

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER—Santa and his elf visit with little Leah Gauna and a friend of her family at Plains Memorial Hospital Friday morning.

The two visited with other patients in the hospital and also visited several John Deere dealerships in the area.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

Generous donations will help make holidays brighter for many families

An outpouring of community support has filled the shelves of the Ministerial Alliance's Food Pantry and will fulfill the Christmas wishes of approximately 160 children this holiday season.

PCS officials contacted Santa earlier this month and told him there were some children who might be overlooked this Christmas because their families were struggling to make ends meet.

Local "Santa's helpers" adopted 101 "angels" from trees at First Bank of Muleshoe, First United Bank and Hereford Credit Union; while others sponsored toy drives and collected enough to provide gifts to another 59 children who are less fortunate.

Those needy children, ranging in age up to 10, will find Santa has answered their wishes on Christmas morning when they unwrap the toy they requested.

Santa was rounding up the toys on Wednesday morning and planned to enlist the help of PCS officials in delivering the toys to those children beginning today (Thursday).

According to Jerry Peña with PCS, the children requested a variety of gifts including hand-held computer games, fire trucks, Barbie dolls, a talking Elmo, bikes and more.

"We should have plenty of gifts to go around," Peña said. "The angels on the three trees were claimed within about a week and a half. We received about 160 requests from families and we selected 101 for the angel tree. Then the Castro County 4-H and the Dimmitt High School Student Council sponsored toy drives and collected enough so that we will be able to provide toys for the other children as well."

Peña said the community has been generous with food and monetary donations this year, too.

"We've been very fortunate. I think we've received around 10,000 pounds of canned goods just during the past couple of months. I know the Probation Office collected about 5,000 pounds, and the GT students at Richardson Elementary School collected around 2,000 more."

Peña said a lot of civic and school groups around the county also collected food and donated it to the Food Pantry.

Food collected for the Food Pantry will help feed between 75 and 80 county families each month, Peña said.

"Everyone has been helping," Peña said. "I know Stella (Devers, who is also with PCS) has been amazed at how this community gives. Cerestar gave us \$2,000. Farm Bureau and John Deere are each giving us \$100 a month. We also get help from the Lions Clubs in Dimmitt, Hart, Naza-

reth and Easter; and from the Dimmitt Rotary Club."

With the monetary donations, the Food Pantry is able to order what it needs from the High Plains Food Bank in Amarillo, Peña said.

While collections of canned goods have been tremendous, Peña said the Food Pantry could use some fresh meat products, eggs and fresh produce like potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables along with fresh fruits.

"Walt Hansen has been really wonderful to us. He donated 60 chickens recently and he's generous throughout the year," Peña said. "Another couple from Hart has been bringing us fresh vegetables throughout the year."

"Everyone has been wonderful and we're thankful for everything," Peña said. "Individuals just keep coming in and donating either food or small amounts of cash. It's really amazing."

Community greeting cards raise more than \$3,000

The three Community Christmas Cards in the *News* raised more than \$3,000 this year for benevolences in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

People use the colorful community cards to say "Merry Christmas" to their local friends instead of sending individual cards, and donate their "card money" to their local project.

"Operation Christmas Greeting," conducted by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, generated \$1,413 in contributions to benefit the hospital, according to Gertie Waggoner, treasurer.

The Dimmitt card has 111 signatures this year; donations averaged \$12.73 per signature.

The Community Christmas Card for Dimmitt was cut from a full page to half-page size this year because, Waggoner said, "We didn't think that we would need a full page for the community card."

The Auxiliary plans to buy an X-

ray machine for the Medical Center of Dimmitt with income from this year's Community Christmas Card, gift-shop sales and annual holiday bazaar, Waggoner said.

"We go through the administrator to find out what the most pressing need is within the amount of money that we can spend," Waggoner said.

The Nazareth Community Card brought in \$1,121 in donations to the Holy Family Parish Charity Fund.

The card contains 105 signatures; donations averaged \$10.68 per signature.

The Nazareth card was started originally to build a perpetual-care fund for the Holy Family Cemetery, and was a ringing success, according to Vera Ramaekers, treasurer of the project.

"The Cemetery Fund got the income so many years that it built up plenty of money for perpetual care, so two years ago this project was

redesignated to the Holy Family Charity Fund to help needy people in the parish during the year."

She added, "Once in a while a needy family will come through that needs some help, but otherwise the money all stays in the parish. It does a lot of good for people in need."

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Candidate filing deadline is Jan. 3

Candidates wanting to run for county offices may file through 6 p.m. on Jan. 3. Primary elections will be held on March 14.

Candidates must file with the party chairman of the party in which they wish to run.

Democratic candidates may contact Don Newman at 647-2918.

Republican candidates may contact Emma Jean King at 647-5797.

Tile discount deadline nears

The deadline for ordering tiles for the Hart Centennial Pavilion at the discounted price is Dec. 31.

Those ordering must get their order turned in by the deadline in order to qualify for the discount. However, the money for the tile does not have to be turned in until later.

The price for a tile is \$150, but those ordered after the deadline will cost more.

To place an order or for more information about the project, call Marguerite McLain at 938-2210.

Orders will still be taken after Dec. 31, but at the higher price.

The tiles will be used to pave the Centennial Pavilion in Hart.

Perez declares for sheriff's post

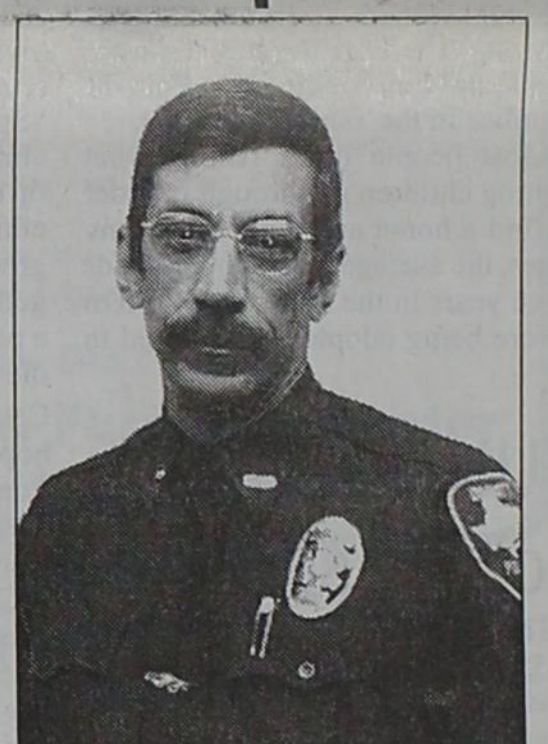
Santos Perez of Dimmitt is running for the position of Castro County Sheriff, subject to the Democratic Primary in March.

A life-long resident of Castro County, he graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1972. He served in the US Army for two years, with over 18 months of that time spent as a military policeman in West Germany.

Perez attended the Panhandle Regional Police Academy in Amarillo in November of 1974.

He has worked with the Dimmitt Police Dept., as a reserve and full-time officer, for 18 years. He has been the Assistant Chief of Police for the past four years.

"With my years of law enforcement experience with the Dimmitt Police Dept., I feel that I am qualified for this office," Perez said. "If elected, I will do the job to the very



Santos Perez

best of my ability. "I ask for your support, and your vote will be greatly appreciated."

DISD

Election draws one candidate

The only candidate for Place 2 on the Dimmitt Independent School District board of trustees is Rick Wright.

He is running in a special election called for Jan. 15 to fill the unexpired term of Earl Behrends, who has resigned, due to moving out of the single member district he has represented for over six years.

However, write-in candidates may file through 5 p.m. Monday at the DISD administration building,

608 W. Halsell in Dimmitt. Information for anyone wanting to file will be posted on the doors of the building.

If no one else files, Wright will be declared the winner, and no election will be held.

If the election is not cancelled due to only having one candidate, early voting will be held at the administration building, starting Wednesday (Dec. 29) and continuing through (Continued on Page 10)

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By Don Nelson

A little holiday trivia, if you please:

"Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want and their kids pay for it."

—Richard Lamm

"From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it."

—Katharine Whitehorn

"Oh, look, yet another Christmas TV special! How touching to have the meaning of Christmas brought to us by cola, fast food, and beer. . . . Who'd have ever guessed that product consumption, popular entertainment, and spirituality would mix so harmoniously?"

—Calvin's Dad (from Calvin and Hobbes)

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him

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AND THE WINNER IS—Angelica Peña, 5, draws a name out of Santa's sack in a drawing for a "Ty Toy" that was given away in a fund-raising project recently. Money from the project was used to help defray medical expenses for Angelica, who was injured

by a dog and is undergoing a series of plastic surgery operations. She is the daughter of Gilbert and Jo Ann Peña. The winner of the toy was Carmen Peña, a cousin of Angelica. The toy was donated by Mary Lockhart of Lockhart Pharmacy. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Late greetings are announced

The following Hart residents signed up for the Community Greeting Card project, but they were too late to have their names listed on the Christmas cards printed in this week's issue of *The News*.

Other Hart residents wishing their friends a Merry Christmas are:

- Harold Bob & Ruth Bennett
- Mrs. Irene L. Brooks
- June & Dwayne Brown
- Allen & Shane McLain
- Dan & Ethel Schmucker
- Bryan Tole
- Don & Neoma Williams & Rachel Wall

Snow

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	48	16	
Friday	50	26	
Saturday	58	29	
Sunday	53	29	
Monday	50	27	
Tuesday	32	12	.08
Wednesday	30	21	.02

December Moisture 1.49
1999 Moisture 33.18

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

Letter

Muleshoe fan is 'appalled' by student actions during game

Dear Editor:
On Tuesday, Dec. 7, I attended the high school basketball games held at your school. I went to watch my brother play. I am 19 years old and a recent graduate of Muleshoe High School.

What I witnessed at the game was appalling. I have always enjoyed the heated rivalry between Muleshoe and Dimmitt, but this time it went too far. This is only a game. Citizens from both Muleshoe and Dimmitt took it to extremes. There are several things that really upset me that I thought you might like to know about.

First of all, during the course of the varsity girls' and boys' games, your student section was yelling obscenities and showing vulgar moves towards our side of the gym. They were also trying to start a fight and motioning for our students to go outside.

I am sure that our student section was doing the same. I was sitting with my parents, so I really don't know for sure; however, there was a Dimmitt school official watching our students from the stairs near their seats. I never saw anyone watching your students, or telling them to sit down.

Another thing that bothered me was the lack of class shown by your cheerleaders. In my opinion, cheer-

leaders represent the school, and the representation that you received that night, portrayed your school as both classless and disrespectful. Your cheerleaders led a chant: Every time we said "Muleshoe," they said, "sucks." I could not believe that your principal would let this happen. That is a total lack of sportsmanship and of manners.

After all of this, I decided that I would talk to the superintendent. So I went down the stairs and asked a Dimmitt coach if the superintendent was there and if I could speak to him. The coach would not allow me to speak to the superintendent, so I told the coach everything that had happened, and also that I would be writing a letter to the school board and to the paper.

The most troubling thing that happened that night came after the games were over.

I was walking outside towards my car, talking to a friend, when a group of guys surrounded us. They were the same boys from inside that had been trying to pick a fight with our students. They started cussing and trying to fight with my friend. We kept on walking towards my car, and they just kept getting worse. They were threatening to hit my friend. Then some parents from Muleshoe started walking with us and those

boys kept cussing and even tried to pick a fight with someone's mom.

After the parents left, we got to my car, my friend got in first and while I was walking to my door, the boys grabbed my passenger side door and flung it open. Somehow my friend got the door closed and he says that one of the boys punched my window.

After we had locked ourselves in the car, I called 9-1-1. Then the boys left and the police came. While I was talking to the police, your principal came over to see what was going on. He was no help whatsoever and showed no caring as to if I was all right.

I am just a 19-year-old girl. I could have been seriously hurt, and besides that, I was scared to death. He acted as if he could care less. I have never been involved in anything like this before now. I was really disappointed in how he handled the situation.

However, your police force is to be commended. They arrived almost as soon as I had called and made me feel much safer. They were very caring and very professional.

I would hope that you take this seriously, and from what I have witnessed, I think some changes need to be made.

AMBUR BURNS
West Texas A&M



PLEASE, SANTA, BRING ME A . . . Haley and Elida Bonilla visit with Santa at the annual Santa's Open House event held in Dimmitt in November. Most shoppers are winding down their buying, but local merchants still have plenty of last-minute gift ideas. Forecasters say Santa will be treated to slightly warmer temperatures under still partly-cloudy conditions on the weekend. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Letter

'Children are waiting for loving families'

Dear Editor:
One hundred thousand children in this country desperately need our help. They are often passed from home to home. And they dream of getting to stay someday. Of attending the same school year after year. Of making friends and not saying goodbye. Most of all, they dream of having a forever family who loves them.

They are America's waiting children. They are waiting to be adopted. In America today, more than 500,000 boys and girls are in the foster care system—an estimated 110,000 of them available for adoption. That's 110,000 too many. Even one child without a permanent home is wrong. There are about 300 special needs children waiting for Forever Families in the Texas Panhandle.

Most people don't realize what waiting children go through in order to find a home and family, in many states, the average foster child spends three years in the foster care system before being adopted or returned to

the care of parents or other family members. Many of them wait for an entire childhood. Think about what three years means in the development of a child. Childhood is not an endless period of time that can wait for a bureaucracy to find solutions to family problems.

Texas is blessed with many families who have opened their hearts and homes to "special needs" children. In 1998, more than twice as many abused and neglected children, 1,548, were adopted in the Lone Star State than were adopted in 1996. A stable, loving home is better than any government program ever created, and putting children into the arms of loving parents as quickly as possible remains a priority in Texas. These "Special Needs" children include children who are more than 6 years of age; are a member of a racial or ethnic minority; belong to a sibling group that should be adopted together; or have been diagnosed with a physical, mental or emotional condition. Forever Families, a project of Catholic Family Services, Inc. has hopes of increasing the local adoption numbers by recruiting foster/adoptive families of all faiths from the local community.

Cutting the red tape that delays these children's adoptions is a complicated issue. Yet, more people are beginning to listen to their stories and bring greater awareness to their issues. For example, The Children's Action Network has partnered with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption to create "A Home for the Holidays," a national CBS television special that focuses on adoption and tells a handful of personal stories about how adoption has touched people's lives. The U.S. Postal Service recently unveiled the design for the first-ever adoption postage stamp to be issued in 2000.

America's waiting children come in all shapes and sizes, colors and ages. Some may be medically fragile or want to be adopted with a brother or sister. But they all have such wonderful potential and want what millions of other children who are growing up in America have—a chance for love, protection and support in a

busy, scary world.

These terrific kids need and deserve our help. To learn about special needs children in our area, or about the adoption process, call the National Adoption Center at 1-800-TO-ADOPT or visit their Web site at www.adopt.org. Or call Forever Families at 1-877-924-KIDS(5437) or TDPRS at 1-800-233-3405. And tune in to "A Home for the Holidays," the adoption special from the Children's Action Network and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. It will air on CBS today (Thursday).

Contributed by DANNY WAMPLER, Catholic Family Service, Inc.

Steak supper will benefit Nazareth VFD

A steak supper will be held in Nazareth Sunday, Dec. 28, and proceeds from the event will benefit the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Nazareth Knights of Columbus, Nazareth Hall Committee and the Christian Mothers Society.

The meal will be served from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. The menu will include steak, potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Take-out plates will be available. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

DISD sets in-service for substitutes

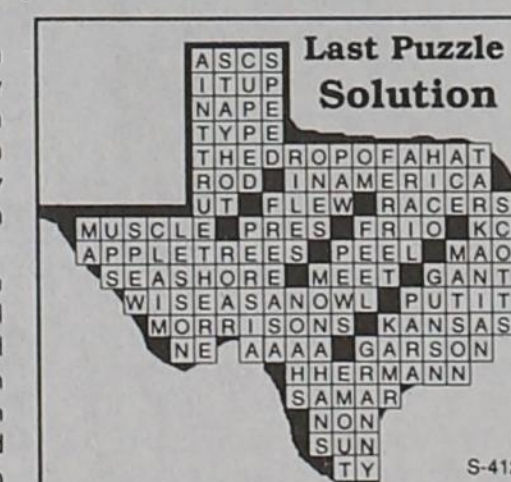
Those planning to serve as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt Independent School District must attend a special in-service workshop.

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

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

Those who have already taken a training session for the 1999-2000 school year do not have to attend another session.

The first gift coupons were introduced by Benjamin Talbert Babbit of New York in 1865 to discourage purchasers of his soap from the idea that they were paying for the wrapper. Each wrapper was printed with the word coupon and ten coupons earned you a lithograph picture.



Tips from SPS and Red Cross

Being prepared: let common sense rule

After several years of preparation and taking a detailed inventory of all its computer systems, SPS does not expect any power outages because of the Y2K bug when the clocks tick into the new millennium.

What the company does expect, however, are times in the future when wind and ice will bring down power lines and leave customers without power.

"Thankfully those times are few and far between, but in the rare occasions of tornadoes and severe ice storms, some customers have had to do without power for hours and sometimes days," a company spokesperson said.

"So if you're debating whether or not to stock up on emergency supplies for New Year's, our advice is go right ahead—within reason," the spokesperson said. "No, we don't expect problems because of Y2K, but we do want our customers to be prepared for any emergency."

The American Red Cross suggests that all households have an emergency plan and have on hand emergency supplies to last at least

three days. Planning involves knowing what to expect and where to get help. A big part of that plan is to make sure emergency supplies are stocked to help your family weather any emergency. That checklist includes:

- ◆ A supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
- ◆ A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener
- ◆ A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
- ◆ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ◆ A first aid kit and prescription medications
- ◆ An extra pair of glasses
- ◆ A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- ◆ Credit cards and cash
- ◆ An extra set of car keys
- ◆ A list of family physicians
- ◆ A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers
- ◆ Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members

The odds are you won't ever need

any of this, especially because of the Y2K bug. But anyone who has weathered brutal ice storms and killer springtime storms can testify that preparedness is a great comfort when the unexpected does occur, according to the SPS spokesperson.

For more tips on preparing for emergencies and protecting your family and property, contact the Amarillo Chapter of the American Red Cross at (806) 376-6309.

Tyler sheriff will speak at CofC banquet

Sheriff J.B. Smith of Tyler will be the guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, slated for Jan. 22 in Dimmitt.

This year's banquet will start at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and Cheryl Pybus will serve as emcee.

The 1999 Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, Chamber Member of the Year and Teacher of the Year will be recognized at the banquet.

Nominations are currently being accepted for these awards, and forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, located at 115 W. Bedford Street in Dimmitt. Nominations are due by Jan. 5.

"We all know many people who deserve to be recognized in each of these categories," Sava said. "It's up to each of us to nominate them either by using one of the official forms or by writing a letter to the Chamber stating the reasons a particular person should be considered for an award."

Nominations may be filed by individuals or through organizations.

"A nomination is a great way to recognize anyone who has made significant contributions to our community or to our way of life."



CHRISTMAS IS COMING—An unidentified youngster visits with Santa during the annual Santa's Open House in Dimmitt, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce during November. Photo by Linda Maxwell

FUMC slates holiday services

The First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt has scheduled services for Christmas Eve on Friday and for Sunday.

On Friday, the church is planning a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. A pre-service concert will begin at 6:30 p.m., featuring organist Marie Winders, Beth Buckley on keyboards and pianist Connie Dickerson. The music they will perform will be music they've been playing for preludes and offertories during the Advent season, plus a few more. The public is invited to attend.

"We hope everyone will have a wonderful Christmas day celebration," said Rusty Dickerson, pastor of FUMC.

On Sunday, the church is planning a morning worship service at 10 a.m., and the public is invited to attend. There will be no Sunday School, evening service or youth activities on Sunday.

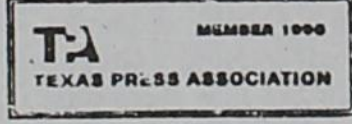
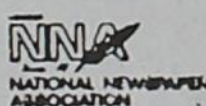
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- 27 TX Hagman's ___ of Jeannie"
- 11 donkey or mule
- 12 state fair mo. (abbr.)
- 13 "When It's ___ In Heaven"
- 33 "that is" (abbr.)
- 34 Aggie coach ___ Slocum
- 36 ___ Smith Goes to Washington"
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- 38 actor Robert
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- 43 ___ "Bum" Phillips (init.)
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- 49 bus in early TX
- 56 national athletic group of TX universities (abbr.)

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

By DOROTHY HOPSON

Because Martha Jo Hyman asked Santa for a new knee this Christmas, I've been keeping my eyes and ears open for what's going on in Dimmitt so I could write her column.

Here are some of the things I've learned:

Dorothy Nutt has recently returned from a 4-1/2 month visit with triplets. They are the sons of Dorothy's daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and David Kelsey of Abilene. I suggested she had been "grandmothering" and she said, "Actually, I was the nanny!"

The triplets' names are Jarrison Dylan, Jake Devin and Jensen David. If you see Dorothy, she has pictures and doesn't mind showing them. The children and their parents are going to be in Dimmitt for the holidays, so if you're germ-free, drop by Dorothy's house—she would love to show them off!

George Sides has celebrated one more birthday, and his wife, Carolyn, made preparations for a celebration in Muleshoe at a Mexican food place. Those attending from Dimmitt were Doris and Houston Lust, Percy and Margaret Parsons, Ina and Jim Cleavinger and Myrtle Lois Moran. W.T. and Pat Wilson who live in Muleshoe and share grandchildren with the Sideses, were there also.

Debra Robertson, activities director for Canterbury Villa Nursing Home, reports that the Christmas party was a huge success. Debra wants to express her thanks on behalf of the people who live there to the community of Dimmitt for their response to the annual cake auction and also to the Angel Tree project. These two operations provide gifts for every resident out there. About 60 people attended the party.

Debra would love to add a special thanks to Bill Sava for being such a jolly and efficient Santa, and to his elves who passed out the gifts.

Carolyn Moke deserves a very Merry Christmas—she made lots of warm nighties for everyone. Max Ellis who is a faithful volunteer for many of the annual events each year also gets a special round of applause.



SANTA'S HELPERS—The Dimmitt High School Student Council collected toys to be distributed to the less fortunate children of the county for Christmas. The toys will be given to children whose families applied for the "Angel Tree" project, but did not qualify. Panhandle Community Services screens the

applicants, and distributes the gifts. Shown are (front, from left) student council members Cherie Norman, Jessica Salinas, and Justin Sutton; and (back, from left) PCS employees Lorena Corrales and Stella Devers, and student council members Leticia Sanchez, and Stephanie Casas. Staff Photo

A group of young people from Primeria Iglesia Bautista came to the Hopson home for pick-up foods and to watch *The Prince of Egypt*. Those devouring food that Marie Montiel and Elida Campos helped prepare were Cynthia Barrera, Tony and Michael Deitzel, Andy and David Garcia, Maribel Montiel, Chris Patlan, Regina Montiel and Nyssa Martinez.

Troy and Billie Kirby, along with Dud and Bobbie Wooten, will be attending graduation at Texas Tech University for two members of their family. The two honorees are Carol Petty of Dimmitt, who is the fiancée of Jason Wooten and daughter of Doris Swinburn; and Holly Jack, daughter of Kerry and Gaylon Jack of Friona and the Kirby's granddaughter.

Congratulations, girls!

Margaret Parsons entertained the bridge club with a Christmas luncheon in her Dimmitt home. Those present were Mildred Bradford, Ina Cleavinger, Dorothy Gilbreath, Ruth Jackson, Carolyn Jones, Eddie Riley, Shirley Wise and Polly Simpson.

Ann and Terry Widick are looking forward to having their daughter, Lisa, and her family from San Antonio with them for the holidays. Their son-in-law is Dr. Danny Trevino and their grandchildren are Joshua, Cloe and Jonathon. This is Jonathon's first trip to Dimmitt since he's only two months old. His big brother and sister are 5 and 3.

I hope you are planning a very Merry Christmas and will share some of the fun things going on in your life as we celebrate the birth of our savior and the coming of a new millennium. Call me at 647-4579. We'd like to know all that's going on.

Don't forget to drop Martha Jo Hyman a card. She will be at Covenant Lubbock and her room number will be 671-South until Christmas.

Some of those at Texas Stadium as the Hereford Whitefaces battled in the rain for a state football championship for the Class AAAA large-school division were Jerry Heller; Eddie Sutton; Stan Byrnes with his sister and brother-in-law, Poppy and James Head of Hereford; Poppy and James' sons (who were once a part of the Herd), T.J., Tate and Jake, along with Jake's wife, Briar.

V.C. and Dorothy Hopson's grandson-in-law, Charlie Garza, is one of the Herd's assistant coaches, so the Hopsons have been making many of the football playoff games

with their granddaughter, who is Charlie's wife.

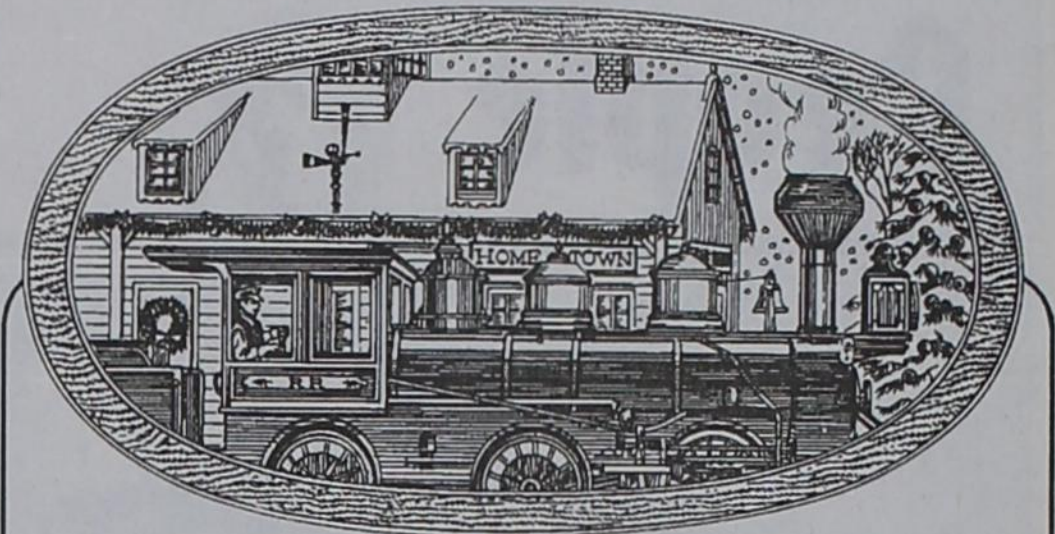
Cindy and Jim Bob Ellis were taking in the playoffs and visiting their son, Chad Ellis, at the same time. They were traveling with former Dimmitt resident Harley Daniels and his wife, Linda. Linda and Harley recently have moved from Hereford to Lubbock.

Chad Ellis works in Arlington at a group home for the mentally-challenged. He comes from a long line of caretakers, first with his grandmother, Ettie McDermitt; then his mom, Cindy Ellis. Now he's helping those who are hurting!

We'd like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of our neighbors to the north (Hereford) as they fought and won so many battles to make it to the state finals in football. They showed lots of talent, good sportsmanship and outstanding talent and teamwork, but they lost the state title by 13 points.

I've been wondering if maybe Hereford could take up an offering to have the hole in Texas Stadium's roof repaired for next year's game!

Cipriana Salazar completed 25 years' employment Wednesday, Dec. 22, as a housekeeper at Canterbury Villa nursing home. Her husband, Rudy, has been the custodian at the Dimmitt Post Office 19 years. They have three children—Adolph, Roy and Elizabeth.



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The Paramount Christian Church in Amarillo presented its annual Christmas pageant at the Civic Center in Amarillo over the weekend.

"Come as you are" was the theme this year and the story depicted the Bible story of the prodigal son. It was very well done, as always.

A group from Nazareth attended including Beverly Hill's senior CCD class and Peggy Birkenfeld.

The family of Helen Backus honored her with an 88th birthday party last Sunday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

The Nazareth Band's Christmas concert was held last Thursday evening with a great crowd enjoying the program. Fidelis Fetsch is the band director.

The fifth-grade band performed first, then the sixth grade band played, followed by the high school band, which features students in the seventh through 12th grades.

Mr. Fetsch recognized each of the members who made the all-region band and Jason Birkenfeld, who qualified to try out for state at a later date.

Many attended the wedding of Tanya Leibel and Jerrett Moroney Saturday afternoon at Holy Family Church with Msgr. Harold Waldo of Amarillo officiating. A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

J.R. and Melba Nickolas, Harold



Holy Blessings to All

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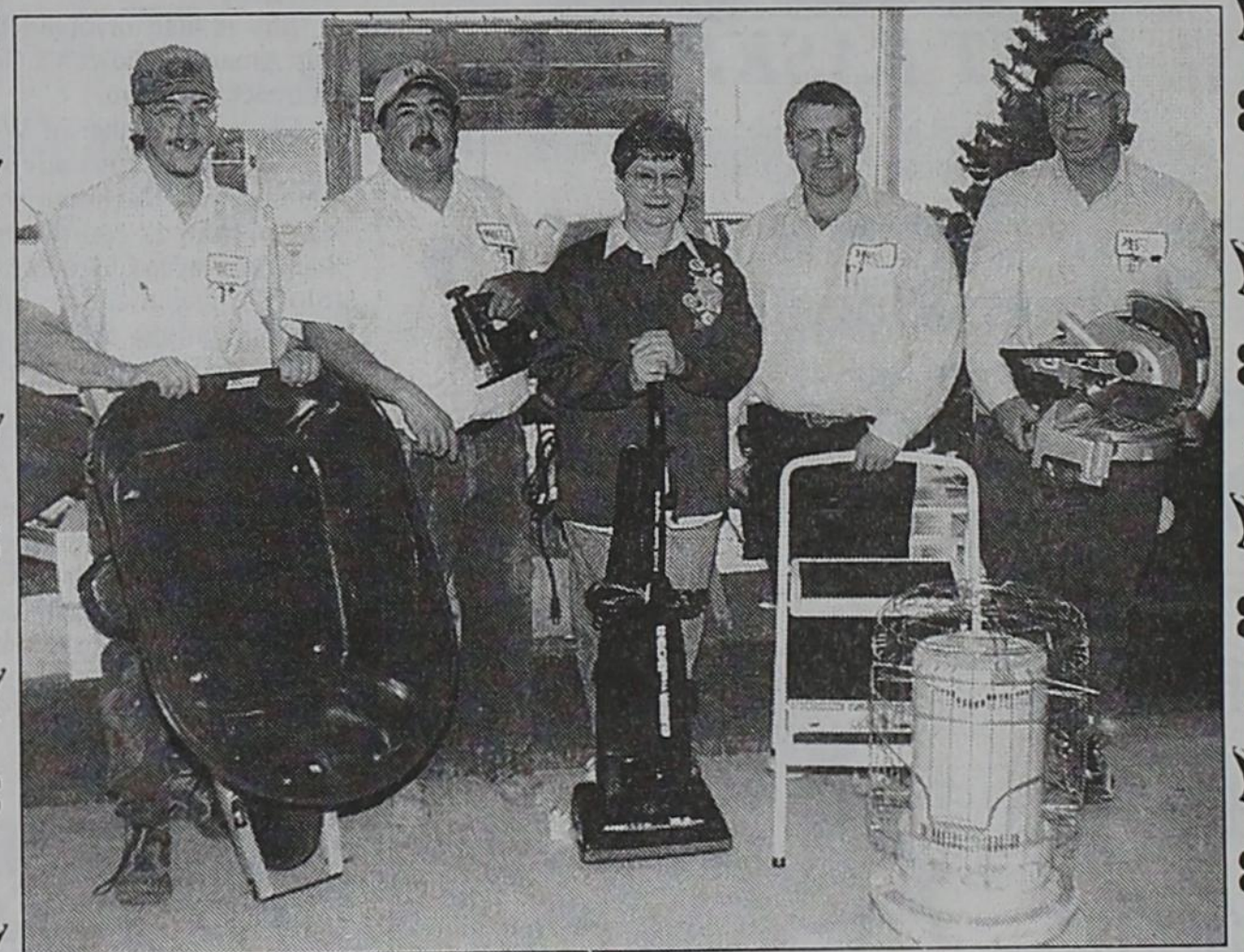
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J.J. Barrios and Raquel Salinas of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Gabryela Alyce Barrios, who was born on Dec. 2 at 4:55 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. The baby weighed in at 6 lbs., 8 ozs., and was 18 inches long. She has two older siblings, 6-year-old John David Flores and 3-year-old Jenifer Davon Flores. Paternal grandparents are Mandy Aleman and Jesus Oliviero of Dimmitt. Maternal grandmother is Blanca Ortiz of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents include Anita Aleman, Joe and Maria Ortiz and Santiago Barrios, all of Dimmitt.

EMT class will begin on Jan. 4

The Castro County EMS will conduct an EMT-basic class Jan. 4 through May 16, 2000, for the general public.

Those interested in taking the class should contact Leland Harris at 647-2191, Ext. 426 before Wednesday.

The classes will be held in the assembly room at the Castro County Courthouse, 100 E. Bedford in Dimmitt. Each class will start at 6 p.m.

Cost for the course is \$375 and that includes a book, state exam fees, and CPR certification fees.



Maurice and Wanda Campbell

Campbells to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Maurice and Wanda Campbell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31. Their family will celebrate the event on New Year's Day.

The couple were wed on Dec. 31, 1939, in Childress. They were involved in farming in Castro County and lived in Dimmitt. After retiring from farming, they moved to Amarillo in 1979.

Their son, Ken Campbell, and his wife, Carolee, live in Liberal, Kan., and have five children, Kelly Diann Campbell of Denver, Colo., James Byron Campbell of San Angelo, Kimberly Cornelsen of Liberal and her husband Justin, and twins Kristen and Kendra Campbell of Liberal.

Those wanting to send cards or letters to the couple may send them to 4714 Oregon Trail, Amarillo 79109.

Petty wins service award at WTAMU

Barbara Petty, the wife of former Dimmitt resident Arlie Petty, was honored recently by West Texas A&M University.

She received the President's Community Service Award for the month of December. She is the assistant to the provost/vice president at WTAMU.

Petty serves on the board of directors for several organizations, including the Buffalo Sports Association, the Canyon Lion's Club and the American Heart Association Texas Affiliate-Amarillo/Canyon Division.

She is also involved in Leadership Amarillo/Canyon's Community Outreach program.

She is a member of WT Women and acts as campus advisor for the Gamma Beta Phi honor society. She also is campus coordinator for the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), which solicits and coordinated donations for non-profit and charitable undertakings throughout the community.

She won a 1998-99 University Staff Council Excellence Award.

The President's Community Service Award was established by University President Russell Cl Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered student organizations.

Crow and Conkin wed in double-ring ceremony

Shelli Conkin and Tait Crow exchanged wedding vows Saturday evening at Holiday Inn/Park Plaza in Lubbock.

Allan Cartrite, grandfather of the groom, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Rita Conkin of Anton. She is the granddaughter of Neal Conkin of Anton and Smiley and Jean Monroe of Ruidoso, N.M. Parents of the groom are Lanny and Belinda Crow of Friona, formerly of Dimmitt. He is the grandson of Allan and Dena Cartrite of Abilene and Louise Crow of Memphis.

The couple exchanged their vows in the atrium which featured luscious flowered landscaping covered in miniature white lights. The stage was decorated with flowered trees made and designed by the bride.

The unity candle was surrounded by white candles and greenery on a glass mirror held by white pillars.

Allana Hicks, the groom's aunt, provided piano music and she accompanied Tami Griffitt of Dimmitt who sang *The Gift* for the lighting of the unity candle. She also sang *When You Love Someone* before the traditional *Wedding March*. Recorded music including popular love songs by various artists was played throughout the reception.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white imported Venetian lace complete with a full skirt of tulle. She designed her own headpiece and it was custom-made by Jimmie Schoor of Anton. It included a diamond princess crown with various lengths of illusion in elbow, fingertip-length tulle.

She wore white shoes accented with the Venetian lace on the toes and heel, and she carried pennies minted in the years of the couple's births.

She carried long-stemmed silk white roses complete with a white organza bow trimmed in gold and designed by the bride.

"Something old" was a red lace handkerchief that belonged to the bride's late grandmother, Dorothy Jnkin. She "borrowed" a sapphire ring from her Mimi, Jean Monroe. Her dress served as "something new" and "something blue" was a garter designed by Schoor.

The groom wore a black full dress Oscar DeLaRenta double lapel coat complete with a white satin vest and white bow tie, and black dress shoes. He wore a boutonniere of a single white rose and sprigs of babies' breath on his lapel.

Matron of honor was Deborah Shofner of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Jenifer Holmes of Lubbock, Holly Monroe of Austin, Jill Davis and Neeley Byrum of Lubbock, Shawna Kenworthy of Amarillo and Jaime Freeman of Levelland.

Best man was Toby Crow of Silverton, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Travis Crow of Canyon, Max Moore of Kress, Billy Ray Thomas of Dallas, Wes Wright of College Station, Grady Benton of Canyon and Clint Conkin of Anton, brother of the bride.

The groomsmen wore Oscar DeLaRenta black double lapel tuxedos with white mandarin collar shirts, black satin vests and black shoes. Boutonnieres of red roses and babies' breath completed the look.

Flower girl was Z'Ann Hardin of Amarillo, cousin of the bride. Ring bearers were Aaron Pool and Alec Freeman-Conkin.

Ushers were Brian Conkin of



MRS. TAIT CROW
... nee Shelli Conkin

Springlake and Lance Latham of Canyon.

The mother of the bride wore a Jones New York ivory jacket with a matching ivory skirt. The outfit was accented by a Northern Marianne Islands beige and ivory scarf and Nine West ivory shoes. The groom's mother was outfitted in a Jones New York black chiffon dress with matching black pumps. Both wore a corsage of beige orchids, stephanotis and greenery.

The reception was also held in the atrium of Park Plaza. The bride's table was covered with a white tablecloth and it held a punch fountain.

The bride's cake was five layers of gift boxes decorated by Wanda Harrell of Levelland. A white poinsettia flower arrangement made and designed by the bride, complimented the bride's table.

The groom's table held a two-layer chocolate cake shaped like gift boxes and it was decorated with red poinsettia's in Santa's sleigh. A red poinsettia arrangement designed by the bride, and a coffee service completed the table decor.

A gift table was arranged and it featured bride and groom dolls presented to the couple by the bride's aunt, Gina Freeman.

Chips and hot sauce, various cheeses and breads, and a tin bucket holding soft drinks also were found on tables.

Each individual table was covered with a white tablecloth, black velvet and a bordered mirror. White candles, red poinsettias and greenery completed each centerpiece.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Anton High School. She attended South Plains College and she graduated from Texas Tech University in 1997. She is presently coaching high school tennis and junior high girls' basketball for Dimmitt Independent School District.

The groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1994. He played football for the West Texas A&M Buffaloes. He graduated in August. He is employed with the

Doug Proffitt CPA firm in Dimmitt.

After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple will reside in Dimmitt.

Bridal courtesies included an engagement party at Buffalo Springs Lake on Aug. 28; a bridal shower hosted by Katy Wright and Sherri Kenworthy in Dimmitt on Nov. 13; a bridal shower hosted by Barbara Hodges of Anton on Nov. 14; a lingerie shower hosted by the bridesmaids on Dec. 4; a bridal luncheon at the Olive Garden on Dec. 11, hosted by Jody Williams of Anton and Jill Davis of Lubbock; and a luncheon for the attendants and mothers at the Holiday Inn/Park Plaza on Saturday, hosted by Arlene Monroe, aunt of the bride.

Chamber awards \$100 to Jackson

Lisa Jackson was the winner of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce's \$100 Dimmitt Dollars drawing this week.

Other weekly winners of \$10 prizes included Anita Schilling and Joan Norrell.

Jackson and Norrell registered at Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply while Schilling signed up at The Headhunter.

"Everyone has one more chance to win this year," Sava said. "We will have our last drawing today (Thursday) at 2 p.m."

Registration forms are available at Alco, Bealls, Bobcat Barber Shop, Castro County News, Dimmitt Market, Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply, First Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch, First United Bank, The Headhunter, Hereford TX Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Just Imagine, Kittrell Electronics/Radio Shack, Lockhart Pharmacy, The Pancake House, Seale Florist, Dimmitt Thriftway, Tots and Teens, Unique Gifts and More and The Village Shop.

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Newlyweds establish their home in Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wade Flickinger are home in Dallas after enjoying a honeymoon trip to Santa Fe, N.M.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 11 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Chapel of Trinity Church in Lubbock. Pastor Duke Underwood of Lubbock officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the former Amy Brooke Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Byers of Sunnyside. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. John Flickinger of Lehigh, Iowa.

The church decorations included two large wreaths decorated in the bride's chosen colors of deep red and silver, and a Christmas tree decorated with bright white lights and silver ribbon. The family pews in the church were marked with fresh evergreen swags accented with silver bows.

Music for the service was provided by Patrick McLaurin of Lubbock, who played the bagpipes. Emilie Hanson of Pella, Iowa, sang *What I Really Want to Say* and Kerry Winders of Earth sang *The Lord's Prayer*.

Given in marriage by her father, Ricky Byers, the bride wore a white designer gown from the Moonlight collection of Carole Hai. Her gown was of regal satin and featured an open neckline and cap sleeves. The bodice was crowned with clusters of jeweled flowers and ended in an elongated waistline. The skirt of the bridal gown featured Venice lace medallions and crystallized hand-beaded designs. The back of her gown was accented with a cluster of regal satin roses and loops at the bottom of the elongated waistline. The chapel-length train was decorated at the hemline with double-edged borders of European lace decorated with teardrop pearled medallions.

Her fingertip-length veil of white tulle was edged with Chantilly lace and seed pearls.

For "something old," the bride wore her mother's veil. "Something new" was her wedding dress. She "borrowed" her Grandmother Byers' wedding ring and tied it in her bouquet. "Something blue" was a temporary tattoo.

She carried a bouquet of 11 calla lilies surrounded by a background of ivy, stephanotis and white limonium.

She wore a pair of white tennis shoes decorated with lace appliques and pearls sprayed with silver glitter. White sheer ribbon served as laces for the shoes. In her shoes, she placed pennies minted in the years in which she and the groom were born.

Matron of honor was Nicole Wood of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Erin Byers of Springlake, the bride's sister-in-law; Jill Winders of Earth, cousin of the bride; and Mitzi Underwood of Archer City, a college friend of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore floor-length sheath gowns of deep red velvet. Each carried a copy of bride's and groom's vows, rolled scroll-like and tied with ribbons of the bride's chosen colors.

Best man was Scott Rains of Beaverton, Ore., college friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jason Brown of Pella, Iowa, and Steve Shulze and Brad Rempe, both of Des Moines, Iowa, all college friends of the groom.

Garrett Byers of Springlake, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Flower girl was Brenna Byers of Springlake, the bride's niece.

Guests were seated by Brannon Byers of Springlake, brother of the bride; Jeff Hamilton of Lubbock, cousin of the bride; Josh Wood of Lubbock, brother-in-law of the bride; and Jeb Been of Houston, cousin of



MRS. CHRIS WADE FLICKINGER
... nee Amy Brooke Byers

the groom.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the couple was held at the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Church.

The bride's table was covered with a white cloth and it held a four-layer cake decorated with fresh red roses. Red punch, nuts and mints were also served from the bride's table.

Serving at the bride's table were Melissa and Devny Marks, the bride's aunt and cousin.

The groom's table held two cakes. One was made of chocolate with chocolate icing and was shaped like a golf bag. The other featured an Iowa Hawkeye logo made of white cake with white chocolate frosting. Red and green M&Ms, root beer floats and coffee also were served to guests from the groom's table.

Presiding over the groom's table were Stephanie Bernier of Amarillo and Megan Marks of Earth, cousins of the bride.

Jana Fancher of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride, registered guests. Deena Hamilton of Earth read scripture during the lighting of the unity candle. Lauren Munoz of Colorado City, a college friend of the bride, was the pianist.

At the reception, the groomsmen "roasted" the groom.

The bride's traveling attire featured a blue plaid wool skirt and sweater accented with a matching blue hat.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University and she is currently pursuing her master's degree in biblical counseling at Dallas Theological Seminary.

The groom graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa. He taught for

two years at Eldora, Iowa, and is currently completing his master's degree in Christian education at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



COMMUNITY SERVICE—Probationers from the Castro County adult probation department participated in a food drive to benefit the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, and gathered food valued at approximately \$1,750. Probationers were given a list of 13 food items, and were credited with 10 hours of community service for each list that was filled. Participants donated enough food to earn credit for 1,970 hours of community service.

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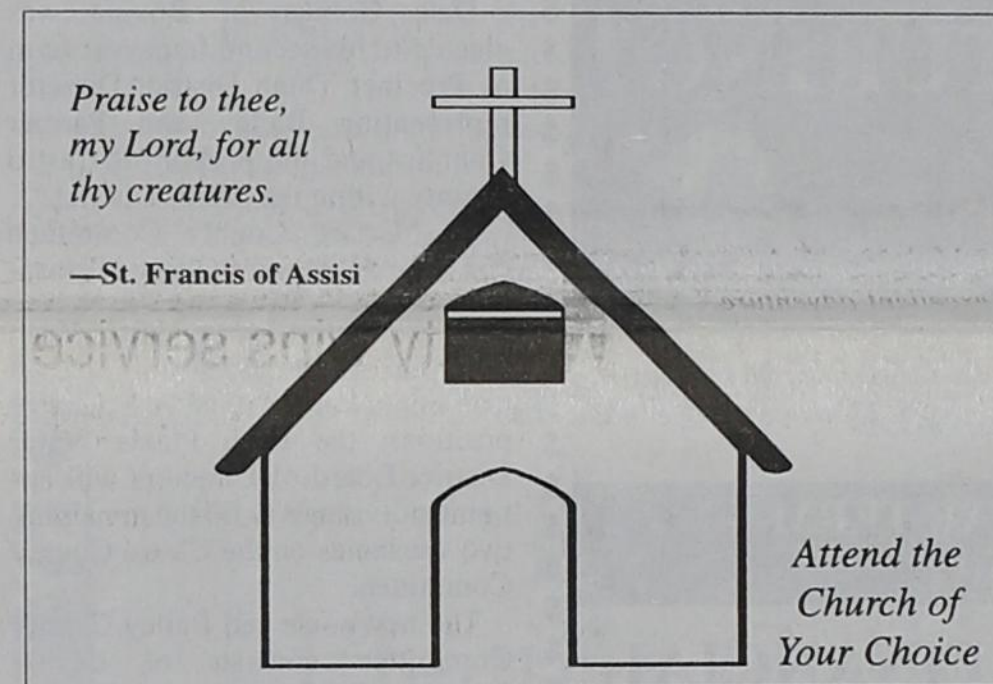
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CRP sign-up period will begin on Jan. 18

Producers may begin signing up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on Jan. 18, 2000, and the sign-up period will continue through Feb. 11, 2000.

The CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible land.

Annual rental payments are made based on the agriculture rental value of the land and cost-share assistance is provided in an amount equal to but not more than 50% of the participant's costs in establishing approved practices.

The duration of the CRP contracts is from 10 to 15 years.

CRP Sign-up 20 is the fourth general CRP sign-up since enactment of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

To be eligible for the CRP, land must be:

1. Crop land that has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity in two out of the last five crop years from 1995 to 1999 that is also physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity.

2. Certain marginal pastureland enrolled in the Water Bank Program.

In addition to basic crop land eligibility requirements, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

1. Land must be considered highly erodible according to the conservation compliance provision or, if a

portion of a field, have a weighted average erosion index of 8 or higher.

2. Land must be considered a cropped wetland.

3. Land must be subject to scour erosion.

4. Land must be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area.

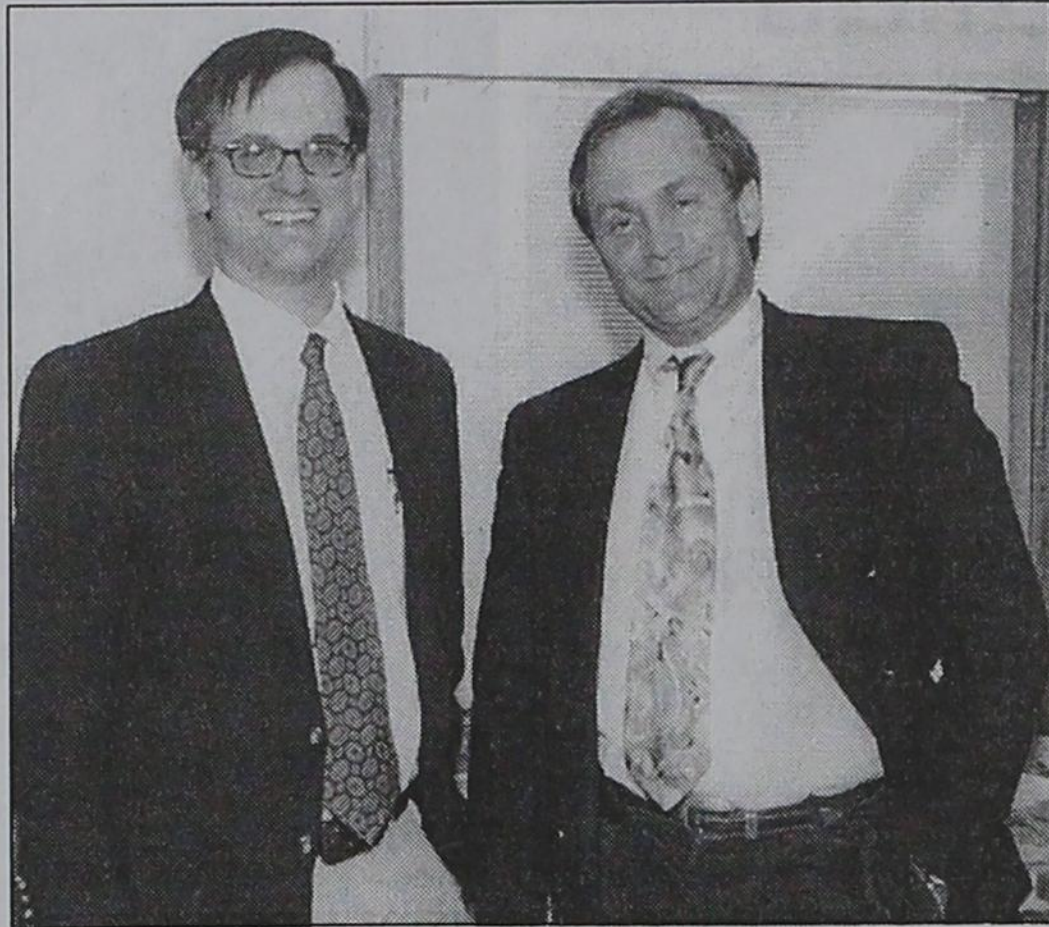
5. Land must be associated with non-cropped wetlands.

Under CRP Sign-Up 20, all eligible offers will continue to be evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) based on the environmental benefits expected to accrue if the land is enrolled in the CRP.

The Sign-Up 20 EBI is very similar to the EBI for Sign-Up 18, except that the federal or state-listed threatened and endangered species subfactor of the wildlife habitat component has been strengthened and clarified. The five-point category was eliminated. In some states, water quality area designations have been modified, and a few additional state conservation priority areas may have been approved.

Use of the EBI ensures that only the most environmentally sensitive lands are selected and that all offers are considered fairly and equitably.

Data is collected for each of the EBI factors based upon the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Offers are then ranked in comparison to all other offers, and selections are made from that ranking.



WELCH HOME PLACE staff members now include two psychiatrists who alternate their visits with patients in Dimmitt. Dr. Curtis Thurman (left) is a consultant for Central Plains MH/MR rural psychiatric services and is medical director of the Permian Basin Community Center at Odessa. Dr. Eric Olson (right) has a private practice in Lubbock and is affiliated with Covenant there. A reception was held Friday afternoon to welcome the two. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Unopposed HPUWD Pct. 3 candidates elected to office

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District's board of directors has declared that all unopposed candidates in the Jan. 15, 2000, election are duly elected to their respective offices and that the scheduled election will not be held.

Only one person applied for a place on the ballot in all but two positions in District Director's Precinct Three as of the Dec. 1 deadline, and no write-in candidates registered for any office by the Dec. 6 deadline.

Dale Gobner of Bovina was elected to his second four-year term as Precinct Three District Director representing Bailey and Parmer Counties and the portion of Castro County within the Water District.

The Castro County Committee consists of Ronnie Hoelting of Nazareth and Kevin Riley and Vic Nelson of Dimmitt. Since no candidates filed for a place on the ballot for the Castro County Precinct 3 and the at-large positions, the High Plains Water District Board of Directors will appoint individuals to fill the remaining two vacancies on the Castro County Committee.

The newly-elected Bailey County Committee consists of Gerald Shanks, Lavon Hunt, Rodger Buhrman, Jerry Nichols and Joe King, all of Muleshoe.

Parmer County Committee members are Mitchell Wiseman and Ellen Gallman of Friona and Tommy Williams, Todd Christian and Pat Ware of Farwell.

"The Texas Election Code allows political subdivisions of the state, such as this Water District, to declare the results of an election without conducting it if there are no contested positions and no proposition(s) on the ballot," said Becca Williams,

director of administration. "In this situation, election results are clear when the deadlines for filing pass, and this provision saves a considerable amount of time and taxpayer money."

At its Dec. 14 regular meeting, the Water District Board of Directors received certification that all candidates who applied for a place on the Jan. 15 election ballot were unopposed. The board then adopted an order declaring the board member and 13 County Committee members for District Director's Precinct Three duly elected to office for four-year terms. All of these officials will be sworn in and officially take office in January 2000.

NCE announces a 58¢ dividend

New Century Energies (NCE), the holding company for Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Co., has declared quarterly dividends of 58¢ per share on all outstanding common stock.

The board of directors of NCE announced the dividend on Dec. 14 and it will be payable on Feb. 15, 2000, to shareholders of record on Jan. 28, 2000.

NCE has operating revenues of more than \$3.6 billion and serves approximately 1.6 million electricity customers and more than a million natural gas customers in Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma. It is in the process of merging with Minneapolis-based Northern States Power Co., which should be completed sometime in 2000.

ACGA protests USDA's role in 'terminator technology'

Representatives of the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) recently met with Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to encourage the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) to abandon the research and development of the terminator technology.

USDA holds a co-patent for this technology with Delta & Pine Land Company. Terminator is the name given to a genetic engineering technique that renders second generation seed sterile, preventing farmers from keeping back seed for the next growing season, thus forcing farmers to purchase new seed every year.

In the meeting, ACGA officials expressed disappointment that USDA would use public dollars to help develop a technology that is not in

the best interest of nor benefit to production agriculture.

To fix this situation, the ACGA made the following recommendations:

- ◆ USDA should cease negotiations with Delta & Pine Land on the licensing of its jointly held patent and abandon all research on genetic sterilization.

- ◆ USDA should adopt a strict policy prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars to support genetic seed sterilization.

- ◆ USDA should use public research dollars to re-invigorate public plant breeding for family farmers.

- ◆ USDA should ensure that farmers are involved in determining research priorities.

Minding Your Own Business

Unlucky Jim: A Christmas story of unselfish love

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

The very best stories are those worth retelling. The story of Unlucky Jim is a Christmas tradition in this column and definitely worth sharing again.

Unlucky Jim is a sad little story my mother read to me when I was small. It's about a little boy named Jim whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope or joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jim would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jim knew he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive.

Then one night just before Christmas, Jim received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jim a special gift. Jim grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jim saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jim's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little red truck was still under the tree. As Jim reached for the fire engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jim there were only enough presents for one for each child.

Jim looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blonde hair, just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jim clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jim began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jim didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jim sat by his little sister's bed watching her play with her doll, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave Jim a neatly wrapped package and explained to him that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jim had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring him a present. To Jim's delight, the package contained the most beautiful red fire engine he'd ever seen.

Jim's unselfishness should be our model all year long. Christians celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Christ. Whether or not you're a Christian by faith, Christ's life of giving, sharing and caring is a good example for all men.

I found the book

After years of searching, I found the book this story was remembered from. The title is "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories." The author is Arthur S. Maxwell. The book was published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Tacoma Park, Washington, D.C. It contains the story of Unlucky Jim and about 20 others.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

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Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Castro county: Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.



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ALL-REGION BAND—Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band members who were selected for the All-Region Band include (from left) L.J. Soler, who was named sixth chair trumpet, symphonic; Rachal Harman, ninth chair clarinet, symphonic; and Jessica Salinas,

ninth chair trumpet, concert. They will participate in the All-Region Band clinic and concert in January. Soler and Harman also qualified to advance to area try-outs.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Sign-up for the 1999 Disaster Assistance Program started Dec. 13 and producers can now get additional details about how to qualify and what figures will be used to calculate total benefits.

The information released this week by the US Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA) indicates that the program will work much like the 1998 Disaster Program.

Producers with qualifying losses totaling 35% or more of their historic yield will be eligible to receive benefits under the program. Historic yields are defined as the higher of either the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) county average yield or the insurance Actual Production History (APH) yield for each particular crop.

The program will be operated using \$1.2 billion authorized by Congress as part of the Fiscal Year 2000 Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

Once eligibility is established, a formula will be used to calculate the total dollars each participant qualifies for. Upon completion of all necessary information, producers will be able to immediately receive an advance payment totaling 35% of calculated payment total.

Final payments will be made and any pro-rata factor applied after all applications have been received and processed by the FSA. An \$80,000 per person payment limitation will be applicable to all qualified participants.

No one with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more will be eligible for the program.

Quality losses will be covered in the program; however, quality losses will be converted to pounds and applied against any actual yields produced. The main effect of the quality loss adjustment will be to decrease actual production and possibly increase the number of pound eligible for a payment or to reduce production below the 65% eligibility threshold.

To estimate eligibility a producer would use the following formula:

- A. Acres x payment yield = expected production.
- B. (Expected production x 65%) - actual yield = eligible production.
- C. Eligible production x net payment rate x percent

share x unharvested acreage factor = gross payment amount (before national factor applied).

The unharvested acreage factor is assumed to be 100% if the crop was taken to harvest. Producers whose cotton was released under an insurance claim and not taken to harvest would use the unharvested factor in the table below.

D. Gross payment amount x 35% = advance payment amount.

The formulas above and the table below can be used to determine whether or not a producer is eligible for the program and to estimate the amount of any payment that may be due under this program.

Payment rates & unharvested acreage factors

Crop Name	Payment Rate	Net Payment Rate (65%)	Unharvested Acreage Factor
Wheat (NI)	\$3.30/bu.	\$2.145/bu.	83%
Wheat (Irr.)	\$3.30/bu.	\$2.145/bu.	83%
Wheat (Hay)	\$64/ton	\$41.60/ton	70%
Oats (Hay)	\$64/ton	\$41.60/ton	70%
Cotton (NI)	\$.64/lb.	\$.416/lb.	82%
Cotton (Irr.)	\$.64/lb.	\$.416/lb.	82%
Alfalfa Seed (Irr.)	\$.75/lb.	\$.4875/lb.	78%
Corn (Irr.)	\$2.10/bu.	\$1.365/bu.	86%
Grain Sorghum (NI)	\$1.95/bu.	\$1.2675/bu.	86%
Grain Sorghum (Irr.)	\$1.95/bu.	\$1.2675/bu.	86%
Peanuts (add'l) (Irr.)	\$.18/lb.	\$.117/lb.	85%
Peanuts (quota) (Irr.)	\$.31/lb.	\$.2015/lb.	85%
Sunflower (Nonoil, Irr.)	\$.13/lb.	\$.0845/lb.	85%
Sunflower (Oil, Irr.)	\$.10/lb.	\$.065/lb.	85%
Soybeans (NI)	\$5.25/bu.	\$3.4125/bu.	80%
Soybeans (Irr.)	\$5.25/bu.	\$3.4125/bu.	80%
Watermelons (NI)	\$6/cwt.	\$3.90/cwt.	57%
Watermelons (Irr.)	\$6/cwt.	\$3.90/cwt.	57%

Most counties are accepting appointments for sign-ups at this time. Producers who qualify and do not wish to receive the advance payment until after Jan. 1 should schedule an appointment after the new year begins.

Producers with questions about the program should contact their local Farm Service Agency office to get additional assistance.

Emergency package provides relief, but no long-term solution

The \$8.7 emergency assistant package recently passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton provides critical cash flow relief to hard-pressed farmers, according to research by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center with the Texas A&M University System.

The aid comes just in time to help farmers "cash flow" the 1999 crop in the midst of sharply depressed prices and regional weather adversity, "but the aid package does not cure this agricultural crisis," said Dr. Edward Smith, a professor and Texas Agricultural Extension Service agricultural economics specialist.

"If prices for the major program crops remain at levels experienced over the past two years, then liquidity issues will continue to plague the nation's farming community," Smith said.

The research used a set of representative farms and was developed with the assistance of farmer panels from the major producing regions of the country.

Prior to the emergency package, the results from the 41 representative farms indicated that 39 would have serious financial problems as measured by their probability of a cash flow deficit. That means their receipts from farming, including government payments, would not cover their cash expenses in 1999.

The emergency relief package alters the short-term picture significantly, Smith said. The relief package reduces the average probability of cash flow deficit from the 10 represented wheat farms from 58% to 41% in 1999. For example, the package reduces the probability of a 1999 cash flow deficit from 50% to 29% for the 1,760-acre North Dakota Wheat Farm.

"These numbers reflect a significant increase in the ability of farmers to cash flow their 1999 crops due to the emergency package," Smith said.

For the 13 feed grain farms, the emergency package reduces the probability of a cash flow deficit from 55% to 44%. The 950-acre Iowa corn/soybean farm experiences a 10% decrease in its odds of a cash flow deficit from 54% to 44% for 1999. For a 1,600-acre Texas Northern Plains farm, the reduction is even more dramatic—a decline from 51%

to 31%. Smith explained that the difference in the odds of cash flowing relate to individual farm structures and the crops grown.

According to the study, cotton and rice farms also could see a substantial decline in their odds of cash flow deficits.

The additional Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) payments and full funding of the Step 2 Upland Cotton Competitiveness provision is projected to reduce the probability of a cash flow deficit for the 1,682-acre Texas Southern Plains cotton farm from 60% to 39% for 1999.

"While this year's emergency package did significantly improve

the ability of farmers to cash flow in 1999, it does not solve the longer term problem of low prices," Smith said.

Prior to the government response, 37 of the 41 representative crop farms were projected to have difficulty cash-flowing their operation through 2002, Smith said. After the payments, that number remained the same.

"While the 1999 emergency package, like its predecessor in 1998, helped relieve the liquidity pressure facing the nation's program crop producers, additional aid will likely be needed in the future unless prices substantially improve," Smith said.

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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		— TOTALS — (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Rev. Fund	August 31, 1999	August 31, 1998	
REVENUES:					
Local and Intermediate Sources:					
	Investment Income	\$ 207,084	\$ 1,923	\$ 209,007	\$ 224,594
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	2,732,828	88,261	2,821,089	2,694,580
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	2,939,912	90,184	3,030,096	2,919,174
5800	State Program Revenues	4,488,801	88,799	4,577,600	4,248,416
5900	Federal Program Revenues	9,652	1,202,794	1,212,446	1,163,742
5020	Total Revenues	7,438,365	1,381,777	8,820,142	8,331,332
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	4,600,923	774,755	5,375,678	5,185,740
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	667,901	135,843	803,744	669,818
0030	Support Services-Student (Pupil)	934,395	599,332	1,533,727	1,554,599
0040	Administrative Support Services	329,532	13,100	342,632	341,522
0050	Support Services-Nonstudent Based	874,457		874,457	817,279
0060	Ancillary Services				6,683
0080	Capital Outlay	61,147		61,147	229,103
6030	Total Expenditures	7,468,355	1,523,030	8,991,385	8,834,744
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(29,990)	(141,253)	(171,243)	(503,412)
7020	Other Resources	881,170	130,000	1,011,170	130,962
8030	Other (Uses)	(130,000)		(130,000)	(130,000)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	721,180	(11,253)	709,927	(502,450)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,968,605	58,623	3,027,228	3,520,678
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance				
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,689,785	\$ 47,370	\$ 3,737,155	\$ 3,027,228

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DSEC crews will also periodically check in at predetermined locations in the various communities of the area to address concerns regarding Y2K.

The following community locations will be visited by DSEC crews on New Year's Eve:

- Castro County Courthouse
- Simm's Store parking lot
- Nazareth Community Hall
- Farwell: Sherley Anderson Grain Elevator located on Hwy. 84
- Dawn Cafe parking lot
- A1 Service Center parking lot - west side of Friona on Hwy. 60
- Cotton Gin: 1 mile west of the Hub Intersection
- Hereford: Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative offices on East Hwy. 60

Sports



Mustangs top Bobcats in thriller, 62-56

The Bobcats and the Lubbock Coronado Mustangs almost burned the barn down Saturday before the Mustangs used a flurry of free throws in the stretch to escape with a 62-56 win.

The Bobcats of District 1-3A and the much bigger Mustangs of

District 3-5A were seldom more than three or four points apart as Dimmitt countered Coronado's inside game with an outside attack, fast breaks and quickness.

Coronado Coach Bubba Jennings, a former all-Southwest Conference shooting guard at Tech, came out

with a three-guard offense and platooned a long bench of tall, talented players during the contest.

Dimmitt's Daniel Proffitt was fouled on a three-point shot in the waning seconds of the first quarter and sank three free throws after the buzzer to give the Bobcats a 13-12 lead.

Late in the second, the Bobcats gained a five-point lead, 24-19, on a three-pointer by Proffitt from downtown, but the Mustangs closed the quarter with an 8-1 flurry to forge a 27-25 halftime advantage.

Daniel Flores opened the second half by swishing a three-pointer—his first of three for the game—to give the lead back to Dimmitt, 28-27. But Coronado's Zach Spivey netted a pair of free throws and Ben Burkholder sank a close-in shot to put Coronado back in front, and the Bobcats were forced to play catch-up the rest of the quarter. The third period ended with Coronado holding a 41-39 lead.

Spivey and Burkholder led a 6-0 run at the beginning of the fourth that left the Bobcats in a 47-39 hole. But baskets by Taylor Matthews and Flores and free throws by Sammy Prieto, Julian Velo and Flores gave Dimmitt the lead again, 48-47, with 5:00 remaining.

But then the Mustangs got out of the corral again with a 9-2 run to build a big 57-50 lead with just 2:00 left to play.

Flores connected on back-to-back treys to bring Dimmitt back within a point, 56-57, but in the final 50 seconds Coronado sank five of six free



DANIEL FLORES (20) sinks a driving layup to give Dimmitt a 48-47 lead over Lubbock Coronado in the fourth quarter of their game here Saturday evening. Guarding Flores is Coronado's Ben Burkholder.

Dimmitt players following the shot are Van Jeter (22) and Keevin Sanders (in lane, center). The visiting Mustangs pulled away in the final two minutes to win, 62-56. Flores was Dimmitt's top scorer with 18.

Photo by Carter Townsend



TUG-O-WAR—Dimmitt's Tamara Robertson (right) battles with a Lubbock Coronado player for a loose ball in the girls' varsity game here Saturday afternoon. Other Dimmitt players in photo are Audrey Saenz (30) and Kelsey Welch (31). The visiting Lady Mustangs won the game, 85-46.

Photo by Carter Townsend

throws to seal the win.

Flores was Dimmitt's top scorer with 18 points, while Sanders led in rebounding with 11 and Prieto was tops in credits with 12.

For Coronado, Spivey finished with 17 and guard Kendrick Bird

added 13.

In the varsity girls' game, the Lady Mustangs moved out to a 16-8 lead in the first quarter and never looked back en route to an 85-46 victory over the Bobbies.

Erika Valek, Coronado's all-everything guard and playmaker, proved to be unselfish with the ball as she made lots of assists and great passes while scoring only two points in the

first quarter.

The 5-6 senior added eight points in the second—mostly on free throws—and went on a tear in the fourth with a driving double-pump layup, a 15-ft. jumper and three three-point bombs to finish with 31 points despite sitting out more than six minutes during the game.

Heather Black paced Dimmitt's scorers with 13 points, while Carol Summers added 9.

Hart claims pair of wins from Lazbuddie Friday

The Hart Longhorns had no problems handling Lazbuddie Friday night, posting a big 66-43 win; but the Lady Horns had to battle back from a first-quarter deficit to claim the victory over the Lazbuddie girls, 49-39.

Jeremiah Velasquez, Keith Finch and Joey Pantoja all reached double-figure scoring for the Longhorns, who jumped out to an early first-quarter lead and never looked back Friday.

Meanwhile, the Lady Horns got an 18-point performance out of Lacie Curry while Geneva Finch added 12 in the win.

In the girls' game, Lazbuddie jumped on Hart early, taking a 10-7 lead by the end of the first eight minutes. Hart rallied in the second quarter, though, exploding with 18 points to gain control of the game.

Leading 25-22 at halftime, the Lady Horns returned to the court in the second half pumped and ready, holding Lazbuddie to two points through the third quarter.

That defensive effort allowed the Hart girls to take a 38-24 advantage into the final eight-minute period.

Lazbuddie tried to come back in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Horns held on for the 49-39 win.

The Hart boys never trailed Lazbuddie, posting a 12-5 lead in the opening stanza, then cruising to a 32-20 lead at intermission.


Hart outscored the Lazbuddie boys 34-23 in the second half for the big win.

Hoop Scores

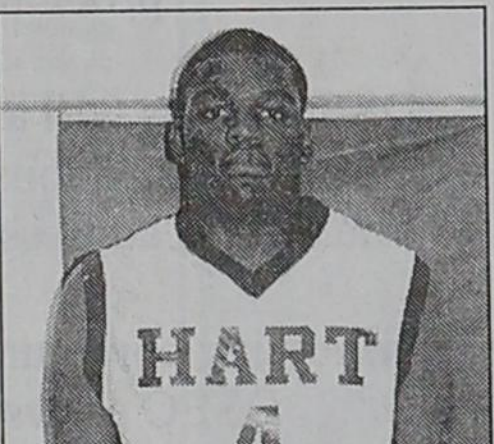
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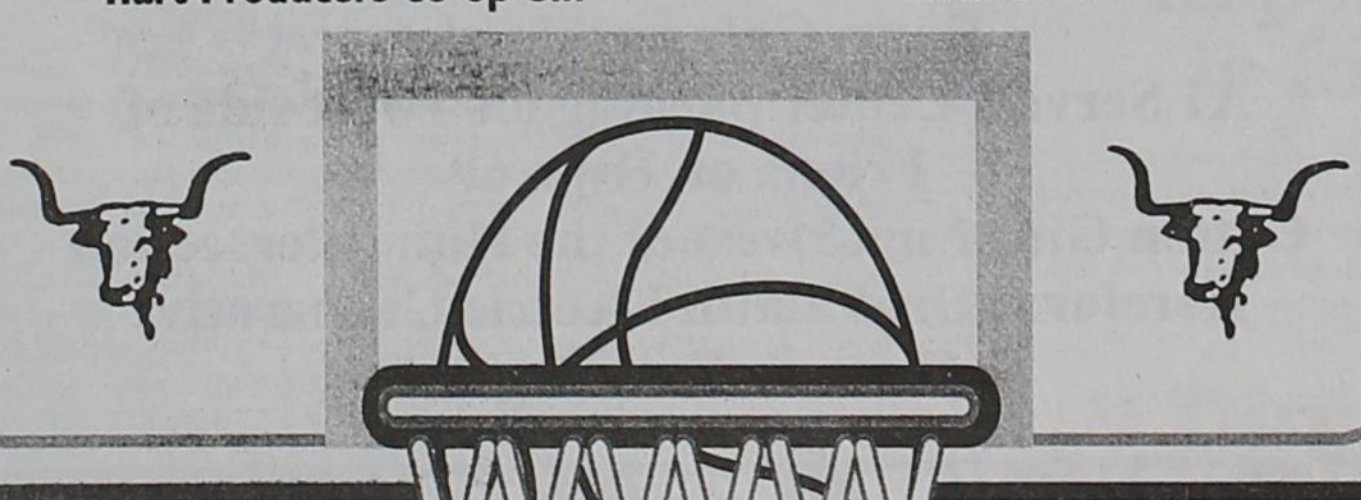
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The banquet, scheduled for Jan. 22 at 7 p.m., will feature the presentation of awards to the *Citizen of the*

Year, Citizen Through the Years, Chamber Member of the Year and Teacher of the Year.

"The tickets would make excellent gifts or stocking stuffers," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "As of right now, they're something no one has. They're 'hot off the press.' It seems like it would be a good way to say 'Merry Christmas and Have Fun in Y2K' at the same time."

Hart Elementary School earns award for reading lab program

Hart Elementary School has earned the designation of "Recognized Lab" from the Creative Education Institute.

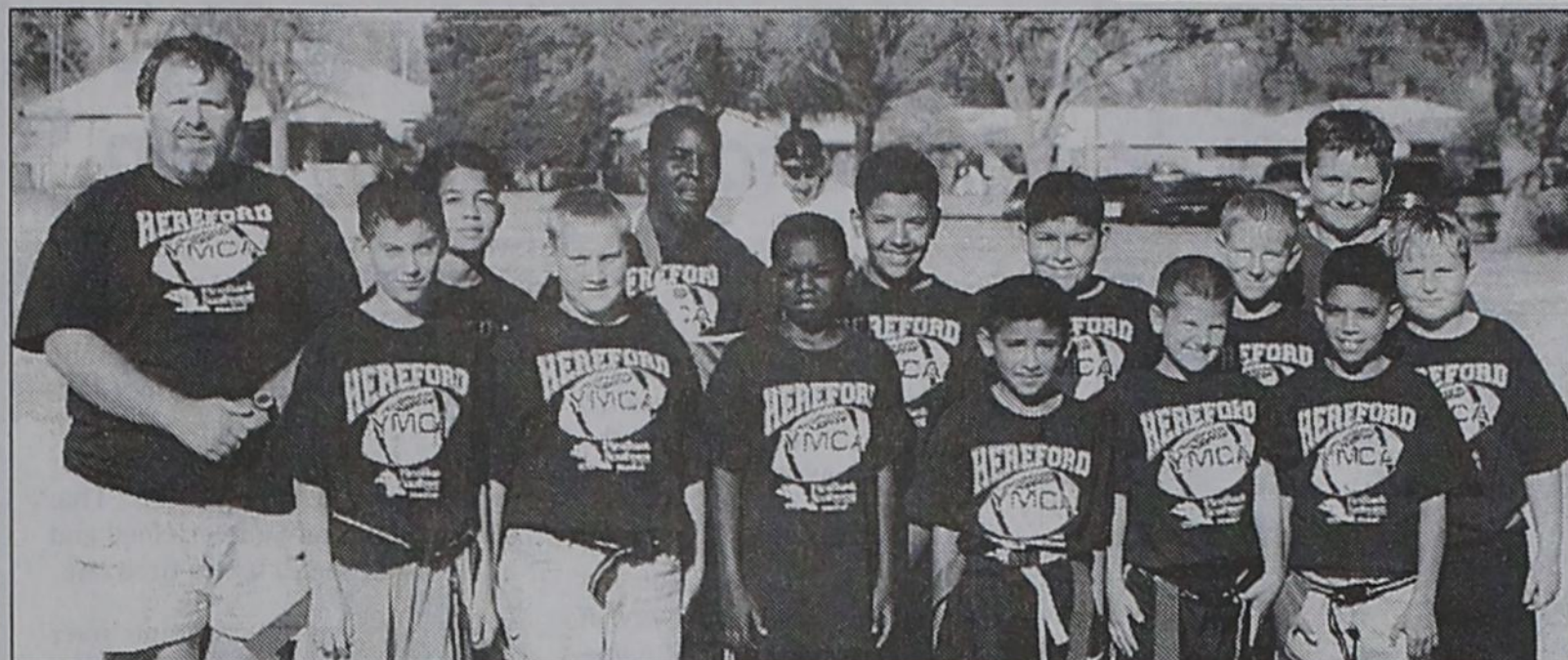
Hart Elementary School uses the institute's Essential Learning Systems program for students who need extra help in reading skills.

The therapeutic, interactive program provides students with a long-term solution for their reading problems and helps them become self-motivated learners.

To earn the "recognized" status, Hart Elementary School completed a

rigorous application and competed with more than 200 other schools. Sharon Davis and Beatriz Guzman are in charge of the lab at Hart Elementary School.

The Essential Learning Systems program is designed to develop new learning patterns and strengthen weak processing areas. It includes a series of activities designed to "exercise" the visual, auditory and motor-kinesthetic pathways in the brain, which in turn help improve a student's ability to retain and recall information.



FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS—This group of Dimmitt fifth and sixth graders traveled to Hereford this fall and competed in the YMCA Flag Football League. They posted a perfect 8-0 record on the season to win the league championship. Team members are (back row, from left) Coach Bell, J.R. Limas, Jeffrey

Williams, Aaron Herrera, Isaac Aguilar, Tucker Self, Coach Jared Bell and Jordan Bell; and (front row, from left) Casey Maurer, Caleb Snitker, Zack Starling, Marcus Herrera, Chris Gilliam and Diego Salinas. Not pictured is Juan Medrano.

Courtesy Photo

4-H'ers plan sign-up for county stock show

4-H'ers with livestock projects they plan to enter in the 2000 Castro County Junior Livestock Show should plan to fill out their entry forms Jan. 10-14, 2000.

"During this week, please come by

the 4-H office and sign up for this year's county stock show. All entry fees are \$15 per animal," said Castro County Extension Agents Pammy Millican and Benny Martinez.

Judges for this year's stock show

are Billy Copeland for lambs, Galen McCune for swine and Greg Jones for steers.

For more information, contact Millican or Martinez at 647-4115.

Shot clinic will be held in Dimmitt Jan. 6

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt on Jan. 6, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

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FIRST GAME: Bobbies vs. Lamesa, Tuesday, 12 noon at Coronado

Schedule and Scores

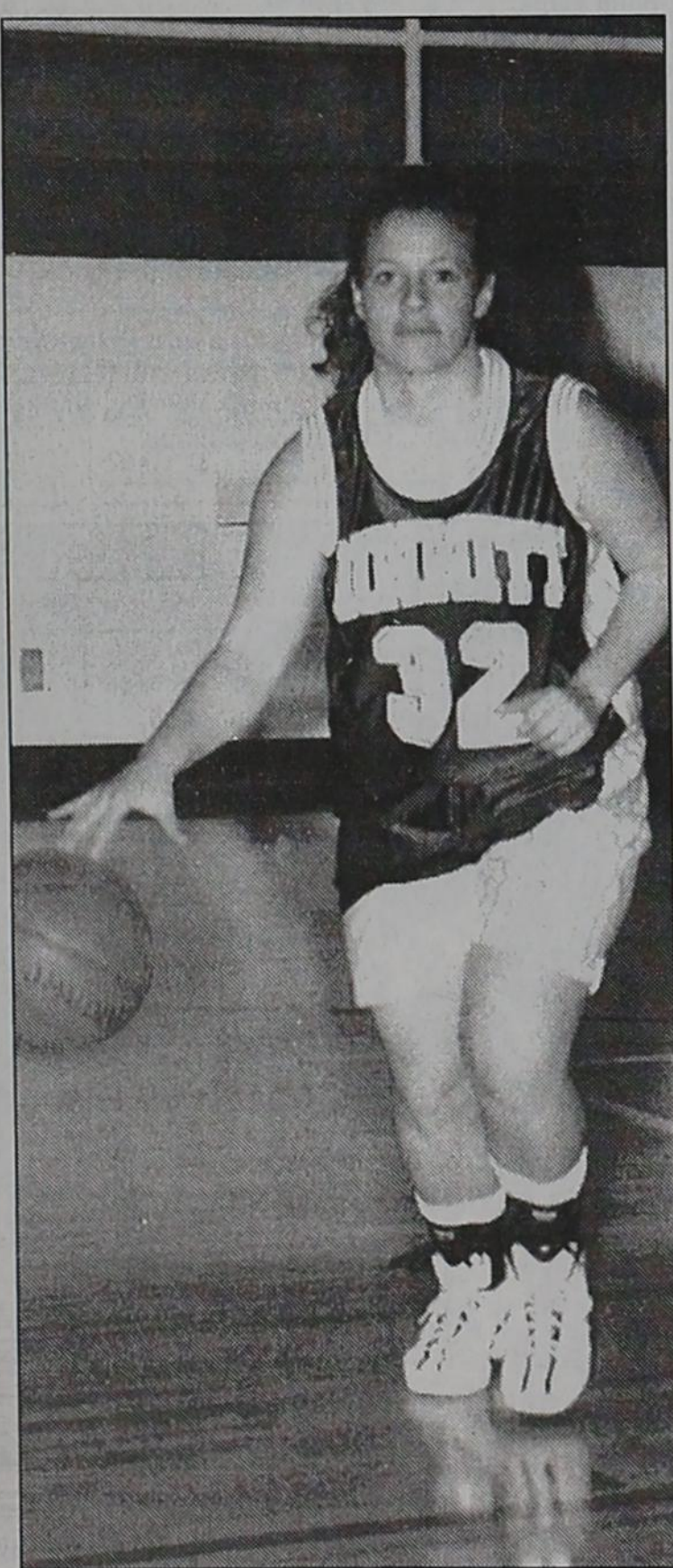
Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
 Dec. 31—Littlefield, There
 Jan. 4—Slaton, Here
 Jan. 7—Muleshoe (Boys), There
 Jan. 7—Perryton (Girls), There
 Jan. 11—*Tulia, Here
 Jan. 14—*River Road, There
 Jan. 18—*Sanford-Fritch, Here
 Jan. 21—*Dalhart, There
 Jan. 25—*Tulia, There
 Jan. 28—*Perryton, Here
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 Feb. 8—*Dalhart, Here
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 Feb. 25-26—Girls Regional, Lubbock
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 Season Record: 1-12

Bobcats

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NAZARETH'S WHITNEY HOELTING (34) gets position inside and nabs a rebound in the Swiftettes' game with Lockney. Nazareth jumped out to a big halftime lead before cruising to a 71-58 win Friday night at Lockney. Hoelting was one of five Swiftettes to reach double figure scoring. She finished with a game-high 19 points. Teammates Cassie Birkenfeld and Stephanie Thiel had 14 apiece while Shawna Gerber chipped in 12 and Sara Schulte added 11.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

McLains, Wilcox earn All-South Plains honors

Cameron McLain, Matty McLain and Kade Wilcox, all of Nazareth, have been named to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* Class A All-South Plains first team for the 1999 season.

Cameron McLain was named first-team running back while Wilcox earned first-team honors at wide receiver and Matty McLain was named first-team linebacker.

Nazareth's Stanton Wethington was an honorable mention selection on the defensive line.

Cameron McLain, a 6-0, 200-pound senior tailback, rushed for 1,223 yards during the regular season

and added another 300-plus yards in post-season play for the Swifts, who advanced to the regional round of the playoffs before falling to Rankin. McLain also rushed for 24 touchdowns this season. In addition to being named the Offensive Most Valuable Player for District 3-A, he was named second-team all-state running back by the Associated Press Sports Writers.

Matty McLain, a 6-0, 190-pound junior, posted 99 tackles, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass for the Swifts' defense, which allowed opposing teams just 167 yards per game this season.

Naz girls stymie Lady Mules in second half to claim win

The Nazareth Swiftettes almost brought Muleshoe's offense to a complete standstill in the second half Tuesday, holding the Lady Mules to six total points over the second 16 minutes, and that enabled the Swiftettes to run away with the victory, 70-28.

Muleshoe stayed with Nazareth through the first quarter, but the Swiftettes gradually pulled away in the second period and put the game on ice in the third quarter.

Muleshoe managed just two free throws the entire third quarter and added just two field goals to that in the fourth period, and they didn't get the first until the 4:41 mark in that quarter.

Nazareth's offense, on the other hand, was unstoppable, posting runs of 18-0 and 8-0 between Muleshoe's second half points.

Leading the way for Nazareth was Shawna Gerber, who finished with 18 points. Cassie Birkenfeld counted 13 points while Sara Schulte added 12 and Stephanie Thiel chipped in 10.

Nazareth hit seven three-pointers in the game and hit 47.54% of its shots from the field. The Swiftettes struggled from the free throw line, though, making just 5-of-12 attempts. Nazareth out-rebounded Muleshoe 38-33 and forced the Lady Mules into committing 22 turnovers.

Muleshoe started off hot, scoring the game's first basket and then taking a 5-3 lead early in the quarter.

But Nazareth tied it at 5 on a baseline drive and jumper by Gerber and that was the last time Muleshoe would enjoy a lead.

After that, Birkenfeld hit back-to-back three-pointers to spark a 10-0 Nazareth run and Muleshoe quickly found itself down 13-5 with 3:43 left in the first quarter.

Muleshoe would cut Nazareth's lead to three with five seconds left in the quarter on a three-point conversion play by Lindsey Field.

Nazareth took complete control of the game in the second period.

Thiel and Gerber both scored off of penetrations to give Nazareth a seven-point advantage, 19-12, but Muleshoe would again cut that margin to three with 5:45 left in the half.

A trey by Gerber with 4:31 left seemed to give the Swiftette offense a new life and they went on a tear.

Schulte scored on a fast break

layup after taking the feed from Birkenfeld, and that shot was the first of three straight she would make over the next 57 seconds. Schulte counted her second inside shot seconds later, then got the steal and drove coast-to-coast for another layup with three minutes left. That shot gave Nazareth a 29-16 lead and forced Muleshoe to take a time out.

Nazareth gave up six points over the final three minutes of the first half, but the Swiftettes made up for that by scoring eight points of their own. Threes by Gerber and Thiel in the final 17 seconds made it 37-22 at halftime.

As the second quarter started, Schulte picked up where she left off in the first half, getting a layup after Birkenfeld penetrated and dished off to her inside. Schulte followed that jumper with a steal and layup to give Nazareth a 41-22 lead.

Muleshoe would get its only points of the quarter with 4:42 left on a pair of free throws, then Nazareth started an 18-0 run with a layup by Leslie Brockman created from a Thiel penetration and pass.

At the end of the third quarter, Nazareth had posted a 52-24 lead and the Swiftettes continued the pressure through the fourth quarter for the big 70-28 win.



STANTON WETHINGTON (24) of Nazareth beats a pair of Lockney defenders to pick up an easy inside jumper Friday in regular season action. Wethington scored 10 points in the game as Nazareth downed Lockney, 71-58. The Swifts got 27 points from Kade Wilcox, 15 from Eric Schilling and 10 from Wethington and Ky Wilcox.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

More about Election . . .

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Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each weekday of that period.

Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Claudia Stockstill, early voting clerk, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt 79027. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than Jan. 7.

A detailed map of the school district boundaries for each single member district is available at the school administration building, as well as at the tax assessor/collector's office at the courthouse, for those who are not sure in which single-member district they reside. For registered voters, it should be listed on their voter's registration card.

Swifts struggle on offense as Muleshoe wins, 70-55

Muleshoe jumped out to a 13-1 first-quarter lead over Nazareth Tuesday night, but the Swifts battled back to keep it close in the first quarter.

But Muleshoe took control in the second quarter and pushed their way through the second half for a 70-55 win.

The Mules used their size advantage to dominate inside, scoring on short jumpers and out-rebounding the shorter Swifts. Muleshoe's height advantage also created problems for the Swifts offense.

After Muleshoe built a 9-0 lead at the 3:37 mark in the first quarter, Nazareth finally got on track with a free throw by Daryl Pohlmeier with 3:30 left.

Back-to-back shots by Ky Wilcox and Pohlmeier cut the lead to eight with 1:52 left, then Kade Wilcox drained a three and Ky Wilcox added another jumper with 49 seconds left to make it a three-point game.

Muleshoe regained a seven-point lead with 11 seconds left in the quarter, but a three by Kade Wilcox with three seconds left made it 17-13, Muleshoe, as the buzzer sounded.

Muleshoe pulled away in the second quarter, claiming a 10-point lead over the first two minutes. Muleshoe would go on to claim a 38-20 by halftime, as its defense limited Nazareth to seven points in the quarter.

Nazareth shooters hit just 8-of-27 attempts from the field in the first

half and finished with 16-of-51 for the game.

Muleshoe had no problems finding the bottom of the net in the first half, counting more than 53% of their shots.

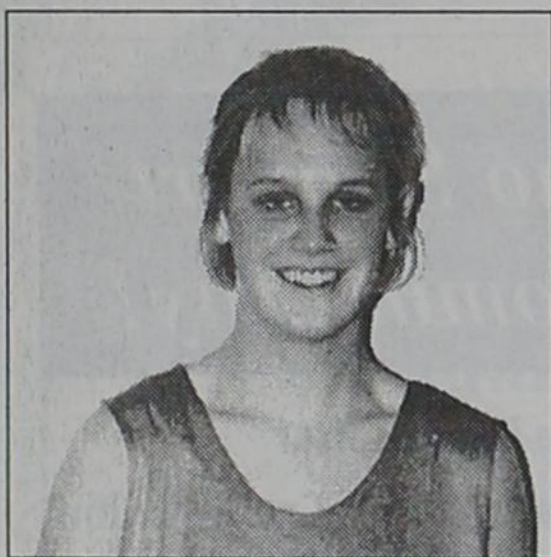
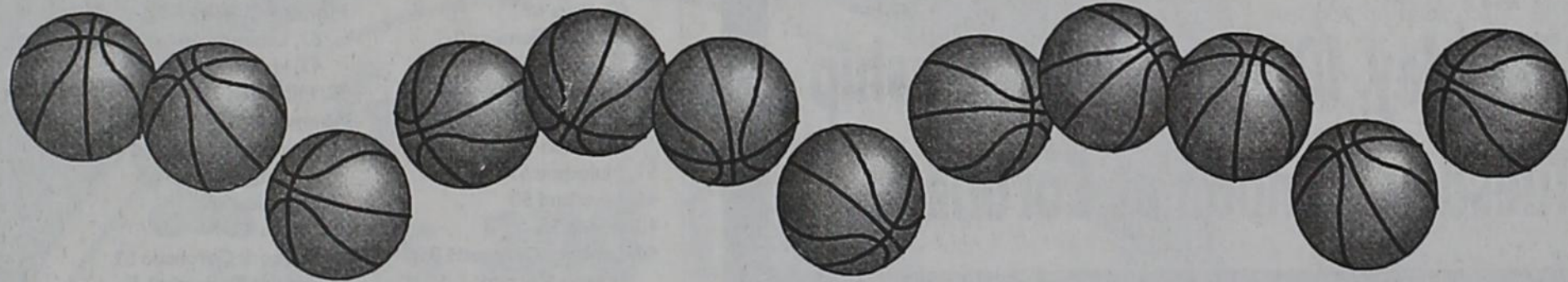
A three-pointer by Kade Wilcox with 2:31 left in the third quarter helped trim a 20-point Muleshoe lead and Nazareth was only down by 16 with 2:31 left in the quarter.

But Nazareth would miss four straight shots and only managed two free throws by Wilcox over the rest of the period, and Muleshoe was able to claim a 54-32 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

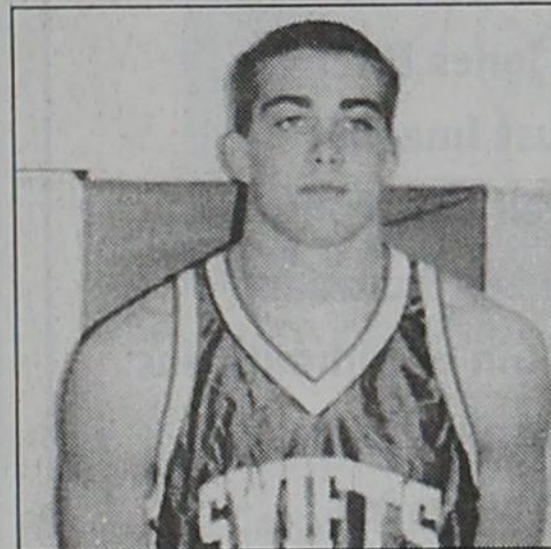
Muleshoe went inside to its big post players early in the fourth quarter and they were able to put the Mules on top 67-38 midway through the quarter.

A three-pointer by Eric Schilling with 3:40 left gave Nazareth a little bit of life, then Stanton Wethington counted a pair of buckets on inside moves and Cameron McLain added another, but Muleshoe's lead was too big for Nazareth to overcome.

Leading the Swifts in scoring were the Wilcox twins, with Kade picking up 14 points and Ky adding 12. Schilling added nine.



Tara Kleman
Junior Guard



Stanton Wethington
Senior Post

Good Luck, Swiftettes and Swifts in the Caprock Tournament!

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FIRST GAME: Swifts vs. Seminole, Tuesday, 12 noon at Lubbock High School

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ADDING TO THE STACK of gifts for underprivileged children are these representatives of 4-H (kneeling), Melanie Book; and (standing, from left) Jennifer Wilhelm, Thomas Brockman and Jeremy Bishop. Helping with the delivery, but not shown, are Eric Book, Anna Brockman and Angela Pointer. The gifts were delivered to the local office of Panhandle Community Services and will be distributed to children whose families did not qualify for the "Angel Tree" project.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Dimmitt and Nazareth teams ready for Caprock Tournament marathon

Dimmitt's and Nazareth's boys and girls basketball teams could play as many as five games apiece over a three-day period if they win in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock.

There are 32 girls and 32 boys teams entered in this year's holiday classic, slated for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, (Dec. 28-30) and games will be played at Frenship High School, in two gyms at Lubbock Coronado and Lubbock Monterey High Schools, and at Lubbock Monterey High School and Lubbock Estacado High School.

Ticket prices for the tournament are as follows:

Tournament Pass: (Good for all games at all locations each day.) \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens 65 and over.

Day Pass: (Good on the day of purchase for all games at all locations that day.) \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens 65 and over.

Session Pass: (Good for just one session at one location.) \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens 65 and over.

In the girls' tournament, the Dimmitt Bobbies open play Tuesday at 12 noon against Lamesa at Lubbock Coronado. The Nazareth Swiftettes will face Lubbock Cooper at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Lubbock Monterey Box Gym.

The Bobcats' first opponent will be Big Spring Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Frenship. The Swifts will meet Seminole at 12 noon Tuesday at Lubbock High School.

Other girls' teams in the tournament are Trinity, Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock Coronado, Brownfield, Frenship, Lubbock Christian High

School, Hereford, River Road, Odessa Permian, Lubbock High, Crawford, Ozona, Borger, Goldthwaite, Panhandle, Hallsville, Stephenville, El Paso Americas, Connally, Perryton, Coahoma, Amarillo Caprock, Odessa, Happy, Lubbock Monterey, Friona, Dalhart and Shallowater.

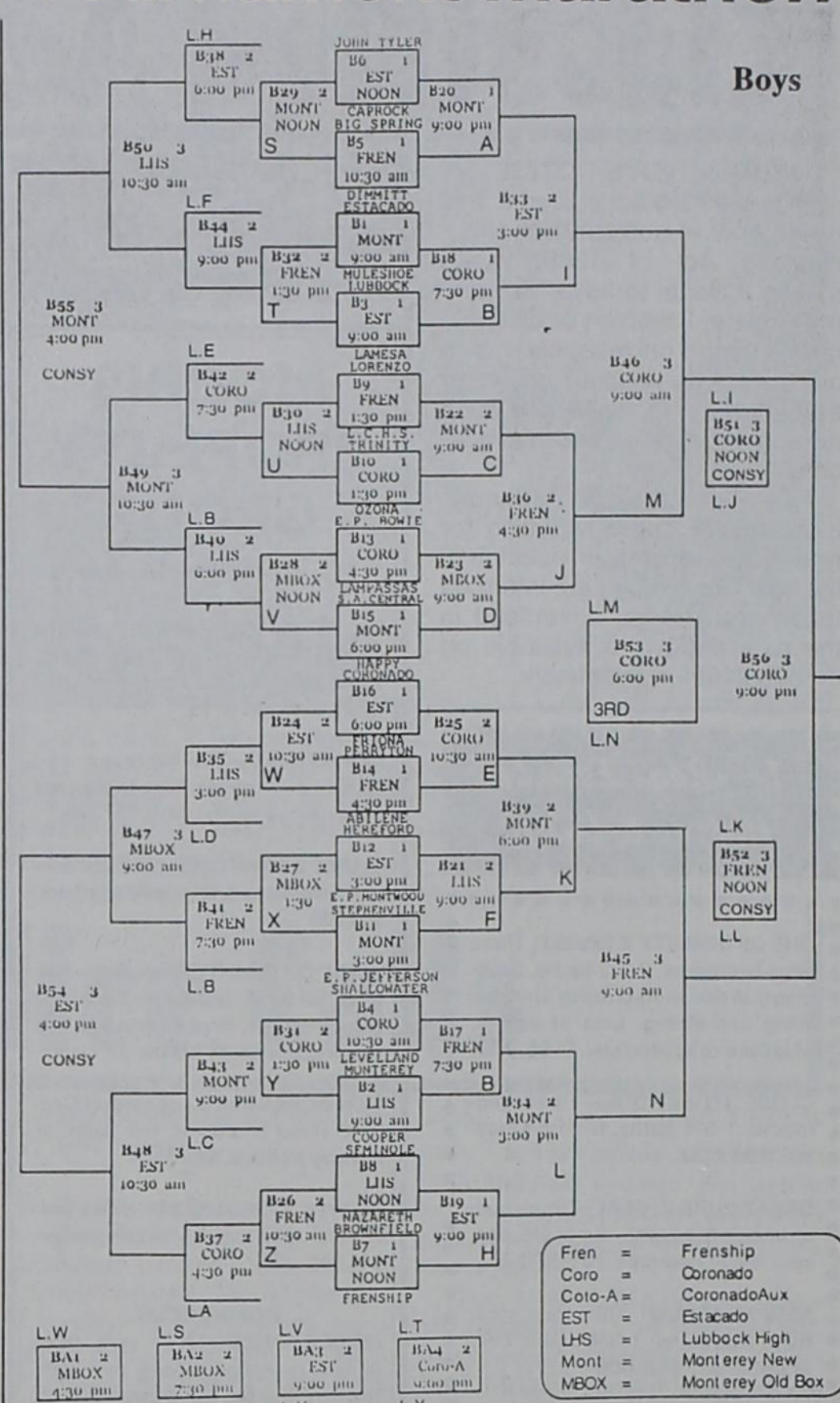
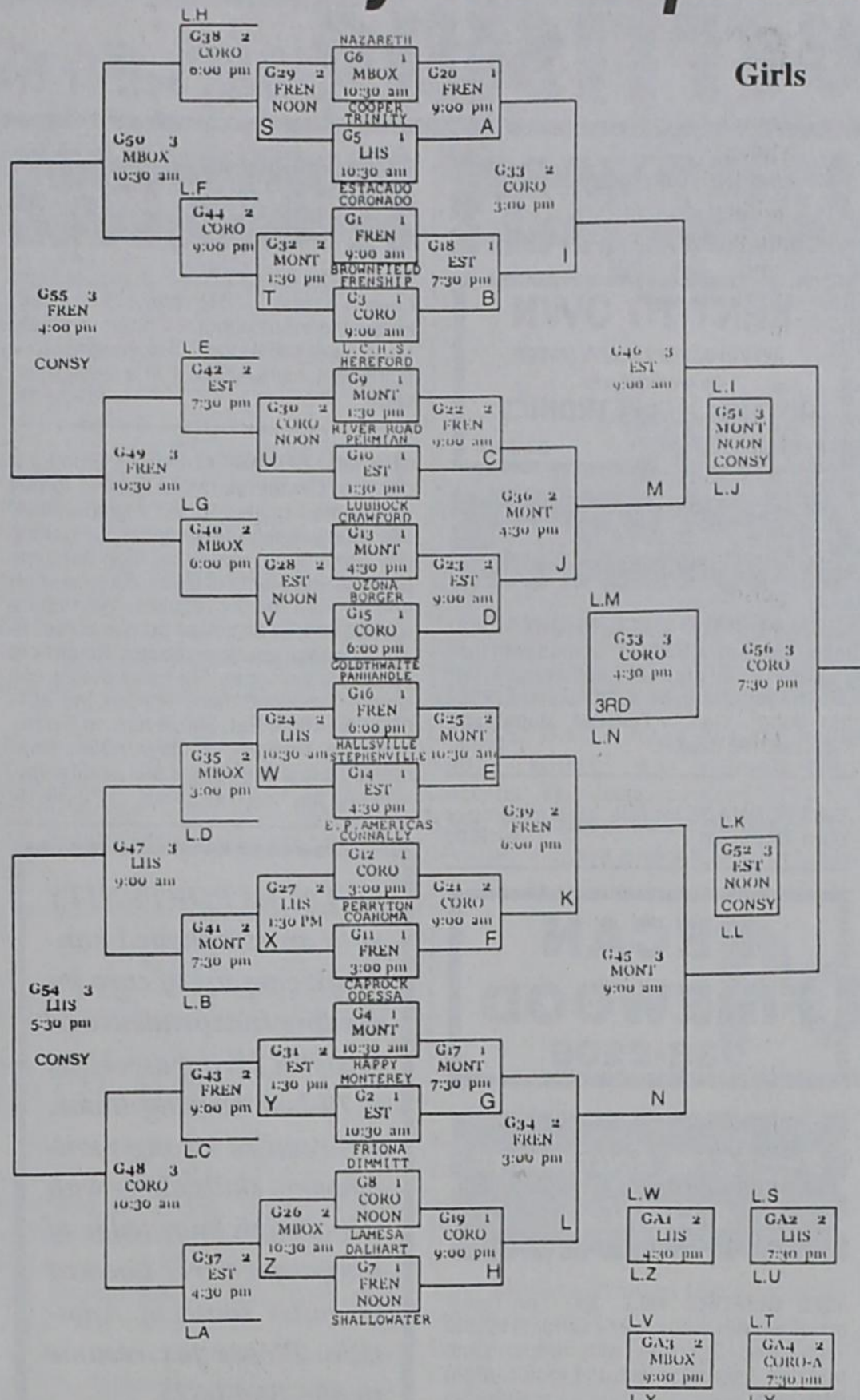
The Bobbies will play either Dalhart or Shallowater in the second round, with the winners facing off Tuesday at 9 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado and the losers meeting Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock Monterey.

The Swiftettes will play either Trinity or Lubbock Estacado in the second round. If they win, they'll play at 9 p.m. Tuesday at Frenship. If they lose, they will play at 12 noon Wednesday at Frenship.

Boys' teams entered are John Tyler, Amarillo Caprock, Lubbock Estacado, Muleshoe, Lubbock High, Lamesa, Lorenzo, Lubbock Christian, Trinity, Ozona, El Paso Montwood, Stephenville, El Paso Jefferson, Shallowater, Levelland, Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock Cooper, Brownfield and Frenship.

If the Bobcats win their first game, they'll face either John Tyler or Amarillo Caprock Tuesday at 9 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey. If it loses to Big Spring, Dimmitt will meet the John Tyler-Caprock loser Wednesday at 12 noon at Lubbock Monterey.

The Swifts will face Brownfield or Frenship for their second tournament game, with the winners meeting Tuesday at 9 p.m. at Lubbock Estacado and the winners playing at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Frenship.



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TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.

TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Arizona at Green Bay	Oakland at Kansas City
Baltimore at New England	St. Louis at Philadelphia
Cincinnati at Jacksonville	San Diego at Denver
Detroit at Minnesota	Seattle at NY Jets
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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Dallas at New Orleans	Indianapolis at Cleveland
Denver at Detroit	Jacksonville at Tennessee
Arizona at Atlanta	Kansas City at Seattle
Buffalo at New England	Minnesota at NY Giants
Carolina at Pittsburgh	Oakland at San Diego
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22—Notices

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24—Card of Thanks

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The family of Anna Evers would like to express our sincere appreciation, especially to Dr. Leon Joplin and the staff at Plains Memorial Hospital, the doctor's office and Home Health. The care given to her by each was exceptional.
Also, a sincere thanks to each and everyone for the prayers, cards, food and expressions of sympathy on the loss of my mother.
PATSY AND AL HUSEMAN & FAMILY
24-38-1tp

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that an Unincorporated Association of Persons has applied for a Private Club Registration Permit doing business as Avery's & Friends, located at 320 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, 79027. The officers are as follows: Avery L. Thrasher, President; and Leonard D. Weaver, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer. 25-37-2tc

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24—Card of Thanks

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CARD OF THANKS
We would like to thank all of our friends, family and neighbors for all your help, kindness, donations, flowers, visits and especially for all your prayers during Mike's illness.
We appreciate each and every one of you so much. Thanks so much. God bless each one of you and your families. Thanks.
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Obituaries

Velma Birchfield

Velma H. Birchfield, 93, of Dimmitt, died Dec. 15 in Dimmitt. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ with Dean Wiseman officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Birchfield was born Jan. 13, 1906, in Summerville County. She married Jess Birchfield in 1925 in Donley County. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Waymon Birchfield.

Survivors include a son, Leon of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, L.C. Gatewood of Lansing, Kan.; two sisters, Altha Owens of Fort Worth and Willodyne Brooks of Hereford; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Mae Goldsmith

Services for Mae Goldsmith, 84, of Farwell, mother of Dan Goldsmith of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday, Dec. 16, at Fifth and Avenue C Church of Christ with Terry Hightower and Clarence Meeks officiating.

Burial followed in Sunset Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Goldsmith died Monday, Dec. 13, at Covenant by the Lake.

She was born Nov. 1, 1915, in Wise County. She married Noble Henry Goldsmith on Sept. 9, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. She moved to Farwell in 1925 from Wise County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fifth and Avenue C Church of Christ in Farwell.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jack, in March 1988.

Survivors include two sons, Doyle Goldsmith of Tulsa, Okla., and Dan Goldsmith of Dimmitt; five daughters, Delores Meeks of Texico, N.M., Iris Smith of Killeen, Vicki Hackney of Cleburne, Jo Dell Capps of Panhandle and Gayla Beth Parker of Ben Wheeler; two half-sisters, Bertha Mae Johnson and Bernice, both of Wichita Falls; 22 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Merry Christmas, Milas!

Okay, let's all get together and wish Milas Cline a Merry Christmas. That's better than shaking our fists at him for beating us again.

Cline, a technician at Cerestar USA, notched his second win of the season with a score of 117 of a possible 136 in the Week 15 POWER POINTS Football Contest.

That 117 score wouldn't have won anywhere else in Texas but Childress, Coleman or McKinney. But it was enough to take this week's \$20 cash prize from the *News*.

It was another wild and wacky week in the NFL, and in the POWER POINTS Football Contest as well. For instance, would you believe *two* perfect scores of 136, despite the upsets?

Mark Wisian of Lubbock and Adam Bryant of Whitehouse carded the perfect scores. Amazingly, both listed 40 points as their first Tiebreaker—total points scored in the Dallas game.

That forced the Commissioner to dust off the calculator and dive into Tiebreaker 2—total offensive yards from scrimmage for both teams in the Dallas game. Correct answer: 702. Wisian guessed 650, Bryant 500. So this week's \$1,000 grand prize goes to Wisian, 40, who is a marketing manager for a farm equipment manufacturer. Wisian said he'd used the money as "Y2K emergency cash."

NOTE: There are two POWER POINTS Football Contest entry forms in this issue (on Page 11) because of the postal delivery schedule during the Christmas-New Year's holidays. Your Week 16 entry form is due at 2 p.m. today (Thursday), and the Week 17 form at 2 p.m. next Thursday.



CUTEST BABY in the ALCO Discount Store's "Cute Baby Contest" was 9-month-old Caesar Daniel Castillo. The contest raised \$291 to benefit Dimmitt Kids, Inc. Here, store manager Al Campbell (left) presents a check and a \$50 gift certificate (donated by former store manager Ron Gruhlke) to Kids, Inc., board member Shirley Brockman, and a \$25 gift certificate to Caesar Daniel's mother, Renee, and his dad, Caesar. In foreground is Caesar Daniel's sister, Kelsie, 5. Photo by Don Nelson

Blood center asks donors to give 'the gift of life'

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is looking for some heroes this holiday season to keep the blood supply at a safe, adequate level. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in the Panhandle and the only source for the gift of life is volunteer donors.

The holiday season is traditionally a time when donations are down not only in the Panhandle but also nationwide. People are focused on the holidays and giving blood is not a priority. Unfortunately, the daily need for blood does not take a holiday and donors are needed to ensure that blood is there when needed.

All donors giving blood at the Blood Center at 1915 Coulter Drive from Dec. 20 through the end of December will receive a specially designed Holiday Heroes T-shirt as a thank you.

Hours for donation at the Blood Center are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As a convenience to donors, Saturday is by appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome and will be worked in, but appointments with donors will be kept. Appointments may also be made to donate blood Monday through Friday.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center serves 24 counties in the Panhandle providing blood and blood products to hospitals, surgery centers, dialysis centers and skilled nursing homes. The bottom line is that every day adults and children need blood to survive severe injuries and fight cancer, leukemia and other life threatening illnesses.

For more information, contact Linda Guthrie at 358-4563

Acevedo earns bachelor's degree

Julie Ann Acevedo, granddaughter of the late Julian and Edith Acevedo Sr. of Dimmitt, and daughter of Julian and Patsy Acevedo Jr., of San Antonio, graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio recently.

Commencement exercises were held Saturday and Acevedo received a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology with all-level teacher certification. She plans to teach physical education for the Judson Independent School District in San Antonio.

Police Calls

On Friday at 1:20 a.m., Adam Ray Sanchez told police that some suspects used a bat and a metal bar to damage a pickup belonging to Primitivo Sanchez in the 500 block of Northwest Third, then at 7:55 a.m., Sanchez reported that a suspect struck him in the eye with his fist in the same area. Then at 1:37 p.m. Sunday, Sanchez reported that a suspect threw a beer bottle at the windshield of a pickup belonging to Primitivo Sanchez in the 500 block of Southwest Sixth.

Tara Wales told deputies Dec. 14 that a dog bit her on her leg. The dog belongs to Curtis Bruegel and is being held in quarantine for observation.

Dec. 14, R.D. Nicholson of GTE Telephone told deputies that someone took two portable generators valued at \$1,400 each from two different locations in the county. One was off of SH 194 and one was off of US 385 on CR 605 or 607.

Yolanda Martinez told police Dec. 15 that someone entered her home on Southwest Fifth Street and removed eight Christmas presents, valued at \$475, and also took a variety of creams and lotions valued at \$25. Entry was gained through a window.

Candilaro Sarinana of Dimmitt told police last Thursday that someone broke into a residence on West Lee Street and took a television cart valued at \$50 and did \$20 in damage to a plexi-glass window.

Harold Hinsley told deputies Saturday afternoon that someone broke some glass on his property west of Dimmitt. The damage was estimated at between \$50 and \$500.

Melinda Moon told police Monday morning that a suspect entered a residence without consent on West Halsell Street.

A 17-year-old girl from Wyoming was jailed Friday afternoon for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Dec. 15, a 38-year-old Clovis, N.M., man was jailed for DWI, second offense; and early Sunday, a 21-

year-old Amarillo man was jailed for DWI, first offense.

Jailed on warrants were:

—On Friday, an 18-year-old Dimmitt man for credit card abuse; a Plainview woman, 24, for forgery and burglary of a habitation; and a Nazareth man, 21, for theft by check in Randall County, theft in Lubbock County, and bond forfeiture.

—Monday, a Dimmitt man, 25, for criminal trespass; and a Hereford man, 25, for theft by check in Randall County and Potter County.

Dec. 5 at 5:40 p.m., Jake Head backed a 1993 Suburban into a 1979 Chevrolet van owned by Javier Armendariz at the gas pumps at the Town & Country Store in Dimmitt. Damage to the van was light and the Suburban had slight damage. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 12 at 5:15 p.m., Eugenio Corrales Jr., 29, of Dimmitt, was driving a 1992 Ford pickup and hauling a livestock trailer. He was stopped at the intersection of West Andrews and Northwest Seventh Street, when his foot slipped off the clutch, causing his vehicles to roll back and strike a 1999 Ford pickup

driven by a 47-year-old Dimmitt man. The 1999 pickup and the trailer both had light damage. No injuries were reported. The driver of the 1999 pickup was charged with DWI, second offense.

Dec. 14 at 12:20 p.m., Luis Antonio Garcia Jr., 23, of Hereford suffered possible injury when his 1998 Ford Mustang turned a corner, hit some standing water and went out of control, striking a parked tractor-trailer rig owned by Jim Cullor of Memphis. The truck rig was parked in the 600 block of Southeast Fourth and the Mustang turned off of US 385. Damage to the trailer was light, while the Mustang had heavy damage.

Last Thursday, a 1991 Chevy pickup driven by Jay Lee Touchstone, 74, of Dimmitt, was struck by a 2000 Freightliner truck as it turned the corner from the 100 block of East Bedford onto North Broadway. The truck's back trailer tires struck the pickup's front bumper and wheel when the pickup moved into the truck's turning path. The truck, driven by Carl Parks, 58, of Dimmitt, had no damage, while the pickup had light damage. No injuries were reported.

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NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY TO SEE SANTA—Noemy Ontiveros, 11-month-old daughter of Fernando and Crystal Ontiveros, tries to get away from the bearded stranger at the annual Santa's Open House event held in Dimmitt in November. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Three enter guilty pleas

In 64th District Court on Dec. 10, three men entered pleas of guilty in connection with an April 26 incident of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury. Their plea bargains called for deferred adjudication if they successfully complete four years of community supervision.

Juan Oltivero, Harvey Oltivero and Moises Gomez III were all ordered to pay fines of \$1,000 and court costs of \$261.25, in addition to making a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line. They also must complete 400 hours of community service.

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NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		— TOTALS — (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Rev. Fund	98 August 31, 1999	97 August 31, 1998
REVENUES:				
Local and Intermediate Sources:				
	Investment Income	\$ 34,419	\$ 34,419	\$ 35,706
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	359,898	86,190	446,088
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	394,317	86,190	480,507
5800	State Program Revenues	1,068,670	12,717	1,081,387
5900	Federal Program Revenues		70,001	70,001
5020	Total Revenues	1,462,987	168,908	1,631,895
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0010	Instructional and Instructional-Related Services	937,473	87,604	1,025,077
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	116,240	3,378	119,618
0030	Support Services-Student (Pupil)	186,703	83,116	269,819
0040	Administrative Support Services	139,513		139,513
0050	Support Services-Nonstudent Based	160,974		160,974
0080	Capital Outlay	41,065		41,065
6030	Total Expenditures	1,581,968	174,098	1,756,066
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(118,981)	(5,190)	(124,171)
7020	Other Resources	36,278	5,190	41,468
8030	Other (Uses)	(5,190)		(5,190)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(87,893)		(87,893)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	516,119		516,119
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	90,322		90,322
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 518,548	\$ 518,548	\$ 516,119

Wood says move from Vegas 'a bit of a change'

Troy Wood, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, program director for the Welch Home Place in Dimmitt, moved his family to the Texas Panhandle from Las Vegas, Nev.

"It was a bit of a change," Wood said. "We had no winter coats or a snow shovel."

However, the cold weather Dimmitt has been having is not totally foreign to Wood, because he was born in Utah, where he said he learned to "enjoy the snow."

He said he also has lived in California and Maryland.

He and his wife, Wendy, and their two daughters, Katelyn, 3, and Alyssa, 1, are living in Hereford for now and he commutes to Dimmitt.

Wood obtained a master's degree in social work from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, after completing his undergraduate studies at Weaver State University in Ogden, Utah.

He said he originally worked with adolescents at a residential treatment facility, and was attracted to the counseling aspect of his job. He spent a couple of years in private practice counseling after he obtained his master's degree. He said he still does some private counseling on the side.

Wood has worked for Horizon Mental Health, the managing company of the Welch Home Place, for almost four years, having worked at a geri-psych unit in Las Vegas.

He said the geri-psych work has become his favorite of all the types of counseling he has been involved with, including adolescent, marriage, and family counseling.

"I feel I am accomplishing something and the patients are getting well. The therapies are effective and you can see the effects over a relatively short period of time," Wood said. "This population seems to accept help more readily than the other populations I have served."

He started working with WHP on Dec. 6.

He said one of the things that attracted him to the position was the small town atmosphere and the friendliness.

"It is a better atmosphere for my children," he said.

He also said WHP and the hospital district "have some very nice folks to work with, and [Joe] Sloan [CEO of the Castro County Hospital District]'s openness is refreshing."

"There is a good staff of nurses and social workers on the [WHP] unit and they seem to do their jobs real well."

He said he looks forward to working with the new psychiatrists who are joining the staff of the Welch Home Place.

Wood's duties include managing the affairs of the unit, overseeing the staff of nurses, nurses' assistants, and social workers, and the partial hospitalization program. He said he also wants to work with group therapy and help with patient assessments.

"A small hospital can benefit from a well-run unit. It is such a service to a community," Wood said. He said the unit has held some training sessions for local health care workers to learn how to care for patients in a nursing home or those who suffer from dementia.

He said the unit offers a lot that doesn't show in numbers or financial reports.

"The financial aspect is important, but if there is not some satisfaction or feeling that you're helping someone, what good is it?" he asked. "You should be able to feel that you are helping people."

The Wood family are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and meet with an LDS congregation in Hereford.

Wood said his wife is active with the youth functions of their church. He said he enjoys playing the guitar and singing, and even did so professionally at an amusement park while working his way through college.



KYLIE WEBB (21) drives the ball upcourt for Dimmitt while Coronado's Erin Lewis (14) presses her in Saturday afternoon's varsity girls' game here.

Other Dimmitt players pictured in the fast break are Kelsey Welch (31), Audrey Saenz (30) and Carol Summers (12). The Lady Mustangs won, 85-46.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Beef and poultry producer wins Farm Bureau Young Farmer award

A 31-year-old agricultural producer from Milam County was named the winner of the Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher contest at the group's annual convention in November.

Darrell Glaser, who runs an integrated poultry and beef operation, was chosen over two other finalists and an outstanding field of 24 applications in the annual contest conducted by Texas Farm Bureau. The award recognizes the hard work and determination needed to succeed when starting out in the challenging business of agriculture.

"We try to work the two systems (beef and poultry) together," said Glaser, who operates near Rogers in Central Texas with his wife, Shannon. "It's surprising that two competitive meats work so well together when you're trying to be efficient and diversified."

Poultry has helped Glaser become a low-cost beef producer. He currently has four state-of-the-art turkey

brooding houses where he takes baby birds, starts them growing, and then ships them to growing houses. He uses the poultry litter to improve both fertility and organic matter in his pastures, which has allowed him to quadruple his cow herd in the past five years.

Named as runners-up in the contest were Andrew Gee of Hereford and Carlon Stapper of Bulverde.

Gee, 28, runs a corn, cotton, wheat, milo and stocker operation near Hereford in Deaf Smith County. He and his wife, Kimberly, have one son, Jonathan.

Stapper runs a beef cattle and Angora goat operation in Comal County in Central Texas, and in the West Texas counties of Crockett, Edwards and Real. He and his wife, Ann, have three daughters including Laura, Linda and Lanna.

As winner, Glaser will receive title to a 2000 Dodge Ram 3/4-ton quad cab pickup with a Cummins diesel engine, 150 hours use of a Case IH tractor, a plaque and belt buckle, and a \$500 cash award. In addition, the Glasers will represent Texas in the American Farm Bureau Federation Achievement Award Competition in Houston in January.

As runners-up, Gee and Stapper will each receive complimentary use of a Dodge quad-cab pickup through November 2000, and a plaque and

belt buckle representative of the award.

Valor Communications, LLC is new name of phone company

dba Communications, LLC, which recently purchased local telephone access lines owned by GTE, has announced that the company's new name will be Valor Communications, LLC.

Pending regulatory approval, Valor Telecommunications will serve over 520,000 customer access lines in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma as a result of the purchase agreements the company reached with GTE this fall.

The systems purchased by Valor include the one which serves Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

Valor Telecommunications, a closely-held new entrant in the telecommunications industry, was formed in September to acquire local access lines being sold by GTE.

Valor Telecommunications, which will be led by telecommunications industry veteran Anne K. Bingaman, is currently based in Washington, D.C., but has announced its intentions to locate the company headquarters in Dallas.

The company was formed by

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The Hart Community Card has 23 contributors this year and raised \$690 for the Hart Cemetery Association.

That's an average of \$30 per signature on the Hart card.

Income from the Hart project goes to help keep up the cemetery, but not through the usual perpetual-care type of program, according to Marguerite McLain, association president.

McLain said the cemetery fund now has almost \$40,000 drawing interest, "and the interest plus donations through the year pretty well help take care of the cemetery. Because of that, and the fact that we get a lot of volunteer work done, we elected not to go with the perpetual care structure."

With each of the community cards, the sponsoring organization paid for the newspaper space, and spot colors for the cards were donated by the First United Bank, Cerestar USA and the newspaper.

A safe holiday tops Santa's Christmas list

Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

Santa and the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season.

Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,245 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," said Susan Bryant, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "We anticipate that the problem could be even worse this year due to turn-of-the-century New Year's parties. People who don't normally drink and drive may be out for this unique celebration."

TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials bear the message "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Santa and TxDOT are targeting millions of Texans with Santa's special plea for safe driving. Thirty holiday-themed billboards are being posted on interstate highways in major Texas cities and throughout Texas, and don't drink and drive radio public service announcements will air statewide in December.

Thousands of convenience stores, liquor stores and restaurants are placing red and yellow Santa decals on their front doors and beverage cooler doors reminding customers not to drink and drive. Drink coasters with a don't drink and drive message are also being provided to restaurants and bars throughout the state.

"Santa isn't the only one who wants people to be responsible drivers," Bryant said. "We are delighted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Stores Association, Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are joining us to remind everyone how important it is not to drink and drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between Dec. 24 and 26 and between Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

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in a department store, and he asked for my autograph."—Shirley Temple

"A joke making the rounds these days asks what would have happened if Three Wise Women had gone looking for Jesus instead of Three Wise Men. Answer: They would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought practical gifts! Stable cleaning beats frankincense and myrrh any day."

—Rev. Henry G. Brinton
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Alexandria, Va.

This week's TV Guide magazine has a fold-out cover showing caricatures of 10 actors and actresses on the Ally McBeal Show, drawn by the famous Al Hirschfeld.

If you remember, it's a trademark of Hirschfeld's to incorporate the name of his daughter, Nina, into every one of his works. In this cover of TV Guide, you can find the name NINA in three places, in curvy capital letters.

I imagine that's why he signed this two-page spread "Hirschfeld 3."

If you don't subscribe to TV Guide, there are probably still plenty of copies at the supermarket.

In a recent issue of Autoweek magazine, Joe Cowen found a small box with a picture of a Rolls-Royce sedan. Under the picture was this terse but enticing message:

'99 SILVER SERAPHIS
\$189,900 Firm - Lux. Tax Paid!
Dimmitt Rolls-Royce

No kidding. You could call them at (727) 797-7070, or find their Web page at www.dimmitt.com on the Internet.

"Dimmitt's economy must be going up," Joe commented. "A Rolls dealer!"

Joe also made a print-out of the dealership's Web page. It's actually located at Clearwater, Fla. (just a mile south of Countryside Mall, on US 19). You can also buy a Land Rover or a Caddy there.

You can bet the family silver that the Dimmitt of Dimmitt Rolls-Royce is a descendant, or at least a relative, of the Rev. W. C. Dimmitt as in City of.

So, out of community spirit if not patriotism, next time you buy a Rolls-Royce, buy it from the folks down at Dimmitt Cadillac, Land Rover & Rolls-Royce.

I hope you'll enjoy all the Christmas greetings in this issue . . . And all the letters to Santa from

excited children . . .

And all the beautiful cards and kind thoughts you're receiving from great friends . . .

And all the holiday food and excitement . . .

And the presence of your family and loved ones, even if they aren't actually present . . .

And most of all, the real message of the season . . .

And have yourself a very merry Christmas!

You can buy The Castro County News

at the following locations:

- The 19th Hole, Nazareth
- Coleman Pharmacy
- Dimmitt Market
- Dimmitt Thriftway
- Fast Stop
- Lockhart Pharmacy
- Naz Stop, Nazareth
- The Pancake House
- Pay & Save Food, Hart
- Red X Travel Center
- Town & Country Food Store



Even Santa Needs New Ideas

Christmas is just around the corner and even old Saint Nick is running out of last-minute gift ideas!

Year after year, he vows to plan ahead--and year after year, the *Castro County News* comes to the rescue with great gift ideas from convenient local stores.

One good gift that keeps giving all year long is a subscription to the *News*. Just call us at 647-3123, and we'll send a gift subscription card in your name to that special person on your list. The cost is just \$20.00 for a year--and that's something to ho-ho-ho about!

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Peace to All

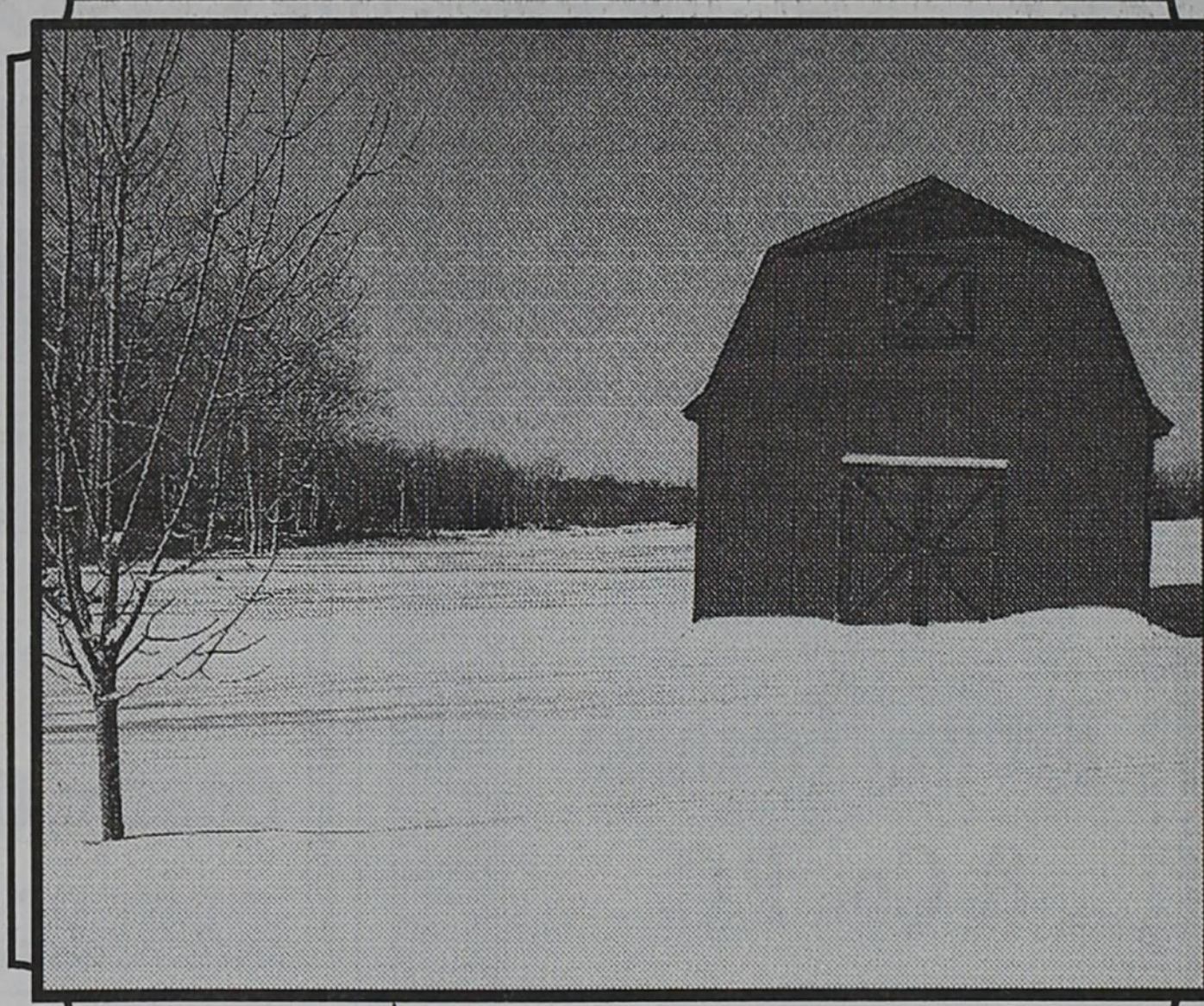
This Community Christmas Card is our personal greeting to you. Instead of sending individual cards to our local friends, we have donated to the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, which will use our contributions to benefit the hospital and provide a lasting gift for your family and ours.

- Joyce Adrian
- Milton & Sandra Bagwell
- Jim, Sandy & Tori Baker
- Bay & Bobbie Baldrige
- Kate Beecher
- Jane & David Behrends
- Urban & Rosetta Bellinghausen
- Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Berryhill
- Bill & Kathryn Birdwell
- Irene Blanton
- Monty & Sue Boozer
- Mildred Bradford
- Jim, Sally, Molly & Wendy Bradford
- Gene, Shari & Mary Bradley
- Dent & Bessie Bradley
- Bill & Dee Briscoe
- Steve, Vicki, Derek, Deacon & Chelsea Buckley
- Dustan, Brooke & Braden Buckley
- Reeford & Betty Burrous
- Garland, Susan, Garland III, Ben & Daniel Coleman
- Genell Craig
- Bob & Jackie Crozier
- Aural C. Davis
- Nelle DiCuffa
- James & Doris Dobbs
- Bryce & Darlene Dowell
- Leroy & Jackie Edwards
- Jack & Jan Edwards
- Don & Trish Elliott
- Tim Elliott
- Wade & Julie Elliott
- CD & Linda Fitzgearld
- Cleo Forson
- Ed & Betty Freeman
- Nancy, John & Amy Fuller
- Dorothy Gilbreath
- Bill & Jan Glenn
- Edith Graef
- Leon & Billie Gunn
- Billy & Ruth Hackleman
- Annie Hargrove
- Don & Mae Hargrove
- Mary Edna Hendrix
- Ben & Bernice Hill
- Kenneth & Shirley Hollums & Brooke
- Jimmie & Sue Howell
- David & Karen Hutson
- R.V. & Dolores Ivy
- Galen & Keri Jack, Kelly, Teresa & Holly
- Carolyn Jones
- Harry & Celeste Jones & Family
- Ferne Jones
- Faye Kenmore (In Memory)
- Faye Kenmore Families
- Troy & Billie Kirby

- Florene Leinen
- Mozelle Lilley
- Houston & Doris Lust
- Mary Emma Matthews
- Leroy, Linda, Daniel & Mindy Maxwell
- Catherine Fuller McFarland & Family
- Louise Mears
- Frank, Jamie & Reagan Mendoza
- Don & Carolyn Moke
- Bobby & Wanda Murdock
- J.H. & Earlene Myatt
- Don & Verbie Nelson
- Lucy Nelson
- Tommie Sue Nisbett
- Mike, Cindy, Rae & Shae Odom
- Percy & Margaret Parsons
- Sue Phillips
- Tommy, Paula, Brent & Bryan Portwood
- Henry & Linda Jo Ramaekers & Family
- Bryan & Donna Reinart, Lana & Adam
- Edna Reinart
- Charles & Rena Richard
- Bill & Jacque Sava
- Barbara Sava
- Andy & Oleda Schumacher
- Delbert & Lois Scott
- Mattie Seale
- Dorothy (Mrs. Ted) Sheffy
- George & Carolyn Sides
- Polly S. Simpson
- Joe, Maria, Larry & Dee Sloan
- Elbert & Frances Smith
- Thelma Smith
- Ralph & Avis Smith
- Rayphard & Mary Lu Smithson
- Mack & Sharon Steffy
- Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Summers
- Eddie, June, Stuart, Justin & Houston Sutton
- Flip & Kelly Taylor, Katy & Kristy
- Truman & Betty Touchstone
- Carter, Diane, Joel & Jared Townsend
- Lois Waggoner
- Gertie Waggoner
- Fred & Georgie Wall
- Bob & Darlene Walters
- Jerry & Carolyn Watts
- Al & Kathy Webb
- Carroll & Waldine Webb
- Gary, Rhenea, Kurt & Kylie Webb
- Mark & Brenda Welch, Lindsey & Kelsey
- G.T., Lequetta & Steve West
- Dale & Marie Winders
- Shirley Wise & Family
- John & Margaret Womack
- Donald & Katy Wright
- Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Wylie

Merry Christmas Ho! Ho! Ho!

- Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a little car. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Arturo Mejia
- Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a robot, and a tractor. Also, I would like Woody and buzz Lightyear from Toy Story.
Thank you,
Zeke Velasquez
- Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a basketball video game, Nintendo 64, remote control car and a bike.
I love you,
Damon Gonzales
- Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, but I'll settle for some toys. Could you please bring me some power rangers, a spiderman, a pokemon watch, and a buz lightyear. Could you bring a baby toy for my brother Saylon and a dolly for my sister Stephanie.
Thank you,
Daylon Darrius Chavers
- Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine. I have been a good girl this year. Could you please bring me a purse, and lots of different color nail polishes, and some new clothes.
Love you,
Felicia Reyna
- Dear Santa,
I will want to have a computer. Can I have a govcart? I will want to have a rasscar. Can I have a blue cars?
Your friend,
Leo Guterrez
- Dear Santa,
I want to have a bike. May I have a book or a new backpack? Since I have been kind could I have a cumputer? I want a new pinny-baby or a yo-yo and a pair of roller-blades.
Sincerely,
Annie Neudorf
- Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy. I would like a T.V. and a VCR. I would like a computer. I want a new skateboard. I want a fourwheeler. Could you give me a new lego set. I also wuld like a new toy four wheeler.
Your Friend,
Chance Hanes
- Dear Santa,
I was wondering if you can bring me a Rug Rats play station game and a Rugrats wach. May I have some kind of doll that talks and the game dont wake daddy. You can pick what my other present is going to be this Christmas
Your friend,
Raquel Puga
- Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. May I have a football. Could I have a Battleship game.
Your Friend,
Damian
- Dear Santa,
Can you buy a game. A cat and a dog. I want a bike. I want a t.v.
Your friend,
Sebastian González
- Dear Santa,
You know that time of year is here again for us all to wish!! I've tried to be a good little girl this year. So, for Christmas I would like to ask you for a Harley Davidson motorcycle. I also would like a Kindergarten baby, an electric train, and remote control car. But, what I want most of all is for everyone to have a Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Krysetta K. Scott
- Dear Santa Claus,
This year for Christmas I want roller skates, Barbie cooker, computer, clothes, clock, carton videos, and coloring books with crayons.
Sincerely,
Alexandra Gonzales
- Dear Santa,
I am sending this letter to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I want a Tec 4T3 Football, Power Ranger Megazord, Transformer, and a Lazor Challenge for me and my brother. I also want my mom and dad to get some money so they can buy us some Christmas presents.
Sincerely,
Dion Reyna
- Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I would like a fashion Barbie and a Barbie car. I would also like a Barbie bike for me. Also, I would like a Winnie the Pooh doll. Say hi to rudolph for me.
Thank you,
Caby Cadena
- Dear Santa,
I have been a god girl this year. My name is Beatrice. This is my Christmas list for this year. I want an Angel Barbie and a computer. I also want a Barbie bike and a Barbie CD game for my play station. And especially I would like for all my family to be all together for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Beatrice Cedillo
- Dear Santa,
I want a computer would you bring me a computer yes I would bring you a computer so that I would lear my facts every-day please bring me one o.k.
Your friend,
Melissa Padilla
- Dear Santa,
Can I please have a computer and a puppy can it please be a girl can it be this color black and white and can it be a nice one to and I want it little one with brown eyes.
Your friend,
Krystal Vasquez



Best Wishes for the Season

Even though snow is blanketing the landscape, we're warmed by having such good friends and neighbors around us this season. We hope you have a joyful and festive holiday, and a very happy and healthy year ahead.

DIMMITT Market
THRIFTWAY

Both Stores Will Be Closed Christmas Day.



DEAR SANTA, I HAVE BEEN GOOD THIS YEAR.

Dear Santa,
I want toys doll. I want two barides cares and a skat bore, I ant a ten copiters. I want three box. I want fore books.
Love,
Jennifer Olivas

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a Rugrat doll? Also, can I have some butterfly clips? I have tried to be good this year. How have you been doing? I've been fine. Please bring my brother a ball. His name is Caesar. He has been good. He also wants a truck. Thank you Santa Claus and Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Kelsie Grantham
Kindergarten, 5 years

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a skateboard, and a remote control car.
Your friend,
John Falcon

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a brown puppy. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Haley Bonilla

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be really nice this year and for Christmas. I would like to have a remote control pickup truck and an Inspector Gadget movie and a penny machine. And that's all. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Tanner Gilbreath

Dear Santa,
I'm 5 years old and I'm in Kindergarten. What I want for Christmas is a Barbie Angel and a Big Barbie house for all my Barbies and for my Barbie Angel. I also want Barbie clothes. That's all I want for Christmas.
Alexandra Rene Herrera
5 years old

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a play station, ball and bat. My sister wants a Barbie. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Eric Olivero

P.S. There will be cookies and milk.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Katy and I am 6 years old. I want a play guitar, clothes, shoes, and a new game for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I love you very much.
Katy Aljoe

Dear Santa,
I love you. I hope you bring me lots of presents for Christmas. Please bring me a big kid computer, CD's, cooking Barbie and clothes. Please bring Mom a candle, and my Dad some clothes. Please bring something for my sisters, Charley and Bailey. I will leave you cookies and milk for a snack, because you are always hungry.
Love,
Cassidy Nutt
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie and a bike and my brother Ralph home from the Army.
Brittany Enriquez

Dear Santa,
I want a Dallas Cowboy foot ball Helmet and a foot ball, Godzilla and a nintendo 64 the games I want are NFL Blitz and the buzz Lightyear game and Donkey Kong 64 and that's all I want.
Thanks,
Jonathon Casas

Dear Santa,
I want a Mickey Mouse telephone, a new bike and a new house and a new dog.
Love,
Salvador Ramirez

Dear Santa,
My name is carle Thomas. I am 6 years old. I have one brother named Dustin and he is 9 years old. He is a pretty good brother. Have your reindeers been good this year? I have been so-so this year. I would like to have a pink girl bike and Barbies to play with. Hope you have a good trip this year. Please drive safe. Oh! I also want more Barbi clothes for me to wear. See ya later.
Carle Thomas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have some CDs of Jennifer Lopez and N'Sync. I would also like to have a go-cart a trampoline and some movies of Rugrats, Little Mermaid, Lion King, Part II. And can you please get me some clothes and some Barbie toys.
Thank you,
Mari Pena

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard. Shannon if you can get me one please! Will you get me a skate board Shannon?
P.S. I know you'll have a very happy Christmas! I love Santa.
Love,
Bethany Renee Garza
Age 7
Mrs. Matthews' Class, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a game for my play station and a dirt bike game and a go kart.
Love,
Matthew Vigil

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a lot of toys. I want a lot of cars and trucks. I have ben sad. I want a big basketball Gole and a basketball. I want a wart guns. I as oh want a Buzzlight your and woody on Toy Storey. I love u Santa Closs and your elfs.
Thank you, Santa Closs,
Bruce Aldridge

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to give me comter and barbie. Thank you.
Mayra

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. I want a comper. I want some books. I want a bike. I want some shoes. I want a slide. I want a diary.
Love,
Diana Arredondo

Dear Santa,
I want a toy for me. and a toy car and a track and a bike and a tv and a shert and a boos and a slad and a deste.
Love,
Ricardo Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a toy truke and a chrismas tree and I want twenty books and nine pencils and a want it to know and one dollar.
Love,
Daniel Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are fin. I want you to bring me a toy. I want you to bring me a doll with a baby swing and carola.
Love,
Yannin Marquez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a Barbie. I want a compter. I want some books. I want some shoes. I want a dog. I want a slide.
Love,
Laura Chavez

KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND CELEBRATE!

We hope your holidays find you sitting tall in the saddle! We're mighty happy you moseyed in this year, and hope to see you again soon. Thanks, partners!

Cluck Feed Yard

CHRISTMAS

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

Many thanks and warm wishes.

naz's STOP

Convenience Store

With Thanks

TO OUR LOYAL PATRONS

We just can't thank you enough for making this past year such a joyous one for us.

Happy Holidays!

Brown, Graham & Co., P.C.

With Warm Holiday Greetings

At this special time of year we want to thank our friends and wish them all the joy and peace of an old-fashioned Christmas.

Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.

HOPE YOUR CHRISTMAS HITS ALL THE HIGH NOTES

We wish all our friends a harmonious holiday season. Thank you for giving us something to sing about this year.

Kittrell Electronics

103 E. Bedford, Dimmitt

All the Best

We're serving up a generous helping of warm wishes and holiday cheer, to thank you all for dining here.

The Pancake House

Yuletide Greetings

Just in the "nick" of time, we'd like to deliver our best wishes for a merry holiday season. We appreciate your dropping in on us this year.

Paxton Tire & Service

May You Be At Ease This Holiday.

Holiday trimmings and presents galore. Buying the tree and rushing to the store. It's pretty hectic when you're at the holiday pace, But remember to relax and feel its embrace.

Wishing you the peace and harmony of the season.

B&W Aerial Spray



I WANT BIG TREE + LOT2 OF PRESENT2



Dear Santa,
Querido Santo Claus. Po ro no vided, me gusto ria que me regoloron una muneco, un juego de te, una chamarro de piel. y para mis hermanitos un jugueto. Gracias.
Aimee Espino

Dear Santa,
My name is Manuel. I want a game boy color and a WWF ring with Stone Cold and Mankind. I will have milk and cookies for you. I have been a good boy this year.
Love,
Manuel Acevedo

Dear Santa,
I will like to get in Christmas is . . . a barbie and a baby with the house and car, toy bear, new clothes, two posts of the back street boys pictures, toy clown, and a watch of Barbie, new shoes, three cats, necklaces of Barbie, two dolls, two posts of N'Sync and post Christena Aguilara and a tape a little mamma and Back Street Boys and Beary Spear tape. Thank you, Santa Claus.
Gaby Aguilar

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael Reyes and for Christmas I want a Batman set, Toy Story II, and the set of small soldiers. I want my Daddy here for Christmas please. That's all I want for Christmas.
Mike Reyes

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old this year and I would like a bike for me and my older brother, a t.v. for my sister and a crib for my new baby sister. Oh, and a bike for Linda and Charlene too!
Thank you,
Tramaine Kirvan

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler, a bike. I have been a good boy.
Caleb Williams

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a computer. And I want clothes. And I want roller skates. And I want a Barbie. And I want a toy.
Love,
Anna Diaz

Dear Santa,
How are you? Hope you have a good year. I would like to ask you to bring me a bike, some barbies and barbie clothes, a little Santa Clause doll and a Baby doll. We'll have some milk and cookies out on the table.
Love you,
Michelle Wait

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a big computer for Christmas this year. A Barbie car, a swing set, a trampoline and other items that I see on the television set. I have been a good little girl this year and I know that Santa has been watching me.
Meranda Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a farm and all kinds of animals. And a toy that goes into a story. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Jaun Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a radio. I have been a good boy. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Jonathan Gamez

Dear Santa,
I want TV And a game. I want a cupuder. I want a super stuper station. I want a super Nentendo. I want a Book. I want a littler cars.
Love,
Rigoberto Lopez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike and a Barbie doll.
Love,
Josslene Torres

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control motorcycle and a bicycle. Thanks for all the stuff you brought last year.
Adam Reinart

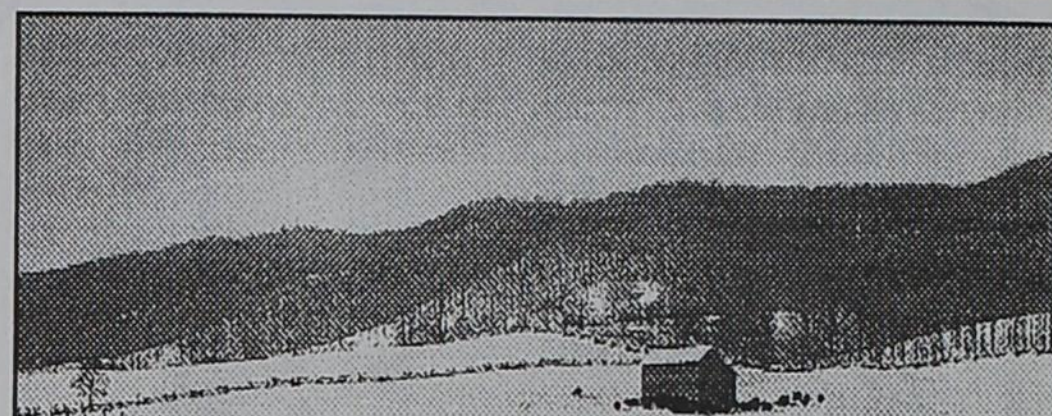
Dear Santa,
To bring me a doll. I am a good girl. I like school.
Love,
Araceli Rios

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving all of these wonderful children these toys. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Little Tikes Creative Art Studio and Easel or an Alex Tabletop Easel, a My Best Friend baby, and the movie Paulie. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tell all the reindeer I said Hi and be good for Santa.
Kelsey Schilling

Dear Santa,
I want a play stasion. and a trampoline and a skat bore shaman and a big computer with fifty sibes to play and a toy crosos. And I wish so it could snow and five dolars.
Love,
Melissa Escamilla

Dear Santa,
I want a computer for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Bo Puente

Dear Santa,
I want 1 pai of skates. I want a ring with my share. For my brother I would like a truke and hots and for my sister I would a baby doll. Santa that is much to ask, I would just love a kiss and a hug for my mom, brother, sister.
Love,
Mercedes Villanueva



Winter Wonderland

May the special joys of the season be yours.
We enjoyed serving you this past year.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy™ Partner
The power of human connections

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a doll and a kittay and a barbie a Chresmus tree and a cupuder. Jupuling for chresmus.
Love,
Jacqueline Ramirez

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a bike and a barbie game. Also I would like a skateboard Shannon. Please bring me a cookie monster game. That's all I want for you to bring me. Thank you Santa.
Tiffany Nutt

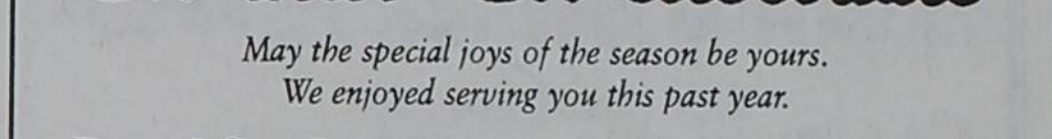
Dear Santa,
Hi, please tell Mrs. Santa I said hi. I would like for you to bring me a computer that has math and spelling. Also a toy cookie baker to bake cookies. Also anything else you want. I have been good this year. Bring something for my twin sister, also. Thanks.
Love you, Santa,
Lori Lopez



Dear Santa,
I hope you are fin. I want a Barbie and a swing of Barbie of Baby. I want a chrimus tree. I want a kumpiter. I want a slide.
Love,
Elizabeth Gallardo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pinball game. I have been a good boy this year. Bring my sister a pink bike and a baby. Also I would like a cash register. Bring my ma and paw paw something nice.
Love,
Ryan Wilcox

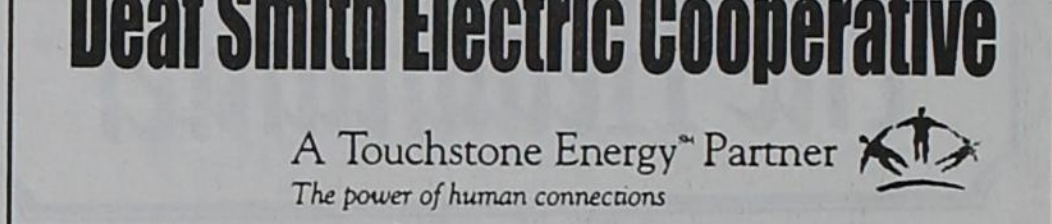
Dear Santa,
I want a computer and cookie baker so I could make cookies. And a teddy bear.
Lisa Lopez



Dear Santa,
I want a playstation. And a trampoline. And a skateboard. And a christmas tree. And a computer with fifty sides to play. and a wagon.
Love,
Jorge Grado

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy most of the year. I would like to have a chuckee cheese pizza and a talkin wrestler sting and ant farm that's all. Thank you santa and I love mush. I am 5 years old.
Justice Bell

Dear Santa,
My name is Fernando Mendoza. I live in Dimitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I want a boat and a gocar with one set and a care. I like you Santa you are the best.
Your friend,
Fernando Mendoza



GOODWILL TO ALL

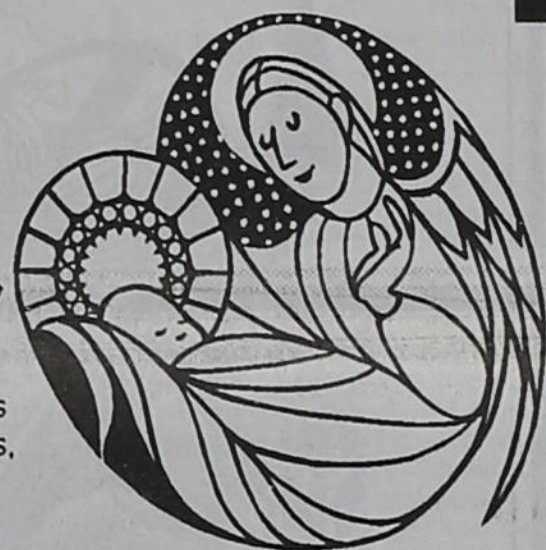


With sincere hope for the peace and well-being of all who share our planet. With heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation, we wish you a joyful holiday.

Insurance Solutions

Dimmitt and Hart

Blessings of the Season



May the true spirit of Christmas envelop you and your loved ones, as together we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour.

Dimmitt Welding & Electric

BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON

With bright wishes to you and your flock at the miracle of Christmas.



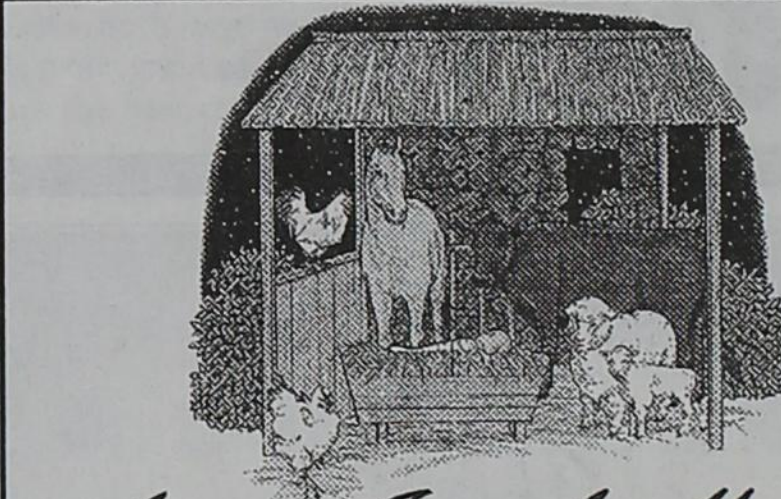
Circle M Irrigation, Inc.

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

May this season bring you plenty of good friends, goodwill and good tidings. Thanks for helping us to wrap up a merry year.



BAKER ELECTRIC SERVICES



Away In A Manger

May you rejoice in the splendor of His many wondrous creations in this season of love. Merry Christmas!

Castro County Pump Co.

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.



May Happiness Follow

We hope this holiday you'll get carried away with the festivities of the season. Because of you, we can ride into the new year full speed ahead!

James Cobb, Home Repair

James & Bonnie



YOU'RE ON THE

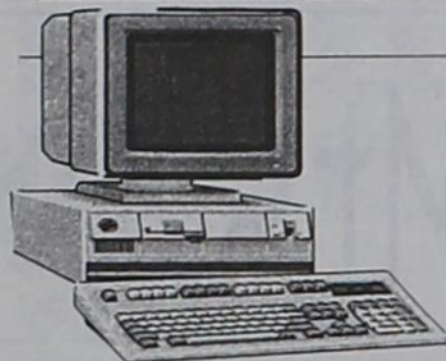
List...

Of people we'd like to thank this holiday season.

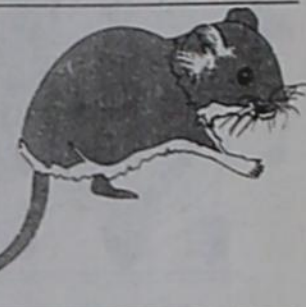
Merry Christmas!



K-Bob's Steak House



I ALSO WANT A COMPUTER WITH MOUSE.



Dear Santa,
I want a Super Rebound. I have been a good boy. I want a Bug Life toy not a woodie toy.
Love,
Kris Cline

Dear Santa,
I want a table set. I want a Barbie set. I like to read. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Ashley Howell

Dear Santa,
I want some roller blades and money machine and a teddy bear. and a Furby game and arts and toy story 2 movie.
Megan Wilkerson

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a doll, and a doll house. Don't forget my brothers.
Love,
Emily Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christmas. I want a butterfly clips. I want a bike for Christmas. I want a doll for Christmas. I want a toy story 2 movie for Christmas. I want a sketchers for Christmas. I want a Christmas tree. I want a Brittany Spears movie.
Corina Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and I would like a puppy and Barbie curtain. Don't forget my brother Eric and Bradley and my little sister Kari.
Love,
Phylissa Kinser

Dear Santa,
I want a control card, love Ricky. I want a Pokemon game, love Ricky. I like a bike, love Ricky. I want a dog, love Ricky. I want a cat, love Ricky. I like want a stickers, I want pokemon movie.
Love, Ricky Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger and a space ship toy. I like you.
Love,
Roman

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car. I love Santa.
Love,
Stephanie Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want my own doll. I want Picachu's vacation. I want my own play station.
Love,
Shea Myatt

Dear Santa,
I want a Brittany Spears movies. I want a Barbie game. I want a candle Barbie.
Love,
Danielle Prieto

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and vidio game. I am a good boy. Bring something to my Dad.
Love,
Eric Mendoza

Sana Clos,
I wot a movy of Toy Story 2 and Bugs Life. Thank you. I love Sana Clos.
Love,
Kolby Perez

Dear Santa
I want a play station, and two remotes. I want a computer. and Toy Story 2. I like your reindeers.
Eric Scott Davis

Dear Santa,
My name is Antonio Molina. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I want a football and a Play Staiton game with 2 games of action and a movie of bug's life. Santa you are so so nice to the boy's and girl's. And you are aso a good friend.
Your friend,
Antonio Molina

Dear Santa,
I want Pokemon Game 64 and 64 Remote. I want computer and Toy Story. I like your reindeer. I like you and your elves.
Anthony Cisneros

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a toy elf and a new room and cookie smasher and a kitten.
Joseph Barrios

Dear Santa,
I want a cat.
Dear Santa,
I want a dog.
Dear Santa,
I want a bike.
Dear Santa,
I want a doll.
Dear Santa,
I want a fone.

Love,
Tori Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
My name is Jesus Sanchez. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. May I have a fishing pak and a gocar and a puppy. I like Santa.
Your friend,
Jesus Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Correa. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I would like a TV and a GI game, and a football and That's What I want and I Love you.
Your friend,
Joshua Correa

Dear Santa,
My name is Armando Prieto. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader and I would like a car from the Radio Shack. And a gocar and a Basketball and a football. And may you bring me a PlayStation.
Your friend,
Armando Prieto

Dear Santa,
My name is Joel Cardona. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader And I like you so much. I like to have Solider stuff, and a computer with games And a foot ball with a helmet and the cloth Poekiman traed card. and a Toy story 2 toy.
Your friend,
Joel Cardona

Dear Santa,
My name is Selina. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I want a baby bear that kiss you back. And a doll that take a bath by her self and a toy that you can see thought, and thank you for bring that toy last year and it was nice.
Your friend,
Selina Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My name is Domingo. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. You are very nice and can you bring Me toys like a box of star wars and red and blue pogdr rangrs and a the movies of the lion king and good bye Santa.
Domingo

Dear Santa,
My name is Anibal Espino. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I want a remote control car.
Anibal Espino

Dear Santa,
My name is Rubi Sanchez. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I want some dishes and I want some printed food and a real clock that is tigger. Thank you what you brot me last year.
Your friend,
Rubi Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My name is Deysi. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I want a doll that crys and a barbi. Santa you're a good friend.
Your friend,
Deysi Arredondo

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

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.

Bar G Feedyard



THINKING OF YOU AT CHRISTMAS

May the cherished moments of this special time provide treasured memories for years to come.

Zockhart Pharmacy
107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-3392

Enjoy The Gifts Of The Season



...and rejoice in all its glory. From our family to yours - have a beautiful Christmas.

Goodpasture, Inc.

A Blessed Event

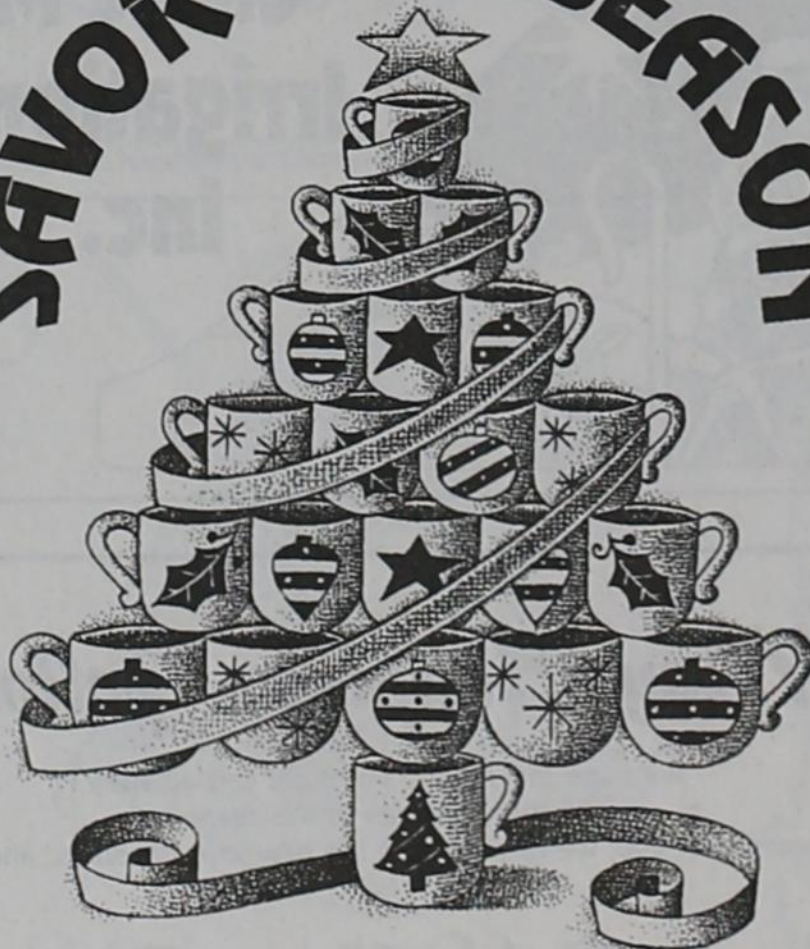
May the Heavens grace you with the gift of answered prayers in this season of Miracles.

Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union
Dimmitt Branch

212 W. Bedford

647-5169

SAVOR THE SEASON



Hope your holidays are filled to the brim with joy. Thanks, and please visit us again, soon.

El Sombrero Restaurant

Floyd Lopez & Family
We will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 4.

Deck the Halls



Christmas is the time to celebrate, the time for love, laughter and merriment with family, friends and neighbors. We would like to express a sincere wish for a warm and lovely holiday season to all of our wonderful customers who helped make this year so successful for us.

Merry Christmas!

Agro Distribution, L.L.C.

I WANT A FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL

Dear Santa,
I love you very much! I moved to Nazareth. My new house doesn't have a fireplace. You can come in the front door. Please bring me a Tarzan playstation game, some chaps and spurs and a Buzz lightyear. Could you please bring my sister Madison some Winnie the Pooh toys. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Logan Samford

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart for Christmas.

Thank you,
Aimee

Dear Santa,
My name is Angela Vasquez. I live in Cluck Ferady. I am a third grader and I want a cat and a doll and a book that as 999 pages of cats and a Barbi bowen eyes and Black hair and movie of Poekimon and a shirt of Barbi.

Your friend,
Angela Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl and I want a jewelry box with a balerana in it and I want a doll and with tinsels and that is all

Catlin Watts

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Play Statioun and talkin Wrestlers a dog cd of backstreet boys and stereo, big truck.

Love,
Johnny Ray Doñes

Dear Santa,
I want toy food for my kitchen And a beenee babe And a new backpack. And a new computer.

Love,
Jacob Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring a play Station a bike, computer, Toy Story-2, Football.

Your friend,
Diego Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a play Station, Nintendo 64. I wont football game, race car, basketball, shoes, clothes, toys, movies and the machrix and a bike.

Love,
Xavier Sherman

Dear Santa,
I wot a qed cor and a shecra thaso.

Johnny Marmolejo

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and I want a kitten and I want a Boer anda cars and a pokemon Battle Packs. I love you, Santa.

Angel Juarez
P.S. Happy New Year!

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a baby doll with a stroller, a Barbie, Winnie the Pooh bear and clothes. I love you.

Katrina Barrios

Dear Santa,
We are 4 years old. We are in Pre-k and Mrs. Lynn is our teacher. We have been good all year. We wish everyone a "Merry Christmas." We wish for Santa to come to see every boy and girl. Our Santa list is below:

- Selena Aguilar—Barbie
- Selena Arredondo—Barbie
- Lesli Cruz—Barbie with key
- Belen Carranza—Barbie
- Jorge Diaz—Green Power Ranger
- Edward Grado—White Power Ranger
- Jose Esqueda—Purple Power Ranger
- Israel Machado—Orange Power Ranger
- Edward Meraz—Black Power Ranger
- Vanessa Martinez—Barbie with keys
- Isaac Moreno—Green Power Ranger
- Raul Martinez—Red Power Ranger
- Isidro Ortega—Power Ranger
- Esmeralda Porras—Barbie
- Eloy Robles—Purple Power Ranger
- Wendy Quintanilla—Barbie
- Eric Sanchez—Purple Power Ranger
- Erika Vasquez—Pink Barbie

God bless everyone as we begin 2000. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a new computer. and a jeep for my little sister and a new box of pencils for my big sister. And new tools for my daddy. And new candies for my mom. P.S. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,
Tiffany Oliviero

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll and a teddy bear and a yellow blanket.

Geena Steffens

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a fivr min track and toy story 2 for this Christmas.

Josue Quiroz

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I would like an Amazing Ally and a Computer and nu shoes.

Love,
Marissa Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a go-cart for Christmas.

Thank you,
Tanner George

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you and Mrs. Claus. For Christmas I want a Buzz Lightyear, Pokemon, Digimon, Nintendo 64, Gameboy and clothes. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Eric Gil

Dear Santa,
I can not wait till Christmas and you come to Dimmitt. I hope you bring me a present. We got my Christmas tree up and our Christmas lights up. Please bring a tire swing for my and my brother's fort. We have red light and icicles on Oak Street. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope you have a safe trip. Tell Rudolf I said hi!

I love you, Santa
Makenzie Cornett

Dear Santa,
Hope my letter reaches you in good health. me and my family is fine. I hardly fight with my sister and brother. For Christmas I would like a bike music eargle roller boll house tools for a eay foe Sissy a gell for mom and fer everyone to be merry and safet. I hope you get a nice coat fer you.

Love,
Rae Lynn Dominguez

Dear Santa,
I want a toy story 2 toys, catdog game, Digimon Diatl monsters toy. Game boy color. sonic toys.

Alex Herrera

Dear Santa,
I want a Silly Putty. I want some Legos. I want K'nex. I want an old radio to take apart.

Sam Wales

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Barbie Car with a remote control. Lego-Mania. Silly putty and a sewing machine.

Erin

Dear Santa,
Here's what I would like for Christmas.

1. Hardy Boys books.
2. Star Wars Legos
3. Chess
4. Nancy Drew Books
5. Goosebumps books
6. Fleece jacket.
7. Animorphs movie #2
8. Animorphs books

Eth@n W@les

Dear Santa,
My name is Davis. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like a K'Nex building set and a Nentendo 64 or a Game Boy. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you.

Love,
David Underwood

Dear Santa,
I have been good in school. I want a football jersey. I want some games for my nintendo. Will you bring my brother some presents, too? Thank you.

Shyleigh Harris

Dear Santa,
I want a ranger on a motorcycle and a sord, Hot wheels play set.

Love,
Andre W. Estrada

Dear Santa,
It's already December and I've been waiting for you all this year, and this moment has come. I wanted to say "thanks" for stopping by my house on Christmas Eve. I'm so excited, I can't wait. I hope that you can bring me the Pikacha's First Movie. Well, I better let you go so you can have time to read the letters other children wrote to you.

Love,
Jerry Velasquez

Dear Santa,
My name is Karina. I have been good. I want you to please bring me a makeup pretty Angelica and Suzy doll and a new CD player and a N'Sync CD and a easy bake computer and a Chuck E Cheese pizza maker and a easy bake and a don't wake Daddy game. Thank you Santa Claus.

Karina
Mrs. Matthews Class, 1st Grade, Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a big doll house. A Barbie doll so that I can put in the my doll house. I also want some clothes and new shoes. And last of all I want a small white dog.

Love,
Angel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a little green John Deere tractor with remote control. Are you okay? I'll see you Christmas.

Love,
Jacob Martin

Dear Santa,
I bin ril god. I wont a truck and a big jeep and a fod truck but big like a big truck that you drive. and a smol cors and a present a big present and a lito present and a rasckr but a big rasckr and a hot wils and a babe sistr I wile cal hr kale. I hap she wile bee prde.

Love,
Steve Sustaita

Dear Santa C,
How are you doing? I have Been a good girl this year. I want a big Bike some clothes easy bake food barbie with a baby stroller I also want some paper to write on a box of crayons and that is all say Merry Christmas to mrs. Santa Claus. I love you,

Nikki Lara, 7
P.S. I also want a beanie baby.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ruben Martinez. Please bring a watch, games for my play station, and a remote control car bouncing ball.

Thank you,
Ruben Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like to ask you for a few things this Christmas. First of all, I would like a skateboard; another thing is a lap top computer; also a bicycle. These things would make me a very happy young child.

Thank you, Santa,
Alonso ByGoytia

Dear Santa,
I want a star wars Santa supper nintendo game.

Love,
Jeffery Addison

Dear Santa,
I want to know what is in the box for Christmas and a gameboy color.

Love,
Isaac Trevino

Dear Santa,
I want a cedy player and a furby for Christmas.

Love,
Jessica Leivas

Dear Santa,
I want a pupy for Christmas.

Love,
Melissa Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V.

Love,
Jeanna Olvera

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy horse (bryer), and a barbie racing saddle, a furby baby.

Love,
Lindsey Casas

Good Tidings

May you and yours enjoy smooth sailing all through the holidays.

Thanks for staying the course with us!

Cowser Abstract & Title Co.

Clara and Johnny Vick

Ring in the Season on a High Note.

Wishing you a harmonious holiday filled with peace, love and joy.

We appreciate your patronage and will stay in tune with your needs for years to come.

Dimmitt Equipment Co.

Season's Greetings

Happy thoughts and good tidings are headed your way; Not only on Christmas, but from us - each and every day. We are truly grateful for your kind support.

C&T Fertilizer

Tam Anne

Wishing you a very merry holiday season. Thank you for choosing us.

Dimmitt Consumers

Bright Wishes From All Of Us

The holidays bring many reasons to smile, both large and small, but our great patients are the best reason of all!

Have a sparkling season!

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Lindsey and Staff

May Christmas Joy Surround You

Have a wonderful season. Thanks for stopping by this year. We look forward to seeing you again, soon.

C&S Battery, Inc.

Blessed Be The Day

On that holy night so long ago, our Saviour was born, bringing His light and love to the world. Let us revel in the true spirit of His birth at this time.

We are most grateful for your friendship. Merry Christmas to all.

Production Credit Association

Mark L. Kleman, Vice-President and Manager
Edna Sanders, Office Assistant

Picture-Perfect Holiday Wishes

from your friends at...

Don's Wrecker Service & Body Shop

Don, Trish and Tim Elliott



MY SISTER WANT 2 A BARBIE AND BARBIE CAR!!



Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I want a barbie that is a cheerleader. Has Rudolph been bad? I wrote a story about an angel. This year I will leave out some carrots for the reindeers and some milk to keep you strong. I want to have peace on earth and for nobody to fight.

Your friend,
Stephanie Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike for Christmas and a new game boy and new clothes.

Love,
Nick Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I wish for a play stasion. And some new nintindo games. A nerv computer also some football equipment.

Your friend,
Chase Hatla

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, how are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. I am helping my mother and my grandma. She is in the hospital. She gets out this Friday. I am helping her too, Santa. I want a Barbie cash register and a watch. That is all I want for Christmas. I hope you have a happy Christmas, Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Yvonne Lopez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Thank you for the presents last year. This year I would like a Lime green game boy, a new bike, a puppy, Supper Smash Brothers nintendo game.

Love,
Hanna Wise

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring peace and love for all the people. For all of us to love each other and I also would like for to bring the children that have no food or clothes and toys to bring them joy and bring them what we have and for my dad let him get well soon. For me if you got money left I would like a barby with a cradle. Thank you.

Larissa Corral

Dear Santa,
I am thankful that you gave me a pencil. I am very thankful for my sisters and brothers. I hope we have peace. Can you tell Rudolph, "Hi?" I hope your elves are working hard on the toys.

Your friend,
Erica Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want to thank you for the gifts you gave me. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope you have a good Millineum and a good night.

Love,
Shawn Garrett Ryan

Dear Santa,
I liked the toys you brought last year. How is Rudolph doing? I would like a new bike and a game for my N64. I hope you have a good Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Isaac Sifuentez

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. Are you having a good year? Thank you for the presents last year. I am writing a story about you. I want a real motorcycle, mistletoe and a T.V.

Your friend,
Isidro Rodriguez Jr.

Dear Santa,
I thank you for the presents that you gave me last year. I like my bike that you gave me. Also what I want this year is a new bike and gifts for all of my family.

Your friend,
Sally Arce

Dear Santa,
I would like a starwars suit.

Yor friend,
Robert Arguijo

Dear Santa,
How are you I am fine I would like a giga pet for christmas. Thank you so much Santa.

Your friend,
Mayra Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and some clothes and shoes and bunches of toy and a Get set a Game boy color.

Love
Mona Sifuentez

Dear Santa,
I want a N64 and a Play station for christmas. And resident Evil 3, And Rattle mania 2000.

Love,
Damian Gauna

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year I wood like a puppy I wood like a trampling walkmen a new bike a lime green game boy a gigapet a Barbe car a go cart.

Love,
Jazzalyn Sepeda

Dear Santa,
I whold like a nintendo 64.

Mark

Dear Santa,
My name is Lizbeth. I live in Dimmitt Texas. I am in third grade. Querido Santa Claus. le quiero pedis una cosita que es una Computadora. Que tiene que sea hiquita o grande. Tambien quiero una Casita de navidad y un osito o una tasita con dulces para mi abuelita yo la quiero mucho y ella tambien me quire mucho. Gracias: Santa Claus.

tu amiga,
Lizbeth Parras Ortiz

Dear Santa,
This year I would like Hardy Boys books, the board game Chess, Fleece jacket, Star Wars legos, Goosebumps books, Animorphs books, Animorphs movie #2, Chronicles of Narnia books, Nancy Drew books. This year my family and I will leave you and your reindeer milk, cookies and carrots.

Yours,
Ethan Wales

Dear Santa,
I will try to leave you some cookies. No this is what I want. A Nintindo with a few games like Tetrx, Super Mario. Also I would like more of the Baby Sitters boks for collection. Here is a few more things I want. I want a Back Street Boys poster. Also a CD Player.

Your friend,
Kellie Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun shaped like a 3030. I won't shoot without a grownup there with me. I also want a Swiss army knife that is red, and a school suit, Mom and Dad want you to drop our presents off before we go to Salado.

Your friend,
Joshua Hill

Dear Santa,
I would like a tv and a playstation a new bike and a remote control truck and a wrestling ring with some wrestlers and a new computer and a go-cart and a cd player and new boots plus new shoes next a little puppy then some Mikle Jordan shoes plus a model truck.

Your friend,
Frankie Castro

Dear Santa,
I would like a Game Boy with games, a Winnie the Pooh, jelly watch, Nintendo, a Flower Bedspread, jewelry like rings bracelets, long pajamas. Santa thank you for the things you brought to me last year. I enjoyed your letter last year. I hope I've been nice this year. Oh ya, I want some bubble gum and fish.

Yours truly,
Stormy Nutt

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. I hope you have a good holiday with Mrs. Santa. Would you say hi to Rudolph for me. I wrote a Christmas story. I want to be a better read. I want to go to my grandma's home for Christmas. I want a bike for Christmas.

Your friend,
Caroly Ann Jenkins
P.S. Happy New Year!

Dear Santa,
My name is Rogelio Hernandez. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I am a third grader. I wat a riot control car and I wat a Play stashon. Thank you for wait you brot me last year.

Your friend,
Rogelio Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a Star Wars Epiesode 1 Commtech and a video game called Wrestle Mania 2000 and three Wrestler named Triple H and Road Dog, Jesse James and B.A. Billy Gun and a pencil sharpener because I need one.

Yours truly,
Phillip J.R. Perez

Dear Santa,
You are the nicest man I know, Santa. What I want for Christmas is a bike and a Game Boy and Santa Wars and snow santa, and a C.D. Player and new boots!

Your friend,
Joe Pedrosa

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy and a bike and a remote truck for Christmas and Star Wars Epiesode 1 Commtech and Road Dog, Jesse James and Nintendo 64.

Yours truly,
Fernando

Dear Santa,
Thank you for everything you gave me last year. I really enjoyed them! This year I would like 3 Nintindo games called Pokemon Snap, Mario Party and Yoshies Story. Another thing I would like is a Fish Bubble Lamp or a pink lava lamp. I would also like some C.D.'s called N Sync, Touched By An Angel and Back Street Boys. There's one more thing I would like. It is called Nick Cam C.D. Rom and the Nick Cam camara. There's one more thing I'd like to ask you. How is Mrs. Clause, the reindeers and the Elves doing? I hope they're doing great! Well I better go now bye!

Sincerely,
Keshie Smith

Dear Santa,
How were the cookies and milk, Santa? Did you give some to Mrs. Santa? I know you did so. Santa do you know what I want for Christmas? I want my brother to win all the basketball games and I want a play station game. Oh, have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Nati Sias

Dear Santa,
I wish that this year my sister (Candis) and I get presents from you and if we do this is what I want: a coloring book and a tube for my bike. Thank you Santa and Merry Christmas!

Yours truly,
Laura Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I can't wait till Christmas. Santa, I hope you can get all the kid's gifts. If you can get it, I want Bop-it extreme, Mongoose bike, and puppy.

Your friend,
Anthony Jackson
P.S. Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas!

A very special thank you for your valued patronage.

West Barber Shop
116 W. Bedford, Dimmitt

Merry Greetings to You!

May you enjoy all the best of the Christmas season with family, friends and neighbors. Thank you one and all for being so good to us!

Best wishes to our loyal customers!

Texas Equipment Company
647-3324 S. Hwy. 385, Dimmitt

Happy Holidays

With best wishes and heartfelt thanks to our many kind neighbors.

Castro County Farm Bureau

Let There Be Light This Christmas

May this holy time shine with peace, and bring forth happiness to you and your flock.

Coleman Pharmacy

Merry Christmas!

Ho...ho...hope Santa delivers everything you've been wishing for. We couldn't have wished for better neighbors than you!

AgriFarm Industries, L.L.C.

May Christmas Fill Your Home With **Toy**

And may the spirit of Christmas warm your heart and hearth this season.

We appreciate the gift of your patronage and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Bryant's Sales & Service



I'LL BE + YOUR ELF? ARE 20 BUZY.



Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Bradley. I am 5 years old. For Christmas I want a Barbie table and a scooter. Lauren, my best friend, wants a Barbie table too!
I wonder if your beard comes off? my other friend Logan said it does and he was going to pull it and see. But my mom told me not to do that because it's bad manners and it might make you mad. I hope you fly safe on Christmas. I have some cookies and chocolate milk for you! Thank you Santa! I love you!
Love,
Taylor Bradley

Dear Santa,
My name is Beau Bradley. Are your elf working hard. I hope so. I hope I am on the good list. I want a 410 rifle and a hard guitar case. Say hi to mrs. cloc and your randers for me.
Love,
Beau Bradley

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler. What I want for Christmas is Woody from Toy Story, my brother wants a police man motorcycle. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Tyler and Ben Gilliland

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas and a slaigh for Cristas. Do you live in a igloo? I wish I could fly in your slaigh. Is it very cold in the north pole. I wish I could make toys.
Love,
Monique Marmolejo

Dear Santa,
I want a cumbeter. I want a babe cheep and a water baby I want a game and some face dishis.
Love,
Stormie Bossett

Dear Santa,
How are your elves and your reinder. I want to visit you at the North pole. And I like your beatfall magic and color full sleigh. I would want a baby that cries and a barbie that makes a cake.
Love,
Raquel Barrios

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas morning. Can you bring me some new shoes and some jewelry? Can you bring me the Gnarashn Barbie except one I all reaty have.
Love,
Amy

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole? How do you fly? I wish I could ride in your sleigh. How is your reindeer? How is Roudolph? are the other reindeer treating him right?
Love,
Eric Fuentes

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I wuld like to see you. I wuld like 10000\$. I wuld like a skatbord. I wuld like a dirt bick. I wuld like a coat. I wuld like a frind. I wuld like magick.
Love,
Erin Muniz-Weaver

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? Are you feling well? I want a dirtbike and a sixtyfor and a rase car.
Love,
Sinfo Arguijo

Dear Santa,
Are you coming this Christmas? If you do I want a gotecar and a bike too and a slaie raneders and a butch of toys too and a sata cloc.
Love,
Max Sifuentez Jr.

Dear Santa,
Are you coming on Christmas Eve? Wher does Rudolph sleep and the elves. I want a bike and a gocar and racing car that's all.
Love,
Markous Sifuentes

Dear Santa,
Do you like the North Pole? If you live in a igloo is it cold? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a sleigh for Christmas and a new bike.
Love,
Jessica Behrends

Dear Santa,
How are you santa and santa do you let your wife ride on the slide. Santa I want cat and a dog and a frbey and a calnr and for my mom a baby boy and a baby gril and for my dad some toot.
Love,
Felisha Torres

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? I want a Buzz for Christmas. I wish I could see your reindeer. I wish I could see your sligh. How are your elves?
Love,
Sid Sheffy

Dear Santa,
How are you? Will you be coming? I want a little teddy bear. Do you like your reindeers? I want a doll that shuts her eyes and open her eys. Is the North Pole all right?
Love,
Irashema Medrano

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me ruby slippers and a beach Barbie? Also some new Barbie stickup (lipstick) because Moma can't find mine. I have been very good. How are your reindeers? How do you keep the bag of toys from falling out when you fly?
Love,
Shelby Claire Schilling
Age 4

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me ruby slippers and a beach Barbie, Ken doll and Barbie Stickup (lipstick)? I love you Santa and we will leave cookies and milk out for you.
Love,
Amy Kate Schilling
Age 2-1/2

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. How are you doing? My name is Alyson Smith. I have been a good girl. I want a CD player and a Britney Spears.
Your friend,
Alyson

Dear Santa,
My name is Arielle Correa and I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl. I want some skates a tent and a computer. I also want a bike. I will leave you hot chocolate and cookies. Can you also bring my sister something for Christmas.
Love,
Arielle

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
Santa, I would love to have a computer for Christmas. I would like a computer so I can learn things. I would also like a coloring book and a train.
Love,
Lisa Marie DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car. I have two sisters. I have been a good girl.
Crina Zambiano

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some Hot Wheels with a race track, a big truck, a Scooby-Doo toy, colors and a coloring book, a piggy bank and some new clothes, belt and shoes for church and school. I am asking for these things because I have been a good boy. I would also like to spend Christmas with my mommy, daddy, Grandma, Honey, PoPo, Tia, and the rest of my family. I would also like to say that I love you Santa and your reindeer and I love Baby Jesus too! Thank you.
Love,
K.J. Correa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barbie jeep, Blue Clues Mailbox, Desk, Baby Bop, Madeline Doll and a vacuum.
Love,
Gabrielle Galvan

Dear Santa,
I want a jumpoline, a green tractor, a big foot like Diego's, a little fire truck and bring Ambrosia a new little Barbie car. Santa bring Nathaniel a little fire partment like me. Be careful Santa Claus. Merry Christmas
Love,
Ian Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a easy baker and a baby doll. I want a not real birthday cake and book and a not real mud pie.
Love,
Elizabeth Preston

Dear Santa,
I want world pece, and everyone to love one another. I also want a easy bake oven, a car, n I wot an for Barbie.
Love,
Candace Muñoz

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the Game Boy. And I'd like two more games for my Game Boy. Those games are Pokemon the yellow version and the gray version. I hope you like the milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Jordan Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I would like three or four things. Here are some things I would like a Game Boy color, and a new bike, and a swimming pool, and some new clothes for Christmas. And I will leave a glass of milk for you.
Your friend,
Alyssa Saenz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things that I got last year. And this year I'd like a Monopoly game and a new Game Boy game and finally I'd like a new Nintendo game. Thank you for the Game Boy and the Game Boy game.
Yours,
Samuel Hazel

Dear Santa,
It's me, Brittany. I just wanted to tell you what I wanted this year for Christmas, and thank you for what you got me last year. Did you now I made a Christmas story an angel? I might leave you home made cookies or just cookies, but with milk or coke. Oh, thanks for the CD player and N'SYNC CD. The CD player messed up, but the CD is okay. Here's what I want for Christmas.
1. An art set with table and chair.
2. New roller blades with gear.
3. New 10-speed bike.
That's what I want for Christmas!
Your friend,
Brittany Flores

P.S. Give the world joy, peace, and love.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's toys. I ware my new clothes last year. I'm sorry I broke last year's toy. But this year I'm going to put them up. I want love and peace. I want a robot and a BeBe gun. Say hi for me and Rudolph.
Your friend,
O'Bryan Dominguez

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a wonderful year. Thank you for all the presents, especially the air hoky game. The remote control motorcycle. This year I would like a real motorcycle the size of my bike. I will leave you chips and hot sauce.
Your friend,
Dustin Venhaus

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents the elves made for me. I bet your elves have ben working very hard. So I bet I will get a good gift. Oh and I want a remote control speed boat.
Thank you,
Matthew Sheffy

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have fun at school. I hope you have fun giving presents. I want a pop gun please.
Love,
Carter

OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION JOINS IN WISHING YOU A

Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year

Town & Country Insurance Agency
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May Your Christmas Dreams Come True

Hope Santa is very generous to you this year, and that you get everything you've been dreaming about.

A very warm thank you for being so kind to us this year. We look forward to serving you again, soon.

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

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."

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

A WILD WEST CHRISTMAS

Hope y'all have a rip-roaring good time!
Thanks for visiting us this year!

Rafter 3 Feedyard, Ltd.

WE'RE GOING TO WATCH FOR YOU TO COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY.



Dear Santa claus,
Can I have an 18 wheeler and a combine. Can you get me a toy grain buggy and a tractor.

Your friend,
Leonardo Gamez

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer for Christmas. I wish I would have a Dalmation girl puppy for Christmas too.

Your friend,
Angelica Jalomo

Dear Santa,
I want a Play station game cauld Solvet strike and a new Christmas tree.

Your freind,
Aaron Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I just want a little bit things and this what I want. May you get me socks because I don't have any more? Will you bring a little angel?

Your friend,
Crystal Chavez

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a trampoline mat and a computer too. May I have a adoption kid and can I have a watch too.

Your friend,
Kelsie Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a cage to go over my trampoline. I also would like to have NFI blitz 200 for my Nintendo.

Sincerely,
Nicky Rowland

Dear Santa,
I wish you could get me a play station game for me. And I hop you could ge me a bike for me. And I want a trampoline for my brother and me.

Your friend,
Ruben Robledo

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a computer? I really need a new bike. I really want a go cart.

Your friend,
Sage Black

Dear Santa,
May I have a twentytwo automatic? Or if you can get me a four wheeler with four wheeler drive on it. Oh yeah if you can get me goat-car.

Your friend,
Shane Munoz

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and for christmas I want a CD player and a Nintendo 64 with games and trucks and care and a legos I wish I could buy a mongoose bike.

Your friend,
Matthew Reyna

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a playstation and a trampoline. I want a Dalmation with shite spots. I wonder if I can have a computer and a adoption kid pencil holder Dachshund. I want to get a Santa Claus hat please Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Michelle Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want candyland. I want Barbie's. I want clothes.

Monique

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll. Santa could I please have a horse. I would like another dog just like the one I have. I want a doll with a horse and a Rocko toy and a doll as big as me. I would also like a new pillow. I saw a play buggie I liked. I'll leave some milk and cookies. Please bring my sisters something too.

Codi Jenkins

Dear Santa Claus,
Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my brother and sister three times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so here's what I want: roller blades, baby jeep, new clothes and shoes, pony (real one), barn and farm animals, Winnie the Pooh towel, I love Santa, Bike, Doll house, Tractor Red one.

Love,
TeAnna Lively

P.S. Thanks Santa for making all of us children so happy, especially me.

Dear Santa Claus,
Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my sisters three times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so here's what I want: Bike, tractor (green one), yoyo, a plow with fold outs, some new shoes and clothes, and a little truck.

Love,
Justin Lively

P.S. Thanks Santa for making all of us children so happy, especially me.

Dear Santa Claus,
Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my brother and sister three times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so here's what I want: a Barbie house, Barbie car, a bike, and roller blades.

Love,
Kayla Lively

P.S. Thanks Santa for making all of us children so happy, especially me.

Dear Santa,
I would like a rock guitar with cool printings on it. I would like to have the game 007. I like all the CDs of 60's and the 90's.

Your friend,
Will Whitaker

Dear Santa,
If I am good will you gring me a easy bake and a game boy color.

Your friend
Amy Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
If I had a wish it would be for the poor ones to be rich. And give them some clothing. And give the little ones something toplay with. And please don't get me a present becaus I ben a bad boy.

Your friend,
Omar Dominguez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are going to come to Hart. I saw a football I wanted. I wandered if I could get it for Christmas. May I have a new watch? Can you have a good Christmas for me?

Love Your Friend,
Whit Whitaker

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a sagaginsis. I would like to have a autamatic bbgun to shout at my dartzbord. I woud like to have a new mattress.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Velez

Dear Santa,
May I have a little computer? I would like to have a green inflatbed couch and pillows. May I have a puppy? I would like to have anew watch.

Your friend,
Kelby Myrick

Dear Santa,
May I have a median bike, a girl bike. I want the bike to be pink pleas. I will like two more things. Will you bring me a dog. I want the dog to be a girl. I want her to be a scotland. I want a real motorcycle. I want it to be red and black.

Your friend,
Mary Mejia

Dear Santa
I really want a firetruck for Christmas. Please don't forget!

Thank you,
Miguel Lule

Dear Santa,
I want some stuff for my hair. I want a CD player, Brittany Spears song and N'Sync song. I want a Little puppy too. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Ashley Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming soon Santa, and I want a Barbie cash register, a new computer, a go cart and I want a new bed. I have been a good girl.

Love,
DeLesa Perez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a computer. For Christmas I want a Barbie. And I want my grama to have a good time. I also want my mom not to be sick. Santa I have been a smart little girl. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Analyssa Marqez

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a power rander toy. I also want a play stashone, a golded pokemon. They are rectangular and they are gold. Please cane I have a scate bord.

Love,
Christopher Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a cumputer, pokemon, a Barbie, and pinsols. That's all. Hav a good Christmas!

Love,
Carmen Jalomo

Dear Santa,
I want games of playstashon. I want Toy Story 2, Pokemon, Rugrats and Barbie Horse ride for the playstashon. Merry Chretmes.

Love,
Valeria Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
My name is Lindsey, and I am a fourth grader. I want some black shoes, and a doll with long hair. I would like some makeup and some dresses for Christmas. I also want a CD player and a Monopoly game. Thank you for the presents.

Your pal,
Lindsey Sifuentes

Dear Santa,
I would really like to have a pair of roller blades (Barbie), a Barbie CD for my computer and a Barbie Bake.

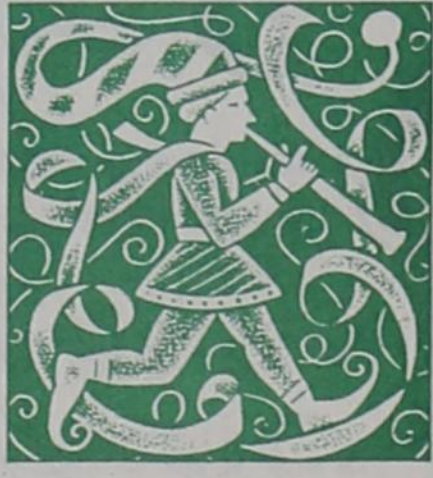
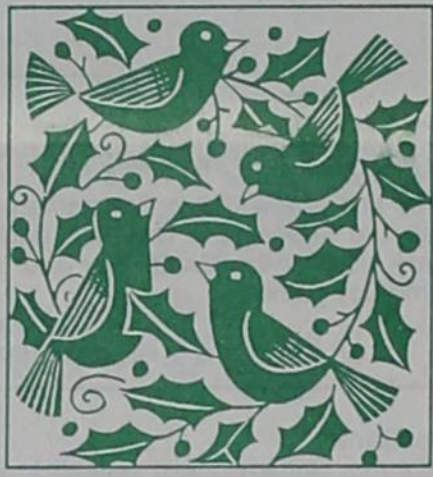
Sincerely,
Merissa Jacks

Hope

Now we gather together in celebration of the meaning of His birth and the beauty of His love, in the true meaning of Christmas.

Peace and joy to all.

Pro-Ag, Inc.



TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

...On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, twelve pipers piping, eleven drummers drumming, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three french hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

May all the days of the season be filled with happiness, good cheer, and delightful surprises for you and those you love. Thank you for bringing us the gift of your patronage this year.

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Blessings At Christmastime



May our prayers for peace and goodwill add spiritual depth to the celebration of Christmas, and may you, and those close to you, be blessed with the true meaning of this holiday. We are truly grateful for your kind friendship and generous support.

Ed Harris Lumber Co.
Hart

AWAY IN A MANGER



May your home be blessed by the glory of His love this holy season, and may His good graces follow you wherever you go.

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 Holy Family Charity Fund. We hope Christmas 1999 will be blessed and memorable for you.

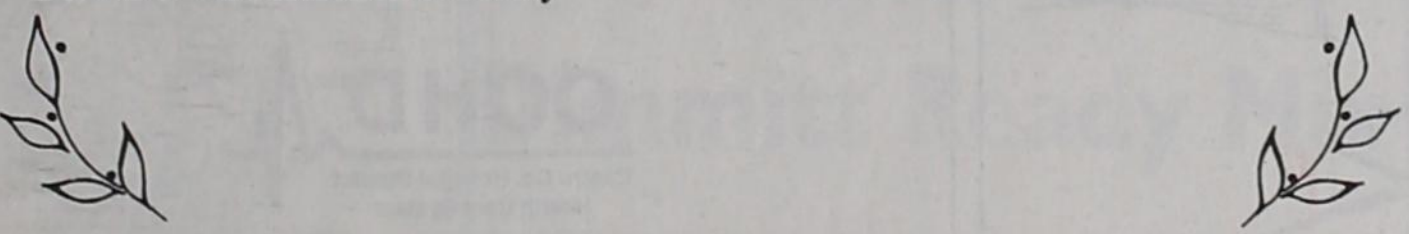
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- Dwayne & Anne Acker, Adam, Jenna & Lacey
- The Jerry Acker Family
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- Alvin & Dorothy Kleman
- Dwayne, Sheryl, Garrett, Karis & Kenley Kleman
- Carl Dean & Mary Kleman
- Alphonse & Viola Kleman
- Doyle, Rosie, Shane & Holly Kleman
- Jill & Tony LeGrow
- Lucy Leinen
- Al & Leona Maurer
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- Michael, Theresa Rose, Veronica & James Mullen (of Rhode Island)
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- Philip & Dora Pohlmeier
- J.C., Jocelyn, Colby, Amy & Daryl Pohlmeier
- Ed & Leola Ramaekers
- The Rex Ramaekers Family
- The Henry Ramaekers Family
- Larry, Cyrilla, Trinity, Trey & Landon Robb
- Walter & Anita Schilling
- Danny Schilling
- Kenneth Schilling
- Lawrence Schmucker
- Dan & Ethel Schmucker
- Jim, Bobbie, Michael, Robby, Tiffany & Jayme Schmucker
- Ray & Mary Lou Schmucker
- David Schulte
- Clyde, Lisa & Adam Schulte
- Marvin & Darlene Schulte
- Mary Ann Schulte
- Martha Schulte
- Gilbert & Dolly Schulte
- Clarence & Odelia Schulte
- Bob, Bev, Jill & Ross Schulte
- Floyd & Dorothy Schulte
- Pete & Earlene Steiert
- Robert, Mary & David Verkamp
- Winifred Wagner
- Cecil Wilhelm
- Ronnie Wilhelm
- Leonard & Rose Mary Wilhelm
- Francis & Betty Wilhelm
- Henry & Lori Wilhelm, Jennifer, Brandon & Heath
- Joe & Rita Woetovech
- Lester & Eileen Womack & Alyssa
- John & Margaret Womack



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

- Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents that you brought me last year. How are your elves and reindeer? I have been a good girl and would like you to bring me a Barbie jet airplane and a Barbie computer game this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Haley Birkenfeld
Age 5
- Dear Santa,
I won't a barbie, and some clothes, and some shoes, and a bike and I would like a smelling cherr doll and crying baby doll, dresses for church and a CD player and some christian tapes, and a trampoline and a T.V. video tapes and a stuffed Tweety Bird and some rollerskates.
Love
Klarissa Martinez
- Dear Santa,
I want a CD player please. I want a Britany Spears CD please and Backstreet Boys CD please. I want True-to-life "Newborn Baby" Doll. I want 6 Dress-up shoes in a tote. I want a Bike. I want 85-PC. Art Set. I want Talking Scooby-DOO: Doll. I want Blaster "Z sound and light Yo-Yo. I want Talk Hug-N-Wiggle pooh. I want a 30-PC. My Baby Doll Set. I promise I will put out cookies and milk out for you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Amanda Acker
- Dear Santa,
Please May I have a track tractor, play station, football CD for the play station, Denver Broncos football and the Denver Broncos football uniform, a plow that folds up, Nintendo 64, and a race care game for it.
love,
Thomas Schacher
- Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a pickup pulling a trailer with a 4-wheeler on top of the trailer. Then a truck pulling a flat-bed trailer with a boat on top of the trailer. And I want a little loader. And that' all I want for Christmas.
Please bring my little brother, Dustin, a tractor that's green so he can play with me in his sand box. And bring him a riding toy.
I'm trying to be good. I like you!
Daniel Ken
- Dear Santa,
I want a kindergarden baby. I will have five cookies for you. Have a jolly holiday.
Niki Brown
Age 3
Nazareth TX
- Dear Santa Clause,
This year I would like "Bath and Body Works", the c.d. B*witched, and money. I loved the bath and body works and money last year. Thank you very much. I will leave milk and cookies on the table for you.
Love,
Kami Rundell
- Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a watch, Jewelry, clothes and a baby. Please bring my sisters and brother something for Christmas. And please don't forget mommy and daddy. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Alyssa Braddock
- Dear Santa,
Here are some things I would like for Christmas: a play cash register, and a Baby Hugs doll. I hope you have fun at the North Pole.
Sincerely,
Caitlin Huseman
- Dear Santa Claus,
I'm 8 yrs old and I'm in 3rd grade. How are you doing? Are the elves tired from making the toys for the boys and girls? I would like a computer and a Barbie Ken. Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last year.
Love, Alisha Kay
Helen Womack
- Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa. How's Rudolph doing? Ready to give more gifts this year and say ho ho ho merry Christmas? This year I want the CD Millenium by the Backstreet boys the playstation game Lego Racers, Toy Story Two wich is also a playstation game, and Tarzan sould track. That's all I have to say this year.
Your Friend,
Steven Birkenfeld
- Dear Santa,
Have you been very busy this year. May I have a watch and some books. I've been a good boy this year.
Sincerty
Alec Braddock
- Dear Santa Clause,
First I want to thank you for the Tennis racket and BB gun, that I got last year. How are your elves, can they make a triple decker ice cream cone. Just kidding I really want a CD player/clock radio, computer game pad, water rocket and a videoscope.
Your friend,
Kyle Birkenfeld
- Hi Santa how are you doing this year? I have waited for a long time for this. I'm doing fine so is Jackie, Stephanie, Adam, Ben, Kyle, Ramona, Chuck, and myself. I would like these things for Chrismas a furby, a bike, nell polish set, a stuffed Pooh Bear, new shoes, new cloths, makeup set, a shep dop, a new van, cable, a tv in my room, a desk.
Amy Thiel
- Thank you for the toys you have gave me. I would like to have Magic Attic doll, and her name is Rose. Also I would like Rose's bed and Rose's dresser.
Jenny Merritt
- Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year. I have been a very good boy this year. I was wondering if you could give me a talking Winnie the Pooh, some tractors and trucks, and a keyboard and some clothes. And could you also bring my mommy and daddy a present. Have a Merry Christmas Santa.
Love,
Dyllyn Nelson
- Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Are you O.K.? Will you please give me a gymnastics Barbie doll? I want a new book to read too. I would like a pretend clock. I will give you some cookies and milk. I love you Santa.
Love,
Brandi Brown
Nazareth Kindergarten



Seasons 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.

Weldon & Gaylia Davis
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 Mrs. Harvey C. Davis
 Harry & Bessie Grensberg
 Joe Percy & Sarah Hart
 Doug & Marilyn Higgins
 Sandy Hill
 Chad Hill
 Inez Johnson
 Jerry & Edna Kittrell
 Nora Lancaster
 Laurence & Marguerite McLain
 J.D. & Freddie Sue Myrick
 Violet Sharp
 Pete & Earlene Steiert
 Wanda & Bobby Murdock
 (In memory of W.H. & Nellie Felder)

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SANTA CLAUS NORTH POLE

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Thank you for making our year a ringing success!

The 19th Hole
Nazareth

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a tritudo 64 and a game boy color game boy and a foot ball.

Love,
Landon Schulte

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new motorcycle bike and two Bad Attitude Trucks and a WCW Nitro Arena and a Power Wheels Kawasaki Ninja. I have been good. Hope you have a good Merry Christmas. Oh, I want my family Farm house set.

Love,
Eric Acker

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. Can you please bring a motersycle remote control, laptop, puppet cowboy, remote control car, CD player, digette watch.

Love,
Anthony Hochstein
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I know your busy with other kids. But if you would like I will help you wrap presents. I don't want this letter to be long so if you would bring me a baby that feels real. The movies Sea People, At first sight, Mouse Trap, ad Meet Joe Black. A Britany Spears CD. And a Spice Girls movie. A inflatable chair. An creative calendar. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,
Adrian
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I would like a Lee Middleton Baby number 04, a marker board, Nail Salon, blow up chair, a stroller, crib, a doctor set, a dress, some shoes, Lil' Mis Executive. That is all I would like. Thank you for the presents last year. I have been a good girl.

Love,
Amber Rose Huseman
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle and a T.V. A blue pickup with a horse trailer. Please bring my dog Butch a bone. I will leave you some milk and cookies. My sister will make you pumpkin bread.

Love,
Devin Kern

Dear Santa,
How are you. I am fine thank you. Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. What I want is computers, dogs, puggle, cats, and a pool.

Love,
Amber White
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing and how are you doing Santa? My name is Gus. I will have a hook' em horns helmet, shoulder pads, knee pads, football pants, football jersey from the longhorns number 11 and roller blades size 2.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Gus Gesling
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a 3-D Virtual Reality Baseball Game, two finger boards with ramps and accessires, snow stompers and a horse blanket and a calf rope. Thank you! Merry Christmas.

Love,
Shay Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like twin babies, a stroller, a talking Winnie the Pooh, a Necklace, Sparkie Earring, a stuffed pig, and a new barbie.

Love,
Alexis

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the presents from last year. How are your reindeer and elves? This year I would like a Croquet set, unicycle and balancing poles. I would also like a Tool set with wood, and a safe bank. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. We will leave you milk and lots of cookies. I have been a good boy this year. Is it hard to get down the chimney? When you fly around the world do your reindeer ever get tired? Is your sleigh big?

Your friend,
Ryan Birkenfeld
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a choo choo chran and I want plywood to came whith it. I want the fastists plane in the whow wide world. I want all army theing. I want gig sopras. I want a carlas fane.

Love Kevin
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I pleas have a lap top, a trampleen, some puzzils, raideo, the game mario party, pleas a coring books, a game boy corles, some pink cloes, jeans, swimming sute, lowshan, a book, and a boon box. I would pleas if you got me this stuff. Thank you.

Love,
Emily Leavitt
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy, how are you? Will you bring me a star wars xwingfilter, bb gun, control airplane, kittens, Air Bad the movie, and a box of star wars legos.

Love,
Marcus Wilhelm
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I hop your having a good time, because I am. I would like a vortex T3, a dump truck set, a swing a way, a foot ball tee, a PokeMon the movie, Thunder Shock, and a N64 game. I think that will be all. I hope you can handle all of that.

Love,
Joseph Huseman
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a go kart, a horse, windows 2000, and a playstation. I will leave some cookies and milk.

Love,
Heath Wilhelm
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm just fine. I hope it will snow so you can bring your sleigh. I've been good this year. I would like some play make up, a lap top, a Gymnastics barbie, and a Real baby doll. If it doesn't snow you can drive my dads truck. Don't forget by brother and sisters. I hope you get this letter. I wish you and Mrs. Claus and the elfs a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all your hard work.

Love,
Alex Gerber
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Are you coming here this Christmas? Your reindeer fine? I would like some Rock Monster Legos and computer for Christmas. May I please have a tool box? I will put some cookies and milk out for you on Christmas Eve.

Your friend
Brian Acker
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Are you doing good? May I please have a pick up and a tractor? Please bring me a play horses too. I will give you milk and cookies.

Love,
Riley Huseman
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are the reindeer o.k.? May I please have a remote control car and a tractor with tools in the front and back for Christmas? I would also like a big blue cattle truck. I have been good. Please be careful on your trip.

Love,
Brett Braddock
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How are the reindeer? Can I please have a punching bag man and a water gun? I would like a sheep dog, too. Thanks, Santa for letting us have toys. Please tell Mrs. Santa hello.

Love,
Ben Thiel
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
What are the reindeer doing? Are you busy getting ready for Christmas? May I please have a toy sleigh and some reindeer to hook up to it? I would like a toy Santa to drive the sleigh too. I will leave some cookies for you. I like you Santa.

Love,
Terrell Heard
Nazareth Kindergarten

Peace on Earth

May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and those you love. Thanks for your faith in us.

Kern Supply
Nazareth

It's Christmas On The Town

The town is bright with Christmas lights
And sounds of celebration.
The windows are a wonder,
With their cheerful decoration,
Peoples' hearts are happy,
And joy is in the air.
It's Christmas on the town tonight;
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Whether far or near.
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Santa, I Hope You'll Find My Stocking

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs Claus doing? I hope your reindeer are doing alright. Me and my brother Jeremy would like a computer. We would also like a playstation, drum set, and a portable cd player. Thank you Santa Claus.
Love,
Chad Acker
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I'm doing great. Can I please have a go cart and a Bettie spaghetti. Can I have sleeping Tommy. A big computer like Mrs. Damron's and games too. I want a cash register too. Can I have a nail set. Can I have a glass wedding doll too. Oh yes, paintdip please and a goodtair with a mikerphone. Can I have a cowgirl suit and boots, with a black cowgirl hat. A twin baby doll too. A blond long curly wig please, please, please. Can I have a generation barbie. Can I have a borad with markers to go with it and school stuff too. A bootlin borad. A blow up chair that's pink.
Love,
Jade Schulte
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing great. How are your elfs? I wonder how your elfs make presents so fast. Rudopph is my favorite Reindeer. Wll for Christmas I want a reap laptop, art set, PiggyBack stroller for two dolls, a small playpen for dolls, camp N go up set, body art, pottery painting, Nedstro Romp n slide ball Carnival, Play Hut, The Worm, and a discman. Well thats all I want.
Love,
Kenley Klemm
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa. How is Ruddy is he alright. I just want this little steward I want clothes and how shows and a new hat cowboy.
Love,
Rey Rodriguez
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want some legos, a computer, a coloring book, clothes, a soft baby, a penny-berry bear, locksmith sewing machine and Bead Pets. I love you Santa. I hope you like the cookies and milk.
Love,
Kaile Huseman

Dear Santa,
I want a Dalmation vet kit, an Easy Bake Oven and the game operation. And Cinderella's crystal palace. I hopw my family has a good Christmas. My little brother Carl wants an airplane playset. Don't forget my sister Alexis and my faster sister Anna. The Lord blesses you always.
Love,
Kendra Huseman

Dear Santa,
I want a race car and a Buzz light year and a airplane, a wallet and some coloring books and a farm tractor. I am trying to be good and do good in school.
Love,
John David Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is it snowing up there. How are your reindeer doing. I want a playstation and CD named Toy story 2 and CTR Spyro, lego racing, Mario Kart. I want tools and I would like a CD player. I hope you have fun giving out toys.
Love,
Clint Huseman
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Chelsea. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a tv, a typewriter, a cook book, a boy doll, a furbie, and jewelry. I hope you had a good year. I love you.
Love,
Chelsea Schulte

Dear Santa,
I want a desk a trampoline mat a little tv, a little tent. I want a camera to. I want a bike. I want a clock. I want a book shelf. I want a little teddy bear. I want a computer. I want an Club House. I want a Art Set.
Love
Jeanette Acker

Dear Santa,
You're a star. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
You are a good man. What are you doing at the North pole? Please bring me Pokemons first movie and a toy robot. Will you please bring me a Vortex T-3, too? Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello.
Your Friend,
Sammy Huseman
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it snowing at the North Pole? Please---bring me a Betty Spaghetti, Casey Cartwheel doll, a real go cart, a lifeguard Barbie Ken. Don't forget my mom and dad and my brother and sister. Merry Christmas!! Thank you!
Love,
Jori Schulte
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Would you please give me a computer and Betty Spaghetti? I would like to have a go-cart too. How are the elves and Mrs. Santa Claus doing?
Love,
Tylar Peterson
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold at the North Pole? Please bring me a Water Baby, a swimming Barbie, a talking baby doll and toy. Thanks giving food, I'm glad you are o.k. Don't forget my mom and dad and my sister and brother.
I love you,
Angelica Pena
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Casey Cartwheel, a necklace, a new Barbie doll and a slinky. Please don't forget my brother and sister.
Love,
Michelle Hochstein
Nazareth Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been trying to be a good boy. My school work is getting better. I would like to ask you to bring me a football, basketball, boots, and a wrestling set. I think my brothers Jeremy and Ben would like a new bike, cowboy hat and some boots.
P.S. Maybe a new boot.
Love,
Danny Franklin Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want shoes and a cowboy shurt and cowboy helmet and a wach and a fish and a TV and a cowboy poster and a cowboy book and a cowboy candle.
Adam Pena

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a rock polisher and a make your own lip balm and a Geo Sarari talking travel globe and a baskit for my bike.
Love,
Perry Mixson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64 game Super Smash Brothers and an ornament. And also, please bring a nativity for mom. And also a Nintendo 64 game Donky kong 64. Thank you.
Jeremiah Fetsch

Dear Santa,
I would like Peter Pan the movie, a water gun, remote control car, bike, computer, computer games, trampoline, Toy Story 2 the movie and a piggy bank.
Love,
Justin Juarez

Dear Santa
I have a good boy this year. I would like a Gustavo gameboy.
Your friend,
Javier Ayala

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a real motorcycle.
Your friend,
Albert

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a computer ad cd of toy story.
Your friend,
Jose

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a doll and car.
Your friend,
Ayerim

Dear Santa,
I have good. I want a nitindo and a choo-choo train and a blue car.
Love,
Michael Don Freeman
Age 5, Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good third grader. I want a Barbie Car that I can ride in. I want a Barbie Umbrella, Barbie socks and a T.V. in my room. I also want a radio, a case full of stamps, some games, a phone, and a computer.
Sincerely,
Linda Calderon

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a new CD player with the CDs. I like a watch. I would also like a computer with computer games, a little Stuart yo-yo, a remote control car, and a Nintendo 64 game.
Sincerely,
Robert Barrios

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl. It would be nice to have a skatboard. I would like a Dream Cast. Also I would like some games. I need some Gap Clothes, and a new pair of shoes. Also I would like sweatpants.
Sincerely,
Devonee Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you are having fun. I am happy it is Christmas. I hope you will bring me a bike. I hope you will bring me a doll. I hope you will bring me a bear.
Sincerely,
Holly Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. I want a guitar, a keyboard, a new bike also I want a puppy with a colar and nintino 64.
Sincerely,
Alex Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have always wanted a trampoline. I have been a good third grader. I know you are a special Santa. I know you would give me what I want because you are special. You are the man I have been waiting for. You have been special to me. So could you give me a very good thing. You are the kindest santa in the world. I know you would give me a bike.
Sincerely,
Stephinie Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I always wanted a trampoline. I really wanted a big trampoline. One more thing, please let us make it through the year 2,000.
Sincerely,
Cornelio

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very, very good boy. Would you please give me a toy and could you give me your reindeer, and Rudolph, and I will go deliver the presents. Please don't give me a baby brother because they cry too much. And could I have a computer and a paintball gun.
Sincerely,
Andrew Larra

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good boy. I would like a Hot Wheels Race Track, a computer, a new pair of shoes, and a remote control truck and car, a dog, a paintball gun, a football.
Sincerely,
Jeremy Barrera

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a good boy. I was hoping you could get me a Nintendo 64. Please would you give me a Monopoly game board. I would also like a gameboy.
Sincerely,
Ray
Mrs. Johnson's Class

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. What I want for Christmas is a radio, bike, clothes, computer, butterfly clips, shoes, socks, CD, books, back pack and jewelry.
Sincerely,
Alyssa Back

Dear Santa,
I am Jonathan Davis. Thank you for all the stuff. The most I would like for Christmas is a Nintendo 64 or a Play Station. I will leave cookies and milk.
Yours,
Jonathan Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
This year I would like you to bring me a puppet and a bike for Christmas.
Love,
Ramon Longoria

Dear Santa,
First I want Pooh is a activity wagon. Then I want a Casey Cartwheel. Then I want jewel skater Barbie that skates. Last I want Mattel See 'n Say and Pokemon, Tommy!
Your friend,
Jessica Tovar

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is: Betty Spheggety, body Art, clothes, computer, and a boogy Ball.
Love,
Vanessa Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
If I be good would you please give me a cd player. I would like some roller blades. I would like a coper. I like a necklace and a ring.
Love,
Corie Rincon

Dear Santa,
I would like a woody with a pull string, a gulta and a microphone. Mr. Potato head, blue and white tennis shoes, a telephone, and a flying Buzz Lightyear.
Thank you,
Skylier

Dear Santa,
I would like some small soldier toys, a motorcycle, a playhouse, some Scooby Do toys, a toy dog, new glasses and some clothes.
Your friend,
Brandon Reyna



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Happy holidays to all our hardworking farm friends, all over the area.
Many thanks for your patronage.

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Thank you for always brightening our day with your kind patronage.

Texas Corn Producers Board

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be
called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

— Isaiah 9:6

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It has meant a lot to us.
Merry Christmas to all.

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Dear Santa,
Are you ready to see me? I want a motorcicle. I want a computer. I want a pencil. I want a teletubbie. I want a desk.
Love,
Abel Villegas

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf doing? I want a new bike. I want a barbie. How is Mrs. Claus? I want a barbie house.
Love,
Allyson Bolding

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for Christmas.
First, how are you doing in the North Pole? It is fine down here in Hart. How are your reindeer? Is it cold over there; it is cold over here. Now I am going to go to the presents.
Next, what I want for Christmas is Pound Puppies, Pound Ponies, a bike, Amazing Ally, a CD player, swimming pool, Barbie Air Line Station, Beanie Babies, Gymnastic Barbie, trampoline, LFO CD, Backstreet C.D., Ken and Barbie, Rug Rat Play Station. Those are all the things I want for Christmas.
Your Friend,
Courtney Finch

Dear Santa,
Will you go to my house on Christmas? Can I have a reindeer for Christmas? I want a Bat girl and a computer. I want a clubhouse. I want a puppy.
Love,
Dyana Beanes

Dear Santa,
How are you today Santa? I want a kite. I want a play house. I want a new bike. I want a pony. I want a horse. Santa how are your reindeer.
Love,
Lauren Ritter

Dear Santa,
How are you doing with Rudolph. I want a puppy and a truck. I want a boat and toy. I want a boy car and a tractor.
Love,
Mauricio Mendoza

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

Soar Into the Season

May you and those you love take flight this Christmas with happiness, health and prosperity.

Your loyal commitment has helped us to spread our wings and reach new heights.

Triple A Pump Co., Inc.

Hart

Dear Santa,
These are the things that I want for Christmas.
First, I want a T.V. because my mom and dad might get me a play station for Christmas. Why would I want a playstation if I don't have anything to play it on. I also want a new spelling teacher! (Just Kidding!) I want a Laser Tag game that I always wanted.
Your Little Elf,
Nathan Green

Dear Santa,
Can I have sleeping beauty barbie? I want a bike. How are your reindeer doing? When are you coming to my house?
Love,
Lisa Tijerina

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I want a barbie house. Can I have your reindeer. I want a barbie bike for Christmas. I want a Clifford book.
Love,
Megan Velasquez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I want Christmas music. I want a bike. I want a ball and a Nintendo with pokemon. I want a batman and a toy fish.
Love,
Abram Diaz

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me Christmas presents? I want a computer. I want a doll. I want a barbie.
Love,
Marissa Pantoja

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a nintendo 64. I want a bike. I want a puppy. I want a batman car. I want a jeep.
Love,
Fernando Urbina

Dear Santa,
Why do you live at the North Pole? I want a doll. I want a barbie jeep. I want swings. I want a bike. I want a dog.
Love,
Damaris De La Fuente

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf doing with the other reindeers. I want a book and a puppy and barbie car and a barbie book and a barbie house.
Love,
Marsela Fuentez

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I want a motorcycle. I want a tent. I want a backpack.
Love,
Jordan Diaz

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? I want a baby doll. I want a computer. I want a barbie.
Love,
Yolanda Dominguez

Dear Santa,
Can you come to my house? I want a barbie car. I want a barbie jeep. I want two barbie. I want three dolls.
Love,
Vanessa Dominguez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? I want a baby boy. I want a new bike and a little toy house. I want a nintendo 64 and a new barbie house.
Love,
Ysenia Godina

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I want a bumblebee doll. I want a teletubbie? I want Jesse. I want a computer.
Love,
Jacy Black

Dear Santa,
How are you today? Santa I want a little baby. I want a book. Santa, I want a bike. I want new shoes.
Love,
Patricia Corraler

Dear Santa,
It is almost close to Christmas. I think I've been a good girl. Here's a list of things I want for Christmas.
First, I would like a big Kelly doll. There's some more Barbie's clothes and other stuff, and purple, red, and green shirts and shorts, and Barbie airplane with Ken.
Next, I would like a Britney Spearses doll and a CD of Britney Spearses. And I would like to meet her. I would like a lot of Mickey Mouse stuff, like a Mickey Mouse game.
Then I would like a big trampoline with a big swimming pool and some swings.
I think I am as blessed as can be. If you can't get all those things, I'm not going to have a broken heart. Bye! Till next year!
Your Friend,
Amber

Dear Santa,
I don't really know if I have been very good this year, but for Christmas I want several things and I have many questions. Do you give parents presents? Do you like bad children? Do you like rock and other music? What I want for Christmas is a bike, TV., kindergarten babies, a kitten, a swimming pool. I believe you're real.
Love,
Delia Chia

Dear Santa,
How do you do? I want a car. Do you have a reindeer? I want a computer for Christmas. I want a computer for Christmas. I want a teletubbie.
Love,
Stephanie Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How cold is it? I want a computer for Christmas. I want jewelry for Christmas. I want a game for my nintendo 64. I want a happy Christmas. I want my Dad to be rich.
Love,
Mallorie Reyna

Dear Santa,
I have lots of things I want for Christmas. First I would like a sweet little kitten and clothes so I can dress the kitten on holidays. And I also would like a mini tv and a trampoline so that I can be good at gymnastics. I need a pair of Oakley sunglasses cause of the sun and also so I can look cool. I need the movie of Tarzan. Please, Santa, bring me all that I want. Now you know all that I want for Christmas.
Your Friend,
Kelcy Albracht

Dear Santa,
These are all the things I wish for Christmas. I wish for Pound Puppies and Pound Ponies, Barbie Cash register, 3 sets of clothes, Barbie play station game D.M. X. C.D. Sister Hazel C.D. V.C.R., T.V., Passport to Paris Movie.
There's not a lot of things so mother will not spend all of her money.
Your Friend,
Samantha Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Why are you fat? I want a Nintendo 64. Can I have your reindeer? I want a bike and a dog. I want a cake. I want all of the presents.
Love,
Neno Ramirez

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I think I've been a good girl. In case I have, I'd like to send to you a list of things I'd like to have.
I'd like to have a New Baby Krissy. New Baby Krissy is a new Kelly doll. I'd also like some clothes for my Barbie. I'd like a Barbie cash register.
I'd like one of those mini TV's and a VCR to go with it, but it has to go to my room only! I want more Pound Puppies and Pound Ponies for my collection. I want the movie Tarzan, it would go good with the TV and VCR.
Your ever hopeful
Margie Neudorf

Dear Santa,
I have lots of things I want for Christmas. First I would like a sweet little kitten and clothes so I can dress the kitten on holidays. And I also would like a mini tv and a trampoline so that I can be good at gymnastics. I need a pair of Oakley sunglasses cause of the sun and also so I can look cool. I need the movie of Tarzan. Please, Santa, bring me all that I want. Now you know all that I want for Christmas.
Your Friend,
Kelcy Albracht

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this season?
First, I want my glasses for Christmas. That is all I want for Christmas.
I want a room all to my self with a lot of posters. I want a car, dog and a new Playstation game so I can play it all day long. I can use a VCR for Christmas.
Santa, last but not least I want a good Christmas with my family.
Please answer my Christmas list.
From your friend,
Ruben Sifuentez

A Bear-y Merry Christmas!

Wishing you lots of warm hugs, and happy hours with your loved ones over the holidays.

Thanks for making us very happy this year.

DeBruce Grain INC.

Before the Holiday Dash...

We want to wish everyone all good things in this festive season. Thank you so very much for your support and loyalty.

All the best to you and yours!

Company Store and The Hart Beat

Hart

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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Another Christmas season is heading down the track. We hope it brings you everything you're waiting for!

We're happy you stopped at our door this year. We look forward to seeing you again.

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It's Time For A Spectacular Season

As the holidays head our way, and we await their festive glow—Relax and enjoy the promise of good times with those you know.

Thanks for having made our year spectacular.

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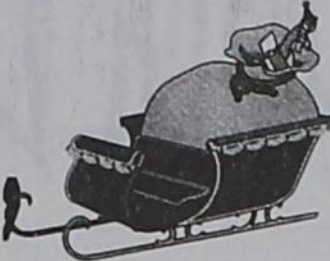
In The Spirit Of The Season

At Christmastime, we'd like to renew our commitment to serving the community, and we thank you all for your faith in us.

Have a joyous Noel!

Benny's Auto Sales

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



Dear Santa,
I would like a computer or the Magic Nails. I want both but you have to go to lots of houses. Thanks for giving me this school, parents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and a new baby. For Christmas I would like to go to Mexico. Well that's all. Oh! I would love to go to your house in the North Pole! Merry Christmas! I have been bad.

Your Little Elf,
Maria Magdalena Diaz

Dear Santa,
First I want a computer to log on to www.disney.com. Then I want to pass the TAAS test. Then I want a Generation Girl! Then I want to go to Hollywood! I want to visit the north pole.

Your Angel,
Karina Juarez

Dear Santa,
There are a lot of things I want for Christmas. First, I would like this purse. It has nail polish and body spray. I want a computer, Barbie cash register, and a baby kitten. I also want a new house, bike, clothes, and shoes. Next, I would like to give my little sister Felicia what she wants. She wants a Barbie jeep and a purse with all different kinds of stuff. Also, she wants body glitter and a baby puppy. Then I would like to give my brother a good baby. He wants CD's and give him a job. Last, I would like to give my family what they wish for. For my aunt to have her baby soon and a smart baby. My mom to do good for selling stuff for my Aunt Betty. For my dad to do good on his job and for everything to go well.

Your Friend,
Annette Reyna
P.S. Have a Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I want to go to see the Dallas Cowboys play the Green Bay Packers in football. I want toys, trackors and I want toy semi's and John Deers.

Love,
Marco

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want My Size Angel Barbie size 8. Gem for day. Amazing Ally, Big Kelly Kindergarten babies but I want a blueberry one, Brittaner Sears doll, The new Nsync CD. Barbie Play Station with the controls, Backstreet Boys CD, Britney Spears CD, the ice cream maker, and mild shake maker, rolar blades, 98 Degrees CD, trampoline, LFO CD, Spice Girls CD, swimming pool, Nsync movie, nail polish maker and Matrix CD. And these are the toys I want.

Love,
Corina

Dear Santa,
I want some shoes and a computer and clothes. I can't wait till Christmas! I want my aunt and my uncle to come for Christmas.

Love,
Korina Portillo

Dear Santa,
I want some legos and clothes. I want a Playstasn game. I want a Beast War toy. I want a Power Ranger. I want a Pokemon. I want all of the Pokemon a life. Have a happy Crismas!

Love,
Martin Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want three pares of earrings. I want four pintow horses of the same. I also want four stokings for my family. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Hayley Clevenger

Dear Santa,
How are you? Well my name is Jesus and I'm fine. Now we should talk about my presents. I want a remot control car. I would want a new game for my Sega, a new bike and a dog. I want the game Monopoly Two Thousand. I want a football, a Playstation and the game Game Day Tow Thousand. I want the CD Ricky Martin. I want a new accordeon and a recorder of my own. I want my own T.V. I want to move to Mexico.

Now I'm finished with the things I want for Christmas. I would really like it if you would bring these things to me.

Your Friend,
Jesus Longoria

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for Christmas. How are you? I want: amazing Ally, kindergarden babies but I want a blueberry, Play station, Rug Rat Treasure Hunt, Barbie Station, Brittany Spears Barbie, Brittany Spears CD, a CD, a Nsync CD, Backstreet Boys CD, a pump for my bike, roller blades 7/8, my size Angel Barbie 7/8, Tweety Spice Girls CD, LFO cd, swimming pool, trapaline, chihuahua puppy, and a nail polish maker.

Your Friend,
Angelica M.

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy that care nos to do trick.

Sincerely,
Drew Higgins

Dear Santa,
My name is Keila, and I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Brittany Spears doll, and a new disney movie. Tell all the reindeer I said Hi.

Love,
Keila Schilling

Dear Santa,
I just want a sled. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Braden Nelson

Dear Santa,
I wood like a Buz Lite Year with a cande dspinser. And a life saver. I wood like a real and play Tommy. And a computer with casetes and caseles to play games. Have a good Christmas.

Love,
Mario Fuentes

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a computer, a Netendo 64, a pokemon poster, and a white puppy. I have been a good girl Santa. My family has been good to Santa.

Love,
Lupita Vega

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a jambox. I also want Toy Story 2 and Pokemon cards. Have a good Christmas.

Love,
Kendall George

Dear Santa,
I wish for a game boy. I wish for a go cart. I wish for game boy games. I wish for all of the Pokemon cards. I was a good boy this year.

Love,
Shane Hanes

Dear Santa,
I wish for toy story 2. I wish for skatebord. Have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Thomas

Dear Santa,
This is what I really want for Christmas. I live in a house on Avenue C. My colors of my house are maroon and white.

This is what I want for Christmas: magic dip nail polish, doll bunk bed, clueless hands free phone, and for my mom to have fifteen hundred dollars and for my dad to have a 49ers blow up chair. If you can not give my mom the money, please give her the easy weaver.

Love,
Samantha Menchaca

Dear Santa,
There are so many things I want for Christmas.

First, I would like to give something to my mom. I would like to give an angel to my mom so she can put it on the Christmas Tree.

Next, I would like to give something to my dad and my brother too. For my dad I would like to give him a new job; couse I never get to see him at night. For my baby brother, some clothes.

Then I would like to give my big brother a drivers license so he won't get stopped. Also, a new pair of shoes so he won't be asking my mom for some new shoes.

Last, I would like a computer and some CDs to go with it. I would like a Baby Christy doll and my own room, and some new covers for my bed. I would like a speed bike, and most of all-a great Merry Christmas!

Your Friend,
Mayra Reyna

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. First, I want a computer with games that come with it. I want a keyboard and a printer and a mouse with it too.

Next, I want two dogs, 1 with black eyes and brown spots. And the other with wrinkles and with brown eyes and a small nose.

Then I want a friend, a real friend that will never be mean to me. I want a friend just like my friend Mary the doll. But really I want a friend that has Mary's face, eyes, mouth, smile and hair. That's what kind of friend I want.

Your Friend,
Nadia Avila

Dear Santa,
I want some toy tractors to play with. And I want a computer and a nintendo 64 and a remote control car. I want a football and a like for me and one for my brother. I want a semie to play with and a John Deere.

Your Pal,
Roy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want some pokemon cards and a pokemon cap. I want N64 with two games, and pokemon toys. Have a good Christmas.

Love,
Skylar Reyna

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, Pokemon toys, and Pokemon C.d. that is a playsation. I also want a toy story 2. That's it. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Jesus Diaz

Dear Santa,
My name is Monica and I am in the first grade. I have been good this year.

Santa, I would like for Christmas a Barbie Play time Lap Top, Tote-A-Tolley Doll, comquest Disk Master remote control, Barbies car, a bike, some dolls, a swimming pool and some snow to make a snowman. Thank you Santa Claus.

Monica Paz

Dear Santa Claus,
I would please like to have a new game for my Sega Genesis, a Sonic Hedgehog. May I please have a pair of binoculars that I can use to go hunting with also.

I am trying very hard to not pull a color from now until Christmas. I am working very hard to keep myself under control. Am I gon the "good list?"

I just remembered, I would also like a Blues Clues movie please.

I will leave you my special treat of Dr. Pepper and cookies in your special plate. Santa, you are very nice and I love you.

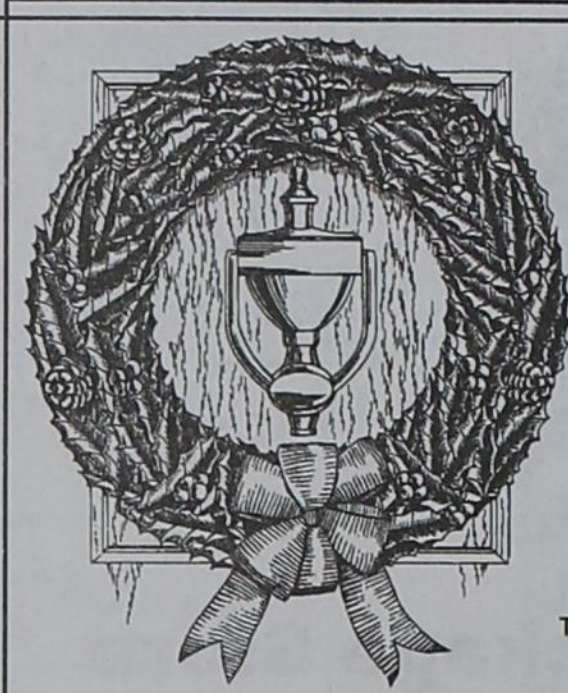
Sincerely,
Kale Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Andres. I am 5 years old and in kindergarten. I have been good, just ask mom. For Christmas I want a remote big foot and a dump truck. That is all. Thank you, Santa.

Andres Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I wish for a computer, and angel, rolling skates, and a Barbie. You are very speshle. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Veronica Gamez



In the Spirit Of the Season...

May we extend our sincere good wishes to all our cherished friends and neighbors. Thank you so much for your support.

Jack L. Edwards

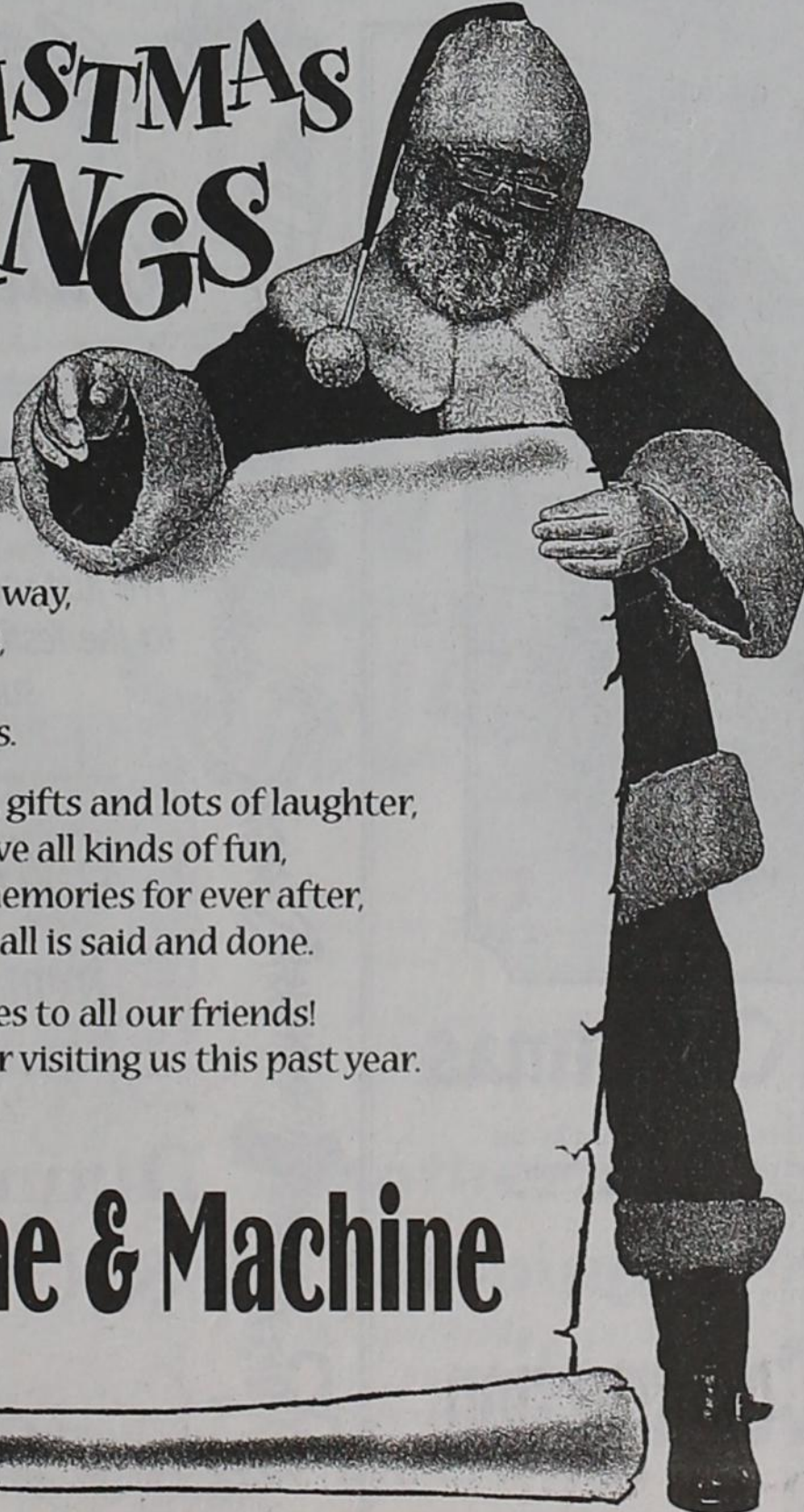
Thanks for Dropping in!

We'd like to thank you for visiting us this year and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

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

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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

As We Welcome the Holidays ...

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for coming by this year. We wish you the best of the season and hope your holidays roll along smoothly with lots of happy celebrations along the way.

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Here's hoping the holiday season brings everything you've dreamed of, and more. We're very grateful for your loyal support and friendship, and we look forward to serving you again in the future. Have a very merry Christmas!

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Enjoy a holiday filled with many memorable stories. Thanks for fulfilling our wish list with your loyal patronage.

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Betty Jones

Dear Santa,
I'm a very good girl. I want a cat and a Barbie. I also want some make-up. I wish that my mom was here. I like you very much. I hope that you can make it.
Love,
Mayra Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want a GTO, a dog, and cat. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Lino Quillmas

Dear Santa,
I want a reel Britney Spears C.D. And a Shania Twain C.D. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Christopher Davis

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a pair of rollerblader, a laptop, bike, cat, tv, clock, bred action figures, lots and lots of candy, clothes, piano, dresser, fifty dollars, my own trash can, washer and dryer, cd player, radio and go carts
Your Friend,
Drake Finch

Dear Santa,
Do you have the presents ready? I want a sanit skate doll, and a barbie car, and a baby doll that has a pacifier and a bottle and baby food. I want a Barbie doll that has a baby and a crib, and a potty doll, and a saver Barbie.
Love,
Cierra Ellison

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl and I would like this please. Amazing Ally, a black computer that we can carry around anywhere, and some new books, an alarm clock, a new What Would Jesus Do ankle bracelet and new shoes.
Sincerely,
Kimberly Martinez

P.S. I am just asking for these, but I don't need it. Thank you.
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie House with all the Barbie dolls. I would also like the Kellie Doll and the toy poodle dog. I'd love to get a trampoline and a computer too! Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Elda Bonilla

Dear Santa,
My name is Gilberto Mejia. I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I was very good this year. Santa Claus, I would like a bike, remote control motor cycle, some mega blocks, Magna Doodle toy and a t.v. game. Thank you Santa for taking the time to read my letter.
Love,
Gilberto Mejia

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf today? Can you give Rudolf a cookie when you go to my house? I want an angel barbie. I want some pokemon. I want a game. I want a computer.
Love,
Carrie Gilly

Dear Santa,
When will you come see us? Santa, I want a computer and I want a game too. I want a barbie car. I want a basketball too.
Love,
Brittany Rincon

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of things. First I want a go cart because they are really fun. Then I want a game called Monopoly. It is fun because you ge to waste your money. Next I want a Nintendo 64. It is fun because you can play games on it. Then I want a skateboard because it is fun to play with. Last I want some rollerblades because they are so fun. And I want a Sega game thats called Sonic Spin Ball. And I want a bike because I don't have one. That's all I want I got 4 words for you. How are you doing?
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa Claus,
People think you are fake, but I don't. Do you give presents to everybody? The only thing I want is a little black computer and a Dream Cast with eight good games and four controllers with the AV and AC cables.
What do you do when it's spring? Do you know if the world is going to end in the year 2000?
I am 10 years old and my birthday is on Nov. 19, 1989.
One more present I want is for my dad to win 500,000,000 billion dollars from the lottery on Dec. 25, 1999. That's all I want for Christmas.
Your Pal,
Esteban Montemayor

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64. You're the best Santa.
Love,
Adam Hart

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all year long. Please bring me a Kelly doll and a Cooking Barbie with kitchen set. And a Mickey Mouse doll for my Minnie Mouse doll. Say Hi to Rudolph. I love you.
Thank you,
Danae Lafuente

Dear Santa,
First, I want a party surprise doll. Then I want skate board Shannen and Pooch chat pals plush assortment. Then I want a shop 'n Bop Baby and Read 'n play Tommy and a computer.
Your friend,
Monica Tovar

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Lylybell Ramirez, and I would like a Barbie house with lots of dolls, also I would like a Barbie car. I have been good this year and will try to be extra good for next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Love,
Lylybell Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old and I have brown hair and brown eyes. Well, for Christmas I want a basketball hoop and a basketball, robot, horse and superman. Well that's all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Alberto Beanes

Dear Santa,
This Christmas would you bring me some blocks, a poiwer ranger, a pool table, some Earth toys, and a white bicycle. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Paul Martinez

Dear Santa,
My name is Aristo and I am in kindergarten. I want some crayons, a truck and trailer, roller skates, a basketball, Play Station, the Titanic video and a Toy Story movie.
Your friend,
Aristo Villarreal

Dear Santa,
I would like a tractor and a play station with pokemon, also a toy dinosaur. I have been a very good boy this year. Please send me these things.
Love,
Aaron Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a dress, blouse, overalls, shiny jewelry, pretty shoes. Also, I want a walking Barbie, make-up and nails.
Love,
Destany Delacruz

Dear Santa Claus,
This year has been great! I have been very good. I would like you to bring me a Barbie, Barbie house, Barbie clothes, a Barbie shirt, some shoes, shorts and pants.
Thank you Santa,
Karely Chavira

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want some Pokemon cards and toys, a Game Boy and some games, a Power Ranger Megazord, a TV, play station and games, Pokemon CD, Pokemon Movie, and a remote control race car.
Thank you,
Jake Curry

Dear Santa,
These are the gifts I want this year: a watch, a pump for my bike, batman, power ranger (the blue one), play station, big fire truck, a computer, and a Nickelodeon camera. My brother, sister, and I all live in the same house. This is my house number, 1002.
Your friend,
Nazario Maldonado

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a baby that flips, Barbie that cooks, a baby with a Tweety bed, and a doctor baby. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Mikala Whitaker

Dear Santa,
I want a gold car and a motorcycle, five cars, a toy gun, a stone cold toy and a farm with lots of animals, a cap and can you bring my baby sister a rattle and a sword of starwar that is all.
Love,
Ruben Rodriguez Jr.
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle and a yo-yo, a bird, some wrestlers and a real pig with a small barn, a toy tractor, a real camera and a bottle for my baby sister and some mini cars, a real car. I love you, Santa.
Love,
Miguel Rodriguez
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy Santa. I want for Christmas a yellow truck and roller blades. Merry Christmas!
Love,
JJ

Dear Santa,
I want a big truck, a tractor and a computer. I want it to snow for Christmas, so I can play in the snow. Thank you.
Love,
R.J. Hinojosa

Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie doll, a Barbie House and car. I also want a bike, books, roller blades. I also want chopstick. Santa these are the things I want for Christmas.
Thank You,
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year so for Christmas I want a computer.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Corvette and a make-and Shake and generation girl, and my size barbie. Please bring me a skirt and some jewelry and makeup.
Love,
Alix Esquivel

Come Let Us Adore Him

May you be greatly blessed by the true spirit of Christmas, and may His great gift illuminate your heart and bring you comfort and joy.

Roy's Plumbing
Roy and Robin Gonzales

Blessings on Christmas

May you and yours share much love, and be guided by the light of this holy time, as you reflect upon the true, beloved meaning of Christmas.

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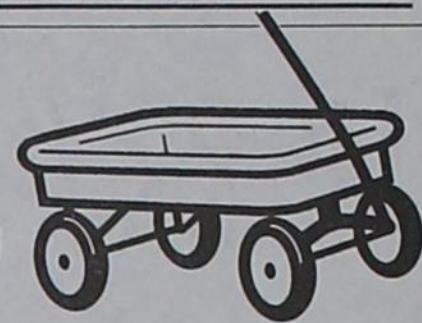
While You Are Out Celebrating...

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

BUT MAYBE THEY CAN MAKE ME A WAGON.



Dear Santa,
I would like a tin drum player and a cat dog game. I have been good all year. I also want a gam boy and a bik without training wheels.

Love,
Sergio Ibarra

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Furby camera, Furby puzzle, a computer and that's all.

Thank you,
Jessica Ross

Dear Santa,
I have been playing at the play station and going to school in the first grade. For christmas I would like a crash game and a corvette and a control car and a little puppy and 3 Cors and a jeep.

Love, Cody

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are doing fine. We will leave you hot sauce, ice tea and chips. Please bring me shaving cream and cologne. Surprise me with toys. Me and Bubba will leave your reindeer some salad around the table. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Coby Venhaus
Kingergarten, 5 yrs

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year so for christmas I want a computer a little puppy that I came name Fluffy.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a motrsi.

Friend,
Javier Vargas

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a real motorcycle, a real go-car, and a play station with CDs. I want a real jeep. See you soon.

Love,
Jeremy Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year for my gifts I would like led pencils, beanie, pillow pal, beanie buddy, poster board, soft animal shaped pillow, castle, chocolate ice cream, chocolate covered cherry, a basketball, calender, Gel pen.

thank you,
Erin Black
1011 S. Front
Dimmitt TX
(Cemetery Road)

Dear Santa Claus,
I want jet ski and a real go car and a real motorcycle for Christmas. I also want a woodie, a little brown dog and a big black dog. I am six years old and am in the first grade. I love you!

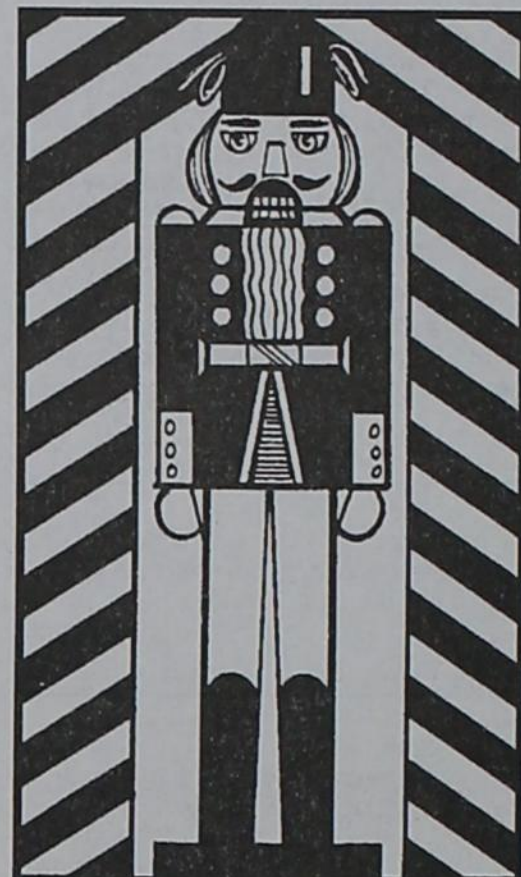
Rodrigo

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a power rangers horse.

Your friend,
Raul

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a power rangers horse.

Your friend,
Erasmus



P.S. I want a real jet ski, too, and a knee board.

P.S. Thank you Santa Clause

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been bad, but you can still get me a present. I would like a tractor, bigfoot and a toy gun. I will try to behave. Thank you.

Love,
Benjamin Rodriguez
Age 4

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? At my house, it's okay. I hope you, your elves, and Mrs. Santa are not working too hard. I want to thank you and everybody else that made the presents you gave me last year. This year I want something for my three month old brother, an electric swing. I want to feel better, and I want a Polly Pocket. I have to go. Bye.

Your friend,
Stephanie Castro

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little girl puppy dog for Christmas. Also a little kitten. I would like a baby doll too. Please bring me some story books. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Liset Soto

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? I have been very good this year. I want a walking baby Pluto and a stretching catdog that talks. I also want a stuffed Pokemon called Venonat and one called Tangel A. and a stuffed Pikachu. I will leave cookies and milk for you when you get to my house. Tell Mrs. Claus hello for me. My brother, Brennan and I also want the game 007 Goldeneye on Nintendo and Pokemon Snap Game, too. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a bike an wota computer and sket Toy Story 2 Bike and pone.

Your friend,
Erasmus

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like boll and Toy Story 2 hat bike cooks. I wut to said Ho Ho Ho!

Your friend,
Estefani

Dear Santa,
I'm 5 year old. This Christmas I would like a race car, roller blades and a bicycle. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Hope to see you soon. P.S. my little brother Billy wants a Bat and Ball. Merry Christmas!

Love,
William Baker

P.S. I will leave you Jell-O and the reindeer celery and carrots.

Dear Santa,
I want a cooking barbie, easy bake, a horse for my sister, a truck for my brother. I also want a Barbie airplane, coloring books with colors, new shoes, a new jacket and ponytails for my hair. A puppy for my sister. I need a net for my trampoline. The last thing I want is a cooking kitchen.

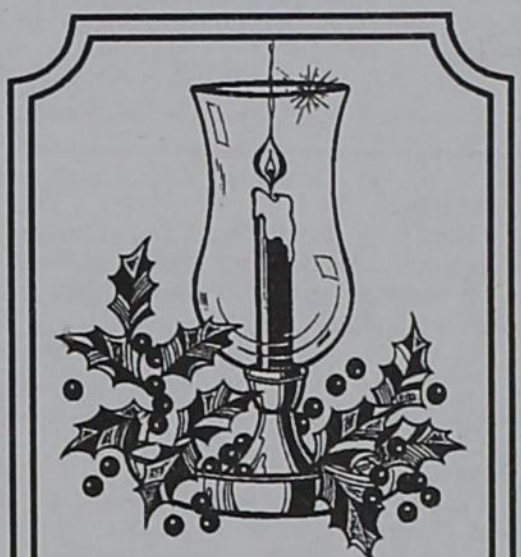
Love,
April Lee Rivera

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie, jeep, and a stuffed brown bear for Christmas. I will have milk and ginger bread for you.

Your friend,
Abby Oliviero

Dear Santa Claus,
I live with my mom and step-dad. I have three sisters. I want a baby puppy and glitterd polish. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I love you.

Ysela Trevino



Old-Time Greetings

Hope you have some good old-fashioned fun, this holiday season.

Thanks for lighting up our year!

Garner Ball Photography

Silent Night

May the message of hope and peace He brought us on that first Holy night spread throughout humanity.

Many thanks for your kindness.

Kern Plumbing & Electric



Holiday Magic

May your holiday season be bright and happy and filled with wonder. We have enjoyed serving you, and look forward to seeing you again throughout the coming year.

Red X Travel Center

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and in Mrs. Keith room. For Christmas I want a barbie doll and a barbie car and pink barbie nail polish.

Love,
Natasha Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I help my mom watch the baby. For Christmas I would like a barbie house and a barbie computer and brand new sandles and a green barbie back pack. Also barbie pink nail polish and a necklace.

Love,
Nikki Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a barbie car, and some story books for Christmas. I will have punch and cake for you. I live at 608 East Hostel Street.

Your friend,
Desiree Ewing

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a barbie bike and a barbie doll. I also want a Angelica Make-Up Pretty Doll and a Super Nail Creation. I will leave you some milk and some brownies.

Love,
Danielle Sandoval

Dear Santa,
I will like web blaster and cross fire for Christmas. and I will like a play Station. I will like a brown puppy, we will call her Katy.

Love,
Erik Reyna

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a game boy and a bike with training and a remote car set with 3 remotes. I will see you Christmas.

Love,
David Velez

Dear Santa,
Hi. My name is Blake. You probably know me because I'm always such a good boy. Ha. Ha. Santa I would love to have all the Power Ranger's toys. I would really like the laser gun. I would also like the Nintendo 64 game, and could I please have Blues Clues story time with Blues Clues story time with Blue and I would like Blues Clues Pajamas and Blues Christmas movie. And the most important thing is a color t.v. with a v.c.r. Remote Control and could I have my own book case with books. And I would like a bunk-bed. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Blake Sullivan Ramos
Age 5 yrs. old
Grade-Kindergarten
Mrs. Carter's Room

Dear Santa,
My name is Alyssa. I would like a Barbie Car, a big tent, a new backpack, pencils and clothes and lots of toys. I have been very good. I would also like a new bedroom. I will leave cookies out for you. O.K.

Love,
Alyssa Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Kimberly Dove. I have one brother and two Sisters. For Christmas could you bring me a cleaning set and some barbies and a barbie house. See you Christmas.

Kimberly Dove

P.S. Tell Rudolph Hi and to keep his nose bright and shiny, all the way to my house!!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want LaLa the yellow teletubie, dolls and my mom and my brother wants Power Rangers and I want to be with mommy.

Love,
Daisy L. Ovalle

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a barbie doll and car, Ken Doll for my cousin, John-John. Dress-up shoes, makeup, and some necklaces and rings. Baby doll that eats and sleeps. Playhouse for Barbie. I love you Santa, to the moon and back.

Love,
Christine Wait

Dear Santa Claus
I want a mountain bike and a jewelry box and some jewelry and some clothes and some shoes, boots and a computer and the movie the wizard of oz and a shelty puppy.

Your friend,
Natacia Kathleen Sullivan Ramos
Age 10, 4th grade

The Season of Joy

Best wishes to all, from near and far, at this special time of year. We appreciate your loyalty and patronage.

Dimmitt Brake & Muffler

A Season That Sparkles

May all things peaceful and all things bright shine on you this Christmas, so wonderful new miracles take flight.

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

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.

We feel very fortunate to have you as our customer, and look forward to your continued patronage and goodwill.

Smothermon Ditching

We lay irrigation, gas line and repair plastic and concrete pipe lines.

806-276-5563

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Here's hoping our many friends enjoy a season filled with bundles of magic and love.

Thank you for being so nice to us!

Tidwell Spraying Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAVE A SAFE TRIP!



Dear Santa,
I want a barbie radio and a barbie car with a boy so my brother Matthew can play with it too. Thank you Santa.
Clarissia Anes
Mrs. Norman

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a real dirt bike and a real goldfish, a real puppy. I would also like the video of Toy Story 2. I would like a new pair of pants and shoes, a tie and shirts.

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a puppy and a basketball and a Woody Cowboy toy from Toy Story 2. My mommy said I've been a good boy all year.
I love you,
John David Flores Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, Backstreet boys and N'SYNC CD's. I also want black boots, a black jacket, a go cart, and a Santa Claus beane baby. You're the best Santa! Merry Christmas.
Love,
Brian Pantoja

Dear Santa,
I want a lap top computer, password journal, and a Kelly doll. I want a lot of stuff but thats all I can think of. Just get me what ever you want to give me for Christmas.
Love,
Kelbi Carson

Dear Santa,
I'm a good boy this year. I don't got no circles. I want a Nintendo 64 with a Pokemon snap game and Martin and Brian for bothers. I also want a telescope. Mary Christmas!
Love,
Xavier Chavez

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew and I want a remote truck like my cousin Joe's and I want little toy truck. Thank you Santa.
Matthew Anes
Mrs. Thomas

P.S. I like Santa Claus and his reindeer and I wish I could see your reindeer. I like Santa!
Goodbye,
Oscar Navarro

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car, a cd game, a scooter and a trampoline. I love you.
Brittany Lindley
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a niteno for Christmas. I also want a game boy, a book, and a boat. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Everardo Villarreal

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll house and a doll, and a stuffed animal. I'm a good girl. I like you.
Love,
Jasmine Chavez

Dear Santa,
I live with my mom and dad 2 brothers and 1 sister. For Christmas I would like a jeep a bike and a computer for Christmas.
Love you,
Desiree Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want Dinel to like me. I also want a sterio of my owne and a nintendo 64 with the pokemon station. I also want you to be my brother. You're the greatest Santa!
Love,
Abelina Avila

Dear Santa,
I wish for a go cart, a gameboy, and a N64 with Pokemon snap and Toy story 2. I also want all the pokemon cards. I have ben a good boy. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Stephen Bryant

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a arplan car. and comper and some books. I want som shoes, I want side and a big car and I want a dog. I want a boat. I want a gun. I want a game boy. my name is Jose Luis Flores.
Love,
Jose Luis Flores

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a bus, mutusiki.
your friend,
Gary

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a dollcar and bike.
Your friend,
Jessica Martinez

Dear Santa,
This is a spesenl present. I want a Woody with a guitar.
Love,
Joey Cortez

Dear Santa,
I want a vido game of Digemor. I also want a skat board for Christmas, a Power Ranger, and Power Ranger sord.
Love,
Joel Beanes

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. I want three barides with a baby swing. I want two compers. I want a chrismas tree. I want a slide. I want a talaefon.
Love,
Cladia Gallardo

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a pone is you kom to mi has. Dear Santa bre mee a gookr.
Your friend,
Javier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. My name is Leslie. Here are a couple of things that I want for Christmas. I want a angel Barbie, a Barbie Plane, a Barbie bike, and I also a Barbie CD for the playstation. And I also want for my family to be here for Christmas.
Sinsery,
Leslie Cedillo

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me some games for my Play Station and clothes, bike and my dad to be here with us for ever.
Richard Torres

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a bike, skateboard, Shannon, Don't Wake Daddy, a color set, a trampoline and a swing set.
Your friend,
Kryselda Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a race car remote control. I would like a pokemon. And a monster truck remote control. I would like a play shot gun with red bullets. I would like Buzz light year. I would like Power Ranger blue. I would like lunch boxes. I would like cool cars.
Michael Shea

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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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Rejoice!

May the blessings of His holy birth fill your heart with joy and love during this Christmas season, and always.

Thank you for making this a brilliant year for us.

Donut Shack

A Blessed Time

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.

—Isaiah 9:6-7

May you and yours be blessed with peace and joy all through Christmas and beyond.

Thank you for visiting us.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Friday, Dec. 24

6:30—Music by Marie Winders, organ; Connie Dickerson, piano; Beth Buckley, electronic keyboard.
7:00—Candlelight service. Scriptures, carols, candlelighting. Dress: casual.

First United Methodist Church
Dimmitt

Happy Holiday!

Look, it's Santa with his sack,
Climbing down the chimney stack!
In a flash he's gone from sight;
Then he's back, and waves good-night.
He jumps into his little sleigh;
You can almost hear him say,
As his laughter fades away...
"Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Holiday!"

To all our dear friends and loyal customers, we hope Santa brings you everything you've been wishing for this Christmas.

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