

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

May Your Home Be Blessed
This Holiday Season!
Louis and Barbara Stas and Family

FOURTH & FINAL DRAWING IS FRIDAY!

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

Eight Lucky Wheeler Shoppers To Share \$400

The fourth of the \$1500 Chamber of Commerce Christmas drawings will be held Friday, December 24, 1999. \$400 will be given away. The time of the drawing for Friday will be 2:30 and the amount to be \$400.00.

These four annual Christmas drawings are the progressive Wheeler merchant's way of saying 'Thank You' to you, their customers, for the support you have given them during the year.

Merchants began giving tickets on Friday, November 26. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each \$5.00 spent, you will receive an additional ticket—up to 100 tickets per purchase.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments.

A total of 58 envelopes containing Wheeler 'Cash' will be handed out this year. The drawings will be in the amounts of \$300 on the first Saturday, \$400 on the second and third Saturday and \$400 on Christmas Eve. Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

You will receive one ticket per each \$5.00 of the purchase value up to a maximum of 100.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating they are giving drawing tickets.

Drawing tickets have been available since Friday, November 26, 1999, at sponsoring businesses.

The merchants giving tickets are Cross Car Center, Hefley Hardware, Hyland's Pharmacy, L. & F. Repairs, Marshall Discount Auto, McIlhany Dry Goods, Mainstreet Communications, Thriftway, Ware Chevrolet-Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac, Wheeler Flower & Gift Shop, Wheeler Lumber Co., and Johnny's Shamrock Service.

Those sponsoring the drawing and not giving tickets are Bar-B-Q, Pizza & More, Dr. Larry Barbour, Burton Ford-Mercury Inc., Eastern Panhandle Ins., First State Bank, Mobeetie & Wheeler, The General Store, H&R Block Tax Service, Heritage Beef Cattle Co., Hibler Implement Co., Honey Inn, Jones Fuels, Charles Kuntz, C.P.A., McCain's Auto Body, Dr. Louie Mendiola, Mel's Diner, Parkview Hospital, Ag Credit Association, R. & M. Quality Car Wash, Southwestern Public Service, Speedi-Mart, West Texas Gas, Wheeler Banking Center, Wheeler T.V. System, Wheeler Vet Clinic, Britt Ranch, G.T.E. Southwest, Jennings Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Weatherly Heating & Air Conditioning, Dr. Mike Smith, County Star News, Wheeler Plumbing, Wheeler Title and Abstract, Frank A. Hunold, Jr.—Attorney, Soto's Family Restaurant, The Wheeler Times, Mr. Bar-B-Que, Wright Funeral Home and Maxey's Steakhouse.

There is still a little time to do some Christmas shopping. The Wheeler merchants have a fine selection at a good price.

—cwe—
We had a powdering of snow Monday. Quite a blizzard for a short time, with a very thin powdering during the night.

—cwe—
Thanks, **Lee Ann Hillhouse**, for the pictures of the youngsters with Santa.

—cwe—
Thanks also to the individuals helping with the drawings. It is sometimes a very cold job.

—cwe—
We were fortunate to have most of the immediate family together over the weekend. Cathi and Dorcie came to OKC Thursday, as did Ronal Jr. Ronal Wayne, Juanita and Jessica arrived Friday evening.

—cwe—
You were missed, **Guy**.

—cwe—
Jennifer and Brice were our hosts.

—cwe—
Jennifer had arranged for us all to have a family picture made Saturday afternoon. This was quite an experience and probably won't be repeated for some time.

—cwe—
It was rather late when we returned home Sunday evening. We had accompanied Cathi and Dorcie to Lewisville. Jennifer chauffeured me and rode back with Brice after the Cowboy's game. Juanita and Jessica also met us in Lewisville.

—cwe—
The card games were played Monday evening. Jane and Dwight had a lot more fun than Barbara and I; they won all three games—most times referred to as a skunk.

—cwe—
Merry Christmas to All!

Wheeler Post Office To Close At Noon Dec. 24
The Wheeler Post Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1999. Please pick up your packages by noon on 12-24-99.
Ada Lou Lester
Postmaster,
Wheeler, TX 79096

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions
Estelle Orr
Winifred Buckingham
Monroe Seitz
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter

New Admissions
12/13 Katie Shipp
12/15 H.S. Seeds
12/18 Bessie Conner

Dismissals
12/15 Katie Shipp
12/16 Wanda Lane
12/17 H.S. Seeds

New Arrival

It's a Boy
Warren and Becky Shirley are proud to announce the arrival of Colton Tyler Shirley. Colton arrived on Monday, October 25, 1999 at 3:55 p.m. He weighed in at 7 pounds. He was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Lorraine Shirley of Carlsbad, NM and Joyce Perkins and K.D. Ford of Wheeler. Great-grandmother Elsie Hughes of Wheeler.

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Editor,
I have taken pictures at the Mustang's football games for three years now. When I started it was only a hobby. I never dreamed that one day I would publish a web site but that is just what has happened. Anyone can now check out pictures of all the games of this year. And over time I will have previous years on the site. There are now 199 pictures up.
I hope to post stories and pictures from all sports. If anyone has items they would like posted they can contact me and I will be glad to include them. My address is robbs@centrmedia.net. The address to the web site is www.wheelermustangs.com. I would like any input anyone has.
Robb Schaffer



THREE GENERATIONS: Abree Finsterwald had lots of support on her first visit with the jolly old elf from the North Pole. She was accompanied by her mother, Stacy Finsterwald and grandmother, Andrea Sims. Abree's dad is Ike Finsterwald. Santa's visit in Wheeler was made possible by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce at the Wheeler Christmas Open House November 28 & 29.

—Photo by Lee Ann Hillhouse

County Received Grant For Courthouse

Wheeler County has been awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to hire an engineer/consultant to develop a Master Plan to restore the Wheeler County Courthouse, it was announced today.

"With these start-up dollars, Wheeler County joins communities nationwide committed to preserving America's architectural and cultural heritage and, in so doing, creating more livable communities," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The grant is from the National Trust's Preservation Services Fund (PSF). Funds ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 are awarded to nonprofit groups and public agencies and must be matched dollar for dollar.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by Congress in 1949, is a non-profit organization with more than 270,000 members. As the leader of the national preservation movement, it is committed to saving America's diverse historic environments and to preserving and revitalizing the livability of communities nationwide.

Water District Locating Uncapped Water Wells

By Bart Wyatt
Attention Landowners! The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District needs your help. With the implementation of Senate Bill 1, the District is required to have a management plan. One major goal of this plan is to see that all abandoned wells have been located and capped. It is very important the these wells be capped. Not only can an open casing be very dangerous to humans, as well as animals, it also provides a direct source of contamination of our aquifer system.
We are now asking for your help. We don't know where most of these abandoned and/or uncapped wells are located. Not only would your knowledge of these unknown wells help the District achieve its goal but even more important, you would be eliminating a direct source of contamination and pollution into your drinking water. We all know that we only have so much water, so it is of the utmost importance that we take care of the quantity as well as the quality of it.
If you know of an uncapped well, don't hesitate to call or write us. Our number is (806) 883-2501, or you can write us at Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Box 637, White Deer, TX 79097. It will also be a great help if you have the logs description (i.e. section, block, and survey), so that we can know the exact location. Thank you for your help and continued support!

Zinnie Bailey, 99, Rites Are Read Dec. 16

Zinnie Bailey, 99, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at Wheeler, Texas.

Services were at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, December 16, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler, Texas with Rev. Toby Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Bailey was born on February 17, 1900 to Silas B. and Queenie Kerr in Montague County, Texas. Zinnie married Clarence Roy Bailey in 1918 at Forestburg, Texas. She moved to Wheeler County in 1919. She worked at McIlhany Dry Goods and ran a malt shop in the 50's, she also worked in the school cafeteria. She is preceded in death by her husband in 1972. Zinnie was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Garden Club.

Water Level Measurements Being Taken

by Bart Wyatt
Beginning in the middle of November and lasting through February, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District conducts its annual winter water level measurement program throughout the District. Winter water level measurements help not only the District, with vital data and information for our record, but it also helps out the general public farmers, and ranchers.
Winter water level measurements are gathered by using an E-line consists of a long measuring tape with a battery-powered circuit running through it. The end of the E-line that is first placed in the hole purposely

Raffle Proceeds Go To Dwight Thomas Fund

XI Upsilon Eta will be selling chances on a Sanjo 25" Color TV with remote. Chances \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds to help the Dwight Thomas family with medical expenses. To be given away December 24 at Chamber of Commerce drawing. Tickets will be sold before drawings or can be purchased from any sorority member.

Wheeler County in 1919. She worked at McIlhany Dry Goods and ran a malt shop in the 50's, she also worked in the school cafeteria. She is preceded in death by her husband in 1972. Zinnie was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Garden Club.

Survivors include a son, C. R. Bailey of Aurora, Colo.; 2 daughters, Berniece Havenhill of Pampa and Charlene Luttrell of Baton Rouge, LA; 1 brother, Walter Kerr of Lubbock; 1 sister, Jewel Moore of Wheeler; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.



FIRST VISIT: Santa's visit in Wheeler the first of December at the Chamber of Commerce Open House gave Landry Meadows his first opportunity to sit on Santa's Lap. Landry is the son of Mark and Mandy Meadows. He is the grandson of Gene and Rhonda Ferguson and Sam and Barb Meadows. Gene Ferguson's help with making Santa's visit possible was appreciated.

—Photo by Lee Ann Hillhouse

Board Pledges \$20,000 For Ambulance

December 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Dean Tipps, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M. in the Hospital Board Room.

Those present were: Dean Tipps, Chairman; Thomas Helton, Vice Chairman; Dave Britt, Secretary; Jim Batton, Member, Bob Dukes, Member. Also present: Billy Robertson, Administrator

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bob Dukes and seconded by Jim Batton to approve the minutes of the November 8, 1999 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills: Dave Britt made motion to pay the bills. Jim Batton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statements and Statistics: Financial Statements and Statistics were reported by Mr. Robertson. Bob Dukes made motion and Dave Britt seconded the motion that the Financial Statements and Statistics be accepted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Quality Improvement Minutes: The Quality Improvement Minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1999 were discussed and reviewed. Thomas Helton made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jim Batton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report: (1) Employee Christmas Bonus: Jim Batton made motion to give each employee a Christmas bonus of \$125.00. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (2) Nurses Call System: Mr. Robertson reported that the present Nurses Call System was installed prior to 1980, and since that time parts and wiring for the system is inadequate. Parts cannot be purchased because they are out of date. Audio-Video Corporation from Amarillo submitted a bid of \$22,548 to replace the existing system. Dave Britt made motion to accept this bid. Jim Batton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to replace the present Nurses Call System. (3) Ambulance Purchase: Dave Britt stated that County Judge Jerry Hefley had discussed the possibility and feasibility of purchasing an ambulance for North Wheeler County as well as South Wheeler County. He stated that the Shamrock General Hospital had agreed to contribute \$20,000 toward the purchase of the unit in Shamrock, and he was inquiring as to whether or not the North Wheeler County Hospital District would contribute the same amount toward the purchase of a unit for the North. After a lengthy discussion, Bob Dukes made motion to contribute the \$20,000 to Wheeler County toward the purchase of a new ambulance for North Wheeler County, based on the assumption that Shamrock General Hospital contributed the \$20,000 for the South. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (4) Workman's Compensation Coverage: Mr. Robertson stated that the Worker's Compensation Coverage had been with the RCH Protective Plan, which is a part of the TORCH organization, since 1990. RCH submitted a quote

of \$17,700. Parkview is a participating hospital in the RCH Protective Cooperative and receives benefits from the premium process. Jim Batton made motion to accept the quote from RCH Protective Cooperative for Workman's Compensation. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Large Crowd Present For Third 'Cash' Drawing Sat.

A large crowd was on hand Saturday, December 18, 1999, for the third drawing of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' Drawings. Four drawings are scheduled for December; at this time \$1500 in Wheeler 'Cash' will be handed out to lucky Wheeler shoppers.

It took only seventeen tickets from the hopper to hand out the \$400 in Wheeler 'Cash'. All seventeen of the individuals came forward when their names were called.

The first ten envelopes were worth \$10 each. They were given to Bridgett Weatherly, Lois Puryear, Krista Murray, Jim Batton, Derik Murray, Lori Shelby, Becky Case, Kaitlyn Jones, Nita K. Boydston and Bobby Hinnenkamp.

The four \$25 envelopes were handed to John Jones, Landon Sams, Sammy Case and Misty Tucker.

Winnie Gilmer and Garrett Rhine came forward to claim their \$50 envelopes.

Dyron Brown was the big winner for the day. His ticket was drawn for \$100 in Wheeler 'Cash'.
The next drawing will be Friday, December 24. The drawings start at 2:30 p.m. **You must be present to win.**

Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots

The Third Annual Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots drive is underway in Wheeler. Sponsors are the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department, Wheeler Banking Center, First State Bank, Mobeetie & Wheeler, and United Methodist Church.

New or good serviceable used toys are needed. Items are being collected for youths from 0-15 years of age. If you wrap a gift, please include sex and age on the gift tag on each gift.

These gifts may be the only Christmas some children may receive. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

If someone is aware of needy families. Please contact Wheeler Sheriff's Department with families names, ages and sex.

Your help and contributions are appreciated.
Monetary donations may be left at the Sheriff's Office, Methodist Church of Wheeler, and Wheeler Vet Clinic. Monies will be used for toys, clothing or food, as the donor wishes.

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Luke 1: 68-70: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

A cold Monday morning here in Allison with a few scattered clouds, a calm wind here early.

I am sure the other widows of our little town would say a long with me that we do thank you, the children and mothers, that worked and braved the cold winds to bring us baskets of goodies to make the Christmas holidays brighter for us. It was sweet and thoughtful of you, we say a big "Thank you" and God's blessings be with you. Have a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo came last Friday morning. Johnnie stayed with me and Darrell went back to the farm over near Mobeetie. He did some work, fed the cows, came back to Allison about three in the afternoon and picked up Johnnie and they visited Darrel's mom, Pearl, for a little while, then went home.

Vance Boydston spent the weekend in Amarillo with his wife, Caroline, at St. Anthony's Rehab place. Caroline is slowly improving, but still has quite a long way to go before she can come home. Her and Vance both need our prayers.

Last Tuesday evening, Len and Betty Brown of Dumas had their annual Christmas gathering at Len and Betty's Allison home. Those there were Opal, Juanita Boydston and Curtis Boydston, Roma and Billy and Warren and Charlene Brown from Amarillo. On Wednesday night after church Roma and Billy and Warren and Charlene visited with Opal and Juanita and Curtis. Thursday they shopped in Shamrock. Vance was a Friday dinner guest with Opal and Juanita.

Opal and Juanita and Curtis picked up Curtis' six-year-old, Chasity Hill, from Dallas at the Amarillo airport last

Friday. Who is spending a week here with Curtis, Juanita and Opal.

Roma and Billy Brown's Wednesday dinner guests were Warren and Charlene Brown, Len and Betty Brown, Opal, Juanita and Curtis Boydston. Warren and Charlene were overnight guests Wednesday with Roma and Billy Brown.

Roma and Billy shopped in Elk city last Tuesday.

Ruby Craig and Wilma Gilmer were in Wheeler last Sunday at Billy and Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler's home for an early Christmas. Others of the family that were there were Jerry and Susan Finney, Jesse and Samantha from Pampa and Lisa

Farmer, Ryan, Matthew and Cory from Amarillo. Calvan was unable to be there; he had to work.

Rita Grayson and daughter, Debbie Jones, went to Amarillo to Baptist/St Anthony's Hospital last Saturday and visited Bobby Joe Grayson, who had a heart attack. The doctors put two stents in one artery and they will put in another one in six weeks. Carol Grayson met Rita and Debbie at the hospital. They all visited with Bobby Joe's wife, Jonell. Bobby Joe was still in C.C.U. but they did get to visit with him a short visit.

Rita got a call Sunday from Billy Dollar from Ruidosa. They plan to visit Rita on Monday after Christmas.

Pearl Harrison was in Elk City last Saturday to attend a birthday dinner for a granddaughter, Tina O'Donnell at Jimmy and Vivian Wallace's home. Pearl's Sunday dinner guests were Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson and son, Dan, from Shamrock and Hershel Sanford from Higgins. Hershel spent Sunday night with his sister, Pearl.

The United Pentecostal Church had their annual Christmas meal last Friday evening with lots of delicious food. Some were unable to be there, due to sickness and other reasons. We also sang Christmas songs and enjoyed visiting. We had two little ones there, Tyler Walker and Audra Weatherly—they did a real good job entertaining us, so cute.

Some of us relatives got a newsey Christmas greetings from Jeremy and Crystal (Gilmer) Dean from Ashland City, TN., updating us on what is going on in their life. Very interesting.

Take time to pray—it is the greatest power on earth.

I wish everyone a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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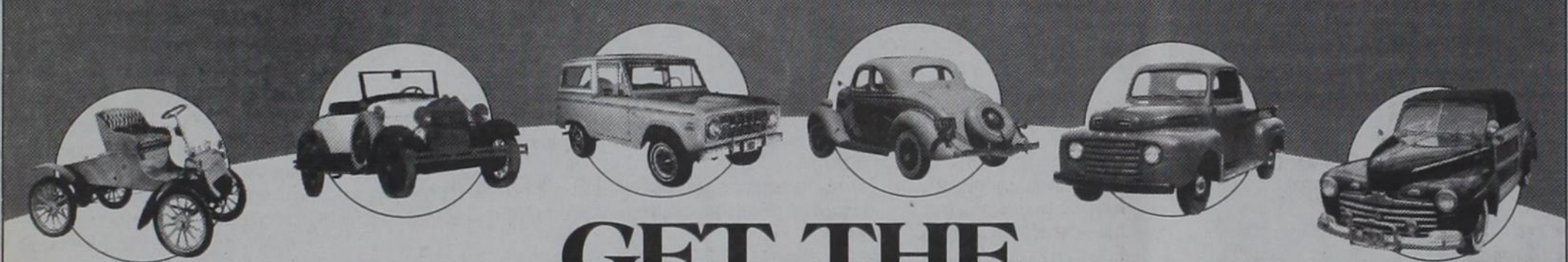
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I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Everyone for the many acts of kindness that were expressed during my recent stay in the hospital. All of the flowers, gifts, visits, and phone calls were greatly appreciated. I would especially like to thank all of the prayers that were solicited on behalf of myself and my family. We love you all!

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Dale and Melba Corcoran started to Amarillo Tuesday. The snow got so bad in Pampa they came back home. When they got back to Laketon there was none on the ground. The wind was sure blowing hard and continued all day.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Zinnie Bailey.

Gene and Judy Coward of Canadian came Tuesday to take Charlotte Coward to Amarillo for her doctor appointment. It was snowing so Charlotte called and the doctor's office told her not to come due to the weather and reschedule her appointment for next Tuesday.

Mt. View Quilting Club met December 15, 1999 at Totty Schoolhouse. They finished Charlotte Coward quilt. The group had a covered dish luncheon. They had their Christmas Party following lunch. Those attending were Estelle Hodges, Audrey Seitz, Martha Meek, Charlotte Coward, Betty Haines, Melba Corcoran and Lamari Lancaster. Stormi Lancaster visited after school. The group will not quilt again till after the first of the year.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo Thursday to take a water sample for the city. They also shopped and tended to business for the Museum. On the way they visited with Claudia Quarles in Pampa.

Harry Chamberlain tended to business in Amarillo Thursday.

Jack and Bernice Heffley visited Saturday in Hammon, OK with Rich and Judy Watts.

Those going to the Care Center Sunday from the First Baptist Church were Marion Grimes, Doris Finsterwald, Lorene Rector and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Toney and Francis Dickey held a Christmas open house on Sunday at their home. They had a nice turn out.

The First Baptist Church held their Christmas fellowship Sunday night. They will only have preaching Sunday December 26 at 10:00 A.M. There will be no Sunday School that day.

Carolyn Corse of Dumas visited and helped out her parents Clifford and Euline Walsler. They both have the flu.

Pierce Walker spent the weekend with Doug and Aline Corse.

Barry Corcoran, Cody, Justin and Nolan of Midwest City, OK came Monday to visit with Pete and Sue Seitz. They also visited Monday afternoon with Melba Corcoran. Terri was still working and will be coming later in the week.

Tim and Sallie Adcock held their Christmas for their children on Saturday. Those attending were Jackie Don and Kelli May, Payton and Shelton of Fritch, Sam and Amanda Childress, Jayton, Garrett and Jarrett of Mobeetie and Tim's children.

Dale and Melba Corcoran picked Pauline Barnes up Monday and went to Densel and Fern Reed.

Rob and Geniva Hogan of Stillwater OK and Sasha Glonti of Canyon are spending their holiday break from College with Chuck and Louise Hogan.

Hugh and Mae Bailey attended the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Christmas party last Monday night.

Hugh and Mae Bailey attended the Pampa Senior Citizen Christmas Party Friday.

Sunday Hugh and Mae Bailey attended the open house for Toney and Francis Dickey and then went to Canadian for the Christmas party at church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caswell had their Christmas party for their children over the weekend.

Saturday Marvin Grimes came and got Doyle and Bulah Grimes and took them to Amarillo. The Grimes had their Christmas at the home of Jerry and Beverly Grimes. All of their children and all but 5 of their grandchildren were there. They had 29 present. Jerry Tucker of Elkhart bought them home that night.

Leslie and Jan Harrison of Elk City, OK visited his parents Gene and Sue Harrison over the weekend.

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GAGEBY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

Mathew 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Happy Birthday to Lee Young and Nancy Shelton on Dec. 26, Jotana Simmons, Chris Fillingim, M. B. Smith, Sue Harrison and Blue Coomer on Dec. 28, Pauline Hefley, Andy Maslik and Maurine Brotherton on Dec. 29, T. J. Cole, Evelyn Hale, Isabell Moore, Elva Wood, and Katrina Bodkin and Mike Wash on Dec. 30, Liz Shipp, Martha Helton, Anna-Rebecca Johnson and Kelsey Zybach on Dec. 31, Jeannette Jahnel, Larry Lee Horn, Billy Finsterwald, Evalyn Free and Randy Barr on Jan. 1.

Happy Anniversary to Garland and Charlene Dukes on Dec. 27, Clifford and Pauline Hefley on Dec. 29, Terry and Shelia Mick and Raymond and Isabell Moore on Dec. 30, Susie and Billy Umsted, Al and Sharon Ryan and Thad and Tammy Greene on Dec. 31.

Nice to have a card from Ray and Velma Forbes, Tommy and Wanda. Doing o.k. Their address in PO Box 1192, Lamesa, TX 79331, if you'd like to send a card.

Fort Elliott Cougars won their games at McLean Friday night. J.V. boys beat McLean J.V. 41 to 26. Fort Elliott girls beat 57 to 22. Fort Elliott Varsity Boys won over McLean 61-

29. Congratulations to Dale and Kathy Hathaway on the birth of their new baby boy, Kade Landon. He is welcomed by siblings, Wesley, Sarah, Jada, and Blake. He was born at Pampa Dec. 8 and weighed 8 pounds and 14 oz. and 21 inches long. God bless you everyone! Kathy teaches Math at Fort Elliott.

The Wheeler Care Center Christmas Party was Saturday night. Paul

and Clarice Hathaway and Krista Johnson and Aspen and Cole Hathaway and Wade and Gayla Hathaway and Jason, Andrea and Corey and Dale and Kathy and family went to the party. Clarice's mother is in the home. Krista goes to college at Hardin Simmons. Her family lives at Jayton. Large crowd at the party.

Dec. 28 Fort Elliott Cougars High School J.V. girls and boys will play Shamrock J.V. starting at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity teams will play at 6:30. All at Briscoe Tuesday Dec. 28.

Fort Elliott basketball Tournament will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, starting early Thursday Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1. Teams entered are Wheeler, Samnorwood, Memphis, Shamrock, Follett and Fort Elliott Varsity and J.V. boys and Childress J.V. girls and Miami girls and boys.

Saturday Dec. 18, Sybil and Ivy Alexander hosted a Christmas gathering for their family. Ones there were Susan and David Reichstand of Arizona, Sheri and Shel Cox and Debbie Hall of Oklahoma, Larry and Vickey Nelson and Jimmy and Keri, Greg Koelzer and Danny Nelson and Danielle and Amy. They enjoyed being together and the delicious food.

Fort Elliott Varsity girls will play at 9:00 a.m. Thurs. Dec. 30, followed by the boys at 10:30 in Fort Elliott tournament.

There will be a special Christmas Eve Service Friday night Dec. 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Gageby Church, with music and singing, scriptures, prayers and fellowship. For many, many years there was a Christmas Eve program and gift exchange at Gageby Church. Many came back for that special time. We've missed that. Saundra Meek is spearheading a move to restore our Christmas Eve program. This will be our second year to have it. Thanks, Saundra. Everyone is invited.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Zinnie Bailey, 99, in her death. I'm sure Jesus has prepared a mansion up there for that dear lady.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Jack Miller, 81, of Pampa in his death. He had been E. G. Fillingim's roommate at the Abraham home and was such a special, friendly fellow. He also went by "Bob".

Wednesday, nice to see Betty Haines and great-niece, Laramie Lancaster, at the Thriftway at the first stop light going into Pampa. They were on their way to go to Totty to finish a quilt and visit and have their Christmas Party for the quilting club with a potluck lunch. Some others there were Martha Meek, Charlotte Coward, Audrey Seitz, Estelle Hodges, Melba Corcoran. They got Charlotte's quilt finished.

At the swimming pool we got to visit with Orvel and Rosa Brewer. (Wish I could swim like they do). They were expecting all their kids and grandkids at their house several days during the Christmas holidays. Rosa has been getting everything ready. Also at the pool we got to visit with Charlie and Daphne Sullivan. They said there was very little snow at Lefors.

Nice to visit with Opal Hefley and Inez Wright and Bob and Lois Bull at Furs. All looking good.

Lois Hudson drove to Amarillo Monday to be there for doctors appointments on her eyes and nose. All o.k. She spent Monday and Tuesday nights with Sharon Grandstaff. Wednesday they went out to the Bivins Home for the monthly birthday party to celebrate Ma Mary's 99th birthday, before Lois came on home. Mary was doing o.k. and proud to have them there. Happy Birthday, Ma Mary.

Sonya Hudson, and Patrick, Cheryl Fraley and Cindy Sweet visited Ray and Glenda Hudson at Midland last weekend. They were taking Steven by to spend the holiday with his dad and other grandparents. Ray and Glenda plan to spend the holidays at Briscoe with their families.

Lou Dean Douthit visited Zinnie

Golden Agers Travel To Amarillo to See Lights

You know those Golden Agers, First Baptist Church Wheeler? They headed up the road again — West — to Amarillo, Tuesday, December 14, 1999. Their destination, Calico County to eat, then on to the lighted sights. John Stiff Memorial Park was next on the list. Keep Amarillo Beautiful presents "Nites of Lites".

We all enjoyed the 1 1/2 mile drive of holiday illumination through the park for a fabulous view of 120 displays depicting the Yuletide season.

On to the community of Bishop Hills we went. The beautiful hillside homes were decorated with Christmas scenes, nativity scenes, and many, many lights. It was truly a breathtaking sight.

Wouldn't you know? The van began to slow and pull to the left — at Braums. It was ice cream or hot chocolate for everyone before returning to Wheeler.

As we returned, we found a very quiet Wheeler with no one about. Each went to their separate homes about midnight.

The number going was small, but the quality was overwhelming. Having a great time were: Betty Howard, Ed and Laurel Hershman, Patsy Smith, Leona Coates, and Mary Margaret Dodd.

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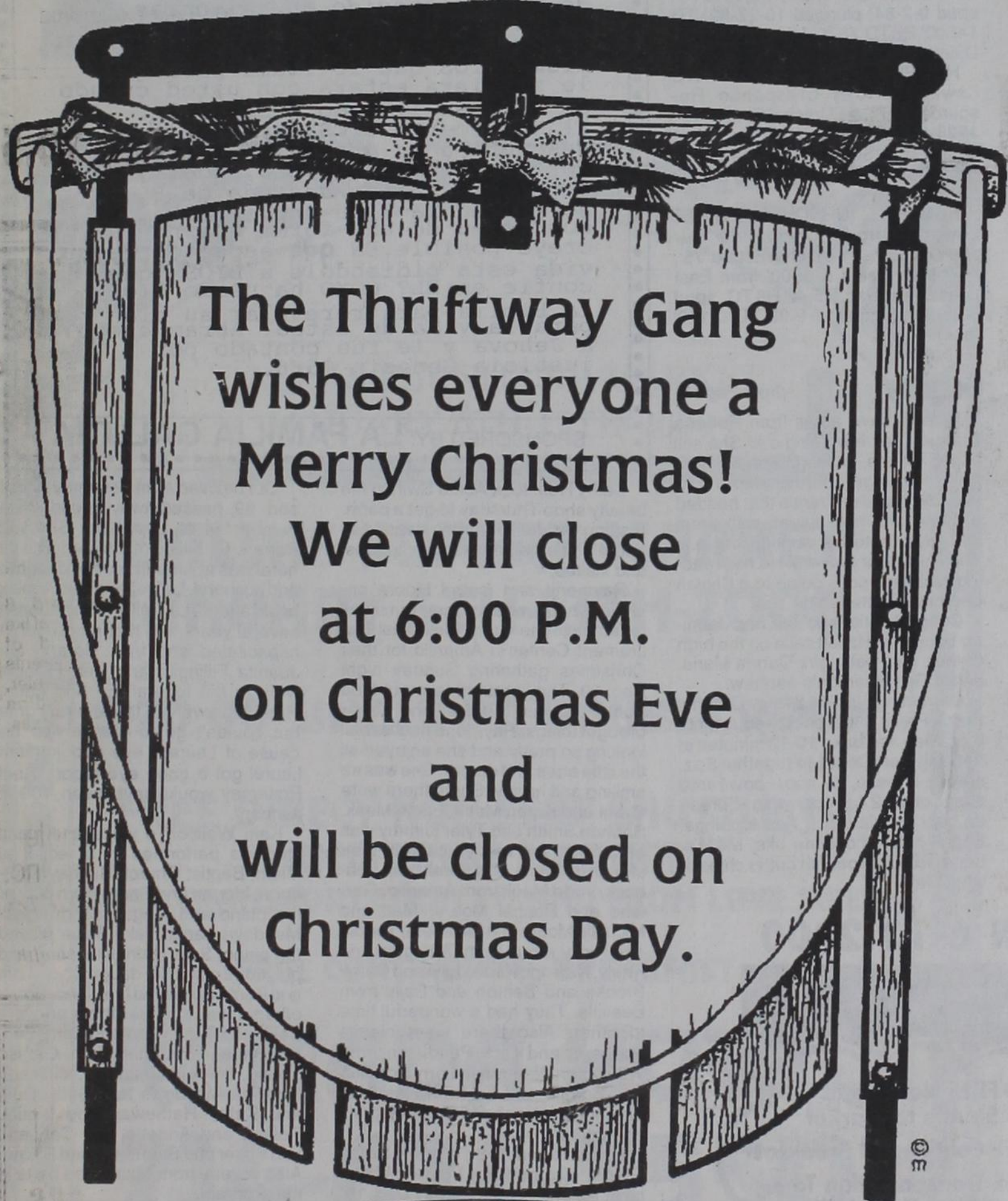
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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Bailey Sunday Dec. 12 at the Wheeler Hospital and stayed the night with her. Remember Zinnia in your prayers. She has been poorly. She passed away Tuesday morning early.

Terry Hill had more surgery to bypass the cancerous tumor that is blocking his esophagus. He is able to eat some and hopes to be home for Christmas for awhile. He came home Wednesday 15th.

Lou Dean Douthit visited Edna May Thursday after she got her hair fixed and played some 42 with Edna, Homer Sanders, and Virginia Puryear.

Enjoying visiting, games of 42 and

delicious snacks at the home of Glen D. and Estelle Hodges Thursday night were Doyle and Bulah Grimes, J. P. and Martha Meek and Willis and Verna Fillingim. They had their house all decorated so beautifully for Christmas and are expecting their children and grandchildren to come.

Nice to have Frankie Pelton go to Wheeler with us Friday night. We bought groceries and ate at Maxeys. Nice to have Ed and Laurel Hershman and Micaela join us for supper there.

We are enjoying so much all the beautiful Christmas cards, loving notes and pictures from near and far. Doesn't look like I'll ever get around to sending to all I'd like to. Remember we love you and God does, too. We are so thankful for God's gift of Jesus and for each friend and relative. Guess that's the story of my life, slow getting cards all done.

Monday night Rachel Moore and family surprised Garland with a 60th birthday party at Maxeys with many family members there. Happy Birthday, Garland.

Saturday Jimmy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber and Georgia Tipps went to Perryton to a Jack-pot Pig show. The girls won a 2nd, a 3rd and two fourth places. Dean and Tammy went to the First State Bank Christmas Party at Maxeys Saturday before they went to Perryton.

Nice to visit with Dick and Ruth Irvine and Zach, Adam and Casey Tipps and Vea Fillingim at Wheeler Dairy Queen Sunday. Also there Paul and Clarice Hathaway with Krista Johnson and Cole and Aspen Hathaway, Pam Jones with Devin Debil, Carolan Aycock and Justin and Colby Bryant and Alicia and Adrian Reis, Shorty and Helen Crawford,

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Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

Oil & Gas NEWS

(New Location, Completion and Plugging Report made possible by Oil & Gas Reporting Service, Box 2052, Pampa, TX 79065. Doris Harrison, Phone: 806/665-5800.)

Week Ending December 16, 1999
New Location, Completion & Plugging Report

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.W. CANADIAN Upper Morrow) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #16 Charles E. Brown, et al D' 221, 660' from North & West line, Sec. 221, C, G&MMB&A, PD 12300.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating L.L.C., #1-49 Donaldson 850' from South & 2100' from East line, Sec. 49, A-1, H&GN, PD 8300'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-14 Flowers, 1410' from South & 825' from West line, Sec. 14, 41, H&TC, PD 8200'.

Applications to Plug Back
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Morrow) Vastar Resources, Inc., #2-90 Hefley, 1867' from South & West line, Sec. 90, M-1, H&GN, PD 13900'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Granite Wash K.C.) Chevron USA, Inc., #3 J.W. Young, 1326' from North & 1627' from East line, Sec. 20, L, J.M. Lindsay, PD 10150'.

Oil Well Completions

HEMPHILL (GEM-DANDY Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2048 Abraham, 467' from North & 2173' from East line, Sec. 48, 41, H&TC, elev. 2595 kb, spud 10-10-99, drlg. compl 10-24-99, tested 11-17-99, potential 3200 MCF, rock pressure 1944, pay 7946-7964, TD 8100', PBTD 8022', tops: Br. Dolo 4264, Penn Shale 5872, Penn Lime 6610, B/Heebner 7720, Up. Douglas Sand 7814, Lo. Douglas Sand 7947, 8 5/8" csg. 1481' (465 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 8100' (270 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 7855', pkr set 7855' - API# 42 211 32372 - Form 1 in Questar Exploration & Production

HEMPHILL (GEM-DANDY Douglas) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3047 Ada Whitener, 2350' from North & 467' from West line, Sec.

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WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Des Moines) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #3045 Fabian, 1980' from South & 660' from East line, Sec., 45, A-7, H&GN, elev. 2176 kb, spud 9-13-

99, drlg. compl 10-17-99, tested 11-23-99, potential 5800 MCF, rock pressure 4252, pay 11858-12102, TD 12200', PBTD 12084', tops: Br. Dolo 4365, Penn Shale 6390, B/Heebner Shale 8664, Missourian Gr. Wash 9770, Up. Gr. Wash 10400, Lo. Gr. Wash 11588, 13 3/8" csg. 393' (466 sx) 8 5/8" csg. 3510' (710 sx) 5 1/2" csg. 12200' (380 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 11769', pkr set 11769' - API# 42 483 31573

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Gageby

(from Page 5)
Nice to have a call from Roberta Eudey. They are doing o.k. She still works for the Texas prison system.

They have legal guardianship of a 13 year old friend of Trent's that needed a home and had stayed with them lots. Seems to be working out o.k. They need our prayers. He has reading problems so is going to a Sylvan Learning Center some.

Congratulations to Jeff and Jennifer Lackey of Hallettsville on the birth of their new baby girl, Corina Marie. Jeff is Rita Pearson's nephew.

Correction: In the Sweet Dreams Pizza, Press Sugar cookie dough into pizza pan and bake 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Mix together 8 oz. cream cheese, 3 cups powdered sugar and 12 oz. cool whip. Spread on cool cookie crust. Add toppings. Enjoy! nuts, chocolate bits, M&M's, butterscotch or peanut butter chips or whatever.

LA RESPUESTA.

tal vez DIOS le este pidiendo que de un paso de fe para servirle. usted pudiera asustarse por causa de lo desconocido, aun mientras usted pregunta DIOS puede darle de su presencia, recuerde que el mismo DIOS que lo llamo para que le sirviera estara con usted cuando obedezca su llamado a servirle. al obedecer a DIOS, usted descubrirá su gracia capacitadora. le concedera fortaleza, poder y sabiduria cuando dependa de EL. su presencia y su uncion estaran con usted de una forma que nunca creyo posible. EN OTE aspectos de su vida esta pidiendole a DIOS que confie en EL? COMO ha usado DIOS la Biblia para revelar su plan para la vida de usted? Abram creyo a Jehova y le fue contado por justicia Genesis 15:6.

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Cathy Hunt took Addie Swift to the beauty shop Thursday to get a perm. Visiting Addie Saturday was Kay Luttrell; she helped Addie with jobs, and visited.

Raymond and Isabel Moore enjoyed having most of their family all together at the Craig Methodist Retirement Center in Amarillo for their Christmas gathering Sunday night Dec. 19. They brought take out food from Furr's and Rachel and Karen brought things. Raymond had Isabel looking so pretty and she enjoyed all the little ones and others. She was so smiling and happy. Some there were Grant and Karen Meek, Eddie Meek, Shonda Smith and Tyler (Jimmy) was on a skiing trip with youth from their church in Allen, Lisa Meek from Lubbock, Todd Meek from Amarillo, Garland and Rachel Moore, Matt and Michelle Moore and Elizabeth, Teresa and Ricky Albus from Arlington and Kaely, Nick and Kade, Julie and Corey Brooke and Benton and Baily from Beeville. They had a wonderful time together. Also there were nieces Margaret and Dick Pendleton from Wellington, Nancy and Larry Schilling and Bonnie and Ed from Hereford. The girls are Jesse and Curtis Moore's daughters.

Happy to hear that Terry and Sarah Gill got to come home from the hospital at Amarillo Wednesday Dec. 15. Think he gets to stay till after Christmas. May have to go back for treatments again later. His cancer had intertwined all around his abdomen until it was inoperable. But the treatments are shrinking it. Keep praying for Terry and Sarah. Doctors made a by-pass around the cancer so he could eat and drink some.

Thursday night Gene Keelin and Jim Jackson and Geoffrey Caldwell visited Rosalie Keelin and Jimmy. Rosalie played the piano and the boys played other musical instruments, and made lots of beautiful music. One old tune they liked was "Dance With Me, Molly".

"God be with you till we meet again."

Our beloved Aunt Rosamary Anderson, 99, passed away Tuesday December 14 at Levelland. She was Papa I. G. Fillingim's sister. The funeral was at Amarillo so her daughter and husband, LaTrell and Dub Appling could attend. LaTrell had an aneurism several years ago that made her incapacitated and frail. Horace and Juanita Fillingim and Vea Fillingim went to the funeral. Ed and Laurie Hershman went to the funeral home, but couldn't go to the service because of Laurie's eye appointment. Laurel got a good eye report. Aunt Rosamary would have been 100 in January.

Kem Wellborn's voice and piano students performed in a recital at Miami Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Megan and Sarah Horn played the piano and Megan sang; Mayci Meadows sang; Blake Baker played the piano; Sara Hathaway sang and played; Emily Hill, daughter of Tom and Pam also played the piano. Some others there to cheer them on were Keith and Tyna Horn and Larry Lee, Bobbye and Thurman Horn, Genise Young, Barbara Meadows, Mike and Rolanda Meadows and Seth, Dale and Kathy Hathaway and family, Roland and Annette Hill, Carl and Lori Baker and Stephanie and Blainé. Also several from Miami had parts in the program.

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Gageby (from Page 3)
Darrell and Sue Gaines with Darren, Aaron and Gracie Ann, Mary Margaret Dodd with Alvern Hutchison and

Mark and Annette Meek and Jocelyn and Kaleb.
Weekend visitors to Lou Dean Douthit were granddaughters Stephanie and Mark Bowman, Kim

Bradshaw and Megan Edmunds. They all visited Bob and Debbie Kinnaman and Kirbie Saturday for an early Christmas get together. Also expected to be there were Joe Bob

Kinnaman and Dalton, Alyssa and Destrie and Cory and Audrey Kinnaman and Zane from Reydon.
Sunday dinner guests of Gene and Norma Keelin and Tracy were Rosalie and Jimmy Keelin and Jerry Keelin from Big Spring. Jerry was getting his house in Shamrock sold and had papers to sign, etc.

Several women from different churches in Allison went to Wheeler Care Center Thursday and took individual plates of cookies and treats and punch to the residents and sang Christmas songs and visited and brightened their day.

Doris Finsterwald and C. B. and Maurine Brotherton went to the Christmas Party for the resident of Wheeler Care Center Saturday night. The Care Center furnished part of the food and visitors each brought a dish of food. Rita Pearson also went and played the piano some while they ate.

Some from Mobeetie Baptist Church went to Wheeler Care Center Sunday to play music and sing for the residents. Some going were Lorene Rector, Dale and Melba Corcoran, Doris Finsterwald, and Marion Grimes.

Nice to have a card from Ray and Glenda Hudson. You might like to know that their address is 4220 Greenbriar, Midland, Texas 79707. God bless you two and your family. You have a special place in our hearts.

Nice to have a card from Dan and Karon Coburn and Caitlyn in Elk City, Idaho. Really snowing! Dan is getting licensed to preach. God has been so good to them. Dan was the song leader for Gageby Church Revival one year (great job) and they and two boys, Jesse and Jason, stayed with us. We really enjoyed them. Lovely people!

Rosalie and Jimmy Keelin shopped in Pampa Monday Dec. 13, but such a crowd hard to find anything.

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By Lois Flowers

Christmas is almost here. Let us remember we are celebrating the birthday of our Savior, the Santa Claus is a wonderful man. Guess I have been better than I thought as he has already come several times. Judy brought a cake, S.T. and Heidi a sack of pecans. Mary Ann, a poinsettia; a package from Joann, my pen pal in Minnesota; and Theresa just brought cookies.

We were glad to have S. T. and Heidi come Saturday from Tulsa.

We have received many Christmas cards and treasure every one of them. Many mentioned reading my news. I always appreciate that. I even got in the spirit enough to make a batch of cookies. They tasted like More-Rice Kirspsy treats.

In all this happiness, sorrow has come to some. Funeral services were today for our neighbor, Buster Coffey, 91, at the Sayre Rose Chapel with burial in the Brookside Cemetery.

Services were last week for Howard Metcalfe at Durham with burial in the Silent Home Cemetery. We always enjoyed Howard and his mother, Augusta.

Cassie Perry had back surgery at the Mercy Hospital this week.

Allison Lockard visited Helen Smith Thursday. Gus Lockard is home from a visit with his brother in California.

I chatted with Barbara Bass, Snooks Jagers, Betty Hill and Coy Pennington at the home today, while visiting Joe.

Sherman Wilson, Texoma; Chris Shoffner and Curtis Bohlman OKC were here to see Eileen and Ed Logan.

We nearly blew away Wednesday. Beckham and Roger Mills counties even got on TV with mention of over 50 mile an hour winds. That's getting famous the hard way.

Elk City was favorably mentioned on TV and wrote up in the Oklahoma for their lovely Christmas in the Park decorations.

The Christmas Carollers from the SW Baptist Church were out Sunday singing. They were Ed, Jeanie and Nicky Wrathers, Greg and Jan Henson, Joan and Ashley Hagerman, Theresa and Olivia Locke.

The Monday Oklahoman got on the wrong pony and went to Taloga. Didn't make it here until Tuesday.

The Erick-Sweetwater Bearcats defeated Sayre to win the Championship at the Burns Flat-Dill City tournament. The boys are Brandon Bussey, Jacob Mayfield, Michael Moler, Michael Tignor, Jerard Crosby and Jay Roberts.

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I really liked what you gave me last year. I would like a computer, for game and a furby for Christmas. We love you Santa!
Love,
Allisha Robinson
Allison Second Grade

Dear Santa,
Will you make it down the chimney this year? I want a Furby baby. I will leave cookies and milk.
Jessica Gilbert
Allison Second Grade

Santa,
How do you keep those reindeer from getting tired? I would like a big, striped truck and Matchbox cars for Christmas? Thank you all the presents you gave me.
Love,
Jeremy Klewer
Allison Second Grade

Dear Santa,
How do you get to all those houses in one night. I would like Monopoly, a Furby, and a lunch-box for Christmas. Tell Comet, "Hi" for me.
Love,
Ezra Hendrickson
Allison Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Play Station, a rodeo game and a motorcycle game for the computer, a potato head and a CD player. And please bring my big sister a skateboard Jenny.
Love,
Michael Bray
Allison First Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby Godzilla, a new pair of boots, some of the Pokemon animals, a transformer, a three-wheeler motorcycle, and a big army set. Please bring my sister a new Barbie car wash.
Your friend,
Grant Archer
Allison First Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a dozen Godzilla babies, a Power Ranger skateboard, a boomerang, a four-wheeler motorcycle and a helicopter with a cannon. Please bring my little brother a toy pigeon.
Your friend,
Adam Selgrist
Allison First Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like an Easy-Bake Kitchen, a CD Rom player that goes with the computer, craft glitter and glue, and some kind of Barbie doll. And please bring my little brother some legos.
Your friend,
Vicki Goldsmith
Allison First Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sega-Dream Cast, a bull-riding game and a motorcycle game for the computer, and a marble game with lots of marbles. And please bring my little sister a big Barbie doll with an angel suit and a little Barbie doll.
Your friend,
Matthew Kiker
Allison First Grade

Allison Pre-K

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Rapunzel Barbie and a flashlight so I can see in the dark Please bring me some pretty flowers and some candy. Oh, I need a Wedding Barbie too.
Love,
Jade Forward

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Buggy-Eyed, Buggy-Eyed Alien. Please bring me an elephant and tiger puppet with a house that talks like a boy.
Love,
Nathan Selgrest

HOLIDAY Memories



As we think back on Christmases of long ago, it makes us appreciate our many blessings. Happy holidays!

**John C. & Rosemary
Vise**

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some blocks. I have been a very good boy.
Love,
J. W. Goldsmith

Allison Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like army toys and a remote control car.
Thank you very much,
Ell Hendrickson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote control car and race track for Christmas with some cars. I would also like some big blocks. Please bring me a play station too.
Thanks,
Skyler West

Wheeler First Grade Santa Letters . . .

Mrs. Batton's Class

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Angelica that you gave me last year. I want a Angel Barbie and a Baby Born. Ples bring my grandm and grandpa anything.
Love,
Shawna

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me some roller blades and a snowboard and a skate board and a boom box. How is Mrs. Santa Claus doing and how are you doing? Thank you for the forwheeler that you gave me.
Love,
Zach

Dear Santa,
Please bring my niece a Angelica. Please bring me a stereo and a hour glass and a baton. How is Ms claus doing?
Love,
Tennessee

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a power ranger morfer that cums with a blue power ranger. I want an hour glass. I want an Digimon toy I want an Digimon movie. I want a skate bord. We will give you sum pop tarts. And milk.
Love,
Monty

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the things you gave me last year. I want some paints for my fingernails and 2 Barbies and Barbies clothes.
Love,
Gladys

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my bike. This year I want a snowboard. and a television.
Love,
Collin

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 weler and a pump up airplane. and a santa Claus suit.
Love,
Trevor

Dear Santa,
how is Rudolph thank you for the basket ball and for the hoop. pleas bring me Donky Kong. I will be good. I will leave you some toast and jelly.
Love,
Zane

Dear Santa,
I want a beauty shop and a Barbie anb a cooking thing so I can learn to cook. I want fingernail make-up. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Carla

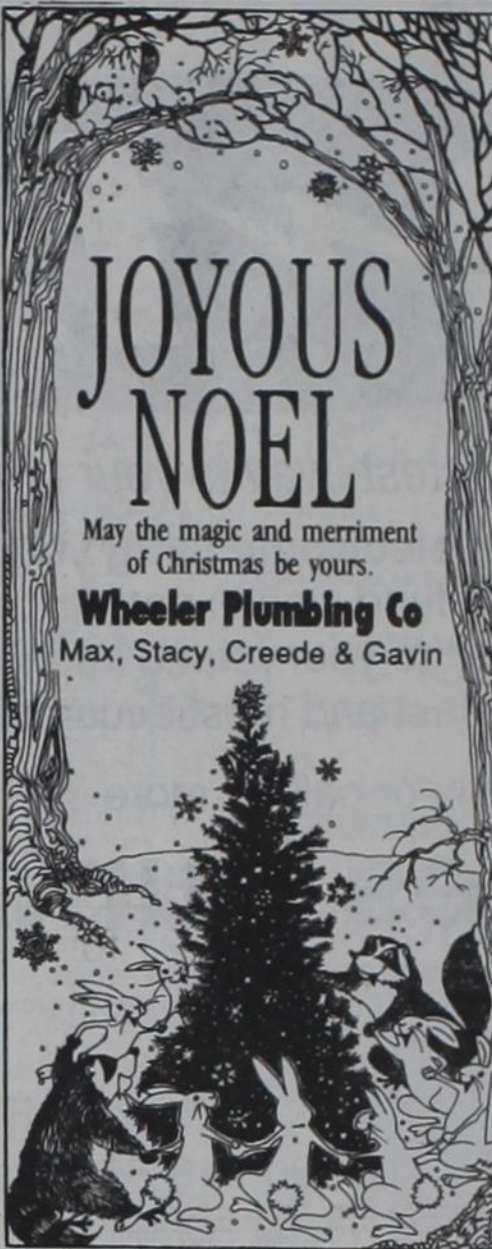
Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the train last year. Can i hav a book? Do you hav a drum? Do you hav a play reindeer? I would like a reindeer and a drum.
Love,
Jim

Dear Santa,
Mrs. Claus is pritty. I want a Barby from Santa and a and a tooth brush and a hair and a comb and a radio and a comb and a radio and clothes.
Love,
Lynnes

Dear Santa,
I want a robot and a black power ranger and a megasord. I leave you some chocolate chip cookies by the christmas tree.
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Love,
Billy

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Santa Claus? And how are you dooing? I dis want anything and thank you for the doll and how is the elves?
Love,
Kaylee

Dear Santa,
I want Nintendo 64, games and Playstation. I have milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Chase

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep and some nail polish. I want that cooking thing I saw on t.v.
Love,
Vanessa

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and clothes for the Barbie and a teddy bear. I will give you cookies and white milk.
Love,
Mayra



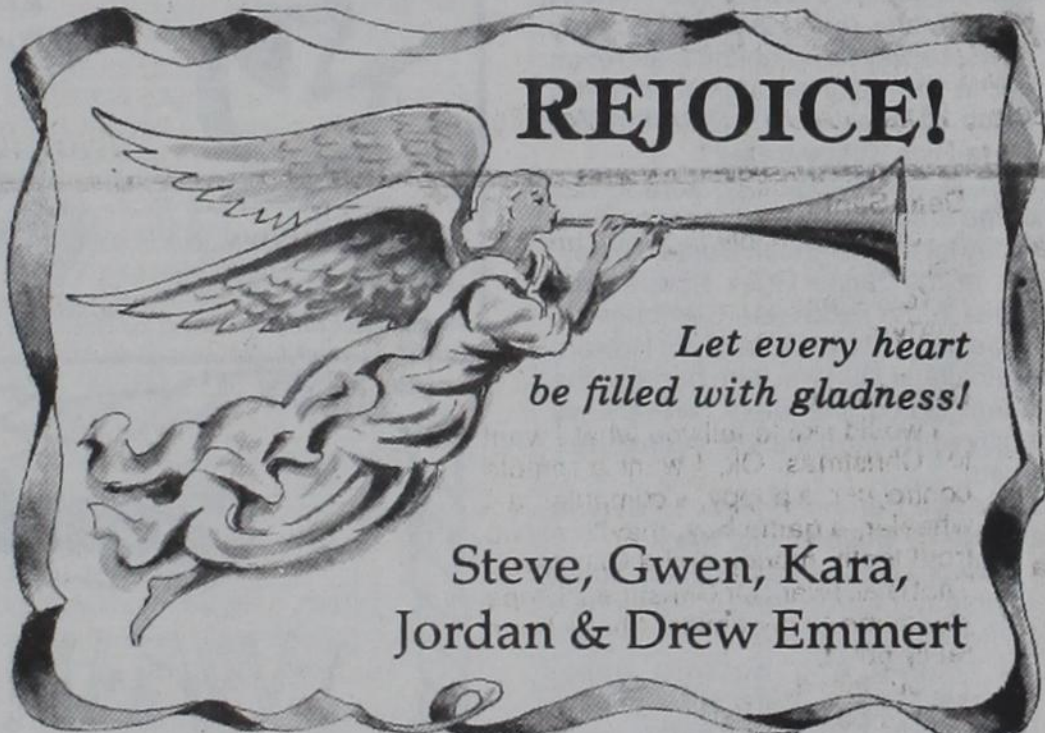
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Sarah Moon

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a lava lamp with a black Base and dark maroon lava. I also want a disco ball and a Stereo and with a CD Player and surround sound. Another thing is a bead curtain.
Sincerely,
Serena Lynn Sims

Dear Santa,
I want a Paintball gun and a Nintendo game.
Sincerely,
Curtis Pigg

Dear Santa,
I would like a paint ball gun, play station, Britany Spears CD, or a bowie knife
Sincerely,
Travis Bryan

Dear Santa,
I have been good these years. All I want is any thing with turtle's and a playstation. I hope everyone has a great Holiday and new year.
Sincerely,
Randi Lyn Barr

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want clothes, shoes, watch, jewelry and Nintendo 64. Have a safe trip here.
Sincerely
Chynna Atherton

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming up and I have been thinking of what I want for Christmas. First of all, I want a new puppy, clothes, and a go cart. I am so good this year. I want my two front teeth and money, money, money, money, and playstation games.
Your friend,
Lauren

Dear Santa,
I want Nintendo64 games; Resident evil 2, Duke Nukem64, and Turok 3.
Your friend,
Mike

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 game. I want NBA courtside Colby Bryant.
Your Friend,
Nathan

DEAR Santa,
I want whatever you get me.
Morgan

DEAR SANTA,
I want an American Girl for Christmas.
Love
Sara

Dear Santa,
I want American girl clothes, stuffed animals, beanie babies, tv, vcr, a play station, 98 degrees, nail polish, and makeup.
Your Friend
Kaleigh Schaub

Dear Santa,
I only want 3 things. A n64 and two games.
Your friend
Alvin

Dear Santa,
I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. Ok, I want a remote control car, a puppy, a computer, a 4 wheeler, a game boy, mayhem, two front teeth, money and a CD player. That is all I want for Christmas. I hope you come to my house. I have been really good.
Your friend,
Chance Newman

Dear Santa,
Here is my wish list.
The first thing I want for Christmas is a gigapet, CDs, earrings, hair clips, babyfurby so it can talk to my big furby, makeup for my sister, game for my brother, cream for my aunt, and tools for my uncle.
Love,
Crystal



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Dear Santa Clause,
Christmas is coming and I have been a good girl. The first thing I want for Christmas is a bike, and my two front teeth. I want money, money, a go cart, and Playstation games.
Your friend,
Mayci Meadows

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a furby and a bike.
I want a cat.
I want a dog.
I want a computer.
Your friend
Brittany

DEAR SANTA,
I want a cat book and a beta fish and a VCR.
Your Friend Veronica

Dear Santa,
I want an Oogle,
A ring,
A N'Sync or Blackstreetboy Tshirt
And A beaniebabie
A 98 degree tape
Love,
Halley

Dear Santa,
I would like a furby and some more beanie babies.
I would like a American girl and a oogle that is green and stuffed animals, and CD that is 98 degrees, finger nail polish all different colors and new clothes, and a T.V. for my room.
Your friend,
Amber



Wishing You A
Very Happy
Holiday

Bill & VonEva Robertson

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



May your stockings be filled with love and cheer, as we thank you for a successful year.

Wheeler Lumber Company

Christmas On The Farm.



A very happy holiday to all our good neighbors.
Thank you for putting your trust in us.

The General Store
Dwayne & Bobbie Sue Baker

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.
This Holiday Season
In the true spirit of Christmas, let's join together and ask His help for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.
Merry Christmas & God Bless You All

**PARKVIEW HOSPITAL
& HOME HEALTH AGENCY**



Wheeler Second Grade Santa Letters:

Mrs. Thomas' Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a N Sic C.D and a Giddyup Girl and a Now C.D and a new bik without tranning wheels.
Love,
Bailey Richardson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a Barbie for Christmas and a Barbie house.
Love,
Rubi Soto

Dear Santa,
I want a purple mountain bike and a wardrobe barbie.
Love,
Tracy Keelin

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a bike please.
Love,
Gerardo Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want a Pokemon Vo game and a pokmon train card game and a peek I choose you. Bu most of all I everone to have a merry Christmas.
Love,
Nathan Benefield

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar. I want a swimming pool with a high dive. I want a football. I want a trampoline.
Love,
Aaron Gaines

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want nintendo 64 and Sargent Heroes. I would also like a Poke'mon Snap and one more thing—Love.
Love,
Braden Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set and a nintindo 64 game. I would also like a Jeff Gorden rig and a Cd player.
Love,
Josh Henson

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a train and a airplane for Christmas. One more thig, I wuld like a new car.
Love,
Jacobo Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are yue doing Santa? I want a nintendo 64 for Christmas and a play station.
Love,
Adam Robles

Dear Santa,
Santa, I wish my Dad could come home. I want a siamese kiten and it to look like tuxedo. I hope you have a great christmas. I hope you have a great christmas.
Love,
Kaycee' Swift

Dear Santa,
How are you? Santa I would like toys for Chrismas I would like a doll and a Burbie. Aad a lots of toys.
Love,
Danna Gallardo

Dear Santa,
How are you? This is what I want for Chrismas. I want a skateboards and a twenty gage and "Men in Black" movie.
Love,
Darren Gaines



Happy Christmas
Friendship comes in all shapes and sizes here, and to all our friends, we wish you Christmas joy... all thru the coming year!

Wheeler Veterinary Clinic

Dear Santa,
How are you? I was just going to ask if I can tell you what I want for Christmas. Some clothes, a phone, some toys, and a computer please. That will be all I want, Sir.
Your biggest fan,
Ashlee Elliott

Dear Santa,
I want a play Station and a sled and a nintido 64. And a remote control monster truck. I would also like WWF Wrestling ring with Stone Cold. and the Rock.
love,
Mike Gaines

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog and to go out and play outside after lunch. I would like another best friend. Finally, I would like to take a trip to see a mountain.
Love,
Raymond Montano

Mrs. McCain's Class

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walkman, a vcr, and a tv, and a play station, and a wrestle mania 2000 and mario racers, and a donkey kong. And Im going to get out good cookies. Have a good Christmas.
signed:
Frankie Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baby doll and a game boy and a play station and a baby puppy. I will leave some cookies and milk. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
signed:
Shelbie Belott

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football, basball and a games and a dog and toys. PS. I love you Santa CLAUS. Merry Christmas!
signed:
Terry Menefeld

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a computer and some games for my play station. I want a light up football and bring my puppy a bone. and please bring me some snow clothes.
signed:
Brock Sabbe

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like an Amazing Allie. I would like a baby tv. I would also like a baby kitten. I need some bicycle pads. I will give you some milk and cookies. Love Makenzi Stiles.
signed:
Makenzi Stiles

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a nintendo 64 and I want a play station and I want a computer and a Mario Cart, a millenium bear to but most of all I want the jump start 2nd grade.
signed:
Macle Miller

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Tv, puppy and a cat, computer and Mario Race, Amazing Allie. I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you Santa cause you're nice.
signed:
Ashley Gallagher

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a nintendo 64 and a play station and a wrestle mania 2000, a mario racers for the nintendo 64 and a donkey kong. And I am going to leave out good cookies for you santa claus.
signed:
Eddie Chavez

Dear Santa Claus,
What I always wanted is my size Angle barbie And a puppy. My last thing is a computer with lots of C.D. Thank you Santa Claus for every toy you've give me. Thank you for coming every Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa Claus and reindeer.
signed:
Sara Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a windows 95 Computer, jump start 3rd grade, Mario Party, C.D. player, Pokedex, backstreet boy's C.D. Merry Christmas!
signed:
Josh Hardcastle

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cassette of nintendo 64. It will be called Mario Party. I will give you cookies. But if you want cookies you have to go in the kitchen. Good by Santa Claus. And Merry Christmas
signed:
Cesar Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like the New born Barbie, a nintendo 64, a water baby, a baby bag with diapers, a Bowling Stacy. I wish you a Merry Christmas and good luck!
signed:
Jessica Hubba

Wishing you good cheer!



Whatever the season brings, we sincerely hope that it will make you happy!

M. & M. Farms
W. D. & Mary Mitchell

that maches it and little diapers that fit her and if you can a dream house. I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa Claus and good luck.
signed:
Taylor Wright

Dear Santa Claus,
May I please have a Mega blaster and Rayman and a blue and red power bashers and a poke dex and a vortex T-3 and a dog.
signed:
Nick Hardcastle

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to have a computer. please Santa Claus.
from
Jonathan Emiliano Salas

Ft. Elliott Second Grade Santa Letters:

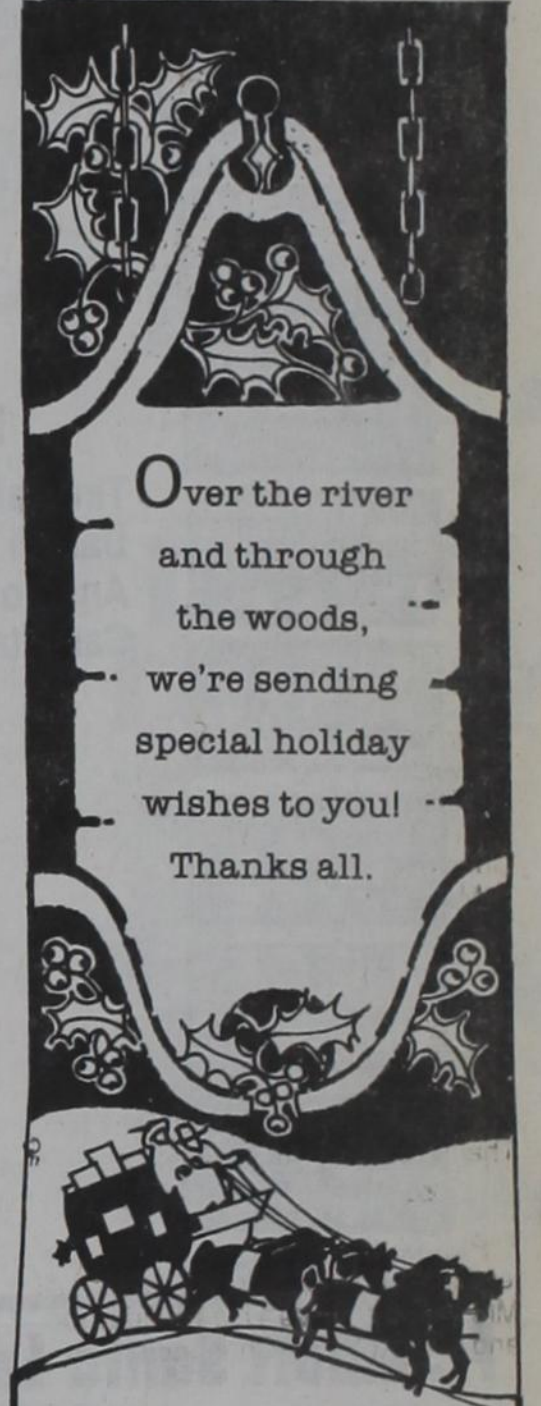
Dear Santa,
you are the best. would you please bring me electronic monday night football game. and nerf ball. you firend
Colbey
second grade
ft. Elliott

Dear Santa,
You are the best. Would you please bring me a football and a puppey for Christmas?
Your friend,
Cody Selby
second grade
Ft. Elliott

Dear Santa,
you are the best. Would you pleas bring me a trampling and some new clothes. I will leave you some cookies.
Your friend,
Felecia McCarty
Ft. Elliott

Dear Santa,
You are the best. Will you please bring me a puppy and a furby for Christmas?
Your friend,
Blake Baker
second grade
Ft. Elliott

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a puppy and a football helmet some dreamcast games and some Nintendo sixtyfour games too, and a gun and some camouflage Jacket, shirt and pants. Thank you! Merry Christmas. Happy flying!
signed:
Stan Waldo



Over the river and through the woods, we're sending special holiday wishes to you! Thanks all.

Dr. & Mrs. Mike Smith
Kristin, Ben, Lacey & Staff

PEACE ON EARTH



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Wheeler Third Grade Santa Letters:

Mrs. Masters' Class

Dear Santa,
 I want a new bike for Christmas. I want a computer for Christmas. I want a PlayStation for Christmas. Santa watch out for my dog she bites and theres some cookies on the table.
 Love,
Ricardo Gallardo

Dear Saint Nick,
 I would like the Red, Blue, and yellow version of Pokemon. I will lik it if you leave a note to tell the poeple who don't beleive in You. Beware of my dog named Lily.
 P.S. I am going to leave milk and cookies for You.
 Love,
Tyler Burch

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus doing ok? How is it up at the North Pole? Are your elves having fun making toys? Thank you for the roller blades you gave me last year. Your elves did a great job. This year Santa I would like a tumbling matt, a camera and some orignal Rugged Out back boots. And that is what I want for Christmas.
 Love,
Nicole Moore
 P.S. I will leave cookies and milk

out for you. And I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,
 I wish for a game for my Nintendo 64 and a WWF Camera Watch out for my cat, because she bites!
 Sincerely,
Chandler Osborne

Dear Santa,
 When you come, watch out for my dogs because they can get out of their pen. And when you come can

you give me a Nintendo 64 and a game for it called NFL Blitz and another game called 007 please.
 Sincerely,
Casey Jewell

pretty good too.
 Love,
Peggy Jean Ford

Dear Santa,
 This is the three things I would like for Christmas. A computer, BackStreet Boys C.D. and a Body Art Creation Kit.
 Love,
Valeria Lomas.
 P.S. I will leave cookies and milk for you and watch out for my cat.

Dear Santa Clause,
 I wish for a bike, shoes and a computer. I will leave milk and cookies for you by the fire-place.
 Love,
Aaron Ricoh

Dear Santa,
 I want a CD of Brinty Spears and Backstreet Boys. I want a Mustang's dress. I wear a size 8 or 10. I want a Christmas pillow.
 Merry Christmas
 Love,
Damaris Carranza

Dear Santa,
 I would like a tumbling matt and a computer and a camera with film. That is what I want for Christmas.
 Love,
Carley Owens
 P.S. I will leave out milk and cookies for you Have a nice holiday. Tell Mrs. Claus to have a nice holiday too. and have a Merry Christmas.

Happy Holiday Friends

You have our insurance of a Merry Christmas season, filled with happiness!

Hemphill County Farm Bureau David & Rita Pearson

Mrs. Hall's Class

Dear Santa,
 I want something for Christmas. I want a computer. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
 Signed,
Maria Salas

Dear Santa,
 How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? Well, I'm fine. I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a little kitty cat. That's all I really want.
 Your Friend,
Diana Corral

Dear Santa,
 I would like some roller blades. I wanted to see how you and Rudolph were doing. Please bring my brother a boom box, and that's it.
 Signed,
Skilar Rowley

Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs. Claus? Cause I'm doing great! I'm looking forward to Christmas. Are you? What I really want for Christmas is a go-cart with two helmets to go with it. They have to cover the ears. I also want my dad to get a job. That's all I want for Christmas. Have a great Chrismas!
 Signed,
Hannah Helton

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the Super Auto World and the Goldberg t-shirt. This year I want a PokeDex, Tyco Trantrum, NFL Blits 2000, 007, James Bond Tomorrow Never Dies, Rdler Blades and that is all. A PokeDex is a thing that tells about Pokemon. 007 and NFL Blits are play station games. A Tyco Trantrum is a remote control car. How are the reindeer? Hope you have a Merry Christmas.
 Signed,
Zack Andis

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want the Alisha doll and the Amazing Ally - How are the reindeers at the North Pole? Are you ready for Christmas yet? How is Mrs. Santa Clas? Is she fine? Is she happy? I wish you a Merry Christmas, and I will see you.
 Signed,
Kristen Burke

Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is drums. I hope you are jolly and bring lots of joy to the little boys and girls. I hope your reindeer don't get sick. I hope you can make it around the world in one night. I hope your reindeer don't run out of gas and fall into outerspace. I wish you a good Christmas.
 Signed,
Randall Hatcher

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a Nintendo 64. The game I would like is James Bond. Another game I want is Blits 2000. I want my own horse. I want a computer. Another game I want Mario Party. I want my own boom box.
 Signed,
Clay White

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing?
 My sisters, brothers and me are fine.
 I want a Barbie doll, baby doll, pardian doll, space case game, My size princess.
 love,
Katie Leven

Dear Santa,
 I would like a bike, a Yo maga and a go cart.
 Signed,
Jamie Taylor

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Home For The Holidays

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Happy Holidays

Old Saint Nick joins us in wishing you the merriest of Christmases.

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Merry Christmas!

McCain's Auto Body
 Bob, Gwen, Kelly, Cristen, Brooke, Kennan, Cory & Gayla

Wheeler First Grade: ~ Mrs. Porter's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a Jurassic park toy, a girl friend, a hug from Santa, and a brother.
Love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, and a teddy Bear, and clothes and shoes. And a puppy, and a doll. I want a T.V., and a nintendo 64, and a computer. I want a jeep, and a fish, and a storybook, and a hors.
Love,
Rudi

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a dog for Christmas. I want my brothers to get a lot of toys. I would like for my mom to get a new car. I would like for my dad to get some books.
Love,
Tania

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo 64 and a foot ball and a train.
Love,
Spencer

Dear Santa,
I would like a cat with yellow fur.
Love,
Mariah

Dear Santa,
I want a Hamster for Cristmas. Santa I also want a Hamster cage for my Hamster that you are going to give me. Also I want to give my mother a vase.
Love,
Kasie

Dear Santa,
Sata I would like a Whack-a-mole. my brother Wants a drum.
Love,
Brett

Dear Santa,
I want a Fire truck. I also want 8 reindeers. I also want a fourweeler. I also want a snow machine. I also want a horse. I also want pieces of math papers.
Love,
Payton

Dear Santa,
Toy Story 2, I want black dress shoes. I want Skateboard Shannon. I want A New Radio. I want a cat bed.
Love,
Caitlyn

Dear Santa,
I want A blue speed boate, a monster truck. And a stuffed Raindeer.
Love,
Jaten

Dear Santa,
please bring me a doll.
Love,
Adriana

Dear Santa,
Please bring me two contrds and four games for my nintendo 64. you are a good man. I want tv, two bones for my dogs.
Love,
Omar Lopez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbe and a toy reindeer and a tedy bear and book.
Love,
Karen

Dear Santa,
I would like a train, and a football, and a racecar, I also want a vcr.
Love,
Rolando

Dear Santa,
I would like a rabbit and some teddy bears. I also want a Betty Spaghetti doll.
Love,
Leslie

Dear Santa,
I would like a Power Ranger Car. Also a Power Ranger. I want a Batman and Robin motorcycle and a car. Two wrestlers and the ring to go with it.
Love,
Adrian

Dear Santa,
I would like for Chrismas Jet boat, four wheel, snow mobilie, and three wheel.
Love,
Jeremy

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I want a Barbie jeep, and a little computer to play on. I also want a tape player of my own, and a play make-up set. I want a Barbie watch and a ballerina jewelry box. I want a talking Franklin and Scooby-Doo. Chris and I will leave milk and cookies out for you so you can have a snack.
Love,
Kylie Jo Schubert

Dear Santa Clause,
I've been a very good girl this year helping take care of Brothers. Please bring me a fish tank, desk like Peyt and Shell's and a new Barbi.
Love,
Jayton Childress

Dear Santa Clause,
We are only 14 months old, and we've been good boys other than getting into things that are new to us. Now that we're walking we'd like to have a talking, follow me dump truck, and a tiger rocker, for each of us.
Love,
Garrett & Jarrett Childress

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie House, and lot of toys. When did you and Mrs. Claus get married? I Love You!
Love,
Stormy Moore

Ft. Elliott Santa Letters . . .

Dear Santa,
I want a OOGlie for Christmas and a furby baby.
Love,
Bailey

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a robot, and and lagoes
Sincerely,
Isaac

Dear Santa,
How's it going. I have been a verey good boy this year. Here is some stuff I want for christmas. I wnat a Nontendo



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64 and some games for it like Zelda and Pokemon snap, something eltes I wnat is a nofe or nothing gun.
Your friend,
Tommy

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a real monkey for Christmas. A real monkey would be fun to have because it climbs all over the place. I also want a new bike. If you can't find a monkey, then I want is a big doll and a big play house like

like the one on "Okra" (Opra). I would also like a trampoline.
I will leave you some cookies with milk.
Your friend,
Charly Shae Baird

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I want . . .
a beanie baby called baby patches or
Any other beanies.
And nail polish (red)
And some C.D.s
And a T.V. for my room.
And some jewelry. (diamond rings)
MERRY CRISTMAS
Your friend
MEGAN

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop, hair stuff, nail pol- ish, beanie babies, braces, a playstation or a sega dreamcast, cd's, clothes, shoes and to see my brother Kenny.
Your Friend,
Stormi

Dear Santa,
I want F oseball.
Your friend,
Brandon

Dear
I want a big pool. For the people who don't have food and shelter I would like them to have what they want.
Hi Santa!
love
Tish

Dear Santa,
I want a ballerina dress, a ballerina doll and real fingernail polish.
Love,
Andrea Martine
Fort Elliott (K)

Dear Santa,
I want a cute little Barbie and a newborn baby.
Love,
Jada Hathaway
Fort Elliott (K)

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and a remote control boat for Christmas.
Love,
Jayton Bell
Fort Elliott (K)

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house and a baby doll, a game, and Micky Mouse watch. My baby sister wants a little rattler. My little brother wants two or three stuffed animals.
Thank you for my toys last year. I love you Santa.
Love,
Alexis Ann Zybach

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, a Barbie house, Pooh bear, a coloring book, Beanie babies, and new colors. My little sister would like a doll, a Barbie, a teddy bear, and coloring book.
We will leave you chocolate cook- ies and white milk.
Love,
Karen Kelley

Dear Santa,
I hope that you have lots of toys for the kids. I am having a good day. I hope you are too. I want a kitten. I am going to take care of my cat. I'll feed him food and milk. I want another collector's doll. I already have one.
Your friend,
Sarah Horn

Dear Santa,
I want some Columbia stuff. The ones that you do with your hands, and the ones that you do with a re- mote control. I also need some double A batteries. I also need a dog from Taco Bell like Roland's.
I am going to leave you an angel cookie and a Christmas tree cookie. I will also leave some white milk.
I love you.
Davis Corse



Deck The Halls!

Hoping your holidays are trimmed with happiness.

Ed & Patricia Forrester



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...And thank you for your business. We're especially pleased and proud to be able to serve you throughout the year. Have a wonderful holiday.

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As for us, we thank you so,
You've been such a pleasure to serve and know!
Gary Burton Cellular Beaver Express Agent
Gary Don, Tracy and Cameron

Season's Greetings To All
During the Christmas season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who helped us through the year. And in the spirit we say, thank you and best wishes for a wonderful holiday.

CROSS CAR CENTER
David & Kathleen
Michelle, Rusty, Christopher, Justin & Chris
Monica, Dale, Ann Marie, Joseph, Sarah & Rachel
Roger, Cindy, Halee, Reese and Chadd

May the gifts of the season be yours as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas.
We appreciate your loyal patronage.
Merry Christmas!

Burton Ford-Mercury
Pete Burton
Gary Don Burton
Tracy Burton
Dickie Burton
Waddell Davis
Jerry Newberry

A Very Merry Season To You!
Christmas is near and it's time to say, our good wishes and cheer are headed your way!
GENNELL YORK & Staff

Merry Christmas
The friendship of those we serve is the basis for our success.
Thanks, all.

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Melba Darnell Wanda Hefley Mary Hovey
Bill Howard Stephanie Coulter Stephanie Jones
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SEASON'S GREETINGS
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
May the beauty of this season renew each heart with hope.
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Kelton School Letters To Santa Claus:

Kelton Pre-K

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I liked sitting on your lap. I liked having my picture taken with you. I want a baby doll. I want her dressed up. I want a butterfly to put in my room or in the baby's room. Santa I liked hugging you. I want some boots, not boy boots, just girl boots. Pink please. I want a radio with CD's in it. I want a Barbie pencil and a bunch of other pencils. I want a little Christmas tree with decorations on it.

Your friend,
Maggie Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
You brought us presents! They are

under our Christmas tree. I hope that you are giving me some squishy bears to play with. I also want a picture of me. It has a little head and a little body. Another thing I want is round. It is shaped like a tire. You just roll it and roll it and roll it until the tire breaks off. I like the Christmas lights that are on our tree.

Love,
Robert Ruiz

Kelton Kindergarden

Dear Santa Claus,
You are nice. You give me presents. You are my friend. I want a trampoline. I want a heart box to keep my money in. I want a red bike. I want

a little house to paint it. I want crayons. I want a big red ball. I want a color book. I want a computer like you gave my sister last year. I want a toy dinosaur. He will be green with four legs. I want a triceratops. I want a red hat with earflaps. I want a red boat. I want a tent.

Your friend,
Paul Luna

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Rudolph nose and a Christmas tree. I want puppets and a box to make a puppet show with a curtain that opens and closes. I want a sley and a horse to pull it. I want it to run real fast. I want some princess mittens, they look like Ariel. I need a new trampoline for my kittens to jump on.

I like to build snowmen.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Moore

Kelton Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a computer. I want a computer program that has a horse and a girl that has a race. I want a girl that has a skateboard that has a remote control.

Love,
Tabitha Ruiz

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THE WHEELER TIMES

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Ft. Elliott Letters To Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I like you because you are very nice. You give us toys and I want four Indian stuff place with an axe. I would also like a guitar and new boots, and a new western hat.

I will leave you some milk and cookies shaped like a bell and gingerbread man.

Thank you.
I love you.
Allene Wyant

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Talking Babba.

I will leave you some white milk and chocolate chip cookies.

Your friend,
Chelsea Selby

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck video game, remote control airplane, and remote control 4-wheeler.

I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Kory Joe McLaughlin

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddox McNeil. I will be 1 year old on the 6th of January. I would like it very much if you could think of some really neat toys for me. I am not old enough to watch TV so I don't know what the good toys are for this year. I would also like it very much if you would bring Aunt Kellie a girl baby so I won't be so out numbered. I guess you better bring my big brother Braden some toys so I won't have to hear him whine. Thanks Santa.

Love,
Maddie

Dear Santa,
My name is Braden Crockett-McNeil. I am four years old. I have been trying real hard to be good the last few weeks to make up for all the bad things my bad brain made me do this last year. I sure would like it if you would bring me a Red Power Rangers Power Bash, and a Robot. I also would like it if you would bring my little sister Maddie a few toys. Thanks Santa for being understanding. I'll leave ya a snack out.

Love,
Braden

P.S. Trenti wants a pool table, and you know he's been good.

Hello Santa,
My name is Urrick Marshall and I promise I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like some new clothes and some new toys. My cousin Mariah would like some Barbie things, and don't forget all my friends at Norma's house. I will be waiting for you, be careful.

P.S. Don't forget about my new little cousin Alec Taylor Drerup he lives in Amarillo. Could you bring Abby and Buford some dog biscuits? I will have some milk & cookies waiting for you.

Urrick Marshall

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I like the presents you give us. I'd like to see you some day at Christmas.

I want a white puppy. I promise to feed it and give it water. I want a ball that you shake up and snow comes down.

I will leave you chocolate chip cookies, and some white milk to drink.

I love you Santa,
Adrian Jade Reis

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control motor cycle, a remote control 4-wheeler, a remote control airplane, a Night-Talking Bubba, a new bike, and a new play talking Santa Claus.

I will leave you some chocolate cookies and milk.

I love you Santa Claus.
Roland Newman

Golden Agers Travel To Pampa for Pageant Dec. 7

Golden Agers, First Baptist Church, Wheeler, were on the road again Tuesday, December 7, 1999. They climbed on board the van and headed west to Central Baptist, Pampa, to see "A Christmas Spectacular—That Night." The pageant was directed by Minister of Music, Zan Walker. A wonderful performance again this year.

After visiting with others attending the pageant, the van loaded and headed for Braums. It seems to really like Braums parking lot, and not one aboard objected to the stop.

We took a little detour just east of Pampa to drive through the "Celebration of Lights" at Recreation Park, the original lighted park in the Texas panhandle. More displays have been added, over half a million lights and a nativity scene donated to the community over 50 years ago. Beautiful lights!

Those enjoying the evening trip were: Betty Howard, Marie Baker, Naomi Speck, Ed Hershman, Mary Margaret Dodd, Vea Fillingim, Lou Dean Douthit, and Joyce Perkins.

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for their Christmas present
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Kenneth "Santa" Claus

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 13, 1999 to December 17, 1999. DECEMBER 13, 1999

ASSIGN—Dynergy Midstream, Inc. to

Measure (from Page 1)

Now that you are more familiar with the procedure, here are some benefits that come from the gathering of this data. The PGWCD will be able to make saturated thickness maps that are useful in locating the amount of water under the ground in a particular place. Many farmers and ranchers use these maps to locate the best places to drill irrigation wells or windmills. Other maps prepared from this data are water level and depletion maps. The water level maps tell us where the present water level is located. The depletion maps tell us how many feet the water table has risen or fallen, in the last year. The depletion maps we use to determine the amount of depletion are the same maps used for those landowners who are eligible for depletion allowance on their income tax returns.

As you can see, this is not a new program. The PGWCD has been measuring water levels on many different wells throughout the District, and on some wells, as much as 40 years worth of data has been collected. Our main goal is to be able to provide useful and accurate information to farmers, rancher, or anyone who may have a question or be curious, about the water in our area. So, if you happen to see a red pick-up on the road with our decals on the door, don't worry. We are just doing our job the best we can, so we will be able to provide the people of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District with the best information we can collect. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call us at 1-800-320-3536 or 1-806-883-2501.

Individuals Needed To Help With 2000 Census

WHAT CENSUS POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

Taking a Census requires us to fill a wide variety of positions, but by far the largest number of positions that we need to fill are census takers.

Census Takers
Locally hired people who work in their own neighborhoods, locating addresses and interviewing household members.

Crew Leaders
Also work in the field to train, observe, review, and supervise the work of enumerators engaged in data collection or quality control.

Office Clerks
Perform a wide variety of clerical functions associated with office processing, field operations, and administrative operations, including personnel and payroll.

EMPLOYMENT TEST INFORMATION FOR CENSUS JOB APPLICANTS

Each applicant for Census Bureau employment must take a written test to assess basic skills.

The test consists of 28 questions designed to measure the skills, abilities and knowledge required to perform a variety of census jobs. There are five parts to the test: reading, clerical, numerical, evaluative, and organizational skills. You will have 30 minutes to complete the test. You may retake the test as often as required.

The questions are multiple-choice. You will record your answers on the test answer sheet. To receive veterans preference for hiring purposes, applicants must bring a DD-214, Armed Forces Service Records, or equivalent to the testing site for proof of qualifying service.

In areas with large Spanish-speaking populations, the test will be given in Spanish.

1-806-371-9317 Ext. 115
U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration

Bureau of the Census
What Identification do I need?
Bring to the testing session one form of identification from List A, OR one from List B and one from List C.

- List A**
< U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired)
< Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (INS Form N-560 or N-561)
< Certificate of Naturalization (INS Form N-550 or N-570)
< Unexpired foreign passport, with I-551 stamp or attached INS Form I-94, employment authorization
< Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph
< Unexpired Temporary Resident Card
- List B**
< Driver's license or State ID
< School ID with a photograph
< Voter's registration card
< U.S. Military Card or draft record
< Military dependent's ID card
< U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- < American Indian tribal document
< Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority
- List C**
< U.S. Social Security card
< Certification of birth abroad issued by the Department of State (Forms FS-545 or DS-1350)
< Birth Certificate with official seal of issuing authority
< American Indian tribal document
< U.S. Citizen ID card (INS Form I-197)
< ID card for use of Resident Citizen of the U.S.
< Unexpired employment authorization document

Dynergy Midstream Services, Limited Partnership, 1-4-99, See Instrument. ASSIGN—Dynergy Midstream, Inc. to Dynergy Midstream Services, Limited Partnership, 1-4-99, See Instrument. ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY—Fritz Lanham Layne Jr. to Piranha Partners, 11-3-99, Sec. 2, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. MD—John David Morgan, et al to Linda Morgan Murry, 12-2-99, Sec. 24, SE 1/4 Sec. 25, and NE 1/4; and SW 1/4 Sec. 26, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DT—Shellie Johnson, et vir to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 11-29-99, South 1/2 Sec. 17, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey. RD—Interbank, National Association to Shellie Ogle Little Johnson, 11-22-99, South 1/2 Sec. 17, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey. AFF.—Patsy Lurleen McKelvey to The Public, 12-7-99, Sec. 3, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey. CONVEYANCE—Pride Companies, LP, et al to Sun Pipe Line Services Co., 10-1-99, See Instrument. D—W. H. Locke Jr., et ux to C & H Supply Inc., 9-16-99, Lot 3, Blk. 7, HSA, Shamrock. ASSIGN.—Barrett Resources Corporation to Crest Resources Inc., 11-24-99, NW 1/4 Sec. 45, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DECEMBER 14, 1999
RD—Wheeler Banking Center to John N. Lay, 12-8-99, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. D—J. R. Link, et al to Old Mobeetie Texas Association Inc., 11-24-99, Lots 1-5, Blk. 15, Mobeetie, and Min. Int. in 2.07 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 45, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DECEMBER 15, 1999
D—Carolyn Sue Harrison, Trustee, et al to Jackie Gibson McIntire, et ux, 11-22-99, Lots 16-18, Blk. 117, New Mobeetie. OL—Tyler Hughes to Sonat Exploration Company, 10-15-99, SW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

DT—Lester Family Ltd. to Citizens National Bank of Childress, 12-1-99, Pts. SE 1/4 Sec. 57, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL—Joe Lisle, et ux to Robert Johnson, et ux, 12-14-99, Pts. SE 1/4 Sec. 45 and Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 44, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DT—Robert Johnson, et ux to Joe Lisle, et ux, 12-14-99, Pts. SE 1/4 Sec. 45 and Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 44, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AFF.—Bharatkuma Nathubha Bhakta to The Public, 12-15-99, Lots 1 and 4, Blk. LXXX, Shamrock. DVL—Bharatkuma N. Bhakta, et ux to Richard Smith, et ux, 12-13-99, Lots 1 and 4, Blk. LXXX, Shamrock. DT—Richard Smith, et ux to First National Bank of Shamrock, 12-13-99, Lots 1 and 4, Blk. LXXX, Shamrock.

DECEMBER 16, 1999
CD—Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to J. T. Tidwell, et ux, 12-15-99, E 1/2 Lot 1 Blk. L-9, 1st Add., Wheeler Cemetery.

EXT. OL—Sebitt Properties Trust to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 11-3-99, E 1/2 Sec. 31, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

HEIRSHIP AFF.—Janice Faye Hughes to Frank Darrell Hughes, 5-7-99.

D—Beverly Hughes Haws, et al to Johnny Ramos, et ux, 11-19-99, 140' x 700' of W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 37, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FTL—United States of America to David E. Rogers, et ux, 12-1-99. FTL—United States of America to Vida S. Brown, Estate, 10-12-99.

DECEMBER 17, 1999
RD—Wellington State Bank to Joe Frank Knoll, et ux, 12-10-99, See Instrument.

EXT. OL—Carl M. Turner to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 10-29-99, E 1/2 Sec. 31, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey. COR. DEED—Ben Parks, et al to Ben and Lois Parks Family Partnership Ltd., 11-24-99, See Instrument.

DVL—Gary George to Linda Woollard Coyne, 12-16-99, N 33' of Lot 12 and S 34' of Lot 13, Blk. 64, WSSA, Shamrock.

DT—Linda Woollard Coyne to Pauline Benson, 12-16-99, N 33' of Lot 12 and S 34' of Lot 13, Blk. 64, WSSA, Shamrock.

MEALS on WHEELS MENU
MONDAY, December 27, 1999 — FRIDAY, December 31, 1999
MONDAY: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Broccoli, Pears
TUESDAY: Fried Chicken Livers, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Roll/Margarine, Plum Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Smothered Pork Chops, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Bake
THURSDAY: Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Roll/Margarine, Cake
FRIDAY: Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Bread/Margarine, Bread Pudding

People once believed ringing bells would quiet storms.
Mark Twain was issued a patent for suspenders in 1871



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Commissioner's Court

November 8, 1999

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with Judge Jerry Dan Hefley presiding. Members present were: Tommy Puryear, Hubert Moore, Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioners precincts 2, 3, and 4 respectively; Jimmy Adams-Sheriff, Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Amy McCasland-County Treasurer; Scott Porter-County Tax Collector; Bobby Hill-County Attorney and Ron Gowdy-County Auditor. Commissioner Childress was absent for the entire meeting.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Commissioner Puryear.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to accept the minutes as written All three commissioners present voted for the motion. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF JUSTICE OF PEACE REPORTS
Justice of Peace reports for the month of October 1999 were received for the following amounts: Brady Meadows-\$1543.75 and Art Taylor-\$34,968.69.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to accept the Justice of Peace reports for the above amounts. Motion was unanimously approved by all three commissioners.

APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Hubert Moore made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to

Caution Urged For Y2K Motorists by Patrolmen

Motorists are being urged to use extra caution as they travel after the first of the year, especially at intersections.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) does not expect Y2K problems with traffic signals, but says motorists should always be careful when entering an intersection.

"We have been working since early 1998 upgrading and testing equipment on the nearly 6,800 traffic signals on the state highway system," said Carlos Lopez, director of traffic operations for TxDOT. "If power is available, our traffic signals should handle the January 1 date change without a problem. If the power goes out motorists will need to use caution and watch out for other drivers."

Motorists should take extra care at an intersection with a traffic signal that is not working and they should be prepared to give other drivers the right of way if necessary, according to TxDOT.

"Right of way is something to be given, not taken," said Lopez. "Courtesy is the key to safe driving."

Crashes can be prevented if motorists play it safe, according to TxDOT officials. Driving at a speed appropriate for the conditions, using seat belts properly and never drinking and driving are some of the safe driving practices they say motorists should always follow.

"Holiday periods, like New Year's Day, are often a time to celebrate, but they should never be an excuse to get behind the wheel of a car after you have been drinking," said Lopez. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, nearly 30 percent of all traffic fatalities in Texas last year were alcohol related.

In addition to checking and upgrading signal lights on state highways, TxDOT has also been serving as a resource on traffic issues for cities and counties across the state.

Locally, Clyde Harper, Childress District Traffic Section Supervisor said, "all our signal components and electronic controllers have been upgraded and we are in good shape."

CHRISTMAS SONG

Oh dear, what shall I give my child for Christmas? A child of today has so much, the gifts are all so expensive and they tire of them so quickly. Some gifts break so easily.

How about wrapping a big Christmas box in love and giving the child a gift of songs, stories and poems? Children of today do not have these things in their hearts because we've been too busy to share with them. There's no cost and the children will love them more and more as the years go by.

Directions for gift preparations:
Choose a cozy nook warmed by family love. Take your child in your lap tenderly. Demand silence.

"I'll tell you a story. I was a little girl just your size.

"Once upon a time there was a little girl named Red Riding Hood".

"And the second pig said "I'll huff and I'll puff".

Pick up the dog-eared poetry book and reread:
"On the first day of Christmas".

Over the river and through the woods

To Grandmother's house we go For this is Christmas Day.

As you see the little eyes begin to droop, start the song recital.

"The Farmer in the Dell" is a good beginning. "The Bear went over the Mountain" is one all children love. Try the immortal "Lullaby and Goodnight" which was brought to our country from Germany. It is love around the world.

Then fill the Christmas box with the wealth of stories, songs and poems we've inherited. Wrap each one with a perky Christmas bow. Repeat the singing each year.

It may be another generation before the children will fully appreciate the wonderful gift of Christmas. —songs and stories!

approve the time sheets for the hourly employees as submitted. Motion carried unanimously after being voted on by all three commissioners.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to pay the monthly bills as approved and listed in Volume 11 of the Minutes of Accounts Allowed in the County Clerks office. Motion carried unanimously.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM-Plan change consideration

After discussion: Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to maintain the counties contribution rate at the current meeting.

Extension Update
by Debbie Epperley, CEA-HE

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Wheeler County presented a Lunch and Learn program for the courthouse employees on December 16, 1999. FCS Agent Debbie Epperley discussed the history, nutritive value, safety in handling and the storing of cheese.

She also demonstrated to the group how to create and fashion cheese balls for the holiday season.

She had fashioned for the audience cheese mixtures formed into the shapes of a football served on a green football field, cheese logs and a cheese ball dusted with chili powder and formed to resemble an apple complete with stem and leaves.

Ms. Epperley told the group to use their creativity and utilize cheese balls other than the traditional Christmas season.

Cheese Logs

6 oz. Cream cheese, softened
8oz. Sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

1/4 cup chopped pecans
1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. chili powder

Combine cream cheese and cheddar cheese in bowl; mix well.

Add pecans and garlic; mix well. Divide into two portions. Shape into logs; roll in chili powder. Chill, wrapped in waxed paper overnight. Slice thinly. Serve with favorite crackers.

Before the group dismissed she also discussed Family and Community Education and the possibility of forming a club.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of a family community education club, contact Debbie Epperley at 826-5243.

Happy Holidays.
Debbie Epperley
FCS Agent

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

A Safe Holiday Tops Santa's Christmas List

Texas Department of Transportation Launches

Annual Holiday "Don't Drink and Drive" Campaign

Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

TxDOT Warns Motorists Not To Drink And Drive

Santa and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,245 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," said Susan Bryant, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "We anticipate that the problem could be even worse this year due to turn of the century New Year's parties. People who don't normally drink and drive may be out for this unique celebration."

TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials bear the message "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Santa and TxDOT are targeting millions of Texans with Santa's special plea for safe driving. Thirty holiday-themed billboards are being posted on interstate highways in major Texas cities and throughout Texas, and don't drink and drive radio public service announcements will air statewide in December. Thousands of convenience stores, liquor stores and restaurants are placing red and yellow Santa decals on their front doors and beverage cooler doors reminding customers not to drink and drive. Drink coasters with a don't drink and drive message are also being provided to restaurants and bars throughout the state.

"Santa isn't the only one who wants people to be responsible drivers," Bryant said. "We are delighted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Stores Association, Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are joining us to remind everyone how important it is not to drink and drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between December 24 and 26 and between December 31 and January 2.



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level for the 2000 year, and make no changes to the plan for another year. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL-Tax Office

Scott Porter, County Tax Collector, met with the Court and asked permission to advertise for an employee for his office due to the upcoming retirement of one of his employees.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to allow Scott Porter to advertise for one full time employee. Motion carried unanimously.

CANVASS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to approve the canvass of the November 2, 1999 Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion carried unanimously.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

Judge Hefley informed the Court that a representative from West Texas Rural Counties will be in attendance at the November 22, 1999 court meeting.

No action taken.

BURN BAN-Wheeler Fire Department

Dell Ford, representative from the Wheeler Fire Department, met with the Court to discuss the possibility of declaring a Burn Ban for all of Wheeler County.

Members of the Court advised that recent legislation passed and effective September 1, 1999 allows the County Judge to establish Burn Bans without the action and approval of the Court. This will be researched to determine the correctness and which house bill allows the action by the Judge.

No action taken.

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

JERRY DAN HEFLEY, COUNTY JUDGE

November 22, 1999

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Special Session with Judge Jerry Dan Hefley presiding.

Members present were: Kenneth Childress, Tommy Puryear, Hubert Moore, Boyd Hiltbrunner, who are the commissioners of precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Bobby Hill-County Attorney; and Scott Porter-County Tax Collector.

APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to approve the time sheets for the hourly employees as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Kenneth Childress made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to pay the bills as approved and found listed in Volume 11 of the Minutes of Accounts Allowed in the County Clerks office. Motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION-MASTER PLAN

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Hall met with the Court to discuss their concerns of the deterioration of the Courthouse and surrounding walls and fixtures on the courthouse property. They both expressed concerns on the wastefulness of water on the lawn. They each expressed, as tax payers, that the commissioners court should take action to restore and stop the damage being done.

Bobby Hill presented information that she and Margaret Dorman had gathered during the courthouse Grant meeting that they attended in Ft. Worth on November 22. She along with Mrs. Wiley and Mr. Hall encouraged the Court to agree to proceed with the hiring of a consultant to prepare a Master Plan in order to be eligible to apply for a portion of the \$50 million dollars that the legislature recently appropriated for Courthouse Restoration.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to hire Wade Ellison, from Wharry Engineering, to prepare a Master Plan for Wheeler County and allow an expenditure up to \$46,000.00 for the service. Motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE DEED RESTRICTION GRANTED

Bobby Hill, County Attorney, presented information concerning Section 442.008 of the Texas Government Code, which requires a Deed Restriction on the courthouse and property. The Deed Restriction requires the county to consult with the Texas Historical Commission before any restoration or maintenance work is done in order to comply with the State Preservation Standards.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to allow the County Attorney to draft a Deed Restriction for the Wheeler County Courthouse and present it for approval at the December 13, 1999 court meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS PROPERTY-Appraisal District