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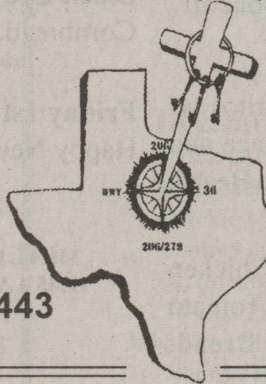
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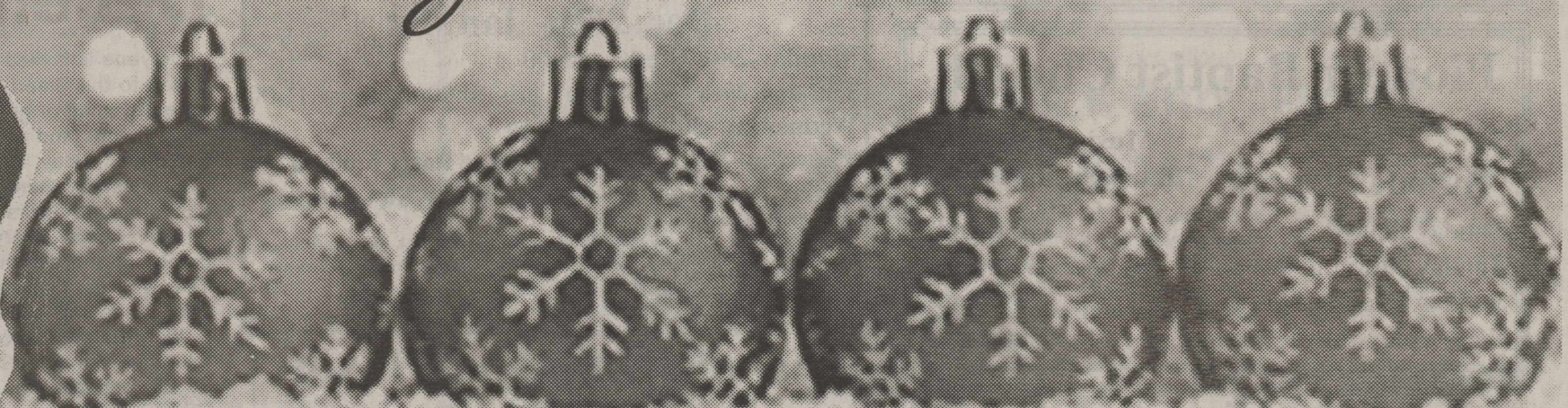
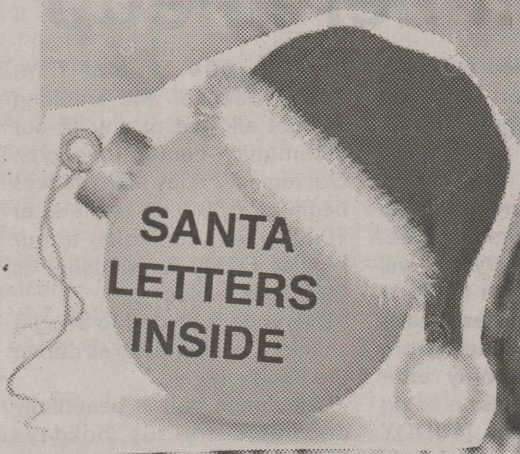
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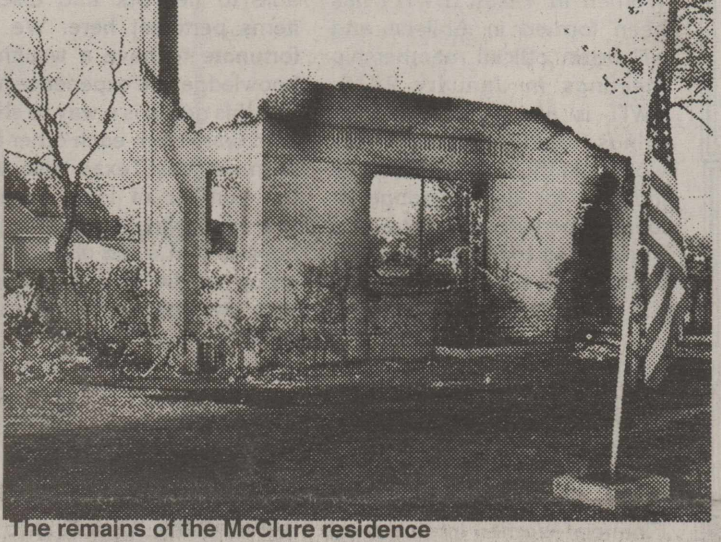
Merry Christmas



*** See Santa Letters Inside ***



The First United Methodist Church, December 27, 2005



The remains of the McClure residence



With the firefighters stretched thin, a DPS officer and citizens man a hose to combat the flames.



Covering the horizon, the fire storm burns wildly.

Clyde woman among three killed in 2-vehicle accident near Santa Anna

A Clyde woman was among three killed in a two-vehicle accident in Coleman County on Saturday, December 19th. The crash happened at 7:13 p.m. Saturday, December 19th located on US 283, 9.3 miles south of Santa Anna. Killed in the accident was Olga Cisneros Gutierrez, female, 54, of Abilene. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Nance Campbell. The body was taken to Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman. Critically injured was Adela Campos Morris, female, 53, of Clyde, who was transported to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She later died at Hendrick Medical Center. Also killed was Javier Michael Garcia, male, 50, of Brady, who was also pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Campbell and the body was taken to Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman. All three were wearing seat belts. According to the Department of Public Safety, Gutierrez was driving a 2008 Volkswagen Tuareg northbound on US 283 with Morris as a passenger. Garcia was traveling southbound on US 283 in a 2005 Nissan Altima. The Gutierrez vehicle drove on the wrong side of the roadway and struck the vehicle driven by Garcia head on. The crash is under investigation by Trooper Tyler Moses, Coleman DPS. The speed limit on the roadway was 75 MPH, and the weather was clear/cloudy and road conditions were dry.

A Time to Remember: December 27, 2005

On December 27, 2005, the history of Cross Plains, Texas was forever changed as a wall of smoke and fire descended on the small rural town in central Texas. It was about 12:47 P.M. when then fire chief, Bob Harrell received a call of a grass fire in progress located in a ditch west of Cross Plains on Highway 36. With sustained winds of more than 30 mph it was less than 15 minutes before Chief Harrell sent out a desperate call for mutual aide to surrounding community fire departments. Twenty-nine units from the surrounding area arrived on the scene of a full blown fire storm. The heat and winds that were created by that storm will live on in the memories of all who stood to fight or fled for their lives. Cross Plains lost the lives of two citizens, Ms. Mattie Faye Wilson and Ms. Maudie Shepard, close to 120 homes and more than 7500 acres on that day ten years ago.

That small roadside fire exploded to life and aggressively attacked a community still celebrating the Christmas holiday. As the fire burned and consumed more land and homes, it grew stronger feeding itself and creating a micro weather system with ever increasing winds and tornadoes of fire, reigning debris and chaos over the town. Homes literally exploded as fiery whirlwinds sucked the life giving oxygen from their rooms. Firefighters fought to keep their helmets on as wind blew the 20 pound helmets hither and yon. Hoses and nozzles melted and had to be replaced during the firefight. Citizen's who didn't flee towards the outskirts of town gathered hoses and began to fill in the gaps between firefighters as explosions and windblown debris kick started even more fires. The town burned, and burned and burned. People of all walks of life picked up hoses

to battle a monster. As the embers died down and the ashes swirled to a standstill, Cross Plains came together stronger than ever. As Don Tabor wrote in his article "A Perfect Storm", "They temper-metal with heat to make the strongest steel. There is some very strong steel in Cross Plains." The First United Methodist Church lost its sanctuary, offices and parsonage all in one day, but held Sunday service in the parking lot as their building crumbled behind them. In the remains, they found the baby Jesus from the Nativity, unharmed. Even among the ashes, God was present. The closing hymn sung on that cold January parking lot was a testament to the kind of people living in Cross Plains then and now. As we come together this Christmas and remember how lives were changed ten years ago, the words of this song still

can touch us all deeply. **Hymn of Promise**
"In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that wants to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season; something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity. In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see..."
May we all be safe this season and may we count our blessings daily.

Christmas Eve Service at Methodist Church

By Christmas Eve, the details have all been nailed down for family gatherings on Christmas Day and it's time to slow down and ponder the reality of that first Christmas so long ago. As the Christian world prepares to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Methodist Church warmly invites the community to its traditional candlelight service. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the congregation will share in the anticipation of God's greatest gift to mankind — His Son, Jesus Christ. Following the story of Christ's holy birth through scripture readings and music, everybody will be invited to share the Lord's Table where Communion will be offered to all who believe in this miracle. We welcome Jesus into our hearts as a reminder of God's love for us and share that gift with others as a token of our love for God. The community is invited to share in this special time of worship in the Sanctuary made beautiful by poinsettias donated by members of the church. What a meaningful way to move into the real meaning of Christmas!



Learn English while you complete your GED
GED and English as a Second Language classes will be starting soon. Classes are currently offered in: Abilene, Albany, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Coleman, Colorado City, Cross Plains, De Leon, Early, Hamlin, Snyder, Stamford, and Sweetwater.
Please call 325-671-4419 for more information. Classes are free and sponsored by the Abilene Independent School District.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
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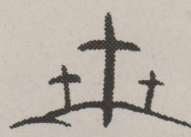
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Ministry Activities
 Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
 Thomas Estes, Pastor
 Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor
 Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

Triple Cross Cowboy Church

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 (1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)
 Al Taylor, Preacher
 Phone: 254-725-7522
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley
 Sunday School.....10:00am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints
 Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
 Pastor Max Evans
 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 pm Evening worship
 6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st-6th
 6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Prayer/Worship
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 Evening Worship: 5:00P.M.
 Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
 Ladies Class - Wednesday:
 10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)
 Office: (254-725-6117)
 Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859



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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Dec. 21st- Dec. 26th

Monday 28th Swiss Steak, Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert
Thursday 31st Ham, Black-Eye Peas, Cabbage, Cornbread, Dessert

Tuesday 29th Burritos w/ Chili, Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Pinto Beans, Bread, Dessert
Friday 1st Center Closed Happy New Year

Wednesday 30th Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Hominey, Bread, Dessert
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Dec. 28th- Jan. 1st

Monday-28th Exercise 11:00
Tuesday-29th Crafts with Chris 10:00/ Exercise 11:00
Wednesday -30th Exercise 11:00
Thursday -31th New Years Eve Party 6:00pm
Friday -1st (Center Closed) Happy New Year
 Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

Financial Women in Texas comes to the Big Country

ABILENE, TX - December 16, 2015 A local group of Financial Women In Texas (FWIT) has been formed in Abilene and will begin official membership meetings in January 2016. FWIT is an association that brings together professional women in the financial services industry for the exchange of ideas, experiences and interests. The organization also serves to mentor and encourage women to choose the financial services industry and advocates and promotes improvements within the industry. This group originally began as the National Association of Bank Women (NABW), which later changed its name to Financial Women International (FWI) to encompass more areas of the financial services industry. In 2009 FWI made the tough decision to close their doors, but the Texas district of FWI chose to form a new state association to continue their mission. With the assistance of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, FWIT is now in its fifth year and has eleven locations throughout Texas and a virtual group, assisting participation for members who are not located close to one of the groups. The newest addition to FWIT is the Big Country Group, with Judy Farmer, a Shareholder with Davis Kinard & Co, PC, as the President. "In looking at the groups FWIT had in place, the closest one to our area was either Dallas or Lubbock," said Judy Farmer, President of Big Country FWIT.

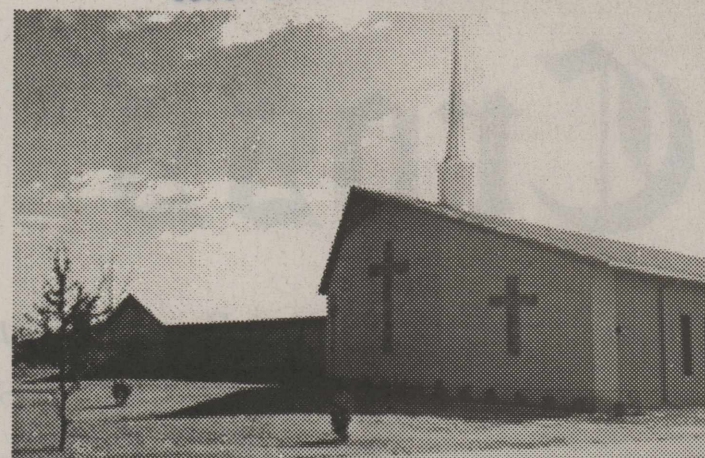
"We wanted to start a group in the Big Country area to be able to network and discuss items pertinent here. We are fortunate to have a wealth of knowledge and experience here and this group is a way to share that, learn from each other and promote West Texas. Also, with the number of local colleges and universities in our area, our hope is that a big effort of our group will be mentoring those that are new to the financial services industry." The Big Country Group is accepting new members. Membership is open to all who are either in or associated with the financial services. Benefits include networking, professional development, mentoring, leadership opportunities and an annual conference with members from across the state. The Big Country group will have their first meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Miguel's Mex Tex Cafe, 3001 South Danville, Abilene. The program will be "Fear-Less - Is Fear Holding You Back?" presented by Debbie Scanlon, a partner with BKD in Houston. The Big Country Group currently plans to meet every other month, on the third Thursday. For more information on Big Country FWIT or to get on their meeting email list, please contact Judy Farmer at jfarmer@dkcpa.com or Kacy Bartlett, the Membership Chair at kbartlett@ffin.com. More information about the state organization can be found at www.fwitexas.org.

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 www.crossplainsfumc.org



First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight of the Month

This month's Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spot Light is The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains. The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains church has a wonderfully rich history and an even more promising future. Located at 1000 North Main in Cross Plains. For more information contact them at 254-725-7377.

Grand Ole Oplin December lineup

Everyone is invited out each Friday to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day there will be no dance but on Thursday, Dec. 31st we hope everyone will come out and ring in the New Year with us. Our New Year's Eve dance will be held from 8:00 p.m. until shortly after midnight with admission being \$8.00 per person. MUDDY CREEK will be here to ring in the New Year. There will also be no dance on New Year's Day, January 1st.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our community center functions. Our regular Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our regular Friday night dance is \$5.00 per person.

Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Our dance hall is beautifully decorated for the holidays (Alice Denunzio along with Judy and Regina Woodard and their helpers did a fantastic job!) So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin!

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, presiding
Misdemeanor Filings
 Charles Price, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Bradley Childers, criminal trespass.
Misdemeanor Minutes
 Lucrecia Rose, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
 Dana Hogrell, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
 End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Phillip Ormon; Derek R. Breazeale; Brandi L. Duke; Caleb J. Fairfield; Joshua Gallegos; Andrew P. Torres; Amanda J. Stephens.
 End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Treva Y. Edgar, Latisha Monic Ulloa.
 Caleb Jake Fairfield, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Amy L. Kilough, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 20 days in jail, \$429 court costs.
 Sky N. Saxon, plea of guilty to theft by check, 20 days in jail, \$319 court costs.
42nd District Court
 John Weeks, presiding
Civil Minutes
 Lone Star NGL Pipeline LP vs. Jan Carol Young, order of dismissal granted without prejudice.
Criminal Minutes
 Lincoln E. Chaney, plea of guilty to sexual assault, 10 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$264 court costs.
 Robert Garcia, plea of guilty to DWI, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$459 court costs, \$180 restitution.

Local Student Receives Degree from FHU

Henderson, Tennessee (Dec. 16, 2015)—A resident of Cross Plains received a degree from Freed-Hardeman University Dec. 11 at commencement exercises. Tiffany Louise McCaghren graduated magna cum laude with a major in psychology. She received a Bachelor of Science degree. Freed-Hardeman University, with locations in Henderson, Memphis and Dickson in Tennessee, provides an exceptional education from a distinctly Christian perspective. This commencement marked the first time FHU had conferred doctoral degrees. Four students were awarded doctorates in education. It offers five baccalaureate degrees in 44 undergraduate majors and 66 programs of study. FHU also offers master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees. For almost 150 years, the university has combined character and career education to produce graduates prepared to lead in the marketplace, the church and community.

Love Fund

has been opened for **Jesse Markham** at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses

Love Fund

for **Lisa Floyd** has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses

Love Fund

has been set up for **Darby Nichols** at Texas Heritage Bank to help with expenses

Love Fund

has been opened for **Rickey Thomas** at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses!

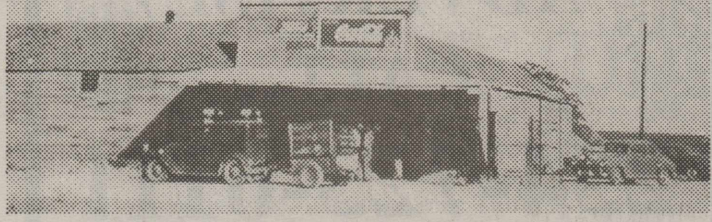
Love Fund

for **Sherryl Goble** has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses

Love Fund

has been set up for **Sue Neal** at Texas Heritage Bank to help with financial expenses

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown



The Coffey Store circa 1940's - 1950's, Cottonwood, Texas

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Everyone is enjoying the holidays with their families here visiting.

It's sad to see the old store in Cottonwood being torn down. So many memories of the school bus letting the kids off at the store to get an ice cold coke and a candy bar after school, visiting with the old men as they sat around the heater in the morning. Remembering Norman using the old wooden dolly to grab a sack of feed. Dixie cutting off a chunk of longhorn cheese with a knife. Picking up bread and milk just after the bread man and milk man came through. So many memories. The memories will still be there for all of us, just not the store.

For sometime now, it seems like people have gone in and out of the store in its present condition and it's been a worry that the building could fall down on them. So, while it's sad, the building needs to come down. It's time.

Sunday, December 27th

marks the 10th anniversary of the devastating Cross Plains fire. So sad remembering that horrible day and seeing everything so black and devastated afterward. Our prayers go out to all of those whose lives were effected by the fire.

His Glory's Christmas Cantata was really excellent. Their voices blended beautifully. Outstanding Job, Mandi, Rhonda, Matt and Connie! I'm always amazed at the talent we have here in Cross Plains and Cottonwood. And, that two of those performers - Matt and Mandi - got their start singing here at the Cottonwood Baptist Church when they were little children. It doesn't seem like it was that long ago. Everyone enjoyed the cantata Sunday night. Some Cottonwood folks spotted in the audience: H.D. and Naomi Weaver, Adrian Allen, and of course, Stuart Sowell.

The Cottonwood Musicals are taking a break for the holidays and will return in January.

Library Notes

Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tues. 11:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Closed Friday

Dec., 14 - Dec., 17, 2015

Patrons 90
Books Checked 58
Programs 35
GED 3
MTA
ASAP
LAP/LAPSIT 23
Other 11
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Memorials

Book & Misc. Donats.

Jacque Childress
Brian & Lisa Ezzell
George Methvin
Janet Swanson
Ruth York

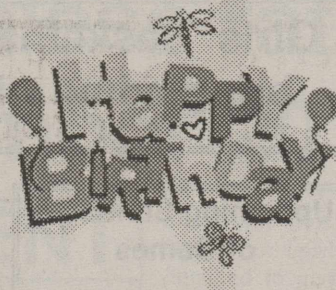
Living Tributes

Sandra Ross
In Honor of CP Library Board

Donations

Volunteers

Sue Bennett
Linda Burns
Lavonne Childress
Beverly Ross



December 27

Belva Gwinn
Mrs. Elmer Wilson
Dickie Nowell
Bobby Lawrence
Dr. Mickey Bush
Norma Proctor
John Ross McCaghren
Hannah Brown
Patricia (Lee) Regian
Sheila Bell
Carol Bennett

December 28

December 29

Dianne Johnson
Mrs. Earl Allen
Johnnie Strickland
Kenneth D. Brown
Frances Knott
Vicky (Morre) Worley
Michael Blake Foster
D.J. Roe

December 30

Jacob Strickland
Peyton Wood
Shelby Wood
Jon Tonne
Hunter Thomas

December 31

Keith Hopson
Billy Gene Spoon
Carol Bartes
Mrs. Bob Dean
Christopher Hamer
Gertrude Johnson
Wanda Jennings
Milton Bates
Billy King
Joseph L. Hopkins
Nancy Sheppard
Randy Duncan
Sambo Fleming

January 1

Jesse Norris
Kimberly (Ratliff) Stover
Royce Lawrence
Rodney Gene Gregory
Austin Walker
Seth Wyatt
Kathy Denny
Johnny Combs

January 2

John Bagley
Henry Wellmaker
Joyce Williams

January 3

Tami Hall
Lessa Higginbotham
Jimmy Harris
Patsy Letney
Cherilyn Fleming
Linda Reed
Camron Cobb

"No Christmas Trees in Heaven"

There are no Christmas trees in Heaven,
What a mistake that would be.
And we don't say Merry Christmas, from such thing we are free!

And we don't look down and smile and smile,
At all the things you gathered up this while.

We never said there should be a Christmas,
Just those called by Christ name,

We asked that you be set aside, not join in with all their claims!

No, there are no Christmas trees in Heaven,
No cakes for Jesus' birthday.

Somehow the facts have been clouded
Made into some great big display.

If we could just get back to the basics,
Christ came to SAVE LOST SOULS!!

That would be a Christmas for ALL to behold.

Poem submitted by Geneva Nelson.

Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Minutes

On December 16, 2015, the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett. (John McWilliams was absent.)

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis and guest Cam Gully.

Prayer was led by Brad Jones. Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Richey that we accept the Annual Financial Report performed by Cameron L. Gully (C.P.A.). For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Cowan that we approve the minutes from November 9, 2015 meeting with corrections. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we approve the Training Credit Hour report. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Shepard that we approve the Highly Qualified Report. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Bennett that we accept the Letter of Agreement between Cadco Architects and Cross Plains ISD. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we give Phil Mitchell approval to get bids and take action on replacing the high part of gym roof - for up to \$57,000. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we hire Ashley Moses on a Probationary Contract beginning January 4, 2016. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

Buy a Brick and "Raise the Roof" locally

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and the City of Cross Plains need the help of it's community members. The city has laid the foundation for a new pavilion for community use in Treadway Park located on the west side of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

Funds are needed to erect the actual pavilion over the concrete slab. This pavilion will be in addition to the small covered stage and open area with surrounding benches already in place. The new structure will be 2600 square feet (60'x40') and will have electric lighting available.

With its majestic trees and scenic surroundings, Treadway Park has been the home of Homecoming dances, Fourth of July Celebrations, Barbarian Festivals, rodeos, weddings, reunions, and many other events. The new structure will be an asset to the community and will be available for recreational/personal use for low to no cost. The space will be available for reservations

for private events, as well as general open use throughout the community.

To help raise the funds for the pavilion, the City and the EDC are offering engraved bricks for the low donation cost of \$50. Each of these bricks will be displayed on-site, and be used to finish out the walkway that will run from the Turkey Creek bridge within Treadway to the new slab and future structure. Each brick may have up to 4 lines engraved with your choice of wording, with everything from honoring a loved one, to a class year, business name, or birth announcement. What a unique and lasting memorial for future generations. The donations are tax deductible as well so with the end of the fiscal year approaching this provides another way to give in tax year 2015. If you are interested in purchasing a brick and raising the roof on the pavilion, contact Debbie Gosnell at City Hall or Dannes Turner at the Senior Citizen's Center.

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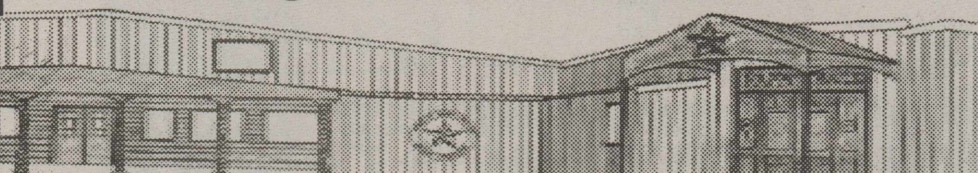
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Santa visits the Cross Plains Public Library

Santa makes a special visit to Cross Plains

The LAP and LAPSIT program at the Cross Plains Public Library had a special visitor at their Christmas Party. Santa Clause surprised the children with a visit and gifts for each child. The next LAP/LAPSIT program will meet January 6th.

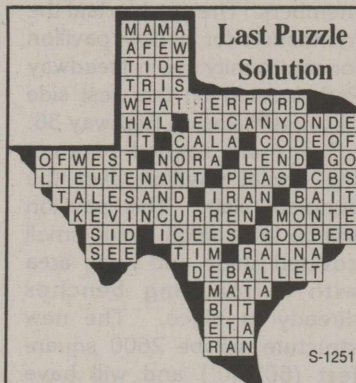
A Special Honor at the CP Senior Citizens Center

Last week, Vivian Wooten and Carrie Wheeler of the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center, were honored with gift baskets. Both women were surprised and delighted to receive baskets filled with cards and gifts from the community. The gorgeous baskets were decorated by Tim's Floral here in Cross Plains. The baskets were given to the women to honor them for all their charitable work in and around Cross Plains. Their efforts to always make the Senior Center an enjoyable place with smiles, laughter, and beautiful decorations have not gone unnoticed.

Time to be a Blood Hero

The next United Blood Service Blood Drive will be Tuesday, January 12th from 10am - 2 pm in Brownwood. It will be held in the Meeting Room of the 2nd floor outpatient building at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Please plan on starting your year off right by helping save lives by donating your blood.

For scheduling you may either head to the link <https://www.bloodhero.com> or call Andrea Lee at the BRMC at 325-649-3392.



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Grand Ole Oplin New Year's Eve Dance

The Oplin Community Center wishes everyone the safest and merriest of holidays. After all the shopping, after all the gifts have been opened, after all the Christmas dinners have been ate; it's time for a celebration!

The Grand Ole Oplin hopes everyone will join us in celebrating the New Year! Our New Year's Eve dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end shortly after midnight. MUDDY CREEK will be playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes. Admission to our New Year's dance will be \$8.00 per person. Some snacks will be provided but everyone is invited

to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Black-eyed peas will be served during the break to hopefully bring us all a little luck in the coming year. Please remember that alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any community center functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and we'll all celebrate the New Year together! Whether you join us or choose to celebrate somewhere else, please drive safely and responsibly and have a great Happy New Year!



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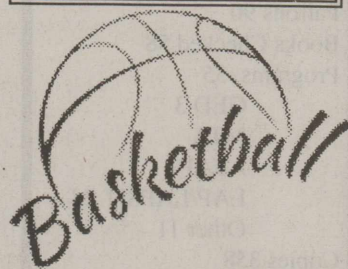
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Callahan County's jobless rate rises to 4.4% in November 2015

The unemployment rate in Callahan County increased one-tenth of one percent to 4.4% in November 2015, according to jobless figures released Friday, December 18th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in November 2014 was 3.4 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.3% in October, 2015.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.2% in September 2015, 4.3% in August, 4.4% in July, 4.0% in June, 3.9% in May, 3.7% in April, 4.1% in March, 4.0% in February, 4.1% in January 2015, and 3.1% in December 2014, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for November 2015 include: Brown, 4.4%; Coleman, 5.8%; Eastland, 5.1%; Jones, 5.7%; Runnels, 3.7%; Shackelford, 2.9%; Stephens, 4.5%; and Taylor County, 3.7%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.9% in November, 2015, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 75,600. There were 72,700 employed during November 2015, while 2,900 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.9%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 75,400 in October, 2015. Total employment of 72,500 was reported in October 2015, while 2,900, or 3.9% were unemployed in October 2015.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for November, 2014 was 3.7%. The total workforce was reported at 77,100, with 74,200 employed and 2,900 or 3.7% unemployed in November, 2014.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of November, 2015 was 4.5 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,100,300 in November 2015. The total number of Texans employed is 12,506,600. The total number of unemployed Texans was 593,700 in November 2015.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in October 2015. The state's unemployment rate in November of 2014 was 4.5 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	Oct.	Nov.
	4.3%	4.4%

The United States unemployment rate for November, 2015 was 4.8 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of October, 2015 was 4.8%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in November, 2014 was 5.5%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate in November remained unchanged at 4.5 percent. This matched last year's November unemployment rate. Over the previous five years, the unemployment rate declined by an average of one-tenth of a percentage point between October and November. The national unemployment rate also remained unchanged 4.8 percent. The Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national unemployment rate since December 2006.

The Texas Civilian Labor Force increased by 31,200 to a total of 13,100,300 people. The past three months have shown a total increase in the labor force of 69,900 people. Over the year, the Texas labor force has contracted by 102,500 people.

The number of employed Texans increased by 21,400 over the month to a total of 12,506,600 people. Over the previous five years, the number of employed Texans increased by an average of 29,800 people in the month of November. The number of jobholders has decreased by 107,700 over the year.

The number of unemployed Texans increased in November by 9,800 to a total of 593,700 people. Over the previous five years, the number of unemployed people decreased by an average of 16,500 in the month of November. Since November of last year, the number of unemployed people has increased by 5,100 individuals.

Between October and November, the unemployment rate increased in seven Metropolitan

Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Texas and remained unchanged in seventeen. The unemployment rate decreased in the Texarkana MSA. The Amarillo MSA continued to have the lowest unemployment rate at 3.2 percent.

The number of Texans continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits increased by 3,171 over the month to 132,531 people. Over the year, the number of individuals seeking unemployment insurance benefits has increased by 30,520 claimants.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Amarillo Plans Convention Center Hotel

AMARILLO, TX (City of Amarillo)—An audience of 200 people gathered at a ceremony to mark the start of constructing a convention center hotel downtown. The groundbreaking for the Embassy Suites hotel to be built by Newcrestnagle, with a revised budget of \$40 million, is the result of a decade of planning and negotiation on the core downtown projections.

Former Mayor Debra McCart, who participated in the early days, said, "When we first started talking about it, we knew it would take time. The vision is coming together, and there's so many pieces." Newcrestnagle CFO Chuck

Patel told the audience his company was following up on its investment in the Courtyard by Marriott on South Polk Street with the Embassy Suites he said would add hundreds of jobs and bring in thousands of visitors. He said,

"We are putting our money where our confidence is."

Mary Kay Announces New Facility

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—After announcing plans in October to build a new research and development and manufacturing facility, Mary Kay Inc. has pinpointed a site for a new \$100 million building. Following an internal evaluation

of several sites the company chose the Lewisville site, but declined to give the exact location pending the closing of the property purchase. Mary Kay said it looked at several locations and decided on

Lewisville due to employee and logistical considerations. Construction of the new facility is set to begin in July and be completed in the first quarter of 2018. All 600 manufacturing and R&D employees will be relocated at that time. The new facility will allow Mary Kay to develop new products, which may require more staff.

Denton Lands Travel Center

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Morning News—Jenna Duncan)—The Denton City Council voted 5-2 to approve tax incentives for a Buc-ee's travel center to be developed on 38 acres along Interstate 35E. As proposed, the developer will get an estimated \$8.1 million in sales tax reimbursements. The plan currently calls for a 52,000-square-foot travel center, 96 gas pumps, and seven pad sites for restaurants and retail shopping at I-35E and Lillian Miller Parkway.

The project won't come online until 2018, after improvements along Interstate 35E are completed. Initially, the developer, Buc-ee's founder Arch Alpin III, will be reimbursed 100 percent of sales taxes until the total repaid hits \$2 million, approximately over three years. Then, Buc-ee's will be reimbursed 50 percent of sales taxes for 20 years. A slightly smaller Buc-ee's opened in Terrell, Texas in June 2015 with over 220 employees. Terrell is located 40 miles east of downtown Dallas.

Restaurant Opens Downtown

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—Dallas-based Dave & Buster's is scheduled to open the doors to its long-anticipated downtown venue this month. The company expects to fill more than 240 positions for a nearly 35,000-square-foot center city entertainment facility. Dave & Buster's second San Antonio establishment will be inside of Rivercenter Mall—adjacent to the grounds of the legendary Alamo. David Pettengill, Dave & Buster's real estate executive, said that San Antonio has positioned its downtown area as a "dynamic tourist destination."

DPS graduates 102 new Texas State Troopers

AUSTIN – Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw, Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon, and members of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) today were joined by Gov. Greg Abbott as the department commissioned 102 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers during the recruit graduation ceremony. Gov. Abbott was the keynote speaker during the ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

"DPS troopers are part of a select group of officers with a proud history in Texas," said Governor Abbott. "The troopers will leave here today with the opportunity to write a new chapter in the history of public service for the citizens of our state, and an opportunity to leave marks that will make a difference for generations to come. All of Texas joins me in thanking today's graduates and their families for their service and their sacrifice in keeping Texas safe."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

"Each of you has worked tirelessly during the past six months – shaping and molding yourselves to earn the title of Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, and I want to congratulate you on your outstanding accomplishments while at the DPS Academy," said PSC Chair Leon. "Today you have rightfully been given the tremendous honor and responsibility of serving the residents of this great state, and I am proud to welcome you into

the DPS family."

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in July. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"Today DPS is honored to add these 102 highly qualified and dedicated new officers to our law enforcement ranks, and we are deeply appreciative of the sacrifices each of you has already made to become Texas Highway Patrol Troopers," said Director McCraw. "Having risen to the challenge of months-long training and instruction, these courageous men and women will be indispensable in carrying on the department's mission to protect and serve Texas."

As part of the recruits' community service project, they raised more than \$11,000 for a variety of efforts, including an elementary school and assisting DPS families in need.

DPS is currently accepting applications for recruit classes scheduled for 2016. The next application deadline is Jan. 27 for the class beginning July 10, 2016. To apply or for more information about joining the Texas Department of Public Safety, visit www.joindps.com.

In addition, DPS schedules recruiting events throughout the year. To find an event in your region, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/trainingacademy/recruiting/recruitingEvents.htm#>.

Christmas Greetings from Sen. Troy Fraser

AUSTIN-- The flurry and hurry of the Holiday season can make us overlook the blessings in our lives. Between last-minute shopping trips and preparing Christmas dinner, it can seem like there's no time to catch our breath or be thankful for the joy and generosity surrounding us. Whether you are traveling to visit family this Christmas or welcoming loved ones into your home, I encourage you to give thanks for those gathered around your table.

At Christmas, it's important to show gratitude for our friends, neighbors and the communities in which we live. I urge you to donate your money or your time to those less fortunate. Lend a hand to someone in need. Be kind to strangers on the street. Most importantly, open your hearts and homes to share with others the joy of the Christmas spirit.

As Americans, we are truly

blessed to live in a nation of freedom and opportunity, but our liberties have not come without sacrifice. Let us give thanks for our service men and women serving at home and abroad. We pray for their safety and well-being during this time. We pray for their families and for peace on earth. This Christmas, I ask you to embrace the common values--compassion, faith and understanding--that unite us all and make our country a beacon for hope throughout the world.

As always, I am especially grateful for the opportunity to serve you in the Texas Senate. From my family to yours, I wish you all a 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year'.

May God Bless Texas and May God Bless America,

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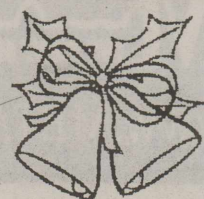
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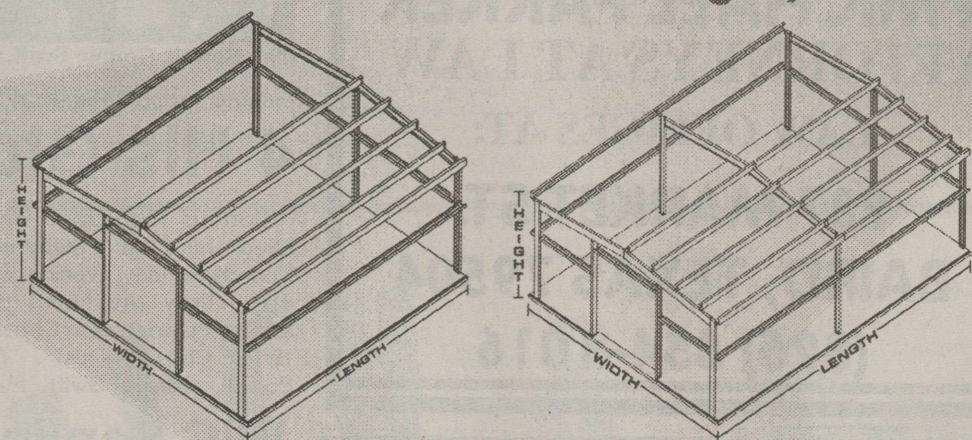
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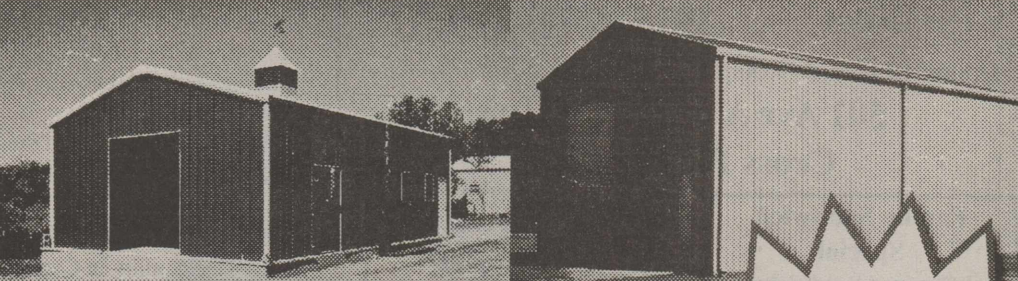
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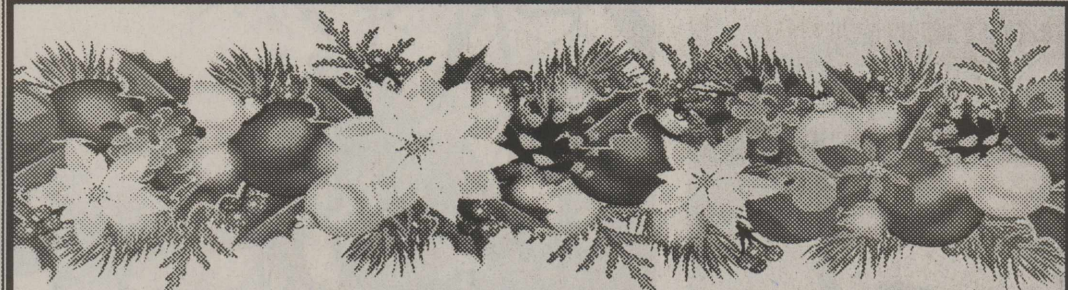
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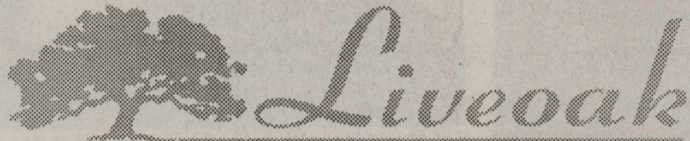
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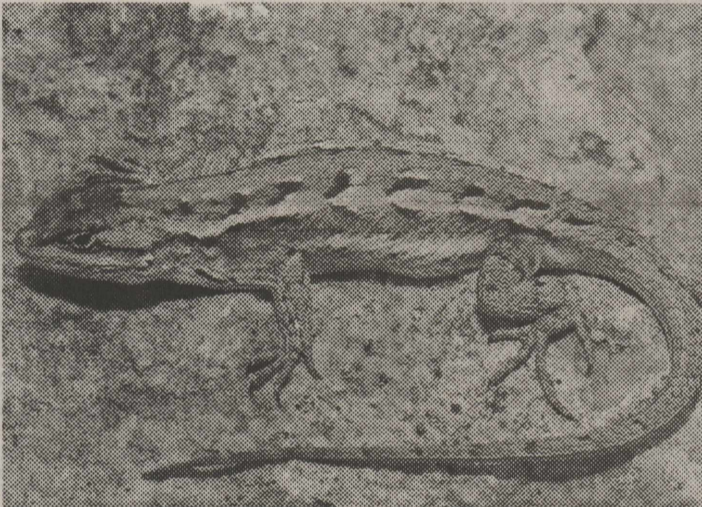
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Prairie Lizard

Now that I have children of my own and am privy to the shenanigans they sometimes perform, I have a greater sense of appreciation for the patience that my own parents exhibited when I was a developing young naturalist. Many of the animals that I encountered as a youngster were of course collected, and I have dotting memories of several lizards that resided in my room. One lizard species in particular, known as the Prairie Lizard, would reside on my wooden bed-frame in front of my window and would become familiar enough with my presence to allow me to hand-feed them.



Prairie Lizard
(*Sceloporus consobrinus*)

Commonly referred to "Fence Lizards" by antiquated texts, the Prairie Lizard (*Sceloporus consobrinus*) is one of seven species of "spiny lizards" that reside in Texas, and it considerably has the largest area of distribution. This variety can be observed throughout the entire state, save for the arid regions west of the mighty Pecos River, where it is replaced by a close relative that was only recently found to be taxonomically diverse. Outside of this great state it occurs from western Louisiana northward to Missouri, westward to southwestern Nebraska and southward through extreme eastern New Mexico. Its range in Mexico has yet to be fully ascertained, although I have seen individuals that appear to be Prairie Lizards in the Mexican states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and San Luis Potosi. Further investigations are required to fully establish its known range.

This species of spiny lizard is oftentimes far more terrestrial than the majority of its cousins. It thrives in areas of openness such as grasslands, rocky hillsides, and semi-arid scrublands.

The genus to which this species belongs to is known as the "spiny lizards", and as such, this species has dorsal (back) scales that are quite bristly. The most distinguishing characteristics of this species are the presence of three pronounced stripes on the back. The middle stripe is gray and broad, occurs along the midline of the spine and is known as a vertebral stripe. Set on either side of this vertebral stripe are two very distinctive light dorsolateral stripes that run lengthwise down the body of the lizard. In between these light dorsolateral stripes and the vertebral stripe are small black spots that are sometimes in the shape of crescent moons. More often than not, there is also a light stripe that is scarcely visible

that runs from front limb to back limb along the side of the belly. Background coloration varies from gray to tan to reddish brown and is largely dependent upon the coloration of the soils where that particular resides.

From above, males and females are not easily discernable from each other. But if one examines the belly of this lizard, then the ability to tell the sexes from one another is quite simple. Mature males have two black-bordered blue patches on either side of the belly, as well as on the throat region; females lack such coloration.

Males are the larger sex, achieving total lengths of up to seven inches, although most attain a length of just under six inches. Females are slightly smaller than the males, topping out at approximately five inches.

"Fence Lizards", like other lizard species, are "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. This means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling. They are active throughout the day from early April to October, and unlike many other reptile species, the high metabolism

of this lizard enables it to be observed during the hottest part of the summer afternoons.

This species of lizard is an opportunistic carnivore, feeding primarily on small crickets, grasshoppers, flies, and moths that it encounters in its daily diurnal activities.

The Prairie Lizard is oviparous, which is a fancy way of saying that it lays eggs. After emerging from the winter-long brumation period (reptiles do not hibernate in the true sense of the word), males will search out females to mate. After mating, the female will lay a medium-sized clutch of eggs (averaging nine) in moisture retaining soil. Females will lay multiple clutches of eggs per summer. After approximately two months of incubation, the diminutive two inch long young emerge prepared to fend for and care for themselves.

While this variety of spiny lizard is exceedingly alert, it tends to not be tremendously wary. Many will sit motionless when approached, darting off at the seemingly last possible moment. This behavior allows for some spectacular photography of individuals as they go about their business.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at ww.fullprice71@gmail.com.

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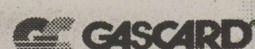
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1st Place Business winner is Bubba's Smokehouse with owner Eva Fleming pictured.



1st Place Home winner is Darlene Meador with Darlene pictured.

What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



Teen Edition

The Cinderella fantasy is updated for the 21st Century in "Cinder" the first novel by a promising new writer, Marissa Meyer. Even more good news: it's the first in a series.

Cinder is a 16-year old cyborg living with her evil stepmother and an evil stepsister. Her only human friend is her younger stepsister, who dies tragically. Cyborgs are hated in Cinder's culture, but being a cyborg has its good side: she's an expert mechanic and can fix everything from robots to space ships. That's how she makes her living (you didn't think her stepmother would support her,

did you?), and that's how she meets Prince Kai.

Turns out Cinder has some other talents and strengths, too. And she may not be "just another" cyborg... The truth about Cinder's past slowly comes out in this entertaining space-age fantasy.

The characters are very well-drawn, and the plot moves along at a good pace. Cinder herself is an especially admirable and appealing character. This is truly a great read and fantastic first novel. Stay tuned for a review of Meyer's second novel in the trilogy: "Scarlet."

The Results are in...

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Christmas house & business decorating contest went fantastic! The chamber hopes for this contest to continue to receive more entries with each year! Several homes were spotted that we hope will

join in on this contest next year! Each winner received a gift certificate from one of our Chamber Members. Congratulations to our winners and Merry Christmas from the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce!



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The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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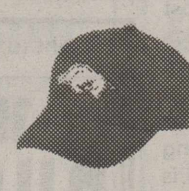
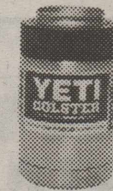
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Haven for Hope: Spreading the holiday spirit year-round

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas

As we celebrate this holiday season, I'd like to tell you about a place in San Antonio that captures the holiday spirit of caring year-round.

After Peter lost his job, he found himself living a life he never imagined: seemingly all at once, he was living on the street, using drugs, and without anywhere to turn. He'd lost his friends in his downward spiral, and shame and guilt prevented him from asking his family for help.

But fortunately for Peter, in his hometown was a nationally-recognized transformation center meant to help people just like him. The non-profit Haven for Hope helps people down on their luck not only get back on their feet, but also empowers them to give back to the community that lifted them up.

Peter had hit rock bottom when he finally sought help at Haven for Hope. He worked with a case manager to develop a personalized plan, beginning with a 90-day in-house recovery program. Peter received on-site treatment that cured his addiction, and medical care to restore his overall physical health. But most important for Peter was the restoration of his faith in himself. Healthy, clean, and on the path to independence, Peter was eventually able to reunite with his estranged family.

Peter's story is just one of nearly 8,000 Texans who have sought out Haven for Hope for shelter, restoration, and hope over the last five years, ranging from those in a rough patch, to those just released from prison, to the chronically homeless.

Having visited the facility, I can tell you Haven for Hope truly lives up to its name.

Located just west of downtown San Antonio, Haven for Hope's 22-acre campus

can sleep 1,500 people on any given night, but as Peter quickly found out, the facility is much more than a shelter.

Just like Peter, each individual or family that comes through the doors of Haven for Hope's Transformational Resource Center first meets with a case manager to put together a specialized transformation plan based on the medical, legal, educational, employment, and other services offered that would most benefit them. To meet their specific needs, Haven for Hope guests' first step could be to enroll in a class to prepare for the GED exam, get help with a job application, or receive critical medical care.

All-in-all, Haven for Hope partners with 92 different agencies to offer over 150 specialized services, ensuring a comprehensive transformation for each of their guests.

For example, the San Antonio Food Bank's on-site facility not only serves three healthy meals a day there, but also offers an opportunity for guests to earn a certificate in Culinary Arts. As a testament to the effectiveness of this partnership, graduates can go on to find jobs in the food service industry; one graduate is now a pastry chef at a hotel in downtown San Antonio.

While guests work on personal improvement, Haven for Hope provides long-term living quarters for individuals and families. And for those who prefer temporary, anonymous shelter, the Courtyard allows guests to lock up their belongings while they sleep safely inside a guarded gate. Guests of the Courtyard are offered a hot shower and a hot meal, and the door is left open for them to explore the other programs Haven for Hope has to offer whenever they feel ready.

All of these life-changing services Haven for Hope offers come at no cost to the guests. However, many choose to give

back by working at the facility or by donating when they are able to get back on their feet, a truly touching testament of the hope the center provides.

Part of Haven for Hope's success stems from their unwavering positivity. Employees don't let individuals dwell on past or present troubles. Through a technique Haven for Hope calls 'motivational interviewing', guests are taught instead to focus on their desire to improve, and more importantly, their power to change.

Haven for Hope has succeeded in slowing down the revolving door of homelessness by treating the whole person. Their model of empowerment has helped the city of San Antonio make great strides in reducing homelessness. Since its opening in 2010, more than 2,400 Haven for Hope graduates have moved into permanent housing. Haven for Hope notes that homelessness in downtown San Antonio has dropped by 80 percent since the center's inception. And through a partnership with the Center for Health Care Services, San Antonio Police officers can divert some of those in need to Haven for Hope instead of a public jail or emergency room, which Haven for Hope estimates saves the city about \$1 million per year.

And for a personal testament to their success, look no further than Peter, who has graduated from the program. He has moved into permanent housing on his own, yet still refers to Haven for Hope fondly as "home sweet home." Peter is now a full-time employee of Haven for Hope, helping people who face challenges he was all too familiar with not long ago.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees.

DPS Increases Traffic Enforcement During Holidays

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase patrols for an eight-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays. From Dec. 24th - 27th and Dec. 31st - Jan. 3rd, DPS troopers, as well as law enforcement across the state, will be patrolling roadways throughout the holiday weekends looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other drivers who are endangering themselves and others.

"Drinking and driving is always a concern during the holidays, and these DPS patrols help by identifying impaired or reckless drivers who endanger the safety of the traveling public," said

DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We urge Texans to do their part to save lives by always driving sober and adhering to all traffic laws."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made 403 DWI arrests. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 7,274 speeding citations, 724 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 292 fugitive arrests and 166 felony arrests during the enforcement period.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Slow down - especially

in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

DPS Honors Employees, Civilian for Exemplary Service

AUSTIN - The Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw presented two Lifesaving Awards and one Director's Award to DPS employees and one civilian for their outstanding service.

"Today we honor these award recipients and thank them for their continued service to the state of Texas," said Director McCraw. "In the face of harrowing circumstances, these individuals fearlessly answered the call of duty to help their fellow Texans, and we are grateful for their courageous actions - which absolutely saved lives."

The following awards were presented today:

Trooper William Grauzer, Highway Patrol in Corsicana, received a Lifesaving Award for his actions during a life-threatening incident on Aug. 29, 2015. While on duty, Grauzer responded to a Corsicana house fire and was summoned to assist an injured man at the scene. The man had suffered a deep cut to his right arm, and Grauzer applied

a tourniquet to the injury to help control the bleeding. Grauzer then continued to monitor the man's condition until paramedics arrived. The man was flown to a Dallas hospital for emergency surgery.

Trooper Katrina Jones, Highway Patrol in Lubbock, received the Lifesaving Award for her assistance during a life-threatening situation at a Lubbock school. On Sept. 18, 2014, Jones was visiting the Preston Smith Elementary School during lunch when she noticed several children motioning to a student who was choking. Jones then approached the boy and ultimately helped dislodge the item from his airway so that he was able to breathe on his own.

Tom Clutts received the Director's Award for his support during a life-threatening situation. On Sept. 24, 2015, a DPS employee learned that her son - who had recently returned from military deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan - was feeling alarmingly distressed. She then contacted her co-workers and was put in contact with Clutts, a veteran who operates

an organization that assists individuals suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Clutts immediately reached out to help counsel the son.

In addition to the awards above, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) recognized two DPS employees during the annual Texas Heroes for Children Gala in September. DPS Criminal Investigations Division Special Agent Ryan Kindell was named the 2015 NCMEC Hero for his investigative work that ultimately led to locating a missing Dallas juvenile and the arrests of two suspects for sexual assault and compelling prostitution. Trooper Bradley Vick was also honored as the runner-up for the Hero award for rescuing three missing juveniles during a traffic stop.

Also, the Texas Association of State Systems for Computing and Communications (TASSCC) recognized DPS Licensing Services Applications Manager John Crawford with the TASSCC Excellence Award for his work on the single-sticker for vehicle inspection/registration project.



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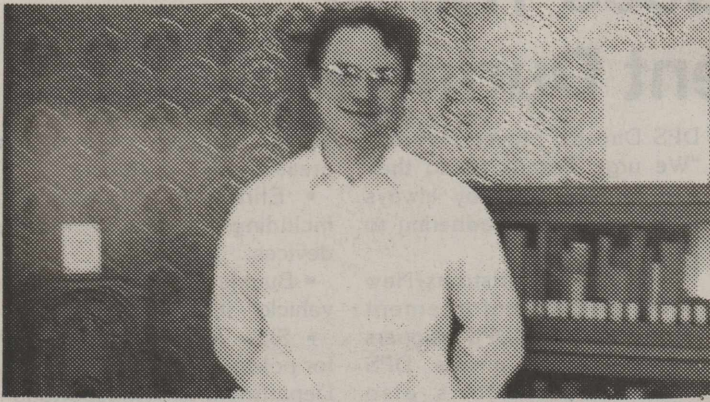
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- TXism: "he's ___ bricks shy of a load"
- ocean motion
- TX hall of fame outfielder, Speaker
- seat of Parker Co.
- TX country singer, Ketchum
- on the XIT Ranch: Casas Amarillas
- TXism: "dab ___ on"
- TXism: "___ booze" (jail)
- film by TX rancher Chuck Norris: "___ Silence" (1985)
- Baird: "Antique Capital ___ Texas"
- this Dunn impersonated TX Barbara Bush on SNL
- TXism: "___ a hand" (assist)
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to ___"
- Dan Patrick's title: ___ Gov.
- TXism: "two ___ in a pod" (alike)
- TX Dan Rather was anchorman on this network
- TX Shelley Duvall's series: "Tall ___ Legends"
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- "fish or cut ___"
- UT tennis player who won NCAA singles title in 1979
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- TX philanthropist, Bass
- forerunner of TX 7-Eleven's "Slurpees" peanut or Gomer's cousin
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- TX Heisman WR, Brown
- this TX English was half of Lawrence Welk duo
- "corps ___"
- Dallas' M-Line streetcar co.
- TXism: "two-___ nag"
- Greek 7th letter
- TXism: "___ like ants out of a burning stump"
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- big corp. that GE took over in 1985, and split up
- TX Ginger Rogers' dancing partner in film (init.)
- "___ Aggie, always an Aggie"
- Fort Worth great western wear store: "Lusky's/___"
- this Molly was in film "Harper Valley PTA"
- dir. from Andrews to Quanah
- canine crunch (2 wds.)
- Marcellus ___ founded the Houston Chronicle in 1901
- Chinese surname
- LBJ was the 36th one (abbr.)
- TXism: "quick as you ___ an eye"
- Dan Rather book about growing up in TX (2 wds.)
- singer Pat who attended UNT
- Astro pres., Ryan
- gangster girlfriend
- social occasion
- palm stems used to make furniture
- TXism: "___ line" (fish)

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- Ranger bulpen pitcher (1992-97)
- TXism: "exciting as ___ the IRS office"
- in the middle
- TXism: "faster than ___ Texas jackrabbit"
- TX-filmed "Places in the ___" (1984)



Robert Wolfe of Little Rock, Arkansas

Resident from Arkansas visits Museum

Robert Wolfe from Little Rock, AR, visited the REH Museum last Wed. afternoon on his way back home from this area.

He is a CPA with Frost PLLC certified Public Accountants of Little Rock. His company works with agricultural business on a pay for service basis offering financial advice, audits, tax services, etc. They cover a large area including Arkansas, Kansas and Texas. He commented that several people in his Little Rock office were Howard fans (including

himself) and suggested that while he was in this area he should call to see if the museum was open.

His main interest in Howard's works was a little different. He was into the westerns. He stated that they were so much more interesting when read aloud. He owns most of the western publications available. Buys paperback books anytime he sees one at a used book store and then passes it on.

He left anxious to give a report back at the office.

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If you have some time over the winter break, you might want to check out this science fiction novel from the Cross Plains Public Library.

Cinder by Marissa Meyer
The Cinderella fantasy is updated for the 21st Century in this first novel by a promising new writer. Even more good news: it's the first in a series.

Cinder is a 16-year old cyborg living with her evil stepmother and an evil stepsister. Her only human friend is her younger stepsister, who dies tragically. Cyborgs are hated in *Cinder*'s culture, but being a cyborg has its good side: she's an expert mechanic and can fix everything from robots to space

ships. That's how she makes her living (you didn't think her stepmother would support her, did you?), and that's how she meets Prince Kai.

Turns out *Cinder* has some other talents and strengths, too. And she may not be "just another" cyborg... The truth about *Cinder*'s past slowly comes out in this entertaining space-age fantasy.

The characters are very well-drawn, and the plot moves along at a good pace. *Cinder* herself is an especially admirable and appealing character. This is truly a great read and fantastic first novel. Stay tuned for a review of Meyer's second novel in the trilogy: *Scarlet*.



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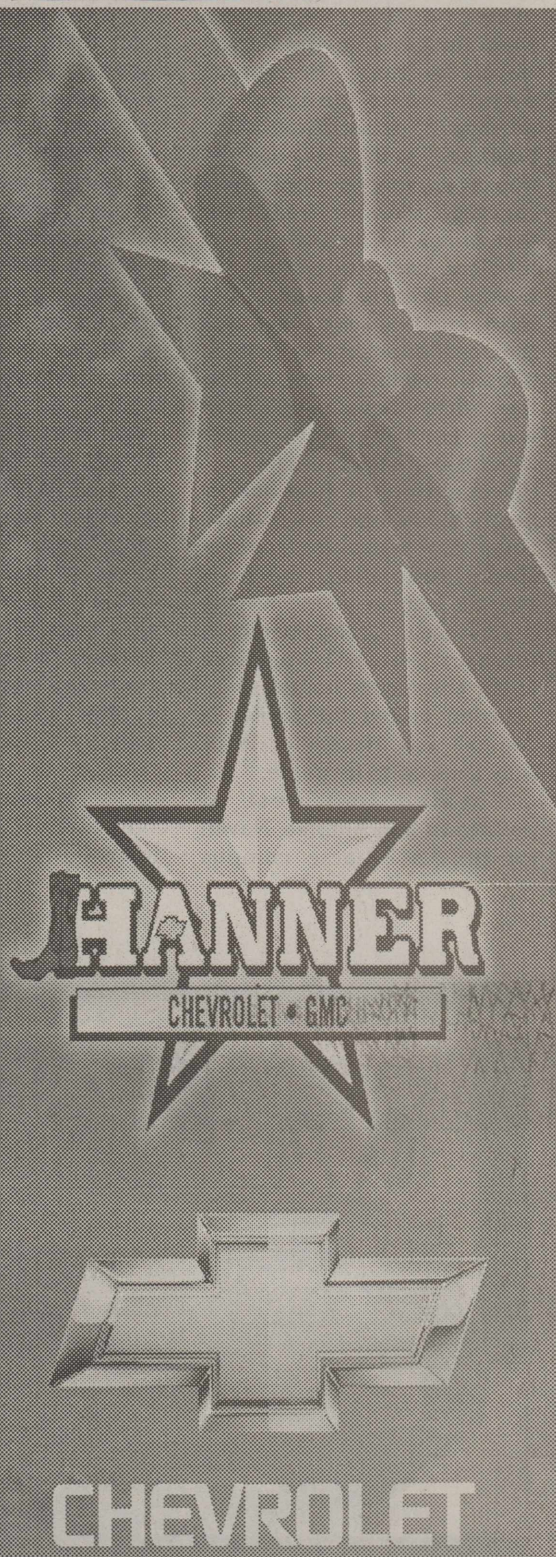
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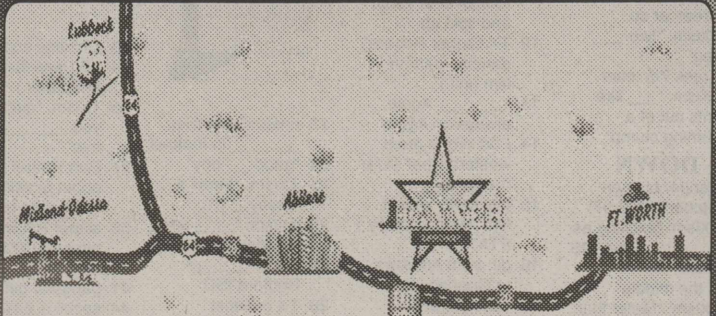


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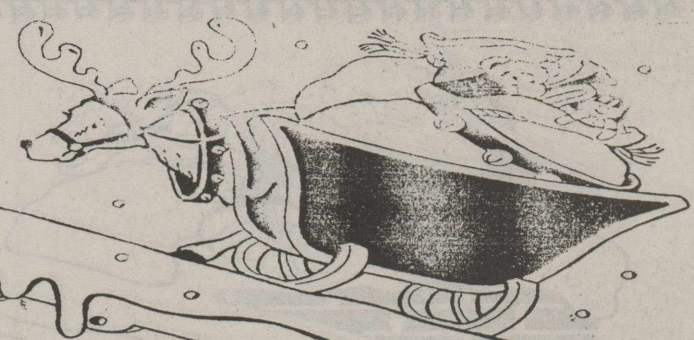
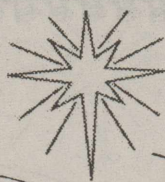
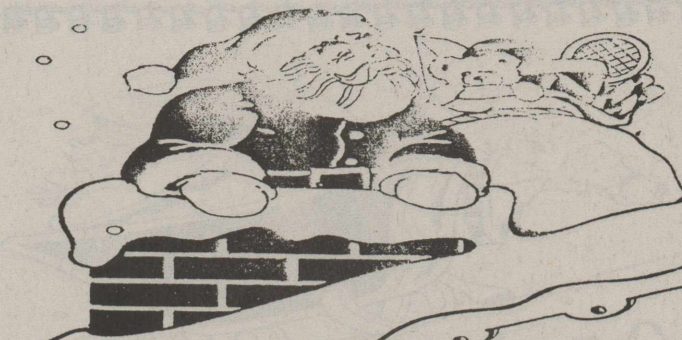
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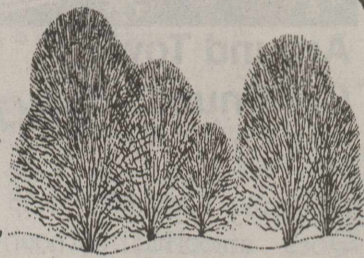
We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support over the years!

Jimmy D. Wilson and Carolyn Wilson

pit, and a giant chocolate bar. And one more thing if you talk to Dada and he says it's ok, a yellow baby dog for me and Mommy that is just like my black dog Brie. She is a Lavrador! And this is a letter for my baby brother August Hugo. He is one. He has been a little crazy this year but he wants a dog that is a stuffed animal, a giant chocolate bar, a rocking horse, and a giant plastic make me run fast. I also love music and flashing lights, so maybe you can find me a toy that does both. Of course I need some UT stuff because I am groing out of what I have. If it's not asking too much.I'd also like a little stuffed monkey like my bubba hasbecause I love playing with it. My bubba and sister say we'll leave chocolate milk and cookies for you I'm not sure what those are yet

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horse.

Thank you, William Albrecht 5yr. and August Albrecht 1yr. P.S. dont forget my older bothers Theron, who is in the fourth grade and Graydon Albrecht is in the third).

Dear Santa,

Im so excited to meet you this year. My brother and sister have told me you bring good children toys. Ive a very sweet boy this year, just ask my Mommy. Im not exactly sure what I like yeat but Im pretty sure I like sports because I go to an awful lot of games. Id like a football, baseball baseball bat and some tennis shoes that

but they look pretty good! Merry Christmas.

Love, Holt Dillard - 5 months old

Dear Santa,

I have been the best little girl this year. At least my mom, dad and brother think so. I dont want a whole lot for Christmas this year. I would like a few new toys to help me learn and develop. Most of all I would like prayers for my daddy. So he can get better and play and work again. He is a fun daddy. Maybe you could bring mommy a new frying pan she needs a new one. And please dont forget my brother Bentley. He tries really hard to be good!



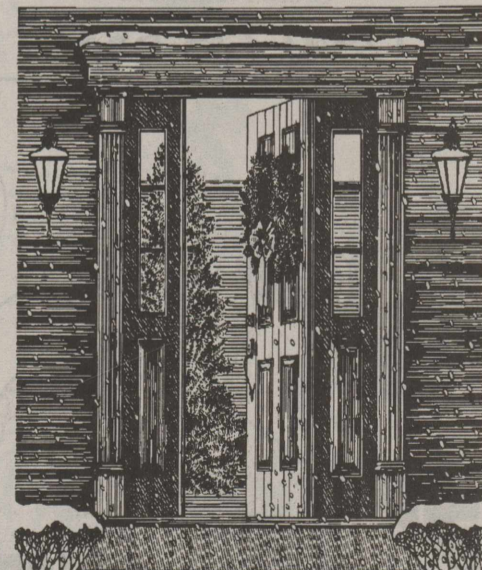
Around Town

Dear Santa, My name is Andrew, I am 1 1/2 years old. Momma and Daddy say I have been a good little boy this year. I love to

play, my favorite toys are blocks, cars and trucks and books. I wear 18-24 months clothes and size 4 shoes. I would like a pounding bench toy, Paw Patrol Chaser's Cruiser, Vtech Spin and

Learn, Color Flashlight and Sesame Street microphone. I will leave some cookies and milk for and reindeer food for Rudolph. Love, Andrew Rose

Dear Santa, This is William Dane Albrecht. I know I have been very good. Please bring me a green elf. Any color of hair is fine. Also a Green machine, a mote control car, a ball



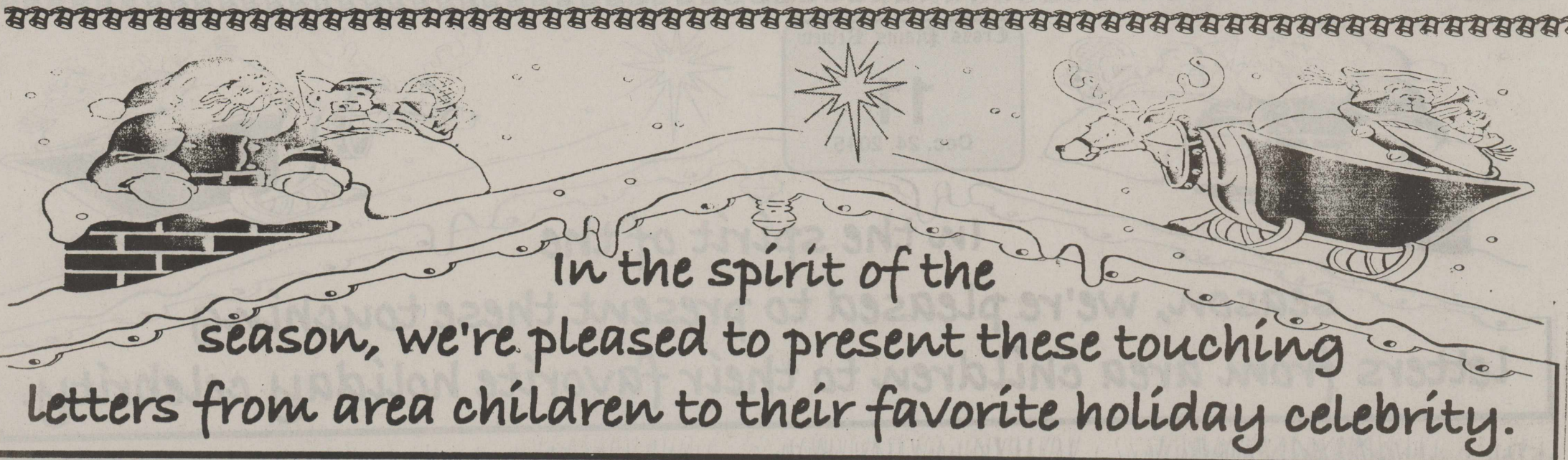
IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

With warm wishes and gratitude from our house to yours. We appreciate your calling on us this past year.

At this holiday season there is no more appropriate time for us to say Thank you and express happiness to you and yours throughout the coming year.

All The Folks At

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 Maybe a few prayers for him too!
 I really hope your trip goes smoothly without any delay. My house will be lit up so you can't miss it. My family will be inside and will be

really noisy, they love celebrating Christmas. You know that is Jesus's birthday right? Tell Mrs. Clause Merry Christmas for all of us at my house!!!
 Merry Christmas -
 Jessalyn Grace Markham

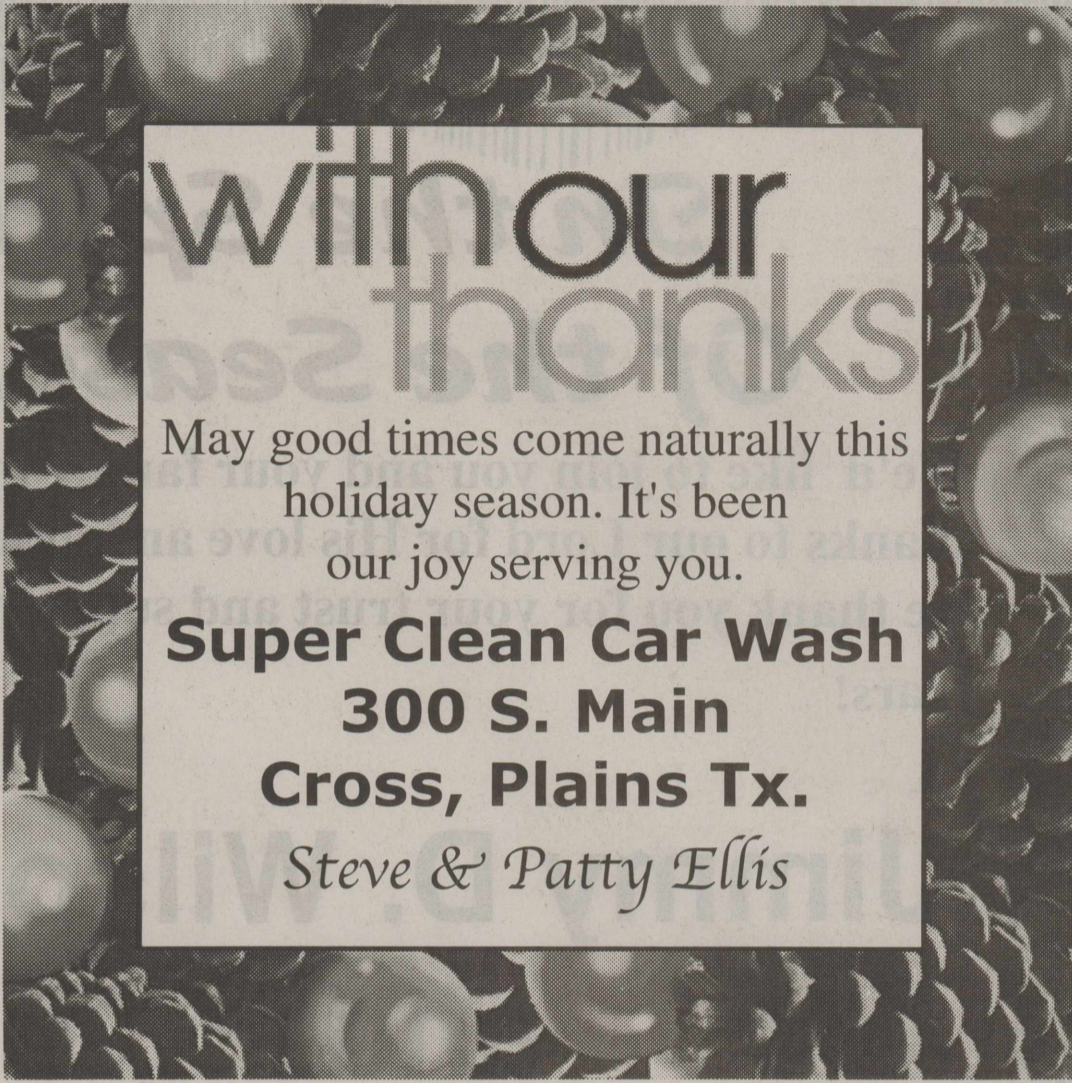
Pre-Kindergarten
 Dear Santa,
 I like you very much. I'd like a new red Thunder car because mine broke and Legos.
 Thank you - Maxson

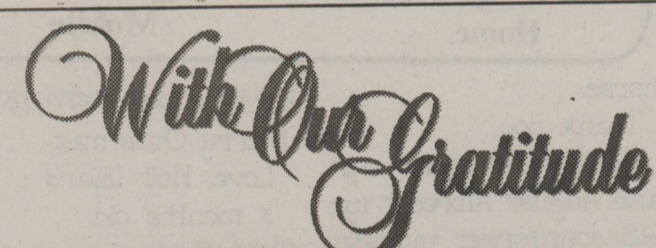

Dear Santa,
 Santa Clos lwot a cell fon and a purs wit munez.
 Thank you - Jasmine

Dear Santa,
 My name is Denver. I am 5 years old. I want a play doh set and a peddle tractor and a baby doll with a bed and diapers and a bottle. I want a necklace for mom and tools for daddy.
 Love - Denver

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I really need a new pair of boots. I like to watch movies now. Scooby Doo and Legos are my favorite.
 Love - Kolton Rickman

Dear Santa,
 I would like a toy horse, birds, toy gun, car, and Frozen Anna. Thank you for all you.
 - Kaybre Elkins


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Dear Santa,
 This year for Christmas I want a new purse, a new rocking chair, a new pink belt, and last but not least 11 dolls.
 Love - Anabelle

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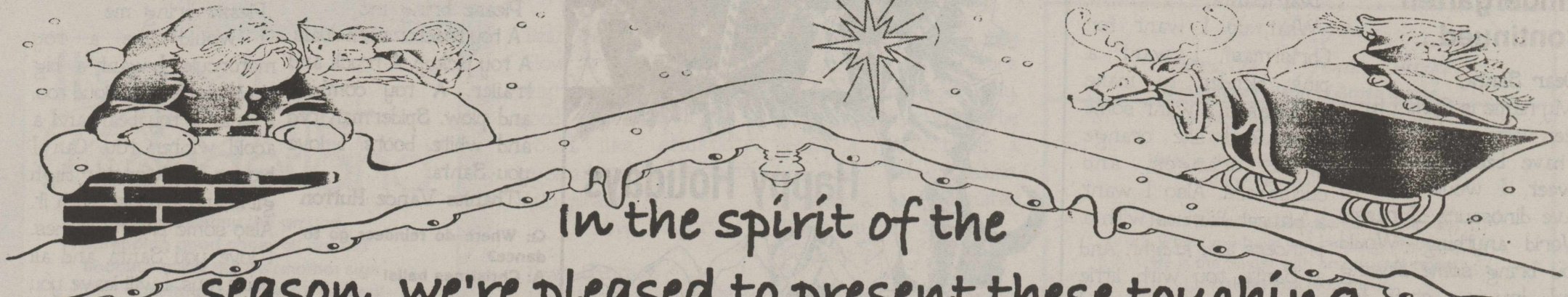
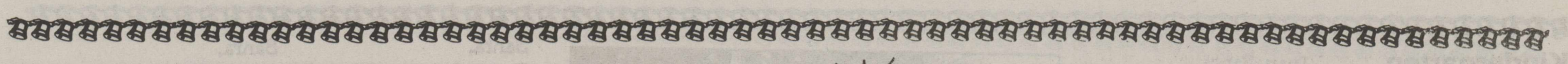
Dear Santa,
 I want a Woody doll from Toy Story, moster dog and a dirt bike. I hope you like chocloate chip cookies and chocloate milk.
 Love - Noah

He Knows You've Been Good... especially to us!

Dale Mitchell Building
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 As we grow older we become more aware of God's blessings upon us in our business and personal life. We have been blessed by many good friends in many ways. We pray everyone has a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year.
 Dale and Myrna


MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL & TO ALL MANY THANKS!
 Just in the nick of time, we'd like to deliver our message of warmth and gratitude to our many good patrons and friends. We really appreciate you dropping by this past year.
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 We know our hearts are with all the great people we've had the privilege to work with this past year. We feel proud to serve and be part of this wonderful community.
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Pre-Kindergarten Continued...

Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas Day!
I want you to bring my baby brother baby toys. I want a fishing rod. I want a bomma and baby like my momma and baby brother. Cookies and milk and milk and cookies.
Love - Rylin Martinez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Elves. If you can please bring me an elephant cloud pet. And the calico critters twin elephants and the house for them. Also the Pepa Pig camper van, train and school. And I would love a trampoline. And don't forget a bitty baby with blonde hair.
Love - Mikki Daliege

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With warm wishes for a joyous Christmas to all the people we've had the pleasure to serve this year. Your friendship has meant a lot to us.

Project Pride and Robert E. Howard Foundation

Dear Santa,
I want a real elf that works with you that can ay with me forever. A le on tractor that can oop dirt. One hundred y cars and some Legos. Thank you
- Wesley Senclair

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Captain America doll, the Incredible Hulk hands, a Captain America suit, a batman action figure, and a batmobile. PLEASEEE!
- Kayden Savell

Kindergarten Mrs. Phillips' Class

Dear Santa,
I wouLD Like A Truck, Trailer, spiderweb sHooter ANd SPiderMan Suit, ANd MasK. Little nijja turTle super sewer And guys Nin.ja. Turtle van. Nin.ja turtle shirt.
- Mason Gilliam

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want more orbeez for my foot spa, that crayon thing I saw on T.V., more games for my Wii, A pretend computer, and dress up clothes.
- Love Haylee Johnson

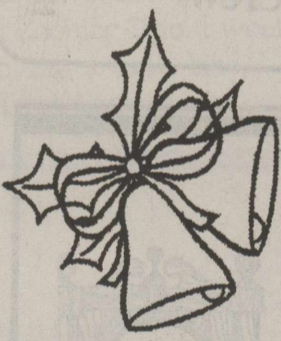
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. How are the riendeer? Did you hear that I broke my elbow? I want a chimson typhoon, a toy monster, a new leo Turtle and daddy needs a pocket knife. I will have you egg nogg and cookies. Have a safe trip.
- Love J.T.



With You In Mind At Christmastime

May you and your family enjoy the many blessings that give true meaning to the holiday season. We feel privileged and blessed to have you as our neighbors.

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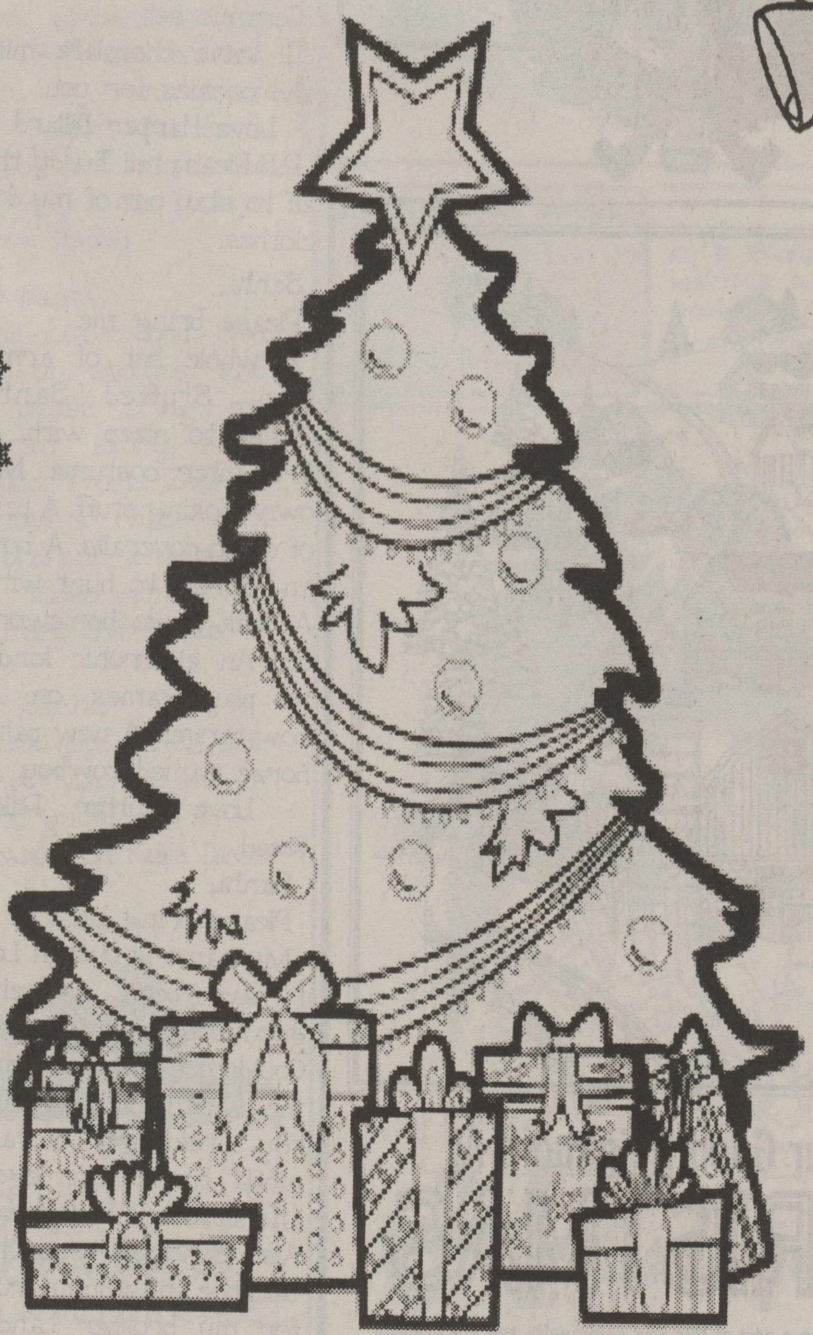
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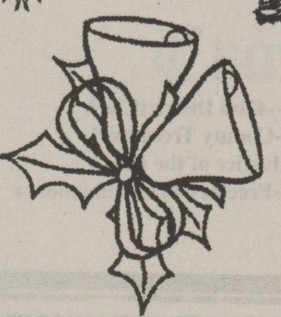


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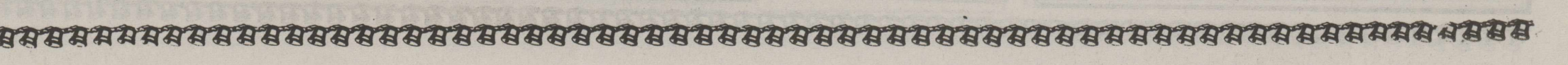
HOLIDAYS



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**Kindergarten
Continued...**

Dear Santa,
My name is Sam. I have been very good this year. I have been helpful and sweet. I would like to have dinosaurs, Jurassic World anything. Would you bring some sewing and drawing stuff for my sister. She has been good too! I will leave you a sandwich with an apple along with some apples for your reindeer.

P.S. Would you bring my Nana, Poppie a bulldog, Momma and Daddy and Uncle Norman something too.

- Love Samuel Bell

Dear Santa,
I want A smash brothers game And JuRassic WoRld Lego Set and a star Wars Blke AnD a Star Wars Tuvig.

- Dylan Strickland

Dear Santa,
I want ta real life unicorn and thank you for last years presents.

- Love Emily Bisbee

Dear Santa,
What do I want for Christmas? I want a pink blender to make milkshakes, I want some "play" food like orange juice, oranges, and cucumbers. Also I want a playset Barbies with a princess and knight. And a Santa toy with little elves, and a mermaid set that blows bubbles from the tail. I will leave cookies and milk for you.

- Hannah Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl. I would like an easy bake oven. Please remember Riley Whiz Easton and Owen.

- Love Peyton Whisenant

Dear Santa,
My name is Jack. I was a good boy. I want a Dog zippy blanket. Can you bring Elizabetha a cat zippy blanket and Owen a toy that make noise.

-Thank you Jack Bogue



Here's hoping your Christmas is sheer purr-fection!
It's been great having you as our neighbors.

Cottonwood News
Beverly Brown
and Teri Brown

Dear Santa,
I would really like a My Little pony stuffed animal and a new dress up costume. I've been a good girl!

- Kambri Potter

Dear Santa,
I would like some hotwheels, lighting mcqueen, Zombie toys.

- Curtis Cooper

Kindergarten
Mrs. Golson's Class

Santa,
Please bring me
"SamApi LEGO
"LEGO MEN
"Blue JEANS
"WiNd-Up toy
"PoWeR ranGeRs.
Love Travis

Santa,
Pleas bring me
Mal and Evi Dolls
Sparkly black cowgirl belt
Elsa and Ana dolls
Stuffed turtle
bubble gum
toy horse
Ceramic set
I'll leave chocolate milk and cookies for you.

- Love Harper Dillard

P.S Please tell "Buddy" the elf to stay out of my doll clothes.

Santa,
Please bring me
A whole set of army men. Stuffed Santa Clause to sleep with. A firefighter costume. My own cooking stuff. A pair of ca.no coveralls. A bow and arrow to hunt with. A desk to do homework on. An electronic kindle to play games on. A bow target. A new paint horse named cowboy.

- Love Kutter Riley Reed

Santa,
Please bring me
My name is Dustyn Lee. I have been a pretty good boy this past year. Could you please bring me , a wreckeing ball toy, teenage mutant ninja turtle toy, lego's, and a Tom Brady jersey. Also can you bring toy backhoe and a dump truck for my brother Landyn. Thank you!!!

- Love Dustyn Lee

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Santa,
Please bring me
A toy tractor with duals.
A toy pickup. A truck and trailer. A toy combine and plow. Spiderman red and white boots. I love you Santa.

Thanks Vance Hutton

Q: Where do reindeer go to dance?
A: Christmas balls!

Santa,
Pleas bring me
A cowboy suit, horse with a man, a barn, a chrome book, a house with lots of cowboys and horses, and a sheriff cowboy hat. Santa I love you!

- Your friend, Rylen Reed

Santa,
Please bring me
I would like a toy motorcycle. I want a big cloud and a little cloud too. I wnat a toy bear and a acold winter toy. Can I have a big Monster High girl, and a house with it. Also some pretty clothes. I love you Santa and all your toys. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Your Friend Stormy

Santa,
Please bring me
John Deere gloves a guitar
a log hauler truck a new rope
Thank you Love,
Stryder Rutland

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From All Of Us

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Snow is blanketing the ground,
Spreading good cheer all around
Because every flake's another sign
That Christmas can't be far behind!

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Happy Holidays!

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Merry Christmas
from
Susan, Rickie Jo, Joyce, Starla
and Delany

First Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you and your
reindeer? Have I been
good this year? If so I
would like stickbots,
legos, and a Xbox 360 with
Halo please.
- Love Major

Dear Santa,
I need new makeup. New
Winter pjs Would be
nice. Lego set's I would
like. Thank you Santa for
what ever you give me
for Christmas!
- McKenna

Dear Sants,
Would you Please bring
me to puppies and a
snowboard and a tablit.
love you Santa.
- Love, Carbyn Barnum

Dear Santa,
a toy Car. a blaCK toy
pupe. a real elf. a Colore
In book. A noow dvd platy.
a brenownooW brbe
house. a nooW tablit. a
brenooW noow baker.
a book a hale monster
hictch my life cup.
- Chloe

Dear Santa,
I will have a amerikend
girl doll and a Santa doll
if you have it. Thank you
XOXOXOXOXOXO
-Love Cassidy Odell

Dear Santa,
I would like a tablet,
markers, shoes, Doc
Mcstuffins set, Baby set.
- Love Hannah Marr



Yes, Virginia There Is A Jesus Christ

By Geneva Nelson of Cross Plains

He is the happy in your Holidays,
The twinkle in the lights.
He is in the "Hellos" and "How are yas,"
And the heavenly Silent Nites.

He is the peace that stands beside you,
When you have lost family or friends.
He is the Savior with arms wide open,
Asking you to come in.

He is the laughter that fills you,
When things have gone just right.
The caring arms thta have held you,
Through you longest, scary night.

He is the Christ in Christmas,
The Spirit that fills your soul.
You have heard of that first Christmas,
Passed down from Saints of ole.

But Virginia the thing about "Christ in Christmas",
Is He is not just here once a year.
For one quick happy celebration,
He is with you forever, my dear.



Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I would like a car. army
men and toy guns,
dinosaurs, and I would
like ather kids to get
presents.
- Thank you Samuel
Elkins

I would like a ninja
Turtle lego set, optimes
prime, smasher Thor and
iron man, and Jurassic
World Toys. Please!
-Thank you Jeremy
Santos

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; Glory To The Newborn King

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

Connie's Cuts and Curls

Connie Kirkham, Donna Ames

Kindergarten Continued...

Mrs. Golson's Class

Santa,
Please bring me
Gas powered Motorcycle
and Zoomer Dino. I would
also like a new bike.
- Love Lawson

Santa,
Please bring me
The Frozen dolls, A doll
house, and dolls, please.
I have been a very good
girl this year. Love you
Santa. Your the best.
Yours truly
Bethany Gilliam

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike tas
yellow.
- Love, Josh Cody

Dear Santa,
My name is Bobby. I
am 7 years old. I want a
walkie talkie and a army
set and a mps player
with headset, a remote
control airplane, a psp
player for my brother
Austin, a transformer
for Taylor, Denver a
necklace and mom one
too. Daddy needs tools .
- Love Bobby

Dear Santa,
I will Leave you two
kinds of cookies and
milk please bring me
minecraft story mode
Jurassic World Zoomer
dino and a robot with
a sword and a Jurassic
Park Video game.
- Jeffery Colt Yates

Dear Santa,
I would like an elf doll,
sewing Machine and an
electric guitar.
- Thank you Kyjie Davis

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Tim Dillard



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Q: If Frosty the Snowman
married a vampire, what
would they name their child?
A: Frostbite!!



Hallelujah!

May the coming year be filled with miracles and
the promise of everlasting peace on earth. Noel!

"Joy To The World"

Have A Blessed Christmas

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First Grade Continued...

Dear Santa,
 Santa Clos I wot a Cell fon and a wosh.
 - From Arieth

Dear Santa,
 Will you please take the kids thut dont get any gifts something Special for the holidays. Also please be safe and warm on your trip.
 - Jayden Phillips

Dear Santa,
 I will have a toy fol Zach is a scooter at has and a noobic at gama has my sidh a toy scooter. littl at my gama. 2015 toy cabr has.
 - Zach Cody

Dear Santa,
 I have Been Good all year I would like minions. I Been so Good that I would like to get evre ting. But like a lot of ting and a tablet.
 - Love Haylee

Dear Santa,
 I wood like a machete. I wold like a air hockey table. I will leave you treats. be Careful of our new dog Rascal. I Love you thank
 - Love Anson.

Dear Santa,
 Santa I have been a verey good girl. I would like a drumset and a scooter and a kitten. And that is all.
 - Love Kyndall Purvis

Dear Santa,
 I have been good. I like Bae the Elf. Pleas will you give me some presents? I will leave you some cookies and corn for the reindeer. Thank you.
 - Love Virginia

Dear Santa,
 I dont want presents this year. pleg giv them to other kids who deserve them.
 - Delanee

Dear Santa,
 I Want Boin aro and a paint set and a iunol and dolls and a prinsoss Dolls and a markers and a shoos and a playdough and a Balloons.
 - Thak yoo Kailey Rivas

Dear Santa,
 December 2015 Dear Santa card board house army set remote controil cars a bike.
 -Isaiah Cody

Second Grade

Dear Santa,
 I hope you are felling good, I would like some toy tractors, or a combine I get to wach the frinch the elf that you sent us we name hime Smartie.
 I would like some books like the magic tree house. Remeber last year when you got some me and MS. I hope you remember we don't have a chimany.
 Your Friend, Cullen

Dear Santa,
 I hope that you dont get sick. Do you live in the sky? Do you love school? Do you like songs? I wuld like a elf on the shelf doll and a jorey set and a cunputer a rill one. and a set of chapter books. I hope you get to town safe.
 Your friends
 Gracie Strickland

Dear Santa,
 Are you have a great day.
 I will a jepe. I hopeyou are not to tiard. I hop you don't drop any presents. I like you.
 You fiend Brandan Joues

Dear Santa,
 I hop your sia bohtet sluc But you wont get slucsaarta can I ples my I had a elf santa I my not hab your buc Santa I my not illing and santa can I hab a babe tritloo and can I ples hab a Llbyh bs plspr Santa ples and I will set a nuhbuh and sum mtk OK santa I love you.
 Your Friend LJ Eppard

Dear Santa,
 I hope rain deer are redy for christmas. How Many elfs do have? For Christmas I would like two ps4 controllors and a flat screen tv and a black cat and last but not least a iphone ex..
 Your Friend, Trace Johnson

Dear Santa,
 I hope tahat you are haveing a great day at the north Pole. Do you Like it at the north Pole. for christmas i would like a Boy Baby Boston terrier. I would Like a presser. I would Like a Big tv.
 Your Freind, Abigail ann Bisbez

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Dear Santa,
 I love how you do your job I wold like a elf on the shelf ples? Can i git some animal thaning like a harness ples. I wold like tow chapter bookse ples. I like your hat and your rander.
 Your friend Delainey Massey

Dear Santa,
 How have been Is your workshop cold inside? I would like some one to getme a pare of roller llazs. I would like a non traing weewld bike. I would like to a scooter. I would like to learn how to sow.
 Love, Jaci Breane McDaniel

Dear Santa,
 How is you day today? I would like a big bike with training wheels a new Play Stashon games A new friend for my dog I would Like to bake cookies with my Mom then we can give them to Santa.
 Your Friend Daniel Mauricio

Dear Santa - Tyler gage Mackey
 I hope youer slay duot get stuk. I wnt a nooe folwele. I ned a tot for presets, I love my elf thak you for my elf. I ned a bike.
 Your Find Tyler



Welcome the Season

Welcome Christmas into your home
 By gathering friends from wherever they roam;
 Welcome Christmas into your heart
 By sharing the faith and doing your part;
 Welcome Christmas by honoring others
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 Welcome the season in your own special way.
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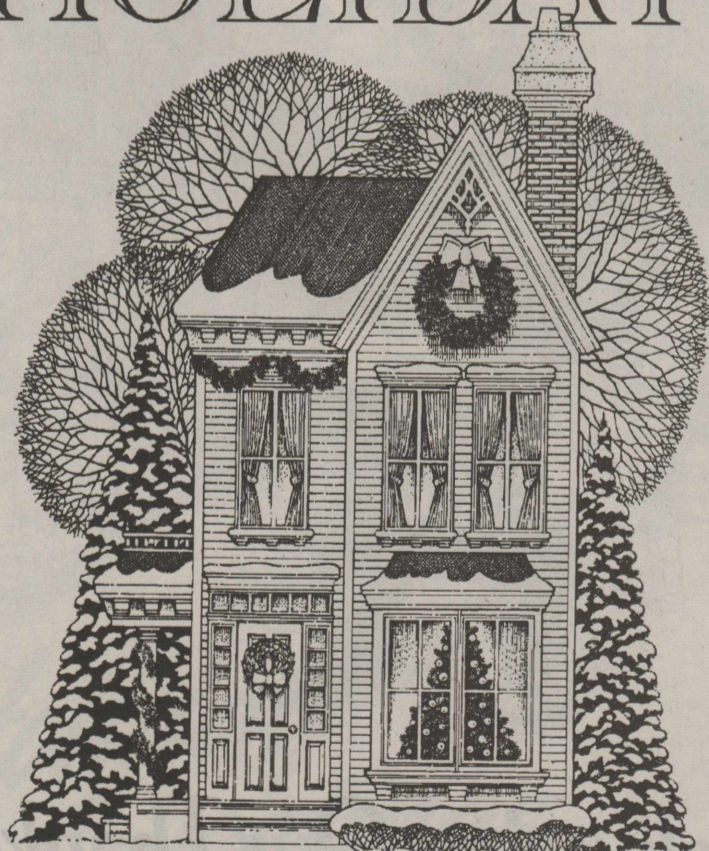
A Special Thank You and
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Dear Santa
 I want a Play Station 3 with games, cowboy boots square toe, a drone, spy gear, a watch, a cowboy hat, a camo jacket, a toy robot, a bow an arrow, a knife, and a shot gun.
 Love, Ethan Beasley



Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?
 A. In a snow bank.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Taylor EC wishes you and yours a blessed and joyful Christmas season.

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Dear Santa,
I hope Your elves had a great time coming here and I have been good I hope. But this is what i want for christmas. i want some skates for christmas. and I want some school stuff too athen I want some decoration for my Room. athen I want a Warm cozy coat. and books.
I love Alivia Allison,

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a grate day. how are you doing withe elfs. I ges some tutched and moved serlings elf. I want some roller skates. . Baby munkey with stroller. American doll house that you can fit in. American dall . And a picture of you Mrs. clos.
Your lovlly elf friend,
Avery Switzer

Dear Santa,
I hope you have are having a grat day at the north pole Do you have the toys I love you. I ime going to see you eny day know you are going to be fun all the time and every chresmes. I love you are fun all all I wunt is Santa.
Your friend, Taylor Black

Dear, Santa
I hope you have a good christmas and I wolb like a beebeegun and allsowa cake a play hows That I can fit in Pleas.
Your Frienb Karsyn Bennett Phillips

Dear Santa
You are Best. I would Like 2000 Legopodple, I also 10000 Wii games, and 20000 presints.
Your friends Blake

Season's Greeting

Wishing you tidings of comfort and joy this holiday season.
Thank you for blessing us with your visits.
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Thank you for blessing us with your visits.

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Ricky, Netha, Renetha, Kadie,
Crystal, Logan, Jaci, A.J., Chris, Austin

Dear Santa,
I love you, Do you know how, makes the Toys. For christmas i woud lke a Bity Baby . chhala pupy spriz, and a alairmclak. I hope that you have a gat crismas.
Your Friend, Amanda Roberts

Dear Santa,
I hope you and your elfs are doing good at the north pole, pleas can I have a hover bord and a big big doll seat and pleas can I have shopkins and a new iphones.
Your friend Kambria Smoot

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A Chubby Snowman

A chubby little snowman had a carrot nose. Along came a bunny, and what do you suppose? That hungry little bunny, looking for some lunch, Grabbed that snowman's nose, Nibble, nibble, crunch.

Second Grade Continued...

Dear Santa,
May I have for Chrimeses sum chrimses COOKies Santa can you give me for chrimses a mercon doll clozit and can you give me sum presis.
Your Friend Shelbi Knight

Dear Santa,
I hope that you are having a great day, and getting a Lot of rest at the North POLE. I really tired hard to be good, some times I messed up. I'm really sorry. For Christmas I would Like a drum set , xbox 360. Conner would like a train set. Kinlee my sister that is up to you.
Your Best Friend Alden

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a grat day Do you have many toys to malk. I would like a tablite, a now bike, a elf on the shelf, a grinch move , and shopkins, a tree house, and pleas can I have a capiuter, amd pleas can I have a awl phone 4 pleas.
Your Friend Toni Roberts 2015

Dear Santa,
I hope that you have a safe flat kuming to town may I have un Elf on the Shelf and make cookies with my family and may I have the grith That stol crisms. Ples Marry Crise
Your Friend Eva Farley

Dear Santa,
Santa are your elves doing good? For christmas can I please have a amerocan doll bity baby with blod hare. Also can I please have a stroller for the girl and the boy. Also can I hae on rabbit and a goat. Also can I have a nerfrbell stuff.
Your friend, Addison Daliege



Blessings of the Season

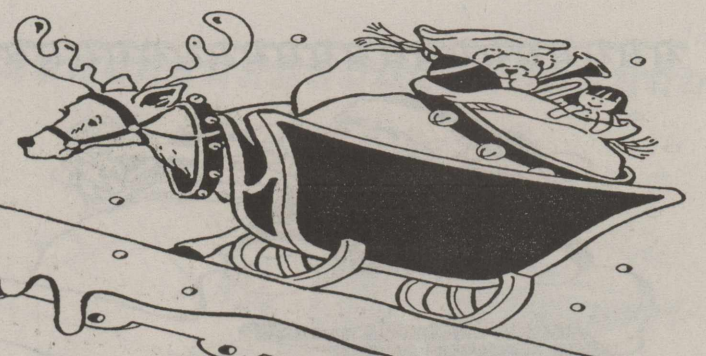
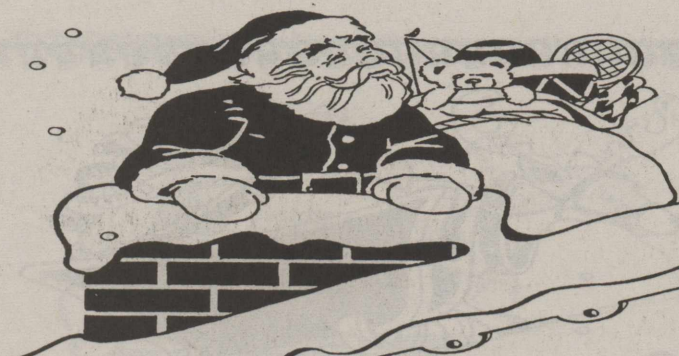
As we recall the Christmas miracle, we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His many splendid creations, large and small.
We really feel fortunate for the blessing of your patronage.

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Merry Christmas

From your Callahan County Sheriff's Office



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Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well this year and you got a lot of rest. I have been a very good boy this year. I hope you can stop by my huose becasue I would like a remote control helicopter a remote contol truck, a farm set a dirtbike, go cart and a truck and trailer set. Santa please don't forget to stop at hospitals where the peopel are sick and visit the pleopel with diseases. Please have a Happy New Year.

Love you Ryder Reed
P.S. I'll leave you same milk and cookies.



It was the night before Christmas and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been worn all week and needed the air.

Dear Santa,
I hope that you and Mrs. Claus had a good vacation. Tell the elves and reindeers I said hello. I hope that I am on the nice list because I have been helping my family get ready for Christmas. Please Don't forget about the Veterans because they have been fighting for our lives.

Santa can you please get me a toy rapter, a silver bell, a Bible, a stuffs killer whale, and a silver watch.

Merry Christmas - Summer Black
P.S. I will leave you a surprise on the table.

Dear Santa,
Santa how have you been and how is Mrs. Claus? I hope the elves have been helping.

I hope I'm pm t'je mice list because I sure don't want a stocking full of coal.

For Christmas I want a world globe, a bike a Mindcraft story mode game, Hoale 5 game and a starwars Jet.

Don't faset to bring some blankets to the homeless people too.

P.S. I'll leave you milk and fudge.
Happy Hollidays
Tyler

Dear Sanata,
I hope you have been taking care of the reindeer and Rudolph. I hope they are ready to fly. Can you give all the reindeer and Rudolph a hug for me. I hope I'm on the good list because I have been taking care of my baby cousin.

I want a dirt bike, a 4-wheeler, a playstation and a new controler, and new bike. Santa please remember to bring a gift to the homeless

God Bless - Michael
P.S. I'll leave you a surprise in the kitchen.

Dear Santa,
Would you please tell my elf Shaun that he's awesome. I wish I could hear your sleigh coming so you could tell me if I have been good or not. Guess I'll find out on Christmas.

I want a LEGO set, a fort that's awesome, a sackfull of stuffed animals, a big bike and a watch. But I'm sure that orphans have a list of their own too, so please remember them. Have a good and happy time on your sleigh and Merry Christmas.

Happy Halidays,
Graydon
P.S. I wont forget the cookies and milk.



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With Safe Travels
And Loving Hearts.
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Q. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?
A. Santa Pause!

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Clasis have been good this year. Pleas tell the reindeer and the elves Merry Christmas for me. I have tried to be good this year. I hope you put me on the good list.

I hope you are ready for Christmas and to take the presents to everyones house. I hope you visit me this year.

I want a horse book, toy horse, cowgirl hat, I-tunes card and new boots.

Please don't forget the people with cancer.

I hope I can see you on Christmas Eve. I hope you have a good trip.

Love Katie Sutton
P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
Santa tell Mrs. Claus and the elves Merry Christmas for me. Ive tried to be good this year so please give me some presents.

Give Doner a hug for me and please don't forget the people in the hospitals.

For Christmas Id like a new belt buckle, cowboy hat, a fathead, camo fishing rod, and a bike. Thanks for caring for the children and people Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Love Barrett
Ps. I'll leave you donut holes and milk.

Dear Santa,
I hope you had plenty of rest this year. I hope the reindeer have been good and will you give them . hug for me. The same or the elves.

Santa, Ive really tried to be good this year and I have worked hard in school and I mind my parents and grandparents.

I hope I'm on the nice list because I want this stuff for Christmas this year. Please bring me a new merf gun, a Sky Vipper, a Call of Duty Advanced Warfare game, A pocket knife and Grand Theft Auto Five.

Don't forget the Military, orphans and the Handicapped people.

Happy Hollidays,
Chase
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have been telling the elves to work hard for Christmas Eve Please hug Rudolf for me and especially Cupid. I hope I'm on the nice list this year unlike last year. Santa I tried to stay on the nice list this year.

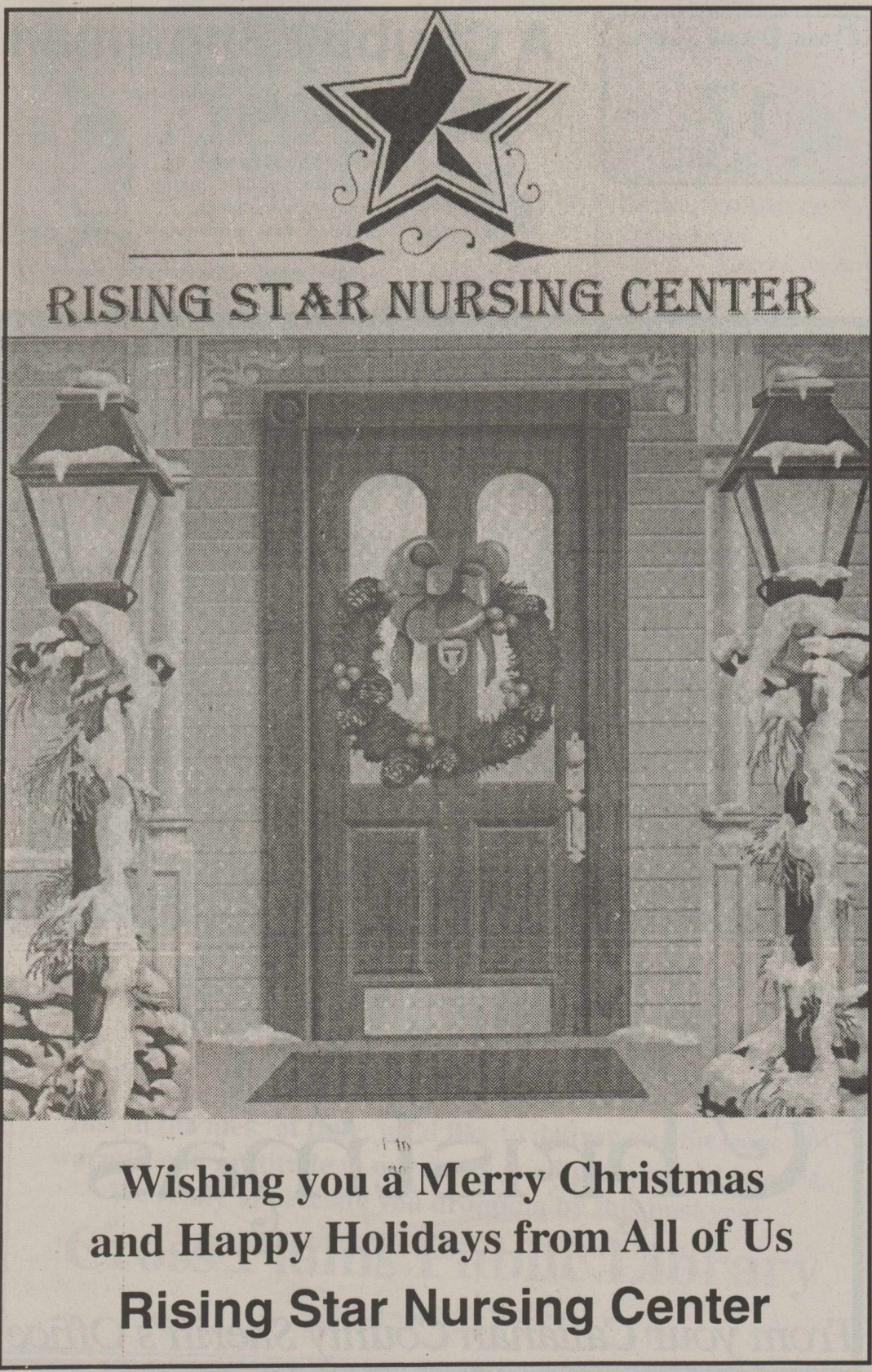
I hope you think Ive Been very good because I would like a PS3, a puppy, a computer a little pony figure and PS3 games.

Please remember the orphans and bring them a gift too.

I hope you have a wonderful trip.

Good Luck
lalla

P.S. I will leave some yummy cookies and mile too.

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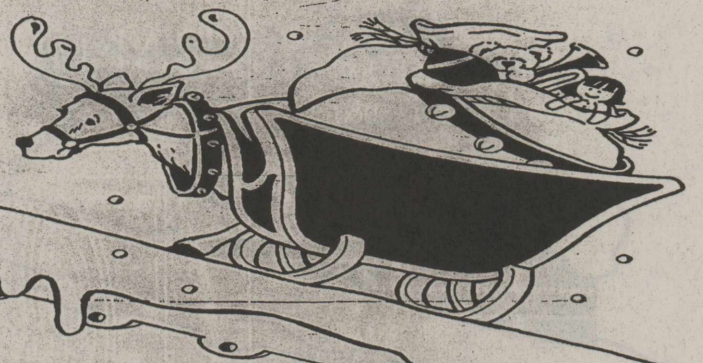
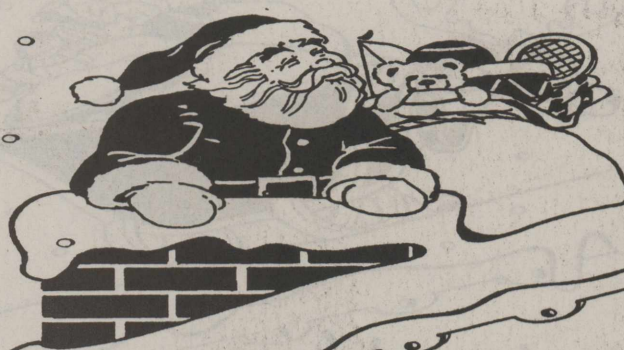


A Picture-Perfect CHRISTMAS

Whatever develops, we're hoping your holiday leaves you smiling with lots of fond memories.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Teresa Koenig



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GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRISTMAS

There's no time like Christmas to reach out to old friends and enjoy simple pleasures.

We appreciate your calling on us this year. Thanks!

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Third Grade Continued...

Dear Santa,

Is your reindeer in good shape and ready to fly? I hope Mrs. Clause has been looking after you this year.

I really hope I am on the nice list this year.

What I want for Christmas is Minion stuff and a TV.

Don't forget the Orphans because they need food and water and clothes.

Love Katelyn

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies, and I will leave some carrots for your reindeer.

Dear Santa,

I hope you are not too tiny for your suit and I hope you are doing good. I have been very good this year and I hope you think that too.

For Christmas this year I would like some calico critters with a mansion, a art case, play barn with all the animal cages, a dogpen, a play newborn baby with the tub and the other stuff, and the rest can be special from you and please do not forget my teacher's baby named Jade, and my friend Summer.

Merry Christmas.

Love - Peyton

P.S. I will leave cookies and milk, and I will leave corn and carrots for the reindeer and wake me up when you come.

Q. What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?
A. A Christmas Quacker.

Dear Santa,

I hope you have been taking care of the reindeer and Rudolph. I hope they are ready to fly. Can you give all the reindeer and Rudolph a hug for me. I hope I'm on the good list because I have been taking care of my baby cousin.

I want a dirt bike, a 4 wheeler, a play station, and a new controller, a new bike. Santa please remember to bring a gift for the homeless too.

God Bless
Michael

P.S. I'll leave you a surprise in the kitchen.

Q: What do you call Frosty the Snowman in May?
A: A puddle!

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph doing? Does his nose still glow? Have you been having fun with the reindeer? I'm really looking forward to your visit to my Nanny's house this year.

I think I have been good this year and I hope you do too.

Santa may I have these 5 things that I want for Christmas. I would like an American Girl doll, Julie American Girl wheelchair, Lalaloopsy baking oven, blue skateboard and an adult coloring book.

Please remember the Orphans as they need some gifts and love too.
Merry Christmas -
Kadie

P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

I hope Mrs. Clause is taking good care of you. I hope you haven't lost any weight so you can fit in your suit.

I hope I have been trying to be good. I hope I'm on the nice list. I don't want a piece of coal in my stocking.

Please don't forget the orphans and the homeless.

Can you please try to get me a 4 wheeler, and get my dad a gift too.

Happy holidays
Nathan

P.S. I will leave you a treat on the table.

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs. Clause have been good this year. Tell the reindeer and the elves I said hello. I look forward to your visit.

I hope I'm on the good list this year. I would like a huge teddy bear, Drawing Notebook, a new phone, Wizard of Oz book, and a Wizard of Oz Movie.

Santa, please do not forget the Orphans, the homeless people, and the people in hospitals.

P.S. Don't forget to stop by the kitchen for some cookies and milk.

God Bless -Mattie

Dear Santa,

It's almost Christmas and I am really looking forward to your visit. I hope Mrs. Claus has been taking care of you.

I hope I am on the nice list. I have been trying hard to help out at the house, like helping with my baby brother Holt.

Santa if you think I deserve it, I would like a go Cartm a punching bag, a RC Rapid Fire Rocket Launcher, space voyagers and a glow in the dark zombie blast. Don't forget the orphans.

Love - Stryker

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and some chocolate milk on the tray table.

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? I hope Mrs. Claus has been taking care of you. I hope I am on the good list because I have been helping my mom with the baby and I do my chores.

I hope you think I have to because I want a puppy, shoes, electric scooter, and don't forget the homeless people.

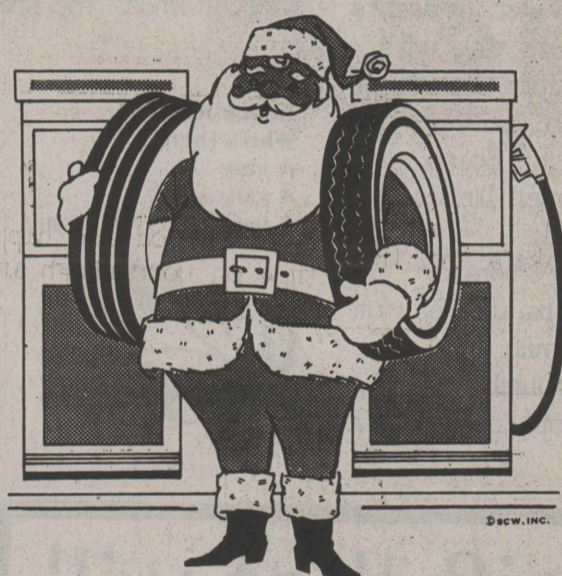
Love - Natalie

P.S. I'll leave you milk and cookies.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Hope Your Holiday is a Driving Success

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Happy Holidays everyone!

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Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday!

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Third Grade Continued...

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a fask vacation please tell the Elves hello for me. I have worked hard this year trying to be good for you and I hope you think I have. On Christmas Eve I hope you can bring me Monstertruck Legos, cowboy blanket, xbox 360 contro, Minecraft toy. Santa I hope you have a safe trip around the world on christmas.
God Bless Love -
Giovanny

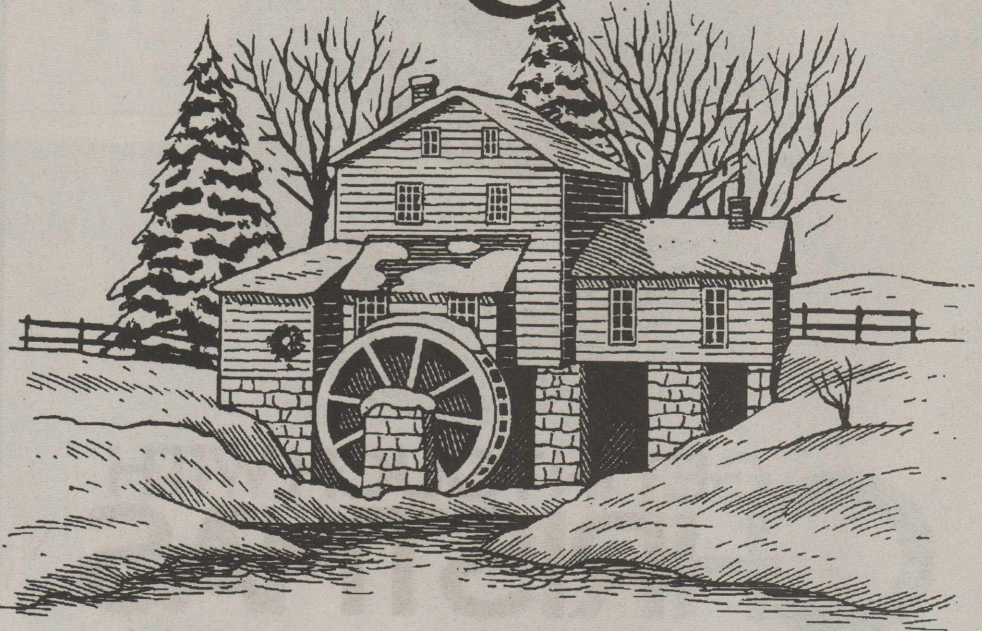
Dear Santa,
I hope you are taking care of the Reindeer and Rudolph. I hope you don't get bigger and I hope come for Christmas as kids can get presents from you to play with. Santa, for Christmas I want a Rover Spy Tank, Hover Board, new bike, Zoomer Dino and a Zoomer Cat.
Please remember my Uncle Bubba and the rest of our family.
Love - Raccelyn
P.S. I hope you have a safe trip.

Dear Santa,
Well Santa it's almost Christmas. I hope you have kept the reindeer and elves going I hope yall are in good shape. Can you give Rudoph a hug for me please?
I hope I am on the nice list because I have been trying to be good. I help my family and im trying hard in school.
For Christmas can you please bring me a Lava Lamp. But what want the most this year is a puppy and a hourse.
Santa please don't forget about our Beterans because they have risked their lives to save us.
Thank you for coming this year. Have a safe trip. And I hope it's not too cold through the night.
Happy Holidays - Rylee
P.S. I will leave you a present under the tree.

Knock Knock
Who's there ?
A very
A very who ?
A very merry Christmas !



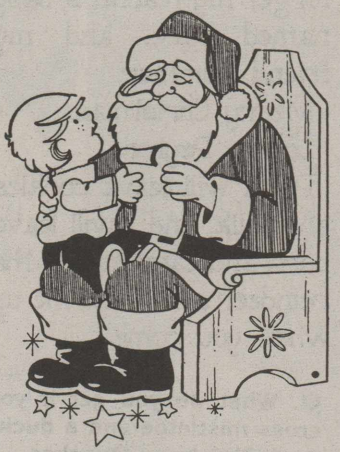
Merry Christmas



May peace and glad tidings visit your home this holiday season. We're grateful for your visiting us this year. Thanks!
Wishing you a Blessed Christmas
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Dear Santa,
I hope the elves have been helping you to get the presents ready for all the rids this year. I hope you have a sage trip.
I can't wait to see you. I've been trying to be good for you and I hope I'm on the nice list.
Please tell Mrs.Clause, the reindeer and the elves that I said "Hi"
Please make sure you don't forget orphan, homeless people, and Kids with diseases.
Santa can you please try to get me these toys like a Wow Wee Mip Robot, Robot dinousaur snakeez, Zoomer Z Up and last but of least a real bird.
Love you,
Rhianna
P.S I'll leave you cookies and milk to eat.

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a fantastic vacation. Please tell the elves hello for me I have worked hard this year trying to be good for you and I hope you think I have. On Christmas Eve I hope you can bring me a Zoomer Kitty, Pop the Pig, toy dog, boy Barbie doll and make-up.
Santa I hope you have a saf trip around the world on Christmas eve.
God Bless - Madison



Dear Santa,
Well it is almost here, Santa. I hope the reindeer are in shape, and I hope you are eating good.
Santa I hope you been tryjng to help out at the house. I hope I am on the nice list.
Santa, I would love to have a Rover Spy Tank, remote control Helicopter, NCAA basket'ball, NCAA baseball and Madden 15.
Santa please don't forget about the orphans.
God Bless - Kade
P.S. I'll leave cookies and milk for you on the coffee table and carrots for your reindeer.
Safe flying!

Give the gift that will all year long!

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is to say, "Merry Christmas and many thanks!" We really appreciate your being so nice to us.

Q. Why do mummies like Christmas so much?
A. Because of all the wrapping!

