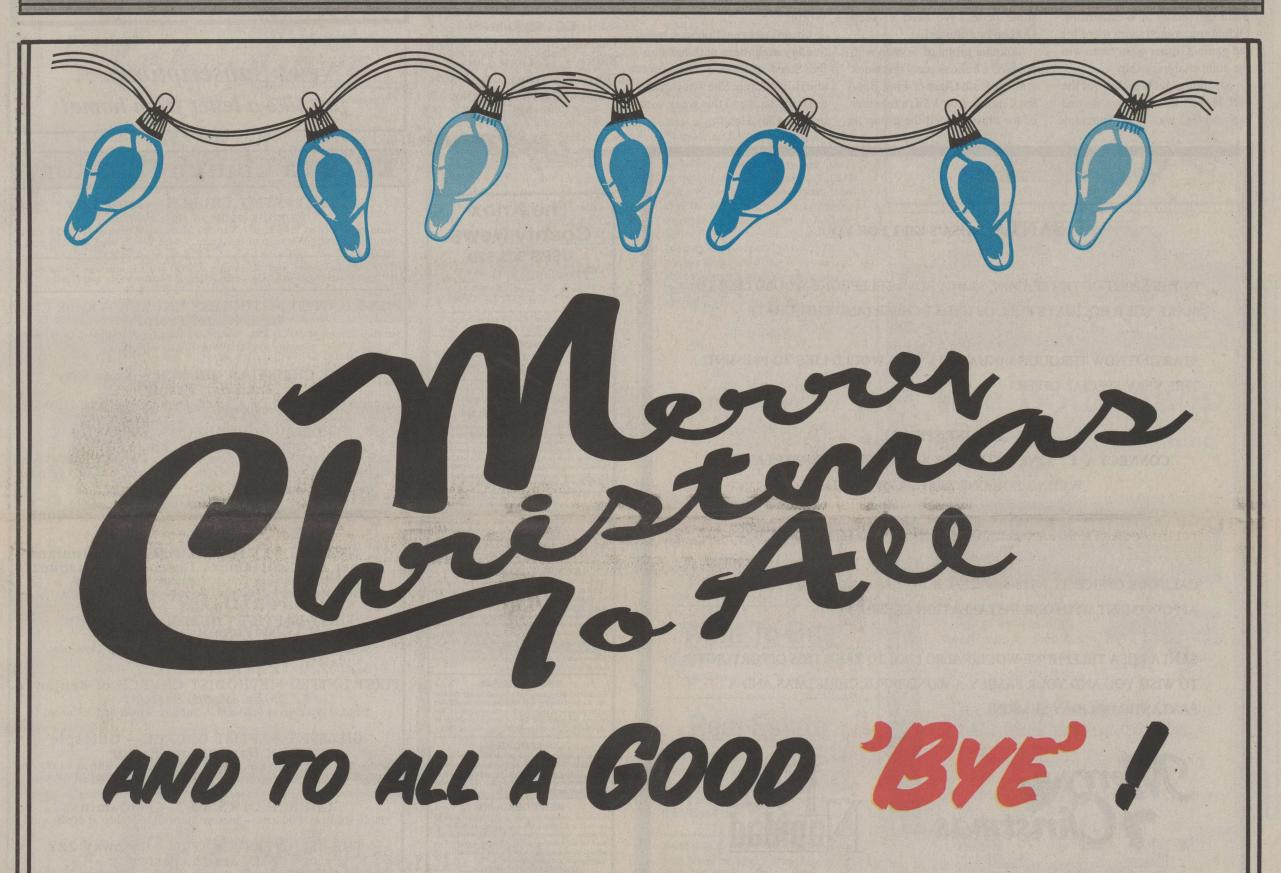


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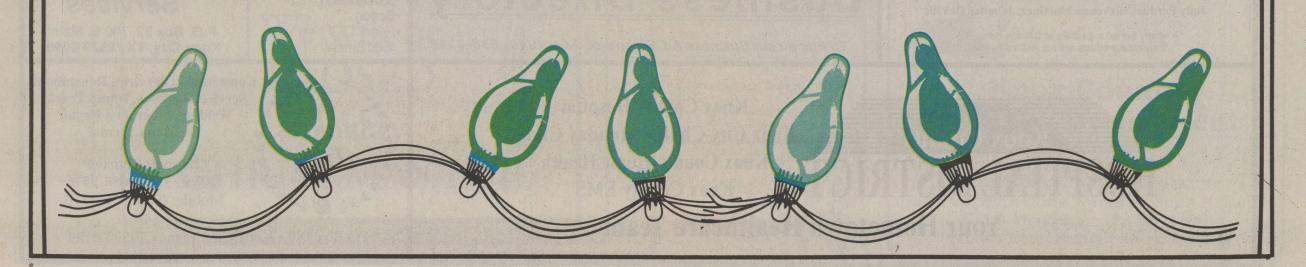
Never did we imagine that only a short time ago, we would be nearing the end of what I consider a legacy.

We have been through a lot together - good times and bad, seasons of hope and joy. Our one objective has always been to be fair and impartial - something that is not always easy to do in a small community such as ours and something that some don't like.

To our dedicated advertisers through the years, we thank you explicitly. Looking back to our first issue in 1971, we have three advertisers who have never missed an issue and are still advertising with us today. To, Sterling Lewis at Lewis Paint and Body Shop, Jerry Guinn at Jerry's Plumbing and L.C. and Amerolis Guinn of Guinn Sheet Metal and Plumbing, thank you for your loyalty. To our other faithful advertisers, subscribers and readers, an equal thanks as well for without you, there would be no NEWS.

Our final issue will be December 30. The new owners begin on January 3.

We wish you blessings abundantly during this holiday season. God has blessed our family and we give Him the Honor and Glory - this Christmas season and every day. For the most part, it has been a wonderful journey and has definitely been 'one heck of a ride'. To those who have thanked us for our service to the community, bless you. May He watch over you as He has us.



From this angle

This week is it! Everyone's first question is, "Have you got your Christmas shopping done?" And if you are like I am, you will still be shopping on Christmas Eve! Anyway, it is a joyful season for those of us who are here safe and sound, and our hearts go out to our troops all over the world. We pray for their safe return. And too, we need to be ever mindful as to the reason for the season!

Charles, Faye, and Kevin Reed met their son and his family, Mel, Sheryll, and Wendy Reed of Snyder at Texas Stadium recently for the playoff game between Snyder and Gilmer. Mel and Sheryll's daughter Wendy is a Snyder cheerleader. Their son Brady who is a sophomore student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Oklahoma, joined them there for the game. Gilmer went on to win the state championship.

An annual get together for the "Ol' Hens", as they have named themselves, was held Thursday

need a Barbie doll house so

night at Kathie and Jack's. The group enjoyed dinner and contributed \$90.00 to the Knox County Child Welfare fund. The women from Benjamin, O'Brien, and Knox City have been doing this for years and those attending last week included Dorothy Spikes, Jonnie Williams, Philomae Roberson, Kay Denton, Charlene Brothers, Doris Jones, Alice Wilson, Dorothy Jean Dykes, Faye Shaver, Dorothy Carver, Anne Underwood, Julie Thomas, and Marion Perdue.

Our sympathy goes out to Sharon Wainscott in the loss of her mother, Lois Beaty.

Talked to Don Railsback last week and he is home from the hospital in Wichita Falls after a 10-day stay and says he is feeling some better. We need to keep Don on our prayer list.

Another group of women who enjoyed a holiday meal last week was the Ruth Class of First Baptist Church. Lou Vail, a member of the class, hosted the group in

their beautiful home Thursday night. Among those enjoying the treat were teacher June Tankersley, assistant teacher Carol Duncan, secretary Ruby Pierce, Stella Carver, Martell Tankersley, Lea Reeves, Melinda Roberson, Billye Bess Angle, associate member Joyce Lloyd, and the hostess. Several members were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Lea Reeves was in Lubbock to attend graduation exercises Saturday morning for her granddaughter Courtney Reeves, daughter of Cathy and Bobby Reeves. Another granddaughter, Charlotte Reeves of Coppell, came for Lea to take her to Lubbock. Charlotte is the daughter of Linda and Charles Jr. of Fort Worth.

Gwen Decker of Lubbock spent Sunday night here with her family, Stacy and Dave Thompson and Billye Angle. She was enroute to Dallas to spend this week with her son Clay Hewitt.

Basketball scores

December 14, 2004 DISTRICT JV Girls

KC - 46, Rule JV - 22 Sarah Burt - 8, Tiffany Wilde - 9, Vanessa Solis - 6, Jessy Schur - 5, Jursten Stafford - 11. Candace Carver - 1, Kayla Stewart - 6.

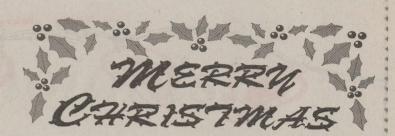
Varsity Girls KC - 63, Rule - 46

Kayla Martin - 13, Jessica Albus - 12, Sophie Gutierrez - 6, Shana Nicholson - 8, Brittany Hawkins -7. Nikki Moss - 17.

JV Boys KC - 25, Rule JV - 56 Orris Myers - 13, Jake Wade - 4, Robert Norton - 4, Tim Sanders -

> **Varsity Boys** KC - 62, Rule - 51

Quentin Spells - 19, Jeremy Saxton - 12, Grant Lewis - 1, Derrick Magana - 6, Dustin Johnson - 22, T.J. Richardson - 2.



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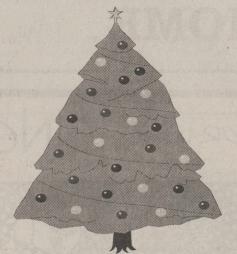
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Letters To Santa



Dear Santa.

My name is Sloan and I am 4 years old. I have tried really hard to be a good boy this year - I promise! I would like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles with their weapons and a firetruck. I would also like a Spiderman 2 movie, and I can share it with my daddy. I have a new baby sister, Lainy. Please don't forget about her! She wants a doll movie and a doll toy. Love, Sloan Lewis

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a V.smile and a yo-yo for Christmas. Thank you for the presents that you gave me last year.

I will leave you some chocolate milk and Cheetos for a snack. I love you, Preston Lynn

Dear Santa,

Hello, my name is Madison. I am 3 years old. I have been very good

Santa please bring me a pink bicycle to ride, a pink care bear, a care bear movie and a horse to ride. I also want some new clothes. Mommy and Daddy have been good so please bring them somethings. My bubba Andrew has been pretty good so please remember him. (Momma says all that he is getting will be a lump of

I will leave you a Coke and carrots for the reindeer.

Love your friend, Maddey Strickland



Aging center lunch menus

December 27th thru 31st

Monday, December 27 Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, biscuits, cake.

Tuesday, December 28 - Meat loaf, pinto beans, buttered spinach, cornbread, fruit with topping.

Wednesday, December 29 -Fish with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, hush puppies, cobbler.

Thursday, December 30 -Chicken and rice casserole, green beans, salad, light bread, dessert.

Friday, December 31 Closed for New Year's Eve. (All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

Dear Santa,

Hello my name is Laken. I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I have been good this year.

How are you? I am ready for you to come. Will you please bring me a mustang horse that will run fast? I also would like a new princess scooter. Please bring me and my little sister a new stroller so we can push our babies. I alwo want some new clothes. Please remember my bubba Andrew. He tries to be nice to me and Maddey, so bring him some movies and games.

I love you Santa Your friend, Laken Strickland

Dear Santa,

I'm only 1 but I know this is my first time writing to you. I'm not sure what I want this year. I wish peace for the war and our servicemen. Just bring me something good. I have been pretty good this year. Nana nad Papa said so. I thank God for a special year and a happy Christmas case the first gift of Christmas is a child. God gave His only begotten

Love always,

Trevor Austin Tears P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you the the Mrs. doing? As for me I'm fine. My name is Isaac Flores. I'm six years old. I'm a good boy and I make good grades. I wish that I get from you this year is a Shark track, airplanes, helicopter, some army men, five army tanks. I wish that my Uncle Mark and Aunt Leslie and my cousins have a good Christmas in Japan.

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love always, Isaac Flores

Dear Santa,

May name is Juan Carlos Espinal Jr. I'm only three years old and I'm a good boy. I wish that I could have a new pair of shoes, some army trucks, helicopter, airplane, hot wheels cars and something for my mother, my nana and my papa and the last thing I want is to thank God for everything. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love always,

Juan Carlos Espinal Jr. P.S. I and my brothers will have milk and cookies for you.

Dear Santa,

I want a really nice backp[ack and a BB gun like Kolby. Thank you, Levi Jones

Oh, and a Tiger.

Dear Santa,

I want a bullwhip, buckin' horses and a rpetend BB gun. Please bring all, I'd really like the horses best! Love, Kolby Jones

Dear Santa,

My mother is writing this letter because whe still can't understand me yet. I suppose she would like for me to have a stick horse because she is tired of me riding her ironing bord when she irons. Love, Abigail Jones



Dear Santa,

Thank you for all my presents. I need Spiderman and all bunches of Spiderman stuff. I've been dying for a motorcycle. I'm at my Nanna, Poppa's and Aunt Nikki's house, but I will be home at Lubbock for Christmas. Please burry and bring my new sisters. Bring me new video games please. I love you and your reindeers. Love, Brydon Mabry, age 2

Dear Santa,

I want a pink bicycle with no training wheels, a cotton candy maker, a pink glass baby doll like the one I had that's kinney broke. Bring my momma and daddy for their marriage a glass orange decorationand a white one for my momma. My new baby sisters will need a Barbie doll house so when they grow up they will have it. Please bring Aunt Nikki in Knox City a Christmas t-shirt. My Poppa needs a clock. Bring Nanna a vase for glowers. Chad needs a bone. Lexa loves Mrs. Santa Claus and loves Santa. Lexa Mabry, age 4

Dear Santa,

I would like a CD player for Christmas. I would also like a cell phone and an X-Box. A computer would be nice, too.

Your friend, Jarrett Masias

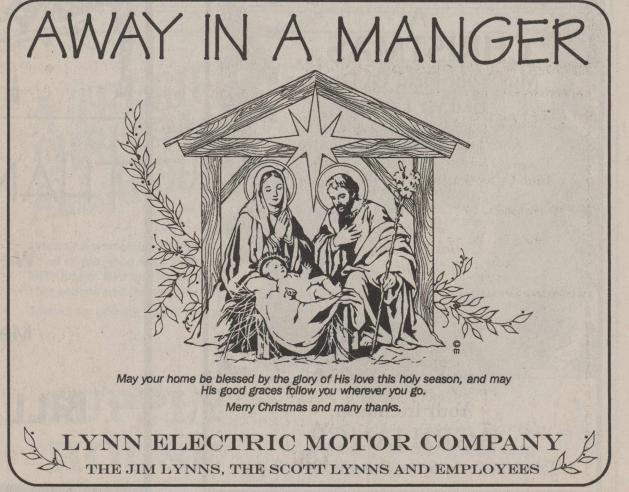
Dear Santa.

I would like a bike for Christmas and a Video Game for me and my family. For my little brother and me I would like lots of toys. Thank you Santa.

Your friend, Craig Thompson

Dear Santa,

I would like Yo-Gi-Oh cards for Christmas. I would also like a bike and a computer with Internet. Thank you for the gifts last year. Love. Ryan Carver





Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving me all my stuff last year. This year I would like a Lego set and books about mice and turtles. I would also like a rat that sings and dances. Your friend, Adrian Silva

Dear Santa.

I would like for you to get me a real Pug puppy. I would also like you to bring a dog collar that is purple for my puppy. I will also need a blue leash that pulls my puppy back when he tries to run away. I have been really good this year. How is Rudolph, Donner and Blitzen? I hope they are fine. Love, your friend, Jessica Wilburn

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to give me a CD player and a little baby doll. I would also like a doll house. I have been a very, very good girl. Thank you for the presents that you brought last year. Love, Essence Ward

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. I would like a real little kitty cat and a key for my door. I would also like some books that I can read to someone. I have been very good this year. Love, Ariel Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I would like a real motorcycle for Christmas. I would also like a Polly Pocket Doll with a house. Could you bring me roller blades with four wheels on the bottom. I would also like a real baby doll. Please bring my little sister a stuffed elf that plays music. Bring my big sister a real four wheeler. Love, your friend, Leighten Pepper

Dear Santa, Please bring me a turtle, motorcycle, race car. Love, Jordyn Eaton

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a pony, Barbie computer, roller skates and a Barbie doll. Love, Ana Araiza



Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring football stuff this Christmas. I would also like an X-box with all the games. I would also like a remote control Harley like the one at Walmart.

Love you Santa, Nathan Moya

Dear Santa.

I would like some Santa Claus things and games. I would also like everything of Sponge Bob, Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon and Angels. Thank you for everything you brought last year. Love, Alfredo Martinez

Dear Santa,

I would like a Pokemon Interactive Pikachu. I like Pokemon stuff so bring me lots of things with Pokemon. Love, Matthew Williams

Dear Santa, Please brine me a dirt bike, football clothes and a barn. Love, Spencer Edmonds

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie computer and some toys. Love, Laken Strickland

Dear Santa, Please bring me a helicopter, hot wheels, X-box and an airplane. Love, Isaac Flores

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Play Station 2 and hot wheels. LovenAM. Rubiorotom a maw or and a bikes How old are you'

Dear Santa, I want a little tree, My Little Pony, a King cobra, Zoo Tycoon 2, a play shark and a rat snake. Love, Caitlyn Baxter

Dear Santa. Please bring me a video camera and a Video Now, an X-box and a Love, Mati Ledesma

Dear Santa. Please bring me a remote control cobra, Spider slam and a real baby alligator. Love, Casey Stiewert

Dear Santa, Please bring me a heroscape, nstrike, stuffed snimals and rescue

Love, Sheldon Baty

Dear Santa,

Thank you for presents and letting me see reindeer.

I want boots and a cowboy shirt for Christmas. I want cowboy pants and hat.

Your friend, Kristopher

Rock House, Knox City Dear Santa, I want a Barbie jeep, if you have one! also a puter and a fashion purse

with makeup. My name is Saylor

Love you bunch. Saylor Edmonds, age 3

but my daddy calls me Bill.

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I hope they are good.

I have been good, (well, for the most part). I have been trying to be good. I would like you to bring me some new boots, new belt, new pickup and trailer, new pants, new shirt, a new rope, new dog and a new tractor. My parents say no new dog.

Please remember my brothers and sister. This is my baby brother's first Christmas. Please bring my Mama a new purse. We will leave you some new cookies and a chicken.

Love, Mason Shipp, age 3

Dear Santa.

Merry Christmas! I love Rudoplh, how is he? Would you please bring me a rope, some new boots, a new belt, a new pickup and trailer and a roping dummy. Please don't forget my Daddy. Be careful coming down the chimney it might be hot. Also, please don't forget my brothers and sister. They have been pretty good. We love you Santa, and we'll leave

you some milk and cookies. Love, Lane Byers, age 4

WANTADS Work!

Sell those unwanted items with a classified ad.

Dear Santa,

How is everything at the North Pole? Thank you for all my presents last year. For Christmas can I have a CD player with CDs. I would also like two real goldfish with a neat fishbowl to put them

Love, Andrea Lynn

Dear Santa,

I am glad you're my Santa Claus. This year I would like to have a toy motorcyele, a toy dirt bike, and a scooter. I would also like a soccer ball. Than's all. Love, De'Andre Hughey

Dear Santa,

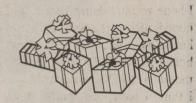
Thank you for all the things you brought me last year. I have been very good this year. I would like for you to bring me a Play Station II and a Sponge Bog 3D game to play on my new Play Station. I would also like a Video Now with all the disk that comes with it. Love, Kinslee Cox

Dear Santa.

I've been a good girl this year most of the time. I love what you got me last year but this year I want something different. This year I want some DVDs like Shrek 2, The Cat in the Hat, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. I also want some pretty cloths and shoes. Another thing that I want is some pajamas. I love them. One thing I have been wanting is a Jewled Dimin Creation. Another thing I have been wanting is a collection of Bratz

cards. I also want a makeup kit with some lipgloss and lipstick. I want a little backpack with a l on it. One last thing I want is a bean bag. Tell Mrs. Claus and the Elfs and reindeers that I said "Hi."

Yours sincerely, Kelsey Vasquez







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Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing very fine. I hope Rudolph is good, too. I love his shiny nose, and I love you both, very much. I have Rudolph's movie, and I like to watch it. I think I have been pretty good this year. I would like Magic Hair

Dora, and a new cowgirl hat, and new boots. I love you, Santa Claus. Please remember my family especially my baby brother this is his first Christmas. He wasn't here last year. Jake is a special baby. Please remember my friends. Love, Peyton Shipp, age 4

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Hi, my name is Jabahri. I am writing to you because I need your help. I really wanna motorcycle for Christmas. I want this Hummer they have them at Wal-Mart. I would also like some clothes (size 4), and some new tennis shoes (size 10).

I will leave you some milk and cookies. Merry X-Mas and Happy

I will be out

of the shop Christmas week, December 20-24, to help with my new Christmas grandson, Hogan.

Karen will be available for nails during this time.

New Year. Thanks, Jabahri Walton

P.S. Please bring my big brother something for Christmas, his name is Adonis.

Dear Santa,

This year, I am in 4th grade and I do not want toys. I think I'm too old for toys but I do want a nail set, juiry, shoes and a set of earrings. I really want my dad and mom. Well I would like to see you one of these days. I would like one little boy a Bratz doll named Yasmine. Well I guess I will let you go now bie. I will wright you next year.

Sincerely love, Megan Martinez

Dear Santa.

All I want for Christmas is two pare of pants and two shirts and thats all. But I've been bad to my teacher I've been desopaing my teacher and mom too. But I'll be good next year.

Your friend, Isaac Banks

Dear Santa,

Thank you so much for everything you brought last year. I would like a stereo and a few games for my play station, and some clothes. A shirt and some pants would be nice.

Your friend, Michael Overmyer

I want a wrestling game. I want a wrestling match. How old are you? I want a ice cream set.

Dear Santa,

I would like a KW, Dodge pickup, a Camaros, Viper and Mustang models. I would also like a video game for my Play Station I. Your Friend, Nicholas Short

Dear Santa,

I would like a real puppy for Christmas. I would also like a Play Station II and a "Grand Theft Auto Vice City" video game. Thank you for the gifts last year. I have been good.

Your friend, Zach Rodriquez

Dear Santa,

I would like a car for Christmas. I would also like some Legos. I hope all of the reindeer are ready to fly. Have a nice trip. Your friend, Isreal Rodriquez

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and a game. I want to give you a hug and a kiss on the check. I want to give the randin and elfs a hug. I wamy my dad and mom.

Cassias

Dear Santa, I want a paint ball gun for Christmas and a gameboy.

Angel

Dear Santa,

I want a dog for Christmas. I have been good at school. Is the elfs real? I like Rudoply. My brother and my sister have been good. When are you coming here? We have a Christmas program on Thursday. Michaela

Dear Santa,

I want some lipstick and my brother wants a Elmo toy. Santa how old are you? I wamt a mini motorcycle and a hat. Avery

Dear Santa.

Guess what I want for Christmas. I want a motorcycle. I want a Xbox and a bike. How old are you? Ladeja

Dear Santa. I want a dirt bike for Christmas. I want a basketball.

Dear Santa,

Tobeba

Santa, can you bring me a DVD player and a plant? Santa, I love you. Santa, I like your suit. Santa, I like your elf.

Dear Santa.

Sherree Hulme

For Christmas, I want an electric guitar. Dear Santa, I love you. Dear Santa, I want a drum set. Santa, I want a game boy advance. Wes

Dear Santa,

I want makeup more and more. I want lip sticks with it. I want a microphone and drumsticks. Calista

Dear Santa,

I would like a new video game. And a Christmas tree with lots of presents. Santa be sure to come. I have been good at home. Ho, Ho,

Love, Allen

Dear Santa,

I want a four wiler. I want a paint ball gun. I need some shoes, I want a game boy. I want some shirts. I want a dirt bike. Ligon

Dear Santa,

Happy Christmas! I am five years old, I wish you can give me some presents. I want a Christmas tree. I want a remote control race car.

Dear Santa Claus.

Your friend, Jacoby

Santa Claus loves me. I love you. Please bring a toy for me. I want a speedy car.

I'll leave you cookies and milk. I love you, Joe

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for presents. Do you have elves that make your pre-

Please can I have a Barbie House? Please can I have a Barbie? Your friend, Elissa

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some toys. I like to play house and trucks. I go to school in Knox City. Love, Angel

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a chopper bike for Christmas. Love, Payne Stanfield

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle, some candy and an X-box. Love, Justin Thomas



I like the reindeer that take you home to the North Pole.

Will you give us some presents? I am five years old. I would like a horse. We had one, his name was Rowdy Boy, but we don't have him anymore.

I'll leave you some cookies and

Love, Skylin

Dear Santa,

I want a play Christmas tree. I want a Lion King'sticker book. I want a big puzzle like we have at

I like your reindeer. Thank you Santa for all the presents. Your friend, Cara

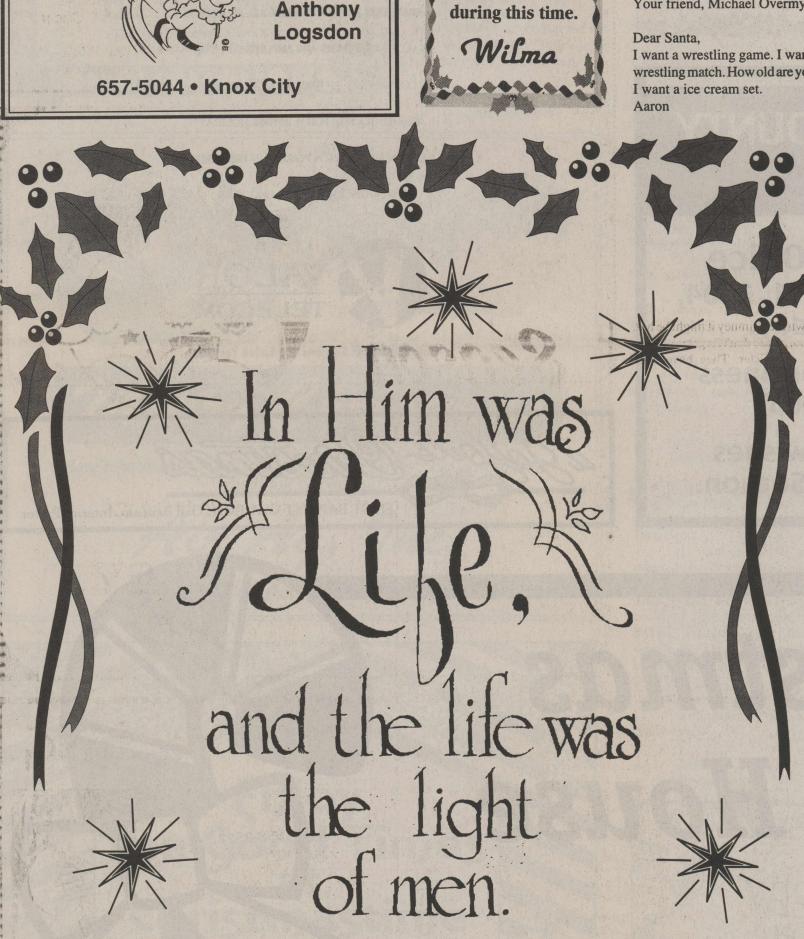
Dear Santa.

I will give you cookies and milk. Your reindeers are cute. I am six. I am in Kindergarten. I want a "My Scene" movie where

they have Halloween costumes

I love you, Cameron





May Jesus, the Light of the

World - Shine on you.

The Folks at

Smith Funeral Home



Letters To Santa



Dear Santa

Will you please get me a little 4-wheeler? Thank you for coming last year

I go to school in Knox City. I am five and I am in kindergarten. I love you, Zachary B.

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I go to kindergar-

Please bring me a Barbie with a

Your friend, Jade

Dear Santa,

I love you, Santa Claus. Please get us toys. I want a Toy Story movie. I like strawberry cookies. I love teachers.

I love you, Zinziley

Dear Santa,
Please bring us presents. I like
Hot Wheels and Spiderman toys.
Please put toys in my stocking.
I am five. I play with the toys you bring me.

Your friend, Devin

Dear Santa,

Thank you for what I had last Christmas.

I want a Polly's Walking Rollery Coaster and a Princess and Pauper CD and dolls.

I love you, Hailee

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a RC remote control dirt bike, the fastest one. SabertoothaTeddybear, a hockey game for PS2, a Robosapein, i toy, a 3 wheelscooter, For itoy a Harry Potter-Prisoner of Escaban, a ninja game, huberboard challenge, Army of Doom. Also please Santa bring my little brother Cason a tricycle so he can stay off my bike, motorcycles, hot wheels, a new play tractor, and a new bed he is getting a little big for his. Thanks, Santa.

Dear Santa,

I loved the stuff you gave me last year. This year I want play station vidoe gamed, robo sapion, Matt Christerphor books, and Magic Tree House books please. One more thing I want my perants feeling better. I love to fight with my brother but he likes it. I've minded my perants to.

Your great friend Lyndon Baty

Dear Santa,

This year for christmas I would like you to bring me a CD player, a bike, shoes, a leather Jacket that's long and goes to my knees and some cloths.

Your friend, Rocio Ortega



ATTENTION KNOX COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The Knox County Tax Office will be closed on December 31, 2004, for the New Year's Holiday.

They will resume regular business hours on January 3, 2005.

The staff at the Tax Office wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

Santa, I want an airplane, monster truck, and a police officer toy. Levi would like to have a monster truck batman like me.

Santa, I have some cookies for you and some milk.

> Love, Logan Waggoner

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a choo choo train, a big one. I want a big truck, too.

> I love you, Jackson Meador

Dear Santa,

I want a real fourwheeler and a helmet, goggles and new clothes. The goggles will keep bugs out of my eyes and I need new pants because mine are too small. My brother wants a real monster truck. My dad will have to drive it but not on the road. My little sister Saylor wants a Barbie jeep.

> Love, Stuart Edmonds

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. Remember, I need a helmet so I can ride safely. Please bring me a Spiderman toy, too. I live in Knox City, now, so please find my new house.

> Love, Julian Downs

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and some books. Please remember all my brothers and sisters, too.

> Love, Jacob Lopez

Dear Santa.

I want a talk machine where you stand up and sing. My house is wood and is beside Wes' grandma's house. I hope you find it.

> Love, Clayton Richardson

Dear Santa,

I want a Power Ranger Morpher for Christmas. Could you bring me a racecar?

My grandma is making you cake. I will leave you some water.

> Love, Lane Tibbets

Dear Santa,

I want a saw. I can work in the shop.

Nick Lopez

Dear Santa.

I have everything I need so you don't need to bring me anything else.

> Love, Steven Liles



I want a Dora with magic hair. It can be short or long. I have three brothers. They would like to leave you cookies. Jake wants some new bottles, Mason (he's three) would like Hot Wheels, and Lane wants a new bike without a flat tire.

I saw you here in Knox City. You gave all the kids candy canes.

> Love, Peyton Shipp

Dear Santa,

I want a tractor and a bike and a gum machine. My sister wants a Care Bear, a baby, and a little thing with a sippy cup for her baby.

I will leave you some macaroni and some meat.

> Love, Jordan Ruiz

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a game for my Nintendo and a toy gun. I will leave you cookies and milk.

> Love. Jose Diaz

Dear Santa.

I would like Spiderman 2 movie. I need a race toy, too. Mason wants to play with little toys. I saw you when you gave me a candy cane. You made my brother cry. He's little.

I live at O'Brien in a white and blue house. I hope you find me.

> Love. Andrew Magaña, Jr.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me two remote control dirt bikes and a Bear Tooth Marvel guy. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk.

Don't forget my brother, Cason. He wants Hot Wheels.

> Love, Carson Lewis

Dear Santa,

I want a little baby pony for outside and I want a purple unicorn pony for inside. Rachel Ray wants a Strawberry Shortcake doll for Christmas. I saw you at Bob's. I like your laugh.

> Love, Rebecca Rodriquez

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a hot wheels toy. My granny will cook chicken for you.

> Love, Nicolas Araiza

Dear Santa,

I don't know what I want for Christmas. I like motorcycles. See you on Christmas!

Love,

Ray Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I like to play with trucks so if you can bring me one, it would be nice. Don't forget my friends at school.

> Love, Christopher Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I would like a jeep for Christmas. Please bring me a Dora, too.

> Love, Taliyah Birdow

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, please bring me a racecar and a princess shirt. I will leave you a Lunchable when you come to my house.

> Love, Aliyah Birdow

Dear Santa.

I want one scooter with two wheels. Also, I would like a bike without training wheels. Could I have a scooter without big wheels that you can just push it, that's all. Matthew would like a little football thing to play with. He wants a spinning thing that he can get on when he is big.

I saw you at a parade and then I saw you at a store. I waved to you. Please find me at my new house in Knox City.

> Love, Alexia Jimenez

Dear Santa.

I want a Barbie doll and I want new clothes and that's it. I will leave you chocolate cake.

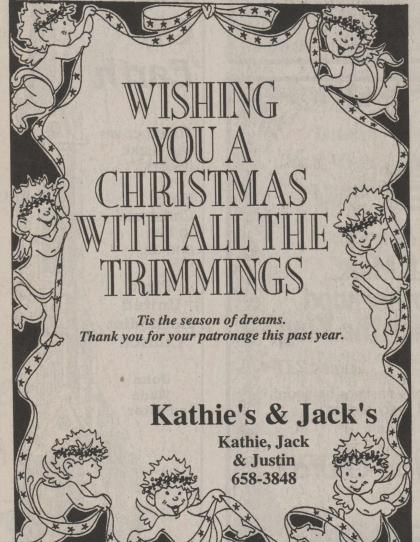
> Love, Kailyn McKinney

Dear Santa.

I want a baby doll and a clown. I saw you at Duckwall's and I saw your house.

Kaetlin Ledesma

Love,







Here's hoping your season gets off to a flying start, and brings

much joy throughout!

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Donna and Stan Wojcik

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Leena was tired of her husband coming home drunk, and decided to scare him straight. On night, she put on a devil costume and hid behind a tree to intercept him on the way home. When her husband walked by, she jumped out and stood before him with her red horns, long tail and pitchfork.

"Who are you?" he slurred.

"I'm the devil," she answered. "Well, come on home with me," he said. "I married your sister."

Here and There - Beatrice and David Ellis of Alpine spent the weekend in Dallas celebrating an early Christmas with their relatives.

Bernice Rowan was picked up Sunday by her son Lowell of Denton and they had lunch with her daughter Debbie and husband and other families. There she will be in and out of Denton and

Henrietta visiting her sons, Jerry and Lowell.

Our church (O'Brien Baptist) had a good Christmas Sunday in their morning and evening Christmas program and then to the kitchen for refreshments. The program and good both were enjoyed by everyone.

Junior and Myra Reeves were in Munday Sunday and enjoyed a good day of visiting and eating with their sister-in-law, LaRue Reeves and friends.

Billie Ruth was in Haskell last Friday to visit those in the Rice Springs Care Home. They enjoyed a visit and exchanging of gifts.

We have quite a lot of people in our area and church who need our prayers. Among those are Janoma Stephens, Rose Marie Johnston, Vivian Hendrix, Billie Walker and we will pray for Joe Barnard who is having surgery on the 21st of December. I'm sure Loretta Hewitt needs our prayers.

Bro. Jim and Sherry Reed had open house at their house Saturday afternoon from 2:30 - 6:00. There sere several attended and enjoyed the afternoon eating and drinking and just visiting. There were lots of goodies for all.

I was notified that a nephew of mine from Fort Worth, Mickey Johnston, had passed away. He was the son of the late Abb and Lorata Johnston. They were all members of O'Brien Baptist Church for several years. He was blessed by having two children. He was 79 years old.

Adelle Herring was blessed one day last week having her grandson, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree, come over and do some work for

Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

Please bring me a T.V. "and a doll. I can play in my froom at my new house. I live in Knox City.

> Love, Destiny Casillas

Dear Santa,

I want the new Shrek movie and the Lord of the Ring movie. It has monsters and good guys and swords and horses and little men.

I will leave you cookies "and milk and a Santa Claus movie to watch.

> Love, a a rug nov iliw Jessie Muñoz

Dear Santa,

I want the Shrek 2 movie on DVD, please. I could use a motorcycle and a new jacket, too.

I will leave you milk and cookies.

> Love. Marcus Rubio

Dear Santa,

I want Spiderman toys for Christmas. I need some new clothes, too.

You will like my mama's chicken and rice when you come to my house.

> Love, Sasha Thompson

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is two pare of pants and two shirts and that's all. But I've been bad to my teacher I've been disappointing my teacher and mom too. But FII be good next year.

Your friend Isaac Banks

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year. I want you to bring me a football, backpack, romote car, computer games, basketball. Thanks.

> Your Friend, Jesus Rodriquez

Dear Santa,

This year I would like for you to bring me these games for my Game Cube. Need for speed Underground 2 and Tiger Woods PGA tour 2005. I would also like black wide receiver gloves, a leather patriot football, and my own patriot away jersey with number 27 make me really happy. So please and Carter written on the back. If you bring these to me it would bring them to me and tell Rudolph I said, "Hi."

Your eight year old friend,

Zachary Carter to wink mon a

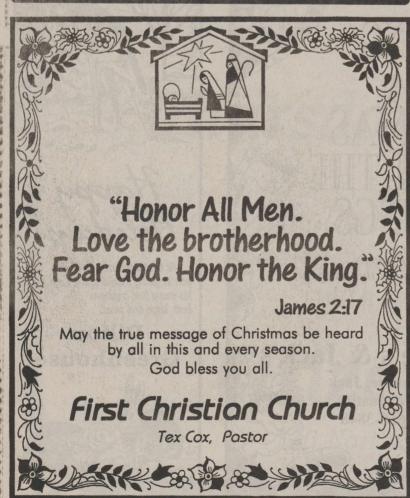
Dear Santa,

This year I wood like a bik, a dvd player, a bean bag, a cd player and cds.

> Your friend, Laquita Roberson











We like to give credit where credit is due. So the first order of business Is giving special thanks to you. You've shown us your friendship In so many ways. Now it's our turn to wish you The very happiest of holidays!

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"Behold, the Lamb of God." John 1:29

> Thanks to those who donate items, as well as those who buy. God Bless You.

Knox County Hospital Auxiliary



Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

This year I would like a shinky dink and a veodow now. Also I would like a operation shrek and a clarinet. I would love it if you would breeng a luv cub for me to. Thank you!

Love always, Haley Ledesma

Dear Santa,

This year could you manage for toys for me. I would like a new rim with a net on it and a basketball. There is a new game out called Maden 2005 is there any way you could get that for me. And I would also like a trampoline. I've been a good kid this year too.

> Sincerely, Hagen Hutchinson

Dear Santa,

I loved the toys that you gave me last year. I have been a good girl this year. I am looking forward to you coming. I am in the 4th grade and I am 9 years old. . This year I want video games. A Sponge Bob

Movie video game and a Shark Tale video game. Have fun!

Your friend, Allison Lynn

Dear Santa,

I'm been realy good this year. I'm in 4th grade this year. I would like a little baby puppy for me and my nephew. A baby cat so my dog won't get lonely. Another neopet. One of thoes DVD's you can take any where. Well I guess that's all

> Your friend. Jasmine Lerma

Dear Santa.

Thank you for the go cart last year. I love to ride it. I also like to ride my bike you got me last year. Thank you for all the things you got me last year. This Year I want three things. A 22 rifel so I can go hunting. I also want a computer. The last thing I want is a dirt bike. I hope you have a happy Christmas.

> Your friend Garrett Fox

I've tried to be a good boy this

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year I've made good grades in school so this is what I want, a turrane twister that shreds through the snow, water and mud it's a awesome toy. Then I also want kingdom hearts remembering chains for my PS 2 that stands for playstation 2 it looks like a real cool game. Next I realy want a drum set. I realy like to drum. Now Im asking for a hummer remote control a kind of big one that is fast and can go in reverse. The last thing I'm asking for is a cool looking stereo system that is loud and holds 6 disks. That is all that I dream of Santa. Merry Christmas. Hope it reaches the north pole.

> Your friend, Chris Richardson

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I whant a brat, moter scooter, and a bike. Ant I whant some stof you gave me last year. P.S. if you can't fit evrething in my stoking pout it on the ground.

> Love, Cassandra Ledesma

Dear Santa,

Thancks for what you brot for me last year. Can you plese get me a turrane twister and a remote cintrol plane, a new scat bord please. My mom Misty and my sister Jade and my brother Angel, me are going to leave som food and sum raindeer food

> Your friend, Josh Domingez

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Can you please bring me a four wheeler, Polly Pocket house w/dolls, door bell that sings Sillent Night, four wheeled skates, and new shoes. And in my stoking give me I belevie in you anything. Santa!

Love, Tayler Pepper

Dear Santa,

I want a humer H-2 so I can drive it in the creeck. And I would like a sniper scope for my gun to. And I want my dog back please.

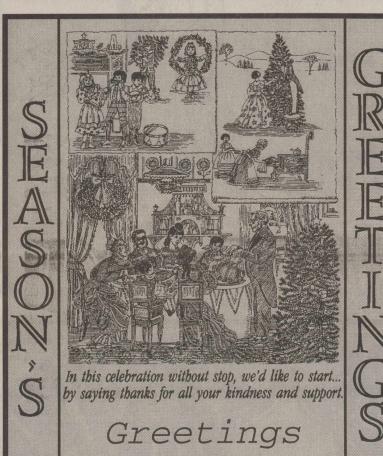
Love Your friend Schelby G. Houck

Dear Santa,

Thank you for getting me a bairbe last year and the other toys to. I'm in third grade next year I'll be in fourth grade. This year I would really like for you to bring be a CD player so I can listen to it I go some where. Whith a few CD's so I can put in my CD player so I can play the CD where ever I go. Santa will you put a harmonica I my stocking.

Love, Courtney Taylor





Best Wishes From

Shirley Barretto MD

Kevin Finley DO

Mark Bingham PA-C

> Jamie Caldwell BNP

> > and Staff

Knox Countu Hospital Clinic

Merry Christmas

to all!!

Our Customers and Friends

We would like to take the opportunity offered by this Holiday Season to extend our gracious thanks to those who have made our progress possible.

> Merry Christmas and every good wish for your happiness in the New Year.

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Michael & Debra Bartley Terry & Kelly Bartley Chris & Brittany Williams



Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl. Motter Scooter Can I please have my preasents now? Do you know what I want for Christmas? This is what I want for Christmas. A little, DVD player, Bike, shoes, a watch, some Jewelry and a CD player.

Your friend, Heather Thomas

Dear Santa,

So sorry I don't belive in you because if I did I'd ask you for 400 things but since I don't I won't ask you for anything

Your non beliving friend, Scotty Matthew Reid

Dear Santa,

This year I only want two things because they are huge and important. What the first one is a Corey Dillon New Egland football gear, and last but not least. I want a Kingdom Hearts the Chain of Memories. Well that is all.

Yours truly, Stran Jackson

Dear Santa,

Thank you for a realy great Christmas last year. This year I would like you to bring me these playstation games NFL Street, and Cabela's Dangeros Hunts, And I would also like these things a Big Beeny Bag, a puppy, and the Video Friday Night Lights.

Your great friend, Ty McLemore

Dear Santa,

I love the gifts you give me last year. This year I love to have books, a bike, a computer and football movie.

Your friend,
Jerico Thompson

Dear Santa,

This year I want you to bring me a PS 2 game Cold Smakedown bs Row. But the thing that I rilly want is a scooter that loocks like a Harly. This is what I want the most of all a dog with food, food cup and a water cup. I allso want for hunting a bow ond airo with arros But I want a medel dytector for crismas.

Your frend Tylynne Eaton

Dear Santa,

I want a game like pac man with a remote control. Please get my mom a scooter. Thank you.

Your friend, Cheve Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle and a radio for Christmas. I also want a go-cart and a real 4-wheeler. And one more thing, a puppy. Bye Santa and thank you.

Love, Travis Self

Dear Santa,

This year I would like shoes, clothes, a mountain board, and a bike. This year I've been good.

Your friend, Cley Plume

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the 22 rifle. This year I will leave you cookies and a coke. I want a cool youth camo 4 wheeler, go cart, and football 2K5 for a Playstation 2. I realy want a youth 20 gauge. In my stocking I want a camo hunting mask and como gloves that I can wear hunting

Your friend, Gus West Dear Santa

Thank you for givving me what I wanted for last christmas. Now I'm in fourth and I'm trying to be a good girl. This year I want a pet parrot. I want my own cause I hate sharing. Also a raggedy andy and ann doll. I like them cause they look fun to play with. And a computer with a barbie fashion show game. I think she's cool. I also want a beauty and the beast doll dress up. I alreaday have cinderella. That's what I want for christmas.

Love Emily Espinosa P.S. Hows Mrs. Santa and the reindeer.

Dear Santa

I enjoyed the things you brought me last year. This year I would like a comperter because they are fun to play on. A Lov cub because they are soft. I would also like a real meal oven because you could make anything in it. And a new born dog and I know just where to get it because my aunt's dog just had baby's. Another thing is a operration Shrek and I saw it on TV. Oh ya I have been a good girl.

Your friend, Selena Benavides

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents last year. By the way I saw your boot and the bottom part of your elf. This time bring Mrs. Clause. This year I want these things. I want a Juise Box, four wheeler, clothes, and a remote control car.

Love, Quinten Burt

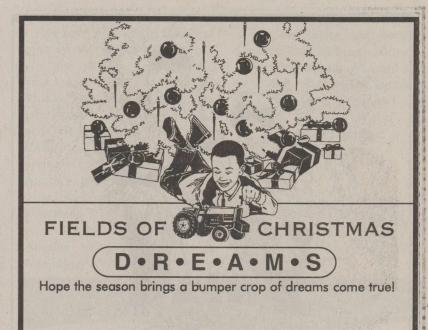


Dear Santa

This year I would like you to bring me a rocker dragster and in my stocking put about 5 rockets in it. The next thing that I want is a Yamaha 70 dirt bike with gas in it please and the last thing that I want is a Gibson SG Angus young signature eltrick gutar. I have been good this year.

Your friend, Stratton Edmonds

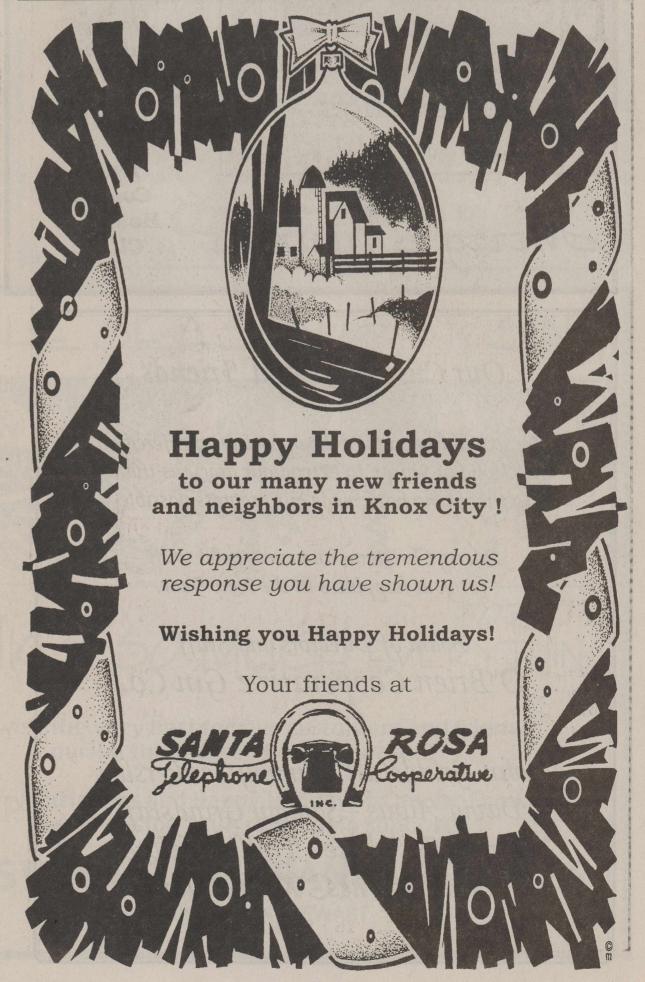


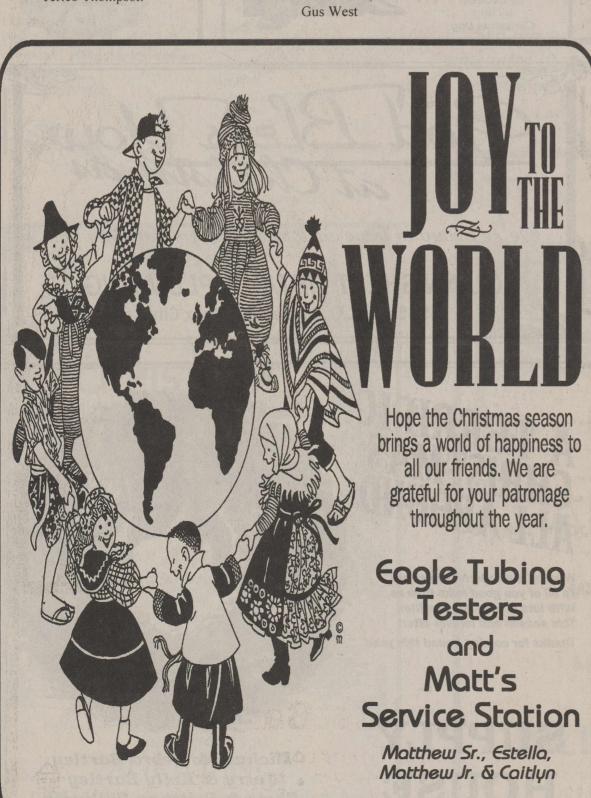


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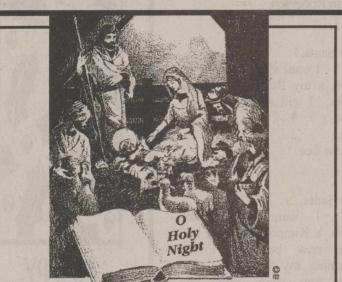
December 22

Deb

Happy 50th Anniversary Mom and Dad

Your faithfulness and love to each other through the good and bad times have been such an inspiration and blessing to my life.

I love you both very much.



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14

Knox City Foursquare Church

Paul Chambers, Pastor

Happiness is . . .



mailing letters to Santa

Dear Santa.

This year for Christmas I want a Pixter, X Box, I toy, and a Juice Box. A Pixter is as game you can play game pieces. An I toy is like a tiny camera you hook up to a playstation 2 and you can see youre self on tv. Last but not least a Juice Box is something that you can watch movies on and that's what I want for Christmas this year.

Your friend, Jonathan Rodriquez

Dear Santa,

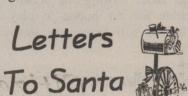
I liked what you got me last year but this year I'm older. I have been a very good boy. If you can get me at least one of the three things I want I would be so happy. I would like a pixter purple, juice box, and a pre pay cell phone. Please try to get one. O hope your slay ride goes smooth as always.

> Your friend, Blayne Bradley

Dear Santa,

I want a Dusty the Vacuum Cleaner, a Care Bear movie, Polar Express movie if it comes out, and a Bratz car. I would also like a Saphire birthstone ring and a workout Care Bear. Please bring a boinky doll for Ella and some diamond earrings for mom and a new cowboy suit for my dad. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love,

Kayla Hunter Age 6







Last year I had all the good presents. This year I only want five things. What I want is a partable dvd player that you can take any where. A Go Cart, some, clothes a hurry bike and some shock shoes that is red and blue. These are the only five thigs I want

Your, friend, Chasity Garcia

Dear Santa,

Thank you for what you got me last year. I was good this year. And this is what I want this year. Just three things a Icee maker, Smores maker, and a leapster. Thank you for everything

> Love, Rosie Woods

Dear Santa,

I saw you at Duckwalls. You were nice. I want a basketball, a football, and a basketball goal. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Tanner Snider Age 5

Dear Santa,

I would like to have some new toys. I want a doll and some Barbies and a puppy for Christmas. Love, Gabby Muhle

Dear Santa,

Age 5

I want a remote control monster truck, a coloring book hot rod, and a cool remote control car. I will leave you a Clause. This year I want theyou

Tyler Harvey Age 5



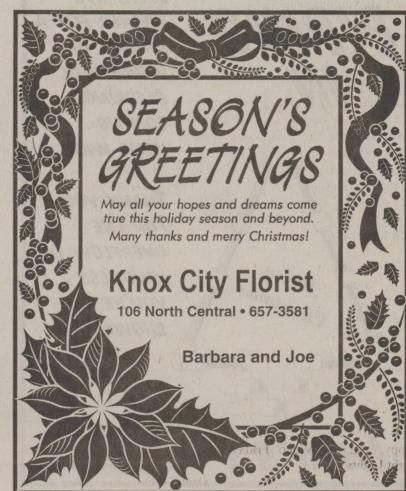
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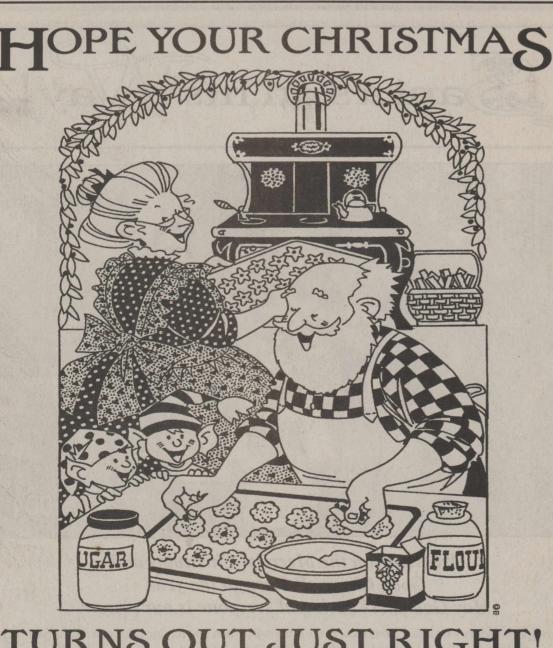
KNOX COUNTY CLEANERS

We will be closed Dec. 24 - 27 and will reopen on Dec. 28 and also closed New Year's Eve.

Come by and enjoy Christmas with us at the Cleaners with treats and coffee or punch on Thursday.

Sammie and Eddie





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Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

I am five years old and I am in Kindergarten. I want a dollhouse, Christmas movie, some dolls and some clothes for my new sister, Emily Brooke. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Hannah Munoz Age 5

Dear Santa,

I love you. I would like a Barbie, a bear, a new shirt, and a real cat. I will feed it cat Love,

Genesis Martinez Age 6

Dear Santa,

I am in Kindergarten. I want a motorcycle, a toy car, another car, which is a hot rod. Bring my parents a new blender. I saw you at the fire station. I hope that my mom lets me go out at night and leave you some cookies.

Love, Trey Ledesma Age 5

Dear Santa,

I would like a motorcycle, new shoes, a ball and a bat and a new toy, the Batman one. I don't know if I will leave you anything. Love,

Christian Abila Age 5

Dear Santa.

This year I am in the 4th grade and I do not want toys. I think I'm to old for toys but I do want a nail set, julry, shoes, and a set of earrings. I really want my dad and mom. Well I would lik to see you one of these days. I would like one little toy a Bratz doll named Yasmine. Well I gues I will let you go now bie. I will wright you next year

Sincerely, love, Megan Martinez

Dear Santa,

This year I would like to have a bike a new backpack and care that talks. I like the stuff that you brought me last year. They were great it is better than wanting everything in the hole world.

> Your Friend, Brianna Thomas

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys, clothes, books, car, games, playstation 2 and bike that you brought me last year. My mom was saw happy for the shoes that you bring her. Santa this year I want a football, pixter purpel, animal books like five of om, , Juise box, and a control robot.

> Your friend, Jose Espinal

Dear Santa,

I want Barbie, a house for the Barbie, a car for the Barbie, and some food for the Barbie. I want all of that for me and Jade. Bring me a boy Barbie for my bubba to play with. I will leave you some cookies.

Right is v get two great in syour Jasmine Diazol enon Age 6

Dear Santa,

I want a racecar truck, a Hulk sleeping bag, and a big Jeep. My baby brother, Aaron would like a Sponge Bob bed.

Age 5

Dear Santa,

I want a four-wheeler, a motorcycle, a Power Ranger watch, and a Sponge Bob watch. I also want a remote control car, a blade blade, that rips and a web hand. I will leave you a note.

Jaylon Roberson Age 5

Dear Santa.

blocks. I will leave you some cocoa. Love,

Age 5

some new boots. cookies.

Amy Harrington Age 5

Love, Christopher Espinosa

Love,

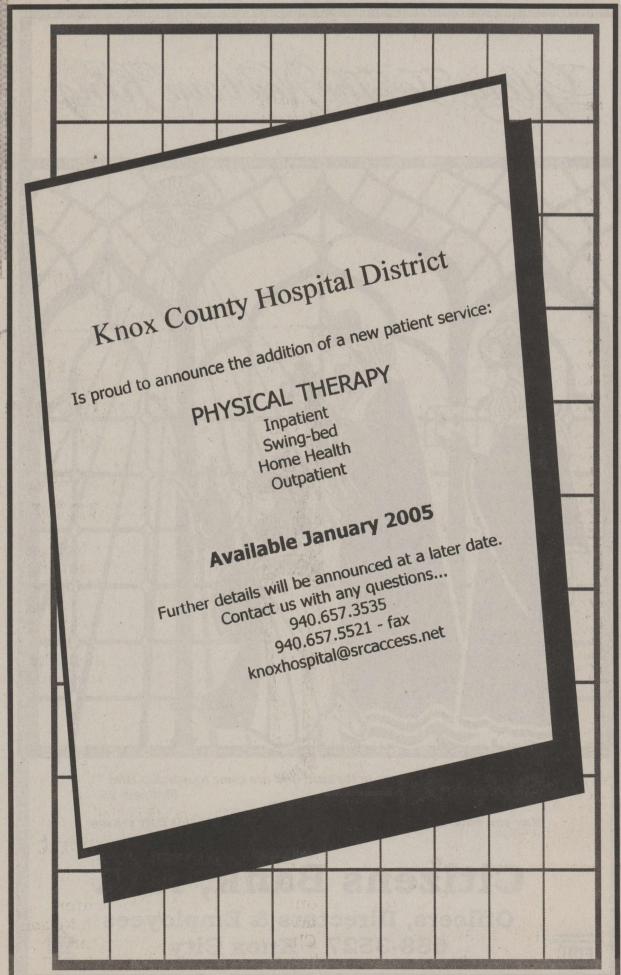
I want a Princess Barbie castle, a toy Barbie, and some Willow Lee

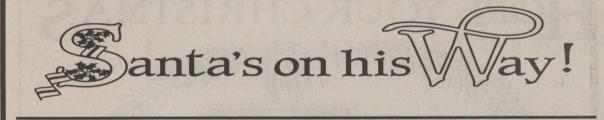
Dear Santa,

I want the Grinch movie, a Kimpossible suit, and Please remember my family. I will leave you some milk and Love,

I am in Kindergarten. I would like a toy motorcycle, a big dirt bike to ride, and some toy cars. Love, Zackery Overmyer



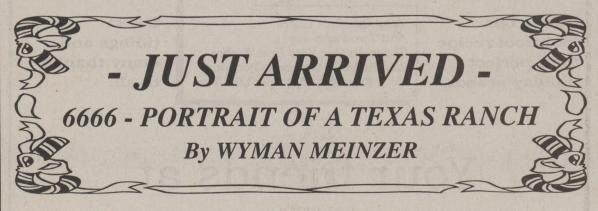






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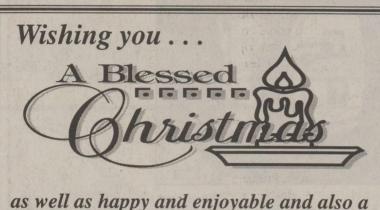
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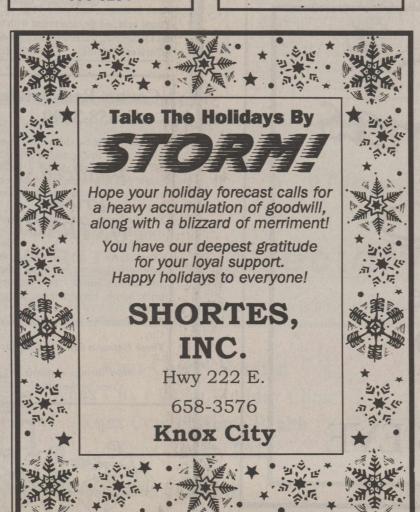
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