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## Quilantan prays for a Christmas miracle

By Ryan Bowman  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada native and 1986 Floydada High School graduate Mary Ann Quilantan is praying for a Christmas miracle.

Mary Ann is the daughter of long time Floydada residents Reynoldo "Smokey" Quilantan and Mary Quilantan. The Quilantans raised their five children in the Lakeview community, and were well known and loved members of Floydada. Together with her family Mary Ann now lives in Lubbock.

Mary Ann's journey begins in 1996 when she first began to struggle with her failing kidneys. Mary Ann received her diagnosis of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) in her early 20s and having already been diagnosed with diabetes at a young age, was no stranger to accommodating the unique complications associated with less than perfect health. Unfortunately, two years of treatments proved unsuccessful. A complication of her diabetes, her condition continued to worsen, quickly leading to a kidney transplant in January of 1998.

As luck would have it, Mary Ann's sister Janie was not only a perfect match, but eager to give Mary a second chance at a normal life. Mary and Janie went into surgery together on Jan. 14, 1998, and went home Jan. 19 with an even closer bond, and a story to last a lifetime. Janie was always aware her sister's health would lead to her needing a kidney donor to save her life, and she noted in an earlier interview, "I'm glad it was me who got the chance." In 2017, almost 20 years after the donation, Janie lost her battle with pancreatic cancer. Mary Ann maintained a strict medication schedule, and with the donated kidney was able to live dialysis free and enjoy some of the basic freedoms she had missed during the earlier years of her diagnosis.

Unfortunately, in 2009, 11 years after her initial transplant, Mary's health was on the decline once again, and she had to undergo a second transplant. Mary's younger brother J.R. Quilantan graciously donated one of his kidneys, in a second effort to ensure his sister's quality of life.



Quilantan siblings shown (front, l-r) Mary Lou Quilantan Walden, Janie Quilantan Dardis, Mary Ann Quilantan; (back) J.R. Quilantan; (upper right corner) Johnny Quilantan. At the time of this photo (2004), Mary Ann was doing well with her first donated kidney from her sister Janie. (Courtesy photo)

Today, Mary Ann has found herself in an all too familiar chair once again. The chair where she sits for her dialysis treatments. "I am connected to the machine for 4 hours a day, every other day," explained Mary Ann. "Today I'll get my treatment, and tomorrow I'll rest because

it wears me out. And tomorrow I start all over." According to mayoclinic.org, the preferred treatment for End Stage Renal Disease, and the most common is a kidney transplant. A transplant is a surgical procedure to place a healthy kidney, from a live or deceased donor into

a person whose kidneys no longer functions properly. The alternative is a lifetime on dialysis.

Mary Ann's dialysis schedule is demanding, and the process is hard on her body, leaving her little time or energy, and also making her heavily reliant See **QUILANTAN**, Page 8

## Hunter Wells receives days at home with family



Hunter gives his sister, Ella, a ride on the pony. (Courtesy photo)



Hunter takes his spider bike for a ride. (Courtesy photo)

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Hunter Wells, four-year old son of Robert and Kayla Wells has been in the hospital in Lubbock since Nov. 6 fighting acute myeloid leukemia (AML).

On Monday, Dec. 14 he got to go home for a few days. The brave four-year-old did have to return to the hospital again on Thursday, Dec. 17 to continue his treatment.

The family is staying in Lubbock at a relative's house to be

close to the hospital, but what a joy it was that the twin brother and sister got to laugh and play together. The family was all under the same roof for the first time in over a month.

"We are feeling very blessed and beyond happy to see our babies playing and laughing together," Kayla Wells said.

A love fund for Hunter Wells has been set up at Happy State Bank to help the family with any medical needs and housing while Hunter is receiving treatment.

## New providers join W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital and Cogdell Clinic in Lockney



Dr. JoBeth Augustyniak, D.O.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney General Hospital District has recruited two new providers who have joined W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital and the Cogdell Clinic in Lockney.

Dr. JoBeth Augustyniak D.O., started her practice in the Emergency Department and hospital on Sept. 8. Dr. Augustyniak is originally from a small town in Louisiana and completed her medical school education in Erie, Pennsylvania and her residency training in Family Medicine at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas.

"Dr. Augustyniak has been an excellent addition to our emergency department and hospital," stated Vince DiFranco, CEO. "She demonstrates the compassion and excellent diagnostic skills that we were looking for in a physician



Valerie Conrad, APRN/FNP-C

serving the community through the emergency department."

The recruitment of Dr. Augustyniak was the first step in W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital's strategy to hire physicians directly to work in the emergency department and not rely on a contract group to provide those doctors. "By making this transition and the billing for the E.R. physicians directly from the hospital, we will be in-network for most health insurance plans and the charges are more reasonable than the previous group," stated DiFranco.

Dr. Augustyniak works every other week, for seven days at a time. DiFranco added, "We are recruiting a second physician to join Dr. Augustyniak in providing coverage for the emergency department on a long-term basis."

In addition, the Cogdell Clinic See **PROVIDERS**, Page 8



## Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to banderson@lknews.com or fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

### CARR'S CHAPEL VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Carr's Chapel would like to invite the community to join their Virtual Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24. Please join the service at [www.facebook.com/groups/carrschapel](http://www.facebook.com/groups/carrschapel) for a LIVE, virtual gathering on Christmas Eve.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCKNEY

The First Baptist Church in Lockney will have their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24.

### BURN BAN FLOYD COUNTY

The Floyd County Commissioners' Court extended the burn ban in Floyd County until January 11, 2021.

**BURN BAN**  
for Floyd County

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## Floyd County COVID-19 report

As of Wednesday, Dec. 16, Floyd County officials have reported 231 total cases (+5) with 202 cases (+12) reported as recovered. Floyd County has 14 active cases (-7) and has had 15 deaths.

CASE #231: LOCKNEY - Male 10-19 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #230: FLOYDADA - Male 70-79 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #229: FLOYDADA - Male 20-29 years of age. Recovered.  
CASE #228: FLOYDADA - Male 10-19 years of age. Home Recovery.  
CASE #227: LOCKNEY - Female 30-39 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #226: UNKNOWN - Unknown 70-79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #225: FLOYDADA - Female 20-29 years of age Home recovery.  
CASE #224: FLOYDADA - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #223: FLOYDADA - Female 10-19 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #222: FLOYDADA - Female 60-69 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #221: LOCKNEY - Female 50-59 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #220: LOCKNEY - Female 70-79 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #219: FLOYDADA - Female 10-19 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #218: LOCKNEY - Unknown 80-89 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #217: FLOYDADA - Female 60-69 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #216: FLOYDADA - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #215: FLOYDADA - Female 30-39 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #214: DOUGHERTY - Unknown 60-69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #213: LOCKNEY - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #212: LOCKNEY - Female 90-92 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #211: LOCKNEY - Female 30-39 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #210: LOCKNEY - Male 60-69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #209: LOCKNEY - Female 10-19 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #208: LOCKNEY - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #207: FLOYDADA - UNKNOWN 40-49 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #206: FLOYDADA - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #205: FLOYDADA - Male 70-79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #204: FLOYDADA - Male 60-69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #203: FLOYDADA - Female 70-79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #202: FLOYDADA - Female 40-49 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #201: FLOYDADA - Female 30-39 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #200: FLOYDADA - Male 50-59 years of age. Recovered.  
CASE #199: LOCKNEY - Female 60-69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #198: FLOYDADA - Unknown 70-79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #197: LOCKNEY - Unknown 60-69 years of age. Recovered.  
CASE #196: FLOYDADA - Male 70-79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #195: FLOYDADA - Male 20-29 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.  
CASE #194: LOCKNEY - Female 50-59 years of age. Recovered.  
CASE #193: LOCKNEY - Female 20-29 years of age. Recovered.  
CASE #192: LOCKNEY - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #191: LOCKNEY - Female 10-19 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #190: LOCKNEY - Female 70-79 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #189: FLOYDADA - Female 40-49 years of age. Hospitalized.  
CASE #188: FLOYDADA - Female 70-79 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #187: FLOYDADA - Female 60-69 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #186: LOCKNEY - Male 20-29 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #185: FLOYDADA - Female 50-59 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #184: FLOYDADA - Male 80-89 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #183: FLOYDADA - Male 20-29 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #182: FLOYDADA - Male 60-69 years of age. Deceased.  
CASE #181: LOCKNEY - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #180: FLOYDADA - Female 80-89 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #179: FLOYDADA - Female 21 months old. Home recovery.  
CASE #178: LOCKNEY - Male 60-69 years of age. Home recovery.  
CASE #177: LOCKNEY - Female 80-89 years of age. Home recovery.

(Cases #1 through #176 have been recorded as recovered or deceased.)

## DPS Launches Enhanced Traffic Enforcement for Holidays

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging drivers to help make the holidays safer by driving sober and using extra caution. In an effort to protect travelers on our roadways, DPS Troopers, as well as local law enforcement across the state, will conduct traffic patrols throughout the holiday weekends looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other dangerous drivers.

"Impaired driving or reckless behavior on the road can turn holiday celebrations into tragedies, and these DPS patrols are designed to help save lives by identifying drivers who disregard the law and endanger others," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "By always driving sober, obeying traffic laws, and slowing down or moving over a lane when vehicles are stopped on the side of the road, Texans can help make our roads safer for everyone."

During the eight-day Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort of 2017, DPS troopers made 466 DWI arrests. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 9,174 speeding citations,

893 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 320 fugitive arrests and 286 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. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.
  - Don't drive fatigued.
  - Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and check the weather forecast before your trip begins.

## Opinion

### President Trump: Promises made, promises kept



STAR PARKER

A retrospective on President Donald Trump's four years in office must be put in perspective of what he himself promised to accomplish when he ran: Make America Great Again.

To answer the question requires, of course, defining what makes America great and asking to what extent President Trump put the nation on course toward this goal.

If one believes, as I do, that what makes America great is that it must be a free nation under God, that this stands at the core of what makes the nation prosperous and moral, I think President Trump's achievements have been significant.

Probably the greatest paradox of this election is the Gallup poll done in September asking whether registered voters were "better off now" than they were four years ago. The 56% who responded yes was the highest percent under any president running for reelection since the question was first asked, when Ronald Reagan ran for reelection in 1984. Based on this, we would have expected President Trump to be reelected in a landslide.

I would list major achievements of the Trump presidency under three headlines: economic reform that restored robust economic growth; appointment of federal judges across the nation, up to the Supreme Court, who will restore a federal judiciary guided by conservative principles; and achievement of a new peace in the Middle East that seemed beyond anyone's reach.

Another point of critical importance is that Trump policies have been a boon to America's minorities. Despite the success of left-wing demagogues in portraying the Trump presidency as racist, facts show truth to be the complete opposite.

The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act fueled economic growth that the nation had not seen in years.

This was aided further by deregulation. Tax cuts and deregulation targeted at restoring the global competitiveness of American business and restoring conditions friendly to investment fueled job growth and an unemployment rate of 3.5% that no one thought possible.

And, as reported by the Wall Street Journal: "Median weekly full-time earnings for blacks increased 19% in Mr. Trump's first three years, to \$806. That followed a period of 11% growth during Mr. Obama's seven post-recession years in office."

According to the Federal Reserve's 2019 Survey of Consumer Finances, the largest growth in household net worth from 2016 to 2019 occurred in households in the lowest 20% of income, 34.3%.

Black median household income increased 7.9% in 2019, the largest annual increase in history.

And, in 2019, for the first time ever, the percentage of black households earning above \$75,000, 29.4%, exceeded the percentage earning below \$25,000, 28.7%.

With the confirmation of Trump's last Supreme Court appointment, Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett, we now have a Supreme Court with a solid 6-3 conservative majority.

This in the overall context of 220 federal judicial appointments made by President Trump, establishing a powerful conservative basis in law for our free nation under God.

Despite what liberals say, this is enormously important for minority Americans. An example is the Supreme Court ruling earlier this year in the Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue case, which found unconstitutional the state prohibition of use of public funds for scholarships to attend private religious schools (known as the Blaine Amendment). This is a boon for school choice that poor and low-income Americans vitally need.

And, of course, a conservative court raises the possibility of stopping the abortion carnage that is devastating black America.

President Trump's courage in moving the American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem and recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital shined light throughout the world. And now we are seeing new peace agreements between Israel and Arab and Muslim nations that no one ever thought possible.

This is called leadership. Despite the noise and distortions from the left, facts say that President Trump made major achievements in moving toward making America great again.

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## The 501: Covid 'Pandreamic'



HANABA MUNN WELCH

When COVID-19 began its rampage in North America, a friend of mine started a dream club. She didn't call it that. She used a fancier term (which I've forgotten) because she's smarter than I am. People in quarantine, self-imposed or not, would share their dreams. Is dream sharing somehow therapeutic?

When I share a dream with my husband I end up feeling worse. He's genuinely disinterested. I hardly blame him. Other people's dreams are just weird. Your own weird dream is intriguing. When it's somebody else's dream, weird is just weird.

Have you had a COVID dream yet? I have. Warning: I'm about to share it.

Feel free to skip the next paragraph.

A friend of mine and I went in a Goodwill store. I found a black sweater I wanted to buy even though it cost something like four dollars. At the checkout counter confusion set in when another customer paid for my purchase. Some sort of credit was involved too. To make things worse, I wasn't sure I wanted the sweater, and then there was an unexpected glitch in the checkout procedure when the woman in charge went to her car to tally the day's receipts. And then I decided I wanted the sweater. Suddenly it struck me! We were hanging out in a crowded store in very close contact with a bunch of unmasked shoppers in the middle of a COVID pandemic! Nightmare!

COVID aside, the crowded shopping scene also smacked of Black Friday. Talk about a pseudo-holiday that has lost its oomph. Me, I never camped out at any store entrance to join the traditional early morning stampede. Alas. Now I'll never have the chance. That sort of Black Friday crush is undoubtedly a thing of the past. Even before COVID, Black Friday had gotten watered down, starting early and extending itself toward Christmas. Thanksgiving Week and Advent Season commercialized. Speaking of the commercialization and manipulation of holidays, what about the pandemic? It's lent itself in various ways to exploitation by enterprising business types. But why not? That's capitalism. Capitalize on whatever. If I weren't trying to be sure the cow water doesn't freeze, I

might launch a special work-from-home pandemic business — like maybe dream interpretation. A loan from the Small Business Administration could kick things off. We need better Internet service here at the farm. Requisite business plan: Secure a laptop and a tablet. Hire an assistant. Advertise via Facebook.

Work by appointment only. No slots reserved without advance payment via PayPal.

The client relates the dream. The off-camera assistant searches online for symbolic meanings of all elements and transfers the information to a high-tech on-camera crystal ball positioned in front of the pensive interpreter.

Dream interpreter ideally should have a psychic-sounding name. Hanaba will work.

CURSORY RESEARCH. Kasamba has beat me to it. No kidding. She does online psychic chat, Tarot, astrology, dream interpretation and more.

Per her online picture, she's too young and pretty to be trusted. I've got an edge on Kasamba.

CHRISTMAS EVE  
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6PM

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First United Methodist Church  
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# SOCIETY

## Christmas tree and wrapping paper fire safety tips

By Whitney Wyatt  
Special for the Hesperian-Beacon

CHILDRESS – There are several alternatives for safe Christmas tree and wrapping paper disposal in place of burning.

“Burning Christmas trees and wrapping paper could become a hazard if the fire escapes, creating a wildfire,” said James DeGrazia, wildland urban interface specialist I at the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Instead, DeGrazia said to recycle Christmas trees. Mulch the tree and use the mulch in landscaping beds.

“Composting is a great way to dispose of your Christmas tree and extend its use,” DeGrazia said. “The branches from your

tree make a good base for a compost pile. If you take your tree to a chipper, you can use the resulting mulch in your compost heap. Compost makes great natural fertilizer.”

Some of his other ideas are chipping it and cutting the trunk into small pieces and using them as pathway edging. DeGrazia also suggested tossing it in a pond to create fish habitat and food.

When it comes to recycling wrapping paper, DeGrazia said only plain wrapping paper can be recycled.

“Do the scrunch test,” DeGrazia explained. “Take a piece of wrapping paper and scrunch it into a ball in your hand. Open your hand and take a look. If the paper stays in a ball,

it’s likely you can recycle it.”

But if wrapping paper is metallic, has glitter on it or a texture to it, DeGrazia said it cannot be recycled. Tape and decorations such as ribbons and bows can’t be recycled either. He suggested unwrapping gifts carefully so the paper can be kept intact and unwrinkled to use again.

DeGrazia recommends composting tissue paper instead of recycling it.

“Tissue paper is usually already made from recycled paper, and it cannot be recycled into paper again,” he said. “To cut down on your need for wrapping paper, get creative by repurposing other items such as newspaper, blueprints, pillowcases or phone book pages.”

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

DECEMBER 2, 1915

### 100 CHRISTMAS TURKEYS FREE

At least fifty, and possibly a hundred families in Floydada and adjacent country will have the Christmas turkey problem solved for them in a novel way by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Saturday, Dec. 18th. On the afternoon of that day the hundred turkeys will be turned loose from the top of the County Court House, and will be free to the persons who catch them.

The “stunt” will be held promptly at 2 P.M. on Saturday afternoon, December 18th.

The committee who have the matter in charge states that the race for the turkeys will be free to all comers, big, little, old and young.

The turkeys in this section are all fat, and a week’s pen-feeding will put any of them in good condition for the Christmas dinner table.

The Turkey Race, as it is to be termed, is a novel stunt. It will afford all the fun of a circus day with the exceptional feature that

one may see all the fun with out cost- and be part of the fun himself if he so desires.

The Turkey Race will call attention to the fast-increasing turkey production in this section. Floydada is the distributing point for a territory that last year shipped a carload of turkeys and this year will ship two cars, in carlots, besides express shipments which go out in large numbers.

The following rules have been formulated by the committee to govern the Turkey Race.

One hundred turkeys to be turned loose from the top of the court house, Saturday afternoon, December 18th, at 2 P.M.

Any person may take part in catching a turkey.

No clubs, no hooks, no dogs, no guns, or lassoes will be allowed to be used to catch the turkeys.

Only one turkey allowed to any person. The committee is composed of Geo. A. Lider, R.O. Fields, A. V. Haynes, L.A. Marshall, R. F. Brown and W. M. Windsor.

## FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN

DECEMBER 9, 1915

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce invites you all to join in an old-fashioned “get-together-Rally.” A big time for everybody. Come and bring all the children and get a free Christmas Turkey.

One hundred fine Christmas Turkeys have been purchased by the Chamber of Commerce. The turkey race will take place a 2 P.M. sharp-be on hand. “Boosting and pulling-together” makes our town and country grow.

### RULES GOVERNING TURKEY RACE

All persons present may take part. No clubs, no hooks, no dogs, no guns, will be allowed used in the catching of the turkeys. Any old bachelor or widower catching a turkey will be required to give same to some widow lady in Floyd County-failure to do so will be fined \$100. There will

be 10 turkeys hobbled and a weight tied to the left foot for the Fat Man Race-all men weighing over 200 pounds may enter the Fat Man’s Race

The committee has all arrangements made for a big time and lots of fun for the old and young.

## FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN

DECEMBER 16, 1915

Christmas Turkeys will be given away December 18th. Knowledge as to the ways of the turkey is in demand in Floyd County just at this time. For be it remembered the Turkey Race, to be featured by the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, the 18th, draws close at hand and head work as well as good, wind and fleetness of foot is likely to prove valuable when the big gobbler for the Christmas table, free for “the catching is about three paces in the lead and still going good”.

Text books on turkey strategy do not seem to be available and everybody is asking his neighbor and some of the local, heavy weights are trying to come back

to their college day condition, when one hundred yards in 10 seconds flat was their record. Strategy will play a big part in the Turkey Race. If one does not successfully compete when the first turkey is turned loose, it must be remembered, there are ninety-nine more to follow. It will be a relay race with the handicap in favor of the turkey. The occasion is expected to afford much amusement. It will be a regular circus day in Floydada with all the trimmings, including the crowd and the ballyhoo and excepting the cost.

The turkeys will be turned loose, beginning promptly at 2 P.M., to give everybody a chance to catch a Turkey and see the Fun.

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN

DECEMBER 23, 1915

### 200 PEOPLE SEE THE TURKEY RACE

### “LOTS OF FUN AND AMUSEMENT”

### FOR LARGEST CROWD SINCE LAST DAY OF FAIR

Everything, including the weather, was favorable, to the Turkey Race last Saturday, and the affair was a thorough success. The largest crowd which has been on the streets of Floydada since the last day of

the Floyd County Fair in September, attended.

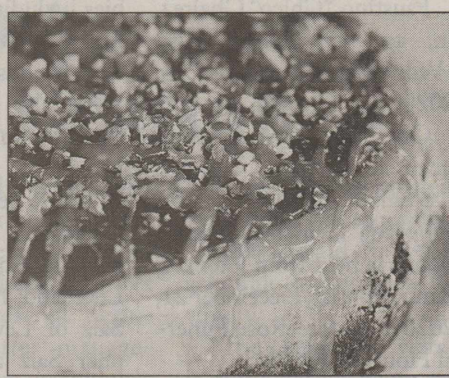
103 turkeys were turned loose by the Chamber of Commerce committee, who

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## Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

A cheesecake fashioned after turtle candies, it has an Oreo crust, a layer of caramel and pecans, a creamy cheesecake, and is then topped with a chocolate ganache and drizzled with more caramel sauce and sprinkled with additional pecans.



### Turtle Cheesecake

#### Ingredients for the Crust:

24 Oreo cookies (finely crushed into crumbs)  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter (melted)  
Pinch of salt

#### For the Caramel-Pecan Layer:

1½ cups  
1 cup chopped pecans

#### For the Cheesecake:

32 ounces cream cheese (at room temperature)

¼ cups granulated sugar  
4 eggs (at room temperature)

¾ cup heavy cream  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

#### For the Chocolate Ganache:

¾ cup heavy cream  
¼ cup light corn syrup  
8 ounces semisweet chocolate (finely chopped)  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Directions:

1. Make the Crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Toss together the Oreo crumbs, melted butter and salt until all the crumbs are moistened. Press into the bottom and two inches up the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Place pan in the freezer for 10 minutes. Bake for 7 minutes, or until crust is firm. Remove from oven and cool completely.

2. Make the Caramel-Pecan Layer: In a small bowl, stir together the caramel sauce and pecans. Pour onto the cooled crust and gently spread into an even layer. Refrigerate while the cheesecake is prepared.

3. Make the Cheesecake: Beat together the

cream cheese and sugar on medium speed until smooth and creamy, scraping the sides of the bowl as needed, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well until fully incorporated and scraping down the sides of the bowl between each addition. Add the heavy cream and vanilla and beat until well combined, about 1 minute. Pour the batter on top of the caramel-pecan layer and bake for 55 to 65 minutes, or until the edges are set, but the middle still jiggles a little.

4. Keeping the oven door closed, turn off the oven and let the cheesecake rest in the oven for 1 hour. After 1 hour, remove the cheesecake from the oven, and place the pan on a wire rack to cool completely, about an additional 2 hours. Once completely cool, refrigerate for at least 6 hours (preferably overnight).

5. Make the Chocolate Ganache: Combine the heavy cream, corn syrup, chocolate and vanilla in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until smooth. Set the glaze aside to cool and thicken at room temperature for 30 minutes.

6. Pour the ganache over the top of the cheesecake, gently spreading it to the edges. Refrigerate for 15 minutes, or until set. Remove the sides of the pan, garnish with additional caramel sauce and chopped pecans, and serve. Leftover cheesecake can be stored, tightly covered, in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. It can also be frozen for up to 2 months.

7. Note: Some readers have mentioned issues with the caramel sauce leaking through the springform pan while baking. To avoid a mess, place a rimmed baking sheet on the oven rack below the cheesecake to catch any drips.

## Floydada Senior Citizens news

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – We hope you all have a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Have a blessed and safe holiday season.

The mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 806-983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

## Lockney Senior Citizens news

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY –We hope everyone has a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Have a blessed and safe holiday season.

The Center serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery. Anyone wanting lunch can call the Center by 9:30 a.m. daily. Meals are \$6 for members

and \$7 for non-members. The Center’s staff appreciates everyone and said they can’t wait to see everyone again.

For questions, contact the center at 806-652-2745. Stay safe.

## Healthier holiday food

By Texas A&M AgriLife

Holiday meals can be made healthier, without any significant difference in taste, by using some basic recipe substitutions or alterations, said Jenna Anding, Ph.D., specialist in the , Texas A&M University, Bryan-College Station.

“The sugar, fat or sodium content of many holiday recipes can be reduced without a noticeable difference in taste,” Anding said. “If a recipe calls for a cup of sugar, try using three-fourths or two-thirds of a cup. If it calls for a half-cup of oil, shortening or other fat, try one-third of a cup instead.”

Anding also suggested using reduced-fat or non-fat cheese, milk, cream cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt or mayonnaise instead of higher-fat counterparts like regular cheese or cream.

“For mashed potatoes, try using defatted broth instead of butter to reduce both fat and calories,” she said.

Modifying a complicated recipe may not always produce the desired texture, so Anding suggests testing the recipe on friends or family before going “all in” on a holiday meal.

Many traditional holiday foods are by themselves healthful and nutritious but

are “embellished” in ways that take away from their innate nutritional value.

“The sweet potato, for example, contains fiber as well as vitamins A and C,” Anding explained. “A medium-sized baked sweet potato contains about 100 calories, but many people add sugar, butter and other ingredients, which really ups the calorie count. A baked sweet potato with a little brown sugar and cinnamon is far healthier than one topped with butter, sugar and marshmallows.”

Fresh cranberries are another healthy option for holiday recipes, she said. Unlike canned cranberries or cranberry sauce, which often contain added sugar, fresh cranberries are naturally healthful.

“Fresh cranberries contain phytonutrients and have anti-inflammatory properties that can promote health and may reduce the risk of disease,” Anding said. “Adding fresh cranberries to salads and baked items such as muffins, cookies and pies is also a good way to

sneak in some extra nutrition and flavor.”

Anding also suggested leaving the skin on a turkey during cooking and then removing the skin before serving to reduce the overall fat content.

For holiday vegetable dishes, the healthiest method of cooking is either steaming or roasting the vegetables, using a small amount of oil or cooking spray, Anding said.

And, for many dishes, adding herbs and spices can enhance flavor without adding fat or calories.

One source of healthy holiday recipes is AgriLife Extension’s website. The Dinner Tonight program aims to promote family mealtime by providing quick, easy, healthful and cost-effective recipes. In addition to such recipes, the program provides free weekly video demonstrations of cooking tips and techniques along with information on nutrition, menu planning and healthy living.

“The goal of the Dinner Tonight program is to im-

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# Obituaries

## Faustino "Chico" Chairez

Faustino "Chico" Chairez, Jr., age 33, passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at the Floydada Cemetery. Visitation was held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, December 21, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Faustino was born February 19, 1987 in Lockney, Texas to Faustino and Guadalupe (Barcnas) Chairez-Arellano.

He was a trucker for the oilfield industry and operated a hot oiler.

Faustino had many hobbies including fishing, hunting, cooking and traveling with friends.

He also loved and treasured the time he spent with his family. He was always willing to help others in need.

Faustino is survived by his wife, Amy Saucedo from Levelland; his children, Paul Saiz of Levelland, Christopher Saiz and wife, Linda of Arizona, Elisabet Bernal of Levelland, and Damian of Lubbock; his mother, Guadalupe (Barcnas) Chairez of Floydada; his siblings, Angelica Castruita and husband, Jose of Woodward, Oklahoma, Pedro Chairez of Levelland, Maria Elena Chairez of Floydada, Gloria Lopez and husband, Luis of Floydada and Miguel Chairez and wife, Jennifer

Ramirez; and his nieces and nephews, Freddie Castruita and wife, Lorena, Alex Castruita and wife, Mariah Wilson, Bryan Flores, Lydia Flores, Abimael Castruita, Luis Lopez, Paulo Chairez, Azael Gomez, Neo Chairez, Leo Lopez, Adamaris Gomez, Miguel Lopez, Marcos Lopez, and Julian Lopez; and his grandchildren, Lailani and Christopher Saiz.



FAUSTINO "CHICO" CHAIREZ

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## Angelina "Angie" Encizo

Angelina "Angie" Encizo, age 64, of Lockney passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Visitation was held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday, December 21, 2020 in the Moore-Rose Funeral Home chapel in Lockney.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Angie was born on June 13, 1956 in Ganado, Texas to Cosmo and Guadalupe Gonzales.

She grew up in Lockney and attended school there.

She married Gilbert Encizo on October 26, 1976.

She attended the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Angie is preceded in death by her parents, Cosmo and Guadalupe Gonzales; one sister, Olga Gonzales; and three brothers, Freddie Gonzales, Joe David Gonzales and Arturo Gonzales.

Angie is survived by her husband, Gilbert Encizo of Lockney; daughter, Joann Encizo of Lockney; son, Gilbert Encizo and Jessica Sievek of Abilene; grandchildren, Emilie Encizo of Lubbock, Angela Encizo of Lockney, and Keegan Encizo of Abilene; six sisters, Yolanda Gonzales of Lockney, Marylou Gonzales of Temple, Josie Henningsen



ANGELINA "ANGIE" ENCIZO

of New York, Susie Gonzales of New York, Stella Gomez of Plainview, Nora Gonzales of Michigan; and one brother, Cosmo Gonzales Jr. of Lockney; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## Johnny Peralez

Johnny Peralez, age 63, of Lockney passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 19, 2020 at the Lockney Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Johnny was born on August 14, 1957 to Efrain Jose and Tomasa Peralez in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Andrea B. Peralez of Lockney; children, Nina K. Peralez of The Colony, Texas, Michelle D. Flores and husband, Israel of Lubbock, John C. DeLeon of Austin, Jessica L. Bakhshi and husband, Ramon of Denton and Jessie Rene Peralez of Lubbock; grandchildren, Bryce Trotz, Bailey Trotz, Seth Gonzales, Hannah Gonzales, Nathan-

iel Gonzales, Beau Bakhshi, Sebastian DeLeon, Gabriel Bakhshi, Kensilynna Bakhshi, Jasmine Flores, and Isiah Flores; siblings, Andy Peralez and wife, Maria of Floydada, Joe Peralez of Lockney, David Peralez of Lockney, Cindy Basaldua and husband, Lupe of Lockney and Diana Ramon and husband, Ruben of Floydada.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## Obituary policy

The Hesperian-Beacon will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

## DEVOTIONAL

### GIFTS

**Mathew 2:11**

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### Encouraging Word

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receive from God, but we also give back to God and others. They joy of giving and receiving is a great thing to experience. They gave gold because they recognized Him as King. This means to give your best in worship. They gave frankincense because they recognized Him as priest. Give Him your worst. He can forgive and make us new and whole. They gave him myrrh because they recognized Him as savior. This means give Him your all. Remember these 3 gifts this holiday season and express your worship through giving and receiving.

—Armando Morales

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Immanuel

*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. - Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)*

Each Christmas season I spend time reading and re-reading the Christmas story from the Bible. This year the story provided a particularly relevant truth. A month before Christmas, several family issues surfaced, and it seemed I would be spending much of the holiday season alone. A friend and I had planned a quiet evening together a few days before Christmas, but then my friend canceled our plans because of a death in the family.

Early on December 23, I awoke and began asking God why I had to be

alone this Christmas. I told God about how most of my family members were so busy with personal issues that I wouldn't get to see them, and that my close friend would no longer be available. During my fervent conversation with God, the word Immanuel surfaced, along with its meaning, "God with us." Instantly I understood the deeper meaning of Christmas. We love to have friends and family around for Christmas. But the greater celebration is that God in Christ came to be with each of us so that we are never alone.

—Steven Thompson (Iowa, USA)

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Lord God, when we feel lonely, remind us of your constant presence with us — not only at Christmas but at all times. Amen.

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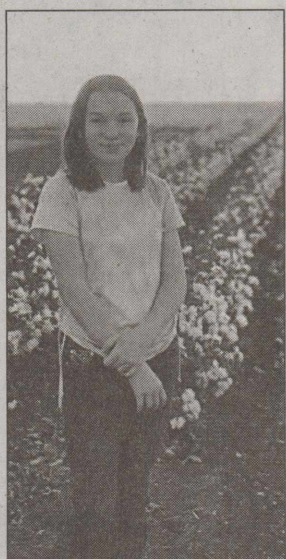
## Floyd County 4-H Spotlight

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Makinley Whittle is a 3rd year Floyd County 4-H member. She is active in the 4-H rifle and archery programs.

Whittle is a 6th grade student in Floydada and says, "My favorite subject is math. It's just fun." When she has any spare time, she enjoys latch hook art, shooting with her dad, playing games on the computer and cooking.

Whittle says, "In the next six months I am looking forward to things getting back to normal. Hopefully we will be able to go and see family and even do some shopping. What I love about 4-H is being able to



Makinley Whittle

be in a group of people that all enjoy the same thing."

She is daughter of Nathan and Kristi Whittle of Floydada.

## Pond, lake management webinars open for registration

By Adam Russell  
Texas A&M AgriLife

The is offering a pond and lake management webinar series for landowners interested in improving the quality of their aquatic habitat and sport fishing opportunities.

Proper management can maximize the sports fishing potential of any pond or lake and help landowners avoid potential problems in the future.

Each monthly aquatics webinar begins at 6 p.m., lasts an hour, and covers subjects ranging from water quality, how to properly stock ponds, aquatic vegetation – the benefits and drawbacks of various species, vegetation control methods, herbicides and permitting, and managing fish populations.

Individual webinars are \$35 each and will include a 30-minute Q&A at program's end.

for the webinars is open now.

**AgriLife Extension experts provide answers**

The programs will be presented by Todd Sink, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension aquaculture specialist and director of the ; and Britany Chesser, AgriLife Extension aquatics vegetation management program specialist, both in Bryan-College Station.

Chesser said her office receives countless calls within the range of subjects related to pond and lake maintenance including vegetation control, water quality and maximizing sporting fish production throughout the year. These programs are tailored to give specific direction and information on best management practices on topics of high interest to landowners.

"We created the program because we see the need for subject-specific discussions on stock pond management," she said.

"It's impossible to squeeze all the information pond owners want or need to know about in a one- or two-hour comprehensive program.

"So, each of these webinars is tailored to these pond owners. I really think any pond owner can benefit from most of these subjects, especially those looking to establish or maintain a good fishery. But I am also certain landowners using their ponds for other uses will still benefit from participating in multiple webinars."

**Dates and topics:**

- Jan. 19 – Pond Stocking – Sink will discuss how to stock ponds with multiple sportfish options. The webinar will include tips for landowners with small ponds of less than 1-acre, and ponds larger than 1-acre. The program will include fish species recommendations and management practices to establish a well-balanced healthy food chain that will help grow trophy fish.

- Feb. 16 – Will My Aquatic Vegetation Return? – Chesser will provide a how-to educational program on preventing reemergence of aquatic vegetation in ponds. The program will cover control methods, including timing, costs, labor and feasibility.

- March 16 – Fish Management Strategies – Sink will cover fish management strategies to build a healthy food-chain for maximizing sporting fish potential in ponds and lakes. The program will cover fertilization programs, fish feeding, sampling fish populations, common problems in fish populations and how to determine if fish growth is stunted. Sink will also cover structure and fish attractor options to improve fishing opportunities.

- April 20 – Aquatic Herbicides and Permitting – Chesser will provide in-depth information re-

garding all 15 aquatically approved herbicides, their common uses, modes of action, and the differences between terrestrial herbicides for better management decisions. Frequently asked questions such as herbicide toxicity to fish and humans will be covered. Chesser will also discuss various permitting regulations associated with aquatic herbicides.

- May 18 – Water Quality for Fisheries Management – Sink will cover water quality, its importance for supporting healthy fish populations, how to determine water quality levels and the links between water quality and chemistry. This is important information for pond owners concerned about toxic organisms in their ponds, or with ponds that support cattle or livestock. The program will cover water testing and application of amendments that can drastically improve fishery quality.

- June 15 – Aquatic Vegetation: Beneficial or Pest? – Chesser will discuss the pros and cons of aquatic vegetation in ponds and lakes. The aesthetic and wildlife value of top beneficial aquatic vegetation and the threats nuisance aquatic vegetation species pose to ponds and lakes will be discussed. Chesser asks that pond or lake owners send high-quality, up-close photos against a light background to before June 13 for questions on specific species.

**Topic timing coincides with pond management**

Chesser said the webinar schedule makes each topic timely.

"The February webinar is right before water temperatures begin to warm up and algae and submerged plants begin to emerge, so it will get pond owners' wheels turning on what their prevention options are," she said. "And the last one is something we wanted to make interactive with plant IDs. Participants get their aquatic plants identified, and I will discuss best management practices. I let them know if it's a beneficial plant, something that may need small spot treatments or an invasive that needs to be dealt with quickly and in a specific way."

Chesser said the specialists will be working in tandem and that each will be watching for questions from the audience via chat.

## Pet Talk

### Avoid potential hazards this year when decking the halls

**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION** – The holiday season is a favorite time of year for many to transform their homes with festive decorations, bake winter treats and open their doors to guests. Because these traditions introduce new variables into their furry friend's environment, pet owners should be aware of any potential hazards that might arise.

Dr. Lori Teller, an associate professor in the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, said that owners adding a floral touch to their holiday decorations should be mindful of which plants they select. Lilies, European mistletoe, amaryllis bulbs and pine needles can all cause serious health complications if consumed.

"In general, they can cause oral irritation and may cause your pet to salivate and drool. Excessive quantities can lead to gastrointestinal upset," Teller said. "It is a myth that poinsettias are toxic to pets."

Other holiday decorations pet owners should avoid include candles, which may burn pets or cause a serious fire if knocked

over, and liquid potpourri, which is extremely toxic to cats. If a pet is a curious climber, consider anchoring the Christmas tree to a wall or ceiling to avoid falling and sharp broken ornaments.

When opening gifts, keep in mind that batteries are toxic to pets and should be kept out of reach. Any decorative elements containing string, such as ribbons or tinsel, may also cause an obstruction if ingested.

"Ornaments made from food, like popcorn balls, can also be a source of danger. Hang these ornaments well out of reach," Teller said. "When putting presents under the tree or around the fireplace, make sure that any gift-wrapped food items are out of reach."

Pets hunting for a holiday snack may also be at risk.

Chocolate, especially dark and baking chocolates; raisins; bones; alcohol and fatty foods can all cause serious issues. Macadamia nuts can cause neurologic problems in pets as well. Anything that contains xylitol, an artificial sweetener found in many foods

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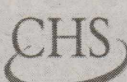
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Whirlwind Pride Spotlight

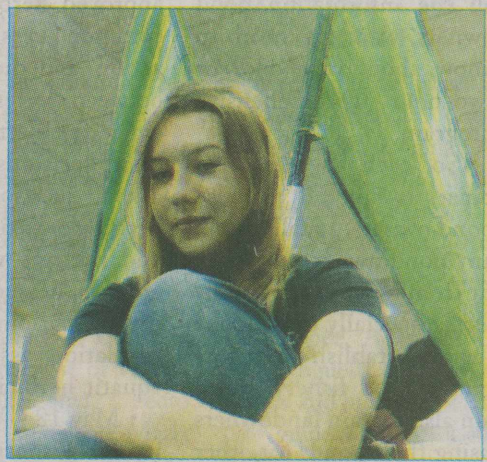
By Barbara Anderson  
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Cristin Kemp, an eleventh grader at Floydada High School, is the daughter of Tye Assiter.

Kemp has been in band six years, three in high school, two years in junior high and one in elementary.

"My favorite part of being in the Floydada High School band is the way the band members and band instructors are always there to help you if needed," said Kemp.

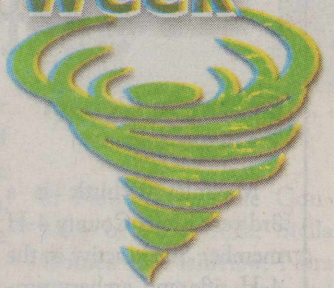
Kemp said she looks forward to getting better at playing and being the best that we can be as a band so



Cristin Kemp

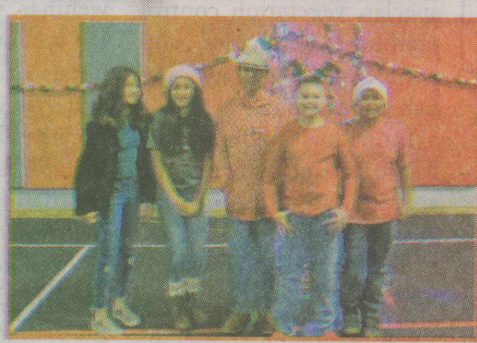
we can bring some trophies to Floydada High School.

## Gonzales named to Stat Line of the Week



Whirlwind Quincy Gonzales was named the Plainview Herald's Stat Line of the Week honoree. Gonzales totaled 19 points in Floydada's 61-50 victory over Littlefield on Tuesday, Dec. 8. He put in a game-high 31 points in the Whirlwinds' 69-64 loss to Tulia where Gonzales helped spark a 21-0 run to get back into the game. He concluded the week with 20 points in a 64-40 win over Morton on Saturday, Dec. 12. (Photo by Robin's Nest Photography)

## Lockney Elementary finds way to have Christmas program



On Monday, Dec. 14, Lockney Elementary had their annual Christmas program, but this one was like no other Christmas program before. This year, music teacher Kristy Lefevre recorded the program for the parents instead of having a crowded room where social distancing would not be possible. The parents and families of the children in the program can watch and re-watch for many years to come right in the comfort of their own homes. (Courtesy photo)

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## Winners chosen in Ugly Sweater Contest



The winners of the Ugly Sweater Contest from A. B. Duncan were (top) first place - Mr. Sammy Bradley, second place - Mrs. Chandler Claxton and third place - Mrs. Teysha Cornelius. The Floydada Collegiate High School/ Floydada Collegiate Junior High winners were (Bottom) first place - Mrs. Kristie Rehkoph, second place - Coach Matt Rehkoph and third place - Mrs. Sandra Bradley. (Photos courtesy FCISD)

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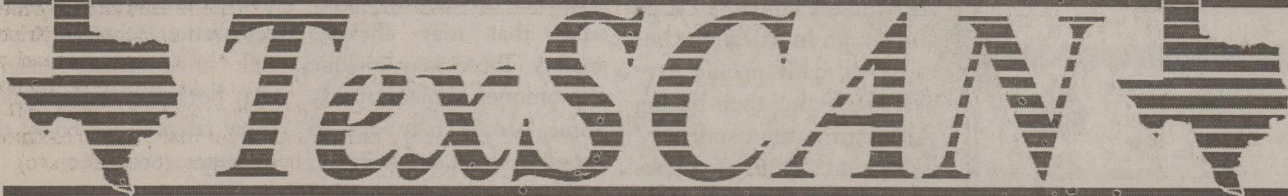
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# Phillips takes 1st in the 4-H Refashion category

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Amelia Phillips, a member of Floyd County 4-H, competed in the Virtual Fashion Show contest. She placed 1st in the Junior Construction Refashion category with her ugly Christmas sweater that she made.

She is the daughter of Tyler and Lacy Phillips.

For more information on the Fashion Show project or any of the many other projects call Cristen Brooks or Mark Carroll at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office in Floydada, 806-983-4912



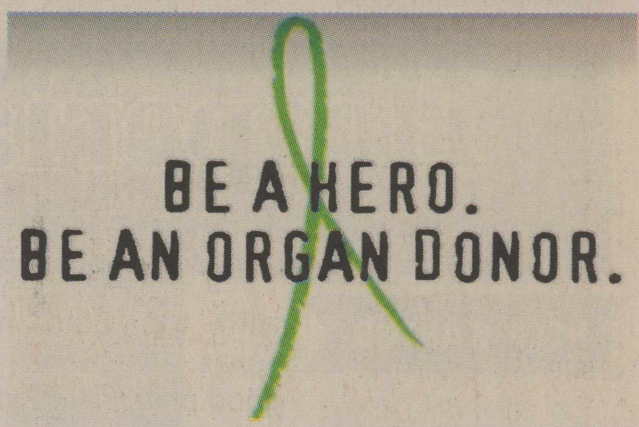
Amelia Phillips

## QUILANTAN

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on others to help her with her care. "My independence," said Mary Ann, when asked what she misses most. Mary Ann's quality of life and basic personal freedoms take a back seat to her demanding health conditions. Mary Ann is currently on the waiting list for a kidney donor, and explains, "Waiting on a deceased donor can take 6 to 7 years." Her hope this Christmas is to find a living donor, someone willing to give her not only a healthy kidney, but her life back.

"You can live a perfectly normal life with only one kidney," said Mary Ann. The National Kidney Foundation reports most people with a single healthy kidney report little to no problems. Mary Ann is working closely with



the team at the University Transplant Center in San Antonio to find a living donor. The university website, universitytransplantcenter.com offers a plethora of information, answers and testimonials from other living donors as well as general criteria to become a living donor. According to the university, anyone aged 21-70 years can qualify to donate. A full list of criteria as well as pre-screening questionnaires are available on the university website, and anyone curious about the process is strongly encour-

aged to look at the resources available to guide you in your decision.

Mary Ann is praying for a Christmas miracle, and once again asking for the gift of her health and independence. If you or someone you know has considered becoming a living donor, the Quilantan family is a testament to the positive impact that decision can have on a family.

For more information, or to discuss becoming a donor, you can contact Mary Ann's living donor coordinator Jessica at 210-575-8771.

## PET TALK

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from gum to peanut butter, is toxic to dogs, leading to acute liver failure and death if not treated immediately.

"Normally, raw dough is a seasonal problem during the holidays, but this year there has been an exponential increase in the number of yeast and dough intoxications because so many people have been perfecting their baking skills during the pandemic," Teller said. "Don't stop baking your delicious goodies — just keep the raw versions away from your pets."

Pet owners choosing to host a holiday gathering should be mindful of whether their animal enjoys

company. Pets that prefer to keep to themselves should be confined to a quiet area of the home with a comfortable place to rest. Owners can leave on a radio or TV to help mask the noise from a party and provide a favorite toy for them to play with.

If a pet is known to become excessively nervous when guests visit, owners can reach out to their veterinarian to discuss remedies that may alleviate anxiety. These may include pheromones or medications. Some people may opt to board their pet at a kennel.

"If your pet enjoys a good get-together, make sure to keep it away from doors that are frequently opened so that you don't have to worry about your pet getting loose in all of the excitement," Teller

said. "Just in case, make sure your pet is wearing a collar and identification tag and that it has a microchip that is registered with your current information in a microchip database. Advise guests not to slip treats to your pet as well."

During the season of gratitude and family, many pet owners may wish to include all of their loved ones, human and animal, in their celebrations. Creating a pet-safe environment ensures that both owners and their furry friends can enjoy the holidays worry-free.

"Our pets have played a huge role in our lives, especially during the pandemic. Be sure you take some time to give them extra attention," Teller said. "That will be the best gift of all."

### The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Weather Summary

Seven Day Forecast

Day	Weather	High/Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	50 / 21
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	44 / 16
Friday	Cloudy	46 / 17
Saturday	Sunny	48 / 20
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	49 / 19
Monday	Mostly Sunny	52 / 24
Tuesday	Sunny	53 / 23

Local UV Index: 0-2 (Low), 3-5 (Moderate), 6-7 (High), 8-10 (Very High), 11+ (Extreme Exposure)

Weather Trivia: What is the name of the high dense clouds that bring steady rainfall? Answer: Altostratus

Weather History: Dec. 23, 1989 - A historic arctic outbreak spread to the Gulf Coast region and a total of 122 cities across the central and eastern United States reported record low temperatures for the date. Forty-one of those cities reported record lows for the month of Dec.

Dec. 24, 1983 - The barometric pressure reached 31.42 inches at Miles City, Mont. to establish a record for the United States. It was the coldest Christmas Eve of modern record. More than 125 cities reported record low temperatures for the date.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Wed	6:56-8:56	7:16-9:16	Sun	9:48-11:48	10:13-12:13
Thu	7:36-9:36	7:57-9:57	Mon	10:38-12:38	
Fri	8:18-10:18	8:40-10:40	Tue	11:04-1:04	11:30-1:30
Sat	9:02-11:02	9:25-11:25			

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed	7:49 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	1:53 p.m.	1:51 a.m.
Thu	7:50 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	2:46 a.m.
Fri	7:50 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	3:41 a.m.
Sat	7:51 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	3:21 p.m.	4:38 a.m.
Sun	7:51 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	3:57 p.m.	5:35 a.m.
Mon	7:51 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	6:33 a.m.
Tue	7:52 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	5:28 p.m.	7:31 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
12/11	50	30	52/26	0.00"	12/11 0
12/12	44	27	52/26	0.00"	12/12 0
12/13	33	19	52/26	0.03"	12/13 0
12/14	44	18	51/26	0.00"	12/14 0
12/15	34	21	51/26	0.00"	12/15 0
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## MUSEUM

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were assisted in making the plans for the affair more thorough by individual donations from business and professional men.

The turkeys were to have been turned loose on the square. Congestion of the streets and the heavy traffic before twelve o'clock soon made it necessary for the plan to be changed, and the turkeys

were turned loose from the top of the baseball park grandstand. More than three blocks of open space inside and outside the stands were covered with people from all portions of this and adjoining counties, and everybody entered into the fun in a jolly mood. Out of the two thousand, there were one hundred and three lucky persons to secure birds.

County Commissioner R. L. Orman caught the first turkey.

## FOOD

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prove health and wellness through nutrition education," said Odessa Keenan, AgriLife Extension program specialist for the initiative. "We try to make recipes healthful and nutritious, and we have assembled a variety of recipes for

dishes that are 400 calories or less."

Keenan said a number of these could serve as main or side dishes for the holidays.

"In my experience, however, people usually know what their holiday meal main course is going to be — turkey, chicken, brisket, ham, etc. — but the sides are more difficult to decide on," she said.

## PROVIDERS

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in Lockney added Valerie Conrad, APRN/FNP-C to the staff on Oct. 26.

Conrad is a Family Nurse Practitioner who will be treating many of the same day appointment patients. Before becoming a nurse practitioner, Valerie had over 20 years of experience as a paramedic and 6 years as a registered nurse in the intensive care and coronary care unit at Pampa Regional

Medical Center in Pampa, Texas.

Prior to being recruited to Lockney, Valerie had nurse practitioner experience in Cardiology and emergency care and hospital medicine. "Valerie's experience as a paramedic and her practice experience in Cardiology and critical care are excellent for her role in our clinic," stated DiFranco. "She has allowed the clinic to see more patients that have an acute illness and need to be seen on the same day they call."

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#### Kindergarten

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My name is Aubrielle and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a Iphone, 2 Dogs, toy watcj, trampoline, shoes.  
Love,  
Aubrielle Avila

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a toys and toy car.  
Love,  
Jacob Bolton

Dear Santa,  
My name is Benito and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a monster truck, North Pole, elf.  
Love,  
Benito Perez

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marco and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a hoverbod, nenintendo switch, monster truk.  
Love,  
Marco Galvan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tyler and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Iphone, toy elf and santa, trampoline, sand box, toy kitchen.  
Love,  
Tyler Deal

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sophia and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Puppy markers, Elf, Iphone 10.  
Love,  
Sophia P.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Athena and I

am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Basketball and Phone, hoverboard, trampoline.  
Love  
Athena Aguilar

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elliott and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me magic spoon, chair, Dog.  
Love,  
Elliott Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sebastian and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Dog, Pacman game, Trampoline.  
Love,  
Sebastian Hendrix

Dear Santa,  
My name is Isabel and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me

Trampoline, xbox, Drone, Kitchen.  
Love,  
Isabel Huizar

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaeda and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Puppy, new shoes, new clothes.  
Love,  
Jaeda Taylor

Dear Santa,  
My name is Roy and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a dron e, 3 cars, toy dishos, Pacman.  
Love,  
Roy Garcia

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sophia and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a hoverboard, a puppy, a trampoline.

Love,  
Sophia Lopez

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brayden and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me drt Bike and monster truck.  
Love,  
Brayden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sophie and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Legos unicorn.  
Love,  
Sophie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Caydence and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Legos, unicorn.  
Love,  
Caydence

Dear Santa,  
My name is Landon and I am

5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Monster truck.  
Love,  
Landon

Dear Santa,  
My name is Coroline and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Legos, unicorn.  
Love,  
Coroline

Dear Santa,  
My name is Vicente and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me boysr, monste truck.  
Love,  
Vicente

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ticen and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me monster truck.  
Love,  
Ticen



Dear Santa,  
My name is Zakdeh and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a bike.  
Love,  
Zakdeh

Dear Santa,  
My name is Austin and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a bike.  
Love,  
Austin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aislee and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Legos.  
Love,  
Aislee

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyiah and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Unicorn, Legos, Luvt.  
Love,  
Kyiah

Dear Santa,  
My name is Penelope and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a drone, controller, aremonte, montre ciiprr,  
Love,  
Penelope

Dear Santa,  
My name is Adikas and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Monster tst,  
Love,  
Adikas

Dear Santa,  
My name is Blaine and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a monstr tuk, bytdik.  
Love,  
Blaine

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bella and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me

Legos, unicorn.  
Love,  
Bella

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lolah and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a book and a puppy and LOL doll.  
Love,  
Lolah

Dear Santa,  
My name is Attdcellye and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Qreal real, unicorn, a special Bardie house, and three Bardies.  
Love,  
Attdcellye

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alexi and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a suit case like the ones on TV commercials, some earmuffs, and a new bike.  
Love,  
Alexi

Dear Santa,  
My name is Abel and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a drone, controller, aremonte, montre ciiprr,  
Love,  
Abel

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alex and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a toy for my dog, a toy, a toy for me.  
Love,  
Alex

Dear Santa,  
My name is Liam and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a paw poltrol, marshall big truck, and a car where you push the button and it goes.  
Love,  
Liam

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hogh and I

am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a dinosaiur, a spiderman,  
Love,  
Hogh

Dear Santa,  
My name is and I am years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me  
Love,

Dear Santa,  
My name is Penoxa and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a barbie doll, unicorn, stuff, a bunny, a bike.  
Love,  
Penoxa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jesivnn and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a Christmas book, a bike.  
Love,  
Jesivnn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Serilina and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me makeup, a dog, a cat, a hatbook.  
Love,  
Serilina

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lino and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me race car, dinO saur and showman.  
Love,  
Lino

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sebastian and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me dinosaur, a snowman, and play-doh.  
Love,  
Sebastian

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alexi and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me

a Princess, suitcase like the ones on TV commercials, some ear muffs.  
Love,  
Alexi

**First Grade**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a JoJo Sewg pillow, Science kit, Desk chair.  
Love,  
Lincoln Rainwater

Dear Santa,  
I would like a cat toy, big teddy bear, makeup.  
Love,  
Nataleah Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I would like A real phone, A real bunny, A toy rabbit.  
Love,  
Anthony Aguilar

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Remote control, Shighb at freddy's plushie.  
Love,  
Emmitt Rendon

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Skatebard, Barbie, Roller skates.  
Love,  
Aliyah Perez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a phone, toy robot.  
Love,  
Abran Perez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo Switch, a smart watch, a Playstation.  
Love,  
Aiden Baltierra

Dear Santa,  
I would like Robot, cars, laptop.  
Love,  
Ayden Perez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a stuffed animal, Barbie, a jojo sewa pillow.  
Love,  
Natalie DeOchoa

Dear Santa,  
I would like a PSP, Chololate, Nintendo Switch.  
Love,  
Miguel Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control car, Nintendo switch, Smart watch.  
Love,  
Joshua Posada

Dear Santa,  
I would like Yoyo, Remote control, hellcopter.  
Love,  
Isaiah D.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie, a chocolate. toy phone.  
Love,  
Adela Cuba

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Bunny, School set, Science.  
Love,  
Charli Moore

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy phone, a toy brush, a Chocolate.

Love,  
Adamaris Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a JoJo Sew a Pillow, a JoJo sew a stuffed animal, a JoJo Sewaunicorn pillow.  
Love,  
Deja Contreras

Dear Santa,  
I would like a PC (computer), a Nintendo switch, a Minecraft disk.  
Love,  
Jackson Cooper

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good boy. For Christmas I'd like a monster truck with a remote.  
Love,  
Logan Tamayo

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good girl. For Christmas I'd like a doll, a toy heart.  
Love,  
Stephanie Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good boy. For Christmas I'd like a Monster truck.  
Love,  
Nazir Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good girl. For Christmas I'd like a LOL house thats big.  
Love,  
Scarlett Foster

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good boy. For Christmas I'd like a game boy, controller 1 2 3 4 5.  
Love,  
Jorge Pinon

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good girl. For Christmas I'd like a squishy ball, LOL doll.  
Love,  
Katalaya Castillo

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good boy. For Christmas I'd like a dirt bike.  
Love,  
Krew Fipps

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good girl. For Christmas I'd like a squishy ball.  
Love,  
Zailey Arredondo

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good boy. For Christmas I'd like a Power Rangers, Paw Patrol.  
Love,  
Tyrome Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good girl. For Christmas I'd like a unicorn bike, pink Ranger power.  
Love,  
Alyson Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy. I'd like a bsket ball and a goal.  
Love,  
Bladen Guzman

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl.

I'd like a little miss no name.  
Love,  
Anahly Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy. I'd like a ball, drone.  
Love,  
Christian Machado

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy. I'd like a robot, and a Bendy Plush.  
Love,  
Joshua Delgado

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl. I'd like a remate control car.  
Love,  
Ry'Anne Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy. I'd like a ps5 please.  
Love,  
Joseph Castaneda

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy. I'd like a paw patrol.  
Love,  
Frank Hernandez

**Second Grade**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I helped my perants clean. Then help them wash there car. and help them sweep. My Christmas wishes are a netendo swich and a ps5. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Edward

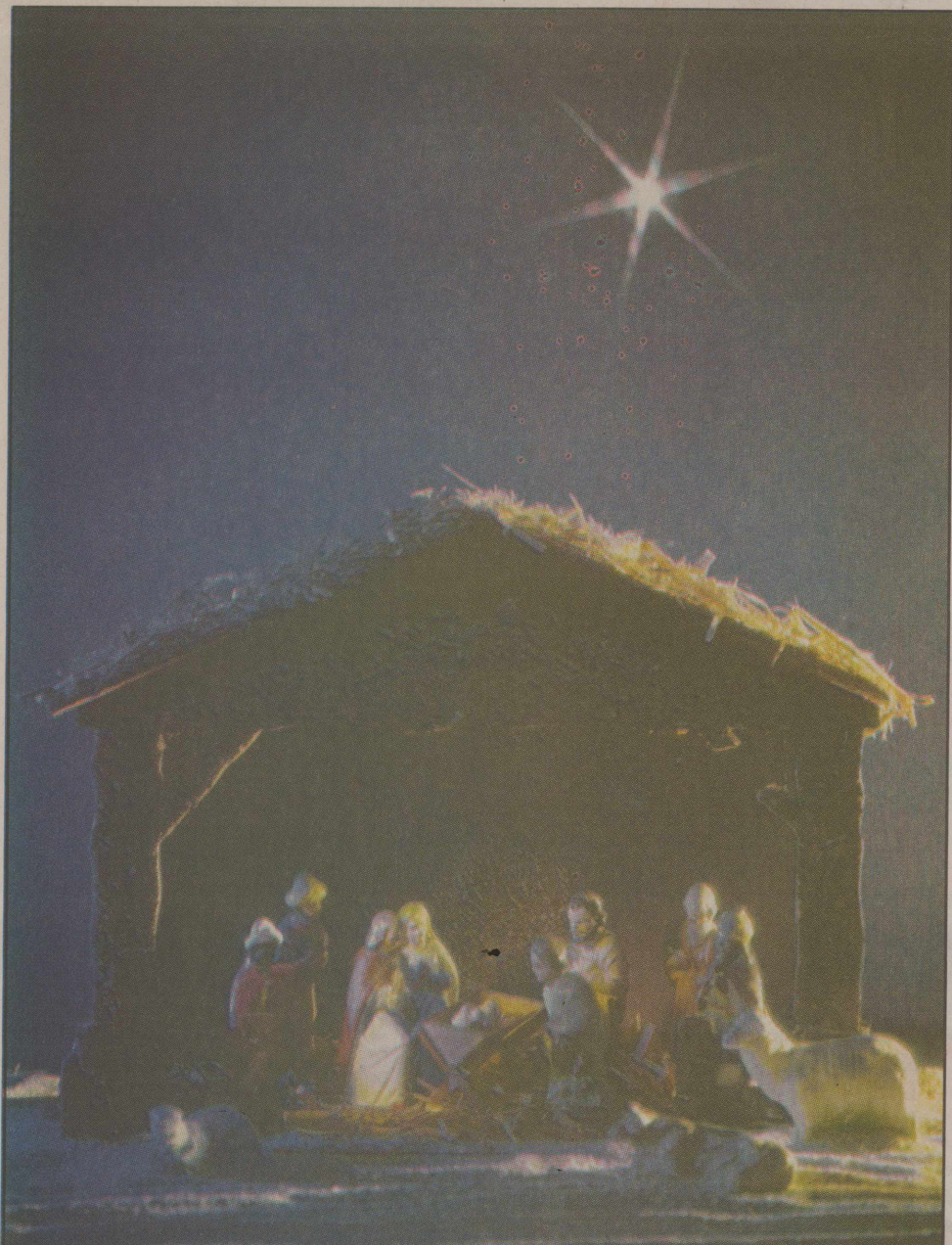
Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I help Mi Mom Fed lexi. I hep Mi grama Fed hr dogs. I hep Mi Blyr pla Hinises. My Christmas wishes are a pli woch, I Fon, Erpos. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Chris Hatcher

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I did help my freds. And hept the por. And I'm Nice to dogs. My Christmas wishes are I want a PS5 with a canchrower. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Eli Munoz

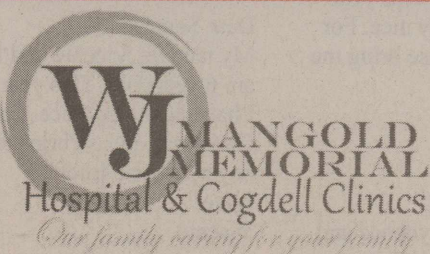
Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. Plae wef my freds. I plae at the prke. My Christmas wishes are I a Sonic toy. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Liam

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I cled my room. I go to shrush. I cled my mom car. My Christmas wishes are I wot a pig. I wot a liketab. i wot a fos roh. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk,  
Love,  
Chloe Lucio

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice



*Share the Faith*



**We would like to thank our patients and their families and wish them a safe and Merry Christmas.**

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

*One Day  
one birth  
one life...  
...one world changed  
forever...*

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son."  
JOHN 3:16*

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**Merry Christmas**

Wishing you warm wishes, gratitude, and endless appreciation this holiday season.

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things. Standing up for my friends. feeding the dogs. Playing with sister. My Christmas wishes are a Nintendo switch, Nuruto Plush, Naruto card Packs. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Rowdy Mendolla

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. Fed my dog. Helped my Mom. My Christmas wishes are a Minecraft toys and a iPad. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Amanda Suarez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I bznt a good sister. I halpd my mom clen her ccar. My Christmas wishes are a LOL Dolls. A LOL hase and a home. And zrns and a huvedord. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Ta'Kiyra Brilex

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I Have Been nice and I Have Been helping frinds. I Help't my Mom. My Christmas wishes are A Apple wach kids. A iPad for Kids. and a Phone. I hope

you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Jaylee Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I have been helping my sister. I have been carrng for my sisters. I have been helpng my sisters make thar bed. My Christmas wishes are I want a unicom squshis and want a doll. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Nevaeh Contreras

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I clean I do my chors. I Lisen to my mom. My Christmas wishes are PS5 X Box 1. A foot Ball. And some foot Ball stuff. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Christian Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I help my techer. I pick up trash. I be good to my Freds. My Christmas wishes are I want a laptop. I want a prick Mahomes toy. I want a Lomer Jacks toy. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.

Love,  
Jayden Aleman

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I helped my Mom and my Dad (Adam) and my Paw Paw and my mimi. My Christmas wishes are a nintindoe Swich. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Kade

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I have Got trezer Bokalot. I Washed Dishis. Cereling for my Dog and he is missing. My Christmas wishes are Among Us toys. Mario Kart Live. Green & Purple Nentendo joy stik's. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Rhett

Dere Santa,  
I want a car and a cmputer and a plastashed 5a.  
Love,  
Emma

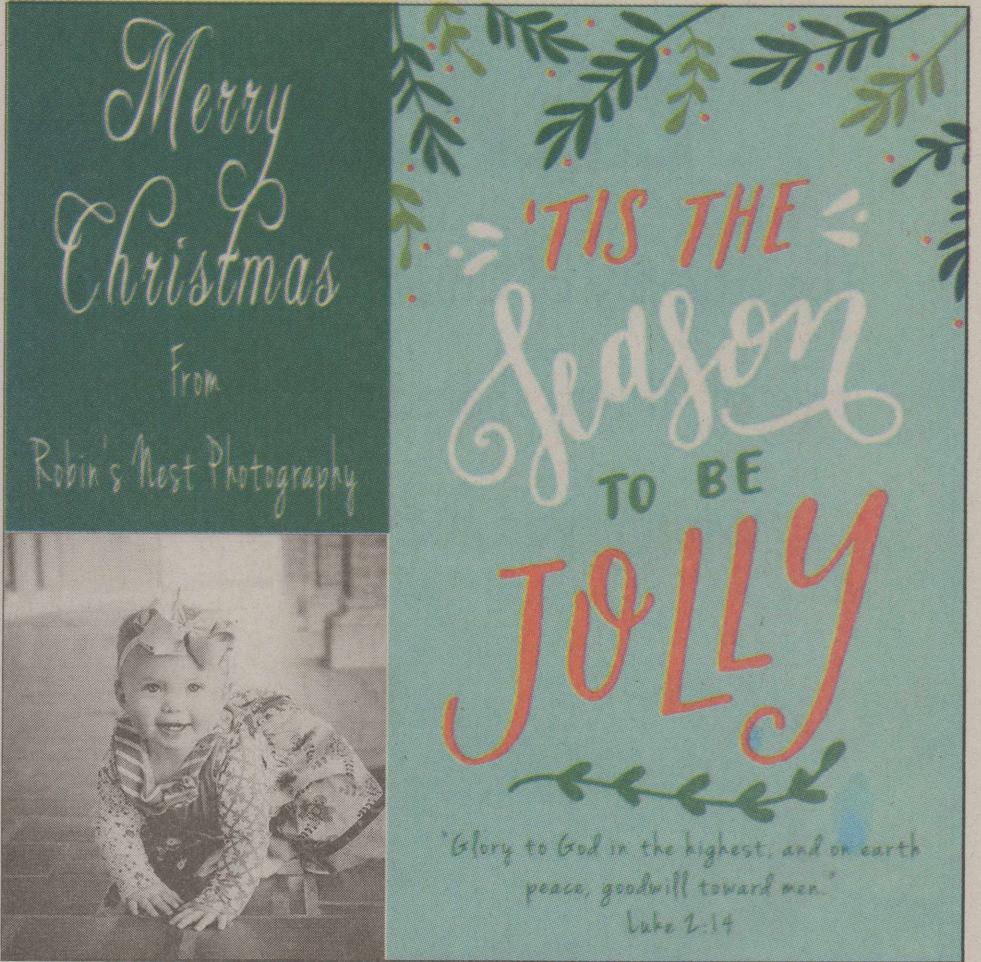
Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I help my mom cleen. I help cook. I play with Fraye. My Christmas wishes are A xbox currhirlr. A squzbezy. A chaptr book.

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Brantley Ashky

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I Help my mom unpack. I Help

Abel get betr. I Help Sam to mack a Bootll. My Christmas wishes are I want a LOL. I want a omg doll. I want to go to my cusin. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Gabriela Cardenas

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I help my mom with my brother. I comfort my Bff when she's hurt. I take out the trash. My Christmas wishes are Laptop, german Sherperd. New glasses. I hope you enjoy the cookies



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But our gift of love to others in every way...

The employees of  
the City of Floydada  
wish you all a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year





# Merry Christmas

The true joy of Christmas is the everlasting love of Christ, shared with family and friends.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season.



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and milk.  
Love,  
Abraceli Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I help my mom plant a flower. I clean my room. I gave my dogs their food. My Christmas wishes are I want a pokemon toy. I want a cat. I want a new fish. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Jayden Rameriez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I help my Mom wrap Presents. I help my mom Throw the trash out. I help my Mom put the presents under the Christmas tree.

My Christmas wishes are Specke hant no 4 Book. PS5 rain Bow Hede Pnohs. Apple Phone Smart Wach. Apple wach. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Robert White

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I comfort my BFF when I help Friends. I share my markers. My Christmas wishes are stuffed Animal. iPhone 11. horse. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Lexi DeloSantos

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I help Yi Mom with

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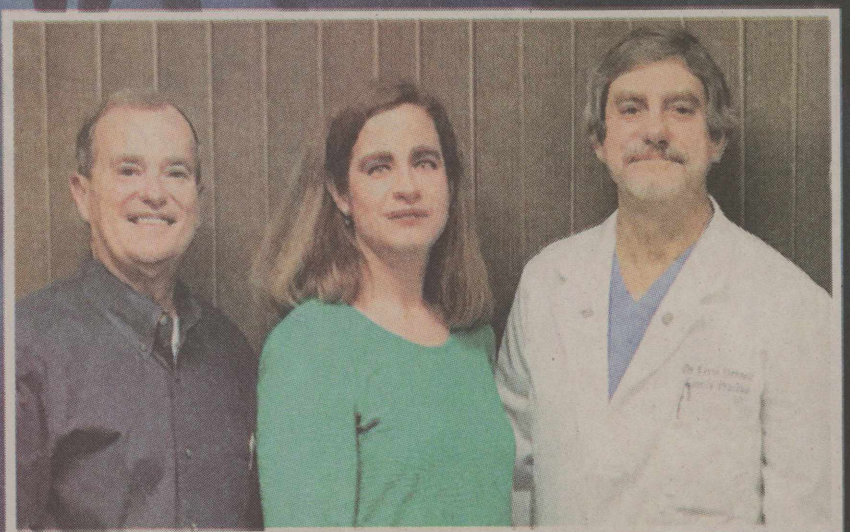
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Christmas  
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New Year



# Merry Christmas to all!



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Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Stennett  
Dr. Cynthia and Shad Schlueter  
Jenna Everett PA.





tod. I hodE the dor For my mom. I helmy mom with throty Chrdsh. My Christmas wishes are I want a hotweelscre. in a hedfohs in a matroc. in a fone in a recere. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Rockie Yabarra

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I heledthe deer. I made a Deky for my sis. my mom told me to get chips. My Christmas wishes are a watch. a compter with \$10000 on it. and a dad. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Jacob Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl. For Christmas I'd like a newborn baby with accessories. A reborn baby with accessories. I have been a very good girl. I will try to be more of a help.  
Love,  
Parker Scout Kellison

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy. For Christmas I need a new iphone 6. I need Pokemon card best. I been very good.  
Love,  
Ethan Trevino

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy. For Christmas I'd like a red iphone 12 and a new ps5 and a new remote control car. Please Santa I've been a really good boy.  
Love,  
Syliss Fuente



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We wish you and your family a  
**Merry Christmas**  
and a  
**Happy New Year!**

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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 Christ the Lord. LUKE 2:10-11 KJV

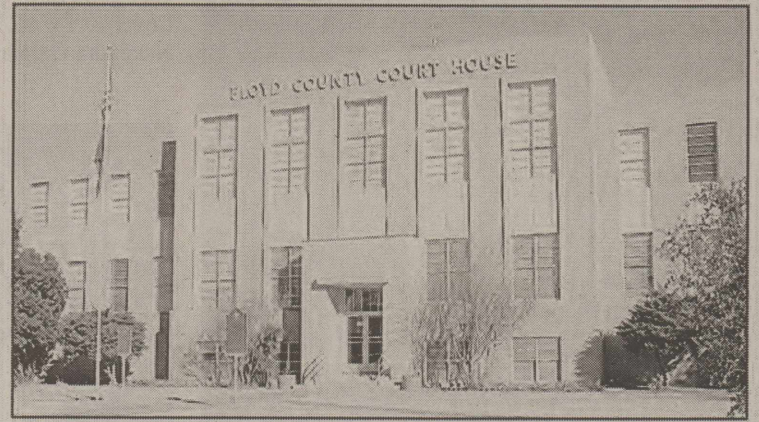
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**HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS  
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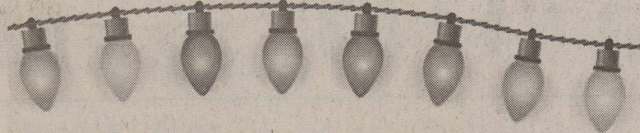
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the greatest  
ever given...*

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Merry Christmas as  
we thank you for your  
friendship and patronage*

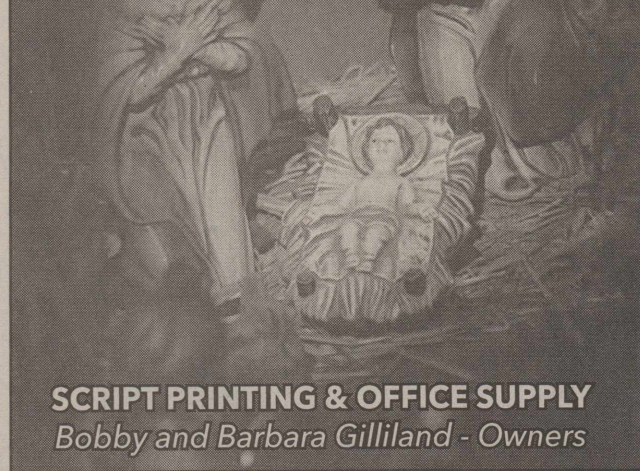
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*O Holy night, the stars  
are brightly shining  
-- it is the night of our  
dear Savior's birth!*



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**Bushels of Thanks!**



We wish all our neighbors and friends a joyous holiday season. We're very grateful for your valued business.

**Darty Gin**  
Dougherty

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy.  
For Christmas I want a Phone. I want a big truck. I want a Sonic toy. I have been a very good boy. I been doing my chores.  
Love,  
Ezekiel Machado

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl.  
For Christmas I want a hoverboard. I want a pet bird. I want a barbie. I been a very good girl.  
Love,  
Nakendra Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy.  
For Christmas I want a drone with a camera. I want a rc car. I want a ps5. I've been very good i've been doing all my chores.  
Love,  
Josiah Ibarra

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl.  
For Christmas I want a iphone 12. I want a golden dobble. I want hoverboard. I have been good this year and want to help more people who need help.  
Love,

Abigail Hartline  
Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy.  
For Christmas I want a Pokemon card Zeraora. I want a Pokemon card Sunmatt. I want a farumus card. I have been a very good boy.  
Love,  
Jax James

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy.  
For Christmas I want a new phone. I want a ps5. I wnt a tv a flatscreen. I've been a very good boy.  
Love,

Ethan Deleon  
Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy.  
For Christmas I want a Bumble Bee car. I want a Sonic the hedgehog. I want a big truck. I be here. I been a little bad.  
Love,  
Abrian Tamayo

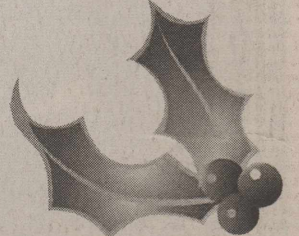
Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl.  
For Christmas I want a iphone 12. I want to get Hollywood Hair. Then I want my dad to Be here. I Been a good gril. I've been helping my mom.  
Love,  
Jazalyn Rocha

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy.  
For Christmas I would like a Art Kit and astronomical stuffed picacho. I have Been a little Bad this week.  
Love,  
Hudson James

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl.  
For Christmas I would like a kitten, a barbie, toy car that I can ride in the backyard, new shoes, and a twin baby dolls, and a new dress, a new camper.  
Love,  
Alejandra Arredondo

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl.  
For Christmas I want Descendants 3 dolls, a new jacket and a new phone. I've been a little bad but I will be good I promise.  
Love,  
Samantha Alaniz

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy.  
For Christmas I want a hoverboard and an iphone. I have been a very good boy.  
Love,  
Joseph Delgado



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LIGHTEN UP IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Here's hoping your season is merry and bright. Knowing all of you has been a delight.

With best wishes and thanks from all of us this Christmas.

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May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

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# LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WRITES TO SANTA

## Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a kitty, dog and a unicorn. This year, I have been nice  
Love,  
Jenna

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a dog, bobey and a scooter. This year, I have been nice  
Love,  
Floren

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a Nintendo switch and a toolol box. This year, I have been nice  
Love,  
Aiiéen

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a cat, dog and xsbos. This year, I have been nice  
Love,  
Eijah

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a bounty hunter toy, toy and a toy. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Elpip

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a animi, a puppy and a kitty. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Kyndal

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a lol, a babe, and a stufenml. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Saige

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a farm animal, ryan toy tiger, kitchen and food. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Eitt

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like like grow-up sisters, anmii, kitchen. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Journey

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a

cat, elephant and a dog. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Agllbh

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a police car, teddy bear, dinosaur. This year, I have been nice  
Love,  
Sioojo

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a car, monkey, dog cage. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a teddy bear, tebyyb, hot wheel. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Angel

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like makeup, dofin, bus board books. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Saphire

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a Nintendo switch, marbles, race car. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Brayden

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a dog, cat, loley. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Leiani

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I wpuld like a race car, tumi. This yeat, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Arhuifor

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a lol, kitten ball, rainbow. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Zoey Love

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a bdsetball, tu, books. This year I have nice.  
Love,  
Abalynn

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would likea borrbic, beqy and a lol doll. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Zivqa

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a lol, barbie house, dresses. This year, I have nice.  
Love,  
Eniyahil

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like books, blanket, baby dolls. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Yaritz

Dear santa,  
For Christmas, I would like bath bombs, kon yoyo and a turtle. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Daiize

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a banbie, toy santa, bardoll. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Anbree

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a lol, eitten, dog. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Yali

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a bike, toy kitten and football. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Skylar

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a book storead, smanx box, toy kitten. This year, I have nice.  
Love,  
Emma

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like teach stuff, cat ball top, skittles bell. This year, I have nice.

Love,  
Dresden

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a lol, barbie camper, bike. This year I have been nice.  
Love,  
Ryeigh

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a blaster, hoverboard, bike. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Eli

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a yoyo, books and shoes. This year, I have nice.  
Love

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would lie a lol doll, babe doll and a tablet. This year, I have nice.  
Love,  
Ali

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a blaster, spikosaurus, sphero. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Merick

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a x box, skate board, football. This year, I have been nice.  
Love,  
Kayson

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a pone, pet fesh, remote control car. This year, I have been nice,  
Love,  
Isidro

## First Grade

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus. How is rubolhph. I please want to go to the north pole and hug you. Transformer.  
Love,  
Julia Amay

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I need a pillow. I would like a picture

of Rudolph. I would also like a Nintendo switch. I would like face paint. Thank you SANTA!  
Love,  
Reagan Ward

Dear Santa,  
How is the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus. Thank you plez get me a new bike can you please get me hot wheel cars and a hot wheel track.  
Love  
Easton Alvis

Dear Santa,  
How are the rainder. For Crismis I want a electric scooter and a slime kit.  
Love  
Vickie Rendon

Dear Santa,  
Sant aistnebesto youre I vese are great. Please bring me a bike I want a nthove board. I want a puppy.  
Love,  
Avion Salgado

Dear Santa,  
How is the noth pole? I need a blanket. Can you get me a hot wheels track.  
Love,  
Matthew Vaquera

Dear Santa,  
How is the north pole? Ples bring me a ATM helmet the new kind the ones that say horns. Have a nice day.

Love  
Davis Duniven

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a ninja turtle sewer. I will like to have a dirt bike. Tell chippy I will miss him whin he levs.  
Love  
Elijah Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I believe in santa. Can you please bring me toys. I would like for you to bring me toys and football stuff and a ps5 and a nurf gun. I love you santa see you soon on Christmas eve.  
Love  
JoeRyan Borjas.

Dear Santa,  
I want a race track. Can I have a headbandz, Nintendo game, green sweater and a jacket. Where doea your reindeer come from can you get me a boy elf?  
Thank you,  
Matthew

Dear Santa,  
How are all of ya'll doing? Can I please have a American Girl doll? And a few other things,  
Love,  
Remi

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**Merry Christmas!**

From our flock to yours, go our best wishes for a picture-perfect season filled with lots of love, laughter, joy, and serenity. Your business means a lot to us, and we thank you for your friendship and support this year.

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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing I hope  
you are staying safe but get  
me a toy that is batman I also  
want a dog  
Love  
Marcus

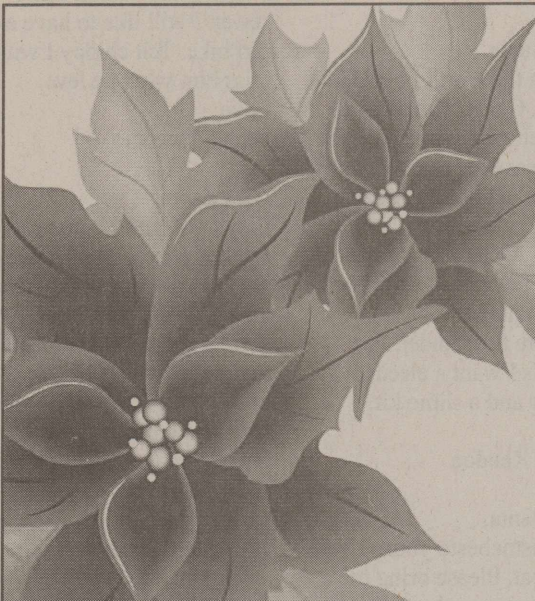
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing how is  
Mrs Clas? Please couyld  
you bring me a hover board,  
make up and American doll  
Love  
Rebecca

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I bet  
you pretty busy right now. I  
wut a ps5 an a huvr bid ana  
fortnit toy  
Love,  
Weson

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I bet  
you are pretty busy right  
now please can you bring  
silem and a miney brans  
and a baby doll thank you  
love frum I wish for realls  
tomorrow we all have a good  
day  
Thank you  
Marissa Marmolejo

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I  
was good this year could  
you bring me a Barbi  
Mermaid toy? Could I get a  
stuffanimals bunny  
Love  
Paloma

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope  
you are staying safe. I want a  
Nintendo switch  
Love,  
Jayden



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and  
Prosperous  
New Year!**

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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing I hope  
you are stoying safe I wood  
like a hover coyb.  
Love  
Alice Nunez

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? I've  
been nice this Christmas  
would I get a robot any kind  
of robot. Could my sister  
get a present too. Give my  
sister a toy puppy. Rattle for  
sebaston.  
Love,  
Ramiro

Dear Santa,  
I want a lot on toys this  
cerismis because I am being  
good I want a American girl  
doll and a new tablit and  
a ipad and play dohe and I  
higowe flasck and a gutoer  
and a pean and a new kittin  
that is big and a dog that can  
poop and I can walk it and it  
a take to me and my life doll  
a caw girl and a bake pake  
like doere the esploer and  
a map and a yog map and a  
babe baere.  
Kenley Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
How are your doing how is  
Mrs. Claus? I want a unicorn  
and a hover board.  
Love  
Lilianna Macias

Dear Santa,  
Hoa ars the reindeer? I've  
been good this year, can  
a have a ps4 or a phone  
11? Aubree has bee good  
too I want her to have an I  
phone 11? Adelynn to have  
a phone.  
Your friend  
Alexander Lopez

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me  
a gost buster pike meter  
and a tree house in a tree  
and some soks and figit  
spiner and a hover bord  
and shots and shens and  
a fone and a camera and  
a tory elf and a spiderma  
tory. And a new water  
bottle and new football  
sluffs and my xbox begard  
a goo kid.  
Love  
Antoni Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope  
you are staying safe. I want a  
Nintendo switch  
Love,  
Jayden

**Second Grade**

Dear Santa,  
Is Mrs Claus doing well? I  
was good this year. I would  
like a baby pink microhone  
with a stand please. I would  
like an i-pod that comes with  
a I-pen please  
Thank you  
Brooklyn Jones

Dear Santa,  
How is Ruddeh the red  
rose reinder? I have been  
good this year. I would  
like a ipdand and I phone  
12 please. Happy birthday  
Jesus.

Dear Santa,  
I love you santa. How are  
you? I was good this year.  
I want a barbie house with  
barbes. Can I have an apple  
phone?  
Loves  
Peyton

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this year?  
Ive been good. I would like  
a pack of drawing pens and  
a tablet.  
Love,  
Judah

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? I was  
good this year can I have a  
iphone can my sister have  
one too?  
Aidon

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? I've  
been okay this year. I want  
a tobi smatwatch and a  
magic school bus books and  
winter clothes and a two  
barbies  
Thank you,  
Alejandra

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I've  
been good this year. Coud I  
have a ipone 12?  
Your friend  
Anthony

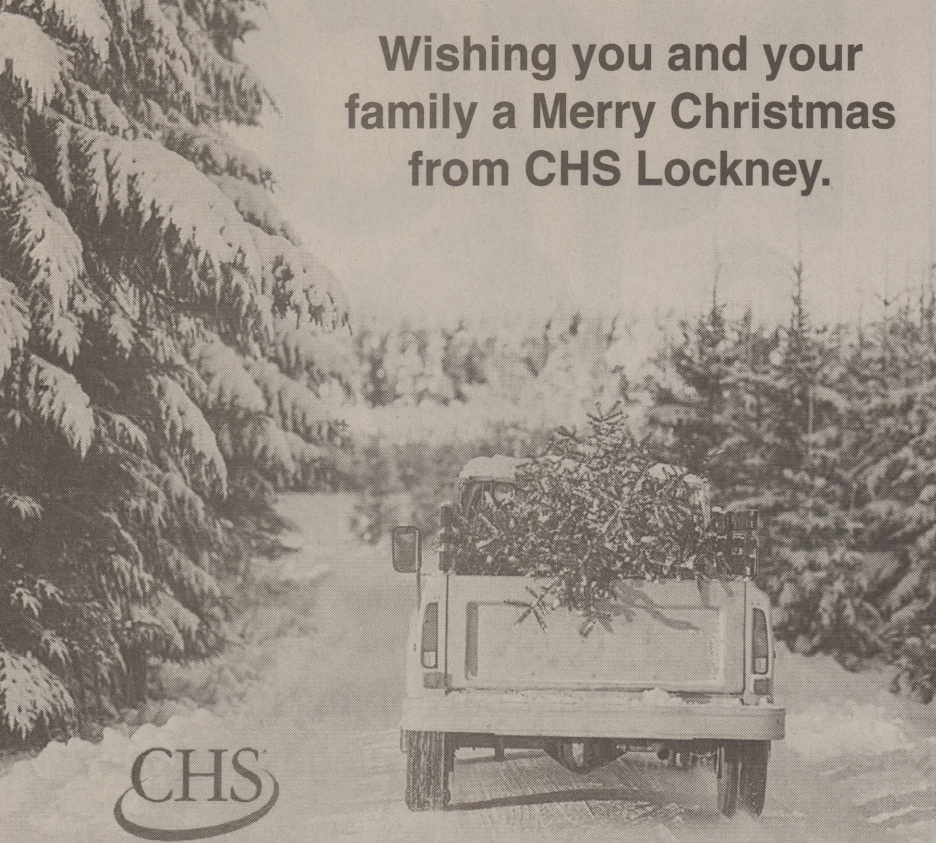
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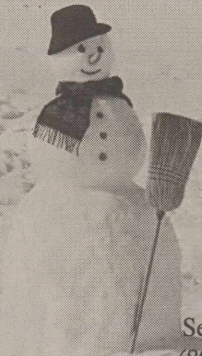
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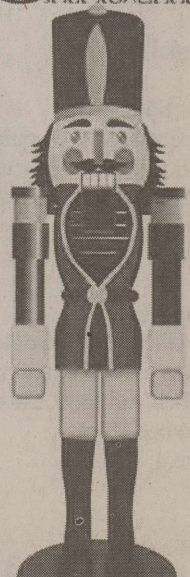
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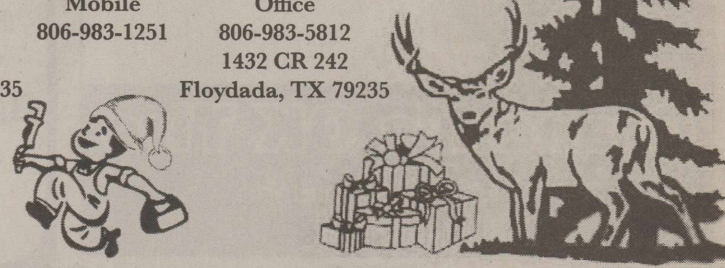
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Dear Santa,  
I would like art supplies and a paint set. I have been good this year. I have a question how old is your reindeers. My dad would like a new truck and one more thing pen please.  
Love,  
Scout

Dear Santa,  
I would like a camera cus I'm a good kid and I deserve a phone to cus I get good grds to and I deserve a now bike like my moms and I wut now close to. Cus im a rilil good kid and I I bet I'll get this stuff all be vere happy to and santa can I have some more playdoo and can I have cpody so I can do math on it  
Your frined  
Jenaigh Solomon

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring a tablet blacket dino toyse but cauthers cameras. Shoese clothes saprisc iphone  
Eli Lees

Dear Santa,  
I would like a lego football player and I want a race car and a football helmet of the Broncos and amath game and a football that is orange and money a lot of money and a poster and a xbox and maden and a bronco teddy bear and a dog, that is white and block spots or his boddy and black on his tail and a water bolluns and a race car track that is white.  
Thak you  
Kristian Torres

Dear Santa,  
I like your hat. I think I deserve new shoes. Becoue I have ben a good student. And I want a camry for Chrismas. And I want eruse markers and a new house and I want a new jacket  
Dax guerrero

Dear Santa,  
I want a iphone 12 because I been a good kid at home and at school can I please may I get a iphone 12 and a

yourube camra and a merir and a clock and a math book and a bucket of shapes in it and head phones please thank you. Oh and a micky mouse clud house whith all the chaters. Thank you  
Santa,  
Amberlynn

Dear Santa,  
I woyuld like to have a phonh for Christmas and I whant doyg toys for my dog and I aulso whant a new elf for Christmas and I whant lol's for Christmas to and why I whant a new elf is becuis min got in a crash so I whant a new elf and ples can I get a new elf.  
Love,  
Aryanah Lara

Dear Santa,  
Could I please have a camera because I was a good kid I be kind to my frands at school and I whut a phone and I phone for Crismis and I love you santa so much you are the best santa evere and I

want a puppy for crismes and a hores for crismes..  
Thank you  
Sarah Elizabeth

**Third Grade**

Dear Santa,  
I love'd my Present last year but this year can I Please have slime and a American girl doll my brother anson has been quite noice can I please have a iphone 11 allso mu alaa George got a n ew heart so can you please help him this is all the people that are nice mu nany my papa john my dad my mom my great grama my great grampa died so can you please macke it a holly jolly chritmas in a grave and flowers for him

please can you please give give grandma a holly jollu Christmas and for all of the people can you give me mony for them and a also tell rudalfe I love him ho ho ho Merry Christmas  
Love,  
Caydence Rose Diaz of Lockney tx

Dear Santa,  
Hi, it is Zoie. Thank you for my gift last year. May I please have a skateboard and a custom I phone. Oh and I have been good. My mom and dad been wanting a new car and my little sister been wanting this since last year can she have a toy car pleas?  
Love,  
Zoie S.

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for sending Dash the elf to be with is this holiday season. He seems nice, no mischeif yet, but he did just get here this morning. Please bring my students lots of great gifts this Christmas, they have been working so hard in math this year. We believe in you, the raindeer and Christmas magic. Please be careful out there. We love you,  
Merry Christmas  
Tammie Williams

Dear Santa,  
I want a tablet please I want a iphone please I want clothes please I want a pure please



*With Heartfelt Thanks at Christmas*  
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*From home to home,  
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from one place to another.  
The warmth and joy of Christmas,  
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As another holiday season approaches, we'd like to extend our gratitude and best wishes. It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving people like you.

**The Members of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department want to wish everyone a safe & happy holiday season.**

**We wish you a Merry Christmas!**  
"IN GOD WE TRUST"





# The Carols

By: [easydaysng.com](http://easydaysng.com)

Christmas is finally here  
The sound of the carols fill the cold air  
Singing joyfully those Christmas songs  
And the hearers can merrily sing along.

Every note, every line  
Digs into my heart so divine  
Angelic voices resounding in the night  
Along with the guitar strummed in delight.

The Carols shift from hymns to jives  
Sounding glorious as the melody thrives  
Filled with awe as I harken quietly  
The night is cold but peace overwhelms me.

Thank you  
Kylee Moreno

Dear Santa  
Santa may I please get a  
hover board and santa can  
you help my dad get money.  
And let me and my family  
have a mare Christmas and  
let me get good gifts and let  
the cronu de overoles  
From,  
Jaydenn

Dear Santa,  
Hoverbard Lockney car I ben  
good  
I love you Sonta,  
Braden Walker

Dear Santa  
Thank you for the gift last  
year. How old are you  
anyway. I would like to  
please give my g-ma & g-pa  
to have two iphones that  
reminds me can I please have  
a hoverboard and a puppy  
but I don't want it to grow  
and my dadhow is Rudolf?  
Well that's all I wanted so  
have a great Christmas or  
should I say Ho, Ho, Ho to  
you by  
Love,  
Dalysia

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gift  
las tyear. And I want a  
hoverboard and a car for my  
mom a toy a Christmas room  
a I phone when I am ten I  
got a question how old are  
you and how old is Rudolf  
a skateboard and that is all.  
You now why I am asking  
you this is because you ae  
Santa and we can't afford it  
Love you so much,  
Alejandra Cenicerros

Dear Santa,  
Can I please get a ps5 and  
iphone 12 mimi abd a hover  
board and a jacket and a  
math kit and new shoes and a  
new tv for my sister because  
I belive in you  
Thank you  
Eiijah Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
I have been goods this yaey  
I wout a new phon and a lol  
houiivs  
Love,  
Pontia Luna

Dear Santa,  
Can I plz have a skateboard  
custom custom car for my  
dad and mom iphone 12 ps5  
and a pall for my sister. My  
litter sister and a fast car  
that's a toy car electrica  
apply wach iphone 11  
Love,  
Christopher Sotogrozalez

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Chrismas  
is a CO2 and a dirt bike a

guitar and my parents have  
been good I think they want  
to get a car that can carry  
more then seven seats.  
Marry Chrismas  
Your friend  
Josiah

**Fifth Grade**

Hi Santa,  
I know you must be tired  
because the big day. You  
and your elves are tired  
and ya unwrapping must be  
getting ready for the big day.  
On Chrismas it is Jeses's  
birthday and he is watching  
is. In Christ name I Believe.  
From your friend  
James Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good for most  
of the year! This year, if it's  
ok I would like to have a  
new iphone 8 or 10. I want  
to wish you and your family  
a Merry Chrismas and a  
happy new year!  
Love,  
Teagan Rogers

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good  
except my broters and I  
fight a lot. This year for my  
Chrismas wish list I would  
like a hovershoes, art stuff  
and makeup.  
Love  
Jasmine P.

Dear Santa,  
I have bee a great kid, and  
I don't know why people  
don't believe in you. I think  
you are awesome, kind,  
sweet! And amazing! I love  
you so much with my whole  
heart. And all I want for  
Chrismas is for everyone  
to be happy and safe, and I  
what I want for me is a art  
set, hover board, iphone 11  
and safety. But just know we  
all love you so much with  
all of our hearts! MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
Love  
Ablygal Santana

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good kid, so all  
I want for Chrismas is two  
new games for my nentendo  
switch and a controller for it  
and Santa I'll make sure to  
leave you some cookies and  
milk to.  
Sincerely  
Seth Perez

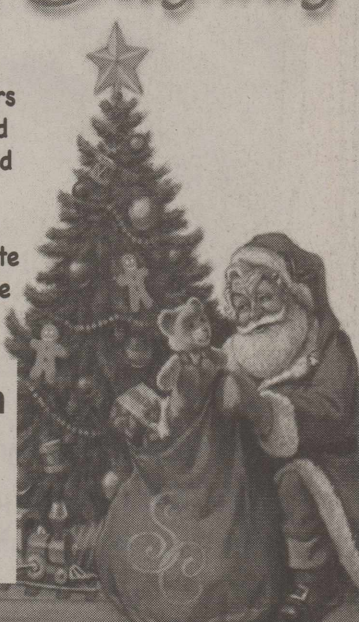
Dear Santa,  
For Chrismas I want a new  
Ipad also I want a lot of  
football and baseball cards.  
And also maybe a new bb  
gun? How are you and Mrs.  
Claus? I think I've have  
kinda been good this year,  
but I'm not perfect. I hope  
this is the best Chrismas



*Merry Christmas*


Wishing you and yours  
a gifted season filled  
with good times, good  
friends and good  
fortune. We  
know we feel fortunate  
to have neighbors like  
you.

**McCoy Gin**



*"And the angel said to them, Be not afraid; for behold,  
I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.  
Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you;  
he is the Messiah, the Lord!" Luke 2:10-11*

*Believe in the  
Miracle of Christmas*

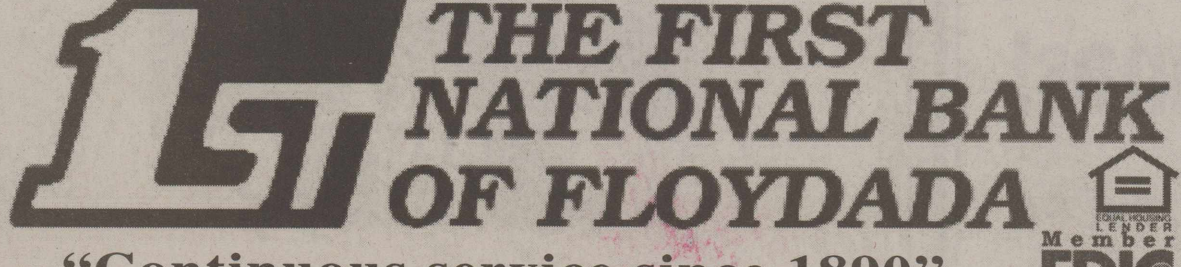


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*Thinking of You at Christmas*

*With warm wishes and gratitude from our family to yours.*

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yet! I hope you're ready for Christmas because it's right around the corner!  
Sincerely,  
Caycen Wright

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doing this year? For Christmas I want a gaming computer or a sniper bb gun or a nipper nerf gun. How is the north pole. Are the elves working hard making toys  
Sincerely  
Aaren Rexrode

Dear Santa,  
I want the ps5 it just came out. Here are some reasons, I've been good, and every kids gonna have one. Plus my brother wants one. So it will be double people gift. That's the presentation of why you should get me a ps5  
Live well  
Slade Kemp

Dear Santa,  
I know I have some some stuff that I should not have done so next year I will be as good as I can. Hear is what

I want a new confuter, i.e.d light, hover board. How is Mrs. Claus?  
Sincerely,  
Logan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clause and the raindeers? For Christmas I want a coloring book, jacket, phone. How are the elfs and how is the north pole. Are the elf's and the raindeers good. How is your life?  
Sincerely  
Jazmin Olmos

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? Okay heres what I want for christmas, a red electric guitar with all the speakers a x marision lego set with althe xmena dn their cars with the x-jet . I'f like some toy cars. I also want a gold bar. I also want 2020corana virus to be over  
Sincerely  
Mason Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a averge boy. I said said some stuff I should

not have and I regret it. May I have a ps 5, ipone 12 and infinativifi, and one frence fries? How is Mrs Clause and the reindeer and can you get me the stuff.  
Sincerely,  
Jaidon Leal

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a weighted blanket but I really want a puppy. If not I want skins, I hope Im not asking for too much. If you can that is my wish list for this year. If you can't get any of that

stuff it's ok  
Sincerely,  
Lily Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
I hope that COVID 19 goes away in 2021 and the vaccine. By the way for Christmas is a lego set and a new phone case and a mask also I want infinite merch. I've been a good boy and there's no school for a week!  
Your friend,  
Bray Sanchez



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## Merry Christmas!



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## Poinsettias Care and Feeding

With the holidays upon us, it is time to think about proper care of the poinsettias many of us receive during the Christmas holidays.

After the holidays, keep the plants in indirect sun and water regularly.

Poinsettias require moderately moist soil. Water the plants thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry to the touch.

Remove the plant from decorative pots or covers and water enough to completely saturate the soil.

Do not allow the poinsettia to sit in any standing water. Root rot could result which could kill the plant.

It is not necessary to fertilize the poinsettia when it is in bloom.

After outside night temperatures reaches 55 degrees or above, place your plants outdoors where they can bask in the warmth of spring and summer.

When the leaves age and lose their aesthetic appeal, usually by late March or early April, cut the poinsettia back to about eight inches in height.

By the end of May, you should see vigorous new growth. Around June 1, you may transplant your poinsettias into larger pots.

Select pots no more than four inches larger than the original inner pot.

A soil mix with a considerable amount of organic matter such as peat moss or leaf mold is highly recommended.

If you wish, you may transplant the poinsettias into a well-prepared garden bed.

Be sure the planting bed is rich in organic matter and has good drainage.

Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Do not prune after September 1.

Continue regular watering during the growth period. Fertilize every two to three weeks throughout the spring, summer and fall months with a well-balanced, complete fertilizer.

*Glory*  
to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.

LUKE 2:14 KJV

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Dear Santa,  
How is your raindeer. I want for Cristmas is a xbox with 3 controlers and my brand on my saddle., what would you like for Cristmas would it be carrots for knew pair of ranes?  
Your friend,  
Jared Phares

Dear Santa,  
May I have a iphone 12 and a cute dog. I've being good and I love Christmas. Don't forget to go to my house and my frends house. I love my family and my friends. Don't forgot everyones house. Have a good chrismas  
Your friend,  
Jalissa posada

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your elves doing? IS Mrs. Claus staying heathy? I hope everyone stay sheathy. Are your raindeer ready for their big day? I don't want a lot for Christmas what I want for Christmas is a jocket

blanket and some house shoes. I want to be comfy. Stay safe and have a merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Brylee Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
I wanted a Christmas day to go well, great and fun theh dosing a Christmas song and gonna play with friends I want xbox and roblox.  
From,  
Fermin Cardenas

Dear Santa,  
I like ue ranbr hao is nicos, bib, rbof los his nos. bob you git a no randf. I wot to tat ue ranof. Fwat a for bor gme.  
Sincerly  
Sal Narranjo

Dear Santa,  
Can you please give me the new ps5 and a whach so I can tell time and a new phone if you give me theprents I will give you cookies but what will you like santa.

Sensenserialy  
Ryan Castillo

Dear Santa,  
How are you and miss claus doing a the North pole. Iv been a good boy this year so for Christmas I want a new bike and tacobell in Lockney.  
Sincerely  
Evan Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I want a I pad and computer. Phone an xbox I I need ten jackets so when its cold what I really want are gloves. I want a teddy bear, candy, coca cola brawl star pillows  
Love  
Manuel valdez

Dear Santa,  
This year is great and fun I want a xbox sieres x and new shirts and shoes for basketball season I hope you make it to all the houses on Christmas night. I hope you make it home safe.  
Sincerely  
Andrew Romero



**They shall call him Emmanuel**  
(Isaiah 7:14, 8:8; Matthew 1:23)

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