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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

A smoky little Christmas ...

Mississippi state officials under fire for putting up an artificial holiday tree in the Capitol in Jackson had to deal with real flames after the silk branches caught fire.

The fake tree had replaced the real thing amid concern that a live tree was a fire hazard.

The ornately decorated fake tree caught fire and filled the nearly 100-year-old building with smoke, interrupting legislative meetings and forcing the evacuation of about 75 Capitol workers, legislators and reporters for several hours.

There were no injuries and no serious damage. Fire officials blamed the fire on electrical problems with lights at the base of the tree.

Not glamorous, but apropos ...

Exxon has a tiger for your tank, but Bradford, Pa., has Slick, a smiling oil droplet that's become the mascot for the petroleum-producing city.

Slick was named the mascot for the city's business district after a design contest won by city resident Jim Sage. He called Slick "the oil drop that won't stop until Bradford's on top."

Slick will appear in parades and in ads for the city that is home to the American Refining Group refinery.

Slick dolls will be given out to shoppers who collect enough Slick coins at Bradford stores, and Slick's smiling face will appear on a billboard on U.S. 219.

Slick is "cute and huggable," Sage said.

Lucky day after all

It was Pearlean Fulcher's lucky day: She was pushed onto San Francisco subway tracks and run over by three cars but got only a bump on the head. Fulcher, 41, was released from the hospital soon afterward.

"She fell in such a way that she landed lengthwise with the track in a sort of depressed area," said a spokesman for the Bay Area Rapid Transit.

James Belcher, 46, was booked for attempted murder after witnesses said he pushed Fulcher.



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On this date in history

Dec. 16 — The JBoston Tea Party takes place as a rebellion against English taxation (1773).

Dec. 17 — The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, make the first successful airplane flights in history (1903).

Dec. 18/19 — On Dec. 18, slavery is abolished in the United States with the adoption of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution (1865).

LOCAL WEATHER

Mostly sunny Thursday but then partly cloudy through the weekend is the forecast. Not quite so cold, with lows expected to reach near 30 through the rest of the week. Daytime highs will range from about 63 Thursday to the upper 50s Friday and Saturday and only about 48 on Sunday. The chance for further precipitation is not strong.

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Mules, Lady Mules leave mark in tournaments

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

Both the Mules and the Lady Mules made their presence known in tournaments over the weekend.

The Lady Mules won the Mean Green Classic at New Deal and the boys took the consolation bracket in the I-27 Tournament (games played at Abernathy, Hale Center, Idalou and Shallowater).

En route to their title, the Lady Mules swamped the New Deal jun-

ior varsity and Tahoka before taking a hard-fought title win over the New Deal varsity, 44-36.

The boys' start in the I-27 Tournament was delayed a day by bad weather. Then, when play began, they were tripped up by Hale Center 58-35 but roared back to win a big one — 45-40 over the Dimmitt Bobcats.

That could have been the high point of any tournament, as Coach Ralph Mason said it was the first

time Muleshoe had beaten Dimmitt in 27 years.

But the Mules weren't through. Before they came home, they dumped Happy — a Class A play-off team last spring that returned all its players this fall — by a 50-35 tally and then buried Whiteface in the consolation final, 94-57.

Girls' coach Shana Simms said, "We played pretty well all three games. In the championship game, we probably slacked off a little in

the first quarter, but the girls came back and did very well."

In their tournament opener (Thursday), they downed the New Deal JV 73-21 behind a 25-point showing by Lindsey Field.

Field got a lot of help from Myndi Heathington (15 points) and Britni Gartin (10). "Everybody got to play a lot" against the JV team, Simms said.

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School officials air frustration over cleanup

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

Muleshoe school officials aired their frustration Monday over work done by the consultants working on the cleanup near a leaky underground storage tank.

One of the main complaints was about testing allegedly done three years ago and only recently submitted to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

"The TNRCC doesn't care about the consultant; the consultant doesn't care about our money. It just amazes me how they can spend thousands and thousands of our tax dollars," Board President Cindy Purdy said.

Superintendent David Hutton said the standard for potable water on benzene contamination is 5 parts per billion, and one well near the old underground tank has tested well above that. He said the cleanup includes daily bailing of that well, a process he estimated cleans up about a pint of fuel a day.

"If that product is migrating to that well, then if we can't remove all the free product, we'll have to irrigate from city water or some other source," he said, adding that school officials believe the consultant has not been doing a good job.

Discussion indicated that the district pays the consultant when the on-site work is done and then is to be reimbursed for those expenditures — but is just now being reimbursed for work done in 1996.

Hutton said recent meetings appear to have been productive, adding that state Rep. Pete Laney's office has been helpful. Hutton also said that at one meeting he asked why the TNRCC had not been more responsive in suggesting ways of dealing with the problem, one TNRCC staff member gave him a personal beeper number to use to get results in the future.

In other business, assistant superintendent for instruction Adrian Meador gave the board an update on possible advanced placement classes the district may begin offering through South Plains College.



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

Life on the stage

Glitter and fancy costumes were everywhere; the spotlights were bright. Was it Hollywood on Academy Awards night? Close but no Oscar! It was Dillman Elementary School during Monday's annual second-grade Christmas pageant. The children sang (above) and moved (right) their way through a seasonal program like professional little trees and elves.



Remember, everyone can help someone ...

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was submitted by Joy Stancell of the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center as a reminder that — at Christmas or any other time of year — abilities that may be overlooked can be of immense value to those in need of kindness.)

In this holiday season of sharing and just plain giving, I have some suggestions for those who need a

blessing and who need someone to allow them to give. The Healthcare Center is full of opportunities.

You say you can't do anything. "Can you read?" Good! Read to me. My eyes aren't what they used to be.

"Can you write?" Good! Write a letter for me. My hands are shaky.

"Can you tell me about your job?" I was a nurse once myself.

"Can you listen?" Wonderful! I'm starved for conversation.

"Can you bake a sponge cake or zucchini bread or angel biscuits or make fudge?" They aren't on the nursing home menu, but I remember how good they were and I would like to taste them again.

"Do you play Skip-Bo or domi-

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Referrals to Hope Chest are outstripping donations

Organizers of Muleshoe's Hope Chest say referrals of the needy have so far been more common than contributions to meet those needs.

The aim of the charity, organized under the auspices of the Bailey County Ministerial Association, is to meet needs that may have fallen

through the cracks of conventional organizations — whether at Christmas or any other time of year.

This may include clothing, medications or many other kinds of expenses.

A typically deserving example is the 71-year-old "Mr. D," a retired farmer who has no family. He has had

a stroke and lives on Social Security.

While he said it would "too expensive," the one thing he would like is a pair of insulated overalls.

Donations may be sent to Muleshoe Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe 79347. Clothing sizes are available by calling 272-3250.

Y2K update: Many play on fear in hopes of profit

A coalition of Texas agencies known as Readiness 2000 has provided the city of Muleshoe with pertinent information about many of the issues that concern citizens as the new year approaches.

The Journal will be printing some of this material until Jan. 1.

More information on any of these issues is available by calling city hall at 272-4528.

No. 5 — Some people want to stir up Y2K hysteria because they stand to make money off it.

The Y2K scenario is ripe for fraud opportunities. Consumer and business groups remind the public to be aware of possible scams that are surfacing as the big day approaches:

- Opportunists looking for investors to finance phony Y2K solutions.

- Financiers offering "safe" investments that supposedly are not subject to Y2K problems.

- Phony security systems that offer to protect valuables or to "house sit" during New Year's celebrations.

- Consultants or businesses selling services or software that aren't Y2K compliant or don't fix Y2K problems as promised. Some products reportedly are designed to create changeover failures.

- Solution providers pitching miracle Y2K solutions at prices that sound too good to be true (and usually are).

- Retailers charging exorbitant prices for serves and so-called survival supplies (i.e., generators, bottled water, candles, communication devices, canned foods, "guaranteed" access to fuel, etc.)

AROUND MULESHOE

DECA students raising funds at games

Muleshoe High School DECA students are involved in a Learn and Earn project called "Split the Cash" at home varsity basketball games.

During each game, students will sell \$1 chances to split the evening's sales with the winner. Tickets will be available throughout the varsity girls' games and during the first half of varsity boys' games. The lucky numbers will be drawn during boys' halftime activities.

Money earned by DECA will be used for student travel to district, state and national competitions.

Committee chairmen for this project are Lisa Ramirez and Liz Torres.

Co-op offices to observe holidays

Bailey County Electric Cooperative's offices will be closed Dec. 23-24 for the Christmas holidays and Dec. 31 for New Year's.

Regular business hours will resume after the holidays.

District plans college-level classes

The Muleshoe School District is considering continuing education classes with college credit from South Plains College.

Classes begin in January and will be offered at Muleshoe High School when there is enough interest.

There must be 10 or more students signed up for a particular class before it will be made available in Muleshoe.

Classes to be considered are History 1302 (History of the U.S. Since 1876), Government 2301 (American Government-Functions) and English 1301 (Composition I).

The cost for each class will be \$160 plus books.

Anyone interested is asked to call the district curriculum office at 272-7406 by Jan. 10 and request to be placed on a class list.

Rowton gets death in Earth case

Former Earth resident Eddie Rowton, convicted last week in the 1992 slaying of 5-year-old Shawnlee Perry, received the death sentence Friday in the Odessa court where a jury deliberated only 11 minutes to find him guilty.

A key piece of evidence in the case was a stuffed toy duck found in Rowton's car shortly after the slaying and found in a sealed box at the Bailey County Sheriff's Office in October, after jury selection had begun in Rowton's trial.

Senior District Judge Jack Young presided over the trial. Witnesses included Sheriff Coy Plott and Judge Marilyn Cox.

Christmas Card donations sought

Project Christmas Card volunteers at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center are seeking donations from community members and businesses for their annual fund-raiser.

The donations will be used for renovations and other projects at the center.

Donations can be dropped off at local banks or with Joy Stancell at the nursing home. They also may be mailed either bank or to Christmas Card Project, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe 73947.

Checks should be made payable to the Christmas Card Project. The cutoff date for donations is Dec. 20.

More information is available by contacting Lona Embry or Joyline Costen.

Defensive driving class now on-line

Defensive driving classes are now available on-line in Texas. The Texas Education Agency has approved the first such course, txdriving.com.

This new method provides extra convenience for anyone wishing to dismiss a traffic ticket or reduce his or her insurance

premium. The six-hour course is especially convenient for anyone who works odd hours. Details are available at the site.

Public Calendar

Dec. 16 — 9 a.m. Three Way School Board, special meeting in the administrative office at the school.

7 p.m. — Water-quality and well-head protection meeting sponsored by the Bailey County Extension Service, at the Rebekah Lodge, next door to the Extension office.

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nos?" Fine, so do I, but there is never anyone who has the time. "Do you play the piano, French harp, or flute?" My hearing is poor, but I can hear any music. Even if I fall asleep, you'll know I enjoyed it.

Once we were somebodies, just like you. We were farmers and farmer's wives, teachers, nurses, beauticians, electricians, sheriff's and maybe a few outlaws, too.

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Weather may get frightful, but catalogs are delightful

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

OK, so there are days when the weather just doesn't make you want to get outside and dig — or anything else.

But there are still nice days, and things that need doing in the garden when the weather is good.

First, though, let me once again stress that advice from experts isn't always gospel. In checking one of my guidebooks, *Successful Gardening Month-by-Month* by the *Sunset* magazine people, I discovered a real booboo.

While the *Sunset* books are about as reliable as any, this particular book advises people who live right here in our area to start their tomato and pepper plants in December.

You'll recall (for those who read the papers that ran it) my column of Thanksgiving week advised planting those things in January IF you are prepared to give them considerable protection once you set them outside. Otherwise, plant in February or even March.

The *Sunset* books says that by planting them in December, they'll be ready to transplant by February. They certainly will be ready to transplant by then, but we'll be facing two more months of snow and hard freezes.

Checking the book more closely, it seems that in this one instance



they lumped us in with Phoenix, which doesn't usually get a hard freeze all winter.

Other than that little faux pas, the book offers these suggestions:

- If you haven't already mulched bulb and perennial beds, it's not too late — also around shrubs that may not be completely winter-hardy;

- Catch the temperature above freezing and water any dry spots in the garden. Well-watered plants survive severe freezes much better than stressed ones. (This can certainly be critical with our dry winds in addition to cold temperatures.);

- It's a good idea to protect the trunks of newly planted trees and shrubs — not only against sunscald, but if you live without a yard fence you need to protect these plants from gnawing by rabbits until the bark gets tough. There are plastic tubes on the market to fulfill both functions, and also to

protect evergreens from drying winds. If you just need varmint protection, a circle of wire around the plant will work;

- On a clear day when the temperature is above freezing, spray fruit trees and roses with dormant oil to kill overwintering insect pests. These oils can be mixed with lime sulfur or fixed copper.

In addition to the magazine's suggestions, I would say that if you still have spring-flowering bulbs that haven't been planted, get them in the ground! Remember that with the warm weather we had last winter, the crocus were blooming by mid-January — just four weeks from now. The bulbs wouldn't have time to develop much of a root system and put on much of a show by then, but at least you'd have them established for next year.

Also, for any type of evergreen but especially broad-leafed species such as hollies, mahonias or (if anyone is growing them here) the evergreen types of azaleas and rhododendrons, apply an anti-desiccant.

This is a substance that retards moisture loss, and it will be a huge help to these plants in surviving our dry winter winds.

Anti-desiccants may not be available at smaller garden centers, but they are available locally

if you search them out.

Speaking of the garden center, now is the time to make sure you have bone meal, so you'll be ready to apply some to bulb beds and peonies during January. Many other plants also benefit from this slow-release fertilizer.

Let the games begin! The spring seed catalogs have begun to arrive.

Now, I'm an advocate of buying seeds and plants locally when they're available. I know that the big mail-order houses have 800 numbers now, and you can call them for authoritative information on any garden topic. I know that sometimes people in local businesses don't have first-hand experience with every plant and may not be able to give you the answer you're hunting. I also know that a \$5 seed purchase isn't going to make or break a business. But if we ALL make \$5 seed purchases from our local garden center... you see the point.

That said, there are some seed catalogs that are worth having whether you buy from them or not. Some have excellent growing instructions; some are like encyclopedias or reference works.

One of the latter comes from Thompson and Morgan, P.O. Box 1308, Jackson, N.J. 08527.

The selection of vegetable seeds

is pretty much "normal," but when it comes to flowering plants — including even some trees and shrubs — for temperate climates, this is one of the biggest seed sources in the world. It was originally a British company, but opened American offices several years ago.

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TOPS NEWS

Twelve members of TOPS No. 34 weighed in at the Dec. 9 meeting at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard.

The meeting was opened by leader Laverne James, who also led the prayer and pledge.

Noemi Sanchez led in the singing of the opening TOPS song, "The Thinner We'll Be," and also the closing song.

Minutes from the previous week's meeting were read by Secretary Janie Hughes.

Lucille Harp's name should have been included in the last monthly report as the K.O.P.S. best loser during that time.

Alene Bryant and Betty Jo Davis, weight recorders, were present for the weigh-in and to give the results.

The best loser was Mollie Davis, with Sanchez as first runner-up. Tying for second runner-up were Cherry de Graffenreid and Joline Franklin.

Franklin, who has lost weight six weeks in a row, was presented a gift certificate. Also, according to TOPS rules, she was given a gift because she was the best loser last week and

then lost weight again this week.

Get-well cards were sent to Evelene Harris, Aurora Mata, Jerrell Otwell and Alma Robertson. A sympathy card was sent to Robertson because of the loss of her brother, A.D. Stancell.

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Monique Vega

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Imac computer and a Playstation. I have been good at school and at home. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Stevie Cisneros

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. I would like a black bike this year, and a helicopter, and a Barbie with a swimming pool for my little sister. My big sister would like a candle and I left some cookies and milk for you and I like the presents you brought me last year.
Merry Christmas,
Rowdy Davis
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Dear Santa,
I want suckers and a bike and Barbie, a teddy bear, some clothes and chairs and a table and a car. I want to love Santa some cookies and milk.
Love
Monique Gomez
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,
I would like a combine, and a cotton stripper, and a tractor, and a barn for the tractors. And an airplane, and a motorcycle, house, truck, suburban and two dogs.
I've been good this year.
From **Jacob Jacob Jasso**
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll and a Barbie car, Barbie house and a bike and a cat that is black and white. I would like a purse for Christmas. I have been real good this year. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Love Annabelle

Annabelle Vironche
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, Barbie, teddy bear, a Barbie with a bike, new shoes and clothes, bracelet, candy, treehouse, a swing seat, bow, kitchen table with 4 chairs, a toy baby chair. I have been good this year. I hope you bring me this stuff. I am going to put cookies and milk so you can eat them. Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love,
Dominique Gomez
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike for Christmas this year. Please bring my sister, Jessie, a Barbie jeep. My brother, Kyle, wants a real jeep.

I have been the best little girl I could be this year. I will leave you some pizza out on Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas!
Love you,
Tabby Drew
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,
I have been good at school. I want toy hot wheel cars, games, and a tractor for Christmas. Love you, Santa.

By,
Enrique Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want hot wheel cars, music cd's, a play station, a computer and some new movies.

By: **Cesar Luna**

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to come and see me. Here is my christmas wish list. I want a play station, hot wheel cars and a computer.

I love you Santa.
Alfredo Luna

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, piano, clothes, new movies, and a computer. I want you come see me.

I love you Santa.
Marlene Cantu

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and I am writing my own letter to you. I wish my wish would come true. I wish I can have a car and a Barbie that walks, but more than that a big desk.

Thank you Santa,
Gabby Estrada

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last

year. I'd like a lot of toys. I'd like the big Barbie that is my size. Can you give my mom and daddy something. I love you so much.

Love,
Stephanie Kirby

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. This Christmas I would like to have a new TV, and a new boton, a batch of candy, a easy bake oven, and the new dixie chick c.d., clothes and a new house. I hope I can have all these things.

Love,
Shaelynn Cannon

Dear Santa,
For this Christmas, I want a Baby doll and Barbie and bear because I think I have been good this year. Thank you for the presents last year. Thank you very much.

Your friend,
Crystal Campos

Dear Santa,
I want 2 Hot whees set, 2 toy Mocho, a barn with farm animals, and a toy Motorcycle, and an Inintendo 64, and a new Christmas Tree, and a game called Bingo, and a big toy combine, and a want a big airplane. Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last year.

Love,
Dago Gomez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. I want a cross ring or a butterfly ring. I would like clothes and toys. I would like cross earring and a necklace. I think I've been good this year. Can you give my Family presents too.

Your friend,
Angelica Salamanca

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last yar. I want a TV. I want Intindo 64. I want a computer. I want a train, too. Also my Mom wants a ring. My Dad wants a gocart.

Love,
Kyle Thomas Drew

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last year. I want a coat and a pair of shoes, a good year and a horse and a donkey, too.

Your friend,
Carlos Vironche

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. i wish for a big desk, a little desk and a Barbie.

Thank you Santa,
Pricilla Perez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I wish I could a Donkeykong 64 and a Mario Golf. Can you give my mom and dad somethin'?

Love,
Martha Robert

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last year. I wish I had a big CD player that comes with some CDs. I want a Playstation for Christmas. I want a game called Operation. I want a big TV.

Love,
Monica Rubalcaba

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade. I'm 9 years old and my birthday is January 14. For Christmas I would like a T.V., a couch and a chair for my room. Also I would like a bike and a soft bear for my bed. Other things I want are an easy bake oven, baby kitten, desk, pictures, clothes, paint, shoes, computer and dolls to hang on my wall.

Love,
Jessica Hillard

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me some gel pens? I also want an electric frogger hand held game. Other things I would like are the 200 art set and the Com Quest Disk Master Computer.

Love,
Cassie Kirby
Three Way School

Dear Santa,
My name is Alberto Vironche. I'm in the fourth grade. For Christmas I would like a remote control car, a game boy, a sega, and whatever else you would like to bring.

Your friend,
Alberto Vironche

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade. I'm 9 years old. My birthday is February 25. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a playstation with five games. I also want 30 race cars. That is all.

From: **Andrew Campos**

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me the Dixie Chicks new C.D., portable C.D. player, some jelly pens, the new Tarzan movie? One more thing a pogo stick.

Tiffany Davis
Three Way School

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade I'm 9 years old. My birthday is March 29, 1990. This is what I want for christmas. I want a game boy color, puppy (real), bicycle with a helmet. (let it be purple). I want a easy bake oven. and a computer game. but what I want most is a easy bake oven.

Love,
Leslee Ceneé Hood
p.s. if you don't get me the easy bake oven I don't care. Will you get it for me?

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade and I am 9 years old. I love to read, I like math and spelling, and I love art. I want you to bring me some games for my computer, some paint, a math book, some books and a Game Boy.

Love,
Claudia Gomez

Dear Santa,
I hope you can get me a telesco-pe and a metal detector and thank you for my presents last year. Thank you for eating our milk and cookies.

Love,
Colton

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the miney bike. this year Pleas get me a

goped and how is Mrs. Clos doing. Santa have a happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Ian Whalin

Dear Santa,
I want a big barbie house for Christmas. How are you doing. I am doing good. I hope you have a good Christmas. I thing you and your wife and the elfs will have a good Christmas to. I hope you and your raindeer have a good Christms to. We aredy have put up our Christmas tree. I think it is good one time our Christmas tree fell down. I no my brother ditind mean it but he said sorry to our mom an ddad. We will leave you cookies and milk. I love you.

Your friend,
Brittany Nicole Railshack

Dear Santa,
I rely enjoyed the toys I got last yar! they wher OSEM! and this year I would rely aprshiate it if you would get me a talking pokedox, Badicarider and Rad 2.0 thanks! the cokies will be by the fire.

Your friend,
Roman Leal

Dear Santa,
If you could. Could you bring a nentendo 64 and the big Agele Barbie, Baby doll, a big stuffed oddy and Garfeld. I am thankful becuase I like the things you biot me last year. I just

want to thank you so, so much.
Your friend,
Alyssa Martinez

Dear Santa,
Thake you for gaving me a toober last yar. and please get me a bike this yar and all so I won't a new candy cane santa please get me a game and please get me a new book and please get me a compeyter and please get me a new tape and please get me a carloeing book.

Your friend,
BreaAnn Baca

Dear Santa,
I would like a Chihuahua please and a new doll please. and a new home with food and clothes and I like your sled and if you can brening a gift for my little sister Alexa please. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,
Amber Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I would like a Chihuahua please and a new doll please. and a new home with food and clothes and I like your sled and if you can brening a gift for my little sister Alexa please. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,
Amber Fuentes

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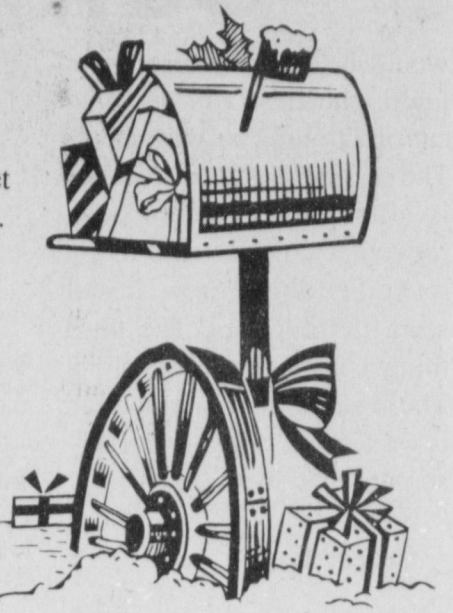
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Your freind,
Kenny Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I like the bike that you brought me last year and this year I would like a football and a new base ball bat and for my brother Alex he would like a puppy and for littlesst brother Mario a pair of clothes.

Your friend,
Xavier Cuevas

Dear Santa,
I relly loved waht you brouth me last yar. Plese bring me a motercikle. How are you right now. I hope you had a good year! Your a nice guy. Mary cressmiss!

Your friend,
Jake Herington

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some pokémon toys that I do not know of and some of the ones I know of and a flower bed so that I can plant good foods for my family and please bring some softwear. I like like pokémon gotta make emall red and blue vershon and bring two game boy games and they are pokémon red and blue vershon too and a nintendo 64 game called pokémon snap. Thanks

Your friend,
Cole Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I wish you gave me a thowsen doller and a nintendo and three wishes and nice big candycan and a big compiter and abig rimus tree a larg dog and a a hot car bonboon with lots of givfs.

Your friend,
Jonathan Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you today. I reley want if you can bring me a bike for Christmas and a Fulbry bed. If you don't minde for Christmas and a game of find Fruby. I want all of this pleas Santa.

Your friend,
Kyra Grant

Dear Santa,
I liked the poconantes toy you brought me last year. This year I would like a killer whale. Whales are beautiful creatures. Thank you.

Your friend,
Chuy Valdez

Dear Santa,
I want a sega for Christmas, I love you, thank you for all the stuff I have. Can I have a dog like that Eileen has. Good by.

Your friend,
Caleb Conner

Dear Santa,
If you could bring me a new motorcycle. The last thing is a nentendo 64. I want a puppy, a pokémon and clothes and a pokémon book and pokémon and a pokémon game and a game boy color.

Your friend,
Andrew Orozco

Dear Santa,
I wish you will bring me a barbie for Christmas and I will leav a bowl of cookies and milk and Santa I won't you to bring a cumputure for Christmas and a back street boys for Christmas.

Your friend,
Ashley Franco

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a laptop and a Goped and a hundred dollers. Santa thancku for the toys I got last year.

Your friend,
Craig Black

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a three wilr, and please bring me a play station and please bring me lots of games for I caned play and a traler for me, and a N 64 please games to. and please bring me a sagae with games please. gas for my three wiler please, and a magic 8 ball for I cand ask questens.

Your friend,
Adrian Perez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the keybord and the doll. This cristmas I would like a puppy please. Thank you for the toy's you broght. I like them.

Can I please have a nentindow 64 this cristmas can I please have a mareow game with it and a cartrage with it. Can I have find furby game.

Your friend,
Caitlyn Durben

Dear Santa,
Thre are three things I hope you leave me for Chistmas. These things are a bike, computer with the internet and a trampoline. The first thing I want is a bike. I would like to have this because I could ride it all day. The second thing I would like to have is a computer wiht the internet. I wan this because I could go on the internet every day. The last thing I want is a trampoline. I would like to have a trampoline because I could invite my friends over and we could jump all day. These are the three thing I hope you get me for Christmas.

Your truly,
Brook Dela Garza

sisters and friends. The second that I want to get from you is a remote control airplane. A remote control airplane will be able to scare most of my friends with the blade on the propeler. I would also go very high and be able to drop smoke bombs and fire crackers tht will explode in mid-air. The last but not least thing that I would like to get for Christmas is an Imac computer with the internet and an A.O.L. access. An Imac's internet will let me E-mail and chat with all my friends who have computers with the internet on it. An A.O.L will also let me do that and help me with my homework. These are just a few things that I want for Christmas.

Sincerely yours,
Tanner Bales

P.S. If I'm in a good mood I might even leave you milk and cookies!

Dear Santa,

There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are a computer with the internet, Nintendo 64 and a puppy. The first thing I want is a computer with the internet. I would do my read and respond and E-mail my dad. The second thing I want is a Nintendo 64. I want a Nintendo 64 because when it is a rainy day I can play with it. The last thing I want is a puppy. My brother and I would play with it every day. These are the things I want for Cristmas.

Sincerely yours,
Sasha Valdez

Dear Santa,

There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are rotweiller dog, one thousand footballs and a playstation. The first thing I want is a Rotweiller dog. I will be portected because it will scare burglars. The second thing I want is one thousand footballs. The reason I want one thousand footballs is if one is flat I will still have more. The third thing I want is a Playstation. The reason I want a playstation is I can play NFL two thousand. These are the things I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Jon Orozco

Dear Santa,

There are three things I hope you get me for Christmas. These things are a rotwiler puppey, an over head and a trampoline. The first thing I want for Christmas is a rotwiler puppy. I want a rotwiler puppy because I can play with him/her, play fetch with her/him an dhe/she

caould do my homework together. The second thing I want for Christmas is an over head. I want an over head because you can write on it and it will show up on the wall. The second reason I want and over head is because you can turn it on and make shadows on the wall. The thrid reason I want an over head for Christmas is because you can leave messages on it. The third tuing I want for Christmas is a trampoline. I want a tram-

poline because you can jump realy high. The second reason I want a trampoline for Christmas is because you can do backflips and frontflips. The third reason I want a trampoline for Christmas is because you get to do gymnastics. These are the thing I want for Christmas.

Truly yours,
Jami Whalin

Dear Santa,
There are three thing I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are a dirt bike, computer and tranpoline. The first thing is a dirt bike. I want a dirt bike because I can get to the place I want. The second thing I want is a set of Lego's. I want Lego's because I can build a big castle. The last thing I want is a tranpoline. I want a tranpoling because I can wrestle with my brothers.

Sincerely,
Jared Mendoza

Dear Santa,
There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. There thing are a Computer, a playstation and a dirt bike. The first thing I want is a Computer. I could do my Read and Respond. The second thing I want is a Playstation. My sister and I will play in th eroom. The thrid thing I want is a Dirt bike. A dirt bike would be fun on sunny summer days. These are the three things I would like for Christmas. I will leave you cookies on the television.

Yours truly,
Diana Ramierz

Dear Santa,
There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are a computer, a trampoline and an overhead. The first thing I want is a computer. I would certainly like a computer because we can do our homework on it. The second thing I would like for Christmas is a trampoline. I would like a trampoline to pay with when we get bored. The last thing I would like an over-head so we can have lots of excitment with it. These are the things I would like I hope you have a happy happy Christmas and leave something for Santa.

Yours truly,
Samantha

Dear Santa,
There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are books, Game Boy and dirt bike. The first thing I want is books. I want books because I like to read adventure and comedy. The second thing I want is a Game Boy. I want a Game Boy because I can take it in the car and play with it. The third thing I want is a puppy. I want a puppy because they are fund and playful. These are the thring I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Eli Syman
P.S. If you try to come down my chiney make sure you don't get stuck.

Dear Santa,
There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are a go-cart, a remote control car and a computer with the internet. The first thing I want is a go-cart. I

want a go-cart so I can get from one place to a othre. The second thing I like is a computer with the internet. I want a computer with internet so I can e-mail my friends. The last thing I want is a remote control car. I want a remote control car so when I am bored I can go outside and play with it. These are the three things I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Timothy Mendoza
P.S. I will leave you some cookies on the table.

Dear Santa,
There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are a computer, trampoline and a PlayStation. The first thing I want is a computer. I want a computer so I could do my respond and play games. The second thing I want is a trampoline so in the summer I could play on the leaves. The last thing I want is a PlayStation so on rainy days I could play and I will not be bored.

Yours truly,
Yasmine Flores

Dear Santa,
There are three thing I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are a PlayStation, a computer and 7ft. siwmpole. The first thng I want for Christmas is a Play-Station. I want a Play-Station because I will not be bored. The second thing I want for Christmas is a com-

puter. I want a computer because to talke to Jolly Rancher. The third thing I want for Christmas is a 5ft. siwmining pole. I want a siwmining pool because I want to siwm. These are the three thing I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Adriana Martinez

Dear Santa,
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would be neat because I can jump wheelies. The dirt bike can probably let me win rances. The second thing I would like is a full grown, full blooded rotweiller dog. I would like a rotweiller dog because it will scare the burglars. The third thing I want is a trampoline. The reason I want a trampoline is we can play "tackle the person with the football."

Sincerely,
Ceasar Lopez

Dear Santa,

There are three things I hope you leave me for Christmas. These things are a dirt bike, a computer with the internet and email and a playstation. The first thing I want is a dirt bike. I want this because I can play reces with my brothers up and down the hills. The second thing I want is a computer with an internet and email because I can play on the internet and I can email my cousin in Amarillo. The third thing I want is a Playstation. I can listen to cds in it and play games. These are the three things I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Felicia

Dear Santa,

I want a computer and a motor cycle and a go car then when you come I am gonging to live you some cookies and milk. I am now gowing to sleep I am gowing to hide in the cosit bring a stereo and bring Mrs. Claus.

Nathaniel Regalado

Dear Santa,

Santa a motorcycle and a bike and I wat to see yor Rudolph do you cep company.

Your friend,
Rolando Saucedo

Dear Santa,

Can i see Rudolph on Christmas day evy time becaus I never see him on every Christmas.

Your friend,
Frankie Delgado

Dear Santa,

Can you git me a computer and a sedeplayer and I whon't my oon rom and now clothes and a nitndo 64. How are you santa claus and Mrs. Claus is Rudolph fine my brtay is on December 10.

Your friend,
Michal Olivas

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a jackit and a babydall. I want a go-cart. I want to see your reindeers. I have been haiv.

Your fiend,
Ashley Quezada

Dear Santa,
I wot a rilae motorcycle for Christmas.

Your friend,
WGOR Salas

Dear Santa,

I am the nise kid in the world I have maners and I shar. if you can make it to my hose I can get you some cookies and milk. I hope you like it and ingoy the cookis and milk. thank you.

Your friend,
Starlit

Dear Santa,

I want a big tatebare and rily want to see you. Sant and Mrs. Claus. How is Rudolph Santa?

Your friend,
Dena Mata

Dear Santa,

I want something for my dad a T.V. for him an dmy mom she wants some new jackets. Santa I am giving some thing to you. I am living cookies and milk. I want a light buleb so I can see in the dark and my sisters want new beds for them. I want a new cot.

Your friend,
Guadalupe Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and computer. I want a stuffed animal. I want go-cart. I want a radio. I want clothes. I want noow shoes.

Your friend,
Patricia Vargas

Dear Santa,

I want to no if Rudolph 's nose is still working in the nite and shining in the nite to. Sant I want to no if you can bereng me a big computer for Christmas and I will giv you the note that I em doying. Santa I relle like the way you envented Christmas with peresents and relle speshle gifts.

Your friend,
Mari Andrade

Dear Santa,

I whant a go-cart and I whan to no about Rudolph. And I what a computer. And I what a radio.

Your friend,
Christopher Pizarro

Dear Santa,

A stufed little ber. and the computer that I ast for I want it to be a colred computer. You don't have to get it for me but get my brothers and my parents.

Your friend,
Chris Angyano

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Kaitlynn Marie Hendricks. I live in Floydada. I have been a very good girl this year. I saw you in the mall in Lubbock but I know that you are at the North Pole now.

Since I have been such a good girl, would you please bring me a baby-doll house with all the toys in it? I would also really like a baby doll named Lauren. I also need a Kitchen so I can do some cooking on my own. My Granny has a glass baby at her house and I would really like one of these too. (She won't let me play with hers so I guess I need one of my

own.)
Speaking of Granny, would you bring her apaper that's really pink?

Now for Pop's, could you bring him some gum. Mommy and Daddy would like some toys so I can play with their toys too!! Uncle Casey and Aunt Cara would like cows and pickups. Oh, and my freind Gary Hooten would like some baby dolls of his own so he can bring them to Granny's and play babies with me again.

I am going to live you some milk and cookies. Not just any cookies either, my favorite Keebler Butter Cookies cause you're special. I love you Santa.

Tell Rudolph and the other reindeer to be kinda quite when they land on my house so they don't wake me up. Merry Christmas!!!

Love,
Kaitlynn Marie Hendricks

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

WINNERS

from page 1

"We held them to four points in the second half, so we really stressed defense," she added.

Tommie Hernández came up with 12 rebounds in the game, Simms said.

In Friday's blitz against Tahoka, the Lady Mules won 78-28. "This game we played really well. It wasn't a JV team, and we dominated from the first," Simms said. "At the end of the first quarter, it was 20-6."

She said the girls played to win all the way. "Even though they had a large lead, they didn't let down on the intensity — they kept their focus. I've told them you can't afford to let down just because you're ahead," Simms said.

Field again led the team, at 21 points, and Heathington again was second in scoring, with 16. Chyla Torres had 13, and Hernández had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Field also had eight assists and seven rebounds, Simms added.

Gartin played an outstanding game against Tahoka even though she only scored five points, Simms said. Gartin added five assists and five steals in the game.

Saturday, in the championship game against the New Deal varsity, "We didn't come out and play very well the first quarter, but after that they played three quarters together very well," Simms said.

She said New Deal is a pretty strong team but it is based on one exceptional player, Cari Bigham. "As a team, we were a lot better — they had one kid where we had several," Simms

said.

Field did an outstanding job of defending against Bigham, she added; Bigham managed to score 20 of New Deal's 36 points, "so they needed her a lot more than they got." (Bigham has already signed to play at West Texas A&M.)

Heathington led the Lady Mules that time, with 14 points. Field contributed nine points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Muleshoe trailed most of the game, going ahead 29-28 at the end of the third quarter.

On the boys' side, the I-27 Tournament didn't start of as promising. "We didn't play very well; Hale Center did play well," Mason said.

Bret Clements had 12 points and nine rebounds to lead the losing effort.

But the Mules looked like a different team in their next game as they got the rare victory over Dimmitt. "They (the Bobcats) were without one of their starters, but it was still a competitive game," Mason said.

Mitch Mason was the Mules' leading scorer against Dimmitt, with 16, followed by Clements with 10 and James Barrett with nine.

Clements also had a spectacular rebounding night, collecting 26 — six of them offensively. Mason followed with six rebounds and six assists and Jeff Bruns had four rebounds.

Mason said the Mules looked better overall as they corralled Happy in Saturday's consolation semifinals.

Stats showed 18 points by Clements, nine by Barrett and

six each by Clint Black and Jeff Shelburne.

In the rebound department, it was Mason dominating with 10, followed by Clements and Bruns with seven each and Barrett and Shelburne with four each.

Then came the consolation finals, when the Mules "really opened up and ran the floor well," Mason said. The result? A 94-57 drubbing of the stunned Antelopes, and the consolation trophy and a 5-3 record at this point for the Mules.

Double-figure performances included Clements, again with 26 points (and 13 rebounds), Mason with 16 points and Darrell Lewis with 13 points.

Also helping out on points were Shelburne with eight; Black, Matt McClanahan and Eric Posadas, all with six apiece; Ryan Hodge with five; Bruns with four; Jessie Reyes with three; and Delwyn Latham with two.

On rebounds, everyone who played got into the act. Clements was followed by Mason with seven, McClanahan with six, Shelburne with five, Lewis with four; Reyes, Bruns, Posadas and Hodge grabbed two apiece while Latham, Black and Barrett got one apiece.

For the season so far, Clements is averaging 16.3 points per game, with Mason close on his heels at 13.3.

Clements averages 12.3 rebounds per game, well ahead of Mason at 5.8 and Bruns at 4.0.

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

HONORS



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CRAWFORD

Castle Crawford of Lazbuddie recently was the winner of \$100 in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Texas Power Points Football Contest.

She scored 135 points and was only a point shy of winning the \$1,000 grand prize.

She is an 11-year-old fifth-grader and the daughter of Nathan and Sharli Crawford of Lazbuddie.

BYERS

Russell Byers, a Tarleton

State University student from Muleshoe, attended Duck Camp earlier this year at Camp Champions in Marble Falls, Texas.

Held just prior to the beginning of the fall semester, Duck Camp is a four-day three-night crash course in what has been called the "Tarleton Experience." It is intended to make first-semester freshmen feel more at home on the Tarleton campus.

Topics discussed include dating, city and county regulations, time management, finances and campus activities.

STEINBOCK

Montana Steinbock, a fifth-grade student at Lazbuddie Schools, recently received top honors in the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District's poster contest.

Her poster, on the theme "To Reserve and Preserve Our Wildlife," portrayed the im-



Steinbock

portance of keeping a balance between nature and wildlife.

She went on to win first place at the state level. For that, she received a plaque during an awards ceremony in Lubbock on Oct. 20.

Her poster was sent on to the national competition.

She is the daughter of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock of Lazbuddie.

OBITUARIES

KENNETH BANNING

Services were held Monday at the Eastside Church of Christ in Morton for Kenneth Ray Banning, 70, of Morton. Joey Pierce officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Banning was born July 26, 1929, at Sparenberg, Texas. He died Dec. 9 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He married Joetta Brock in Tucson on Dec. 10, 1951, and they moved to Morton from Sparenberg in 1957. He worked as a salesman and safety inspector in the automobile business.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Banning is survived by his wife; a son, Larry Banning; a daughter, Cindy Love; a brother, Willis F. Banning; and seven grandchildren, all of Morton.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Jr., in 1988 and a daughter, Carla Franklin, in 1987.

VERA DUNCAN

Graveside services were held Saturday at Muleshoe Memorial Park for Vera Duncan, 94, of Temple. The Rev. Jack Stone officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Duncan was born Aug. 4, 1905, at Cecil, Ark. She died Dec. 9 at Heartland Healthcare Center in Temple.

She lived most of her life in Amarillo, where she was a member of First Baptist Church. She had been a teacher, real estate agent and insurance agent.

She is survived by a son, William King of Salado, Texas; two sisters, Nona B. Douglas and Ruth Malone, both of Muleshoe; two grandchildren, David King of New York City and Diana King of Enid, Okla.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Bill King and Les Duncan; a sister, Kathryn Jernigan; and a brother, W.W. Evans.

MAE GOLDSMITH

Services were held Thursday at the Fifth and Avenue C Church of Christ in Farwell for Mae Goldsmith, 84, of Farwell. Terry Hightower and Clarence Meeks officiated. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Terrace at Farwell. Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Goldsmith was born Nov. 1, 1915, in Wise County, Texas. She died Monday at Covenant by the Lake in Lubbock.

She had lived in Farwell since 1925, moving there from Wise County. She married Noble Henry Goldsmith in Clovis on Sept. 9, 1933.

She was a homemaker and had been a member of the Church of Christ in Farwell since her baptism in 1929.

She is survived by two sons, Doyle Goldsmith of Tulsa and Dan Goldsmith of Dimmitt; five daughters, Delores Meeks of Texico, Iris Smith of Killeen, Texas, Vicki Hackney of Cleburne, Texas, Jo Deil Capps of Panhandle, Texas, and Gayla Beth Parker of Ben Wheeler, Texas; two half-sisters; 22 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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

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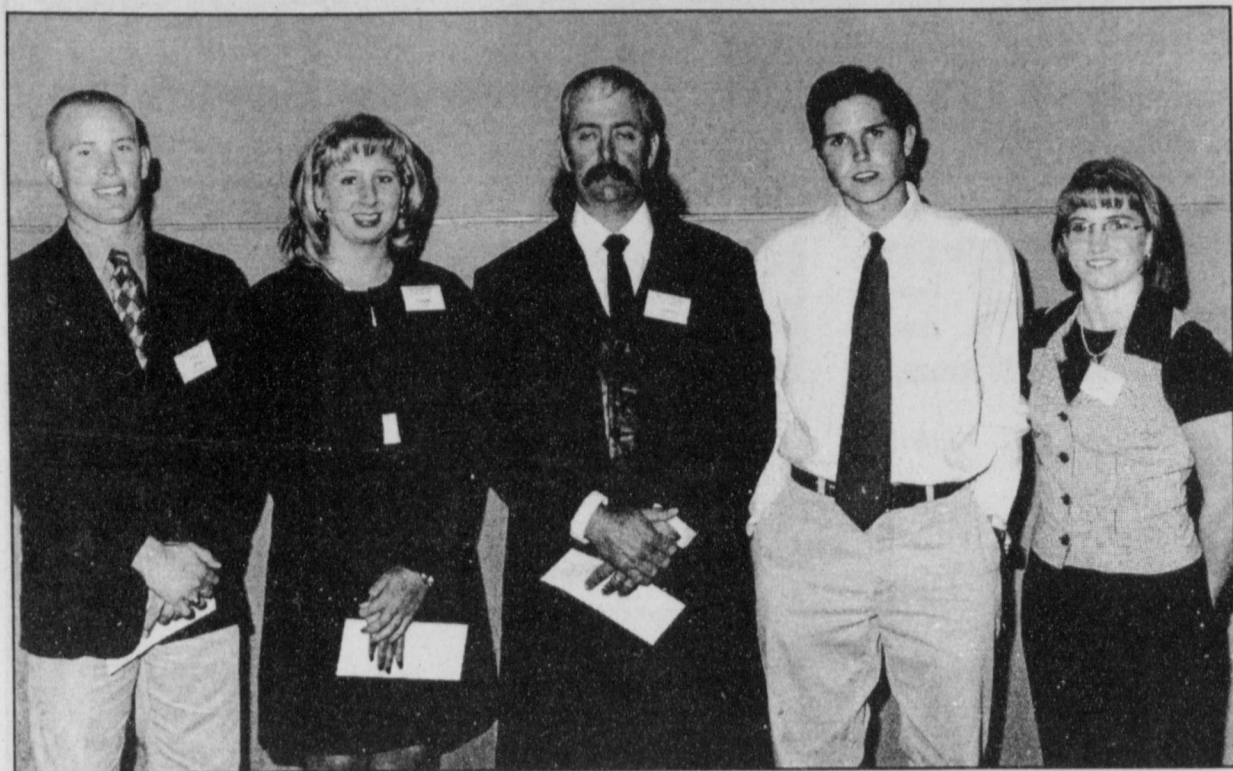
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Scholarships awarded

Keith Burch (second from right) of Lazbuddie was among five West Texans receiving college scholarships during the Sept. 15 conference of the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute in Lubbock. Burch, the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Kirby Burch, received a \$750 scholarship to Texas Tech. Others pictured (from left) are Brian Hutcheson of Wolfforth, Regan Graf of Wellman, Danny Finch of Happy and Marty Carr of Littlefield.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Gladys Wilson made and brought Rice Krispie treats for the residents Monday.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served sweetbreads and coffee to the residents Wednesday morning. Brother Steve Claybrook, Buster Kittrell and Mrs. Cyrus Dale directed our devotional/reflection time. Mr. and Mrs. Claybrook sang several songs for our enjoyment and blessings.

The residents' doors were decorated by the students of Susan Bigham. Everyone is invited to come and see them.

The Children's Choir of the United Methodist Church came to sing Christmas carols to the residents Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday morning Nancy Lemons, our ceramics instructor, brought ceramic items for the residents to paint. Residents participating were Winnie Orcutt, Kathrine Rogers, Bootie Tiller, Rosie Martin, Grace Scarbrough, Aline Locke, Juanita Teague, Kathryn Hancock, Florence Harvey, Pearl Helmes, Nettie Quesenberry and Minnie Underdown. Mary Jo Burge assisted the residents to and from the

class. David McIntire, Zona Gatewood and Joline Franklin directed the devotional/reflection time.

Harold and Avis Carpenter visited the care center Friday. The Carpenters played residents' favorite songs and sang along.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo games Saturday afternoon.

J.C. Shanks comes each Saturday morning to give haircuts and shaves to the men.

Dorena Proudfoot and Joy Radford direct the exercise class on Monday

mornings.

Tuesday afternoon, Beverly Wagnon, Claudine Embry, Mary Jo Burge, Pat Watson and Dorothy Turner came to shampoo and set the ladies' hair and give a lot of hugs.

Velta Fyie, Joe Embry and Elsie Damron were among those who came to visit the residents Tuesday.

Annie Chaves and Mary Jo Burge returned to the care center after being hospitalized in the local hospital.

Altha Gore celebrated her birthday Dec. 8. She received many visits, cards, phone calls and gifts.

The family of A.D. Stancell expresses heartfelt thanks to each person for your gifts of love through the many years of his illness. We are grateful for your prayers and your many acts of kindness and support. During his most recent hospital stay and following his death, the support of our friends and relatives has been especially appreciated.

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• 152.8 acres, 15 hp & 20 hp sub., Lockwood splkr., 85 acres seed grasses & 35 acres wheat. \$475.00 per acre.
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DECK YOUR HOLIDAY TABLE

WITH THESE FAVORITES

Lowe's Marketplace will be closed Christmas Day so that we may spend the holiday with family and friends.

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MEAT

- COOK'S BONE-IN
SHANK PORTION HAM LB **77¢**
- COOK'S
BUTT PORTION HAM LB **97¢**
- HOLIDAY PERFECT
HALF HAMS LB **\$1.19**
- BAR S WHOLE
BONELESS HAM 5 LB **\$3.95**
- DECKER SPIRAL SLICED WITH HONEY GLAZE PACKET
HALF HAM LB **\$1.97**
- SUNDAY HOUSE WHOLE
SMOKED TURKEYS LB **\$1.59**
- FOR CARNITAS, TAMALES, ASADO OR CARNE ADOVADA
BONELESS PORK LB **\$1.69**
- BONE-IN
PORK BUTT ROAST LB **99¢**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BONE-IN
PORK STEAKS LB **\$1.39**
- BONELESS
PORK LOIN ROAST LB **\$2.79**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK
BONE-IN BEEF
RIBEYE STEAKS LB **\$4.49**
- LARGE END
PRIME RIB ROAST LB **\$3.99**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BEEF
RUMP ROAST LB **\$1.99**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK
BEEF BONELESS
BOTTOM ROUND STEAKS LB **\$1.99**
- PILGRIM'S PRIDE
CHICKEN GIZZARDS LB **99¢**
- TAIL ON LARGE COOKED
SHRIMP LB **\$9.99**
- GREAT FOR SALADS
PACIFIC MATE IMITATION
CRABMEAT 1 LB. PKG **\$2.39**
- ASSORTED OWEN'S
BREAKFAST SAUSAGE ... 1 LB. ROLL **\$1.89**
- ASSORTED OWEN'S
BREAKFAST SAUSAGE ... 2 LB. ROLL **\$3.77**
- ASSORTED TWIN PACK MAMA ROSA'S 44 OZ.
PIZZA EACH **\$4.49**
- ASSORTED TWIN PACK MAMA ROSA'S 25 OZ.
PIZZA EACH **\$2.69**
- OSCAR MAYER
RED RIND BOLOGNA OR COTTO SALAMI 1 LB. PKG **\$1.69**
- OSCAR MAYER 16 OZ. ORIGINAL OR 12 OZ. CENTER CUT
BACON YOUR CHOICE **\$2.79**
- OSCAR MAYER ASSORTED REGULAR
LUNCHABLES 4.5 OZ. PKG **\$1.19**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES
EL MONTEREY BURRITOS.. 40 OZ. **2/\$5**
- DECKER OLD FASHIONED
PITT HAM LB **\$2.59**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES
DECKER BACON 12 OZ. **\$1.59**
- DECKER
COOKED HAM 16 OZ. **\$2.49**
- DECKER SMOKED/OVEN ROASTED
WHITE TURKEY 16 OZ. **\$2.49**
- DECKER REGULAR OR THICK SLICED
MEAT BOLOGNA 12 OZ. PKG **89¢**
- BEEF OR REGULAR
DECKER CORN DOGS 16 OZ. **\$1.79**
- DECKER
MEAT FRANKS 12 OZ. PKG **2/\$1**
- DECKER
SMOKED SAUSAGE 16 OZ. PKG **\$1.99**
- DECKER
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COCA-COLA, SPRITE OR DR. PEPPER 6 PK.-12 OZ. CANS **3/\$5**
- REFRESHING
COCA-COLA, SPRITE OR DR. PEPPER 6 PK.-.5 LITER **3/\$5**

PRODUCE

- LARGE SIZE
NAVEL ORANGES LBS **2/\$1**
- LARGE SIZE
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- D'ANJOU
PEARS LBS **2/\$1**
- YELLOW
ONIONS LBS **4/\$1**
- SNO WHITE
CAULIFLOWER EACH **99¢**
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TANGERINES LB **88¢**
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SHURFINE PIE FILLING 20-21 OZ. **99¢**
- SHURFINE
FRUIT COCKTAIL 15 OZ. CAN **79¢**
- SHURFINE CRUSHED, CHUNK OR SLICED
PINEAPPLE IN JUICE... 15.2 OZ. CAN **3/\$2**
- SHURFINE REGULAR/FAT FREE CHICKEN OR REGULAR BEEF
BROTH 14.5 OZ. CAN **3/\$1**
- SHURFINE
MANDARIN ORANGES 11 OZ. **3/\$2**
- SHURFINE WHOLE
ASPARAGUS SPEARS 15 OZ. CAN **2/\$3**
- SHURFINE
BROWN OR POWDERED SUGAR 2 LB. BAG **79¢**
- GENERAL MILLS CORN, MULTI-BRAN, RICE OR WHEAT
CHEX CEREAL 12-16 OZ. BOX **2/\$5**
- ASSORTED BETTY CROCKER
COOKIE MIX 17.5 OZ. PKG **2/\$3**
- ASSORTED CORNBREAD, BIS/MEX/
CORN/PAN-KITS OR SOPAPILLA
MORRISON MIXES 6 OZ. PKGS **3/99¢**
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CIDER OR JUICE 64 OZ. BTL **99¢**
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- SHURFINE
FRENCH ONION OR GREEN CHILI DIP 1/2 PINT **79¢**
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COOKIE DOUGH 18 OZ. TUBE **99¢**
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