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Commissioners' court discusses building a prison

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court discussed the construction of a 1,000-bed prison during Monday's regular meeting.

The discussion, which came as part of the monthly report from the sheriff's department, followed a presentation by Carlos Ortiz, CEO of American Correctional Consultants, who contracts with Bailey County to locate prisoners that can be boarded in the county jail.

Ortiz, who was accompanied by Jim Gordon, president of ACC, and Daryl Holly, ACC's director of facility operations, said his company — if authorized by the court — would seek a "20-year contract" with the federal Bureau of Prisons, and that the county didn't have to make a decision about the construction of the facility until such a contract was in place.

"We want to know if you're interested before we go after a contract," he said. "...We get the contract and then you decide if you want to build it or not."

Ortiz also suggested that the county fund the construction of the prison facility rather than go through a private company.

"If the county builds it, it (the county) will keep the money," Ortiz said. "You can either build it yourself and keep all of the revenue, or you can bring in a private company."

"If you build it yourself," added Gordon, "you'll have the profits and the jobs."

It was estimated that a 1,000-bed prison facility would employ about 300 individuals. Construction of the facility was estimated at \$35 million, which would most likely be paid for through a bond issue, and built on county-owned land.

Ortiz said once a contract was in place officials with the federal bureau of prisons would meet with county officials to discuss the design of the facility. He explained that it was important for federal BOP officials to be involved in the construction process because the agency wouldn't use the prison unless its specifications were met.

County Judge Sherri Harrison said it had been several years since Bailey County had pursued the idea of constructing a prison.

The judge said she would be apprehensive about constructing such a facility without a federal contract in place. "It sounds too good to be true," she said.

"If it sounds too good to be true," Precinct #2 Commissioner C.E. Grant said, "it usually is."

While a federal contract would be instrumental in the decision of whether the facility was to be built, the

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Members from the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church stopped by to help the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry distribute food Saturday, Dec. 8. Pictured above, the volunteers place a box of food in the bed of a pickup.

Food pantry may be facing a shortage in 2008

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Things are getting tough all over, including for the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, according to Kay Mardis, the food pantry's coordinator.

During a time when more and more people are

experiencing a financial crunch and seeking help, Mardis said the donations needed to help offset the additional needs are dropping.

On top of this, she said, some of the food items that the local food pantry receives from the Food

Bank at Lubbock are costing more, an estimated \$1,700 per month.

Currently, the food pantry in Muleshoe assists about 200 families of assorted sizes each month, providing a large box of food items.

"This is an ongoing need," Mardis said, adding that it is

becoming more of a struggle for the food pantry to help local residents due to rising food costs and dwindling resources.

Although the food collected recently by the Muleshoe Cub Scouts will help, Mardis said this would be only a short-term fix.

Council passes ordinance to issue certificates

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council took the next step in the issuance of \$4 million in certificates of obligation during Monday's regular meeting, approving the ordinance authorizing the sale of the 20-year certificates.

The final step before the certificates are sold is the approval of the Texas attorney general, according to Vince Viaille of First Southwest Company, the

city's financial advisor. The certificates would be sold on or about Jan. 28, at which time the city would receive its funds in a lump payment at closing.

Viaille said he has already negotiated with Coastal Securities, the initial underwriter of the bonds, and has applied for a bond rating with Standards & Poor's.

Coastal Securities will in turn sell the bonds, Viaille explained. Local citizens, working through a broker,

would set the bond yield at more than five percent, the Triple A rating dropped that percentage to 4.21 percent.

When asked by council member Irene Mason how the funds would be handled, City Secretary LeeAnn Gallman explained that the funds would be maintained in a separate account from the city's other revenue. Interest accumulated on the funds, Viaille said, can be

Although the certificate issuance received a "Triple B" rating, Viaille said this rating has been improved to a "Triple A" rating by the approval of a bond insurance application that should save the city approximately \$500,000 over the life of the certificates.

"The state of the city is very good," Viaille said when talking about the positive rating the city had received. While the Triple B rating

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Santa's Christmas Gift

By Larry Thornton
Part 5

Although it was getting late and the Christmas crowd had begun to dwindle, Sandy's arrived at the shopping mall went almost unnoticed... or rather, as unnoticed as a four and a half foot young man dressed in the bright colors of Christmas could be.

But with the wide variety of Christmas displays throughout the mall, if there was ever a time that an actual elf could go unnoticed this was it.

As he pushed open one of the large glass entrance doors, some of the youngsters in the vicinity turned to gaze at Sandy with eyes of excitement

and anticipation.

One tired little girl, who had obviously been worn down by her parent's mall walking, was being carried by her father, her blonde curls gently laid against her father's shoulder, lifted her head long enough to wave sheepishly at the Sandy.

"Mommy, there's an elf," said another youngster, tugging at his mother's coat with one hand and pointing at Sandy with the other.

"Hush, Tommy," the mother said, not bothering to even glance in the direction her son was pointing, before returning to her cell phone conversation.

Sandy smiled and waved back, but continued walking

until he arrived at the entrance to a large toy store. Once inside, it wasn't long before he found what he was

looking for... unattended children.

For some reason, parents who would normally keep close contact with their children in most stores think nothing at all about leaving

their children unattended in a toy store or arcade, ignoring the fact that such an attitude can easily be used by unsavory individuals who wish children harm.

As it was, this particular toy store had trained its employees to watch out for their young customers, even if their parents weren't, and had mounted cameras throughout the store in an effort to monitor such things. So, by the time Sandy had approached the second child an employee had already noted the elf's activities.

By the time Sandy had talked to the third child, mall security had already been

contacted.

"Hello," Sandy said to the fourth unattended child he'd encountered in the toy store, "I'm Sandy. What's your name?"

The six-year-old youngster was on the verge of answering when the sudden appearance of two adults dressed in black slacks, white shirts and carrying hand-held radios caused him to pause.

"Can we talk to you a moment?" the man on the left asked Sandy.

Sandy looked up at the man and glanced briefly at his partner. "Uh, sure," he said.

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The wolf traveling with

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The BCMA is also accepting applications for the program. The applications are available at South Plains Community Action or at Muleshoe City Hall.

Christmas Card Project

The Christmas Card Project is now underway. This year's monies will go toward refurbishing an unused area into a chapel.

Your checks may be mailed to: Christmas Card Project, 1100 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or dropped off at Park View Nursing Care Center at the same address. You may also drop off donations at Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank.

Dec. 17 is the cutoff date to make donations.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Dec. 13, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center.

Shelly Moss, CEO for King's Manor Care Center, will provide the program. Lunch will be served.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 272-4583.

Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. The program will be "Festive Foods Can Fit in Diabetic Menu Plans."

This program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Blood drive at senior center

Busy shoppers can take a load off while donating blood at the 27th annual KLLL Country Christmas, at the Wagon Senior Citizens Center, 319 S Main, in Muleshoe, on Thursday, Dec. 20th, from 1-8 p.m..

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Cowboy Fellowship service

Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church will be holding a contemporary Christmas worship service on Saturday, Dec. 22, beginning at 7 p.m. Music for the event will be provided by 184 for Christ.

Park View Christmas celebration

The residents, staff and administration of Park View Nursing Care Center invites the public to attend a celebration of Christmas at its open house on Monday, Dec. 17, from 1-4 p.m.

Dillman's annual Christmas program is set

Dillman Elementary's annual Christmas program will be presented on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m.

Drivers license office closed

The Muleshoe Drivers License office will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 12, until Friday, Dec. 14.

It will reopen on Monday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 a.m.

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County prison...

Continued from page 1 in the decision of whether the facility was to be built, the commissioners were also concerned about the possibility of the federal government breaking its contract.

While Sheriff Richard Wills, who was also in attendance at the meeting, didn't express an opinion concerning the construction of a 1,000 bed prison, he noted that one of the problems the county had encountered with contracting with the U.S. Marshal's office was that Bailey County's 100-bed facility was too small.

And, Ortiz pointed out, a 500-bed facility for the Marshal's service would

have to compete with Lubbock County. However, he added, there wasn't a federal prison in the area.

"It took us a long time to get where we are now," the sheriff said about the county law enforcement center.

"I think we did good going to New Mexico to fill our facility," Wills said.

No action concerning ACC's proposal was taken during Monday's meeting.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Approved the county holidays for 2008 with the only change being election day, Nov. 4, on which the county employees would be working. All county offices will remain open with the exception of the County Clerk's office, whose staff will be overseeing the election.

- Amended the personnel policy for the county's law enforcement center employees' cap on holiday hours.

- Approved a bond renewal for deputy tax assessor Melba Clark.

- Approved a request for \$16,911 in surplus road materials from the Texas Department of Transportation.

- Nominated Judge Harrison to serve on the South Plains Association of Governments Advisory Council on Aging.

- Ratified the judge's signature on the county's indigent defense program for FY2008.

- Approved payment of county bills and the minutes from the court's Nov. 13 and Nov. 16 meetings.

Obituaries

Eusebio Rivera

A chapel service for Eusebio Rivera, 74, of Muleshoe, was held on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Father Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the chapel, and burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rivera died on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at his residence. He was born on Aug. 14, 1933, in Guanacevi Durango, Mexico, and married Maria Teresa Veleta, who passed away in 1973.

He was also preceded in death by three sons.

Rivera was a general farm laborer.

Survivors include three sons — Lourdes Rivera and Tirzo Rivera, both of Muleshoe, and Ramon Rivera of Puliski, Tenn.; two daughters — Rosalia Luna of Chi Chi, Mexico, and Maria Rivera of Hereford; a sister — Maria Rivera Ruiz of Mexico; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Janus raised his head and looked around briefly before lowering it and resting it on his paws.

Since they had climbed into the cargo hold of the plane at the Alert Airport, some 450 miles south of the North Pole, the wolf hadn't said a single word. Occasionally, his ears would twitch as they tracked some noise outside the airplane, but had remained silent.

Finally, unable to stand the silence any more, even if it drew unwanted attention to their position, Janus spoke. "Why don't the wolves use names?" the elf asked in a whisper, thinking about something that had always puzzled him.

The wolf's eyes turned toward Janus. "We do," said the wolf.

"But when I was sent to get you, I was told to call you 'wolf,'" he said.

"That's because you're not a 'pack brother,'" said the wolf. "We only share our names with our pack brothers," he went on to explain.

"But I've heard Santa call a wolf by name," Janus said.

"That's because he's a member of all the packs around the village," said the wolf.

Janus nodded his head as if he understood, and considered asking a second question when he was interrupted by the sound of the plane's engines as they roared to life.

"Finally," the wolf muttered before falling once more into silence.

A few minutes later, after the engines had warmed up, the cargo plane taxied over

to the runway, and took off, headed south.

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While one of the security guards spoke to Sandy, the other spoke to a couple of the children to whom the elf had briefly spoken only minutes before.

"What did he say to them?" the guard standing with Sandy asked when his partner returned.

"All they said was he asked them if they believed in Santa Claus."

The guard towering over Sandy glanced at his partner, and then back at Sandy, looking him up and down slowly for a moment.

"Why did you want to know that?" asked the guard Sandy.

"I needed to know," said the elf with a shrug.

"Why's that... are you working for one of the other stores?"

Sandy shook his head slowly.

The guard looked him up and down again before turning to the other guard. "I don't know what he's doing, but there's not much we can do about it. Just escort him off the premises and tell him not to come back," he said.

The other, obviously younger, security guard nodded and looking over at Sandy said, "Come with me."

With a sigh, Sandy accompanied him to the mall entrance.

When he returned to Elwood's resting place among the trees at the park the goose was snoring peaceably, his head tucked under his left wing.

For a moment, he considered awakening the

goose, only to decide that morning was early enough. With nothing else to be done, Sandy stretched out next to the goose and closed his eyes.

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Monday morning came much earlier than Robbie wanted, and along with it came the return to school.

Robbie followed his normal school day routine, getting dressed, grabbing a quick bite of breakfast, and arguing briefly with Marge over which cereal box character was the best before grabbing up his backpack and heading out the door.

There was a chill in the air to go along with the light snow that still covered the ground, along with an occasional stretch of ice that allowed him pretend he was ice skating.

Normally, when he came to Sixth Street, he'd encounter one or two of his classmates. The fact that he didn't probably meant either he was late, or they were early. And with Robbie's recent track record, the possibility of Johnny getting to school early was very slim.

"Oh, brother, tardy again" Robbie muttered to himself as he hiked the backpack further up on his shoulder and started running toward the school campus in the distance.

When he arrived at Wapaknucka Elementary the playground there wasn't another kid in sight, which meant the last bell had rang when he was too far away to hear it.

Inside the building, Robbie walked past his

classroom. The door was open, and Johnny, whose assigned seat was toward the front of the class noticed him walking past.

With a big grin, Johnny made a "T" signal with his hands... it wasn't for "time out."

Robbie grinned sheepishly, shrugged and walked on, headed to the principal's office to pick up another tardy slip.

"Hello, Robbie," Ms. Cranshaw, the receptionist said as he opened the door and stepped into the administration office.

"Good morning, Ms. Cranshaw," said Robbie. "I need another tardy slip."

Ms. Cranshaw clucked her disapproval. "Honey, you've got to pick up the speed," she said. "Isn't this your third one?"

Robbie nodded. "Well, you know the rules," she said. "You'll have to talk with Principal Angleton before I can give you an admit for class."

Robbie sighed heavily. "Just have a seat," Mrs. Cranshaw said. "He's already talking with someone. You'll have to wait a moment."

Robbie looked at the clock against the far wall before dropping his backpack next to one of the chairs by the office door and sitting down.

Almost five minutes passed before the principal's office door opened and an adult, probably the parent of one of the students exited followed by Mr. Angleton.

After the parent left, the principal turned his attention to Robbie Jeffers. "Hello, Robbie, did you need to see

me about something?"

"His third tardy slip," offered Ms. Cranshaw.

"Well, that's not good," said Mr. Angleton, shaking his head slowly. "Come into my office."

With the door closed, the principal walked around the desk to his chair. "Have a seat," he said.

"You know, Robbie, we've got to get a handle on this problem before it affects your grades."

"Yes, sir," was all Robbie said.

Mr. Angleton looked at the large calendar hanging on the wall to his right. "Do you think you can make it through the rest of the month without another tardy slip?" he asked.

"Sure, I can," Robbie said, trying to sound confident.

The principal looked down at Robbie over the top of his

wire-rimmed glasses but didn't say anything.

"I mean... I think I can... I'll do my best," Robbie said.

"Okay, I'll take your word on that," Mr. Angleton said, leaning forward.

Think he was being dismissed, Robbie stood up and was about to turn toward the door when the principal continued speaking.

"But there's another thing you can do for me," said Mr. Angleton.

"What's that?" asked Robbie.

The principal paused for a couple of moments before continuing. "You can volunteer for a part in Ms. Kingsley's Christmas play," he said. "I think she said something about needing another elf."

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

This is a wonderful time of year. Hats off to the Trinity Christian Church for the wonderful program they presented Thursday night. It was for a very worthy cause.

at the center was a great success. Fifty one seniors had a very good time, with lots of food and games. Pat Watson provided wonderful music and a sing-a-long.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, there will be Bunco for all who would like to play. Call a

friend and come have fun. The game will start at 10 a.m. The more who play the merrier.

The Tuesday night dance on Dec. 18 will be the Christmas dance.

Plan to come, bring your favorite dish and have a good time. Sandy will be playing his great music. There is always a lot of fellowship and good eats.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, Nurscare will be bringing a program during the noon meal.

They always have a very

informative and interesting program. Make plans to come to lunch and enjoy the program.

The center will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Also, on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. So mark your calendars.

My heartfelt appreciation for the phone calls, cards, flowers and memorials during the loss of my beloved sister.

During times like this is when I appreciate living in Muleshoe, with all the good

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Thursday, Dec. 20 — Liver and onions, scalloped potatoes, carrots and peas, wheat roll and cake.

Friday, Dec. 21 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, coleslaw, beans, cornbread and fruit salad.

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The Journey
by Max Lucado

I drove the family to Grandma's last night for Thanksgiving. Three hours into the six-hour trip, I realized that I was in a theology lab.

A day with a car full of kids will teach you a lot about God. Transporting a family from one city to another is closely akin to God transporting us from our home to his.

A journey is a journey, whether the destination be the Thanksgiving table or the heavenly one. Both demand patience, a good sense of direction, and a driver who knows that the feast at the end of the trip is worth the hassles in the midst of the trip.

For me, six hours on the road is a small price to pay for my mom's strawberry cake. I don't mind the drive because I know the reward. I have three decades of Thanksgivings under my belt, literally. As I drive, I can taste the turkey. Hear the dinner-table laughter. Smell the smoke from the fireplace.

I can endure the journey because I know the destiny.

For some of you, the journey has been long. Very long and stormy. In no way do I wish to minimize the difficulties that you have had to face along the way. Some of you have shouldered burdens that few of us could ever carry. You have bid farewell to life-long partners. You have been robbed of life-long dreams. You have been given bodies that can't sustain your spirit. You have spouses who can't tolerate your faith. You have bills that outnumber the paychecks and challenges that outweigh the strength.

And you are tired.

Let me encourage you with a parallel between your life's journey and the one our family took last night.

It's worth it.

As I write, the Thanksgiving meal is over. My legs are propped up on the hearth. My tablet is on my lap.

I have every intention of dozing off as soon as I finish this chapter.

The turkey has been attacked. The giblet gravy has been gobbled. The table is clear. The kids are napping. And the family is content.

As we sat around the table today, no one spoke of the long trip to get here. No one mentioned the requests I didn't honor. No one grumbled about my foot being on the accelerator when their hearts were focused on the banana splits. No one complained about the late hour of arrival. Yesterday's challenges were lost in today's joy.

God never said that the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

Remember this: God may not do what you want, but he will do what is right ... and best. He's the Father of forward motion. Trust him. He will get you home. And the trials of the trip will be lost in the joys of the feast.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'll close my eyes. I'm a bit tired from the journey, and it feels good to rest.

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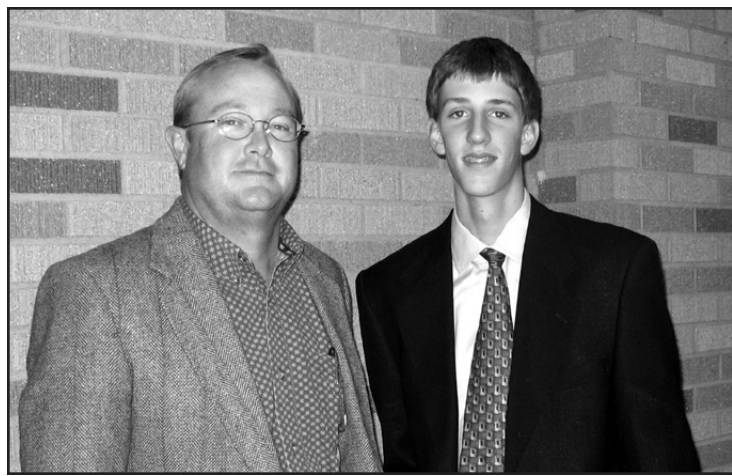
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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

4-H News



SAM WHALIN AND JACKSON MYERS

Bamert, Myers, Whalin honored

Bailey County 4-H members Jackson Myers and Austin Bamert were recognized at the Dist. 2 4-H Gold Star Banquet on Nov. 19 at the Frazier Pavilion, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Jackson, the son of Thurman and Rhonda Myers, has been a member of the Bailey County 4-H Club for eight years. He currently serves as club president and district council representative.

"When I think about 4-H, I think about all of the fun opportunities I have such as stock shows, record book, shooting sports, and leadership. One thing I like about 4-H is setting goals and then achieving them. I have worked hard to become a better leader," Jackson said.

Austin, the son of Nick and Rayniel Bamert, has been a member of the Bailey County 4-H Club for seven years. He has served as vice president, secretary, reporter, parliamentarian and council delegate.

"4-H has been a positive influence in my life. I have had many great times, met new friends and acquired very important life skills. 4-H

City council...

Continued from page 1 applied the the debt service on the certificates, of which the city will be making payments of about \$300,000 per year for the next 20 years.

Viaille also explained that a "10-year call feature" was included in the bond agreement, meaning that the city wouldn't be able to pay off the bond until after the first 10 years.

At Monday's meeting, City Manager David Brunson, at the request of council member Sharon Grant, reminded the public the sale of the certificates of obligation would, among other things, provide the city with the funds needed to:

- Extend the city's sewer line.
- Expand the city's wastewater treatment plan.
- Relocate the police department.
- Build a new swimming pool.

In other business Monday, the council:

- Approved the minutes from the Nov. 19 meeting.
- Approved the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation's actions to issue revenue bonds to benefit Hemink Farms, Ltd.
- Approved a settlement agreement with Atmos Energy regarding the 2006 GRIP rate adjustment at the city manager's recommendation.

Brunson explained that the agreement with Atmos included a 10 percent reduction in Atmos' initial requested rate.

• Received a report from Police Chief Brian Frieda.

has taught me responsibility, leadership, and citizenship," said Austin.

The presentation of the Gold Star pin began in 1933. Each county made a nomination of their outstanding 4-H member and 100 members were selected to receive the award.

Several years later, the Gold Star award was presented to the outstanding 4-H boy and 4-H girl in each county. Starting in 1985, the Gold Star was awarded to the top 4-H members in a county, regardless of gender.

Also recognized during the evening was Sam Whalin. Sam was honored as the Distinguished Leader of the Bailey County 4-H Club. Sam has been a volunteer for 13 years. He is always willing to lend a hand and is a strong and positive influence on others by the example he sets with his words and actions, a 4-H club representative said.

Local Christmas donations sought

"Christmas in Muleshoe," a project of the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance, helps loving hearts and able hands provide Christmas gifts for children of families with limited resources. Contributions for this project may be made at Muleshoe State Bank. Ask your teller

Lazbuddie blood drive scheduled

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be hosting the Lazbuddie Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church's fellowship hall, Hwy. 1172.

To schedule an appointment call 806-331-8800.



Ben Martinez, above on the left, accompanied by his wife Cheryl and daughter Jasmine, receives his award.

Martinez receives award

Ben Martinez recently received the "Welcome Home Warriors" award for the soldiers of the 104th Division that have been deployed to fight in the War on Terrorism.

He and his division are one of the first to receive this award and more are expected later in the future.

There are still 104th Division soldiers fighting

in Iraq.

Martinez is a 1983 Muleshoe High School graduate. He is currently a Sergeant First Class in the Army Reserves.

Martinez returned from Iraq a year ago, and is currently stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Martinez is the son of Delfina Torres and Guadalupe Martinez of Muleshoe, and the brother of Fabian Martinez and Dora Flores, also of Muleshoe, and sister Emily who lives in Abilene.



All are invited to a "Living Nativity"

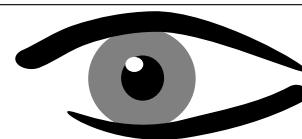
Sunday, Dec. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat

The outdoor program will be held on the north side of the church. "Come out and experience the true meaning of the season," said Rev. David Symm. "All are welcome."

Refreshments will be offered during the performance -- chili, coffee, cocoa, cookies and popcorn.

St. John's Lutheran Church at Lariat will have a community candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19. All are welcome.

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Sports

Varsity Mules roll over Farwell Steers

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules rolled over the Farwell Steers 64-43 on Tuesday night but fell on hard times in the Abernathy Shootout over the weekend.

The Mules only win in Abernathy was against the Lamesa Tornados in the second round. The Mules defeated Lamesa 52-38.

The Panhandle Panthers handed the Mules a 51-37 opening round loss. Littlefield attempted 42 free throws against the Mules in the consolation bracket and took the game 54-50. The Mules lost to the Canyon Eagles on Saturday 47-40.

The Mules went on a 17-1 first period run Tuesday in Farwell but the Steers came back in the second period with a 14-0 run in the first four minutes of the second quarter.

The Mules came roaring back with a 16-4 run in the final four minutes to lead 33-19 at the intermission.

Dillon Gallman scored seven of his 13 points to lead the Mules against the Steers. Patrick Precure scored in every quarter and made 12 points.

Brian Poynor had a pair of treys for eight points, Wes Wood and Elias Alvarado



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Wes Wood takes a foul shot in the game against Farwell.

dropped in seven points each and Victor Vasquez added six. Garrett Riley pumped in five points, Colby Carpenter added four and Colt Ellis chipped in two.

The Mules had a one point lead at the half but gave up 22 in the final period to the Panthers of Panhandle.

Gallman scored all nine of his points in the first half to lead the Mules.

Carpenter and Riley added six points each, Poynor, Ellis and Precure dropped in four apiece and W. Wood and Vasquez chipped in two each.

Lamesa had 24 chances at the charity line but could not keep up with the Mules. Riley set the scoring pace with 22 points. Precure made three treys and 17 points, Vasquez added

four and Carpenter made three. Gallman, Ellis, and Austin Wright chipped in two each.

The Mules made a strong run at the Littlefield Wildcats in the final period but just fell short.

Gallman led the Mules with 12 points and Poynor made three treys for 11. Precure scored six of his seven points in the second half, Ellis and W. Wood made six each, Carpenter added five points and Riley chipped in three.

The Mules controlled the game in the first eight minutes and raced out to an 11-4 lead. Precure had opened the game with a 3-pointer and dropped in his second in the second quarter.

Those were the Mules only points of the period as Canyon took a 17-14 lead at the half.

The Eagles hung on to their three point advantage in the third period. The Mules stayed with in striking distance in the final eight minutes but could not over take Canyon. Precure led the Mules with 12 points, Gallman made eight of his 11 points in the final period and Riley added 10. Vasquez dropped in five points and Poynor chipped in two.

The Mules took Tuesday night off and then host the Portales Rams Friday night. The Mules open District 2-2A action in Tulia against the Hornets Dec. 18.

Eighth grade Lady Mules struggle in battle against Dimmitt's ladies

The eighth grade Lady Mules struggled out of the gates against the Dimmitt Bobbies Monday night. They only managed a single bucket in the first period and fell behind the Bobbies.

The Lady Mules fell to Dimmitt 48-18. Linda Sanchez led the Lady Mules in scoring with 11 points. Mandy Scolley added four points and Sheridan White dropped in three.

The Lady Mules hosted the Amarillo River Road Lady Wildcats Monday before breaking for the Christmas holidays. The Lady Mules will host the Bushland Lady Falcons on Jan. 7.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

JV Ladies defeat Farwell ladies

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules rolled over the Farwell Lady Blue 35-26. The Lady Mule used a huge final quarter to put away Farwell. They out scored the Lady Blue 18-3 in the final frame.

Yvonne Gardea scored 13 of her game high 18 points in the second half to lead the Lady Mules. Tessa Burris added five points, Val Olivias and Amber Fuentes added four

each and Gabby Perez and Brenda Rodriguez dropped in three each. Kathryn Owens and Tori Alvarado made two each and Melissa Mendoza chipped in one point.

The Lady Mules were off Friday but open district action in Amarillo River Road Tuesday night.

The Lady Mules return to their home floor to host the Amarillo Highland Park Lady Hornets Friday night.

Seventh grade ladies fall to Dimmitt

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules struggled at the free throw line against the Bobbies of Dimmitt Monday night. They only converted nine of 24 attempts and fell to the Bobbies 39-19.

Alyssa Leal and Dominique Mata scored four points each to lead the Lady

Mules. Samantha Reyna, Ivana Agundis and Sabrina Chavez added three points each. Baylee Bessire and Melissa Casanova chipped in a one each in the losing effort.

The Lady Mules hosted the Amarillo River Road Lady Wildcats Monday before taking the holiday break. The Lady Mules return to action Jan. 7 when they host the Bushland Lady Falcons.

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Sports

Lady Mules end non-district season with losses

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules wrapped up the non-district portion of their season with losses to the Farwell Lady Blue and the Shallowater Fillies.

The Lady Mules are scheduled to open District 2-2A action in Amarillo River Road Tuesday night.

The Lady Mules and Blue was tied at 38 with nine seconds left in the game. Farwell sent a runner and in bound the ball with a three quarter court baseball pass.

The ball took a high bounce and the Farwell player caught the ball and kissed it off the glass for the 40-38 win.

The Lady Mules stumbled out of the gate against Shallowater and fell behind 15-9 after one quarter.

Sarah Johnson nailed a 3-pointer with 1:40 left in the first half to give the Lady Mules a 25-24 lead. Johnson had 10 in the quarter and the Lady Mules scored 24 to lead the Lady Mustangs 33-25 at the half.

Shallowater out scored the Lady Mules 14-7 in the third period but the Lady Mules hung on to a one-point lead, 40-39.

The Lady Mustangs



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mule Sarah Johnson drives in for a shot.

made 11 of 17 free throws to get past the Lady Mules 58-54.

The Lady Mules trailed Farwell 25-16 at the half. They began to run on Farwell in the third period with Morgan Smith and Johnson scoring fast break

buckets.

They out scored Farwell 13-7 to cut the Lady Blue lead to 32-29.

Smith scored on an in bound play early in the final frame to make it a one-point game. Chi Hernandez gave the Lady Mules the lead

period to take a 29-25 lead into the final period.

The Mustangs scored to open the final frame and make it a two point game. Conner got loose on a fast break but the Mustangs answered.

Poynor spotted Skipworth way down the floor and made a baseball pass to him.

Skipworth drove to draw the defense and dished to Conner to finish the break. The Mules forced a turn over and Skipworth banged home a 3-pointer.

Skipworth followed on a fast break put the miss in the hole to give the Mules a 38-29 lead.

The Mustangs went on a nine to one run to cut the Mule lead to 39-38 with a minute and 48 seconds left

to play. Skipworth hit from the elbow to push the Mules advantage back to three points.

The Mustangs scored with 42 seconds on the clock but Skipworth and Poynor each made a charity toss to seal the deal for the Mules.

Skipworth made eight of his 13 points in the final quarter. Conner scored eight of his nine points in the second half and Poynor dropped in eight.

Nathaniel Chavez and Devin bullock made four point each, Atwood added three and Stevie Cisneros chipped in two.

The Mules will host the Portales Rams Dec. 14 and then travel to Tulia to take on the Hornets in their District 2-2A opener.

the Wildcats 7-6.

Washington led the Mules with 14 points in the game. Turnbow poured in 10 and Guerra had nine. Nick Hurtado and Juan Sanchez chipped in two points each.

Washington continued to pump in the points in the Mules second game of the day with 12 against the Sudan Hornets.

Turnbow and Sergio Montejano dropped in nine apiece. Zach Tascano, Sanchez, Brad Poynor, and Juan Orozco chipped in two each to send the Mules to the championship game.

The Mule's score sheet was short of a bucket so a player was shorted a bucket in the finals against Littlefield. The Mule's could not over come the experience factor against the Wildcats.

Washington put 11 on the board to lead the Mules and Turnbow hit a trey in the final period for nine points. Montejano pumped in five and Guerra chipped in two.

JV Mules fall to Farwell, take Shallowater

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules could not over come a three-point deficit that started in the first period against the Farwell Steers. Farwell hung on to drop the Mules 36-32.

The Mules bounced back against the Shallowater Mustangs on Friday night. They defeated the Mustangs 43-40.

Brett Poynor led the Mules against the Steers with a pair of treys and 10 points. Caleb Conner pumped in eight points, DJ Atwood had seven, Jared Skipworth dropped in four and Kyler Steinbock chipped in three.

The Mules trailed Shallowater by two at the half but out scored the Mustangs 14-8 in the third

Freshman mules bring home 'runner up' plaque

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules brought home the runner-up plaque from the Sudan JV Tournament played Thursday and Friday.

The Mules took back-to-back wins Thursday by defeating the Idalou Wildcats 37-30 and the host Sudan Hornets 39-21.

The Mules fell to the Littlefield junior varsity team 29-35 Friday night in the championship game.

Cooper Washington scored six in the opening frame against Idalou as the Mules doubled up 8-4 on the Wildcats. Isaias Guerra had the hot hand in the second frame with a trey and three buckets for nine points as the Mules led 23-14 at the intermission.

Trevor Turnbow took his turn at leading the Mules in scoring in the third period with six points but the Wildcats hit a trey to trim three off the Mule's lead.

The Mules got one of those points back in the final quarter as they out scored

with seven minutes left in the game. Smith scored the next five points for the Lady Mules to keep the score tied with nine seconds left in the game.

Smith led the Lady Mules scoring with 18 points. Johnson added 14 points, Hernandez dropped in four and Ashley Cisneros chipped in two.

Smith had all but three first period points against Shallowater. But the Lady Mules balanced their scoring in the second period even with Johnson pouring in eight of her 10 points in the final minute and forty seconds of the half.

Hernandez made two buckets, Smith kissed a 3-pointer off the glass, Ashley Grumbles drained a trey from the corner and Kelsey Tipps 2made the first bucket of the period and dropped in a pair of free throws.

The Lady Mules had found a new gear on offense.

Shallowater was awarded 41 free throws against the Lady Mules while Muleshoe only attempted 13.

Johnson paced the Lady Mules with 17 points against the Lady Mustangs. Hernandez and Smith had 14 points each, Grumbles dropped in five and Tipps

added four.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., DEC. 8, 2007

976 head of cattle, 285 hogs and 632 sheep and goats for a total of 1893 livestock sold at the Dec. 8 sale. Mkt. steady on most all stocker cattle up to 600 lbs. Not enough feeder cattle to test market. Pairs & bred cows steady with good demand. Packer cows & bulls steady. Only one more sale for 2007. There will be NO SALES Dec. 22 or 29.

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I finished decorating my burrow and tunnel areas. Now, I just have to finish putting the ornaments and lights on my prickly pear cactus... carefully of course...hahahahaha!

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1 Christmas tree, 2 ornaments, 3 "Merry Christmas!" card, 4 holly leaves, 5 star, 6 string of lights, 7 candle, 8 angel, 9 stocking, 10 candy cane, 11 snowflake, 12 log, 13 holly berries, 14 wreath, 15 poinsettia

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Everyone looks at the special decoration at the top of a tree. Can you name two things that many families put at the top? **Finish these two dot-to-dot puzzles to see two ideas:**

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'Deck the Halls!'

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2) Do you know this famous song?
Use the words below to fill in these two verses:
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Strike the _____ and join the _____,
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Santa Letters 2007

The *Muleshoe Journal* was able to briefly intercept the following letters, written by area students, before sending them on north. Additional letters will be published in the *Journal* in the weeks to come.

Dillman Elementary Smith - 2nd

Dear Santa,
My name is Dusty. My age is seven. Do you have a long white beard? Do you like the elf song? Yes I have been good because I just be good. Thank you for giving me candy. I want a PSP for Christmas I'm down on my knees.
Your friend, Dusty

Dear Santa,
My name is Valerie and I am 8 years old. Are your gloves green or black? I have been good and bad to my mom and dad. I have been bad to everybody. Thank you for my presents and my sister's presents and I want a real laptop and a baby puppy and a little doll for Christmas and thank you.
Your friend, Valerie

Dear Santa,
My name is Raul and I am 8 years old. Santa do you go down chimneys? I have been good because I would like a four wheeler and motorcycle and a new bike.
Your friend, Raul

Dear Santa,
My name is Lilio I am 8 years old. Do you have a long white beard? I have been good because I listen to my mom and dad and because I clean my room. Thank you Santa for my presents from last year and other years. I would like a dog, more pants, and more long sleeve shirts.
Your friend, Liliana

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua and I am 7 years old Do you have a beard and a sleigh? I have been good. I want a train and a Wii and some games and a playstation 2.
Your friend, Joshua

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaely and I am 7 years old Do you have a long white beard? Do you go down the chimney? I have been good. I have been learning. Thanks for giving me a shirt. I would like to have a beach Brat and Barbie house and a Brat video game.
Your friend, Jaely

Dear Santa,
My name is Haleigh and I am 7 years old. Do you have a long white beard? Do you like the elf song? I have been good this year because I am listening to my teacher and I have been reading at ar time? Thank you for giving me a hug at that Christmas party? This Christmas I would like a guitar and a radio cell phone and a game cube and a ipod and a candy cane that is big? And a lolipop stik? And a hug and food for my puppies.
Your friend, Haleigh

Dear Santa,



My name is Jacob and I am 8 years old. Do you have a whit beard? Are you real? Are reideer real? I have bee kide of good because I have been mean to my brother. Thank you santa for the monsterruck and the leapster game. I would like the ninja set and a motorcycle and gamecube games.
Your friend, Jacob

Dear Santa,
My name is Astyn and I am 7 years old. Do you like the elf song? I have been good this year becaus I help my mom. Thank you Santa for all of my presents last year. I would like a ipod and mpe3 player and a playstation3.
Your friend, Astyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Joe and I am 8 year old. Are you real? I have kind of been good because I help others. Thank you Santa for doing this. I would like a playstation 3 and a fourwheeler and a tv.
Your friend, Joe

Dear Santa,
My name is Brianna and am 7 years old Do you have a long white beard? I have been getting in trouble a little bit Thank you santa for giving me an ipod and an guitar. I would like an ipod and a guitar.
Your friend, Brianna

Dear Santa,
My name is Marcus and I am eight years old. Do you like the elf song? Do you eat mashed potatoes for supper? I have been good this year because I opened a door for an old lady! Thank you santa for giving me that remote control car two years ago. This year for Christmas, I would like an remote control spider and a phone
Your friend, Marcus

Dear Santa,
My name is christian am 8 years old. Do you have a long white beard? I have been nice this year because I do thing that my mom said. I would like an ipod and I want a psp. Thank you santa for everything because I have been nice.
Your friend, Christian

Dear Santa,
My name is Autumn and I am 8 years old. Are your boots red? I have been kind of good at school this year because I keep my desk clean. Thank you santa for Christmas I would like 1 one real pony, 2 one Baby pig,

3 one Barbie.
Your friend, Autumn

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan abd I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. Santa do you have a red nose? Dear Santa could I have an ipod, guitar and a Hannah Montana wig thank you for the gifts.
Your friend, Megan

Dear Santa,
My name is Erbay and I am 7 years old. Do you have a white beard I have been good and bad Thank you Santa for present and a prist good cool toy I want a psp and Ipod a gamboy the holidayara good but the most important thing Christmas I like Christmas. It funnes day but Christmas is fun. I like Christmas
Your friend, Erbay

Dear Santa,
My name is Lizzie and I am 7 years old. Do you like chocolate chip cookies? Are your boots black? Do you wear white gloves, I have not been good because I fight with my brother. Thank you for giving my cousin a phone for christmas. I would like a Bratz for Christmas and an ipod for Christmas.
Your friend, Lizzie

Dear Santa,
My name is Cristian and I am nine years old. Do you have a long white beard? I have been good this year because I hae a dog that I feed every day. Thank you for the best year ever and not just for for that everything. I would like a playstation 2 and a rock band and a playstation3 too santa
Your friend, Cristian

Dear Santa,
My name is Lyric. I am eight years old. Do you like cookies? How old are you? I have been kind of good this year. I am trying to be really good. Santa, thank you for the baby dolls you brought me last year. Santa, can I please have a pencil sharpener to use at school? I would like also to have a Scooby Doo toy and a Scooby Doo video.
Your friend, Lyric

Dial - 2nd
Dear Santa,
My name is Isaac I am 7 years old. This Christmas I will be in Mexico. This year I would like to bring me a Playstation Gameboy, Heally, mp3, hockey, trampoline Wii games PsP racing games a girl puppy dog and Ipod. I will leave milk and

cookies for you.
Love, Issac

Dear Santa,
My name is Sabina, I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I will be spending Christmas at home. I would like a playstation 2 3 gamecube, laptop, Nintendo Dsm Wii bikem clothes, shoes, portable and trampoline. I will leave mlk and cookies for you.
Love, Sabina

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua I am 8 years old. I have been good all year this year I would like for you to bring me a dog, a Wii, a PSP, a Nintendo Ds, X0box 360, a playstation 2 and 3, laptop, and Ipod. I will leave milk and cookies for you
Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,
My name is Brenda and I am seven years old. I have been good this year. I will be spending Christmas at my grandmas. This year I would like you to bring me an mp3, Player clothes, Playstation 2, Hanna Montana, laptop, Ipod, bike, swimming pool, shoes, computer, Heallys and an Air Hockey table. I will leave you milk and cookies
Love, Brenda

Dear Santa,
My name is Cassidy I am 7 years old I have been very very good this year I will be spending Christmas at home. This year I would like for you to bring me a Nintendo, laptop, Heallies, game cube and a pony. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Cassidy

Dear Santa,
My name is Marisol. I'm 8 years old. I have been good this year. I will be spending Christmas at home. This year I would like for you to bring me an "Ipod, a" laptop, a "Nintendo D.S., some snow boots, some clothes. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Marisol
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Why Are Some Folks Afraid of Joy?

It has taken me a long time to figure this out because it is so hard to believe, and I really didn't want to come to this conclusion. But I'm afraid it is true: Some folks are scared of joy.

I guess we all know that some folks, for a variety of reasons, don't seem to have much of it. And, we might as well admit it, some folks, for a variety of reasons, are pretty good at chasing away the joy of others. Remaining joyful after

even her royal father had long thought, "Whoever gets hold of her will rue the day!"

Much later when David is reigning and the sacred Ark of the Covenant finally comes home to Jerusalem, the Scriptures tell us that David, the "man after God's own heart," danced before the Lord and the returning Ark "with all his might." Michal, we're told, looked at him from her window and "despised him." In so doing, she despised his worship to the God of all joy. Cold and frosty through and through, Michal disdained David's joy and, in the process, his God. The Bible says sadly, "She remained childless all her days." Evidently she remained joyless all her days.

When the Psalmist writes, "The joy of the Lord is my strength," I think he's implying that all true joy is God's joy. Any "joy" we try to manufacture apart from God is counterfeit and fleeting.

Is it possible to really be close to God and not feel joy? I don't see how. He IS joy.

Why would opening ourselves up to God's joy be frightening? Because it implies losing our right to hang onto anything that separates us from the Source of joy. Bitterness, anger, resentment, pettiness, strife. There is no joy in letting such things define us. There can't be.

In this wonderful season, we talk a lot about joy, and well we should. What is more full of joy than God coming near to us at Bethlehem? Let Michal's children (Oh, she has some!) snidely deride if they wish. Their punishment is self-inflicted. Just be sure you share the joy of the angels, the shepherds, the wise men, the Lord.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

much time in their company is, to say the least, a challenge.

Folks who are joy-less or joy-deficient may not be "attractive" in most senses but they do certainly tend to attract others who are joy-less or joy-deficient. Misery really does love company and, for some twisted reason, enjoys mutual misery.

The patron saint of the joy-less should be a gal named Michal. To give you her story in a nutshell, I might just say that she was one of the daughters of King Saul who became the wife of King David. I'm not sure what to make of it, but it might be instructive to note that when Saul found out that Michal was in love with David, the "rival" of whom he was insanely and murderously jealous, he was glad, the Bible tells us, because he thought, "She may be a snare to him."

So what was wrong with Michal? Was she dour and sour, selfish and "high maintenance," from early on? So much so that

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Santa Letters 2007

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Dear Santa,
My name is Xina, I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. This year I would like you to bring me a PSP with games and movies, heeilies, clothes and Gamecube, laptop, ipod and an mp3 player. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Xina

Dear Santa,
My name is Patience I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I will be home for Christmas. This year I would like for you to bring me a Playstation 3, clothes, shoes, and Heallys and trampoline, Mp3 player, and a puppy. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love Patience

Dear Santa,
My name is Noah I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me a computer, Wii, bike, swimming pool, shoes, game cube, ping pong table. I will leave milk and cookies for you
Love, Noah

Dear Santa,
My name is Marki I am 7 year old. I have been good this year. n Christmas I will be at my Grandmas. This year I would like for you to bring me a baby Alive, a Barbie, My little pony, shoes, clothes, a bike, trampoline, horse, a puppy, heallys, necklace, a swimming pool. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Marki

Dear Santa,
My name is Hallie. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I will be spending Christmas either at my house or uncles house. This year I would like for you to bring me a Playstation2, clothes, and games for the PS2, maybe a laptop, and boos. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Hallie

Dear Santa,
My name is Russell, I am 8 years old. I have been very good this year. I will be at home this year. I would like for you to bring me a portable playstation game cibe, laptop, Wii, bike air hockey table. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Russell

Dear Santa,
My name is Edgar I am 7 years old. I will be at home this year. I would like for you to bring me a Mp3, bike, Playstation 2-3, a Game cibe. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Edgar

Dear Santa,
My name is Jasper. I am 8 year old. I have been good. I will be spending Christmas at home. This yeat I would like for you to bring to me a Nintendo DS, ipod, PSP, Wii, bike, swimming pool, laptop, Mp3, and a portable playstation. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Jasper

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor, I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I will be spending Christmas in New Mexico this year. This year I would like for you to bring me a PSP, Mp3, Heally, swimming pool and a puppy. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,
My name is Rodrigo I am 8 years old, I have been good this year. I will be spending Christmas at home. This year I would like for you to bring me a Game cube, computer, PSP, and a Wii. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Rodrigo

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason. I am 7 years old. I have been very good. This year I will be in Mexico with my family this year. i would like for you to bring me a Nentendo, Wii, an Mp3 player, and a PSP. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I like your toys.
Love, Jason

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexandria I am

7 years old I have been good this year I would like for you to bring me a laptop, clothes, shoes, Bratz, Hannah Montana doll, swimming pool, Heally, Wii I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Alexandria

Little Feet Big Dreams
Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me a toy truck.
Love, DyLan Tyson

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old I have been good this year. Please bring me a Thomas the train set with a train.
Love, Aidan Chapman

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me a pink pony castle with some pony's.
Love, Reese Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a Minnie Mouse doll and a baby doll.
Love, Tarrah Dominguez

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have been good this year. Please bring me a puppy vacuum and a Barbie tea set.
Love, Andrea Camarillo

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me Thomas the train set and a Thomas the train bed.
Love, Diego Cisneros

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Barbie telephone and a snowman book.
Love, Emma Wilhite

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old I have been good this year. Please bring me a green dinosaur and a green power ranger.
Love, Leonardo Agundiz

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me a blue & red transformer and a toy bow & arrow.
Love, Tobin Pierson

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me a green transformer and a bike.
Love, Samuel Alderson

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a stick horse, cowboy hat and barrel of monkey's.
Love, Cash Reeder

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have been good this year. Please bring me some toy cars and a truck to put my cars in.
Love, Jonah Buie

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have been good this year. Please bring me a swimming baby and a pink telephone.
Love, Paige Gamer

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a train track with a train.
Love, Elias Buie

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me some cars and a big truck.
Love, Noah Cantu

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old I have been very good this year. Please bring me a toy dirt bike and toy cars.
Love, Benjamin Bradley

King — Kindergarten
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Can you bring me some power rangers? My dad would like some hot wheels. I would also like a robot.
Love, Elias

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a ramp, a Tonka bike? My dad would like a bike. My mom would also like a bike. Thanks for everything.
Love, Coby

Dear Santa,
For Christmas would like a four wheeler and also a drum set. My brothers would like a baseball. My mom and dad both would like a four wheeler for Christmas. I have been a good boy.
Love, Kolter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all year. Can you please bring me a board game? My sister would like a C.D. player.
Love, Adriana

Dear Santa, .I have been a good boy. I would like a umbrella and some gloves for Christmas. My mom wants a badge. I also want a yo-yo and I also want a hat with boots to wear. I also want a fish as a pet.
Love, Carlos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some glasses to wear. Can you also bring me some hair color? My mom would like a necklace and my dad wants a hat.
Love, Sasha

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a pony and a puppy to play with. My mom wants a bunny and my dad a big blue ribbon. I have been a good girl this year. Santa I will get you a balloon.
Love, Marisol

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie and a computer for my mom and dad because their computer is broken. I also want some crayons and glue. I also need a new shirt. Can you also bring me gloves, boots and a yo-yo?
Love, Chloe

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman and a toy truck to play with. Can you please bring my mom a ring? My dad wants new tools. I would also like a Ghost rider game. Santa I have been a good boy this year and I have been nice.
Love, Eddie

Dear Santa, I would really like a volleyball for Christmas. Can you bring my mom a cat? My sister would really like a basketball. I hope you have a really good Christmas.
Love, Ricky

Dear Santa,
I want a Bratz doll ad a baby to play with. I also want a cat toy. Please bring my sister a Bratz doll so we can play together and my brother a Spiderman toy. My mom needs makeup for Christmas and my dad a Spiderman toy just like my brother. Love, Ivana

Dear Santa,
I really want a Spiderman toy and a Spiderman shirt. I also want some cars and book to read. Please bring my mom a book and a toy to play with. I also want a ball to play with outside.
Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I have been really good. Please bring me a PSP game. I also want some Spiderman toys. My dad wants a big flat screen television.
Love, Ashton

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman toy. I also want a fireman toy. I also want a bike to ride outside. Please bring my mom a vacuum cleaner for Christmas. I also would like a cake.
Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll to play with and a Barbie for Christmas. My mom wants a game to play. Please come to my house bring presents.
Love, Jade

Dear Santa,
I really want a bubble science lab for Christmas. I also want a Power Rangers helmet voice changer. I have been a really good boy. I also want a Ben 10

army tricks. I also would like a Nintendo DS.
Love, Reagan

Wallace — Kindergarten
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you doing? I have been very good this year. I have worked hard in class for my teacher. I would like a four wheeler for Christmas. Please bring my brother something nice too. Thank you. I will leave you some cookies and hot chocolate.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I love you! You are nice because you give me presents. I would like a new Brat doll, some little crayons not the fat ones, a new Barbie, and something nice for Bubba and Sister. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you!
Love, Lexie

Dear Santa,
I miss you. Please bring me a blue Power Ranger, some Ninja Turtles. I will leave you a candy cane. Thank you!
Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some cookies and hot chocolate this year. Please will you bring me some Heeilies, and a portable cd player, a Driver video game, a saddle blanket, a bit, and maybe a lap desk, three new notebooks, one big one and two little ones. That's all I want this year. Thank you.
Love, Jaden

Dear Santa,
I want to give you a hug. Can you bring me some Spiderman toys? I would like a Spiderman game where he can be a sand guy and a Spiderman truck, airplane, helicopter, and even a car one. Please bring my big sister a Barbie and my brothers some army stuff and some Spiderman things, and my little sister a Barbie game. Bring my dad some tools where he can fix a swing for me and my brothers and sisters, I want my mom to get some necklaces and jewels. Bring my dog some doggie toys and treats. Bring my friends some nice toys too. That's all. I will leave you cookies, milk, chocolate milk, and vanilla cookies too. Thank you for all of the Christmas things you give to us. I love you and my teacher so much!
Love, Adrian

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? Are they ready for their big trip on Christmas Eve? I would like a Texas Tech soccer ball, some crash Shake —n- Go cars, and a Lightening McQueen truck that folds up and you can do a lot of stuff with Lightening McQueen. Thank you!
Love, Cambry

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus and yourself? I would like a Barbie house, a Brat doll, some new clothes and that's it. I love you Santa! Thank you.
Love, Mercy

Dear Santa,
What have you been doing this year? I would like a motorcycle, some batteries for my car and that's all. Thank you!
Love, Ariberto

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a guitar, clothes, and shoes. I will leave you some cookies and hot chocolate. Thank you!
Love, Kelan

Dear Santa,
I hope you feel good. I will leave you cookies and milk. I would like for you to bring me a computer and bring my brother a motorcycle. Thank you!
Love, Mercedes

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa, I would like for you to bring me an MP3 player and diamonds. I will leave you some Pop Tarts and chocolate milk. Thank you!
Love, Cesar

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today? I would like everything for my brothers and sisters this year. I would like a new transformer that changes into a gun this year. I will leave you some gingerbread men and a glass of milk. Thank you!
Love, Micah

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Could you please bring me a princess doll? I will leave you chocolate chip cookies. Thank you!
Love, Jillian

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa, Would you please bring me a new pink bike? I will leave you come cookies! Thank you!
Love, Skyelar

Dear Santa,
I thank you for all the toys you gave me last year. How are you, Mrs. Clause, and all your reindeers going? I appreciate you. Please give me something for Grams and Papa. I would like something really cool that I can keep that I always like. How could I help you? I love you so much and I like your clothes. I love Jesus too! I'll always believe in you in my heart for all the years. I will see you on Christmas Eve. Christmas is my favorite time of year. I'll leave you some hot chocolate, milk, and cookies! Thank you!
Love, Cheyayne

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I want a watch, earrings, and toys. I will save you some cookies! That's it! Thank you!
Love, Addyson

Dear Santa,
I will give you a glass of milk and some cookies. How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? I would like a mini dirt bike, mini car, mini four wheeler, and one of those plastic bb guns with little yellow balls, and something for my mom. Please Santa could I have a new gun for my dad and myself. That's all. Thank you!
Love, Jayton

Berry — 1st grade
Dear Santa:
I want a little bratz. I want a little dog. I want a little make-up. I want a little pony. I want
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car. I want a little book. I want a little top.
Emma

Dear Santa:

I want a camera and a skateboard and make-up and x-box 360 and barby car and basketbol. I want longshot and fenlpolysh.
Shyanne

Dear Santa:

I wote to be gust like you Santa. I wote to bareg a X-Box 360 and a PSP and a PS2 and a PS3.
Jaime

Dear Santa:

How are your reindeer? How are you santa? I what healties. Thake you santa.
Love, Madison

Dear Santa:

I would like if you would give me a PSP and a PS3 and a X-Box 360 for Christmas and I would leev cookies milk.
Moises

Dear Santa:

I would like some healties and my little pony and Make-up and a Wii and gewels and a ball.
Lizzy

Dear Santa:

Santa I wot you gim me a longshot.
Ean

Dear Santa:

I would like a PS2 and I would like a X-Box 360 and I like a PSP and a PS1 and I would like a Army game.
Arturo

Dear Santa:

I am gedn clothes. I am gedn healties. I am Santa gedn Make-up. I am santa gedn pony. I an Barbie Car.
Nikole

Dear Santa:

I wont a gtor and a Bratz, Barbie, Babie car and a dog and a little Bart.
Love, Sayra

Dear Santa:

I would like healties and a skateboard. And a camera and a Barbie and a Barbie car.
Love, Madi

Dear Santa:

I have been good this year. Please bring me a Trainiac.
Corbin

Dear Santa:

I wont a PSP and an X-Box 360 and a longshot and clothes and healties and a White Christmas tree an Dr. Pepper and Skateboard.
Isaiah

Dear Santa:

I help you get me healties four Christmas and a Barbie.
Sarah

Dear Santa:

You no what I whant for Christmas. I want a xbox 360 and a PS3 and a PSP.
Nathan

Dear Santa:

I gon a make-up in a pony in a hittle in a Bratz in a healties.
Zara

Dear Santa:

Santa will you make healties. I will de gud.
Rudy

Green — Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year that is why I am asking you to bring me a new computer that I can play games on. I would also like to get a baby doll to play with. My brother Walker wants a car for Christmas. I am not sure he is old enough to drive but that is what he is wanting. My mom wants to perfume so she will smell good and my dad wants a big car. I hope you come to see me and if you do I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Emillee

Dear Santa,

I have been a very sweet girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a teddy bear and things that I can use to have a tea party with you and my parents. I would also like to

have finger prints and paint for Christmas. That is all that I want. My mom and dad would like to have a book for Christmas. My brothers like wrestlers so if you have anything like that could you please bring them something. When you come to my house I will leave you some cookies and ice cream and some milk.
Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll and Barbie's. I also like Bratz so if you have any of those in your bag I would like some of those also. I also want my sister to have clothes for her baby. That is all and be sure to eat the crackers I leave out for you.
Love, Anahi

Dear Santa,

I have been really, really good this year. I would like to get a big dog to play with him. Can you please make him white and a boy dog and he can play with Gus. I want a house that will fit in my room that I can play with my Barbie's in. I want a white dog like Mrs. Greens dog. This is all that I want. I want Gus and the white dog to share their dog food with you when you come.
Love, Clara

Dear Santa,

I want a red bike so I can ride with my brother. I would also like some new pink shoes. I want a basketball so I can learn how to play. Can you please bring my mom red flowers that smell really good. She also wants a watch so she can know what time it is. I would also like a watch but could you make it pink? Can you also bring my dad a new car. One of my brothers wants a clean room and some new clothes. I also want my dad to have new shoes. I will leave you lunch with nachos with Jalapeno's.
Love, Lezlie

Dear Santa,

I have been real good. I want a real pony so I can ride it. I want a real dog with brown and white kind of like my grandma's dog. I also want a doll. I want a picture frame incase we go far away and take a picture. I would also like a Dora table with chairs. My mom and dad if they get sick I want some stickers to give to them. I also want a computer to play games on. I will leave you some chicken and a coke.
Love, Destiny

Dear Santa,

I have been gooood this year. I would like a motorcycle so I can ride on it. I would also like a doverman that is red and black like Beast. I would also like pictures of Mrs. Green. I also want a real baby puppy that is white and black like Precious. I would also like a picture of Kody's dog. I also want you to take a picture with Skye. I want my mom to have a necklace that is black and green. I want to get my dad some yucky stuff. I also want to get him some knuckle sandwiches. I want you to bring Kendra some handprints paint and Kassie a baby. I also want you to bring me a big tall Christmas tree all the way to God. I wish I could apples, bananas and candy everyday. I will leave you some brownies and milk so make sure to eat it all up.
Love, Kately

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like for you to bring me a scooter for me to ride. I would also like to get a pink bike and a race car to drive fast in. I also want a motorcycle. My sisters want a scooter like me and a book to read. My brother wants a book also because he likes to read. My mom and dad want a new car to drive. I hope you can bring all of this big stuff. I will bring you some food when you get here.
Love, Heather

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good boy this year. I would like to have a cat and a horse for Christmas. I also want a skateboard and a play monster truck. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,

I have been good this past year. I want a tool set. I want a remote control car and I also want a Spiderman suit web. Jon, Jon might want a tool. My mom doesn't want presents. Maybe you want chocolate mild so I will leave you some to drink.
Love, Joey

Dear Santa,

I have been real good. I want some cars. I want some crayons to color. I want you to bring my mom a princess. I want you to bring my dad a toy motorcycle. Could you also please bring my sister a little Christmas tree? That is all we need.
Love, Benjamin

Dear Santa,

I want to be a football player so can you please bring me a football suit? I want a new football also. I also want to be taller. Could you make me grow? I also want paint for my teeth. I want a computer to play games on. I will leave you mild and cookies to eat.
Love, Victor

Dear Santa,

I have been really sweet this year. I would like to have Monster Trucks, Superman, and cars for Christmas. That is all. Mom, Dad, and the rest of my family don't want anything for Christmas so that is all you need to bring. It won't take you long at my house.
Love, Lucas

Dear Santa,

I have been a really, really good. I would love to have a gun for Christmas to shoot birds with little Coby and big Coby who helps my dad. I also would like a Geo board to put rubber bands on. I also want a guitar with a thing to put around your neck. I am not sure what Cheyenne wants. My mom and dad want a bb gun. That is all I want. I might make you a tent so you can take a nap. I will leave you a cookie also.
Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a Robot toy that dances. I am not real sure what else I want. I will leave you some cookies to eat.
Love, Dmetri

Dear Santa,

I think I have been really good this year. I would like to have some play pictures for the bathtub. I would also like to have some new pink earrings. Could you also bring me some pink, yellow, black and red pencils? I would also like to have 3 Dora dolls. Could you also bring my mom to get some silver earrings and my grandpa some water? The last thing I would like to have is some more markers.
Love, Brianna

Dear Santa,

I have been a lot of good so I think you could bring me a princess dress. I would also like for you to bring me a pretty shirt that is gold with little circles on it. I also have wanted a heart pillow to sleep on. If you want I will leave you some cookies to eat when you come.
Love, Ariel

Powers — 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I present a present whin it is Christmas. It is a bile and a

skooter for Christmas. Santa is pretty. I love you Santa. I love you Santa. I want a pool for christmas. Pleease santa
Brianna

Dear Santa,

I want a computer. I want to go to the north pole for christmas. Win I call you I love you. See me I m a good girl. I want a cd player then.
Elayna

Dear Santa,

I want for crsmis a flicpeng frog and a soyper leptop.
Matthew

Dear Santa,

My name is Caitlyn I livei n Littlefield I want for Christmas is a swimming babydoll
Caitlyn

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa and I wish for anything for Chrismas just surprise me. And I happy I be good for Chrismas.
Love, Abigail

Dear Santa,

I want a play stashin I love you Santa. Santa ples for me piv me I'm soory U stad up on my bedtime.
Jake

Dear Santa,

My brother has been good this year All I want is a big thre storey house for christmas.
Delylah

Dear Santa,

I love you very much I hope you have a good Christmas eve. Can you give me a bike Santa I love you rain deer.
Brady

Dear Santa,

Can you bring me a transformer Can you bring me a truck for my brother
Francisco

Dear Santa,

I can put the star on top of the tree. It is tvee day. We do not put the star on the tree Why do you get to put the star. Do angel be on the tree. I want a miny mouse.
Christopher

Dear Santa,

I want the horse that eats and move. And I want to be on your list. And I love being on your list. And I want a white board and a marker and I want presits under my tree.
Hannah

Dear Santa,

I wot lots of presits and a cars for my presit. I wot a pockit roci.
TJ

Dear Santa,

I love Santa I wot santa to bring me a present I want santa to bring me a toy
RJ

Dear Santa,

I want for Santa to get me four christmas electric. I want to get me four christmas Santa can you get me an computer. I want four santa to get me four christmas toys. I am sorry that I was to bad tonit. I love you santa. Ples Santa will you bring toy.
Kyndal

Dear Santa,

I am doing good for christmas I want a car and a

transformer and a turboman and a nintendo.

Rocky

Dear Santa,

I want a car I want a playstasone for Christmas. I want a game for christmas. I want a pris for christmas.
Miguel

Dear Santa,

I love Santa he brings me presents to all uvelus. Santa luivse presents under our tree. I liek santus renders. Santa slieds on snow. Yol no wut I won for crisnis it is a bebegun. Santu is nise. Santu is fune.

I liek santu red hat. I liek santu claus. I liek santu shoes. I liek santu belt. I can see santu.
Jordan

Brown — 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I have been good Today U want healties I wont for Chrismi is a pupee. Santa bring me it. I have lot of pesins
Love, Gabril

Dear Santa,

I will be good
Mark

Dear Santa,

I was good. Brats stuff. I want a scooter. I want a pink hat. I want a baby dog. I want a Brat bed. I want a Brat computer. I want toys. I want slipes. I want a big TV. I want clthes. I want a pretty cat. I love Santa! I want a lot of pretty toys. I want a fake barbie house.
Love, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

I want a radio. Santa I've been good. Santa you are my best Santa. Santa tell your elfs they do hard work. Santa tell your randdeers I said hi. Santa tell roodof his nose is brite. Santa this is from me.
Love, Kinsey

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I will leave you sume cookies I want a camputer ad I want a necklace and a toy.
Love, Enchineea

Dear Santa,

I was good today. I want a brat computer. I want a brat bed. I want a brat barbie. I want a brat necklace. I want a brat toys. I want a brat big tv. I want a brat dresdog. I want a brat house.
Love, Lilana

Dear Santa,

I want a play station three and an Xbox 360. I love you Santa Claus.
Love, Izaiah

Dear Santa,

I have to be good today. I need presents for christmas. I open my presents. I bring Santa cookies. I want a cart for christmas. I need a toy. We put cnady canes for you
Love, Trinity

Dear Santa,

I have been good all year I want a Spiderman friend or the game.
Love, Patrick

Dear Santa,

You are the best. You are nice. Pleees bring me a computer. I want two toys and a computer. And a puppet and funny puppet. This letter is for you Santa vl have been good all this month. I want lots of presents. Under our tree because you are nice.
Love, Wendy

Dear Santa,

I was bad this year Santa this year I will be good this year and I want a Nintendo DS and some toys. Some healties and my Dad home. Santa I will give you some sugar cookies if you give me some presents. Santa, I love you.
Love, Jacer

Dear Santa,

I want a robe and some slippers. I want a sleeping bag and pjamas. I want a ring for my mom and for Leo I want Leo to get a watch. For my little sister I want her to get a Bratz that you could make ice cream with and one more thing. I want for my mom a lot of jewelry.
Love, Kiarra

Dear Santa,

I will be good and I want spiderman vs. venom and sandman. I will give you sugar cookies when you come to my house.
Love, Israel

Dear Santa,

I want an MP3. I want healties I been good at school.
Love, Homero


Dear Santa,

MP3 player I-pod and a brat. And I want a walkie talkie. Pet shop I will go in Santa's sleigh.
Love, Clarissa

Dear Santa,

I have been good. In December the 5 it was my birthday. My ant stuffed my face in the cake. For christmas I want some pants and some shirts. But what I rilley want is a walkie talkie and a cheerleading suit and a barbey house and a
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barbey. I promise that I will give you choclit cookies.
Love, Kristal

Dear Santa,
I ben good at my house not I want heelies and a squackersmica!
Love, Irvin

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a waterprook watch. I'll have sugar cookies left for you. Another thing I want is a triple H toy and Jonh Lena toy. I want a i-pod. Another thing is a Wii and Nintendo DS. Spiderman friend or foe. You're the best. Merry Christmas.
Love, Jackson

Dear Santa,
I ben good in school. I want a Bratz. I want a makut. I wnat a kun, I want a brd I want a babe. I want a vari. I want a cod. I lev cod to Sankol. I mak a prezit for Sankol. I wot a dof. I lik a rande I want a bod I want a legit. I want a cat. Can I have a Lulb. T wot a video can I have a kavit.
Love, Jariana

Ambriz — Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a laptop computer and some Heely's. I also want some turtles. Thank you!
I Love You, Jose

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a scooter, a real turtle and a skateboard. Thank you!
I Love You, Leonel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some heely's, a skateboard and a small rocket. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Jose C.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer, a game and a bike. Would you also bring me some tickets, books and a skateboard. Merry Christmas.
I Love You, Desmon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doctor bag, a jump rope and an umbrella. I will leave you a gingerbread man and milk.
I Love You, Nicole

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real turtle, make-up and heely's. I like Rudolph and I've been really good. Thank you!
Love, Destiny

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer, barbies and some books. Thank you.
I Love You, April

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeer! Please bring me some make-up, play dough and stickers. Thank you!
Love, Jailyn

Dear Santa
When you come to my house, I will give you some cookies and milk. Please bring me some heely's and a robot dinosaur. Thank you!
Love, Esteban

Dear Santa,
Your reindeer are special. Thank you for bringing me toys. Please bring me some heely's, a teddy bear, make-up and a Barbie doll. Thank you!
Love You, Clarissa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an mp3 player and a guitar for my baby brother. Thank you!
Love, Edward

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me some toys. Please bring me some Bratz, a Dora video game and a play computer. Thank you!
Love, Valerie

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. I wish I can have heely's and a Bratz that takes pictures. Thank you!
Love, Natalie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me snowboard, trucks and cars. Thank you!
Love, Martin

Dear Santa,
I like Rudolph. Please bring me some heely's, a skateboard and a new bicycle. I am going to leave you some milk & cookies.
I Love You, Jewel

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. Please bring me a playstation, a real motorcycle and a skateboard. Thank you!
Love, Jesus

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me some barbies, Barbie clothes & shoes and a big house for my barbies. I will leave you some cookies & milk.
Love, Adriana

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me some transformers, wrestlers and a dolphin for my mom because I love her. I will leave you some cookies.
Love, Manuel

Bermea-Toscano Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I love you. Can you bring me a car?
Jose

Dear Santa,
Hi, I love you so much. Can you please bring me a Dora so I can peinarla, please. I want a Strawberry baby with tetera. I want to see you. Please bring toys to my little brother.
Maria

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a television that is strawberry control y una silla. I want a strawberry coloring book and markers and crayons and a strawberry computer. I want you to come to my house and I will leave you a cookie. I want strawberry table and baby con tetera with a strawberry. Can you bring my mom a pink dress with flowers? And tacones and a ring and a motorcycle for my dad and presents for my mom and my dad and my brother and my baby and my abuela.
Valeria

Dear Santa,
I like you very much. Can you please bring me a racecar and a motorcycle? For my dad a motorcycle and for my mom a blue dress. Thank you.
Eliazar

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. Could you please bring me a red bike and a Transformer? I want a toy and that's all. My mom wants a collar and for my dad un carro nuevo.
Miguel

Dear Santa,
Te quiero mucho. Te quiero ver. Puedes venir pa mi casa si quieres. Te quiero dar un abrazo. Quiero un Transformer. Para mi mom un vestido pink y para mi dad un TV muy big.
Brayan

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. Can you please bring me a motorcycle? Can you bring me a bike? I want a pink dress for my mom. I want for my dad a motorcycle.
Arturo

Dear Santa,
Yo te quiero mucho. I love you. Please bring me a Princess table, markers, a pencil, and letters to say to Mrs. Toscano.
Lizabeth

Dear Santa,
I want to see you go to my house. I want a princess kitchen and letters to make the ABC's. Please bring me colors and markers of Princess. I want a Princess Computer to play games and that's all.
Kimberly

Dear Santa,
Te quiero ver. Quiero un osito y una mesita y una computadora de verdad. Quiero un white board y una marker para escribir letters. También un libro de Dora.

Yaquelin

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, I love you. Can you bring me toys of Transformers and new shoes, new bike, a new trailer, new reindeer, a pony ride and a computer of SpongeBob. I also want a Christmas hat, a picture and a camera and big blocks. I want a desk and a folder and a cute doggie. I want a pear for my mom and a moto for my dad.
Santiago

Dear Santa,
Estas muy bonita y te quiero de verdad. Quiero una cadena y un anillo. Para mi mamá unos tacones de mujer grande.
Nallely

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want Transformers and a red or blue bike. I miss you. Where is Rudolph? Please bring me a Spiderman mono and a game. Where are you? I want to see you. For my mom a red dress. For my dad a red car de verdad.
Jose

Dear Santa,
Te quiero mucho. Me puedes traer una mesita con sillas para jugar afuera. También quiero unas ABC's. Quiero que vayas a mi house porque te quiero. Y ropaita para mi hermanito.
Ana

Dear Santa,
I love you! Quiero un car, patines, y unos transformers. Eres muy bueno con nosotros.
Geraldo

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want one car and toys and a bike. Please bring me a basketball, Transformers y una tambora. I want a fire truck and a motorcycle. Un celular para mi mamá.
Aaron

Mardis — 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a 4 wheeler and laptop.
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me Barbie Bratz and bring me toys.
Love, Nallely

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a motorcycle.
Love, Jose

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a laptop of Bratz, a big present of Bratz, a little car of Bratz, a Dora game, a Santa toy, a picture of you.
Love, Michelle M.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a wii and a dirt bike and a laptop and a mp3 player and a 4 wheeler.
Love, Luke

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me an mp3 player and bring my brother a toy. I love Rudolph.
Love, Michelle

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me an mp3 player and a bratz.
Love, Cassie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me Nintendo. How is Rudolph? Is he good or are the other reindeer being mean?
Love, Joel

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a computer and mp3 player and a Hanna Montana Barbie and a Milley Barbie and Bratz.
Love, Katherine

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me an mp3 player and a Barbie and a bratz and a Barbie Hamma Montana.
Love, Maria

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me wings, a laptop, a stuffed snowman, a Barbie, a makeup set.
Love, Lani

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me an mp3 player and a Barbie and Hanna Montana.
Ileana

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a laptop and fast shoes.
From Chantel

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me trucks and cars and books and dinosaur toys for my brother.
Love, Anthony

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a makeup set, nail polish, and Hanna Montana makeup.
Love, Lilly

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Can you give me an mp3 player.
Love, Destiny A.

Montiel — 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bratz. I want a cat. I want heeley's. I want Barbie. I want a Dall. I want crown.
Allison

Dear Santa,
I want some horse, some fake coow some for me and for me and for my stuff moons and chicks Billy goat root wagon.
Dacota

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and playdoh and Moon Sand and bike and Bily and goat and dog and root and pypy and bear and chick and drum.
Christan

Dear Santa,
I want a Bratz Toy. and a microphone and game. I would like to have heeley's. I want tv and a crown. I want a bear.
Kaley

Dear Santa,
want a Transtformer and a back. I love you Santa and I Lick you boot. me on the goat lis I lick you Satna you are good for us gis.
Matthew

Dear Santa,
I want prtly stuf like bratz, maice hain and a soft blanket and a cupewter and a dog and a Little pupy.
Natalie

Dear Santa,
I Love you. Would you bring me a Jurnl and a t.v. for cristmis. I would Like that!
Maddison

Dear Santa,
I wot ben 10 Play station 2 Game.
Andrew

Dear Santa,
I would like to have heeley's I want a bratz toy the bratz toy I want is chloe ar a blue clues ball and barbie and a puppy and a Baby doll and a toy piano.
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I Love Santa I want tapia y Jason toy I want a toy Harry I want a toy Train I would Like for you to come to my House I Love Santas toys I Love your Slay.
Yoel

Dear Santa,
I need a new game cube and A toy Lion I need a new Books I need a play station 2 Ben 10 game I Love Santa.
Malik

Dear Santa,
I wud like sum Heeleys I wud like a dawl can I haph a hors I wud like bear.
Sophie

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie I want a toy bear I want a new heeley's I want a new book I wat a new ball A toy school I left a glass of mick ad a cookies.
Lilianan

Dear Santa,
I Love you Santa I am going to loov you a glass of milk and cookies for you. I Love you very much. Thank you Santa for the toys.
Liliana

Agundiz — Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy truck with a trailer and a tractor.
Benito

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a yellow ball and a purple race car.
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some make-up and a purse.
Isabela

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a red Power Ranger and a Ninja Turtle.
Benjamin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a book about cars and a Sponge Bob toy.
Ever

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pink cat and a horse.
Karely

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy tractor and loader.
Arturo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dinosaur toy.
Russell

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Santa Letters 2007

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Nunja Turtle toys and a video game of dragons.
Jacob

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Sponge Bob toys and a Scooby-doo.
Brandon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a race car and some candy canes.
Aaron

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer and a toy kitchen.
Keicy

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer and a reindeer toy.
Victor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a race car and a fire truck.
Meliton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy kitchen and a cell phone.
Odalys

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Santa Hat and an outfit.
Jozeline

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dora Kitchen.
Jasmine

Dear Santa, Please bring me socks and a car.
Alberto

Lazbuddie Elementary Lackey — Kindergarten
Santa,
I want a dirt haler truck and a monster game. What are your reindeer doing? Gunner.

Santa,
I want you to bring all my presents. Could you bring me my things I always wanted for christmas? Could you bring me some movies? I want 5 coloring books. I also want a real camera.
Marrena.

Dear Santa Clause
I want a pin ball machine and a pool table. I also want an eye clob, toy monster truck, legos, a shoot gun, and little monster truck toy. I've been good.
Josh

Santa,
Merry Christmas! Bring me a present.
Junior.

Dear Santa, I want a scooter and a game. A lot of new games. I want a dart board and new skates.
Preston

Dear Santa,
I like you. When are you going to bring our toys? When is your sleigh going to be up on the roof? Please bring me, butterscotch that eats the carrots.
Avery.

Dear Santa,
Santa are you bringing us presents? I love Santa. Bring me some toys.
Miranda.

Santa Claus,
I love you Santa. Are you getting ready to ride your sleigh? How are the reindeer getting ready to pull the sleigh? Are the elves making toys? Please bring me a basketball goal.
Tyler.

Lazbuddie — 1st grade
Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I want a d 2 ping. I want a dream hows, duttscoth pony, and a scat bord. I want the bee movee. Pleez breeng my a reel ween dog and rudolf the red nos randeer song.
Ashlyn.

Dear Santa,
I want a scoodr. I want a blacet box. I wanta pictirw Santa, scabord/ and a ratatooe moovee, and mistr bens holid. I a polle the parot and rudof toy. Pleez I luv u. I want a ceymbord.

Damian.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I love you! You're the best! I would like to have some new things for christmas. I would like to have a sell phone, a md3 playre, aminacher four whillr, a wii, a christmas shirt, mr. Beans halladay, Santa clas three, Santa pillow high school musical, xbox3bo minacher car, christmas sharpiner, and the new brats movy.
Avery.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I love you! You're the best! I would like to have some new things for christmas. I would like to have a fon, macindhoof, srfs up, a hemllon 2 dyrdhalcootr, pillow, crs the game, fish, choclit, and candy.
Johnny

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I love you! You're the best! I would like to have some new things for christmas. I would like to have a xbox mintindo, wil 4 welre/ the legind of spiro, mr beans holaday, hocea taboole, zelduods, fone,xbox360, playstashin3 and a scoodr.
Andres.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I love you! You're the best! I would like some new things for christmas. I would like yo have a bratz, a play haowas, a baskboll, a boaei, a dvd, big bratz. A a pirowtudr, bed, a sfon, a dog, a hars, and a book.
Marsol.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I love you! You're the best! I would like to have some new things for christmas. I would like to have a dvd player, a selphone, a pink ds, a game of hsm, a game of braz, a card of teks teck, a mr blans holiday, a reel horse, a move of hsm2, a new move of bratz, a hsm pintisna tv of hsm, and a bratz cheir.
Devon.

Lazbuddie — 2nd grade
Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope that you are good. Here are some things I would like for christmas. I would like hannah montana barbie and a barbie car. I wouls also like a puppy and a cat. Can you bring presents for my family, too? My mom would like flowers and a credit card. My dad would like a cool car. My sister luzana would like a cool cell phone. My brother, aaron would like a christmas tree. Will you bring my sister katie a drivers license and her own car? My youngest brother t.J. Would have fun with some new toys. Have a merry christmas!
Love, Julie

Dear Santa,
I would like a psp and games. I would also like a watch and some cd's. A hannah montana doll would be fun to play with. If you think i'm old enough, i'd like some makeup. Can you bring me a cd player for some cd's? I think it would be good to have my own computer, too. Would you also bring me some princess girl dolls? I almost forgot-could you bring me a desk for my family to do my homework on? My family would enjoy some new dvd's to share and a wii. Have a good christmas.
Love, Priscilla

Dear Santa,
Hello. I would like a toy cash register for christmas. Spongebob looks like it would be fun, too. I would have a lot of fun playing with a pink toy razr phone. Could you bring me a new barbie and barbie computer? I bet I could learn a lot from a leap frog toy! I would also enjoy playing with a new doll. Have a great christmas!
Love, Tina

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike. Also I would enjoy having more cd's to listen to. May I please have a miley barbie? I'd also like a barbie house. Do you think you could bring my family a wil to play? I would enjoy more horses

to play with. If you could bring more polly dolls, that would be good. Could you bring mom and dad games for their computers? Would you bring kylie some new makeup? I would also enjoy some great books to read. Have a good christmas!
Love, Ginsyn

Dear Santa,
For christmas, I would like a new video game and cd's for my cd player. It would be fun to have a dog, too! I would like a new calendar and a remote control car. Could you get my brother a jacket and a watch? My mother would love a movie and my father would like a soccer movie. Can you bring a cute shirt for my sister? That would be great! Thank you!
Love, Bernardo

Kinder Korner Pre School

Dear Santa,
My name is Damien and I am 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me boots and a Big Boy Bike because I am a Big Boy.
Thank you, Damien

Dear Santa,
My name is Tomas and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me Big 4-Wheeler and a new fishing Boat for me and my Dad.
Thank you, Tomas

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimberlee and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Baby Doll and Doll House so I can play with my sisters.
Thank you, Kimberlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashton and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Bike and all of the Buzz Lightyears.
Thank you, Ashton

Dear Santa,
My name is Hannah and I am nearly 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Barbie Corvette, Real Pink Horse, and a new Razor cell phone and make it Pink!!
Thank you, Hannah

Dear Santa,
My name is Landri and I am nearly 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Pink Barbie Jeep, alot of clothes, a few Diamond rings and a Blackberry cell phone so I can call my Dad & Mom.
Thank you, Landri

Dear Santa,
My name is James and I am 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Buzz Lightyear and Big Tractor and a Crash Helment.
Thank you, James

Dear Santa,
My name is Kyler and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a new Rope and a Train Set and Spurs and a real cell phone and a Race Car like my Dads!!
Thank you, Kyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaron and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me new clothes, maybe a vacation in Hawaii and a Blackberry Cell Phone that is Pink.
Thank you, Jaron

Dear Santa,
My name is MacKenzie and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me presents and strawberry shortcake and The Little Mermaid.
Thank you, MacKenzie

Dear Santa,
My name is Joey and I am 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Truck and some little cars and Ice Cream.
Thank you, Joey

Dear Santa,
My name is Clayton and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Boy Bike and a cool Scooter and food for my horse.
Thank you, Clayton

Dear Santa,
My name is Zackary and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Yellow Tractor and a 4 Wheeler that I can ride on.
Thank you, Zachary

Dear Santa,
My name is Daisy and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Dora Doll and a car for her to Ride in.
Thank you, Daisy

Dear Santa,
My name is Isaac and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me lots and lots of toys plus Lighten McQueen and Mater.
Thank you, Isaac

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Real Horse and a Big 4 wheeler like my dads.
Thank you, Michael

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaliyah and I am 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Train and a real cell phone and dress up clothes.
Thank you, Aaliyah

Dear Santa,
My name is Katy and I am 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Train Set and a real Horse.
Thank you, Katy

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley and I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Real Cannon and a Big Boy Dirt Bike, and the Real Cannon will not bother my mom and new brother.
Thank you, Riley

Dear Santa,
My name is Mati and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Girl Bike and clothes so I can dress up and ride my bike.
Thank you, Mati

Dear Santa,
My name is Drew and I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Monster Truck and some little something for my new baby.
Thank you, Drew

Dear Santa,
My name is Railey and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big Girl Bike and lots and lots of clothes and shoes and a real cell phoen so I can call my mom and Dad.
Thank you, Railey

Dear Santa,
My name is Mallory and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Cash Register and clothes so I can dress up.
Thank you, Mallory

Dear Santa,
My name is Leionna and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Dora Doll and anything that will go with her.
Thank you, Leionna

Dear Santa,
My name is Cameron and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Large Play Dough Truck and I Love You.
Thank you, Cameron

Dear Santa,
My name is Bode and I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Real football and a toy turkey.
Thank you, Bode

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaide and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Big-Big Doll House.
Thank you, Jaide

Dear Santa,
My name is Kallie and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a Pink Pony, Pink Christmas Tree and a Pink pick-up so me and my dad can drive around in it.
Thank you, Kallie

Dear Santa,
My name is Addyson and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like you to bring me a really fancy Potty for me and my family.
Thank you, Addyson

Watch for more Santa letters in next week's issue of the Journal.

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Club News

Local scouts collect food

On Saturday, Dec. 8, members of Cub Scout Pack 620 and Boy Scout Troop 620 of Muleshoe completed their annual "Scouting for Food" project by picking up donations of food from local residents.

The boys delivered the food to the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry in Muleshoe, who will in turn distribute it to local families in need.

Picture on the left are boys, parents and scout leaders gathered around the trailer filled with food.



Students of the Week announced

Watson Junior High recently announced the recipients of the school's Student of the Week awards for the weeks of Nov. 29 and Dec. 6. These students were: Nov. 29, pictured above — Matthew Dickerson, Lilibeth Ortiz, Navit Esparza, Ross Steinbock, Roper Kerby and Brianna Kirk; and Dec. 6, pictured below — Hadlea Geissler, Arthuro Recio, Jesus Torres, Alyssa Clark, Crystal Rubio and Hector Granada.



Watson students take first at UIL District meet

Watson Junior High's one act play recently took first place in the UIL District Competition. Pictured above, from left to right, are the cast members: Front row — Mercedes Morin, Carlos Nunez, Louis Guzman, Samantha Reyna, John Ryan Isaacson, Zackary Murphy and Zachary Mumau; and back row — Westin Griswold, DonAnn Rempe, Bailey Bales, Stephanie Infante, Catie Sowder, Jodee Hall, Cas Stevens, Sarah Whitworth, Robert Brewster and Roper Kerby. Individual honors received went to: Roper Kerby for Best Actor; Jodee Hall, Robert Brewster and Cas Stevens for All-Star Cast; and Mercedes Morin and Zachary Mumau for Outstanding Crew.

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1453 Hwy. 70 E
 3 bed/3 bath/2 garage, large lot, 2603 sq. ft. Nice brick home. Well maintained and ready to move in. This home has many qualities such as a large laundry room with sink and freezer space and lots of storage, ceiling with beams and light stained paneling, large rooms & closets, and lots of storage!! Fabulous screened in porch with heat/ac and skylight. Lots of trees adds privacy.

Beautiful Homes in Lazbuddie:
2451 County Road X
 3 bed/3 bath/2 garage, 8 acres, 2038 sq. ft. This is a very well maintained country home with many updates and additions. One completely remodeled bathroom a large master bath, three hot water heaters, a beautiful 40' x 12' redwood deck with hot tub and an above ground swimming pool. Beautifully landscaped and has a sprinkler system.

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- **Parmer County** - NE of Bovina. 596 acres with brick home. One center pivot with 450 g.p.m. well. 100 additional acres of cultivated land. Improved grass. Three bedroom, 3 bath brick home with fireplace. 40'x100' barn with 20' shed & pens.
- **Bailey County** - 160 acres non-irrigated in southwest part of Bailey County. On state line. 150 acres in cultivation. Good direct payment. Good wildlife area.
- **Parmer County** - 480 acres northeast of Farwell on FM 3333. 3 sprinklers, 3 wells, good direct payment.
- **Great Hunting** - Mule Deer, Quail, Dove, Pheasant. 1256 acres in Lamb County. 580 acres irrigated with center pivot sprinklers. 13 wells. 530 acres of CRP. A lot of depreciable assets and good cash flow.
- **Lamb County** - Northwest of Littlefield. 5 labors, 5 pivots, good allotment. Growing alfalfa and wheat for hay. A lot of depreciable assets.
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- **Lamb County** - Earth - Beautiful, red brick home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 4 park garage, lots of storage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, \$130,000. Too nice to pass up.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, or an authorized representative of such Board, on Thursday, December 27, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the offices of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation located at 215 S. First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. The purposes of the hearing are to: (1) receive comments and hear discussion concerning the issuance in one or more series by the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation (the "Issuer") of not to exceed \$2,500,000 principal amount of industrial development revenue bonds of the Issuer; and (2) consider the approval of the issuance by the Issuer of a maximum aggregate face amount of \$2,500,000 of its revenue bonds (Friendship Dairy Project), Series 2008 (the "Bonds"). If the Bonds are approved and issued, the proceeds thereof will be loaned by the Issuer to Friendship Dairies, a Texas general partnership, or its affiliate, assignee or nominee (the "Borrower") for the purpose of assisting the Borrower in the financing of (i)

the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain solid waste disposal components to the Applicant's dairy facility to be located at 3637 County Road 12 West, approximately 5 miles north of Hereford, Texas within Deaf Smith County, Texas (the "Project") and (ii) a portion of the costs of issuing the Bonds. The Project is located outside the city limits of Muleshoe, Texas and will be owned and operated by the Borrower. IF ISSUED, THE BONDS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT OR PLEDGE OF THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE TAXING POWER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, THE COUNTY OF BAILEY, THE COUNTY OF CASTRO, THE CITY OF MULESHOE, THE ISSUER OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

All interested persons, affected taxpayers, property owners and citizens are invited to attend this public hearing and, either personally or through their representatives, will be given an opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed project and the issuance of the proposed bonds. Anyone desiring to make written comment may submit such written comment to the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, 215 S. First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, Attn: Ms. Janet Claborn, prior to the time set for the public hearing. Comments made at the hearing are for the consideration of the Board of the Issuer and will not bind the Board of the Issuer to any action it may take. This notice is given pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MULESHOE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Published in the Muleshoe Journal on November 29, December 6 and 13, 2007.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICE

The City of Muleshoe has recently received a grant contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Owner Occupied Housing Assistance through the HOME Investment Partnership Programs. Accordingly, the Contract Administrator (City of Muleshoe) is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities.

Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at City Hall,

215 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 to the City Secretary, City of Muleshoe, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

The Contract Administrator must receive proposals no later than Thursday, December 27, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102. The Contract Administrator is an Affirmative Marketing/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses to submit proposals. Published in the Muleshoe Journal on December 13, 2007.

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Muleshoe Independent School District is accepting applications for a maintenance position. Applications may be picked up at the M.I.S.D. Administration office at 514 W. Ave. G between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information on the position can be obtained by contacting Sam Whalin at (806) 272-7330. M.I.S.D. is an equal opportunity employer.

Experienced cook needed at La-Tea-Da Tues.-Sat., 8:30-2:30. Must know how to cook tea-room type food. Looking for a permanent employee. Applications will be thoroughly verified. Please come by after 2:00 Tues.-Sat. for application, 104 E. American Blvd. No phone calls please.

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Country Home on Highway - Nice 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath home, central air & heat, built-ins, enclosed sunroom, utility, 2 car garage, 40x80 Quonset barn, all on 5 acres, priced to sell!!!

New Listing - Approx. 2100 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, large family room with fireplace, livingroom, utility, new carpet, carport, storage buildings, fenced back yard, priced to sell!!!

Price Reduced - Cute remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, Cent. A&H, fireplace, 1 bedroom upstairs, deck, pond, sprinkler system, storage building, apartment or office building in back. This home will not last long, call today!

NEW LOWER PRICE - Nice 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath brick home, large utility, fireplace, sunroom, built-ins, Cent. A&H, sprinkler system, 2 car garage, fenced back yard, all on corner lot.

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WE NEED HOUSE LISTINGS!!

New Listing - 160 acres on highway includes very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home. Refrigerated air and central heat, built-ins, fireplace, large utility and 2 car garage. Has circular sprinkler, 2 wells, 70'x100' hay barn, 24'x25' storage building and more.

Just Listed - 318 acres, 2 well water, 2 electric circular sprinklers, 4 submersible wells, highly productive farm.

Just Listed - 320 acres NE of Lazbuddie. 2 electric circular sprinklers, 4 submersible wells, domestic well, 2 large metal barns.

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Elevator Help Needed - The AGP Grain Marketing elevators are in need of elevator help for various locations. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. Must be able to work in grain dust. If interested, please pick up applications at the main office in Bovina or call 806-251-1521 local, or toll free at 866-583-7362.

Part time certified occupational therapy assistant needed. \$28/hr. and up depending on experience. Runningwater Draw Care Center, Olton, Texas. 806-285-2677.

Muleshoe I.S.D. is accepting applications for a custodial position, full or part time available. Applications may be picked up at the M.I.S.D. Administration office at 514 W. Ave. G between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. M.I.S.D. is an equal opportunity employer.

SALES PEOPLE NEEDED! Guaranteed salary plus commission, paid vacation, no experience necessary. Bilingual a plus. Apply in person at Big Valley Auto of Muleshoe, 1112 W. American Blvd. or call 272-7777.

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Farwell Feed Yard is hiring feed truck drivers/yard maintenance help. Applicants must be at least 18 yrs. of age and must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. If interested please come by the office of Farwell Feed Yard and pick up an application.

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Yard maintenance help needed. Experience welding required. Apply in person. Cattlemen's Feedlot, Olton, Texas.

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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$145,000!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spkr., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- Very NICE 2-1-2 brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, new paint, carpet, wood laminate, kitchen & bath countertops, fenced yd.!!! MUCH MORE!! \$85K!!
- NICE 3-2 1/2-1 Home, Cent. Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, fenced yd.!! \$65K!!
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- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!

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- PROGRESS/LARIAT AREA - 3 bdrm. & den or 4 bdrm., 2 bath, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2270' lv. area on 7 acres, corral, MORE!!
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acres tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! \$119,900!!
- 3 bdrm., 2 bath home on 30 acres, 24' x 36' workshop, 13' x 36' storage, domestic well, irrig. well!! MORE!! \$75K!!
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- SUDAN - VERY NICE 2-1-1 carport Brick Home, elec. baseboard heat, window evap. air, fans, large utility, approx. 1220' lv. area, cov. patio, 3 car detached carport with storage, corner lot!! \$32,500!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2-7.5 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!
- PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$69K!!
- 3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125!!



Lazbuddie students honored...

Lazbuddie Elementary School recently honored six of its students.

Among the students were:

- Brooke Lawrence, Pre-Kindergarten, is the daughter of Nick and Jenny Lawrence.
- Nolan Flores,

Kindergarten, is the son of Ricky and Erin Flores. • Devon Pacheco, first grade, is the daughter of Juan and Alicia Pacheco.

• Gentry Hicks, third grade, is the daughter of

Scott and Tiffany Hicks.

• Anais Andrade, fifth grade, is the daughter of Lucy Andrade.

• Haley Ivy, fifth grade, is the daughter of Lance and Shelly Ivy.

Dillman's annual Christmas program is set

Dillman Elementary's annual Christmas program will be presented on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m.

Drivers license office closed

The Muleshoe Drivers License office will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 12, until Friday, Dec. 14.

It will reopen on Monday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 a.m.

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