas Christmas*, and *Christmas Prayer*, a musical adaptation of a Kenneth Wyatt poem. Along with all the swinging music and singing, there will be complimentary food and refreshments for good holiday cheer. Donations for the Home Mercantile renovation will be accepted.



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT STAHL
... She's the former Dawn Mayne

Stahl, Mayne exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stahl are home in Carrollton after enjoying a brief wedding trip. Scott Stahl and Dawn Mayne were married on Dec. 2 in an evening ceremony at Aubrey. The Rev. Matthew Ford of Garland officiated at the formal, double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Norm and Pam Mayne of Los Alamos, N.M. Parents of the groom are Richard and Sue Stahl of Dimmitt. The stage was decorated with icicle lights and luminaries that lined the rails. The unity candle was surrounded by greenery and cranberry roses. As a wedding present to the groom, the bride sang *From This Moment On*. Other musical selections during the ceremony included *Trumpet Voluntary*, *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring* and *Canon in D*. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a simple, long ivory satin dress accented with pearl beads. She wore ivory gloves and carried a bouquet of ivory roses. Teresa Webb of Lewisville, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Sally Stahl of Dimmitt, sister of the groom, was a bridesmaid. The bridal attendants were outfitted in long-sleeved hunter green velvet blouses and long, black skirts. Each carried a bouquet of cranberry roses. The flower girl, Paige Patrick, daughter of the bride, wore a dress with an ivory top and hunter green skirt. She carried a basket of baby cranberry roses made by the groom's aunt, Rebecca Staley of Arvada, Colo. Best man was Steve Garrison of Plano, friend of the groom. Groomsman was Chad Killingsworth of Lenexa, Kan., friend of the groom. Jake Patrick, son of the bride, was the ring bearer. He carried an ivory pillow made by Staley. Stacey Grey of Fort Worth, sister of the groom, presided over the registry table. Following the wedding, a reception and dance honoring the couple were held. A table decorated with an ivory tablecloth and accented with greenery held pick-up foods. The bride's table was decorated with cranberry roses and greenery and it held the two-tiered wedding cake, which was served to guests along with mints, nuts and punch. The bride is a 1990 graduate of Los Alamos High School in Los Alamos, N.M. She attended Dallas Christian College in Dallas. She is employed by Case Dunlap Ent. in Dallas. The groom, a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School, attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He works for Selectrucks of Dallas.

Hargrove named to 'Golden Key'

Jason Randel Hargrove, a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School, has accepted membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society, and was individually honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas Tech University, where he is a junior majoring in business. Hargrove is the son of Randy and Jan Hargrove of Dimmitt. "It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Jason be recognized by Golden Key," said Jim Lewis, Golden Key founder and executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the society's commitment to service." The society is a non-profit academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships. It has more than 300 chapters in the US and around the world. Membership is by invitation only to the top 15% of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

Wise honored as student of week

Hanna Wise was recently honored as the student of the week for the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring at Dimmitt Middle School. The daughter of Gary and Ronda Wise, Hanna was born Jan. 18, 1991, in Dimmitt, and someone she admires or respects are her older sisters, Holly, Heather and Hayli. Her favorite food is spaghetti, she likes leopards, and her favorite book is *The Bread Winner*. She does well at artwork and drawing, but wishes she were better at playing basketball. What she likes the most about DMS is the teachers. When she grows up, she wants to be a hair stylist.



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN
Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCormick of Canyon, are the parents of a baby, Claire Riley McCormick, who was born Dec. 2. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox of Amarillo and Dr. and Mrs. R. Dean Beddow (she's formerly Cassa McCormick of Dimmitt) of Amarillo.

It's a boy for Kathy and Paul Dannevik of Lubbock. Caylor Ross was born Dec. 14 in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital. The infant weighed 7 lbs. and 3 oz., and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dannevik of Dimmitt, and Mrs. Carol Wright of Sun City, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peel of Prescott, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Pennington of Lubbock.

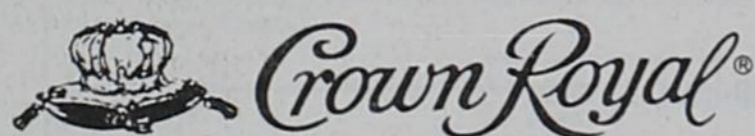
It's a boy for Shane and Ja Bridwell (she's the former Ja Cameron of Dimmitt). Their son, Tucker Dale, was born on Nov. 28 at 12:48 p.m. he weighed 8 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 20-3/4 inches long. He has an older sibling, Frankie.

You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE to meet
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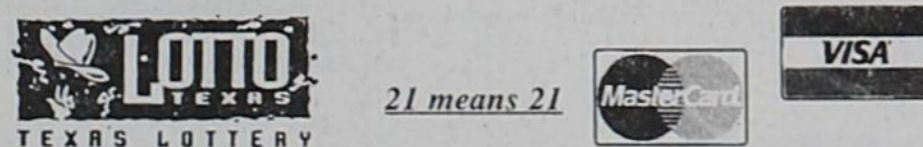


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The Christmas Pageant 2000, presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo this weekend, was as always the greatest story ever told of the birth of Jesus and through His crucifixion. Each year we think, "Oh, this had to be the best ever." This year's theme was "Freedom" as related by two men in jail and Barabbas. I don't think there was a dry eye in the crowd as it came to an end. The sound and lighting effects, the music, the costumes, the live animals all help to make you feel part of it. I hope I'll always be able to be there each year for their performance.

The Nazareth Band Christmas Concert was held Thursday evening with a large crowd attending. Fidelis Fetsch is our Band Director and Angela Fulkerson, a student teacher.

The fifth grade performed first and then the sixth grade. Both were very good. Then our Swift High School Band which also consists of seventh and eighth grade students performed. Everyone could see why they have won so many high school and junior high All Region Band awards. Solos were performed by Jason Birkenfeld, baritone; Mark Birkenfeld, trumpet and Orin Schulte, drums. Craig, Mark and Jason Birkenfeld will compete in the All State Band competition in February.

The following students from Nazareth were selected to the Junior High All Region Band: Jeremy Acker,

ninth chair trumpet; Lacey Acker, first chair trombone; Candace Birkenfeld, fourth chair trumpet; Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, third chair flute; Matthew Birkenfeld, second chair mallets; Jamie Black, sixth chair French horn; Jake Hoelting, tenth chair trumpet; Nathan Huseman, fifth chair tuba; Garrett Kleman, second chair baritone saxophone; Dustin Schulte, third chair French horn; Keli Schulte, fourth chair bass clarinet; Orin Schulte, third chair snare drum and Adam Thiel, first alternate tympani.

Nazareth High School students making the All Region Band are Craig Birkenfeld, Symphonic Band third chair tuba; Mark Birkenfeld, Symphonic Band fourth chair trumpet; Jason Birkenfeld, Symphonic Band third chair baritone; Quentin Jones, Symphonic Band ninth chair trombone; Brett Hoelting, Concert Band seventh chair trombone; Rebecca Olivera, Concert Band first chair tuba; Craig Birkenfeld, area qualifier; Mark Birkenfeld, area qualifier and Jason Birkenfeld, area qualifier.

Tonya Huseman graduated Friday evening from West Texas A&M University in Canyon with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting. Her parents, Ted and Deanna Huseman of Amarillo, hosted a party for her later at Hummers in Amarillo. Her grandparents, Denny and Dolores Heiman and

most of the family members enjoyed the evening with her.

Brett Conrad graduated from West Texas A&M University Friday evening with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing. His parents, Tom and Brenda Conrad of Colorado Springs, CO. hosted a party for Brett later at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. His grandparents, Leroy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and some of the family members enjoyed the evening with him. He will return to Colorado Springs, CO. where he will be employed.

Bob and Linda Kendrick of Desoto and their son, Rob, his wife, Rebekah and daughter, Madison of West Helena, AR. spent several days here with the Leroy Pohlmeier families.

A baby shower was held recently for Tracie Peterson and her infant daughter, Tobie Jean. The shower was held at the home of Nicole Schulte with a group of friends enjoying the get-together. Special guest was grandmother, Dixie Peterson of Hart.

Everyone enjoyed the Tour of Homes decorated for the Holidays on Sunday afternoon. Featured homes were those of Shawn and Jill Pohlmeier, Henry and Lori Wilhelm, Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld, Dwayne and Sheryl Kleman and Dorothy Guggemos. All were very pretty and each different in their own way.

Our new Parish Council Members recently elected are Hugh Acker, Scott Huseman, Bruce Braddock, David Schulte, Mary Beth Gerber and Jocelyn Pohlmeier.

Prayers are asked for Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Deanna Huseman, Brad Klein, Eric Wilhelm, Alice Palazzini and Tammy Drerup.



MORE TOYS—Members of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club delivered a big load of toys, new and used, to Panhandle Community Services to be distributed to underprivileged children this holiday season. Shown are (front, from left) Jordan Fuentes, Jeffrey Bishop and Carter Hill; (middle, from left) Thomas Brockman, Anna Brockman, Stephanie Castro and Elizabeth Hill; and (back, from left) Jeremy Bishop, Casey Maurer and Eric Book, along with PCS staff members Jerry Peña and Esther Espinosa. *Staff Photo*

Sam Raper Jr. wins Dimmitt Dollars prize

Sam Raper Jr., Connie Aguilar and Edward Ewing were winners in the Dec. 14 drawing for Dimmitt Dollars, and Raper captured the top prize of \$100.

Aguilar and Ewing each received \$10.

The winning tickets were submitted at Bealls, Seale Florist & Gifts and Corner Place Package Store.

Chamber of Commerce Director Bill Sava said the final drawings for this holiday season will be held on Friday, allowing customers to sign up "all the way through closing time today (Thursday)."

Businesses participating in the

event, in addition to those named above, are ALCO, Bobcat Barber Shop, Brito Communication, Castro County News, Coleman Pharmacy, Dimmitt Market, Dimmitt Office Supply, Dimmitt Printing, First Bank of Muleshoe, First United Bank, The Headhunters, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Just Imagine, Kittrell Electronics/Radio Shack, Lockhart Pharmacy, Mr.

Burger, The Pancake House, Thriftway, Tots and Teens, Unique Gifts and More and The Village Shop.

Video game scam uncovered in Canada

A male individual was arrested Dec. 8 in connection with a video game scam uncovered in Canada. The man was charged with fraud exceeding \$5,000 and was being held in custody as of last week, according to the Better Business Bureau.

The man and his company, located in Moncton, New Brunswick, had been fraudulently advertising on the Internet the availability of thousands of the popular Sony PlayStation 2, but consumers had been complaining that the items were never shipped, according to the Canadian Council of Better Business Bureaus in Ottawa, Canada.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) conducted an investi-

gation that led to the man's arrest, and they are continuing the investigation. They ask that anyone in the US or Canada who placed an order for the video game units with the web site of ps2storeusa.com or ps2storecanada.com to contact the RCMP by e-mailing mike.arseneau@rcmp-gre.gc.ca or faxing 1-506-452-4208, or telephoning 1-506-452-3475. Also, any local Better Business Bureau may take information. The Amarillo BBB may be contacted at 379-7133.

The BBB noted that the web site had requested that customers fax copies of the front and back of their credit cards to "expedite the purchase and assure speedy delivery."

Correction

Jo Campbell does not serve as secretary for Castro County Constable James Dobbs. She is the secretary for Castro County Justice of the Peace Tana Young, who shares a telephone line with Dobbs.

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Sports



Cats run roughshod over Road, 71-39

Everybody got to run and play Friday night when the Bobcats roughed up River Road in a 71-39 mismatch in Cleveland Gym.

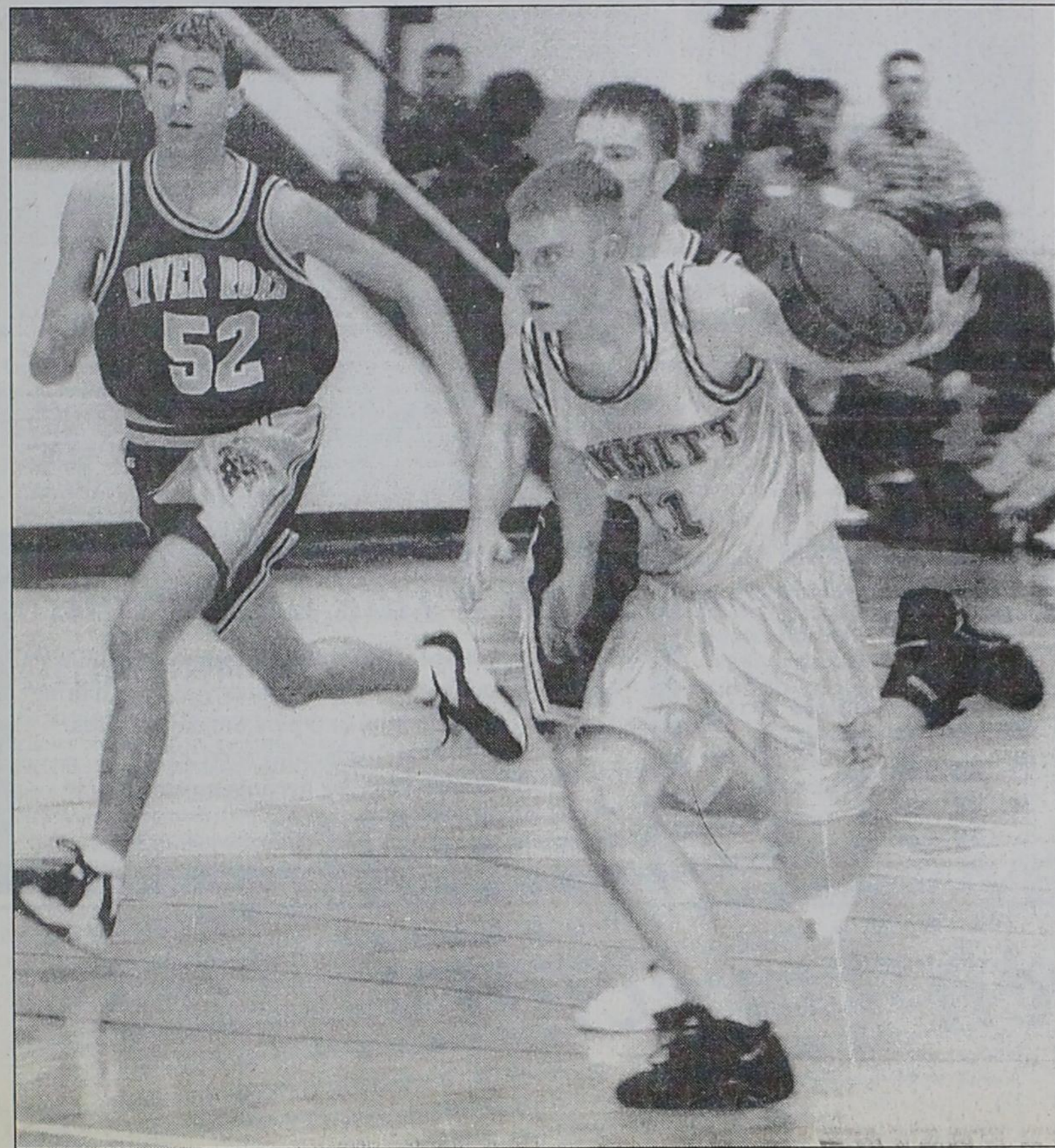
It was the Bobcats' 10th win of the still-young season, vs. three losses. After letting the visiting Wildcats take an 8-4 lead, the Bobcats set the stage for the rest of the game with an eight-point trip down the floor, and

they never looked back after that. Dee Norman, the game's high scorer with 17, started the eight-point trip when he drew a foul while sinking a basket from underneath and

added the freebie for a three-point play. Then the pressing Bobcats stole the ball in the backcourt and Daniel Proffitt sank a quick two-point off of the turnover. Then the Bobcats pulled off another steal and Austin Sherman sank the game's first three-pointer, giving Dimmitt a 12-8 lead before the Wildcats could get the ball back across the time-line.

After Norman sank another basket underneath, Matthew Sandoval racked up six points in a row on an underneath shot, a fast-break layup off of a steal, and a 10-ft. jumper to help Dimmitt to a 20-10 lead at the end of the first.

Wright, Velo, Sherman and Josselet also graded well on their floor play. The Bobcats weren't hot this time from three-point range, hitting only four of 23 for 17%. But on two-point shots, they connected on 24 of 42 for 57%.



FAST BREAK—Dimmitt's Daniel Proffitt (11) looks over the possibilities as he pushes the ball upcourt on a fast break while River Road's Tyrel Velasquez (52) and a teammate try to keep up during the second quarter of Friday night's game here. Proffitt finished with 14 points as the Bobcats raced to a 71-39 win. Photo by Kyle Collins

The Wildcats fought back to within 20-18 and 23-20 in the first three minutes of the second quarter, but Matthew Wright swished a trey to start a 15-2 run that gave Dimmitt command for good. Proffitt sank another transition layup and four free throws on one-and-ones, and Norman ended the quarter with a basket at the buzzer for a 38-22 halftime lead.

River Road 65, Bobbies 49

Post forward Tamara Robertson was out because of illness, but that wasn't the Bobbies' only problem in a 65-49 loss to River Road here Friday.

Black was Dimmitt's leading scorer with 18, followed by Fabela with 10, Kenworthy 7, Schulte and Stacy Saenz 6 apiece, and Jill Merritt 2.

Dimmitt opened the second half with a 13-0 run to put the game out of reach at 51-22 before Eric Miller managed to sink the Road's first basket of the third, a trey at the 3:40 mark. By the end of the third, it was 60-32.

The loss left the Bobbies with a 4-9 record, while the Lady Wildcats improved to 3-7 with the win.

The Bobbies mounted another charge early in the third. Within the furious first minute, RR's Lori Adams sank a baseline jumper, Black made a layup, Schulte made an 8-ft. jumper and Black put back a rebound. When the smoke cleared, Dimmitt had cut RR's lead to 24-28, and a moment later Fabela stole an inbounds pass and scored to close the gap to 26-28.

Contributing to Dimmitt's third-quarter blitz were Sherman with six, Marcus Larra with five, Norman with four, Josh Hardwick with three and Sandoval and Brent Josselet with two apiece.

River Road's Jena Morrison put up a basket after a rebound for the game's first points, and the visitors never trailed after that.

But once again the Lady Wildcats fought back the threat, this time with a 15-4 run to end the quarter with a 45-32 lead.

The Bobcat defense didn't allow the Wildcats a single field goal in the final quarter. RR's Randy Mincher sank a free throw 2:40 into the fourth, then the Wildcats went scoreless until there were only 2½ minutes left in the game. Julian Velo scored Dimmitt's final two field goals from underneath to end it.

The only points that the Bobbies could muster in the first seven minutes were a pair of free throws by Heather Black early in the game. The Bobbies trailed 10-2 before Sharla Kenworthy swished a three-pointer for Dimmitt's first field goal with 40 seconds remaining in the opening period.

The fourth quarter was a high-scoring fray, but unfortunately for the Bobbies the score continued to top toward their visitors, 20-17, as the game ended 65-49.

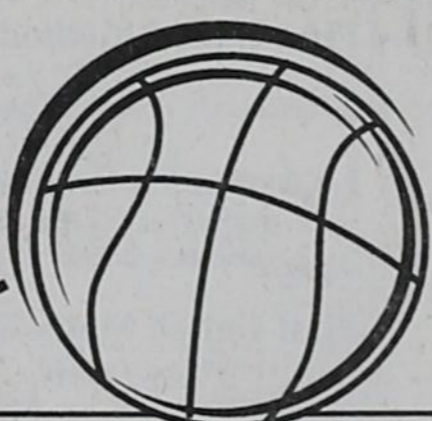
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STACY SAENZ (44) sinks a turnaround jumper for Dimmitt in the fourth quarter of Friday night's game against River Road here. Trying to stop her are River Road's Chris Swaim (40) and Jena Morrison (21). Saenz finished with six points—all in the fourth period—as the Bobbies lost, 65-49. Photo by Kyle Collins

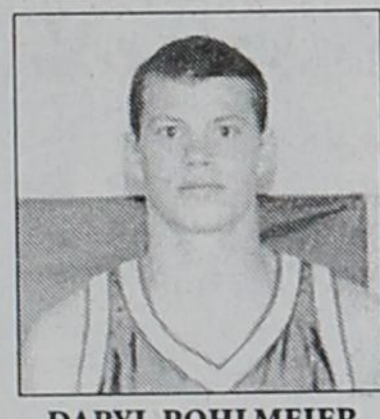
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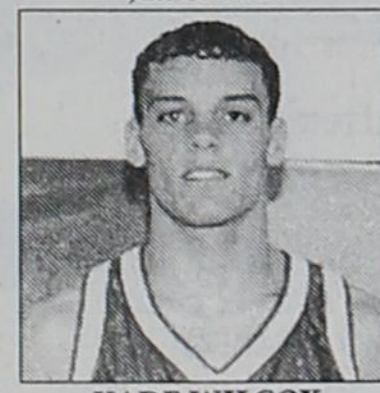
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Nazareth sweeps Vega teams in home stand Friday

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes added another notch to their win totals Friday when they lassoed the Vega Longhorns and Lady Horns at home.

The Longhorns kept the game close in the first quarter, but after that Nazareth's defense took over and dominated for the 66-38 win.

The Swiftettes breezed past the Lady Horns, 78-45; while the Swifts coasted to a 66-38 victory.

Vega couldn't find a way to shut down Nazareth's Eric Schilling inside the paint or the guard combination of twins Kade Wilcox and Ky Wilcox. That trio combined for 48 of Nazareth's 66 points. Schilling led the way with 18 while Kade Wilcox added 16 and Ky Wilcox finished with 14.

In the girls' game, Vega couldn't find a way to penetrate the Swiftettes' defense and Nazareth enjoyed hot shooting from inside and outside.

Nazareth only led by four in the first quarter, 19-15, but the Swifts blew open the game in the second quarter thanks to a punishing defense that held Vega to three points.

After jumping out to a 17-8 lead in the first quarter, the Swiftettes never looked back. By halftime, they had jumped out to a 31-19 lead.

Leading scorers for the Swiftettes were Stephanie Thiel, who tossed in 22; Whitney Hoelting, who buried 21; and Wendy Black, who tallied

Over the second half, it was all Nazareth. The Swiftettes exploded with 47 points in the half while limiting Vega to 26.

Three local squads preparing for Caprock Holiday Tourney

The biggest basketball tournament in the Texas Panhandle is slated for Dec. 28-30, and three county teams will be among the 64 squads competing for the championship.

The Dimmitt Bobbies and Bobcats and the Nazareth Swiftettes will open tournament play next Thursday, Dec. 28, with the Bobcats meeting Lubbock Estacado, the Bobbies playing Amarillo Caprock and the Swiftettes facing Goldthwaite.

The Bobcats' game with Estacado is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Dec. 28 at Lubbock Estacado. Should the Bobbies win, they'll meet either Lubbock Coronado or Odessa Permian on Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey. Losers in the two games will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock Estacado.

The Swiftettes will play Goldthwaite at 4:30 p.m. at Lubbock Estacado on Dec. 28. If they win, they'll meet either El Paso Franklin or Dalhart on Dec. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock Monterey. If they lose, the Swiftettes will play at 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock High School.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, the girls' consolation finals in the loser's bracket will be played at 3 p.m., one at Frenship and the other at Lubbock

High School. The consolation games from the championship side of the bracket will start at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Estacado. The third-place game will be at 4:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado. The championship will start at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado.

For the boys, the final day's schedule includes the loser's bracket consolation games at 3 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Estacado; the winner's consolation matchups at 1:30 p.m. at Frenship and Lubbock Coronado; the third-place game at 6 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado; and the championship at 9 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado.

JV Cats race to 81-27 win

The Junior Varsity Bobcats could have been arrested for speeding and theft Friday night as they raced to an 81-27 win over River Road.

They logged 20 steals during the game and scored 64 of their points from within 10 feet of the basket.

Dimmitt exploded for 29 points in the second quarter, extending a 16-5 lead to 45-12 by halftime. At the end of three, it was 63-20.

Leading the scoring parade were Kenneth Worsham with 17, Matthew Sanders with 13, Patrick Hunter with 12, and Lee Brown and Nicky Gauna with 10 apiece.



PAINT WARS—Hart's Jeff Bennett (20) penetrates the lane, then battles Lazbuddie's Jake Louder (53) as he attempts to pick up an easy bucket Friday in a non-district game at Hart. Hart edged Lazbuddie in overtime, 53-52. Bennett finished with 11 points for Hart while Louder was his team's leading scorer. Hart's top scorer in the game was Keith Finch, who finished with 18. Albert Velasquez contributed 10 for the home team. Also pictured is Hart's Joey Pantoja (30). *Photo by Neoma Williams*

Swifts will meet Birdville in Whataburger Tourney

Nazareth will travel to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex next week to compete in the Whataburger Basketball Tournament.

The Swifts will face Birdville at 9 p.m. on Dec. 28 in a first-round game in the AAA-A division of the tournament. The games will be played at Haltom High School.

The 16-team tourney also features squads from Italy, Lorenzo, Bogata Rivercrest, Alvarado, Azle, Kountze, Country Day, Poolville, All Saints, Ponder, Grapeland, Kennedale, Trinity Valley and Lipan.

If the Swifts beat Birdville, they will face the winner between Trinity Valley and Lipan at 2 p.m. on Dec. 29. Losers in the two first-round games will square off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

The tournament features a full slate of games on Saturday, Dec. 30, including with the consolation championship at 2:30 p.m. The fifth-place game will tip off at 4 p.m., followed by the third-place showdown at 5:30 p.m. The championship will be decided in a 7 p.m. game.

Scoreboard

FRIDAY		Swifts 66, Vega 38	
Bobbies 49, River Road 65	River Road 10 16 19 20 —65	Vega 15 3 13 7 —38	Nazareth 19 18 16 13 —66
Dimmitt 5 13 14 17 —49	SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 18, Rachel Fabela 10.	SCORING: Nazareth—Eric Schilling 18, Kade Wilcox 16, Ky Wilcox 14.	
Bobcats 71, River Road 39	River Road 11 11 10 7 —39	Lady Horns 48, Lazbuddie 37	Lazbuddie 6 7 12 12 —37
Dimmitt 20 18 22 11 —71	SCORING: Dimmitt—Dee Norman 17, Daniel Proffitt 14, Matthew Sandoval 10.	Hart 11 10 13 14 —48	SCORING: Hart—Lacie Curry 20, Cynthia Gonzales 12.
Longhorns 53, Lazbuddie 52 (OT)	Lazbuddie 7 14 8 17 6—52	Swiftettes 78, Vega 45	Vega 8 11 12 14 —45
Hart 8 11 15 12 7—53	SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 18, Jeff Bennett 11, Albert Velasquez 10.	Nazareth 17 14 21 26 —78	SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 22, Whitney Hoelling 21, Wendy Black 13.
		JV Bobbies 41, River Road 17	JV Bobcats 81, River Road 29
		JV Swifts 64, Vega 20	JV Lady Horns 31, Lazbuddie 25

Good Luck,

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Schedule and Scores

Dec. 21—Amarillo High, There
 Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
 Jan. 5—*Littlefield (Girls), Here
 Jan. 5—Tulia (Boys), Here
 Jan. 9—*Roosevelt (Girls), Here
 Jan. 9—Amarillo (Boys), Here
 Jan. 12—*Shallowater, There
 Jan. 16—*Muleshoe, Here
 Jan. 19—*Cooper, There
 Jan. 23—*Littlefield, There
 Jan. 26—*Roosevelt, There
 Jan. 30—*Shallowater, Here
 Feb. 2—*Muleshoe, There
 Feb. 6—*Cooper, Here
 Feb. 9—*Littlefield (Boys), Here
 Feb. 12—*Roosevelt (Boys), Here

Bobbies

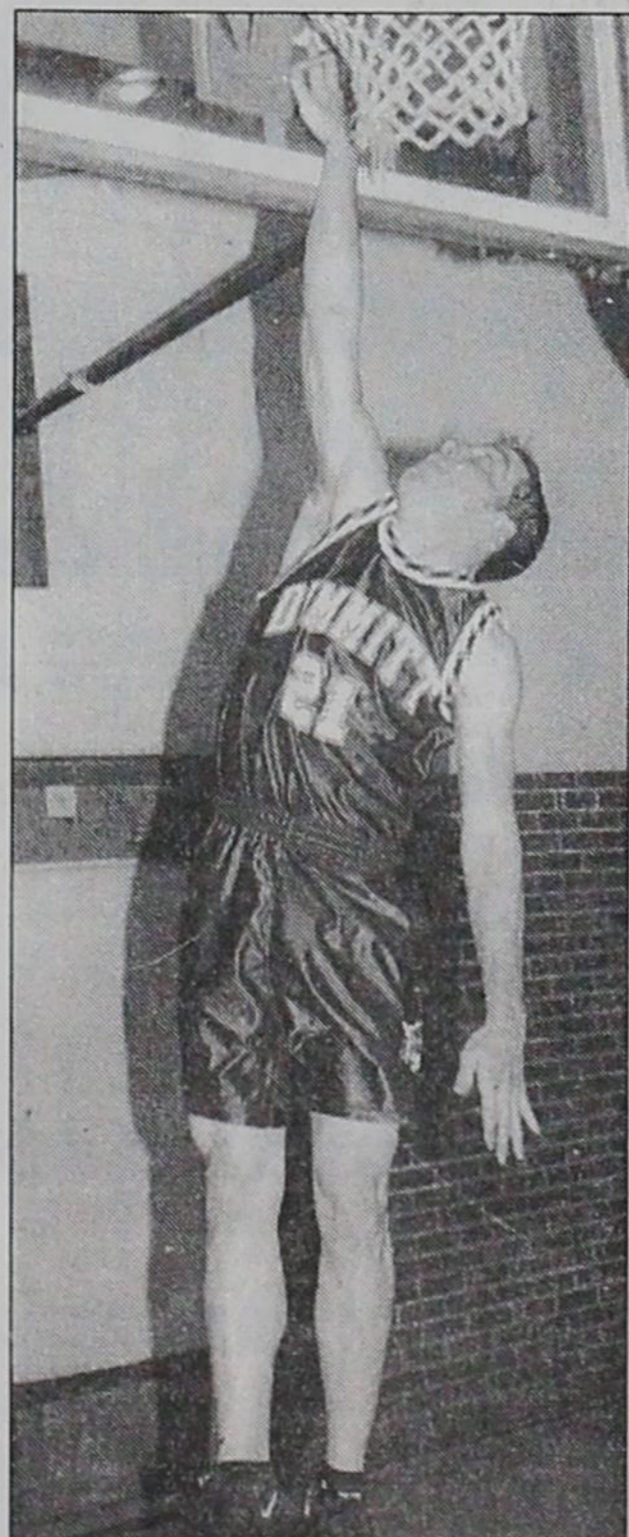
42, Randall 54
 39, Levelland 58
 44, Borger 62
Queen's Classic
 41, Randall 55
 57, Muleshoe 44
 68, Vega 70 (OT)
 59 Hereford 55
Canyon Classic
 36, Tascosa 71
 51, Panhandle 63
 65, Godley 35
 41, Tulia 44
 57, Abernathy 52
 49, River Road 65
Season Record: 4-9

Bobcats

49, Randall 68
 60, Levelland 67
 69, Borger 62
 43, Hereford 52
Plainview Tourney
 63, Plainview 53
 56 Paducah 40
 70, Hale Center 40
 75, Tulia 55
Big Spring Tournament
 81, Sweetwater 55
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AMANDA CARRASCO (12) of Hart finds a hole and launches a jump shot over a Lazbuddie defender in action Friday at Hart. The Lady Horns topped Lazbuddie, 48-37. Leading the Hart attack was Lacie Curry, who finished with 20 points. Cynthia Gonzales added 12 for Hart.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Finch named All-South Plains Player of Year

Hart's Keith Finch was selected as the All-South Plains Player of the Year while Nazareth's Matty McLain was selected to the squad as a linebacker.

"Finch excelled at a number of positions in 2000, including running back, quarterback, kicker, and free safety," according to the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*. "At quarterback he completed 11-of-31 passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns. He was also one of the top free safeties in the area, combining speed with punishing hits."

McLain notched 103 tackles on defense for the Swifts, who allowed an area-low 6.3 points per game.

Crime Line offers rewards for crime info

Dimmitt Police and the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. frequently offer rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for crimes that are committed in the area.

However, Crime Line also may pay rewards to informants that may not have been featured in a Crime Line campaign.

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said that anyone with information about any crimes that may have been committed in the county are urged to call the Crime Line number at 647-4711. Law enforcement personnel will consider paying rewards for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator.

Informants may remain anonymous, and rewards are paid through a drop system.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT—The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band gave a performance last Thursday evening at the high school auditorium, along with the high school choir. The band is directed by Har-

old Hinsley. Selections included *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*, *Let it Snow*, *White Christmas*, and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



HELPING HAMS—Walt Hansen, owner of Dimmitt Thriftway and Dimmitt Market, recently donated 90 hams and 100 hens to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which is administered by Pan-

handle Community Services. Shown with the load of hams are (from left) PCS employees Estella Salinas, Lorena Corrales, Esther Espinosa, and Stella Devers, Walt Hansen, and PCS employee Jerry Peña.

Dimmitt ISD will share in \$5 million grant for 'Texas Reading Academies'

Dimmitt Independent School District is one of 51 districts, regional education centers and charter schools across Texas which will benefit from a \$5 million award to create Texas Reading Academies.

Applications for the funds were received from 159 school districts, regional education service centers and charter schools. The awards range from approximately \$50,000 to \$200,000 per project. The Texas Reading Academies will serve an estimated 21,962 students in 1,457 classrooms on 145 campuses across Texas between January 2001 and August 2002 in a variety of ways, including programs offered before school, during the regular school day, after school and in summer school.

Each of the 51 recipients will receive a portion of the \$5 million

grant, but the final amount of each grant is still being negotiated.

The primary objective of the grant awards is to ensure that Texas students are proficient in reading.

The 76th Texas Legislature authorized the use of these funds to assist schools as they strive to meet Gov. George W. Bush's challenge that calls for having all children reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade and remaining at or above grade level throughout the remainder of their school careers.

The goal of the Texas Reading Academies program is to serve sixth through 10th grade students who are struggling readers by providing them with effective instruction, based on reading research. Direct instructional programs will be used to accelerate the students' reading levels to grade level or above.

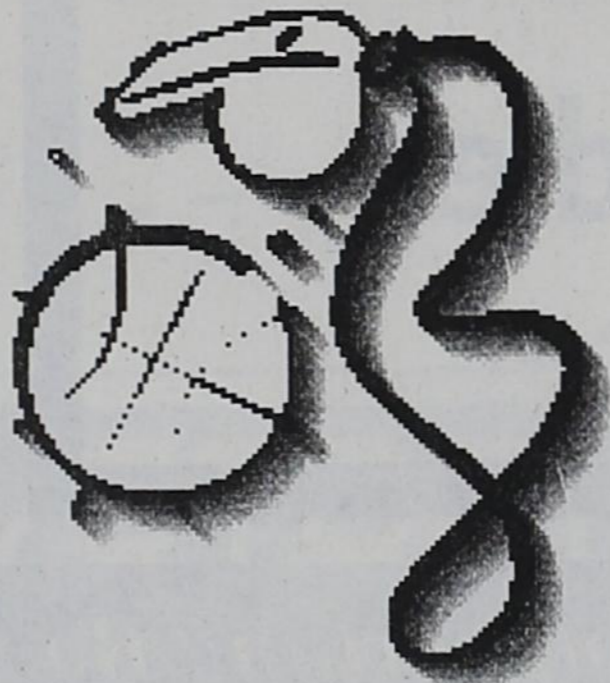
Eligible students for this program

must be in grades 6-10, reading at least two years or more below grade level. Additional criteria that may be used by campus to identify struggling readers may include any combination of the following:

- ◆ Limited background knowledge.
 - ◆ Slow and labored reading.
 - ◆ Limited vocabulary.
 - ◆ Poor comprehension (for example, missing the main idea but giving long explanations of irrelevant detail).
 - ◆ Difficulty identifying and using text structures to aid comprehension.
 - ◆ Poor spelling.
 - ◆ Difficulty writing (compositions are short, disorganized, and/or full of spelling and grammar errors).
 - ◆ Difficulty with the development of phonological awareness and phonological processing skills (for example, difficulty orally blending or segmenting the sounds in words).
 - ◆ Difficulty decoding non-words (for example, bluff, preplete) unfamiliar words or multisyllabic words.
 - ◆ Difficulty reading single words in isolation.
 - ◆ Embarrassment caused by reading, especially out loud.
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Water District appoints interim manager, assistant

Comer A. Tuck Jr. and Becca Williams have been named interim manager and interim assistant manager, respectively, for the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock.

A professional engineer, Tuck joined the High Plains Water District staff as assistant manager in June 2000, after 31 years as a staff member with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Austin.

During his time at the TWDB, Tuck was involved in a wide range of water management activities. These include supervisor of TWDB agricultural loan and grant programs, contract manager for brush management/watershed yield studies, team

leader for TWDB certification of ground water district management plans, and team leader for six of the 16 regional water planning groups created under Senate Bill 1 in 1997.

As the district's assistant manager, Tuck was responsible for overseeing administration of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group and overseeing partial administration of the Water District's precipitation enhancement program.

Williams joined the Water District staff in 1983 as permit chief. As the district's director of administration, she oversees the water well permitting process, prepares the annual budget and tax rate calculation, and

manages the agricultural water conservation equipment loan program. In addition, she supervises the district's administrative and information/education staff.

These appointments by the five-member High Plains Water District board of directors follow the unexpected death of longtime manager A. Wayne Wyatt on Dec. 5.

"The Water District is fortunate to have such an outstanding staff," said Board President James P. Mitchell of Wolforth.

"They have accepted extra responsibility to ensure that the day-to-day operation of the district continues with as little interruption as possible following Wayne Wyatt's death."



A SPIRIT OF GIVING—Members of the Dimmitt chapter of FCCLA from the Personal and Family Development class raised \$518 from a Mexican food meal on Dec. 1, and used the money to fulfill 25 gift requests from less fortunate children through Project Angel Tree. Here, the members of the class show some of the gifts that were to be taken to Panhandle Community Services, which will deliver the gifts to the children on Friday. "We hope that the children will have a merrier Christmas because of this project," an FCCLA spokesperson said. "We want to thank everyone who helped us raise this money." Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

With the finality of the presidential election process fresh on their minds, High Plains cotton growers are looking for a little finality of their own in regard to the 2000 growing season.

With a majority of the details known for the 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP), producers wavered over the decision to abandon or harvest marginal acreage can now closely estimate program benefits they would be eligible for under either scenario.

The last piece of the puzzle is the final determination of applicable early and late non-harvest factors that will be applied to CDP benefits paid on failed acreage.

Most guesswork at this time indicates acreage failed early in the growing season will have CDP benefits factored down by 25 to 30%. Acres carried significantly farther into the growing season will probably be factored down at a lower rate, probably between 10 and 15%.

It should also be noted that there is still authority for a "severe economic loss" program available for future consideration by the next administration. Efforts to bring about additional assistance through this legislative window will continue as well.

Concerns now include finding ways to implement some immediate economic relief that will help growers project positive cash flows and allow the financing of operating loans for 2001.

PCG has been working to lay the groundwork for the effort which will begin in earnest with the start of the next congressional session on Jan. 3.

Top candidates for immediate help include immediate increases of at least 20% in loan rates for program crops, revision of the 2001 Ag Market Transition Act (AMTA) up to the payment rates levels paid in 1998 and authorization of a second AMTA payment at 100% of the 1998 payment rate.

For cotton, this would mean a base loan rate around 60 cents per pound and two 2001 AMTA payments calculated at 8.17 cents per pound. Other changes that would positively affect financing availability in 2001 will also be scrutinized as they are identified to determine both applicability and effectiveness.

The 2001 growing season holds some of the most significant challenges yet for growers, PCG and the National Cotton Council are already working to develop game plans for attacking these challenges to the benefit of all cotton producers.

The investment to support organizations such as PCG and the NCC have been repaid many times over through benefits paid to producers. Worth remembering as well is that the 2000 crop Cottonseed Assistance Program is expected to bring producers some \$5 to \$6 per bale in additional support early next year. The final payment rate will be determined after all bales have been ginned.

Cottonseed Assistance, crop disaster

programs, extra AMTA payments and payment limit help through generic certificates are the direct result of successful efforts by the NCC and Plains Cotton Growers.

Similar efforts and the resources to implement them will be as important as ever as the industry works together to survive what promises to be a tough 2001.

Working together has always been the bedrock of the cotton industry's success and broadening producer support will help ensure that these efforts continue.

The High Plains cotton industry has always been one to step up with help for worthy causes. One of the industry's long-time beneficiaries has been the Buckner Children's Home of Lubbock.

Protecting abused, neglected and troubled children and families in the West Texas area for 100 years, Buckner Children's Home has been doing this important work for years with the support of the cotton industry through the "Bales for Buckner" program.

"Bales for Buckner" helps cover a significant portion of the operating expenses for the Buckner Children's Home and provides a simple tax deductible way to give the 75 children and teens that call Buckner home a chance to get a fresh start in life.

The contribution of one bale of cotton, or the monetary equivalent of one bale, can provide medical and dental care for a child for an entire year. Contributions equivalent to 20 bales can fully support a child for a year as well.

Sales tax rebates decline across county this month

Sales tax rebates issued during December to the cities of Dimmitt and Nazareth dropped sharply when compared with the same period in 2000.

Rebates issued in December were for local sales taxes collected in October which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in November.

The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$28,481.39, 10.61% lower than the December 1999 rebate of \$31,863.17. So far this year, the city has earned \$323,188.47, which is 4.67% ahead of the \$308,753.92 collected from January through December 1999. Dimmitt collects a 1.5% sales tax.

Nazareth saw a 50% decline in its rebate from December 1999 to December 2000, as this month's pay-

ment of \$1,051.83 was down from the 1999 stipend of \$2,103.91. This year, Nazareth is running 5.86% ahead of 1999 totals after receiving \$16,005.91, compared with the \$15,119.38 earned through December 1999. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.

Hart's rebate was down 46.02% for December. The city earned a rebate of \$1,214.92 this month, compared with \$2,250.79 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax that has earned the city \$19,929.08 so far this year. That's .14% behind 1999 payments which totaled \$19,958.23 through November.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2001.

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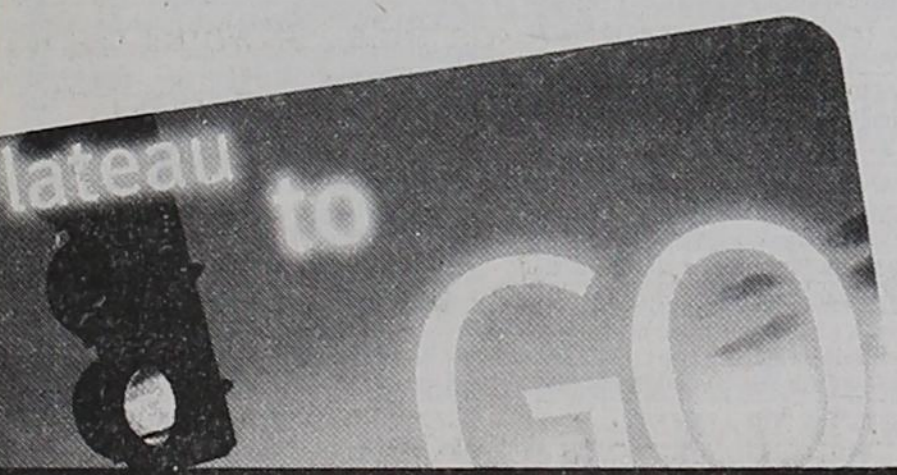
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Data Control Codes	Governmental Funds Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	August 31 2000	August 31 1999
REVENUES:				
Local and Intermediate Sources:				
	216,985	2,031	219,016	209,007
	3,484,779	84,258	3,569,037	2,821,089
5700	3,701,764	86,289	3,788,053	3,030,096
5800	4,703,645	285,945	4,989,590	4,577,600
5900	36,855	1,362,063	1,398,918	1,212,446
5020	8,442,264	1,734,297	10,176,561	8,820,142
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0010	5,178,813	918,678	6,097,491	5,375,678
0020	597,612	105,172	702,784	803,744
0030	743,276	701,803	1,455,079	1,533,727
0040	436,285	17,903	454,188	342,632
0050	856,198	43,579	899,777	874,457
0060	907	15,997	16,904	
0080	1,717,969		1,717,969	61,147
6030	9,531,060	1,803,132	11,334,192	8,991,385
1100	(1,088,796)	(68,835)	(1,157,631)	(171,243)
7020		68,835	68,835	1,011,170
8030	(68,834)		(68,834)	(130,000)
1200	(1,157,630)		(1,157,630)	709,927
0100	3,689,785	47,370	3,737,155	3,027,228
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24—Card of Thanks

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Estella and Nano Mendez 24-38-1tc

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
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Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for Electronic Key Telephone System.
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IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge 25-37-2tc

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NO. A7660-0012
IN THE INTEREST OF MARIESOL BEANES, A CHILD IN THE DISTRICT COURT 64TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDER SETTING HEARING FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS

The application of Petitioners for temporary restraining orders was presented to the Court today. The child the subject of this suit is MARIESOL BEANES.

The Court examined the pleadings of Petitioners and finds that Petitioners are entitled to a temporary restraining order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the clerk of this Court issue a temporary restraining order restraining Respondents, and Respondents are immediately restrained, from:

Molesting or disturbing the peace of the child or of another party.

Removing the child beyond the jurisdiction of the Court, acting directly or in concert with others.

Disrupting or withdrawing the child from the school or day-care facility where the child is presently enrolled.

Hiding or secreting the child from Petitioner or changing the child's current place of abode at With Petitioners.

This restraining order is effective immediately and shall continue in force and effect until further order of this Court or until it expires by operation of law. This order shall be binding on Respondents; on Respondents' agents, servants, and employees; and on those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this order by personal service or otherwise. The requirement of a bond is waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk shall issue notice to Respondents GUADALUPE BEANES and ISMAEL RAMIREZ, to appear, and Respondents are ORDERED to appear in person, before this Court in the courthouse at Dimmitt, Texas, on December 21, 2000, at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether, while this case is pending:

The preceding temporary restraining order should be made a temporary injunction pending final hearing.

Petitioner should be appointed temporary sole managing conservator of the child.

The Court should make all other and further orders that are pleaded for or that are deemed necessary for the safety and welfare of the child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person eighteen years of age or older who is not a party to or interested in the outcome of this suit may serve any citation, notice or process in this case.

SIGNED on December 4, 2000, at 2:30 p.m.
JACK R. MILLER, Judge Presiding 25-38-1tc

If we grew up as our mothers predicted, we'd all be Rhodes scholars.

A mother is hope when you're doubtful.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: GUADALUPE BEANES AND ISMAEL RAMIREZ.

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 64th District Court, Castro County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in DIMMITT, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, and then there to answer the petition of DANIEL AND GABRIELA RODRIGUEZ, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of DECEMBER, 2000, against GUADALUPE BEANES AND ISMAEL RAMIREZ, Respondents, and said suit being numbered A7660-0012 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of MARIESOL BEANES, a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to ORIGINAL PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND TEMPORARY ORDERS, AND FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD. Said child was born the 29th day of NOVEMBER, 1999, in PLAINVIEW, TEXAS.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at DIMMITT, Texas, this 15th day of DECEMBER, 2000.

JOYCE M. THOMAS, CLERK
64TH DISTRICT COURT
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS
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Obituaries



Paula G. Espinoza

Paula G. Espinoza, 66, of Odessa, and formerly of Dimmitt, died Dec. 9 in Odessa.

Rosary was recited Dec. 10 at Martinez Funeral Home of Odessa, and Mass was celebrated Dec. 11 in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Odessa, with Fr. Fidelo Lugo, pastor, officiating.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery of Odessa.

Mrs. Espinoza was born June 29, 1934, in Beeville, and lived in Dimmitt since moving there from Dallas in 1972. She worked 20 years for the Dimmitt Independent School District and 27 years for Allsup's. She moved to Odessa in December of 1999. She was retired and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosalinda Cantu of Odessa; three sons, Rene Espinoza of McAllen and Ruben and Robert Espinoza, both of Houston; a brother, Juan Garcia of San Antonio; three sisters, Estella Mendez of Dimmitt, Dominga Ozuna of Dallas, and Tonie Rodriguez of Edinburg; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ismael Ozuna, Ignacio Ozuna Jr., Joe Espinoza, Ben Cantu, Roger Guzman, and Freddie Treviño. Honorary pallbearer was Rudy Rodriguez.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic.

-Alphonse de Lamartine

I am never bored anywhere: being bored is and insult to oneself.

-Jules Renard

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Billy J. Henderson

Services for Billy J. Henderson, 66, lifetime Dimmitt resident, were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Jeff Addison, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Henderson died at 4:55 p.m. Friday in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 23, 1934, in Lamb County. He married Ann Sargent on March 10, 1962, in Amarillo.

He was a lifetime resident of Castro County and he graduated from Dimmitt High School. He served two years in the US Army. He owned and operated Henderson TV & Appliance for 41 years. He was a member of Lee Street Baptist Church, Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, VFW, Chamber of Commerce and Fair Association Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rich and Georgie Henderson.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Jimmy Henderson of Hereford, Marshall Henderson of Dimmitt and John Henderson of Amarillo; three daughters, Debbie Morgan of Hereford, Janie Ward of Hereford and Karen Hoelscher of Prosper; four brothers, Roy Henderson of Bagota, Carl Henderson of Dimmitt, Ronald Henderson of Calhan, Colo., and Stanley Henderson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kevin Henderson, Terry Dean, Roger Jobe, Chet Henderson, Ricky Dale and Jason Sears.

Honorary pallbearers included Cody Morgan, Jarrett Hoelscher, T.J. Castor, Austin Ward, Jory Russell and Jonathan Henderson.

The family requests memorials be to Hospitality Apartments, PO Box 25213, Houston TX 77265; or Lee Street Baptist Church, 410 SW 2nd Street, Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Esta Vandiver

Esta M. Barksdale Vandiver, 81, died Dec. 14 in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

A service celebrating her life was held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Pastor Howard Rhodes and Rev. Paul Kenley, former pastor, officiating.

The church service was preceded by a graveside service for family and close friends at 10 a.m. in West Lawn Cemetery of Dimmitt, with burial under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vanider was born July 5, 1919, to Eddie Earle and R.M. Barksdale in Okmulgee, Okla., where she graduated from high school in 1937. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 1941 with a degree in home economics, and taught high school students in her hometown of Okmulgee until she married Air Force Lt. Charles M. Vandiver in Tulsa, Okla., on Nov. 9, 1943. While her pilot husband was training navigation students at San Marcos Army Airfield, she served as a girls' dormitory director at Southwest Texas State Teachers College. When Charles enrolled in the Baylor College of Dentistry in 1948, they moved to Dallas, where Esta taught in the Dallas school system until 1954. In November of that year, Charles established a practice of dentistry in Dimmitt, where again she taught in the public schools.

Active in many community projects, Mrs. Vandiver was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teachers' sorority, and was a member of the Dimmitt Book Club, which was responsible for the relocation of the library to its present facilities. She also was an active member of the Dimmitt Garden Club, which was noted for its outstanding flower shows. She taught the adult women's Sunday School class for many years at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, where she also sang in the choir for 35 years until her health failed.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Loren Vandiver of Houston and Craig Vandiver of Utopia; and a brother, R.M. Barksdale Jr. of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials to the Jessie Vandiver West Scholarship Fund at Wayland Baptist University, 1900 W. Seventh St., Plainview, 79072.

Pallbearers were Troy Kirby, Milton Bagwell, Jack Howell, Alan Steinle, George Rasor and Charles Summers.

It takes two to speak the truth-one to speak and one to hear.

-Henry David Thoreau

A mother understands what our hearts are saying.



Rosendo N. Ramos

Rosendo N. Ramos, 80, of Dimmitt, died Dec. 18 at 7:52 p.m. in Amarillo.

Funeral services are set for today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home's Ivey Chapel in Dimmitt.

Burial will be in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Ramos was born July 5, 1920, in Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. His wife is Ostolia Ramos of Jourdanton. He served in the US Army, receiving his discharge in 1942.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Frank Ramos and Jesse Ramos, both of Dimmitt, and Billy Ray Ramos of Roma; three daughters, Sylvia Gonzales of Belton, Irene Aguirre of Dimmitt, and Martina Ramos of Marlin; two sisters, Herminia Olivarez and Dominga Navarro, both of Santa Rosa; and nine grandchildren.

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Project Angel Tree benefits 117 children

Project Angel Tree, sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance, will help 117 children have at least one "wish come true" this Christmas.

Local residents were asked to select a paper angel off of the trees, which were displayed at First United Bank; First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch; and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

The angels listed the age and sex of a child, age 11 or under, along with the child's gift wish from Santa. Donors bought the gifts, wrapped them, and took them to the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt.

Gift requests included bicycles,

computers, all sorts of dolls, fire trucks, remote control vehicles, electronic games, and clothing.

"We sure do appreciate the response of the community," said Jerry Peña, PCS employee. "Without them, this project would not be possible. I am sure the children really appreciate this. It brings joy to their hearts and that is what counts."

PCS administers the project, screening the applicants according to income guidelines. They will deliver the gifts to the children on Friday.

Stella Devers, center coordinator for the local PCS office, said that they try to limit the project to 100 children, but there were just too many who needed help this year.



FOOD DRIVE—Students from Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt collected canned food recently and donated it to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry to help needy families. The drive, led by members of the Gifted/Talented pro-

gram, netted at least 2,267 cans or other items of food. Members of the G/T class shown are (front, from left) Caleb Penney, Reagan Hunter, Jill Miller and Adam Reinart; and (back, from left) Keila Schilling, John Hazel, and Monique Aleman. *Staff Photo*



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Doug Profitt
C.P.A.

Police Calls

A Nashville, Tenn., man, age 38, was reported to be in possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Dec. 12. He was jailed on Dec. 13 for possessing over 1 gram and under 4 grams. He also was charged with violation of promise to appear.

A Dimmitt man told police Saturday evening that a 16-year-old Dimmitt teen had been assaulted by her husband in an incident of assault/bodily injury/family violence.

Early Tuesday, a 25-year-old Hart man was jailed for assault/bodily injury/family member.

Wade Maynard of Dimmitt told police Sunday afternoon that someone had broken out a side window and removed the rear hatch window of a Blazer on his car lot. He estimated the damage at \$200 for the broken window and \$600 for the missing window.

Maria Rodriguez of Dimmitt told police that a suspect took items from her residence without her consent. Items included a flute valued at \$900, a set of keys, a book with baby pictures valued at \$50, and other assorted pictures valued at \$700.

June Norman told police Sunday afternoon that someone broke the driver side mirror on her car. No damage estimate was given.

A Dimmitt girl, 15, told police that someone "keyed" a car belonging to Bertha Martinez of Dimmitt. There was damage to the driver's door, the hood and the rear spoiler. No damage estimate was given.

Dec. 12, a Hereford man, 27, was jailed for DWI, second offense, driving with license suspended, second offense, failure to maintain financial

responsibility and failure to identify himself.

An 18-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Dec. 12 for no driver's license and no safety belt.

Friday, an Amarillo woman, 19, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation, which stemmed from charges of DWI.

Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 26, was jailed for DWI, third or more offense.

Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 17, was jailed for no driver's license; and later that night, a 44-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for public intoxication.

Those jailed on warrants during the past week included:

—Dec. 12, a Dimmitt man, 20, for forgery of a financial instrument.

—Last Thursday, a 36-year-old Hereford man for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 35, for driving with license suspended and DWI.

Jail Count

The jail count as of Tuesday morning was 12 inmates.

Dec. 13 at 8:05 a.m., a 1994 Pontiac Firebird belonging to Jeff and Karen Robertson of Dimmitt was parked and unattended in the 1000 block of West Lee. It was struck by a 1991 Dodge Shadow driven by Oscar Lee Melendez, 16, of Dimmitt. Police said Melendez lost control of his vehicle due to icy road conditions and collided with the Pontiac. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. Melendez was given a ticket for no driver's license and leaving the scene of an accident.

Last Thursday at 10:24 a.m., a 1998 Ford Aerostar driven by Jan Curry Edwards, 54, of Dimmitt was struck by a 1995 Ford Thunderbird driven by Felecita Soto Hernandez, 76, of Dimmitt. Police said Edwards had been traveling east in the 200 block of West Bedford in Dimmitt when Hernandez failed to yield right of way at a stop sign at the intersection with Southwest Second. Both vehicles were rated with light damage and no injuries were reported. No citation was given.

Friday at 6:30 a.m., a 1981 Green Ford pickup belonging to Don Laurent was parked unattended in the 200 block of Southwest Sixth in Dimmitt. It was struck by an unknown vehicle that apparently had been heading south in the same block. Damage to the pickup was rated light.

County approves flood resolution

In a called meeting Monday morning, the Castro County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a resolution in support of the National

Flood Insurance Program.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission notified the county that state legislation, passed in April of 1999, set a deadline of Jan. 1, 2001, for cities and counties to adopt ordinances or orders for the city or county to be eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

DISD sets substitute in-service

Those wanting to serve as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt Independent School District must attend a special in-service workshop.

A session will be held Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. at the DISD Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

Those attending are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license when reporting for the workshop.

Those who signed up as substitutes for the fall semester are not required to attend again.

The county also adopted an application form with instructions and a floodplain development permit. The process included identifying floodplain areas in the county. Anyone wanting to build in a floodplain area must fill out an application and be approved for a permit to qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program.

"We have to participate, according to the law," said County Judge Irene Miller, "so that our citizens may be eligible for flood insurance coverage."



FOR THE CHILDREN—Students from Dimmitt High School raised over \$1,500 for the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo through a class competition recently. The proceeds were presented to Kaci Schulte (left), an employee of the house, between the boys' and girls' basketball games in Dimmitt Friday night. Making the presentation are Cassandra Casas (center) and Melissa Maldonado (right). The fund-raising was a part of the ongoing Character Counts project at the school, promoted by the FCCLA. *Photo by Kyle Collins*

Sheffy maintains 4.0 through fall graduate studies

Carrie Sheffy, daughter of Don and Karen Sheffy of Dimmitt, maintained a 4.0 grade-point average for the fall semester as she completed six hours of graduate work in the Professional Counseling Dept. at West Texas A&M University.

Sheffy is employed by the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority in Amarillo.

A wise mother lets her children grow up in order to keep them.

There is only one thing about which I am certain, and that is that there is very little about which one can be certain.
—Somerset Maugham

It Looks Like CHRISTMAS!

May visions of the holiday gladden your heart and bring you joy.


Please know how much we appreciate your business.

Happy Holidays!




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May the twelve days of Christmas provide you with fond memories to last the whole year through. We owe our success to each one of you.

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HOME
for the
HOLIDAYS



Hope your holiday is filled with mystery, comedy, adventure and plenty of happy memories. Thanks for making our year an outstanding hit!

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Hark!



It is time to rejoice and honor the miracle of Christmas, and to reflect on and remember the teachings of our Saviour. We want to wish a Holy Christmas to all of our fine friends and patrons who have been so loyal throughout the year.

Blessings to you and yours.

KDHN
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DEAR SANTA, I HAVE BEEN GOOD THIS YEAR.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a pogo stick, a dalmation robot dog and the wizard of oz barbies. I would like to know how Mrs. Claus and the raindeers are doing. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kelsey Kay Schilling

Dear Santa,
My name is Josslene. I have been good all this year. I would like a mermaid doll and a barbie for Christmas and bring something for my sister and little brother.
Love,
Josslene Torres

Dear Santa,
I would like a cash register Barbie. Thank you. Merry Christmas.
Haley Bonilla

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, motorcycle, a car with control, a toy gun, a ball, a robot dog, roller skates, a nintendo 64, gameboy and thats all.
Thanks Santa,
Alberto Nicolas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a new cd, some new books, a new back pack, a Barbie cash register and some games.
Brittany Lindley
I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you so much.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a remote control car and a toy motorcycle.
Love,
Jose Esqueda
P.S. Santa there will be cookies under the Christmas tree.

Dear Santa,
I love U Santa claus. I would like a scooter and bike and a doll.
Marissa Ray Jackson

Dear Santa,
My name is Bonifacio G. Puento. All I want for Christmas is a Nintendo 64 with 2 controllers and 4 games.
Your Friend
Bo

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a scooter and a bike and toy for my brothers and pokemon cards.
Thank you,
Jeffrey Almanza

Dear Santa Claus,
Adjustable Art Easel is great for painting come with all the things and a password journal. I want a explorer talking Globe and I want a playing kitchen and shopping things and a electronic talking junior computer. I want a CD player, color pink.
I love you Santa Claus,
Gabby Aguilar

Dear Santa Claus,
All I want for Christmas is a tractor and a row planter and a remote control trailer and a bike.
Jose Salas

Dear Santa,
I want a rido and a Barbie Baby Doll.
Esmeralda

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa, sorry your sick. I hope you get better. For Christmas I want a new baby maybe a water lilly that swims in the bathtub and a water baby. Maybe you could help my dad get better and something for my brother and sister. Thank you very much.
Jessica Ross

Dear Santa,
I want a Dreamcast.
From,
Manuel Acevedo

Dear Santa,
I would like is a remote control car and that everybody have a Happy Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Love,
Fabian Chavez

Dear Santa,
I would like a romot control car for Christmas and lots of toys to play with and my unculc Moses and Valentina to come see me for Christmas. Thank you Santa I wish that it comes true.
Love your friend,
Genaro Jaramillo

Dear Santa,
My name is Isaac Moreno. I am six years old. I have two sisters and one brother. Mr. Santa wish for the best Christmas and hope you bring me a bike and a pair of shoes. I don't wish for more things, because I have a brother and sisters. Just one more wish can you let my mommy know I love her so much. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Thank you
Isaac Moreno

Hola Santa,
Que me llamo Christian Garcia y espero que esta Navidad puedas traer juguetes a todas los ninos del mundo, especialmente aquellos que no reciben juguetes por que sus padres no tienen dinero para comprarles. Despues de estos de seos pongo algunas cosas que me gustaria me trajeras: un estereo, un carro de carreras y un tractor hasta pronto Santa. Feliz Navidad.

Dear Santa,
This are the things I want for Christmas. Some cars and a bike and a trapoling, motorbike and a jaket and a nintendo playstation watch and a skuter a tuh brush, and a lazer chaleng and a cd of ho let the dogs out.
Andres Munoz Jr

Dear Santa,
My name is Eric. I want a Nintendo and tv, vcr, motorcycle and cloths. Thank you.

Dear Santa,
I would like a truck for Christmas.
Eloy J. Robles

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a computer.
Marco

Dear Santa,
I want a watch. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
Marcus Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a barbie that turns into a butterfly and has an extra butterfly costume and I would like a kitchen set. I would also like a barbie purse. Thank you santa thats all I would like for Christmas this year.
From: Erika Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a present like a race car. Merry Christmas!
Vicente Pene

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, a sled, a little truck. I want a stick for fishing. I want um a computer, um swimming pool with a slide I want a remote control police car. I want some thats it. I want a hug from you.
Love you
I'll be waiting for you.
Adrian Busso

Dear Santa,
I want some make-up and a toy. I also want some candy and a computer.
Kaylee Addison

Good Tidings at Christmas

We wish you a beautiful Christmas with all the trimmings. Many thanks for your valued patronage.

Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.

SHALOM SEASON'S GREETINGS

In the Spirit

...of the season,
we wish everyone the gift of peace and understanding.
All the best to you and yours.

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Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas that glows with good cheer.

We value your patronage and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

May a circle of family, friends and happiness surround you during this magical season.

We send our fondest holiday wishes to you and your family with appreciation for your patronage.

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Sing out with joy and love this holiday season, just as we're singing the praises of our many good friends. Thanks!

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It's Christmastime!

Santa's on his way,
With gifts piled high atop his sleigh.
And every boy and girl will try
To fight off sleep and maybe spy
A glimpse of St. Nick as he flies into town
And finds a chimney to shimmy down.
But soon they're asleep,
And the next morning find
He's left some wonderful surprises behind.

We hope the holidays bring you many special gifts.

AgriFarm Industries, L.L.C.

We Know You've Been Good!

Because you've been good, we're sending our very best wishes for a season that's merry and bright.
How do we know?
Just look at all the joy you've brought to us!

Merry Christmas!

Bryant's Sales & Service

A Splendid Season

The Yuletide brings so many beautiful blessings. Sights, sounds and smells of Christmas gladden every heart and fill us with warm memories of seasons past. We hope that this Christmas is your best yet. Thanks for the blessing of your friendship.

Agro Distribution, L.L.C.



I'LL BET YOUR ELFS ARE SO BUSY.



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a back pack and a computer. I would like a doll and some new clothes.
Belen Carranza

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica and I have been good this year. Please bring me some skates, and some knee and elbow pads and a Helmet, or I would like a scooter. Bring my brother some stacking blocks and my sister a baby Barbie. Thank you for your hard work.
Love,
Jessica Gudgell

Dear Santa,
My name is Alyssa Hernandez. I want skates, new clothes, tefe bear, teapot, new shoes, new birk, new books and coris. Books new fors, new rodo birbe.. New beds, new Doll, newBorn BaBy. New cat, new coat, new sock.
Love Alyssa Hernandez
Being good. Eat cookie and melik
Love, Santa, HOHOHOHO

Dear Santa,
My name is J.J. Pinnell. For Christmas I would like a Batman and a Riddler. I would also like a pair of new boot, and a belt. I hope you will also remeber my younger sisters, Kayla and Leanna.
We love you Santa.
J.J.
P.S. We also love Rudolph

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie radio and a doll. I will make you cookies and white milk. I know you like white milk like my daddy.
Love,
Carolyn Collins

Dear Santa,
I could like to have a Tiddler Bear and name it Winnie the Pooh.
Isidro Jr. Ortega

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have several things. Beginning with a scooter, a bike, a trampoline, new clothes, new shoes, and a big stereo for my room. If its too much for Christmas, I'll take some for my birthday December the 20th. I will be six years old and I want six presents.
Thank you Santa,
Ian Rivera

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a scooter or bike, a small computer, and a stuffed wrestler. I would also like some clothes or shoes. Have a Merry Christmas.
Thanks,
Marcelo Salinas Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I would like for Christmas, electric jeep, a train, bear, cars, VCR, Game Boy Color with game, dog, trampling, bike, and swimming pool.
Sinserty,
Emilio Castaneda

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabrielle Galvan and I am five years old. I've already got the most precious gift which is my new baby sister, Elaina. Santa, whatever you leave under the Christmas tree we be happy.

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to give me some perfume, barbie stereo, Barbie computer, clothes, doll, stove. I know I've been good this year. If you can give me what I wished for. I would appreciate it.
Love,
Brittany Oltivero
P.S. They'll be cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and please don't forget a remote control monster truck-and I won't break it ok? I looove monster trucks. My name is Steven Munoz. Do you love me? Do you know my dad drives a truck? My mom drives a van to take me to school Do you know about my new brother Nicholas? He's little and can't do nothing. My dad loves him too. Could you bring my toys to me that I just asked you for on Christmas? My tree is already ready for you to come and put them there. Did you come last year to my house? I got to put the star on top of my tree and my sister got to put on the Christmas nail on the bottom for Jesus. Do you know Jesus? Can you come to my room to see if I'm asleep? Jesus sees me sleep too. (I'm on the left room of the hall). Do you ever sleep?
Steven Gabriel Munoz

Dear Santa,
I want a bike with red trangle wheels. I also would like a cheelider soup, and Barbie. I want clothes and socks, and new tennys. That's all.
Thank you Santa Claus,
Ambrosia Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. An Ernie with a duckie. Also a baby truck for my brother Isiah. Also Santa I have been good.
Mark Trevizo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Ken and Barbie and a Barbie play house.
Charly Lynn Everett

Dear Santa,
I want a bear. I want a puppy. I want a bike. I want panndo Bear. I want a skate bord. I want a sled. I want a skate. Dear Santa I will read and do my homework.
Raul Martinez

Dear Santa,
What I want for x-mas is a bike, guitar, shoes, clothes and some video game.
Thank you,
Sergio Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Marcus Joel Vargas. I am 6 years old. My birthday was on Thursday 23, 2000. Santa I want a bike for Christmas. I also want a pokemon toy. I also want some new shoes. But, most of all I want for Christmas is to spend my time with my family and loved ones. Thank you so much Santa for having time to read my letter.
Sincerely,
Marcus Joel Vargas

Dear Santa,
I want a little bike with no training wheels. I also want a nintendo 64 with a Mortal Combat game. The last thing I want is a "Rugrats In Paris" movie.
Your Friend,
Drake Reyes

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicolas. I am four years old and I am in pre k. I have been a good boy so far. I am looking forward in seeing you so I can tell you what I want personally. In case I can't I would like a power ranger toy.
Second I would like a remote control truck.
And last but not lease a Disney movie. Eightr Tarzan or Mulan.
I will be a good boy and I will be waiting for you.
Nicolas Lara

Dear Santa,
I am so happy that you brought me what I wanted last year. A big race track with two race cars included. All this year I have tried acting good, and listening to my mom and dad so you can bring me what I want this year. This year I would please like you to bring me a bike and a train set. I will leave you some cookies (I hope you like chocolate chip) and a glass of milk. Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me. I have to go.
Sign, your best friend,
Osvaldo Monsivals

Dear Santa,
Please send me a Bow and Arrow and send my Dad a 12 gauge shotgun. Also I'd like a play guitar.
Anthony

Dear Santa,
I want a present like a bike. My mom said hi. I also watn presents for my brothers and sister.
Emily Mirelas

Joy, Peace, Happiness
Good Fortune ...

We wish you a list full of blessings this holiday season.
Thanks to all of our customers for making this year such a special one.

We look forward to doing business with you in the new year.

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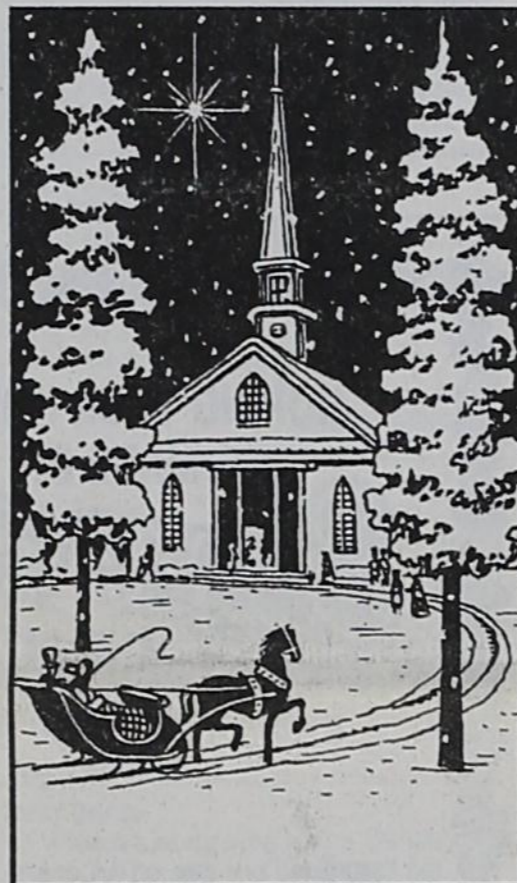
Jack Edwards

**Good
Old-fashioned
Christmas
Wishes**

We hope you and your loved ones celebrate a warm and happy holiday together. May health and good fortune follow you throughout the new year.

Thanks for placing your trust in us. We look forward to a bright future together.

**Castro County
Farm Bureau**



Peace
Be
With
You

May you enjoy a glad and glorious Yuletide season. We have truly valued your kind support this year.

Thank you to all.

Bar G Feedyard

Season's Greetings

"With a golden joy in a silver mirth,
Thank God for life!"
-James Thomson; Life, Love and You

One of our greatest joys at Christmas is the opportunity to express our gratitude, appreciation and best wishes to friends like you. Many thanks for your invaluable support.

**Brown, Graham
& Co., P.C.**



**"Happy Christmas to all,
and to all a good-night!"**

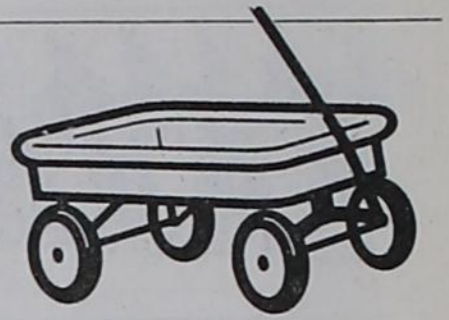
- Clement Clarke Moore, A Visit from St. Nicholas

Christmas is here, delivering good cheer to people everywhere. So, rejoice and be merry as you celebrate the happiest of holidays!
We welcome this opportunity to say thank you to all of our faithful friends and customers.
You've helped make this a wonderful year for us, and we look forward to serving you in the new year.

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BUT MAYBE THEY CAN MAKE ME A WAGON.



Dear Santa,
I want a Dinosaur, and a ring and a boat and a wrestler, pokemon 2000, and a Digimon Toy and a Pokemon 3, Toy and a dollar, and a Digimon toy.
Gary Gil

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo for Christmas and two pens and help our world help me at school and help ricky, gary, Estafany, Jose, Abert, maribel, Javier A, Javier V, cesar, Erasmo, Mrs. Echevarria, mrs. Larra, mr. Sward and my family, mrs. Waggner class, mrs. Billiland class, mrs. Thames Mrs. Venhouns.
Gustavo

Dear Santa,
I want a book for my little sister and for me. I want a nintendo 64 game and for my little brother he lix cars.
Javier Ayala

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike. I would like a computer. Can you give me a doll house. I would like a hopscotch doll. Can you give me a game monopoly. I would like a barby mermaid. Can you give a Doll machens. I would like a diari. Can you give me a music box. My own room with a lot of things. I would like a mermaid movie. Can you give me a barby purse. I would like a mustane car. Can you give me a doll. I would like me a fake makeup. Can you give me a barby that swims with his baby.
Corina

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike Christmas. And N.F.L. Blitz 2000. And Madden 2000 please. And Driver 2. And could I please have a computer. Could I have a game boy color? And games to it. And Smackdown 2. Please. And could I please have a lazer.
Rudy Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid doll and a real pony and my own room and a movie and it is called 102 dalmations and a baby barbie doll and a Barbie guy and a Barbie girl and a toy basket and a doll and clothes for her and a cradle too.
Katrice Perez Silva

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and shoos and socks and some costooms for my family.
Maribel Alanis

Dear Santa,
I want a pocket knife. I would want a play king cobra. I want new roller blades. I would want a real rifle so when I get older I can go hunting with my dad. I would want a medium hand gun. I would want fake money. I would want a boomerang. I would want a Digemon book and Pokemon cards. I would want Pokemon 2000 the movie and Digemon the movie.
Micheal Lucas

Dear Santa,
A coMputeR, a PRINCESS BARBIE, A PLAY SEWING MACHiNE, PLAY BABY< MAGNET SET, WATCH, LIIE/uP PEN, ART SET.
FROM
Erin WALES 5

Dear Santa,
I want a real drum set. And a hampter, and American doll clothes. A horse. A real telescope, computer, t.v. VCR and cell phone. Also I would like a waterbed with real fish in it. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Wendy Bradford

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry chrismas. I think you are real nice. I wish I could see you. This chrisms im giving you cookies and milk. I wish I had a dirt bike. I wish I had a green boy bike. I wish I had a motor bote. I wish I had a corvet. I'm real happy with you. My dad wants a new watch. My mom wants a perfume box. My brother wants a motorsikle. I wish I had digimon the movie. I wish I had two dogs. I wish I had one cat.
M.T. Morrow

Dear Santa,
I want a TV it better be Blue. I want Driver 2. And I want a Jam box. I want a remote motorcycle and 4-wheeler remote digmon cards.
Love, Cody

Dear Santa,
I want 10000 dollars and digimon cards and pokemon cards.
Ricky

Dear Santa,
I am 5 yrs old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Barbie Beach, a Baby I Know, New Born Baby, a nd a Pink Bike with training wheels. For my cousin Gavin a toy motorcycle blue, and for Marcus a toy. I love you Santa.
Victoria Danielle Hernandez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a kick and splash kid, scooter, Barbie Slug Bug, Swimming Barbie, A Black Cat (real one), sled, hoop earrings, my horse trained. A little kid huitar and a microphone, keyboard. I hope Santa, you have a good trip.
Lenzie Loudder

Dear Santa,
I will like clothes. And some shoes. And a play station game. And mario party 2. And a nintendo 64 game that is called N.F.L. blitz 2001. And I will like a playstation game that is named tony hawk proskater. And will you send my mom and dad a present. Please santa will you yes will you bring a game please santa. And will you bring my cousin a Cd. And will you bring my Grandma a angle.
Anthony C.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Happy Holiday. And would you give me a bike. And a doll. And a Barbie house. And a Barbie care. And I would also like to give Toys and food to all the other children that don't Have toys and food.
Larissa Corral

Dear Santa,
Hi. How is it going. It's that time again. We have missed you. I really enjoy school. I almost forgot to tell you and Mrs. Santa Claus that I have been a good girl. I love to read all my books, and I enjoy being around my friends. I really feel that everything I ask you for, which is a stereo, puppy, make-up, new big house, bike, and peace on Earth and alot of snow.
Danielle Prieto

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck and I want a car, and I want a truck remote control.
Albert

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year long. I would really like a Superman. I would like some cars so my brother and I can play with them. A football would be nice too. I like remote controlled pickups and airplanes. I want some boots. I also like Batman. I have moved houses. I live by the hospital now
Michael K.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas, and I want a barbie car, and I want a bike and a computer, and I want pokemon shirts, and I want pokemon cards and I want a nintendo 64
Jessica

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Anthony C.

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer. I would like a playstoen. I would like the movie little Mermaid two. I would lik a mine doll. I would like a bike. I would like a scooter. I would like a barbie house. I would like a brown and black kikken. I would like a red puppy. I would like my own TV. I would like the game twister. I would like the game boy. I would like the game checkers. I would like the movie 102 dalmations. I would like the movie the rugrats go to paris. I would like the movie toys story two and Merry Christmas.
Melissa Gomez

Dear Santa,
I like to have a bike. And a Minie doll. I would like to have a Barbie motorcycle. And a puppy that is not real and skates. And to have a good Christmas.
Elida Fabela

Dear Santa,
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Victoria Danielle Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas, and I want a barbie car, and I want a bike and a computer, and I want pokemon shirts, and I want pokemon cards and I want a nintendo 64
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I want Digimon Cards.
I want Pokemon 2000.
I want Digimon the Movie.
I want Digimon Toys.
I want a Digimon game.
I want a Digimon robot.
I want a Digimon car.
I want a Digimon book.
I want a Digimon colorbook.
I want a Digimon shirt.
I want a Digimon hat.
I want a Digimon socks.
Eric Gil

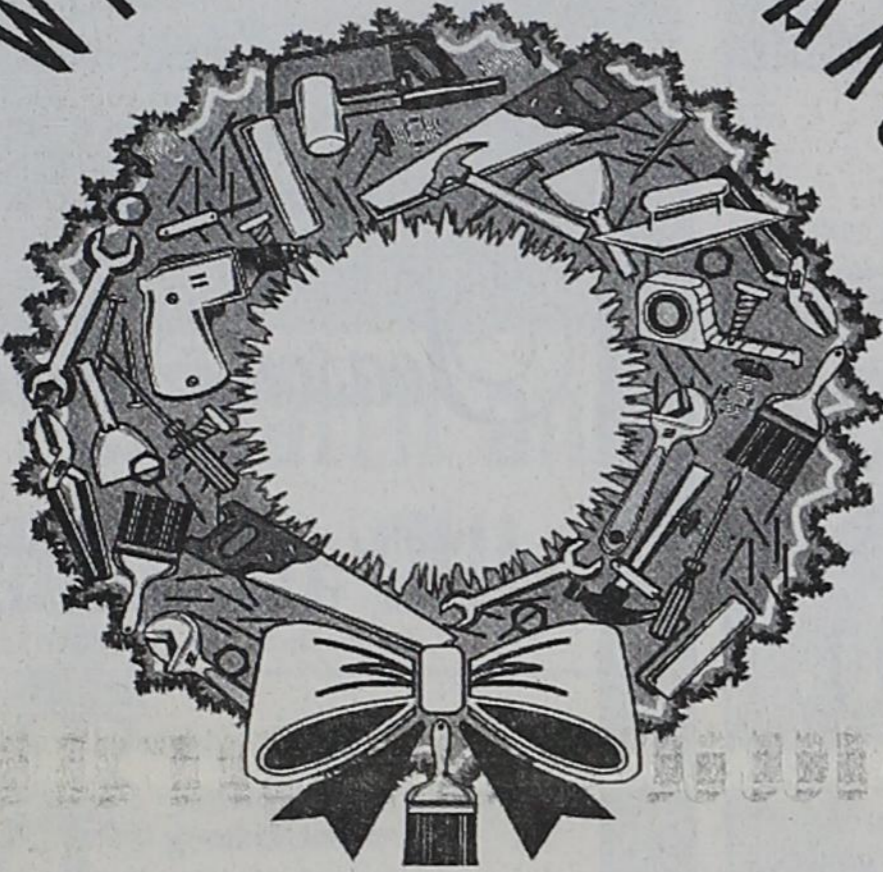
Dear Santa,
I want a Ninetendo 64 and a T.V. and a truck.
Javier V

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation and Games to it. I want getting in trouble. And I want pair of rollerblades. And I want a too to train and a dog for Christmas and a toy elf.
Love,
Joseph

Dear Santa,
I want Three bikes. And a 64 pokemon game. And the robot of the power ranger.
Jose

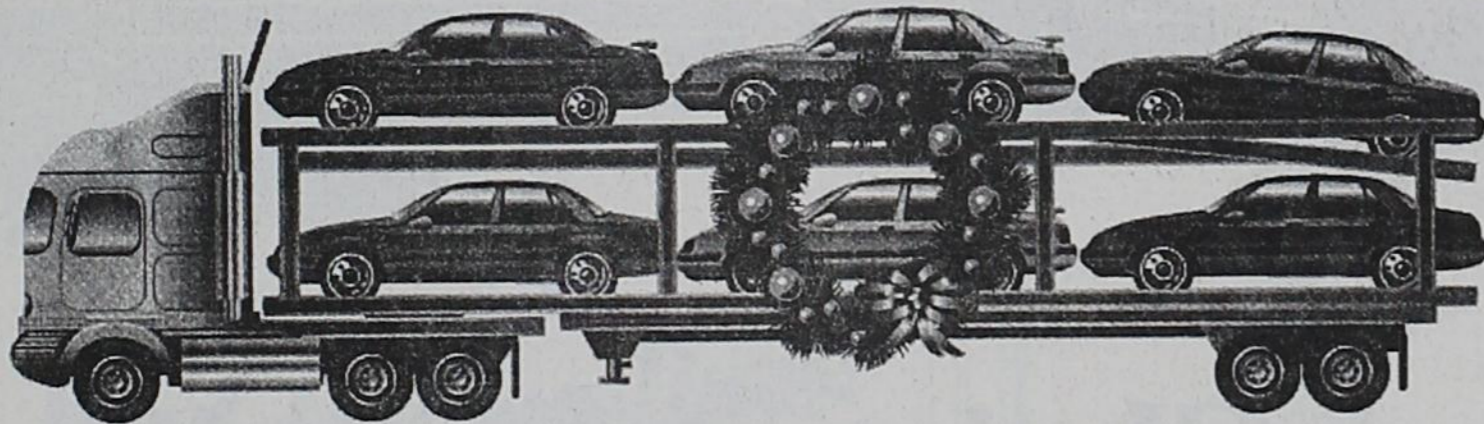
Dear Santa,
I want a dooly. I want a machine. I want a truck.
Cesar

BEST WISHES ALL AROUND



No matter what the occasion, good friends always come in handy. At this very special time of year, we thank you all for being ours.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.



Delivering Holiday Cheer

With best wishes and sincere thanks to the driving force behind our success—our good friends and customers

It's always a pleasure and a privilege to serve you, and we hope your holiday season is filled with laughter, merriment, celebration and good times with family and friends. Merry Christmas!

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Sugar and Spice
AND ALL THAT'S NICE!
It's been a pleasure serving you this past year. Please visit us again soon.

The Pancake House

Dear Santa,
I wish my dad came home and bring me toys.
Erasmus

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a tractor, and a bike.
Anthony Almanza

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyrone Terrell. I am 4 years old and these are the things I would like for Christmas.
I would like a watch. I would also like to have a Motor Cycle or a Power Wheels. I would really like to have a Bawling Bashers Wrestler Man. I really need some new clothes and a pair of shoes any brand. I would also like a tape player and some tapes. I would also like a Construction Builder.
If I could have these few things I would be very happy. Thanks for all the cool things you got me last year.
Sincerely,
Tyrone Terrell

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer for Christmas and a barbie doll and I would like some shoes and some earrings and a baby born and some books about cliford the big red dog and some candy canes for my Christmas tree.
Thank you,
Jessica Lopez

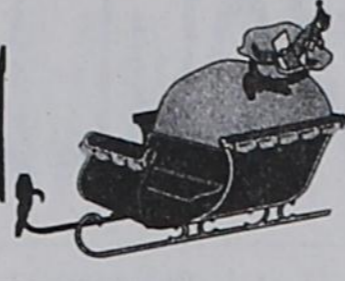
Expressly For You At
Christmas

As Christmas draws near, we wish you a season filled with heartwarming memories as you celebrate with those near and dear to you.

We want you to know that your patronage means a lot to us, and we're proud to have you as our customer.
Thanks, folks!

Dimmitt
Feed Yard, L.L.C.

IF YOU HAVE ROOM ON THE SLEIGH, COULD YOU BRING A PUPPY?



Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. This year I hope I could get a computer of barbie. This year and a doll.
Thanks,
Selena Aguilar

Dear Santa,
My name is R.J. For Christmas I want a car, a real big computer, like the ones we have at school, and I want a real camera. Santa I also want a blue bike. Santa I have been a good boy this year.
Thank you
R.J. Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
I want a fone an a bike an a chrismus dog that is maget and a computer and a ant that is rill in a box and a tent to and a teddy bear to so I can sleep with it and some boots and a shirt that has a cowboy on the shirt and a roomed to that are bump beds and a tan pins and a doll house and a mat that shos the stats to thats our end.
Benjamin Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Alonso. I live in Dimmitt, TX. I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. Please bring me 19 led pencils with 100 pieces of led in them and a gameboy color and the sceeter scooter and I want the color red and I also want a puzzle.
Love,
Alonso Bygoytia

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl his year and all I want is a Barbie and a computer.
Mariah Castillo
4 years old

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a computer and a motorcycle.
Love,
Albert Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like a new baby kitty, a Rudolph game, a Barbie computer and a baby sister. Also, I would like a Santa Claus frame with a picture of you. Santa, I will leave some milk and cookies by the fireplace for you and Rudolph. What would you like for Christmas Santa?
Love,
Lauren Nicole Carpenter

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a radio with tape player, a tractor a new guitar some cars, and a scooter for me and my brothers. I have been a good boy this year.
J.J. Triana

Dear Santa,
I want a big foot, and a power ranger movie, and clothes, and a computer and a train.
Thank you,
Jorge Diaz

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Ashley. I live in Dimmitt TX. I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like Betty Spaghetto. I would like to have a teddy bear. I would also like to have a bike. I would like to have a posh-Bear reading book. I would like to have a ben bag. I have ben a good girl.
Ashley Howell

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? My name is Christine Wait and I am 6 yrs old. I have been a good girl this year. If you can bring me a barbie bike, barney glasses, dressup clothes, and a Barbie watch, and any Barbie toys, a baby doll, stroller. Thank you and we will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas eve.
Sincerely,
Christine Wait

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dorian Rosalez and I'm in kindergarten. I have been a very good boy this year. I write you this letter and ask for a John Deer mini tractor on Christmas. I also ask for the best on my family. If you could please give me what I ask for I thank you very much. I believe in you Santa.
Thank you,
Dorian Lee Rosalez

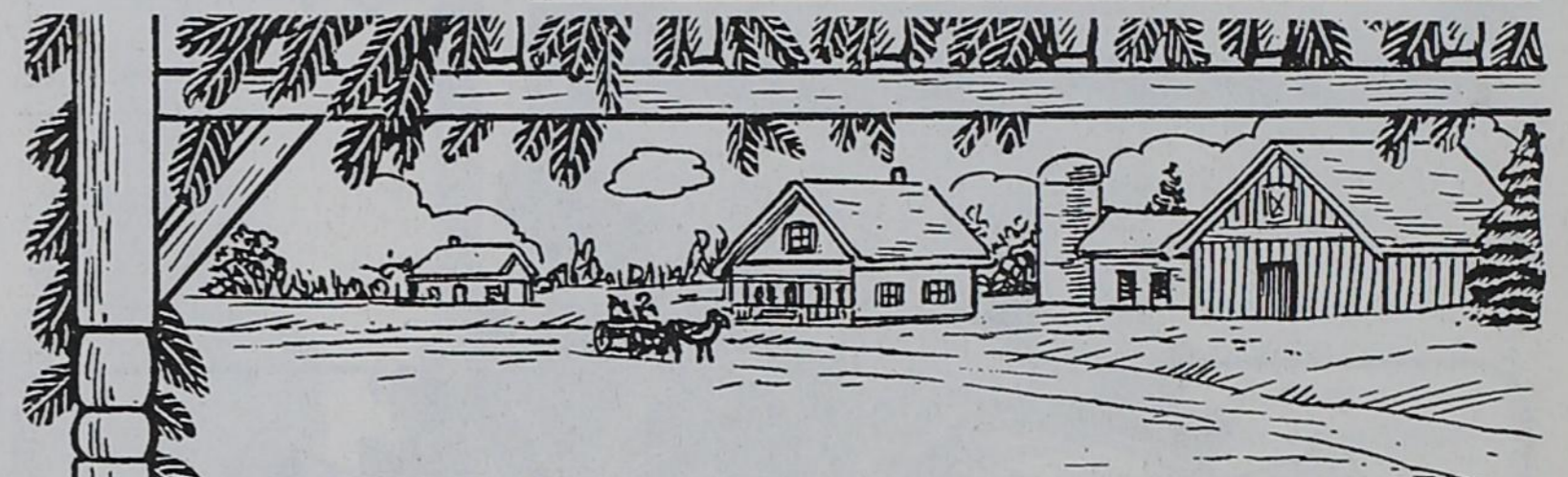
Dear Santa,
My name is Abigail. I have been a good girl all year long. For Christmas can you please bring me a Barbie telephone and a Barbie Radio and some dishes and also some clothes for my dolls.
Thank you,
Abigail Ojeda
age: 5 years
Mrs. Byrnes room

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Natasha. I live in Dimmitt TX. I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. Please bring me a Barbie and a Barbie Bike. And some sandles. And a doll house. And some chalk and a bean bag.
Love,
Natasha Aguilar

Dear Santa,
Hi, For Christmas I want a playstation, skateboard, skooter, and games. I also want a game boy and clothes. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Matthew Johnson

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like to have a couple of toys and special thing. First of all I would like for all the homeless to have a shelter, food to eat. I'd really like for all my family and all the people in the world to be in good health. Well Santa and I would really like a Toy Story outfit for me and a playstation to play with my brother. Well Santa this is all for know thank you.
Love,
Ismael Ontiveros

Dear Santa,
My name is John and I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I am writing from Dimmitt Texas. Please bring me a gameboy color and 5 cans of super string. Because I have been a good boy this year. And I would like Pokemon the movie 2000. And a TV for my nentendo. And some Pokemon cards. And I would like a skeeter scooter really bad. And I would like a nintendo 2000. And that mostly all I would like. You could give me anything you would like me to have. Because I don't care what you give me. And when your finished say hi to the Elvas for me will ya! And I mite as well tell you where I live. Dimmitt Texas Front Street Address. 1003 phone 647-5195. And see you next Christmas. Bi santa or who ever is reading this note.
John Hazel



Blessings of the Season
In the spirit of giving, we would like to offer our thanks for your support and friendship.
We feel blessed to have you as our customer. Thank you.
Dimmitt Welding & Electric

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Paige Bradley, but you probably already know that. What I would like for Christmas this year is a Kelly doll and a little computer like my mom's and that's all. Please remember my brother Beau. He's been good this year except when he hurt my leg the other day. And my sister Raynee wants a car and a puppy and she's sweet most of the time. Mom's been really nice too. My dad has been nice to me. Sugar Ray needs a nice juicy bone to chew. Thanks for the presents last year and thank you for all the other years presents too!
Love Ya Lots!
Taylor

Dear Santa,
My name is K.J. I want new colors and clothes. I also want a BUZZ Lightyear and Woody toy. I want a new Rug-rats shirt. A truck, tool set, a Mickey Mouse skating toy and a Santa movie.
Thank you
K.J. Correa
P.S. There will be food in the pantry.
Megan W.

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Daniella. I live in Dimmitt TX. I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. Please bring me a t.v. I been a verry good girl. I would like a poochie puppy.
Love,
Daniella Oltivero

A Winter Wonderland
Wishing you a picture-perfect holiday season filled with beautiful moments. Please accept our sincere thanks for your business. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Alex I live in Dimmitt TX. I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. Please bring me a poochie and shoes and a computer and a brassies and a braslet and perufe and 5,000. dollers and a T.V. and a cat and dog and some clothes and 2,000,000.000. dollar and a sketer and a cd player whith the best my child and some perty's and a bike and a pooh beng Bag, that all Santa.
Love,
Alex Esquivel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a dog and a doll. I bin a good girl so far. My name is Tori. I live in Dimmitt, TX.
Tori Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
Hi. How are you? My name is Erik. I live in Dimmitt, TX. I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. Please bring me a Robo Che. pet, web blaster, game boy color, and a skeeter, trampling whith a net, little motosikoe that I can get one, three brown pupys.
Erik Reyna

Tidwell Spraying Service

Dear Santa,
How! How are your my name is Ruben. I live in Dimmitt, TX. I am 6. And a game digimon monster to tell you what I would like for christmas. Please bring me a bike.
Love,
Ruben Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Hi, How are you? My name is Brianda. I have been good on all year. I live in Dimmitt TX. I wrote this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. Well I want a computer and a trampoline and a pogostick. Santa your my best friend and your reindeers are my best friends to. And what eles I want for Christmas is poochy puppy to. Well santa that's all I could think for today so I ges all live you also now so good by I'll see you on Christmas and there is a nother thing that I want for Christmas is 20,000 dollars.
Love,
Brianda Aguero

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, and a Barbie doll, and a doll house, and basketball set.
Alexandria Gutierrez

One Solitary Life
He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.
He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had - his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.
Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."

ring in the holidays!
May the season bring you many messages of love, peace and goodwill.
Thanks for being such a great customer.
Brito Communication, Inc.
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Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.
We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.
Merry Christmas
from
SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



AND A FOUR-WHEELER WOULD BE NICE, TOO.

Dear Santa,
I've been good! My name is Shayle Swink. I would like "My real baby, a baby bed and my "dream baby."
My mother would like some diamonds. My dad would like some bigger pants. Please come down the chimney at my house. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Shayle

Dear Santa,
Please can you bring me a scooter and a leap pad and a computer. And can you buy my little sister a little bitty doll to play with. And for my big sister can you buy her a scooter and for my little brother can you buy him a Fire hat and for my Dad a Dallas Cowboy hat and for my mom, new dishes.

I love you Santa,
Tiffany Oltivero

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year. For Christmas I would like some clothes. And for my Dadd and Mommy to be happy. Say hi to Rudolph, his reindeer friends. Merry Christmas. I love you.
MeMe Ontiveros
2 years old

Dear Santa,
Please will you get me: Game Boy. I want some shoes. I want a bike. I want a fake phone. I want a computer. I want a Doll. I want a Dollhouse. I want a watch. I want a teddy bear. I want a kitten. I want a New Born Baby. I want a pen. I have been good. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Sincerely Yours,
Devin Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I love toys santa, I like you and your elves. Please give me every thing.
I would like MillionAire, Techno toy, Digimon toy, Rugrats in Paris, game, watch, puppy dog, Rugrats shirt, Guess Who?, game boy and Teddy Bear.
Alex Herrera

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a Barbie, bike, kitchen, books, computer, clothes, shoes, blocks and a rocking chair for Christmas. I love you!
Your Friend,
Brenda Reyes
Age 5

Wishing You A White Christmas

Hope the season delivers bundles of good, clean fun!
Many thanks for brightening our year.

Alvin's Drive-In Cleaners

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason Sparks I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I wish my Daddy gets better so he can come home too me.

Merry Christmas
Jason Sparks

I would like for my Grandpa to get a sling shot so we can scare the crows away so they Don't get his peacans. For my aunt Monker to get a new C.D. for my nana to get a new stove. For my cousin MeMe new shoes. I wish that my Grandma Joita could be with me for Christmas I miss her so much. I would like some clothes and toys.

Say hi to Rudolph and other reindeer friends.

Dear Santa,
My name is Don Martinez. I want for Christmas a play station. I also want the tornado twister Hot Wheels. I need another big toy box. I need a new TV for my room. I won't forget your cookies and milk.
Love you, Santa
Don Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle please. I will be good.
Thank you
Isaiah Trillman

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy color and some donkey kong 3 games, Mario and Rugrats in Paris, Nitendo 64 and Donkey Kong and I want a Dragon Ball 2 walkie talkies, and a sega Saturn and I want Doom. Thank You.

Sincerely yours,
Johnny Marmolejo

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me, a walkman, a computer with internet, a magnet set, spacebooks, slinky, silly putty, phone watch, automatic yoyo, sega, knnex, remote control motor boat, Scooby Doo on Zombey Island.

Sincerely Yours,
Sam Wales

Dear Santa,
I want a bike please. I want a playstation please. I want a computer please. I want a chalkboard please. I want a Angelica watch please. I want a book please. I want a desk please.

Sincerely Yours,
Elizabeth Hill

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. Can you please bring me these things? These things are what I want. A Barbie Shop With Me Cash Register, a Dreamcast, and a Rugrats in Paris soundtrack. A Barbie Lip Gloss maker, a super Nail Creation, a Super Poochie, a computer laptop, some books, and a real puppy.

Thank You.
Sincerely yours,
Karina Abrego

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation two. I want a watch. I want a goldfish. I want Tommy Jeans. I want a Tommy watch. I've been doing good on my report card. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,
Mari Pena

Dear Santa,
Santa please I want a computer for Christmas and a Tommy watch a blue dress a Barbie. I want some toys a Gameboy play station a baby papy and kitty.

Sarina Whitt

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie house, barbie radio, barbie doll, barbie glasses, and barbie car. I also want a barbie little boy.

Jennifer Flores
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a big truck, a bike, video games, remote control dump truck, blue scooter, computer, skate board and a bike for brother.

Ormar Dones
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and I would like a bike I would like a batman toy. I want a superman toy. I want a spider man toy. I want a ring for my mommy. I want some candy. I would like some play-do. I want a bat man toy. I want a skate board and a scooter. I want a truck from my daddy. I want a new belt.

Thomas Martinez
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, and a mouse to a computer.

Elena Rueda
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle and a jacket with sunglasses. I'd like a Power Ranger with a gun. A bicycle without training wheels would be great, too!

Antonio Gonzales
Age 4

Dear Santa,
How are you? I know you are busy getting ready for Christmas and our class has been learning many things this month! We have also been trying so hard to be good and hope you will bring us something special. We are all in Mrs. Hays Early Childhood class.
Billy Baker would like a motorcycle and a scooter
Brandon Chavez would like a bike
Merissa Ewing would like a barbie doll
Jennifer Hernandez would like a baby doll
Isreal Montoya would like a book and a car
Colton Swimmer would like a buzz light year and a truck
Alexandra Torres would like a barbie with a horse.
Tell Mrs. Santa and the elves and reindeer hello from us and have a Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie bead and sparkle and a talking dog and a doll. I also want a barbie with clothes and a jeep car. I want a sing and swing Angelica. I also want a bike and skates and a jacket. I want a bag pack with toys and some books to read. I mean to learn how to read. I will have cookies and milk for you to eat and drink. I am 5 years old, I wish you have a great Christmas.

Your friend,
Vanessa Martinez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a big and pretty doll. I also want a white girl puppy. I want a lot of power puff girl toys.

Abigail Vargas
Age 5

A Christmas Serenade

May your holidays be harmonious, and may the high notes of a beautiful Christmas linger in your memory.

Thank you for your friendship. We wish you a joyful holiday, and a wonderful new year. Having you for a customer has been music to our ears. We look forward to seeing you again very soon.

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

Yuletide Wishes

Here's hoping the season grants all your wishes, big and small, and that you enjoy health, wealth and peace.

Many thanks for your support. Merry Christmas!

Don Hargrove Construction

JOLLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmastime is on the way,
With many expectations,
Building to the holiday,
We start the celebrations.

Carols, gifts and lots of laughter,
We have all kinds of fun,
And memories for ever after,
When all is said and done.

Best wishes to all our friends!
We thank you for visiting us this past year.

Gary's Engine & Machine

COUNTRY Christmas Greetings

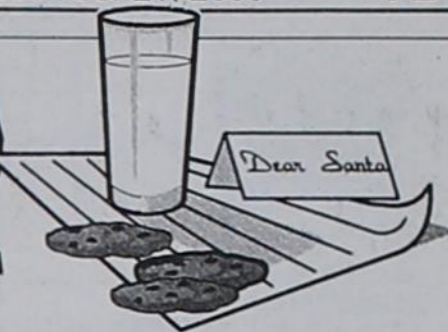
We're wishing you lots of wholesome country cheer.
Hope you enjoy every ounce of your holidays.

Thanks for all the kindness you've shown us.

Rafter 3 Feedyard, Ltd.



I'LL LEAVE YOU SOME MILK AND COOKIES



Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a scooter, a monster truck, some clothes, a bike, a play station, a stone cold and the Rock, a tractor, a football and something for my little brother.
Love,
Brian Navarro

Dear Santa,
Could I have a drum set and a disco ball. Thanks for my toys last year. I will leave you milk and carrots.
Love,
Adam Reinart

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl all year! The three presents I want the most are computer, bike, and nikes.
Last year, you brought me a baby doll and a bike. Thank you! My stocking will be ready. The special treat I will leave you will be some chips. Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me.
Love,
Karen Guadiana

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy all year! The three presents I want the most are jeep and trailer and truck.
Last year you brought me pair of pants and toy soldiers. Thank you! My stocking will be ready. The special treat I will leave you will be cookies. Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me.
Love,
Gerardo Bojorquez

Dear Santa,
I have been really good, wotch for Christmas.
Dear Santa,
I want a Playstation with NFL game and to fill the air with joy. Thank you for my bike that you gave me last Christmas.
Your Friend,
Edgar Meza

Dear Santa,
I want to know how Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vexan, Comit, Cupid and Doner are. I wish that I can get a robote dog and a barbie cash register. I hope you are doing good. I want to know how Mrs. Claus is doing and how are you doing.
Merry Christmas,
Keila Schilling

Dear Santa,
I want two Power Ranger Mega, Mega Sword and my Grandparents and sister to be here for Christmas. I also want a movie of the Power Rangers.
Your Friend,
Hector Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My name is Arian. For Christmas I would like some skates. I have been a very good girl this year. I would also like a pretty Barbie Doll. How is Rudolph? I would also like a swimming pool, so I can swim when it gets warm. I also would like some clothes, so I can look pretty when I go to school. Would you please bring my sister a book? She has been good too. I will leave you some cookies and milk, so you can have a snack. MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Arian Correa
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a dragon fly for Christmas, a robot, and a megazord.
Love,
Gino Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring a lot of presents to my house what I want for Christmas are shoes, clothes, dolls and a bike.
Thank you,
Amber Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer. But also I would like you to bless the poor people.
Your Friend,
Andre Aleman
P.S. How are you doing?

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a scooter with roller blade wheels. I want people to stop littering and doing drugs. How are Rudolph and the reindeer doing?
Your friend,
Brennan Cluck
P.S. I liked the presents I got last year.

Dear Santa,
I would like paint and markers plus a coloring book. I would also like a keyboard with a microphone. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love,
Elida Bonilla

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I would like to get a Barbie Beach Bungalo and a little mermaid coloring bok. I want to see you I want a Rugrats in Paris. Thank You and have a great Christmas.
Love,
Karina Dozal

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a meazord ship with Power Rangers in it. If you can bring me a puppy. My brother Nick wants a jacket and my sister Moni wants money.
Thank you Santa,
Carlos Ortiz
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a playmobile, scubadiver set. I would also like an aquarium fish tank, and a gameboy.
The whole play mobile policeman set would be nice to have also.
Thank you,
Patrick McGrorey

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? How is Rudolph? Can the world have peace? How are your reindeer? Can I have a real lap top computer? Can I have real skates? Can I have a real kitten? Can I have a real T.V. V.C.R.?
Your friend,
Elizabeth Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am glad that Christmas is coming. This year I would like to get music. I would also like chord lights. Finally I would like a cat. Thank you for bringing me presents every year.
Sincerely,
Terence

Dear Santa,
I want a little car and a bear. I also want some big cars.
Alez Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I would like to get a Barbie Beach Bungalo and a little mermaid coloring bok. I want to see you I want a Rugrats in Paris. Thank You and have a great Christmas.
Love,
Karina Dozal

Have a Lovely
CHRISTMAS

We hope this holiday season brings many beautiful surprises.

Thank you for making our year a very bright one.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

**Hart Producers
Co-op Gin**

HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY

We hope that your Christmas season is the most joyful and picturesque yet.

SINCERE THANKS AND well wishes go out to All of our good friends and neighbors.

Pro-Ag, Inc.

Dear Santa,
My name is Isaac. I go to school now and I want you to bring me skates and a bicycle and I will try my best to be good.
Love,
Isaac

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a toy baby doll. And a blanket would be nice too, please Santa! And I would also like some barbies too. One more thing Santa, please. My barbies need a house.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Thank you,
Carsyn Steffens

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. I want you to bring me some clothes and toys so toys so that I wont. Also want lots of books so that I can learn to read. I promise that I am going to be good. Thank you santa.
Love,
Nallely Salas

Dear Santa,
I want to have a gameboy, and some wrestling toys and a very nice Christmas with my family.
Love,
Israel Marquez

Dear Santa,
I want a big foot truck, motorcycle, and monster truck. I also want a playstation and a computer game to race cars. Tell everyone in the North Pole Merry Christmas.
From: Jaime

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a scooter and a Pokemon snap game and a Banjo & Kazooie game. Also a Golden Eye 007, but my favorite is Mario Golf. I would like to have a Blow-up Castle. Also could you bring me a mountain bike, and some hunting clothes, and a kids bow & arrow. Thank you Santam
P.S. Please bring my sister Marissa something nice too.
Love,
Michael Oltivero

Dear Santa,
I want a big foot truck, motorcycle, and monster truck. I also want a playstation and a computer game to race cars. Tell everyone in the North Pole Merry Christmas.
From: Jaime

Dear Santa,
My name is Kay Aljoe and I am 7 years old. Thank you for all my toys last year. This year I would like a Barbie cash register, a painting easel, a trumpet, a piano for angels, clothes, and a Christmas ornament.
Love,
Katy

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Love,
Israel Marquez

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Love,
Michael Oltivero

In This Season of Enlightenment

*Like a candle burning brightly,
God leads us in the right direction.
May you enjoy a blessed holiday.
Many thanks for your support and friendship.*

**Benny's
Auto
Sales**

A Holiday That Takes Center Stage

Wishing you a Christmas that speaks for itself with an abundance of love, peace and prosperity.

We applaud your kind support. Thanks to you, we're ready to give another top performance in the year to come.

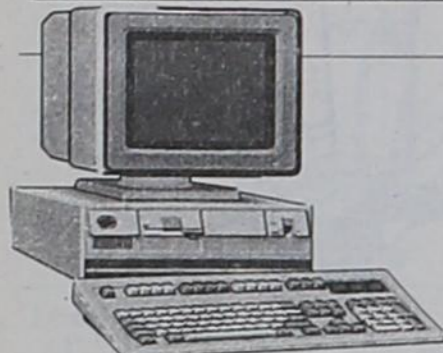
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Richard Franks, Carlos Martinez,
Gregg Gerber, Tony Leibel

Joy to the World

The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.
-Joy to the World

God bless you and your family this holiday season.
Many thanks for your patronage and friendship.

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I AL20 WANT A COMPUTER WITH MOUZE.



Dear Santa,
I know you can't give me everything I want but that is okay. All I want is at least one thing for Christmas and that is a computer, a bike, and a basketball.
Your Friend,
Valerie Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? I just wanted to tell you a couple of things I want. May I please have a real lap top computer. If it is okay I would like a C.D. player and some C.D's. I hope Rudolph is still lighting your way. I loved my presents I got last year. I would like one more thing a kitty cat.
Your friend,
Callea Gilbreath

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a car viper. I want a computer. I want a house. I want a football. I want a playstation. I want a sega. I want a millionajer gam. I want a trampoline. I want a puppy. I want a jet. I want a basketball. I want a Dallas Cowboys uniform. I want a club. I want a baseball.
Sincerely yours,
Diego Rivera

Dear Santa,
I belivue in you Santa. I would like to tell you my wish for Christmas. It is to have a computer, a scooter, clothes, shoes, a remote truck, and a Big water gun. If you cant bring me any of these toys, I promise to be a good by at home. I will be so happy and I wish the best to you santa.
Merry Christmas
Richard

Dear Santa,
I have bEEen a good boy. Could you please bring me and my brother some surprises. Thank you.
Tanner Gilbreath

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa, I want a mazy narneeey for Christmas. I wish you will. Meary Christmas.
I love you Santa,
Gabby Cantu

Dear Santa,
I hope you come this year because I really want you to get me a petbull and a Gocart. I really enjoyed my present las year a remot control truk oh, and I forgot. How are your reindeers. I hope thier fine for you to come.
I'll have a happy Christmas.
Your friend,
Daniel Esquivel

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I hope I get a C.D. of Britney Spears. How is Rudolph? You are nice. I hope I take a picture whith you. I want a computer. That is cool! Hope you have a fun Christmas. I like Christmas because it is so much fun to see you. Thank you Santa.
Your Friend,
Briana Lopez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like for my Grandmas and Grandpa ot come over, to be with us on Christmas. I would also like a helicopter, power ranger, monster truck, and two swords for my sister and I.
Eric Sweet

Dear Santa,
I would something for Christmas. I would also bike and a Nintendo for Christmas?
Johnny Ray Dones

Dear Santa,
I want you to help my cat. She's very sick. Can you help her? I want a computer for Christmas. I just want 3 presents from you. Can you help my cat very much? How is Ms. Santa and how are you? I wish you could bring my presents. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Your Friend,
Victor Lopez

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is for my horse to stay warm for the winter.
Your friend,
Cody Essary

Dear Santa,
I want a skate bord and a pet dog. And a hot a swimming pool.
Sincerely Yours,
Andrew Estrada

Dear Santa,
Plese I want box, one what those that you put on your back pocket.
Thank you
Angel Robles

Dear Santa,
I wish everybody a happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want a four wheeler. I want my brother to have a dirt bike. I want my dad to have a tv radio. I wish my family a Merry Christmas and the world a happy kwanzua. I want a coputrr. Have a jolly Christmas.
Your friend,
John Lopez.

Dear Santa,
I hope you and your helpers are well. All I want for Christmas is a Dodge power wheels. And for my mommy and daddy and grandparents to love me very much. I hope that I get to go to Mexico to see my other grandparents. P.S. Convince my mom.
Your Friend,
Jorge Enrique Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please will you get me: playstation, sega, computer, jokbooks pokemon.
Sincere Yours,
David Velez

Dear Santa,
I want a babie doll, a barbie house a bike, clothes. Some hand games, barbie. Clothes barbie van a barbie computer.
Love,
Bridget Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you. I'm fine. Are you okay? I'm okay. Are your reindeers okay? Is Rudolph's nose still have light? Is Mrs. Claus okay? I want a computer and a stero. I want joy and fun for the world.
Your Friend,
Yarel Olmos

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing in the North Pole? I would like to get to see you. I wish I had a pony for Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is very well. I would like to have a CD player for Christmas. I wish you would give the people that don't have a home a present and give them a home. I am very good. I would like to have toy cars. Help the people that are in the hospital and help them get better. I would like you if you help my two grandmas. I wish you and everybody in the North Pole a Merry Christmas.
Your Friend,
Selena Saenz

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, and a police car, a video game and a puppy. And one for my brother too. I hope I can sit on your lap, and my brother too, and my brother too, and my baby brother too. I hope we can take a picture for my parents. I have been good, and my brother, and my baby brother too.
Sincerely Yours,
Josh Quiroz

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of skates. I also want a skooter and a video game. I want a skateboard too.
Matthew Aguilar

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the toys you gave me last Christmas. I hope your reindeer feel fine so you can give every body presents. I want one thing an Nintendo 64, and I will like if you can help people in the doctor's office please.
Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Thomas Rivera

Dear Santa,
How does the world keep on going Santa? I want a scooter, a computer, and a cat for Christmus.
Your Friend,
Isabel Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been kind of good this year. Please get these things for me! Who want to be a millionaire CD rom, computer laptop, kallidoscope barbie house, two real huskys, a real horse and a stable and a saddle. Please fix my fort and give it to the orphanage and please give me the fort with a swimming pool.
Sincerely Yours,
Makenzie Cornett

Dear Santa,
I want a dalmation dog for Christmas. I also want a kid car and the toys at the stores.
Love,
Brittany Enriquez

Dear Santa,
I have tried very hard to be a good boy. I would like to have a street scooter, a remote control car, a red power ranger, a Buzz Light Year that talks, a Thunder Cat toy, a Johnny Bravo, some new clothes, some new shoes, something for my brother Billy and Quincy and something for my sister Krystal. Santa, I hope that you ahve a great time on Christmas. May God Bless You and keep you.
Your pal,
William Baker

Dear Santa,
I want the world to be drug free. I want a remote control and peace for the world and a laptop. How is rudoph and the elves. Ps. I like your sleigh.
Your friend,
Richard Barrios

Dear Santa,
I want a Play Station and two remote controls, 1 game, and a bike. I have been doing real good on my report card.
Sincerely Yours,
Eric Davis

Dear Santa,
I would love a Scooter and some clothes. And I love Santa, and I would love a swimming pool.
Monique Aleman

Dear Santa,
Please will you get me: Who wants to be a Millionaire for my stepdad. I want a sing and swing Angelica for me. I want a fib finder for my sister. I want a fake phone for my brother. I want a lot of rings for my mom. I want a puppy for my stepdad, my mom, my sister, my brother and me. I want a computer for my whole family.
Sincerely yours,
Bethany Garza

MAKE CHRISTMAS ROCK!

Celebrate with us,
the joy of giving and the warmth of sharing.
We value your friendship and trust.

Panhandle Ag Services, Inc.

Dear Santa,
I have been good all this year. I really think I deserve someting for Christmas. I would like a bike and a barbie house.
Thanks,
Gaby Aguirre

Dear Santa,
I want solarized light speed, megazord, acerman starwars vehicle, motorcycle, truck, racecars, playstation, army tank, game boy color, rescue heroes. Also bring Jovany a fire truck, tractor, airplane.
Ivan

Greetings, Friends!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR MANY KINDNESSES LARGE AND SMALL.

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Special Holiday Delivery

We hope this holiday delivers an abundance of close friends, warm moments and wonderful gifts.

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Wishing you a holiday filled with beauty and many special gifts.
Thanks for your support and friendship.

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GREETINGS OF THE Season

May nature's peace and joy flow into your heart this holiday season, and stay with you throughout the coming year.

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"And she
Brought forth
her firstborn
son..."

Merry Christmas from Nazareth

*Christmas greetings from the community that's named
for Christ's hometown. Instead of sending individual cards
to our local friends, we have donated our card money
to benefit the Meals on Wheels program.*

We hope Christmas 2000 will be blessed and memorable for you.

- Max Acker
- Don & Betty Acker
- Dwayne & Anne Acker & Family
- Ralph & Evelyn Albracht
- Sam & Margie Albracht
- Stephen Anderle
- Alvin & Matilda Anderle
- Ricky, Crystal & Laci Backus
- Hubert & Joan Backus
- Helen Backus
- Evelyn Backus
- Urban Ball
- Elias, Andy, Nic, Rey, Marcus
& Jacob Bermea
- Carolina, Nic, Rey, Marcus
& Jacob Bermea
- Bob, Theresa, Sara & Ross Birkenfeld
- Julius & Kathy Birkenfeld & Girls
- Jerome & Betty Birkenfeld & Family
- Julia Birkenfeld
- Keith, Kim, Kyle, Ryan, Haley
& Lane Birkenfeld
- Leslie Birkenfeld Family
- Kent & Teresa Birkenfeld Family
- Rose Birkenfeld
- Herman Birkenfeld Family
- Father Darryl Birkenfeld
- Louise Braddock
- Tom, Marcie, Brett & Brenna Braddock
- Cecil, Lenora, Celina, Andrea, Jenna,
Dusty & Alyssa Braddock
- Jerome & Margaret Brockman
- Ralph & Sharon, Mitchell, Lesley
& Kimberly Brockman
- Florine & Ernie Brockman
- Dale, Mona, Scott, Marcus
& Andrew Brockman
- Art & Janette Brockman
- Cyril & Mitzie Brockman
- Joe, Imogene & Kim Drerup
- Lucille Drerup
- Paul, Joan, Marlin & Hugh Durbin
- Leo & Marian Durbin
- Glenn, Jill & Tyler Ehly
- Robert Fisher
- Fritz & Julene Gerber
- Dan, Karen, Shawna & Clifford Gerber
- Vincent & Toby Gerber
- The Leonard Gerber Family
- Keith Gerber
- Mick, Jane, Laura & Alan Gerber
- K'Lynn & Slade Gerber
- Virgie Gerber
- Marty, Tisha & Blakely Gerber
- Dorothy Guggemos
- Denny & Dolores Heiman
- Charley & Beverly Hill
- Todd, Misty & Brynlee Hill
- Joe & Angie Hochstein & Family
- May Hochstein
- William & Catherine Hochstein Family
- Cecil, Norita & Annette Hoelting
- Tom & Raelene Hoelting & Family
- Keith, Karleen, Mandy, Brett
& Kyle Hoelting
- Ronnie & Regina Hoelting
- Greg & Christina Hoelting
- Arnold & Catherine Huseman
- Paul Huseman Family

- Louis & Gin Huseman
- Derwin, Vera, Nichole, Koty, Nathan
& Amber Huseman
- Al Huseman Family
- Virgil, Dianne, Evan, Kendra
& Caitlin Huseman
- Bertha Huseman
- Joe & Jeanette Johnson
- Jerry, Carol, B.J., Jessica, Susan, Daniel
& Dustin Kern
- Jim, Elaine, Jayson, Brandi & Devin Kern
- Alvin & Dorothy Kleman
- Doyle, Rosie, Shane & Holly Kleman
- Carl Dean & Mary Kleman
- Alphonse & Viola Kleman
- Lucy Leinen
- Al & Leona Maurer
- Kristin & Monty Moore
- Felix & Monica Mote
- Michael, Theresa, Veronica
& James Mullen
- Tiburcio (Butch), San Juana
& Jessie Olvera
- LeRoy & Dorothy Pohlmeier
- J.C., Jocelyn, Colby, Amy
& Daryl Pohlmeier
- Philip & Dora Pohlmeier
- Ed & Leola Ramaekers
- Henry, Linda Jo, Kristi & Heidi Ramaekers
- Rex & Vera Ramaekers & Family
- Brian & Peggy Ramaekers
- Bryan, Tracy, Treva & Tyler Ramsey
- Kim, Kathy, Charlie & Kami Rundell
- Debbie, Melanie & Tommy Russell
- Johnny & Norma Schacher
- Rusty, Lydia, Derrick & Kyla Schacher
- Danny Schilling
- Walter & Anita Schilling
- Kenneth Schilling
- Lawrence Schmucker
- Dan & Ethel Schmucker
- Jim, Bobbie, Michael, Robby, Tiffany
& Jayme Schmucker
- Joe & Amy Schmucker & Janet
- Traci, Kevin, Anni & Ethan Scholl
- Elmer & Florene Schulte & Family
- Marvin & Darlene Schulte
- Mary Ann Schulte
- Heath, Nicole & Tate Schulte
- Bob, Bev, Jill & Ross Schulte
- Clarence & Odelia Schulte
- Gilbert & Dolly Schulte
- Floyd & Dorothy Schulte
- Martha Schulte
- Rev. Brendan Sherry
- Craig, Jennifer & Kirkland Sperry
- Joe Venhaus
- Robert, Mary & David Verkamp
- Winifred Wagner
- Leonard & Rose Mary Wilhelm
- Cecil Wilhelm
- Damian, Stacy, Stefani & Kayla Wilhelm
- Francis & Betty Wilhelm
- Ronnie Wilhelm
- The Wilhelms—Henry, Lori, Jennifer,
Brandon & Heath
- Joe & Rita Woetovech
- John & Margaret Womack
- Johnny Aichlmayr

Rejoice in His love

Merry Christmas Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
Santa how is Froot of doing? I want
some football pants. I want a game boy. I
want a football helmet. I want toy men.
Love,
Daylon Chavers

Dear Santa,
I want a super nintendo and a barbie.
Santa are you rede to take us toys?
Love,
Erika Chavez

Dear Santa,
Are you rede are Christmas? I want a
game boy and power rangers.
Love,
Jonathan Molina

Dear Santa,
I am writing you this Letter to tell you
what I want for Christmas. I think I have
been a good girl this year. I want a com-
puter and the game board operation. I also
want a bike, skates and many other toy.
But most of all I want the poor kids to get
there wish too. I hope they get what they
ask for. I also want for everybody to have
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.
Love,
Veronica Gamez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a 4x4 re-
mote control dodge, a boom box with 6
speakers and lots of volume, a Tennessee
Titan jersey, Toy Story 2 the Movie and 2
new pair of windbreakers.
Your friend,
Brian Pantoja
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to this Christmas.
I liked at the gifts That I received last year.
This year I would like a game boy color
called the Rugrats in Paris.
Love,
Adam Cain Hart
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and I want a
barby and I want a puppy and I want a wach
and I want a cat and I want a camra and I
want a seede player and I want skats and
That all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Carmen Jaloma
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I would like a cabadoo with makeup. I
would like a pony. I would like a nice Merry
Christmas.
Love,
Analysa Marquez
8 years old

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a blue
Poo-Chi dog, cash register Barbie, and
Wood STAMPS and that's all Santa Claus.
Why I ask you to give me a Poo-Chi dog is
because it look like a real dog and it's
looks like it's magic dog. Why I ask you to
give me a cash register is because I can
play store with some of my friends. Why I
ask you to bring me Wood STAMPS is
because we could have fun.
Your friend,
Korina Portillo
Age 8

Dear Santa,
What I want is a skooter and a game
and a play computer and a C.D. player
and a girl talk and a fid finder and a ball to
play with and a movie that is cool and
game boy games and a lot of games to
play and a dina doll and a pochie Dog and
a play Dog and a play bake oven and
some dolls to play with and a watch and
Dancin Debbie and my own phone and
play station, a lamp and new shoes and
stuff animals and girl stuff.
Love,
Jasmine Chavez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I wish for a New Play Station with a red
controlers for my own I want a new skate
board. I wish for a rugrats watch. I want a
game boy that comes with the grinch
need for speed pockemon. I wish for a
puppy like my dog. And I wish for a sata
claws suit I wish for all the power rangers
pack. Scooter and a dirt bike, a red one. I
wish for a swimming pool and I wish for the
move rugrats in paris.
Your friend,
Christopher Rodriguez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
Want I want for Christmas is a Barbie
cash register, a scooter, some clothes, a
poochy dog, and the game who wants to
be a millonair, and my own computer.
Your friend,
Ashley Ramirez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I wish for a bascetball, a nike cap, a
woch, a cd player and a neckless, a moll
cotrol car, a water gun and the most of all
I want those new scooters they made at
Wall Mart.
Love,
Ruben Robledo
Age 8

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Nintendo 64, a
motorcycle toy, and a gray gameboy. I am
a good boy.
Thank you,
Isaiah Marquez

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy.
I would like a drum.
I would like a pokemon game boy
game.
I would like a guitar.
I would like some pokemon cards.
And some digemon cards.
I have been good.
Your friend,
Shane Hanes
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I would like albums of the Monkeeyes,
drum set and football cards.
Love,
Kendall George
Age 9

Dear Santa,
What I want this this Christmas is a
scooter and a puppy like the dog I use to
have named Barkley and maybe a Christ-
mas Bear that says it all.
Your friend,
Delesa Perez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I
would like a Game Boy for Christmas this
year. I would also like a new jacket. One
last thing I would like peace on Earth this
Christmas.
Love,
Joel Beanes
Age 8

Dear Santa,
Christmas is a very wonderful time
Because it snows. Snow is fun because you
can play in it. Now for Christmas I want a
game boy coler game it is cald the wild
theme beres, a compoter, a scooter, a
teddy bear, and a Backstreet Boys cd.
Love,
Valeria Rodriguez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
1. Digimon Littl toys
2. High Rise Carage
3. Die Cast Cars
4. Remot sports car—mustang
5. Santa Fe Express
6. Attack chopper
7. Radio Control Wonder Dog
8. Walk 'N Wag
9. Dalmatian
Love,
Mario Fuentes
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am working hard at school and learn-
ing a lot. For Christmas I want a Power
Ranger, a Megazor train, and a Digimon
toy.
Thank you,
Pancho Maldonado

Season's Greetings from Hart

*Instead of sending individual cards to our local friends, we have
donated our card money to the Hart Cemetery Fund. It is a
tradition which we feel honors the memory of those who helped
make so many Christmases happy for all of us.*

Wayne & Joyce Beavers
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Bea Cole
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Dora Lancaster
Allen & Shane McLain
Joy Owens
Ann Pevehouse
Mrs. Orval Sharp
Lucile Smith
Bobby & Wanda Murdock
*(In memory of
W.H. & Nellie Felder
& Jerry Felder)*



SANTA, I HOPE YOU'LL FIND MY STOCKING

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Jessie Doll, Buzz light year, a new library book, and a thinking chair because the air blowed out of my other one. I also want 4 Dalmation dogs, but not real the stuffed ones. I want a new barbie station and 3 cat books. Bring my teacher (Mrs. Pybus) 3 carrot rings. Bring my brother Logan cowboy Woody and my sister Hattie a baby doll. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Payton Robb
4 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a texo puppy, and a car, a train, and gun. Thank you Santa for last years gifts. This year I want to be with my family.

Love,
Arturo Marquez

Dear Santa,
I would rele like A robot dog that sus tris. I have bin good. Ples bring me smum cool stuf.

Your friend,
Coby Ross Venhaus
6 years old

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a littly puchi dog and I want a barbie car and I would like a computer and I would like a baby doll with make up things. I would like a real kitten for playing and sleepy with him or her. I would like a lot of movies and my best wish is all kids on the world have Christmas presents.

Kassandra Gomez

Dear Santa,
I wish to have a computer witha barbi disk and a pair of sun glass with a barbi on it. And a big swimming pool where I and my brothers and sisters can swim in it. And swimming suit, and a pair of mittiens. And a doll cooking in a little kitchen.

Merry Christmas
Vanessa Flores

Dear Santa,
The DHS PALS for the year 2000-01 have listed below the top 3 most wanted Christmas gifts.

Ben: speakers, clothes and alarm
Jaime: Grand Theft Auto 2, echo sweater and underwear
Steph: clothes, shoes and college \$
Neto: scanner, college money and playstation 2
Emanuel: Job....norelco shaver and curva colonge
Sal: car stereo, clothes and computer
Leticia: car tinted, cd player and Happy Christmas
Jessica: Lucky perfume, clothes and money
Lyndsey: car, clothes and money
Mary: room dec, shoes and clothes
Lori: shoes, clothes and orbis ring
Jose: pick-up, Cancun trip and drumset
Daniel P: new car, basketball and 2 trips to Graceland
Cherie: new car, G-shock, clothes
Daniel L: jacket, clothes and playstation2
Heather: cell phone, money and clothes
Kylie: com pilot, pea coat and toboggan
Jonathan: new pick-up, horse and cow
Josh: new car, clothes and Christian CD
Jeremy: new pick-up, pig and donkey
Pricy: cell phone, car and trip to Tennessee
Mrs. Ivey: perfume, life application bible and 2 line hand phone

Thank you,
Senior Pals '01

Dear Santa,
Santa I will really like for you to bring me some nail polish and a lot of make up. I would also like some real nice barbies with a lot of clothes and some babies. If you don't bother, can you bring me some teddy bears too. For today I guess that is all.

Thank you
Sincerely,
Marisol Quintana

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a kitchen play center with lotts of dishes.

Love,
Yasmin Aldaly Marin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Here is a list of things that I would like to have for Christmas. I would like Elmo and a little stuffed bull. I will also need a rope to tie up my bull. I will leave some pizza for you.

Adam Villanueva
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, a Barney banjo, a little mermaid barbie, a Barney piano, scooter for my brothers, balloons, a barbie car, a little sister, and a scooter for my sister, a scooter for my mom and dad, a blue's clues doll, a magenta doll, a scooby dolls, a Barney computer and a Barney CD.

Stephanie Fuentes
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a choo, choo train that I can ride in. Please bring a gift for my mom and dad. I would also like some legos.

Todd Hall
Age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Erica Gil and I would like to have some Play Dough and a Barbie Doll House for Christmas.

Erica Gil
Age 4

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas, a little mermaid, a shark, a little shark, a Barbie, a puppy and a playdough set.

Your friend
Kimberly Jackson
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like som clothes. I would also a remote control pick-up truck and 2 computers, one for Isaac and one for me. Also a tape player.

J.J. Rivera
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a real phone and computer. I love my mom and dad. I love Anthony my brother. I love everybody.

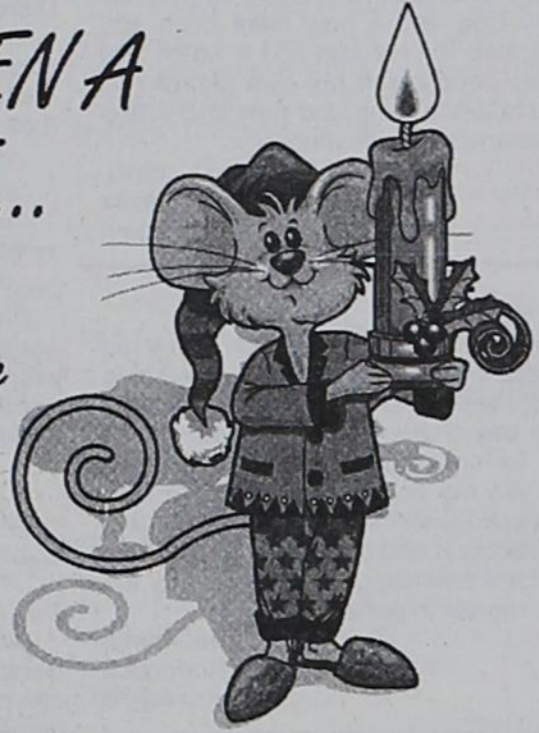
Brenden Wall
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. What I asking you for this year is a swimming pool, a dog, patio, drum, huitar, a toy airplane, jet, rocket. I hope that you could get me one of the things that I have listed above. I also would like a skateboard too. I will leave you milk & cookies for you to eat when you come to my house. That all for now I will see you later.

Michael Hinojosa
Age 4

NOT EVEN A
MOUSE...

Can resist
getting into the
Christmas
spirit!



We hope this holiday season is the brightest and merriest yet.
Thank you for your valued business.

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Don, Trish and Tim Elliott

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With a heart as light and merry as a child's,
enjoy the wonder and excitement of the holiday season.
Thanks for shopping with us.

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**Greetings
to All Our Friends**

Our fondest holiday wishes are on the way. May you know peace, friendship and goodwill this coming year. Thank you for visiting us.

C&T Fertilizer
Tam Anne

Wishing You A
**HEALTHY
HOLIDAY**

Naturally, we hope your holiday is filled with good things!
We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Zockhart Pharmacy
107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-3392

**All Things
Bright &
Beautiful**

May you enjoy a lovely season
with all the trimmings.
Thanks for making us look good,
all year long!

The Headhunter

a **Savior** is Born

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." - Luke 2:7

May you keep the spirit of Christmas in your heart all year round.
We are thankful for your continued support and look forward to serving you in the new year.

**Coleman
Pharmacy**

**REJOICE IN
HIS LOVE.**

"God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior,
Was born on Christmas Day."
-Anonymous

We send our best wishes for a joyous holiday with our sincere gratitude for your patronage.

**Hereford Texas
Federal Credit Union**
Dimmitt Branch
212 W. Bedford 647-5169

**While You Are Out
Celebrating...**

We just want to supply our best wishes to the festivities, for a season filled with success and happiness.

**Merry Christmas
from our office to yours!**

**Dimmitt Printing
& Office Supply**

I WANT A FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I would like to ask. "How are you?" Now this is what I would like for Christmas. First, I would like to have the movie Aaron Carter, also a big stuffed teddy bear so I can cuddle up with him when I am sad. I would also like a 24" T.V. I especially want a book to read when I am lonely. I would like the CD of Aarn Carter (Come Get It) and the CD of Back Streets Boys (Black and Blue) and a shirt of the Back Street Boys. But most of all I want a great Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Raquel Puga! ©

Dear Santa,
How are you today? You are a very nice and sweet person. Will you please bring me what I want. Will you bring me two puppies that are rottweilers, a boy and a girl, please. I would also like a computer, a cool blue computer. I also would like a new bicycle if it is not too much, please. And how are your deer and Rudolph? And is it cold at the North Pole? I bet it is very cold.

Your friend,
Mary Huerta

Dear Santa,
Are you up and going for Christmas? Elves working hard? Is Rudolph O.K.? Feeding him some oats? Well now I'm gonna tell you what I want for Christmas. M-A-Y I have a scooter with red wheels so I can ride around the block. Also would you bring me a helmet and some kneepads for the scooter. So I would like to hurt when I fall. Also I would like an Automatic Four Wheeler from you. Could I have a lot of clothes and about two pair of Lucky jeans? Could you bring me a lot of toys, And a Swimming pool to swim in the summer so we don't have to go to Plainview.

Sincerely,
Nicky

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christmas? I am fine. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer. I want a Pochy dog. I also want a scooter, a color Game Boy. I would also like a Play Station II. I would also like a computer, an airup chair, a skakt board, some CDs and a tapoline. I wish I could have a horse and some clothes. I would also like a Diva Doll.

Your friend,
Amy Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing this year? I'm doing fine, so is my family. These are the things I will like you to bring me.
First I would like you to bring me a 19" tv so I can connect my Nintendo in my room. Next I would like you to bring me a CD player with the CD's Blink 182, new Destiny's Child, the Stephanie, and Totally Hits 3, and a pack of memory cards for my Nintendo.

Your friend,
Fabian Morales

Dear Santa,
How is everything going at the North Pole. Everything is going great here. I just can't wait till Christmas time. For Christmas I would like some Nintendo 64 games like 007—The World is not Enough and Blitz 2000. I would also like a Color Game Boy with a couple of games to go with it. I would like a computer to What I mostly want is a four-wheeler. That is about all I want this Christmas.

Your friend,
Sage Black

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Are your elves fine. I am fine are you? Do you have a reindeer? How is Rudolph? Now presents—I want drums, a Madden 2001, remote control, car, a go-cart for feeling the nice cold wind, and a maroon helmet for football.

This is all I want from Great Santa.
Love,
Matthew Reyna

Dear Santa Clause,
How is your family doing at the North Pole? I want a scooter so I can ride on the weekends. I would like a Teddie Bear so I can play with it in the afternoon, a Game Boy with a vido so I won't be bored, a Easy Bake so I can bake a cake to eat and a Go Cart so we can ride it.

Your friend,
Michelle Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a Game Boy and some games. I wish I could have a dog. How are the reindeer? How are your elves doing? Christmas is almost here. How are you doing. My family is doing fine. I hope you come on Christmas Eve.

Sincerely,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Are you wrapping presents? Are you going to bring elves to the bank and your reindeer. That's all I have to write about you. Now let's go to presents. First I want a go cart to get on when I get boing. How is Rudolph? I want a computer and that is all. This is all that I want from Santa.

Sincerely,
Leo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Everything is fine here. This is the List of things I wish I could have. I would like a Game Boy with a video game. I would like a scooter for Christmas Eve. I would like a computer. I would like to see one of your reindeer for Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Corie Rincon

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I would like some roller skates, a skateboard, a surfboard and a snowboard. I would also like a movie.

Your friend,
Dario Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie car, a barbie with a horse, a computer, a teddy bear, a puppy, money for the poor, a bunney, new clothes, a pony, I wish I could have my career as a singer. I wish I could have a nice life, I wish I can have a baby doll.

Sincerely your friend,
Love,
Lesli Cruz

Dear Santa,
How are you today? You are a very nice and sweet person. Will you please get me what I want for Christmas? I wish you would get me two bulldogs, but I want puppies. I want a boy and a girl. I also would like a computer, but I want a cool black computer. I also want well if it is not too much for you, a C.D. player for my room. I also would like a brand new bicycle. Oh, and by the way, how are Rudolph and the other reindeer? Is it cold at the North Pole?

Your very nice friend,
Angelica Jalomo

Dear Santa,
I am sending you a Christmas letter. I hope you can get me these things. I would like a dirt bike to ride like the wind on a hot summer day. I am having a blast writing this letter. I also would like a pro Marrone football helmet with a white face mask. I am wanting some computer and Game Boy games. I kind of want a shiny brand new football. This is my dream come true.

Your friend,
Will Whitaker

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing at the North Pole? My family and I are doing fine. Oh, I almost forgot. How are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Dnner, Blitzen and Ruedolph? All I want is to get my trampoline back.

Your friend,
Aaron Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves? I would love a Game Boy for Christmas, a M and M cd, a TV and a VCR. That's all I want for Christmas. And have a happy New Year.

Love,
Nathan Bernal

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been I have been well. Have you ever got sick riding around in the cold? Well, what I want for Christmas is a Game Boy Color game because I only have one game and I get tired of it. Also I would like a stereo player, a t.v., a horse and a very happy Christmas. Have a happy Christmas yourself too.

Your friend,
Crystal Chavez

Dear Santa Claus,
I know you're very busy, but can you please get me at least some of these presents?

I would like a CD player with some CD's, Nintendo 64 game, a color gameboy, and a scooter. And please get me a race car track.

Your best friend,
Damian Morales

P.S.: How are all the reindeer at the North Pole?

Dear Santa,
I want a purple scooter. Merry Christmas!

Miguel Bygoytia

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a watch, some clothes and shoes, and a CD. I will try to be good. Merry Christmas!

I love you,
Daniel Mejia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a pink bike, a doll that uses the bathroom, and a dollhouse. I am a good girl. I hope you come real soon.

I love you,
Alejandra Vasquez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like a Barbie, a black teddy bear, and a T.V. for my bedroom. I am a good girl and I love you very much.

Thank you,
Selina Vega

Dear Santa,
Are you ready to give me presits? I want a C.D. palyer ples. I want a stereo ples. Ples give me a Barbie cash renisten. I want some C.D.s ples. I want Myreal baby. I want Biscut Books. Please can I have a color game boy.

Love,
Mikala Sue Whitaker

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I hae been well. Hope your reindeer gotten sick in the cold weather. Hows your elves. How is Rudolph? Is he sick. Can you bring me a Play Station game to play. A new puppy for my Lonely dogs and a swimming pool for my family.

Your friend,
Sebastian Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm fine. Is Rudolph o.k.? I hope you bring me these things for Christmas: A green scooter, c.d.s, a green computer, Play Station games, a green c.d. player, a puppy. Have a very merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Kelby Myrick

Dear Santa,
How come you have a long beard. I want a car and a bike.

Love,
Gilerto Mejia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a teddy bear, a truck, and a Play Station. I am ready for Christmas. I am trying hard to be good.

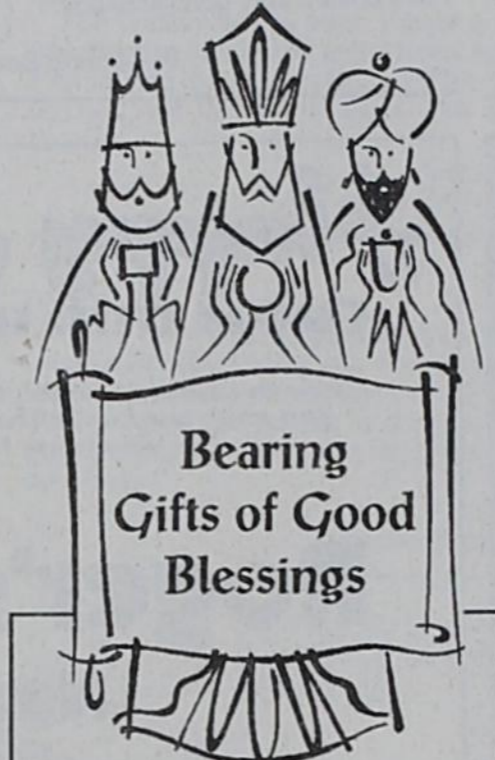
Thank you,
Adrian Morales

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, please bring me a soldier toy, a Christmas tree, and a red Power Ranger toy. I have tried to be good. I will leave you a bag for you to carry your toys in.

I love you Santa,
Miguel Morales

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a white scooter, a new yellow bicycle, and a Pokemon bouncing ball. I will have a present waiting for you and some milk and cookies. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Lance Myrick



Please accept our best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity during this holy and joyous holiday season. Many thanks for your loyal patronage.

Kern Plumbing & Electric

May the season bring everything you could hope for. You deserve it!

Many thanks and warm wishes.

STOP

Convenience Store

MERRY CHRISTMAS DREAMS

Customers like you are the stuff dreams are made of!
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Pay & Save Foods

Hart

May All Your **Christmas Dreams** Come True.

Wishing you a holiday filled with magic, wide-eyed wonder and excitement. We hope you enjoy every minute of it ... straight through the new year!

Thanks for being a faithful friend and customer.

Westway Feed Products

Fred Bruegel, Sales Manager
Corey James, Terminal Manager
North Highway 385, Dimmitt

SMILE, It's Christmas!

Wishing you a picture-perfect holiday. Thanks to all our customers.

Garner Ball Photography

Catch the Christmas Spirit!

Christmastime is coming fast so hang a wreath upon your door, We hope that our best wishes last Throughout the season and forever more.

Happy holidays! You're always welcome here.

Company Store and The Hart Beat

PEACE UNTO YOU

May the spiritual joys of the season light up your days and illuminate your nights, now and forever. With thanks and bright wishes to all our friends and neighbors.

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, Myatt & Bradley, C.P.A.



MY SISTER WANT 2 A BARBIE AND BARBIE CAR..!



Dear Santa,
I want a creepy crawler. Please bring me a bike. I want a pupet. Prett please bring me a nintendo 64 and a scooter.
Love,
Ramon Longoria

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been fine! Is Rudolph the Reindeer fine??? I want a red toy four wheeler. Will you get me a cattle truck? Tell the elves I said hi, Please.
Your friend,
Leonardo Gamez

Dear Santa,
Cood you pless bring me a rodeo and a Scooter and a bike and a barbiehouse. I want a barbie. Cood you bring me a Costoom and The moove rug rats.
Love,
Krysetta Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Cash registr, a c.d. player, and some Clothes. Pless. I want a play Station, Rug Rats, c.d. for my play Station, some Shoes, and a Computur.
Love,
Alex Gonzales

Dear Santa,
When are you coming to see me? Can you bring me a barbie and a teddy bear and some cles and a barbie house and a tv and a bisickle and a Christmas pusl?
Love,
Karely Chavira

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. I would like a pair of shoes. Can you bring me a Computer? I'd like some C-D's and a doll. Could you bring me a sweater pants, T-shirt, and a C.D. player? I would like a doll house and a Barbie house to play with. I want a new bike. I'd like the movie The Little Mermaid II. Can you bring me a toy cat and an umbrella? How is Rudolph?
Merry Christmas.
Annie Neudorf

Dear Santa,
I am being good at school and never get in trouble. Please bring me a Barbie, a box of crayons, and a yellow walking-wag baby poodle for Christmas.
Thank you,
Teresa Rosas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole. Is it cold??? How are the elves? May I have a puppy, please?
Your #1 fan,
Drew Higgins

Dear Santa,
I want a punching bag and a bike. I want a scootr and power ranger. I want a car and a Truck. How are you doing?
Love,
Zeke Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, computer, finger nails set, Dancing Debbie, and make-up. How do you do?
Love,
Destany Delacruz

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a CD player. I want a barbie cash register. I want some skates, gel pens, and a barbie. I want a baby and a nintendo 64.
Love,
Felicia Reyna

Dear Santa,
I am learning a lot in school and working hard. I want you to bring me a fire truck, a toy car, and a fire toy. I love you.
Thank you,
Ramon Minjarez

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a Scooder and a foot-ball and a basket ball and a Nintido and the games may hem and crash.
Love,
Paul Martinez

Dear Santa,
How's it going at the North Pole? I know you'r probably busy. But here are some things I would like for Christmas.
One thing I would like for Christmas is my own bulldog (real!). I would also like a four wheeler. I would like to have my own T.V. and V.C.R., please. Now I have saved the best for last. I would love to have my own room!
This is all I would like for Christmas from you.
Have a very merry Christmas.
Love,
Chance Hanes

Dear Santa,
Can I ples have amazing Elly and how is Rodof doing? When are you coming to see me.
Love,
Lisa Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie, a baby doll tub, a baby doll carrier, and doll clothes. How is Roodof?
Love,
Gaby Cadema

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeers flying? Would you get me a nintindo 64 and 2 games pless. Will you get me a game boy with 1 game.
Love,
Jake Curry

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas! For Christmas I want a jeep toy, a red bike, and a sword toy. I have been a good boy.
Thank you.
Love,
Abiel Montemayor

Dear Santa,
Can you pless bring me Dancins Debbe for Christmas, a Barbie car, a Barbie air plans, and a new cinderella Barbie. I also want the grinch maviie. Thank you Santa Claus.
Love,
Beatrice Cedillo

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like to have a new woody from Toy Story the movie. I would also like Buzz Lightyear. I have been a very good little boy.
Love,
Alberto Beanes

Dear Santa,
Are you going to bring me a lot uv prezes. I want a skooter, and a nintendo 64 game called derby. I want a watch. I want a CD.
Love,
Dion Reyna

Dear Santa,
Are you coming to See me? Will you get me a Scoter and a n nintendo 64 and bike and Buz Lite year?
Love,
Aaron Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a Game Boy Color that is a lite purple because I love to play with them. I want a yellow bike. I would also like a baby blackcat. I love to play with a cat. That is what I want for Christmas. I love you.
Love,
Jacy Shay Black

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a book with a magic reading pen, a play make-up case, and a play house for my backyard. I try to be a good girl.
Thank you,
Breann Isaguirre

Dear Santa,
Are you coming at dro timee? Iwant Small Soldiers and a Sooter and a morsikle and yellow power rangers.
Love,
Brandon Reyna

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a real computer and a real puppy. Can you also bring me a ball for my puppy? Merry Christmas Santa.
Love,
Stephanie Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I am hape to see you. I want a computer, and a camera, and a pokemom, and a skatboard, I want a football, a video, a nintendo, and a scooter.
Love,
Nazario Maldonado

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I hope you're doing fine. And I hope your reindeer are doing O.K. I really hope you bring me these things for Christmas: a black and white boy puppy and a C.D player.
Sincerely,
Krystal Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a couple of things. I want a new real puppy, a new drum set, and a lap top computer. This Christmas I'm going to be happy even if I don't get the things I want. Have a Merry Christmas. I hope I get the things I want for Christmas. I hope my little sisters don't drink all the milk and eat all the cookeys so I can leave some for you. I'm gona help my Mom with the babys so I can get the presints. Have a good Christmas Santa.
Love,
Ysenia Godino

JOY
UNTO YOU AT CHRISTMAS.

"I love the Christmas-tide, and yet,
I notice this, each year I live;
I always like the gifts I get,
But how I love the gifts I give!"
- Carolyn Wells

Many thanks for the gift of your patronage.

Hoelting Supply
Nazareth

Happy Holidays
FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

May this holiday season bring serene, loving comfort to you and your family. Thanks to great patrons like you, we always feel right at home.

Roger's Repair
Nazareth

Warm Christmas Greetings

At this magical time, we would like to thank you for making the past year so exciting for us.

We hope the holiday season is all that you anticipate.

Merry Christmas.

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BROOKE

Brooke Insurance and Financial Services

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
To Our Friends & Neighbors

Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the company of loved ones, good fortune and peace. Thanks for your support and friendship.

Cowsert Abstract & Title Co.

Wishing You A SWEET SEASON

As visions of sugarplums dance in your head, we want to thank you for being such a sweet customer.

Treat yourself to a wonderful holiday this year.

K-Bob's Steak House

AT THIS
SPECIAL TIME
of THE YEAR

May health and happiness be yours during this wonderful season and throughout the new year. Customers like you are the heart of our success, and we thank you for your generous support.

The North Gin of Dimmitt, Inc.

In the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of business relationships. One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill are valued so highly.

In this spirit it is a pleasure to say "Thank You" and extend sincere appreciation for the very pleasant association enjoyed with you.

May a bright and prosperous New Year bring happiness to you and to yours.

Town & Country Insurance Agency
Vega • Dimmitt • Farwell

Our offices will be closing at noon on Dec. 22nd and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th. If you need assistance, please leave us a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible!

Happy Holidays!

A Christmas Wish To You

A shiny new toy or a color TV, a necklace, a bracelet, a bike built for three. Whatever you want for Christmas this year, we hope Santa brings it, and with it much cheer.

All we want for Christmas is more customers like you! Please accept our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday.

El Sombrero Restaurant
Closed for the Holidays
Saturday, Dec. 23 until Tuesday, Jan. 2



I WANT BIG TREE + LOT2 OF PRESENT2



Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph up there? I would like you to do me a favor please. I just wanted to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a new scooter, a new computer and a new Game Boy Game. That's all I would like for Christmas. You can have all the time you need.
Merry Christmas,
Kerri

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. All I want is a computer and a bike with a helmet, and roller blades. That is all I want for Crismis. I hope you can bring the things that I asked for and I hope I can give you some cookies on the table. I love you.
Love,
Mallorie Reyna

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie cash register. I want a big shiny new computer that is blue. I also want a one hundred and two dalmation. Happy Christmas.
Love,
Patricia Corrales

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me the Barbie Rockin Radio house that plays music. Please bring me the Barbie cash register that has fake money. Please bring me a Super Poochy that moves when I call it. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Allyson Bolding

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. -V.C.R. and some Ice Skts and I want How Let the Dogs Out, Desteny Child, Travis Trant, Sisco, and I want a holhoop and rings and a play stashin. And I want a Stareo with a Micophon and a puppy and a cat and Bers and a competer and rill, rill high hills and a phon, 2,658 dolles and some brds and nil polish and a sidy player. And I want a cusit play and I want some books 20 of them.
Love,
Mercedes Urbina
Age 9

Dear Santa,
I am working hard and getting ready for Christmas. Please bring me a Barbie, some Barbie clothes, and a Barbie car.
Thank you,
Cassandra Medrano

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I was wondering because I want you to be safe when you come to my house on Christmas night. Are you elves ok because I don't want them to mess up on my one and only toy? I haven't been that bad this year. What I want is not really toy it is a game for my Playstation. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your nicest boy,
Javier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I don't want to be greedy so I just want three things. I want a stoller that turns in to a high chare, a scooter with brakes on top of the backwheel, and an internet computer that has disks, so I can get on the internet and log on to Britny Spears.com. I hope I can write you a note and have cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Cierra Michelle Ellison

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good boy this year. I want a Play Station beacuz I was good this whole year. I want a red scooter and some Ccreepy Ccrolers becuz there my favret toys. I love you Santa.
Love,
Jordan Diaz

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a Nintendo 64, a motorcycle and a Pokemon 2000 movie. I am working really hard in school and making my teacher proud.
Thank you,
Edgar Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. Can you please bring me these toys because I've been wanting them for a long time? Will you give me a basketball and a Poochie and a Tecno? Have a happy Christmas Eve.
Love,
Britney Rincon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me a Butterman, some army clothes, and army boots like my brother Lucas has. I am happy Christmas is almost here.
Thank you,
Timothy Garza

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a dirtbike to ride when I want. Also I want all of CDs of the 60's and the 70's. Can I have a new CD player? Can you give me the whole set of Harry Potter books? Your the best Santa ever.
Love,
Whit

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a good Christmas beacue I didn't have a good Christmas last year. I also want a Game Boy Color because I never have nothing to do. I want a big stuffed bear because I have a collection of stuffed bears. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Marissa Pantoja

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. I want a Barbie cash register because I like to play Barbies. I also want a little computer because I always have to use a book. Last I want a Bopit game. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Love,
Yolanda Dominguez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want a toy poochie dog, a real cat, and a teddy bear. I am doing good in school. When you come, I will leave you some milk and cookies.
I love you,
Chelsey Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a Barbie, a scooter, a Barbie cash register, and some candy so I can share with my dad. My stocking will be hanging by the tree. Could you bring these toys before December 25th?
Love,
Melissa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want three things for Christmas because I don't want to be spoiled. So I want a scooter with the brakes on the back of the wheel, a Nintindo play station because I love playing games, and a saxafone instrument because I love playing songs. I love you Santa.
Love,
Lauren Ritter

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little boy. I want a CD player. I want a race car with a remote control. I want a Nientidó 64. This is all I need.
Love,
Abel Villegas

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. I want a Poochy to play with. I also want a Barbie airplane to put my Barbie in. Also I want a Jewel Girl Barbie to dress in my Barbie cloases. Have a nice trip on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Marsela Fuentez

Dear Santa,
I would want for Christmas is a nintindo 64 and one game called supper 64 mario I never played it for a long time and I want the adapter that hook's on back of the TV and a remote control mordercycle and a recling ring with westeler and an supper nintindo to and a remote control car that has the grinch driving the car and a spin action stands up and spins around and a road buggy with turbo boost and a wave jumper it goes in the water and pool and pond and a mercedes Benz means 98 races at up to 1,200 feet per minute 16 long.
Thank you,
Junior Hernandez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want two Barbies and a Barbie Jeep. I also want a Tweety binder please. I love you Santa.
Love,
Tiffany Michelle Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Lino Quillimaco. I am writing to you because I been a good boy this year. I am writing to you to tell you what I really want for Christmas this year.
First, I want a football. The reason I want a football, is because I had one and somebody stole it. Second of all I want it because I want to practice a lot so I can become a pro football player in the NFL. Last but tht best reason I want a bike is because I would like to share it.
Love,
Lino Quilino
Age 10

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I just want a few things. I want a new bike so I could go bike riding with Britney and Corie. I also want a puppy so it could keep me warm at night. I would like you to bring me a doll just like a new born baby so I could take care of it just like a real baby. Thank you Santa for the presents.
Love,
Damara De la Fuente

Dear Santa,
I would like the game mouse trap and a small raterier dog and some beanie babies which is China the panda and Floop the dog a snow man night light and a lap top computer a kid one or a grown up one. I would rather like a grown up one please!
Love,
Kelli Carson
Age 8

The Shining Spirit of Christmas

Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmastime: the birth of our Savior and His message of eternal life.

We hope you enjoy a happy and holy holiday.

The Donut Shack

647-2645 114 NW 2nd, Dimmitt

At Christmastime...

May the spirit of the season render you young at heart. We hope the holidays bring everything you're wishing for. Thanks for making this year everything we dreamed it would be.

Dimmitt Consumers

FESTIVE TIDINGS

We hope this holiday finds you enjoying the fruits of the season. We feel fortunate to have neighbors like you.

DBG DeBruce Grain INC

Joyous Noel

A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL MANKIND... THAT IS OUR WISH FOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP.

Ed Harris Lumber Co.

Hart

Love Thy Neighbor

May the spirit of the season warm your heart and home. We're very grateful to have you as our neighbor.

George Real Estate

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best wishes for a happy holiday. Thanks for being a great customer.

Triple A Pump Co., Inc.

Hart

May good cheer, love and good fortune make this a Christmas to remember.

Thanks for making this past year unforgettable for us.

Mr. Burger

Wishing you and your loved ones a wondrous season filled with all the trimmings and hopes of a prosperous new year.

Thank you for your kind patronage. Your friendship really makes us feel like celebrating.

All The Best

Panhandle-Plains Production Credit Association

112 E. Jones, Dimmitt 647-3169

FESTIVE GREETINGS

We hope your Christmas is filled with family and friends, gifts and greenery—all the things that make this time of year so special.

You have made this year special for us, and we thank you for your valued patronage.

A2 Cattle Feeding, Inc.

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CAN I RIDE RUDOLPH YOUR REINDEER?

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a blue bike, a Mario Tennis game, and a Pokemon Stadium game. I guess I have been good. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you.

Love,
Clint Hanes

Dear Santa,
I'm looking forward to this Christmas. I'll leave you some milk with cookies. And for this I would like a kitten, a make over, some clothes, and some new dresses, and a diva doll with one of her friends.

From,
Mayra Reyes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to know if you could bring me a computer so I could get on the internet, a video camera so I could take good video shots and a Nintendo 64. I love you very very much. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Dyana Maria Beanes

Dear Santa,
I hope I have been a good girl this year. This is what I want for Christmas. Some body tatoos for my neck, my ankle, finger and my arm. I want a neckless brasslet and six rings. I also want stuffed horses. Pinto, paint, appaloosa. You can put anything in my stoking you want tick meny little horse lotion. You and your elves are nice on any day. Thank you Santa. You are the best. Your elves are good toy makers.

Your friend,
Hayley Clevenger
Age 9

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. Please bring this stuff. I want a 102 Dalmashin Poochy named Odd Ball because my dog can have a friend. I want a black Barbie and a Crissy Mermade because I don't have a black barbie or a mermade. Please bring me a Poochy cat because my cat can have a friend. I love you Santa and have a good Christmas.

Love,
Carrie Beth Gilly

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a motorcycle, a car, and a Christmas tree all decorated with lights. I am ready for Christmas and hope you come soon.

Thank you,
Arturo Mejia

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo 64 a bensing abbell dill, a Computer, a Stereo, a cool house, atwin, a thousand dollars, a tato, a better family, a favorite car, a car lisenca, a play stasher, a nintendo, a new bike, a lot of money, a good tv, a good teacher like Mrs. Caralton, som cool dresses, a big house, a clean me, a best best, best friend, a better me, a swimming poo. I in my back yard, a Santa Clause, and a great Christmas.

Love,
Abelina Avila
Age 9

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want a Barbie jeep, a baby walking-wag poodle, and a pink bike. I try to always be good. Tell Mrs. Santa hi for me. I love you.

Thank you,
Tamar Macias

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and some Barbies and a bike and some dreses and hair things and a baby doll some shose and for my mom and dad a new TV for thire bed room. And for my grama and grapa a new house. And for the other pepole in my famaly a Happy Christmas. Thank you.

Love,
Ebonie Montemayor
Age 9

Dear Santa,
I want a Action man.
I want a Teno.
I want a toy car.
I want a bike.
I want a boat.
I want a toy roket.
I want a pikachul game.
I want a Mario Tennis.
I want a The Road to El Dorado.
I want a Game Boy Color.
I want a T.V.

Love,
Joey Cortez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
How are you? Ok I hope. For Christmas I would like this stuff. I would like a scooter and a Gameboy colored and to go with that is the Dukes of Hazzard game. And bring all my family presents, too. See you Christmas Eve.

Love,
Christopher Davis
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I want a Barbie house because I have to pretend that a carpet is a house for Barbies. I want an actively table because I like to play school. I also want a N'Synk tape or a C.D of N'Synk because N'Synk is my favirt group. Have a good Christmas Eve.

Love,
Megan Reydle Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I am Martin and I am a third grader. My teacher is Mrs. Martinez's class. Oh Santa how are you? How are you and your elves working are they working hard or are they working at all? This is what I would like for Christmas two action figures of Dinozars the series and the remote control car that is called Dragonfly.

Love,
Martin Rodriguez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
What I want is a skooter and gameboy and a computer and a c.d. palyer my c.d. want sun batta man and a kid truck a movie my movie what is the Grinch and 102 Dalmashin and Gameboy games a blue poochie I want to win money for I can buy a phone. I wish my dad to get a job to buy a little bug for us.

Thank you,
Xavier Chavez
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good boy this year. Can you plesse give me a Teeno dog and play stayshun and a scooter this Christmas year? Have a good Christmas.

Love,
Mauricio Mendoza

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a baby walking-wag poodle, a Barbie jeep, and a pink bike. Thank you for being such a good guy.

I love you,
Erika Castillo

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas, I want a Barbie, a Barbie car, and a T.V. for my room. Thank you, Santa.

I love you,
Brittany Chavez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a sled to play with in the snow, a four wheeler, and a coloring book about dinosaurs. I will have a cookie waiting for you.

Thank you,
Ryan Diaz

Dear Santa,
Are you doing okay, Santa? I think I have been good. For Christmas I would like you to please bring me a baby walking-wag poodle, a sled to use in the snow, and a Barbie house. I love you.

Thank you,
Tara Hernandez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Power Ranger, a pirate and a truck. I don't cause any trouble at school.

Thank you,
Edward Jalomo

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. Will you bring me a Barbie, a pink bike, and a big purple ball to bounce? I will leave you a coke to drink in case you are thirsty. Thank you.

Love,
Melyssa Lopez

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have these things from you:
Spyro and NFL blitz for Play Station
Sports cards
Broncos sports lamp
Broncos posters
Poochy

Your friend,
Stephen Bryant
Age 10

Dear Santa,
Hi! How is it at the North Pole? And your reindeer? Could I have a laptop, a lamp, some pink clothes and a furby, please? Have a Happy Christmas!

See ya on the rooftop!
Emily Leavitt

Dear Santa,
This is my Christmas list. I would like for Christmas a music box, a Barbie car, a tou horse with a little girl and also I would like Dancing Debbie. I also wish for a white Christmas. I almost forgot I also want an angel Barbie.

Love,
Leslie Cedillo
Age 8

Dear Santa,
These are some of the things I want for Christmas.
1. Baha men CD
2. Drawin pad
3. Broncos cap
4. Baseball cards
But the best thing I waunt is a N 64 game this is the name Kirby.

Love,
Skylar Reyna
Age 8

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a computer, a doll, all My Dream Baby, a puppy, a T.V., a Rugrats in Pares baby Dill doll, a Miky Mouse that rollskate, and a binie baby this is all I want for Christmas Santa.

Love,
Lupita Vega
Age 8

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Please may you bring me a scooter, new rollerblades, real horse, bike gear, tweety back pack and purse, crimp, dressup set, lap top, Smithsonian crystal growing kit. How are your reindeers doing? How is Mrs. Claus? How is rudolph?

Michelle Hochstein

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas may I have a bb gun, a big car set with roads, and an army set with tanks, airplanes, jets, buildings. A movie, and finally I want some legos that form an Air Hawk, and a big package of K'nex.

Thank you,
Marcus Wilhelm

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a talking doll. I want a barbie that is the size of me. I want all of your fake randirs. I want a CD player with ear fones. I want Mackdonad's food. I want a fakebird.

Angelica Pena

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Zelda # Nintendo game and a Mario Party #. I enjoyed your gifts from last year. Oh yea, I would like a stuffed Rudolph. Thanks.

Your friend,
Samuel Huseman

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Connex for Christmas and Legos and roller blades and a remote control robot and for my brother I want to give him a basketball. Thank you.

Jake Gesling

Dear Santa,
my name is Kaile Nicole Huseman. How are you and Mrs. Clause? I want a Jewel girl barbie and a Micky Mouse Watch. I want a baby born and a barbie Rock and Roll Radio house, Body art Studio and some pants. Thanks for the good gifts you gave me last year.

Your friend,
Kaile Huseman
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a poochy, two moues called Little Mermade Two Return to the Sea and Toy Story two, a barby and, a toy horse, a box of hugy Bear's, and a Sing and swing AntJelica, a alarm clock and a prity Prity Princes game, a Toy Cdr. How are your raindeer? How are your elfs? I hope you are fin.

Love,
Perry Mixson

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Shay William Johnson. This year for Christmas I want one saddle bag, a locker with a gun holder, four radio walkey talkeys, a hunters backpack, a hunters vest with a seat. That is all for this year. Thank you for the gifts last year. How Roodoff and your raindeer? I love you.

Your friend,
Shay William Johnson
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? My name is Alexis Sager. Thank you for my presents last year. I liked the twin babys the best. Will you bring me presents this year? Are your Elf's ok? How many Ranedeer do you have? Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a butterfly ring and earrings. Then a makeup Mindy doll and a swingset. Next a spakle snow globe with a bee in it with a flower and grass on the bottom and purple around it. And a blueberry colored bear. And a light purple one to. Don't get to tired when you daliver presents. Have a wonderful Merry Christmas!

Love,
Alexis Sager

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. I enjoy them and shared them. Before I start my list, I'd like to ask you a favor. Would you give some of the kids the extra toy that don't have any. When you come I am going to leave yall some carrots for the raindeer and some cookes for you! I hope you enjoy them! Sorry to rush but I am ready to start my list! I would like: A green inflatable chair, a poochi, a ride in your sleigh, and a sticker calendar!

Your pal,
Adrian Ellison

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me some black and blue roller blades and a basketball goal? Please bring my brother some black and blue roller blades too.

Love,
Jeremy Franklin

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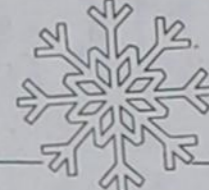
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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Chuck My Talking Truck, a me and My Shadow puppy, some hot wheels and some clothes. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Dyllyn Nelson
Age 2

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, or skateboard, or roller blades.

Love you,
Niki Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
You are the best! I know what I want for Christmas. I want a remote control car that has little wheels and arms. I also want a remote control airplane that flies, and a dog that likes to pull sleds. Thank you Santa Claus!

Colten Ingram

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a monster truck and a trampoline. I want a remote control airplane. Thank you.

Keenan Albracht

Dear Santa Claus,
How is it at the north pole? I want a new strap for my roller blades and a hamster and a remote control car and a blow up chair that's green and rocit toga and I hope your reindeer are ready to fly. And I want a robot dog and a little basketball how is mrs claus?

Haley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dasing-Debbie Doll or a baby Faith, computer, games, ferby or a Pooshi.

Melanie Russell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun and a remote control car and a car set. Thank you.

Love,
John Wilhelm

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote control airplane and I want a Scooby-Doo in alien invaders. I want a baseball bat and a basketball. I want a real pet hamster. How is Rudolf? Thank you!

Love,
Lane Hoelting

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I like playing with them. This year I would like a Nazareth Swift football uniform, a scooter and a robot. I will leave you milk and cookies and some hay for Rudolph.

Your friend,
Lane Birkenfeld
Age 4

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been good this year. Please bring me some golf clubs and some blocks for my farm. Please bring presents to my friends. Have a safe trip. Thank you.

Cole Kleman

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the gifts that you gave to me last year. I want a trampoline and a Ken doll.

My mom wants socks and shirts. My dad wants socks and shirts.
Love, Alisha, Eileen & Lester Womack
Alisha
Grade 4
Age 9

Dear Santa Claus,
I love Santa Claus. What I want for Christmas is a fake kangaroo. That's all.
Love,
Taylor Gresham

Dear Santa Claus,
Please can I have a Barbie dollhouse with a pool. And I want toys for my Barbie. I want Barbie clothes. I want a Barbie car. I want a real pet hamster. How is Rudolf. Thank you.

Love,
Briann Wethington

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a table and chairs and flowers too. Please bring Roxanne a big kitchen like Samantha's

Love,
Cole Wilhelm

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some earrings and I want a toy dog. And I want a Dalmation dog too. And I want a toy bear. Then after that I want a Megan Barbie that sings real music. And that's all I want. Thank you. How is Mrs. Claus?

Jill

Dear Santa,
I want a drum and I want some Legos and a remote control car. How is Mrs. Claus?

Carl Huseman

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and glitter on it, and a Barbie car, and new roller blades Barbie. Amanda wants Blues Clues. Sara wants a doll house. Thank you. I want a blow-up chair.

Love,
Samantha Klemm

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motorcycle and a trailer and a three-wheeler and a trailer and a four-wheeler. And my little brother I will get him a movie And winnie the pooh.

Love,
Daniel Kern

Dear Santa,
First I want to ask you how you and Mrs. Claus are doing. I have made a list just for you! First I want a leather jacket. I also would like two gift certificates to Gap and Old Navy. I also want a red heart-shaped lamp, and a pink swivel chair with my name in blue letters and if you can please bring me a lot of candy. Thank-you for the stuff I got last year! I love you!!
Sincerely,
Jade Schulte

P.S. I also want to win the lottery!

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a great Christmas. Please can you bring me a cash register with speaker, a house coat, some house shoes, the Olsen Twin Barbies, the Girl high school, a alarm clock, a pretty bedspread, and a Tye Dye bean Bag. Thank you for your other presents you have gave me. I hope you will have a great Christmas caus I now I will have a great Christmas.
Love,
Amber Huseman

Dear Santa,
How are you? how is Mrs. Claus? I want a truck that I can drive, a radio, and a Tim McGraw tape.

Love,
Riley Huseman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like you to bring me a 4-wheeler that is for kids. I also would like a pair of boots and a remote control car that is red. I would like a set of little toy tractors. I hope the reindeers are doing well.

Love,
Terrell Heard

Dear Santa,
My name is Tylar. I live at Nazareth. I would like to have a scooter with blue wheels and handlebars. Would you please bring me a laptop to play games. I would like it to be navy blue on the front like Jori's. Please bring me a game boy and dancing Debby doll. My sister Tobie was born, so please bring her a pink outfit with teddy bears. Thank you for bringing these presents for me and my sister.

Tylar Peterson

Dear Santa,
I want a black jacket and I want a remote control truck and cologne.

Love,
Logan Samford

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? How are your reindeer! This is a list of things I want: blue lamp with smily faces, shiny blue leather jacket, a baby blue swivel chair pink polka dots that has my name all over it in lime green letters. I also want a markerboard with markers like Ms. Nelson.

P.S. I hope you are doing well.
P.P.S. My number is 945-2469. Box 18 Nazareth TX.

Jori Schulte

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes. I want a ping pong table. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Brandi Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an power wheels Silverado. I want a go cart and a poakemon gameboy color game, poakmon's first movie, a Nike t-shirt, a batman to play with, some shoes for school, radio, CDs, walky talky, football.

Love,
Brian Acker

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a scooter and a guitar. Please bring my sister a doll house.

Love,
Logan Robb

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Dear Santa,
I want a horse, a CD player, Extreme Dolphin game, and a BB gun. Thanks for all the stuff you gave me last year. I hope you liked the cookies. I hope you and Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Clint Huseman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Did you have fun working. Are your elves working o.k. Are your reindeer doing fine. Are they ready for this long trip? I would like to have the game Sorry, and the movie Chicken Run, and a Supper Soker Monste water gun, and a Geuss How game, and a CD player, and the CD Backstreet Boys, and the CD Nsync. Hope you have a very mary Christmas. Hows Mrs. Claus?

Thank you,
Gus Gesling

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a watch, a real swift helmet, real swift shoulder pads, real swift pants with pads, a real swift jersey, real cleats and real official football with a tee. How are our elves and reindeer? Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Don't forget I moved!

Your friend,
Ryan Birkenfeld

Dear Santa,
I would like a game for Playstation. I would like the game Jenga, and a remote control car. Next year, I will be better than I was this year. Don't forget my Mom and Dad. My Mom would like a new cell phone and my Dad would like new Oakleys because the cotton striper ate his old Oakleys.

Your friend,
Dustin Raymond

Dear Santa,
How are you? I miss you please bring me a play station two with games, a Bible cover, chicken run, race cars, toothbrush, new ristian tapes, Toy Story 2, telephone, golden eye game.

Thank you, Santa,
Rey Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How is your elfs and riander. Santa plesse give me a gocart and a new bike, a new football, train set, a mote control car, and a new computer.

Thank you,
Kevin Lilley

Dear Santa,
How are you elfs? How are you doing? I hope you are doing well! My name is Jeanette Maire (Nettie) Acker. I want the Game Arena, a marble ring, a desk and a chair, and a Barbie Secret talkin scrap-book.

Thanks for the presents last year. Merry Christmas.

Your friendly friend,
Jeanette Acker
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Chelsea Brook Schulte. How are you? Are your rander fine? This year for Christmas I want a marble ring and a camra. Thank you for the presents last year. I hope you have a merry Chistmas.

Love your friend,
Chelsea Schulte
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Ben Thiel. I live in Nazareth, Texas. I will be 7 in 5 more days. I have been good most of the time. Please give me my 2 front teeth. Also, I would like some playing cards like My grandpas, a real scooter and a gocat or a 4-wheel jeep, and some clothes and candy.

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and a glass of milk on the table.
Merry Christmas Santa Ben

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. Can you bring some of these things: A scooter, black and white roller blades, football equipment, a miniature football goal, and a remote control motorcycle? We will leave some cookies out for you on Christmas Eve!

Merry Christmas!
Love,
Anthony Hochstein

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine thank you. I have been good. My sister is being bad. I want a dog and cat. All I won't for X-mes is for my mommy hear...

Don't forget I am moving!
Your friend,
Amber White

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a planter, blade and the lifting forks for my tractor. I would like to have a new bike, a crane that is big and strong. I would like a new saddle with saddle blanket bridal breaes and collar to all match for my horse shows. Some new clothes too.

My sister wants a bike, a horse trailer, saddle like my bubba has that he wants. A tractor, kitchen and a big doll house. Crane we both want our horse indian to get.

Brett Braddock

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. I enjoyed the gifts. How are you and your elfs, Santa? What I would like for my mom present to be no more cancer. I would like for my present to be "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." If you think I deserve mine, I want "102 Dalmations" That's all I want.

Your frind,
Kendra M. Huseman
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. How is Mrs. Clause and the elfs? I have tried to be a good little girl. Well, for Christmas I want a baby that feels real, a real horse, some silly stilts, a big art studio, a Winnie the Pooh baby doll set, a trace and draw projector, and a play hut. Well I guess thats all. Well take care.

P.S. You don't have to bring me all that stuff. And my favorite reindeer is all of them.

Love,
Kenley Klemman

Dear Santa,
I have already sent you a letter and I hope you get me what I want. All I want is a puppy so please get me one. I hope you'll bring it and thank you for the other Christmas gifts you brought before. Thanks Santa good luck on not getting stuck in a chimney.

Your friend,
Cutter Johnson

Dear Santa,
I hope it's not to cold at the north pole is it? please give me these two things. 1. A game boy color green. I want the one that looks like Texas. I also want a Nintendo 64 with rugrats the game. PLEASE!

Love,
Travis Tanner

Dear Santa,
I would like to say Merry Christmas to you. I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a Game Boy Color, and a go-ped. I would also like for you to bring the poor some toys also.

Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa Clause.

Thank you,
Chad Acker

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole? I hope it is not too cold. Don't work too hard. This is my Christmas list. I would like a playstation two and a T.V. I would like a vcr. And a game boy color.

Love,
Dustin Tanner

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. I want a real football set and a real helmet. Also a Scooter. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Landon Schulte
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Hi. My name is Jeremiah Joseph Fetsch. How cold is it at the North Pole? I hope you have a safe trip! I want a Pokemon Gold Version and a Hey You, Pichachu. Please bring my brother something too. I hope your haveing fun. May God bless you!!

Love,
Jeremiah Joseph Fetsch

Dear Santa,
how are you because I'm fine and I want the movie X-men and the CD Bahamen and a X-men toy the presents I got last year were ok. You gave me mostly every thing I wanted last year. Exspecly the Dallas Cowboy football helmet.

Your friend,
Adam Peña
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Danny Lynn Franklin Jr. I like the toys you brought me last year. I have been doing good in school this year. This year for Christmas I want brown boots and some blue and black striped roller blades. Next year on Christmas I hope I get to come see you.

Your friend,
Danny Franklin
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Devin. Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves I said hi. I would like to have a remote control monster truck. My sister and I would like a scooter. And please bring my brother something too.

Love,
Devin Kern
2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus, can you give me a football and soccer ball and a remote control car, and a baseball set. How are you feeling and how are your reindeer?

Your frand,
Ricardo O'Dell
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Fharren Gresham. Thank you for the presis last year. I been really wishing for a marble-ning. And a cd player.

So how are you'r rander is you'r elfs are whorking hard. I bet thaer good helpers.

Love,
Fharren Gresham
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. I would like Dancing Debbie. I would like truth or dare Jenga. I would like blue streak, Big Mama's house. How the grinch stole Christmas, X-men. I would like to see you.

Love,
Heather Raymond
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a trampoline for Christmas. I hope you have a very safe trip. I will leave warm milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Tesla DeBerry

Dear Santa,
May I please have a laptop with a DVD player, or maybe a pair of shoes and socks.

Sincerely,
Joseph Huseman

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Eric Acker. Thank you for the toys last Christmas. I would like a reemote conchrole moterskide, bike, reemote conchrole fourwheeler, real real four wheler. Thank you for the toys. How are your raindeer?

Your friend,
Eric Acker
2nd Grade

The best gift you can give your family this holiday season is good health

Remember during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to take care of yourself. Get plenty of rest, remember to exercise, and use common sense at holiday dinners that are loaded with fats and sugars. Maintaining a sensible lifestyle is the best way to stay in shape for a healthy life. Throughout the year, the skilled professionals at *Castro County Hospital District* are here to help you get healthy when you are sick and help you stay healthy when you're well.

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