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Santa Bucks Auction offers gift grabbing opportunities

by Ruthie Bounds, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Thursday, December 16, 2004, is the day of the annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Santa Bucks Auction, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. There will be many items up for bids in a live auction, as well as a special silent auction going on at the same time.

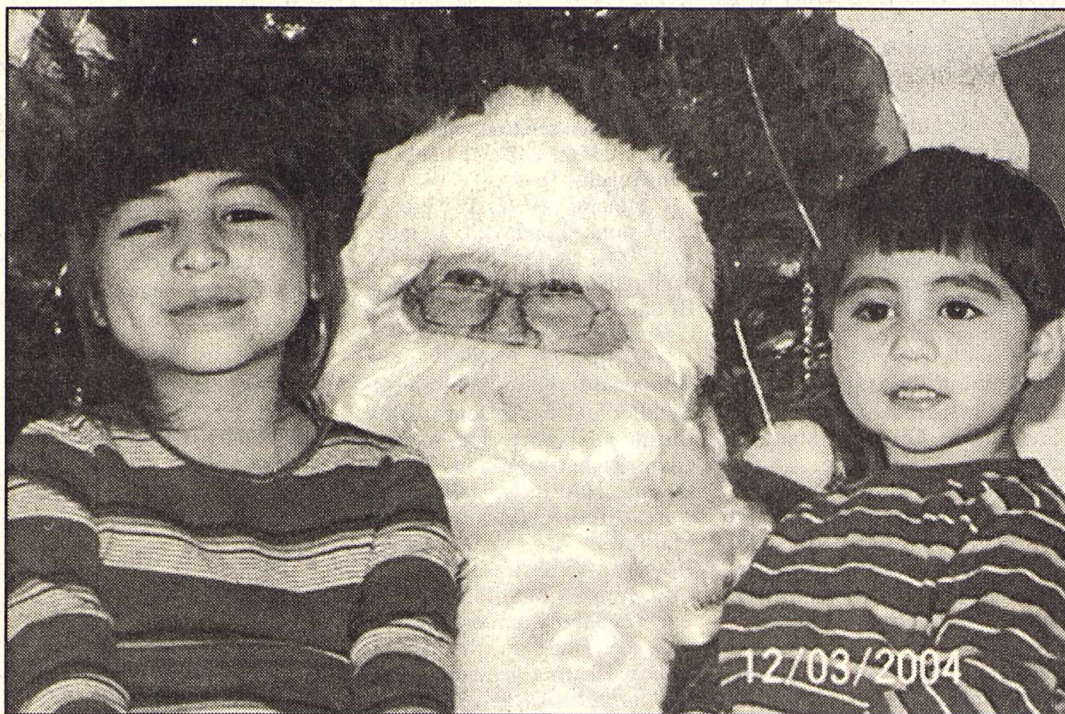
There will be two special sections of the live auction this year: one only for children and one only for senior citizens. This will allow some of the young and young-at-heart an opportunity to bid without all those "shopaholics" taking their prizes away!

The silent auction will have many great items to bid on as well, and will end at 7:00 p.m. with the winning bids being announced.

Just to name a few of the many great items that will be auctioned this year, there are five free DVD rentals from The Video Store with a value of \$18.00, two complimentary one night stays at the Best Western Sonora Inn valued at \$90.00 each, two \$50.00 Sonora shopping sprees from First National Bank of Sonora, two one year subscriptions from The Devils River News with a value of \$20.00 each, a beautiful Mohair Throw by Carl J. Cahill, Inc. valued at \$98.00, a 3 column x 5" advertisement valued at \$60.00 by The Devil's River News, one Free Month of service from Cellular One with a value of \$40.00, two Combo Plates from B & H Catering valued at \$18.00, one free hair cut from Ronda's Styling Haus valued at \$10.00, \$20.00 gift certificate from the Stagecoach Meat Market, one full set of Solar Nails from Olivia Torres at The Hair Salon, \$10.00 worth of gas from each Shot's # 5 and Shot's #6, two Christopher Radko Christmas Ornaments one valued at \$46.00 and one valued at \$57.00 from Everett's Pharmacy Gifts Galore & More, one car care Holiday Gift Pack from Napa-Circle S Automotive, three complimentary one night stays at Comfort Inn of Sonora, a KC for four valued at \$52.00 and a KC for two valued at \$21.00 from the Sutton County Steakhouse, two \$100.00 advertisements from KHOS Hill Country Radio and many, many more wonderful items all donated by local merchants and businesses.

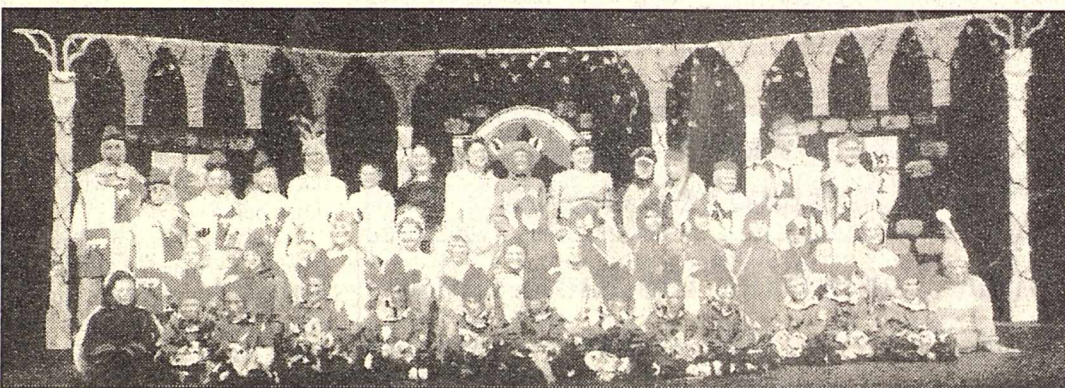
The "Santa Bucks" promotion is one by which the local merchants hand out Santa Bucks to their customers throughout the Holiday Season. When a customer spends about \$10.00 with a merchant, the customer in turn will receive a "Santa Buck." Then the merchants and businesses in Sonora donate items to be purchased by their customers with the "Santa Bucks" at the Santa Bucks Auction. This is a winning proposition to reward the customers who are loyal to Sonora and do their Holiday shopping at home. Without the cooperation and donations of all the generous people of Sonora, it would be impossible to have such a wonderful holiday promotion.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to get some great gift ideas!



"Yes, Santa, I PROMISE I've been good this year!" See Santa pictures page 6!

Missoula Children's Theatre brings The Frog Prince to life in Sonora



The cast of *The Frog Prince*.

by Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Manager

Many lucky citizens in our community were witnesses to a frog becoming a Prince on the stage at Sonora High School on Saturday, December 11, 2004.

Deep in the royal swamp, a lonely Frog retrieved a golden ball for Princess Prim in exchange for friendship and comfort. The spoiled princess didn't want to live up to her part of the bargain, and put her royal Knights on alert. And so the trouble began. Luckily, Frog got some good advice from Ollie the wise old Aspen tree, Bert the Alligator, and the kindly Swamp Things. The Ducks and dancing Flamingos also come to Frog's assistance and servant Henrietta tries to set things right. Even the Queen, kindly Princess Proper, and spunky Princess Peppy get involved and, despite the trouble caused by the nasty Venus Fly Traps, all ended happily. Our hero became a Prince (formerly known as Frog) and realizes that friendships are made, not bought—and he discovered that it is not what you are but who you are that counts.

The youth of Sonora never cease to amaze me as they represent our community. Their enthusiasm showed Sara Wright and Katie Becker of the Missoula Children's Theater,

based out of Missoula, Montana, that we can produce a production of high quality even though it is the busy Christmas time of the year!

S.C.A.T and Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to say a big "Thank-You" to the parents and grandparents for helping with the scheduling of the students' play practices. It is dedicated people working together with their children that make this project successful. The goodies were wonderful and the sweet punch was a treat for the actors, guests and actresses. We deeply appreciate the cookies and punch provided by The Bank & Trust and the First National Bank of Sonora, who always show their support of our youth programs.

A special note of thanks is extended to John and Dell Tedford, Radio Shack, James Barton, Virgil Poloczek, Judge Carla Garner and Tedford Jewelry, who are all strong supporters of the arts and many other special events in our community. This presentation would not have been so successful without the help of KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News, Sonora High School, Renee Casey, Sonora Independent School District and the assistance of the Sonora PTO.

The members of the cast of

the Frog Prince were: Castle Frog/Prince - Clayton Parks, Swamp Frog - Bailey Joe Pennington, Ollie Aspen Tree - Kathy Pacheco, Princess Prim - Erin Newton, Princess Peppy - Alisha Covey, Bert the Alligator - Rose Karnes, the Fly - Jeremy Doran, Knights - Kari Nicholas, Christian Kenney, Madison Myers, Alex Galindo, Milton Black, Allison Freeman, Nicolas Favela, Zachary Leonard, Swamp Thing - Macie Friess, Sidney Dermody, Hannah Henderson, Fabian Guzman, Kenzie Herring, Marcie Parks, Emily Cory, Kylie Love, and Jamie Braly, Flamingos - Hunter Jennings, Maddie Lang, Rachel Eisenhour, Alex Lang, Alyssa Williams, Ellie Newton, Little Ducks - Joni Casey, Kandys Rodriguez, Brenda Merrill, Ashley Perales, Jacinda Sanchez, Chanel Martinez, Venus Fly Traps - James Freeman, Gage Glidwell, Tanner Esparza, Sky Jennings, Tanner Myers, Straton Rushing, Katie Braly, Cassandra Amare, Tate Shannon, Abigail Garcia, Kobi Herring, Sidney Burnham, Queen/Maria/ Von Fly Trap/Henrietta - Katie Becker, Lights - Alexandria Kenney, Accompanist - Connie Eisenhour, and Director - Sara Wright.



The Texas Department of Transportation Offices, located on the edge of town on Hwy 277 N. were chosen by The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program as one of the "Best Dressed-up for Christmas" winners this week - see all the winners so far on page 8.

School Board plans open house in Old Rock Schoolhouse

by Storie Sharp

The Old Rock School Building is scheduled to open January 3, 2005. Superintendent, Dr. Brant Myers made this announcement at the December 13, 2004, Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees regular meeting.

Dr. Myers gave a construction update, first reporting that the Rock Building looks great and an open house will be held on January 3, 2005, with the ringing of the original school bell. Dr. Myers reminded the Board that the "ringing of the bell" had been auctioned at the Lions Club Auction, and was purchased by the Cahill Family. Wanda Neville will officially open the building by ringing the bell on that Monday. The public is invited to come see all that has been done on the building, beginning at 10:00 a.m., before the teachers begin moving in. In other construction news, Dr. Myers reported that the rock wall around the school was almost complete and the workers are finishing up the handicap ramps and parking area behind the middle school. The air conditioning and duct work is being put in at the Primary building. Dr. Myers reported that a worker had fallen through the roof last month and was injured, but was doing better.

In other businesses, a budget amendment was approved for a donation from the booster club for \$2,000. The Booster Club requested that \$1,000 be allotted for football supplies, \$500 to boys basketball and \$500 to cross country.

Bids for school vehicles were opened and it was approved to purchase two sub-urbans and two buses. The Board discussed having the busses painted in school colors and it was decided to look into having the top painted white with red lettering.

Bronco band director, Rusty Baldwin, presented the Board with a photo of a proposed band uniform that he and the students had worked to put together. Baldwin explained that the new uniforms were simple, yet very classy and could easily be maintained and should last from seven to nine years. The new uniforms will have a Bronco embroidered on the back of the jacket and will have a removable sequin sash. A durable, nice looking, black hat will accompany the uniforms. The price of the proposed uniforms are \$318 each. The board approved the purchase of 120 band uniforms.

A discussion was held regarding the definition of long

term substitute teachers and possible policy changes. Principals Dermody and Chavarria provided input regarding retaining long term substitutes. The board agreed that it would be best to wait until budget time to change any pay fees, but it was approved to change the policy to consider a substitute "long term" after five days instead of the current 10 days.

Dr. Myers explained that the District Site Base Committee had met and produced a list of goals for the schools. The main goal was for all Sonora schools to be "Exemplary" campuses by the year 2006.

Business Manager Diane Jacoby explained the audit report for year ending August 31, 2004. Jacoby explained some changes that were required by the auditing company, that were being applied. The audit report was approved as presented.

Louise Dermody explained that the Reading 1st Grant was progressing. She told the board that most training had been completed and the orders had been placed for the necessary supplies. All of the elementary teachers recently received palm pilots and would be using them for testing, allowing for quick access and less paper and pencil tasks. The Reading 1st program allows for assessing the levels of the readers and allows the teachers to work better with students.

Jacoby gave the annual review of the District's investment policy.

Dr. Myers reported that enrollment was down by four, for a total of 978 students, but attendance was up from this time last year.

In November maintenance, Dr. Myers reported that the floor of the stage had been painted by the Theatre Tech class; quotes were being obtained for the air controls at the high school, the benches and the backboard in the gym had been replaced and they are waiting on the electrician to look at the water controls. He also reported that the track runways would be started soon. Several repairs have been made in teachers' houses, but the roof at Baldwin's house is still in need of repair.

There were no board member comments, so the board then went into executive session to discuss evaluations, employment of an elementary teacher, an assistant band director position, a science teacher position and employee stipends.

Everett's Pharmacy hosts open house to meet new owners



Jim Bob and Glynda Everett opened their doors in a special open house on Wednesday, December 8, 2004. The new owners and operators of Everett's Pharmacy and Gifts Galore and More were joined by their son, Brad, and granddaughter, Jayice, as well as many friends and customers that stopped by to say hello and see all that Everett's has to offer. In addition to all your pharmaceutical needs and medical supplies, Everett's Pharmacy and Gifts Galore and More has Radko Christmas ornaments, gourmet dips, Painted Ponies, Cow Parade, home decor, iron collections, tote and makeup bags, baby items, jewelry, greeting cards and much more. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Everetts with a special Ribbon Cutting ceremony, and visitors were treated to some great snacks and sweets. Stop by and visit Everett's Pharmacy and Gifts Galore and More today.

Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Is it true that Sheriff R. H. Martin never carried a gun or shot one?

A. Maybe while he was sheriff but not after he resigned his position. In the Sheep & Goat Raisers Magazine circa 1926, we found that "R. H. Martin, former six-shooter-less sheriff of Sutton County, a member of the executive committee of the Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, and said by his friends to have killed more than 2,000 wolves in his activities around Eagle Pass during the last two years, is in favor of a bounty being placed on wolves by the state. The government has a trapper assigned to cover the 175,000 acre tract upon which he runs his sheep in Maverick County, and all of the employees of the ranch lend their hands in an effort to stop the infestation of this area by the wolves. 'We had to kill off the wolves or they would have killed all of our sheep,' says Mr. Martin, who notes a steadily decreasing percentage of loss in his area. Incidentally there are only two sheepmen in the county."

Q. Why do the ranchers hate coyotes so much?

A. Not just the ranchers, farmers, animal control officers in large cities that the coyotes have moved into, residents of those cities who had cats and dogs and other pets killed by the coyotes greatly dislike the animals. There were analysis done in the 1920's of what the average coyotes ate in a week. Stomachs of killed animals were examined and the following was found: cattle 2,517, horses 1,500, sheep or goats 6,946, swine 209, chickens and domesticated fowl 1,306, grouse 1,268, waterfowl 94, other birds 805, deer 399, elk 20, antelope 40, rabbits 7,929, ground squirrels 1,148, prairie dogs 584, chipmunks 65, marmot or ground-hogs 64, mice and rats 1,427, carrion 2,357, insects or worms 669, fish and frogs or snakes 138, grass sticks and berries 2,211. While I personally don't mind the elimination of ground squirrels, rats, etc. I don't think the huge loss of stock makes it feasible to reintroduce coyotes or wolves back into Sutton County or neighboring county areas. They multiply so quickly, have almost

no natural enemies left in this area and could quickly destroy all the stock on a ranch. Just think if you had a \$1,000 buck and a pack of animals decided to have it for supper; you wouldn't be very happy. So while the tree huggers are in favor of doing this I must side with the rancher and say no thank you.

Q. When did we start having rodeos and races on the Davis property?

A. Sheep and Goat Raisers Magazine in their December 1926 issue had the following article: Sonora Buys Rodeo Grounds and Cancels Mid-Winter Show-Sonora, Dec. 10-The Sonora Park Association has purchased thirty acres of land, a mile north of town on the San Angelo road, from R. Walter Davis as a site for new exposition grounds on which \$10,000 will be spent. Owing to the change in location and the time that will be required in establishing the new park, the mid-winter rodeo has been canceled. It was scheduled for Christmas week.

The present grandstand in the worst part of town on the Sonora-Ozona road will be torn down and the material used in erecting a grandstand on the new site that will accommodate 3,000 people. It will be on a five-eighths mile track. An exposition building for the showing of livestock and range and farm products also will be built.

Sixty dollars an acre was paid for the new grounds. The first celebration there will be held on July 4, 1927. W.A. Miers is president and W.R. Barnes is secretary of the Sonora Park Association.

We found that in 1922 the McCullough County Wolf Club had been formed after predatory animals destroyed 200 lambs and over 20 older sheep in a one month period. They started paying a bounty of \$10.00 for wolves and \$5.00 for wild cats. As trapping, due to decrease of numbers, became more difficult they raised their bounty to \$15.00 and \$25.00 and by 1928 had raised the bounty to \$50.00 each. The first year 190 wolves and 16 cats were destroyed. The second year 180 wolves and 15 cats and in the third year 179 wolves and 19 cats were destroyed. Most of the wolves trapped were timber wolves as there were very few coyotes in that area. In five and one-half

years \$12,381.00 was paid out in bounty money, most of it paid by the assessed fee of one cent for each acre of land owned by club members. By 1928 the stock raisers were bothered very little by predators.

So not just Sutton County, we found old log books of bounties paid by E.S. Briant for predator control, but many counties in Texas have been subjected to loss from predators. People can't expect a wildcat not to attack their dog, cat or child. It is the instinct of the animal to hunt. The same with coyotes, wolves and bears. They get hungry and will eat anything that they can catch. Meanwhile it is the natural instinct of man to protect what he owns. As we move more and more into wild areas of the county and increase population you can expect more battles between predators and man. The predators' hunting ground has been so depleted during droughts that we have even had wildcats and bears foraging in dumpsters within the city limits of Sonora. One bear was caught a few years ago in an alley just down from my house and I have personally seen a nasty large cat in the alley. I don't mean a large house cat, I mean a large predator. So before you complain about the shooting of these animals stop and think that if they run out of food on the range they will come to town and be in your dumpsters and after your pets. We already have had skunks, ground squirrels, rats and snakes in town, which we must do a better job of controlling. Keep your dumpster covers closed and bag your trash to try to help keep wild animals out of town.

Now did you know that you can make your own pomander ball? All you need is a firm apple or orange and lots of cloves. Push cloves into the fruit, as close together as possible then roll it in equal parts of cinnamon and orris root and tie it with a gay ribbon. You can hang these in different rooms or closets to give a holiday scent to your house.

There is an old superstition in the south that if you let a fire go out on Christmas morning, spirits will come to you then and later in the season. Also if you eat an apple as the clock strikes twelve on Christmas Eve you will have good health



This photo is dated January 6, 1964, but no name. If you know who it is, give us a call.

throughout the coming year. Many of you know the old saying of "leave a loaf on the table after Christmas Eve supper and you will have a full supply until the next Christmas." These old wives' tales have been handed down for years and many still believe in them.

If you have any questions, concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call me at the office, 387-5084, Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings with your questions or to rent the (Old Depot) John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building. If you can't reach me there, give me a call at home at 387-2855. Memorial donations should be sent to our P.O. Box and please include the name and address of the person you want us to send the notice of donation and your name and address.

If you enjoy the Christmas lights on the Sutton County Historical Society grounds and office, be sure to thank Patricia Johnson and Margaret Galbreath. They donated the money for the new lights. Also thank you to my husband for letting me put our large lighted tree in the depot again this year and all his work in putting these things up with the community service workers.

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Father Bill Du Buisson announces retirement

Rev. William Robert Du Buisson, O.M.I. has announced his plans to retire as Pastor of St. Ann Catholic Church, effective January 3, 2005.

Du Buisson was born December 25, 1929 in San Antonio, Texas, to Mr. William Robert Du Buisson, Jr., and Mrs. Louis Fox Du Buisson.

He attended school in San Antonio and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In May of 1948, Du Buisson entered St. Peter Novitiate in Mission, Texas, to prepare for entering the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He pronounced his First Temporary Vows as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate on May 31, 1949, at St. Peter Novitiate. He entered De Mazenod Scholasticate in San Antonio, Texas, from September 1949 - May 1952 where he studied Philosophical studies. He pronounced Perpetual Vows as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate on May 31, 1952. He entered Theological studies in September of 1952. During the summers of 1953 - 1954 he studied various college science courses at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

Du Buisson was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on September 8, 1955, in St. Mary Church in San Antonio, TX, by Archbishop Robert E. Lucey. He continued additional theological studies until May of 1956.

Du Buisson taught General Science and Chemistry at St. Anthony Seminary from September 1956 through May 1964. In August of 1964 he volunteered to help open a high school seminary in Cotabato, Philippines, where he taught sciences, Latin and English. He also taught Senior Religion at Notre Dame College (now University of Notre Dame) Cotabato City, Philippines. While in the Philippines, he helped establish training courses in high school sciences and



Father William Du Buisson

mathematics for the Notre Dame school System. He helped design a new Administration/Science Building at Notre Dame College. In addition to teaching, he was Chaplain for the Leprosarium outside Cotabato City.

Du Buisson returned to the United States in June of 1968, where he was assigned as assistant pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Harlingen, TX, until June 1969. He was assigned Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows in Houston in June of 1969. In November of that same year, he suffered a paralyzed right diaphragm. He was transferred to Sacred Heart of Mary Mission in Rocksprings, TX, St. Mary Magdalene, in Campwood, TX, and St. Raymond in Leakey, TX, as priest in charge. These churches became a Parish in 1972 and he became Pastor. He became Pastor of the Sacred Heart Parish in Del Rio, Texas, in 1977.

In June of 1981, Du Buisson took a sabbatical to

study Canon Law at the University of St. Paul and University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, Canada. He received a civil and church Bachelor of Canon Law in May of 1982. He received a License of Canon Law and Master of Canon Law in May of 1983.

After appointments in Midland, Andrews and San Angelo, Du Buisson was appointed Pastor of St. Ann in Sonora in April of 1991, with continuing responsibility of Our Lady of Perpetual Help until 1995. He was appointed Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal of the Diocese of San Angelo, June 1994, and was appointed to the College of Consultors in December of that same year. From 1992-1998 Du Buisson was appointed to the Superior of West Texas District of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. After the death of Msgr. Timothy Murphy, Du Buisson was appointed Judicial Vicar (Chief Judge of the Tribunal) in February of 2004. At age 75, he will enter the Reduced Active Ministry with residence in San Angelo.

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Those are words local volunteers look forward to hearing from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at the conclusion of Rehab's annual telethon on January 15.

Under the leadership of Sutton County telethon coordinator Rosa Hernandez, those volunteers are currently seeking advance donations to Rehab 2005 and will be manning a local phone bank during the show. Their goal: To help Rehab raise money to provide outpatient physical rehabilitation therapy to all who enter its doors—regardless of their financial status.

"This is such a critical fund-raiser for Rehab—and Rehab is such an important health care provider to our community—that I hope every family will make a telethon donation," said Hernandez. "Sometimes people think that only large gifts matter to charities. At Rehab, every gift matters...every donor makes a difference!"

"So," Hernandez continued, "if you think you might not be able to call in your telethon pledge on January 15 to our local phone bank, I urge you to send your donation now to WTRC Telethon, P.O. Box 895, Sonora, TX 76950, and I'll make sure it's included in Sutton County's telethon total."

"If you are at home on telethon night, I hope you'll help keep volunteers busy taking pledge calls. We'll be set up at the Bank & Trust of Sonora, where our phone number will be 387-2593. Remember: if you NEED help, West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a great place to go; if you CAN help, the Rehab Center is a great place to give," Hernandez concluded.

Sutton County 4-Hers share some facts about White Tail Deer

by Sutton County 4-H members Mandy Brister and Madison Myers

It's that time of year that most kids look forward to - - - yes, you guessed it - - - deer season. We look forward to this time of year not only because we get lots of presents, but because we get to go hunting with our dads and granddads. Every time we go hunting with one of them, they are always telling us stories about the big one that got away, or some fact about the deer. Well, this year we are going to be ready for them. We looked up some things on the internet on the Environment Education for Kids website and we found some very interesting things we would like to share with you.

First of all, did you know that the White-Tailed Deer is the state animal for Wisconsin? Well, now you do. We also learned what certain parts of the deer are for. We will start from the top. The antlers are used by the bucks to establish who the boss is. The deer has oversized ears, which means they can hear incredibly well. They can also rotate their ears like a radar to pick up sounds. Their big eyes are located on the sides of their heads, which allows the deer to see ahead and behind without moving its head. Their long noses contains membranes which capture scent. A deer's nose is about 100 times more sensitive than ours. Even though you don't see their teeth, the teeth are designed to chew tough foods. The deer have incisors in their lower jaw for biting and molars for grinding their food.

A deer's coat is not only to keep it warm, but also to camouflage it all year round. Their coats are reddish-brown in summer and grayish-brown in winter.



White-tail deer (photo courtesy of the Internet)

From the shoulders down, a deer can stand three feet high and weigh 200 or more pounds. The deer also communicate with each other. "How?" might you ask. For one thing, a deer has glands on its legs and feet. This allows them to leave scents on the trail to help communicate with one another. Their tails are also used for communication. If their tail is held up it means there is danger and they should run for cover.

We hope you have learned as much about White-Tailed deer as we have. We are really excited about showing off our new found knowledge when we go hunting with our dads and granddads. Please be careful when hunting and always follow the rules and guidelines to safe hunting.

Did you know that deer have four chambered stomachs? This allows deer to digest tough plant foods. Deer also eat quickly and barely chew their food. Later, as they rest, they cough up their food and chew it. Sounds like a cow.

Did you know a deer can run 40 miles per hour, jump nine foot fences, broad jump 30 feet and swim 13 miles per hour? Well, their long, powerful legs enable them to do all of this.

Note of Thanks

Thank you, friends and family of Jimmy Condra, for all that you have done for our family. We truly experienced the meaning of the phrase that what is done in love is returned 10 fold. The people whom Jimmy had touched during his life, returned to his family so much during these past three weeks.

We so appreciated the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food, and moral support during these difficult days. Our most special thanks to Bud and Tommy Whitehead, Ben and Lenora Pool, Glen and Rosalie Richardson, Cleve T. Jones, Aaron Cranford and Jackie Howard for staying by his side so that the family could get some rest. Thank you to Beverly Parsons, Monte Jones, and Aaron Cranford for a true celebration of the life of one we loved so dearly. Thank you to Maggie and Calle Mesa and Bob and Dorothy Cramer for all the work you did at the home, and to Arnold Gilcrease and Oscar Jimenez for keeping the ranch running. We love you all, and will never forget your many kindnesses.

Diana, Justin and Donette, Whitney and Shane

Hale claims State Title in Oklahoma Duathlon

On October 17th, the Oklahoma Triathlon Organization held their annual Fall Classic Duathlon in Oklahoma City as the 2004 season came to a close. The Fall Classic was the last of a three-race series held each year and is considered the state championship. Over 200 competitors from all over the state competed in the two mile run/14 mile bike/2 mile run, highly competitive duathlon.

One of Sonora's own, Davis Hale, placed first in his age category and fifth overall, finishing the race in a time of 1:03:14, claiming the state title in the 25-29 age category. With such a finish, Hale is now considered one of the top five duathletes in the entire state of Oklahoma and is looking forward to moving up in the rankings once the season re-opens in March.

A Duathlon is similar to a

triathlon except an additional run portion is added to replace the swim. This particular race was held at Lake Overholser in Oklahoma City among varying gusting winds off the lake. Hale was in eighth place coming off the bike, but then ran the last two mile section in less than 11 1/2 minutes to claim first place in his age group.

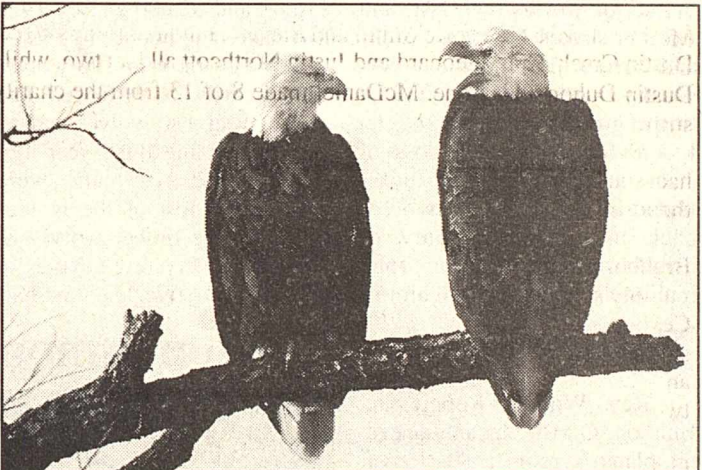
This was Hale's 4th duathlon of this season in which he swept his age group in all the others as well. He first began racing competitively in off-road duathlons while coaching in Texas. Hale now lives with his wife, Heather, in Stillwater, Oklahoma, attending Oklahoma State University while obtaining a Master's Degree in Applied Exercise Science and teaching three classes at the University. His wife is receiving her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. Davis is the son of Mike and Rita Hale of Sonora.

Happy Birthday

- December 16**
Bobby Taylor, Bobby Morgan, Shannon Rushing, Jane Archer, Aliyah Castillo, Bo Jimenez-Mejia
- December 17**
Bobby Liverman, Candise Martin, Israel Leija, Donna Seymour, Olinda Jimenez
- December 18**
Hoot Hearn, Fernie Emiliano, Donny Yocham, Sr., Yesenia Gandar, Hilario Garcia
- December 19**
Ooye Hernandez, Teresa Vasquez, Nonie Gonzales, Colton Moore, Rex Ann Friess, Angie Warden, Wayne Flores,
- December 20**
Jamie "Gage" Hernandez, Amelia Butler, Landon Castro, Don Suridge, Andi Allen, Tommy Armwine, Eddie Hernandez, Mike Badaeux, Jackie Smith, Damian Garza
- December 21**
Joe Hidalgo, Steven Guana, Daisy Perez, Gabriel Perez, Sandra Cardona
- December 22**
Juanita Vickers, Westley Lipham, Carol Sessom, Armando Avila, Judith Law

Up on Eaton Hill

Eagle-Mania II



Eagles hang out near the Llano River.

by Delyse Jaeger,

If you build it - will they come...again? YES - the eagles are back! You may recall the excitement created last year when a pair of American bald eagles made their nest high in a tree beside the bank of the Llano River. Throngs of observers gathered along Hwy 29 just west of Llano to observe the mighty raptors build their enormous nest and raise two eaglets. Adding to the mystique was the presence of a third adult eagle who contributed domestic assistance to the breeding pair. This highly unusual behavior has only been documented a handful of times in the entire country. All three birds have returned this season and have been about the business of repairing their nest. Wildlife technician, Dale Schmidt with TP&W first spotted the eagles in the area on September 29th. The weather had ravaged the nest leaving sun-bleached bones and turtle shells, visible inside and in November the great birds began the work of rebuilding their home. Eagles continually repair and rebuild the same nest and some nests eventually weigh up to two tons! Photographers Jess and Peggy Thompson have been dedicated observers since their hearts were first captured by the eagles last year. The Thompson's have documented the eagles' progression of activity on film and you can visit their website at: www.cottonwoodphotography.com. The photographs are stunning and can be purchased online as well as in and around Llano. Asked what the birds have been up to thus far, Peggy Thompson described the incredible sight of the eagles gathering branches. "Imagine the mighty talons of this majestic bird

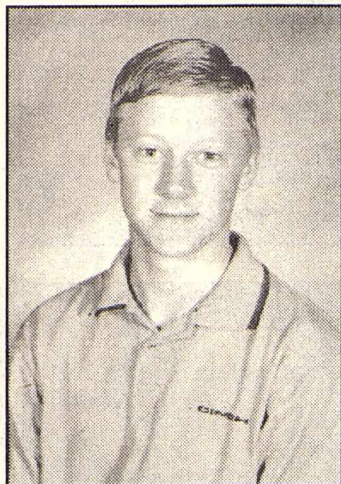
grasping an exposed tree branch in fly-by fashion amidst the sound of snapping wood and crashing debris as he/she effortlessly breaks off the limb and continues in flight. Returning to the nest, the two often work together using beaks and talons to fit or weave the limb into place.

Last year, it was estimated upwards of 700 people a day were packing the roadside viewing area and over 1,000 on the weekends. So far, the crowds have not begun to amass, but this will change soon as the media begins to spotlight the awesome raptors. Currently, the birds can be seen most often in the morning from daylight until about 10:00 a.m. However, the eagles have been mating and once the eggs are laid they will be attended around the clock. Incubation is about 35 days. Last year the eggs were believed to have been laid around Christmas. It was during the rearing of the young eaglets that the public became enthralled with the Llano eagles and locals are scanning the skies hoping the young birds will also return. Problem is, bald eagles don't get their white head feathers until their fourth year and from a distance, young eagles are nearly indistinguishable from buzzards. If you would like to learn more about eagles, visit the website: www.baldeaagleinfo.com. The Thompson's regularly update their website, so you can watch the eagle extravaganza unfold. Personally, this year I'm making the trip!

We are having excellent hiking weather and the birds are everywhere, so don't forget to hit the trails on Eaton Hill this Christmas season.

Jack Turney chosen as Student Ambassador

Jack Turney was interviewed and accepted to participate as a Student Ambassador with the People to People organization. President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would countries. The objective of this program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. Jack will be traveling to France, Switzerland, Italy, and Austria with a group of 40 carefully chosen students and teachers from the region in June 2005.



Jack Turney

The 21-day learning experience consists of meetings with government officials, interaction with other students his age, educational activities, and home stays with host families.

Broncos size and speed sting Yellow Jackets

by Maray Cearley

On Tuesday, December 7, 2004, Sonora traveled to Menard to face the Yellow Jackets.

The Broncos were overwhelming with their size and speed and after one period of play they had a commanding lead 21-2. The Bronco bench got valuable playing time seeing action the majority of the second half. The Broncos won 58-28.

Clint Cearley led the Red with 12 points, 11 rebounds and four steals. Craig Leonard and Embre Smith each had 10 points, while Austin Wagoner finished with 9. Justin Northcott scored 7, Steven Duhon 4, Evan Gulley, Cullen Parker and Pete Trujillo each had two.

Cearley, Wagoner and Leonard each had two 3-pointers and Northcott had one.

Defensively Brett McDaniel, having limited playing time due to a previous injury, had five rebounds.

Broncos win consolation in Ozona tournament; McDaniel awarded All-Tournament

by Maray Cearley

Over the weekend of December 10 - 12, the Broncos were playing basketball in the 74th Annual Crockett County Tournament. Their first game was against the Irion County Hornets, which they lost 42-60.

Clint Cearley was the leading scorer with 17, followed by Brett McDaniel with 12. Embre Smith and Steven Duhon each had three. Dustin Creek, Craig Leonard and Justin Northcott all had two, while Dustin Duhon added one. McDaniel made 8 of 13 from the charity stripe.

Defensively, Cearley and McDaniel led the Broncos. McDaniel had six boards and three blocks, while Cearley had eight boards, three steals and two blocks.

On Friday, December 12, Sonora faced Christoval. Every Bronco saw action, with almost everyone scoring.

McDaniel led with 18 points, three blocks and 11 rebounds. Cearley followed closely with 15 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Smith added nine, Austin Wagoner seven, Pete Trujillo four and Evan Gulley three. Creek, Leonard and Dustin Duhon each had two and Cullen Parker one.

From the 3-point range, Cearley sank three, Wagoner one and Gulley one.

The final score was Sonora 63, Christoval 48.

On Saturday, Sonora played in the consolation game against Ira.

McDaniel and Cearley once again led the Broncos, each finishing with 18 points. Smith scored six, Wagoner five, Leonard two, Gulley two, D. Duhon one and Creek one.

Leading rebounders were McDaniel 14 and Smith 6. Sonora won 53-41, walking away with the consolation trophy. McDaniel received the All-Tourney honors.

The Broncos will have one more game before the holiday break, against Christoval. District action starts against Wall on New Year's Eve!

Seventh grade Lady Colts go one up, one down

Monday Dec. 6
Sonora- 32 Mason-21
 Maraya Dunn- 16
 Cassie Krieg- 10
 Sara Gillit- 4
 Meredith Earwood- 2

Sonora at Wall Mon. Dec. 13
Sonora- 17 Wall- 36
 Cassie Krieg- 7
 Maraya Dunn- 5
 Amy Hernandez- 3
 Bianca Trevino- 2

Enrollment open for Little Dribblers program

Sonora City League would like to announce the beginning of its Little Dribblers program for 2005. The program will have two divisions: 3rd & 4th grade girls and boys; 5th & 6th grade girls and boys. Any students interested in playing can pick up an enrollment form from the school or at the Devon Energy office in the Mercantile building on Main St. The cost will be \$20.00 per player.

The first group practice will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8th for both divisions. Third and fourth grade group practice will be held at the little practice gym next to the Middle School gym with the girls beginning at 8:45 a.m. and boys beginning at 10:30 a.m. Fifth and sixth grade group practice will be held at the Middle School gym with the girls beginning at 8:45 a.m. and the boys starting at 10:30 a.m.

Enrollment forms can be turned in at the group practice on that date. If you haven't picked up a form by the 8th, please bring your child to the gym and pick up an enrollment form. We need a good turn out to have a successful program.

Anyone interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, contact Mr. Lynn Hinsley at 650-2223 or at home at 387-5276. You may also contact Mrs. Nelda Tobias at 206-0290 or at home at 387-5390.

Eighth grade Lady Colts have solid win over Mason

submitted

The 8th grade Lady Colts played an exciting game on Monday, December 6, 2004, against Mason. The Lady Colts defeated the girls from Mason 32-22. The Lady Colts played good solid basketball from the tip-off to the final buzzer. The scoring was shared by Savannah Leonard, Monica Traylor, Jessica Snyder, Steely Ingham, and Loren Isenhour. These same girls along with Azeneth Villanueva, Kaitlyn Henderson, Stephani Morriss, Sam Tidwell, Lyndsey Frasier and Christy Perez played some excellent defense. Our girls were very aggressive on defense and put the Mason girls on the charity stripe 18 times while we shot 3 free shots. Great Game Girls! Stats: Loren Isenhour 2, Jessica Snyder 8, Steely Ingham 8, Monica Traylor 2, and Savannah Leonard 12.

Wall wins over eighth grade Lady Colts

submitted

The 8th Lady Colts played at Wall Monday night, but never got on track. They will now have the Christmas vacation to get themselves back into the groove of winning with the Wall Tournament the week that they return. Their best effort came in the 4th quarter when Steely Ingham scored 6 pts., Christy Perez 2, and Monica Traylor 1.

Stats: Azeneth Villanueva 3, Steely Ingham 10, Christy Perez 2, Monica Traylor 1, Savannah Leonard 2.

Sonora High School Final Exam Schedule December 15-17,

Wednesday
 December 15, 2004

First Bell 7:50
 1st period exam 8:00-9:45
 Activity 9:45-10:05
 3rd period exam 10:10- 11:55
 Lunch 11:55-12:55
 5th period exam 1:00-2:45

Thursday
 December 16, 2004

First Bell 7:50
 2nd period exam 8:00-9:45
 Activity 9:45-10:05
 Float exam 10:10-11:55
 Lunch 11:55-12:55
 4th period exam 1:00-2:45

Friday
 December 17, 2004

First Bell 7:50
 6th period exam 8:00-9:45
 Activity 9:45-10:05
 7th period exam 10:10-11:55
 Lunch 11:55-12:55

Any student who is taking a final exam must stay for the entire period.

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Arroyo Grande hosts youth hunt in Sutton County



Arroyo Grande Ranch Company of Sonora sponsored the third annual Arroyo Grande Ranch Youth Hunt in cooperation with the Texas Youth Hunting Program October 29-31, 2004. Thirteen young hunters along with their parents, grandparents, or guardians participated in the three-day hunt. All hunters participated in hunter safety, a nature trail and a talk given by local game warden Will Allison.

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Holiday Safety Tips for Consumers

By Greg Abbott

Attorney General of Texas

The holidays are a time of joy and good spirit. Families and friends come together and share in good will and fellowship. Many people will be traveling long distances to see their loved ones. Unfortunately, criminals are well aware of this fact and will use it to their advantage. That is why consumers must take precautions when traveling and shopping over the holiday season.

If you are going out for the evening, turn on several lights. Also, turn on a radio or television. Don't display gifts where they can be seen through the window from the outside. Turn off or unplug the lights on any indoor holiday decorations. Double-check door and window locks when you leave, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes. If you find signs that someone has entered your home while you were away, go to a neighbor's house immediately and call the police.

If you are going out of town, do what you can to make it look as though someone is home. Put two or more interior lights on automatic timers. Set each one

on a different schedule, so that no pattern is obvious to outsiders. Ask a friend to stay at your house for one or two nights while you are away. Also, ask the neighbors to watch your home and to park a car in your driveway from time to time. Have the mail and newspaper delivery stopped, and ask a neighbor to pick up any packages that are delivered to your door.

You should also take basic safety precautions when you go shopping. Stay alert and be aware of what is happening around you. Park in a well-lit place. Be sure to lock the car and close the windows. Lock any packages or shopping bags in the trunk.

Pay by check or credit card when possible, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash with you. If you are shopping with children, make sure they know to go to a store clerk or security guard in the event you become separated. Finally, deter pickpockets and thieves by protecting wallets and purses.

Sometimes, criminals pose as couriers delivering packages or flowers. If a delivery person comes to your door, do not open the door right away. Ask them to

show you proof of identification through a window or peephole. If the person's identification, dress or demeanor make you suspicious, tell them that you will pick up the item at their store or delivery warehouse, or ask to have the package left at a neighbor's house. If there is a charge for delivery and you are reluctant to open the door, get an address where you can send payment and arrange for delivery at a later date.

Some people will try to take advantage of our generosity by asking for contributions to a bogus charity. If someone comes to your door seeking a donation, ask to see identification before opening the door. Also, ask for information about the charity, including how the funds will be spent.

If you are uncertain about making a donation, ask for an address where you can send money at a later date. Legitimate charities will not hesitate to give you this information. If you suspect the solicitation is a fraud, decline to make a contribution and report the incident to your local law enforcement agency and the Attorney General's Office.

A Soldier's Christmas

We received this email in our office this week and thought we would share it to our friends and family serving in the Military, thank you and Merry Christmas!

I had no Christmas spirit when I breathed a weary sigh, and looked across the table where the bills were piled too high.

The laundry wasn't finished and the car I had to fix, My stocks were down another point, the Dolphins lost by six.

And so with only minutes till my son got home from school

I gave up on the drudgery and grabbed a wooden stool.

The burdens that I carried were about all I could take, And so I flipped the TV on to catch a little break.

I came upon a desert scene in shades of tan and rust, No snowflakes hung upon the wind, just clouds of swirling dust.

And where the reindeer should have stood before a laden sleigh, Eight Hummers ran a col-

umn right behind an MIA.

A group of boys walked past the tank, not one was past his teens.

Their eyes were hard as polished flint, their faces drawn and lean.

They walked the street in armor with their rifles shouldered tight,

Their dearest wish for Christmas, just to have a silent night.

Other soldiers gathered, hunkered down against the wind,

To share a scrap of mail and dreams of going home again.

There wasn't much at all to put their lonely hearts at ease,

They had no Christmas turkey, just a pack of MREs.

They didn't have a garland or a stocking I could see,

They didn't need an ornament-- they lacked a Christmas Tree.

They didn't have a present even though it was tradition,

The only boxes I could see were labeled "ammunition."

I felt a little tug and found my son now by my side,

He asked me what it was I feared, and why it was I cried.

I swept him up into my arms and held him oh so near, And kissed him on the forehead as I whispered in his ear.

There's nothing wrong my little son, for safe we sleep tonight,

Our heroes stand on foreign land to give us all the right,

To worry on the things in life that mean nothing at all,

Instead of wondering if we will be the next one to fall.

He looked at me as children do and said its always right,

To thank the ones who help us and perhaps that we should write.

And so we pushed aside the bills and sat to draft a note,

To thank the many far from home, and this is what we wrote:

God Bless You all and keep you safe, and speed your way back home.

Remember that we love you so, and that you're not alone.

The gift you give you share with all, a present every day,

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Tree Management Seminar scheduled for Sutton County

EXTENSION submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County
The pecans have dropped and the leaves are everywhere. Fall is ideal for planting some trees, but others should be planted in late winter when they are completely dormant. However, we wonder about where to plant our new tree to better enhance our landscape. We also start thinking about pruning our trees.

Well, to help answer all our tree questions, Extension Horticulturist Debbie Bengé-Frost will present a Tree Management

Seminar at the Sutton County Civic Center on December 20th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Topics include: Using trees to improve the landscape; tree planting tips; variety selection; proper pruning techniques; caring for pecan, fruit, and shade trees; and dealing with borers, scale, and other insects.

Also, just in time for the holidays, we will have available information on baking with pecans, pecan nutritional information, and holiday recipes. There is no cost to attend, but please call the Extension Office at 387-3101 to register.

Premises Identification Program Ready; Field Trial for Animal Identification Also Launched

submitted
Ranchers and other livestock facility owners from every facet of the Texas livestock and poultry industry can now sign up for a unique "premises identification number," for their livestock facilities. The premises identification number will identify the location of livestock operations in the state. It is the first step in implementing a national system for quickly tracing livestock and poultry for disease investigations or during a disease outbreak or animal health emergency. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) also is launching a year-long pilot project with a number of ranches, feedlots, livestock markets, slaughter plants and other facilities to test the durability and reliability of electronic ear tags, related equipment and databases for identifying and tracking individual animals.

"The national premises and animal identification system has been under development for several years, with input and ideas from nearly 70 federal and state animal health agencies and livestock industry associations," said Dr. Bob Hillman, a member of the Secretary's Advisory Subcommittee on the National Animal Identification System. He serves as Texas' state veterinarian and heads the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"The U.S. must have a reliable and efficient method for tracking and finding livestock and poultry during an animal disease investigation or when an animal health emergency occurs," Dr. Hillman said. He noted that producers and organizations have discussed at great length, the need for information to remain confidential. To protect data in regards to premises and animal identification, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, state-level agencies, such as the TAHC, and livestock organizations and associations are seeking national and state legislation to protect the data from public release or access.

"Regulatory agencies do not need or want access to production data, but specific information, such as the age and class of animal, as well as movement information is critical for finding potentially infected or exposed animals during a disease situation," he said.

Today, it can take days to track the movement of livestock, to ensure that all exposed or diseased animals have been detected, Dr. Hillman pointed out. He predicted that, by 2008, when the national system is fully implemented and mandatory, tracking livestock movements could be streamlined, greatly enhancing disease eradication efforts. He stressed that the ability to rapidly identify animals and trace livestock or poultry movements is crucial to an effective animal disease response.

Dr. Hillman explained that the national animal identification system, also called "NAIS," has two major components. The first, he said, is the unique premises - or facility - identification, which identifies the location of livestock operations. This seven-character alphabetic and numerical "address" is to be assigned to ranches and other sites where livestock or poultry are maintained or moved. Premises information will reside on a database, managed by each state and accessible only by animal health officials. Dr. Hillman said facility owners can obtain a premises identification number now by calling the TAHC's headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242. By late January, ranchers and facility owners in Texas also may register online through the TAHC's web page at <http://www.tahe.state.tx.us>.

"The second component of the national system-animal identification--is ready for 'field-testing.' This involves

the unique identification of each head of livestock moved from its original herd. For cattle, sheep, goats, cervidae (deer) and some other species of livestock, the identification device will be an electronic ear tag, also called a radio frequency (RFID) identification device. For other species, such as swine and poultry, the number can be applied to groups of animals, if they spend their entire production life together as a group or unit," he said.

Dr. Hillman explained that the TAHC, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; and the Osage Nation in Oklahoma are working cooperatively on a year-long pilot project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to test various aspects of the premises and animal identification. Field tests also are being conducted in at least 20 other states, to ensure the system will function well when it is fully implemented, said Dr. Hillman.

"In Texas, we will work with specified ranches and livestock facilities, equipment suppliers and computer data service providers to test the effectiveness, durability and compatibility of equipment and databases for identifying and tracking individual animals," said Dr. Hillman.

"As many as 80,000 individually numbered electronic tags will be used by the pilot project participants, so cattle, sheep, goats or domestic deer can be identified prior to change of ownership or commingling with animals owned by other ranchers or farmers. The tags may be applied to animals before they leave the farm and ranch, or upon arrival at feedlots or order buyers' facilities, at livestock markets or other livestock sites. This will give facility owners and managers an opportunity to evaluate the system and calculate the costs and time involved with tagging animals, and collecting and reporting animal movement data. Implantable electronic devices will be used for identifying and tracking horses.

Unless a tag is broken or lost, an animal is to receive only one during its lifetime. The unique 15-digit number on each electronic ear tag or implantable device can be "read and recorded" with a hand-held or stationary tag reader. Ear tags also are imprinted with the number, so the information can be accessed, even if readers are unavailable or out of service.

When identified animals are sold, moved or harvested, project participants will report the event to third-party data service providers by computer, fax or mail, Dr. Hillman explained. Animal tag numbers will be correlated in the database to premises identification "addresses."

A major aspect of the project will involve determining problems that occur when integrating information from several data collection systems into a central or common database. Ultimately, when an animal's number is queried, a report should list all the premise numbers where the animal had been maintained. Likewise, when a premise number is queried, the list of related animal identification numbers should appear. When an animal is harvested, its number will be retired.

"With the 'roll-out' for the premises identification system, and field trials underway for animal identification, we are much closer to the goal of fighting disease more efficiently and effectively," said Dr. Hillman. "Once the field trials are completed across the U.S., improvements can be made before the animal identification system is launched nationally. By that time, we hope to have confidentiality issues, and any equipment and database compatibility problems evaluated, addressed and resolved."

Rig Locations as of December 10, 2004

Sutton
New Dominion; 9600' WH Karnes - C - #7, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 9150' Shurley RR - 2A - #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8800' Mayfield - 34 - #14, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 8800' LR Valliant #10, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8550' Edwin S Mayer Jr - U - #5, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8280' Simmons Ranch #81, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6500' Meckel - A - #71, Patterson Drilling.
New KCS Resources; 6450' Carta - 104 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Range Production; 5000' David - 30 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 5000' Vanderstucken - 65 - #7, Patterson Drilling.
Crockett
New Devon Energy; 7000' Ruby Helbing - 16 - #6, Patterson Drilling.
Approach; 9000' JR Bailey - A - #508, Nabors Drilling.
Approach; 9000' JR Bailey - A - #502, Nabors Drilling.
New Approach; 9000' Approach Bailey - A - #303, Key Energy.
New Anadarko E&P; 8500' McDonald - 18 - #8, Patterson Drilling.
Terrell
Riata Energy Inc; 19000' Mitchell #1201, Lariat Drilling.
Riata Energy Inc; 12000' Mitchell #6301, Lariat Drilling.
Newfield; 15000' Poulter #3502, Patterson Drilling.
EOG Resources; 9500' Noelke - 31 - #1H, Nabors Drilling.
New ConocoPhillips; 12600' University - 4 - #7, Patterson UT/LV.
Edwards
New Devon Louisiana; 3600' Tom W. Epperson #5, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 7725' Canyon Ranch #2113E, Key Energy.
Val Verde
Newfield; 13000' Whitehead - A - #7908, Patterson Drilling.
Beeson Energy Inc.; 2450' Great Shaman #1, Hinz Drilling.
Chesapeake; 7000' Bunker - 30 - #8, Patterson Drilling.
Schleicher
TXP, Inc.; 7600' Meador - A - #5, Heart Land Drilling.
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For more rig locations call 1-800-627-9785 or go online to www.rigdata.com.



Ag researchers help Boer Goat breeders find better animals

by Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO - Until now, the old adage, "beauty is only skin-deep" has been woefully true for meat goat producers trying to pick breeding animals on something other than looks.

To help breeders find animals with the right genetics, the American Boer Goat Association and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station initiated the Boer Goat Improvement Network or "BGIN" (pronounced "begin") a year ago.

Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station geneticist at San Angelo, is the lead scientist on the project. He worked closely with the association to adapt the testing procedures used in other species to meat goats. He said BGIN is the first program of its kind within the U.S. meat goat industry.

"The goal of BGIN is to provide breeders with the information needed to select breeding stock that will lead to an improvement in economically important traits," said Waldron. "The procedures were adapted from the National Sheep Improvement Program through a \$35,000 grant from the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center.

Expected Progeny Differences or EPDs have been available within several cattle breeds for years, Waldron explained. They give prospective buyers measurable estimates of the genetic value of an animal as a parent.

"With some modifications, we are now conducting similar work with meat goats."

Waldron said the Boer goat association's initial evaluation resulted in Expected Progeny Differences on more than 1,300 animals for the seven traits evaluated. The traits are: direct genetic effects for birth weight, 90-day weaning weight, 150-day post-weaning weight, and number of kids born. Also, predicted were maternal genetic

effects for birth weight, weaning weight, and a combined maternal plus growth evaluation for weaning weight.

"The BGIN has the potential to impact the entire meat goat industry," said Waldron. "I expect that we will soon see buyers of breeding stock asking for documentation of the genetic merit of animals before making an investment. Buyers will be drawn to those breeders who have documented evidence of superior performance."

"The breeders who initiated this program are making U.S. meat goat industry history. They are to be commended for leading the way."

Robert Swize, the association's executive director, several cooperating breeders, and Texas Cooperative Extension personnel, recently reviewed the BGIN program's first genetic evaluations.

"We were very pleased with what we saw and how smoothly the program is going," Waldron said. "The program proves that there are truly many top animals in this country; both in looks as well as genetics."

Waldron said BGIN-tested breeding animals and their offspring are already on the market, and it will be only a matter of time before they start making a positive impact on the meat goat industry. Commercial producers will also benefit from the program, he said, because they can now buy bucks that will produce predictable results in the coming year's kid crop.

The breeders involved in the first BGIN evaluation were T4 Ranch and Texas Goat Flock, Sonora; Double-M Boer Goats, San Angelo; Sisters II, Carlsbad; Trueheart Meat Goats, Eldorado and 4D Ranch, Utopia.

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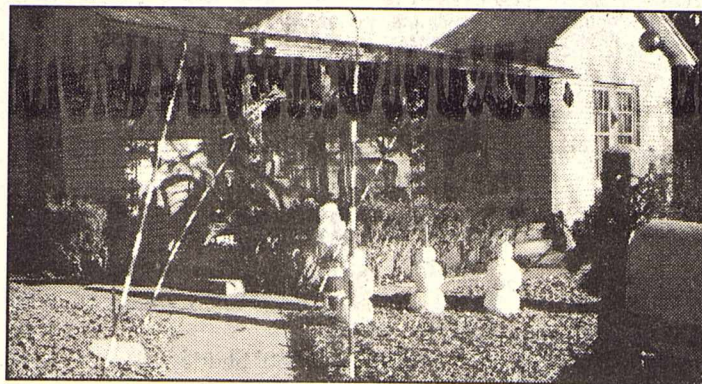
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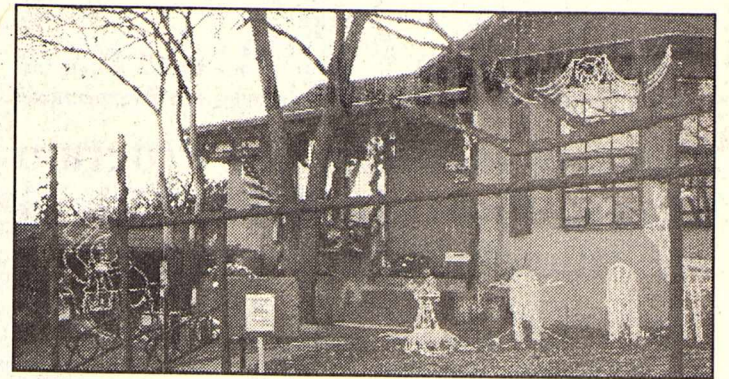
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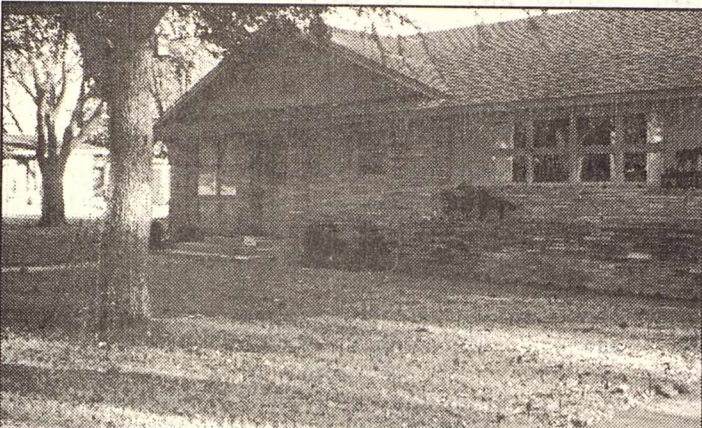


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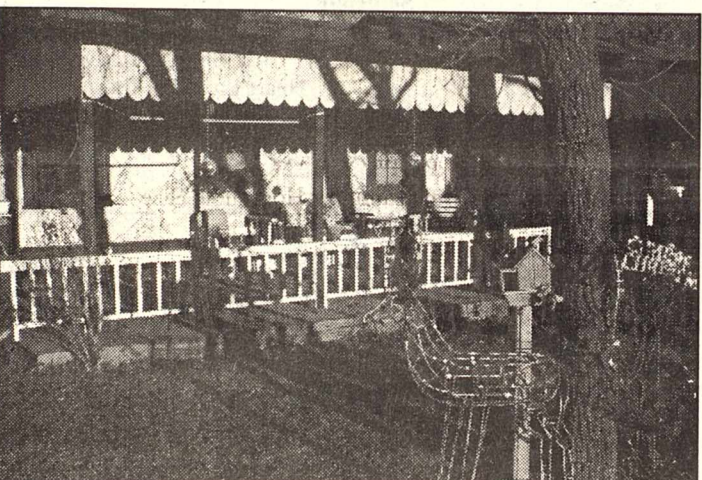
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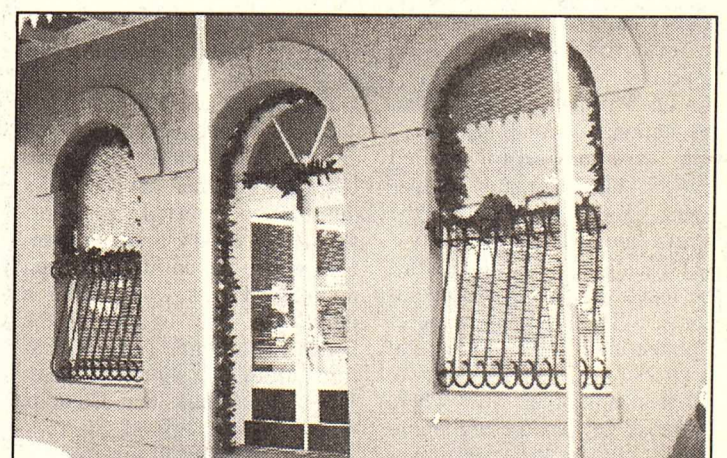
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F.Y.I.

The annual Santa Bucks auction will be held on December 16, 2004 at the Sutton County Civic Center. Start collecting your Santa Bucks from participating merchants and bid on great gift items for Christmas.

The Roosevelt Jingle Bell parade will be held on Friday, December 24, in downtown Roosevelt. Ride your bikes, horses, 4-wheelers or just walk in the parade, but don't forget your jingle bells! Line-up will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Roosevelt Community Center with the parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. Santa Claus will be available at the Back Door Café afterward for any last minute requests. For additional information call 325/446-8032.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program have received the NEW Christmas Ornaments: 2004 Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital. We have also reordered the 2001 Sutton County Courthouse Christmas ornaments. The Sonora Woman's Club Sutton County Library Christmas ornaments are also available. All these ornaments are collectors items, made with 24 K gold finished brass. The ornaments are \$10, so call or visit the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Office today. There are still some of the 2002 Old Rock School House, 2003 Windmill and Turkey ornaments as well as the new ones. These ornaments make great Christmas gifts. We appreciate your business and your support of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program

Taxpayer Alert - The Appraisal District office will be closed on the following dates: December 24, 27, 31 and January 3. If you are unable to pay your taxes before these dates and want to make payments before the end of the year, please drop your payment in the mail with a December 31, 2004, postmark.

Sonora ISD will be hosting an open house for the newly renovated Old Rock Schoolhouse on January 3, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Events begin with a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m., after which the old school bell will be rung to officially open the building. Visitors may tour until 2:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

If you are interested in signing a petition regarding the increased water rates please contact Julia Hines 387-2723, Susan Hall 387-5553 or Joan Cusenbary 387-2093.

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is selling tickets for a six month individual membership to the Health and Wellness Center scheduled to open in April 2005 (a \$180 value). The new facility will offer aquatic therapy, water and ground aerobics as well as fully equipped exercise facility for both strength and cardiovascular conditioning. The drawing will be held at the March Auxiliary Luncheon. Tickets are \$1 each and available at the hospital, Sutton County Extension Office and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office.

6th Annual Polar Bear Classic, sponsored by the Sonora High School Golf Team, Saturday, January 15, 2005, at the Sonora Golf Course, 12:30 p.m. (please sign up early); \$10 per person (any extra donations will be gladly accepted); 18 holes of par 3 golf (scramble), ties broke with putt off; sign up at the pro shop - 387-3680. The Sonora Golf Club has waived green fees for non members, if bad weather, will postpone until the next Saturday.

Water issues to heat up in 79th Legislature

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - Except when dry spells force homeowners to cut back on their yard watering, most Texas urban dwellers tend to see their glass as half-full. But not a farmer depending on water for his livelihood.

Though more than 80 percent of Texans live in the big cities, agricultural interests still consume most of the state's water, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs told a Lubbock conference on water issues last week. That sets up a rural versus urban battle for water rights that will get legislative attention during the next session, she said.

"A lot of interesting things are happening," Combs said at the meeting. "It's going to be a significant water session."

Bills filed...

As of last Friday, 226 bills have been prefiled in the House and another 104 bills prefiled in the Senate in preparation for the Jan. 11, 2005 start of the 79th Legislature. No water rights measures have surfaced yet.

During the 78th Legislature, lawmakers filed

5,592 bills of which only 1,383 passed. The governor vetoed 48 bills.

Farmers Insurance settles...

Ordered by the state to reduce its homeowner policy rates by 17.5 percent, Farmers Insurance - with about 10 percent of the state's homeowners market - has reached a settlement with the State Department of Insurance.

Under the agreement, which Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said would prevent expensive litigation, Farmers' new and existing customers will receive a 5 percent rate cut. Existing customers will receive a 15 percent one-time discount when they renew.

Meanwhile, State Farm Insurance, which has about 30 percent of the Texas market, is continuing to contest a state-ordered 12 percent rate rollback.

As the appeal process plays out for State Farm, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has asked Senate Business and Commerce Committee chairman Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Marble Falls) to look for ways to "further reduce the cost of homeowners insurance for the working families of Texas."

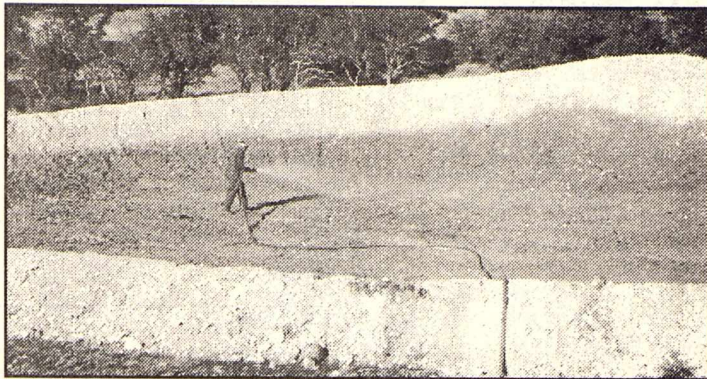
Head Start program offers positive learning opportunities

Head Start is a positive and nurturing program that is free for qualified children 3-5 years old who are not in kindergarten. The program operates from 7:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday throughout the school year. The center follows the calendar used by the local school district.

Children who attend Head Start participate in educational activities, have healthy meals, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors. Services are offered to meet the special needs of the children with disabilities.

There is no charge for participation in Head Start but there are eligibility requirements that must be met before a child may be enrolled. The staff members of your local Head Start center are available to answer any questions you may have about the enrollment or about the Head Start program.

Texas Mag offers dust control and sealant products in Sutton County



Texas Mag seals a reserve pit with the magnesium chloride product.

Clouds of dust are not a new sight for West Texas, but they may soon be something of the past. Ron Roesler and Texas Mag have moved into town and are introducing a new method of soil stabilization, remediation and dust control. In 2002, Roesler was talking to some rancher friends in the area who were tired of the oilfield equipment moving in and stirring up dust on their properties. Roesler listened to the concerns and started doing some research. He contacted the people at Texas Mag who were currently working with ice melt products and soon came up with some new ideas. Using a chemical solution made up magnesium chloride brine water a dust control product was soon produced.

Texas Mag Dust Control is a liquid magnesium chloride based product that is hygroscopic (attracts moisture). The ability to attract moisture provides maximum control of dust.

It is used as a binder for a variety of adhesives and specialty cements. The binding action creates the most dense, compact surface possible. It is very slow to leach. A single application will last from three months to one year depending on the application, soil type, and traffic.

Texas Mag Liquid Magnesium Chloride brine water is produced from wells through a unique, natural solar evaporation process in West Texas. The principle energy required for production is derived from the sun for evaporating water.

This naturally harvested mineral is used in a variety of industries due to its effectiveness and beneficial environmental impact, including dust control for roadways, parking lots, and plant sites, fertilizer ingredient for agricultural fertilizers, road base treatment for road building, smolder resistance for flame proofing lumber and cotton, fungicide manufacturing, to manufacture Magnesium Acetate for airplane deicing mixtures, odor control and soil remediation.

How is this helpful to ranchers? Dust control saves money by:

* Reducing the need for blading, watering, soil and gravel replacement

* Providing a smooth, firm driving surface which increases vehicle productivity, decreases fuel consumption, and saves time.

* Preventing costly soil erosion caused by destructive wind conditions.

* Reducing vehicle maintenance costs by lowering the levels of dust that clog filters, bearings, and machinery.

* Reducing the cost of cleaning vehicles, equipment, property, vegetation, and living sites.

It was soon discovered that dust control is not the only use for Texas Mag product. More research by Roesler and chemists with Texas Mag found that the oil field could use the magnesium products as well.

A broken reserve pit on a location led to the ruling that all reserve pits must be lined. Sheet plastic was all that was used and not only was that costly, it didn't work well because of holes, and was an environmental mess to clean up. Texas Mag invented a product that is a sealant "hard pan" that can be sprayed on the pits.

The clay pits are soaked, then sprayed with magnesium chloride that "locks" up the water and binds the particles together. A wet seal is formed so that the ground does not crack, but also does not allow seepage. The product is applied with a fire hose and is a cost efficient way to seal the reserve pits and currently is only offered by Texas Mag. If you are interested in finding out more information about using Texas Mag products for dust control or pit sealing, you can visit their website at www.texasmag.com.

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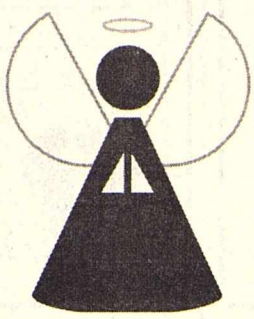
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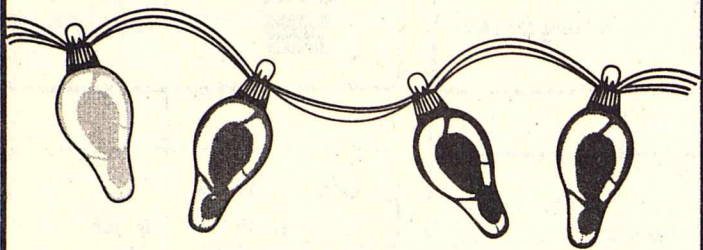
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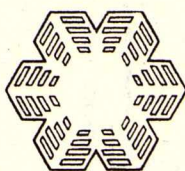
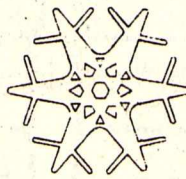
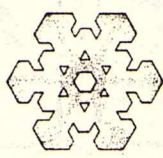
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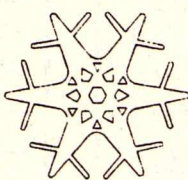
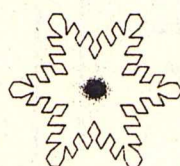
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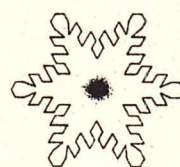
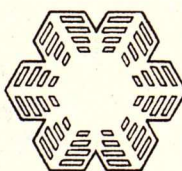
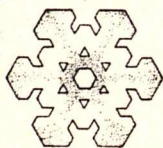
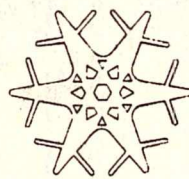
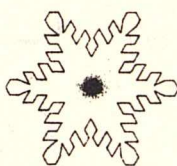
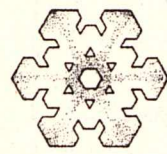
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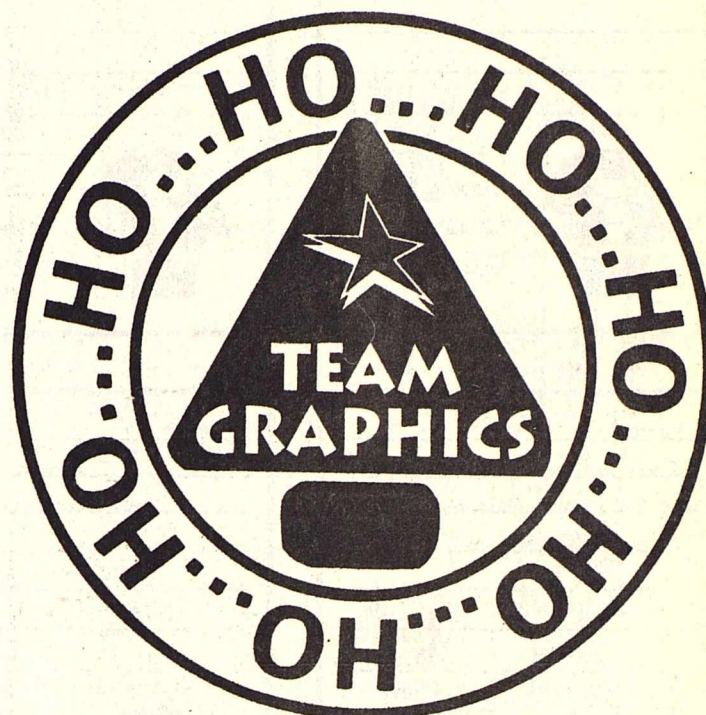
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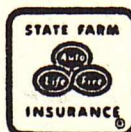


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I love you. I want a Spiderman big bike and a Batman bike.




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Santa,
I have been good. I want a big bike and a little bike.




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Santa,
I want a Dora. I want a Barbie. I want a Barbie motorcycle.




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Santa,
I want another bike, a toy, and clothes. I love you.




America Reyes
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Santa,
I want a game Spiderman 1 and Spiderman 2. And a movie for my mom. I also want Spiderman toys.




Omar Salazar
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Santa,
I want McDonald's, Barbie house, and a baby. Santa, I want toys.




Kaytlan Noriega
Head Start
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Santa,
I want a star.




Zayda Gutierrez
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Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman bike and a Spiderman toy. Santa please bring me a Spiderman car.




Eskhan Alona
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Santa,
I would like a Barbie, a bike, and a Barbie TV. Also a Barbie DVD player. I love you.




Amber Vasquez
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Santa,
I am good. I want a bike. I want a football and letters.




Marc Dearruda
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Santa,
I would a bike.




Brandon Martinez
Head Start
Mr. Carrasco/Ms. Campos

Santa,
I want a toy and a puppy.




Anel Salazar
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Dear Santa,
I want a car for Christmas. I want a Winnie the Pooh pencil and a movie.




Love, Gabriel
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a car for Christmas. I want a book for Christmas. I want paper and markers for Christmas. I want my letter for Christmas.




Love, ETT
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Hello Santa,
I want you to buy me a toy. I want a Spiderman web to make spiderwebs and look like Spiderman.




From Richard
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Merry Christmas Santa,
Can you buy me a toy? I want a dog toy and a people toy, in case I get a dog. I want dog food for my dog and water for my dog. I want a Barbie.




Love, Neys
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Santa Claus,
I want to be a cowboy! I want to be a bull rider. I want a Power Ranger and a car. I want a Christmas tree, a big one. I put my boots on.




Love, JESUS
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,
I like you because you bring toys to everybody and you are nice to everybody. I would want a toy airplane and a game of Waro with a Nintendo Game Cube with it. And that's all I want.




From ONYX
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy Advance and a Playstation 2. I want a Pokemon video game and a remote control airplane. I want to give cookies to you!




From, JAMES
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you bring me the Princess and the Pauper? Please bring me some more books. Please bring me some more toys. I like Princess and the Pauper dolls.




Love, Alex
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Hi Santa,
I want a sword for Christmas. Not a real one, a fake one. I want a fishing pole and a parachute like we play with at school.




Merry Christmas, John De Leon
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Hello Santa,
I want video games with spiders. I want a truck and a box. I like Spiderman and the Spiderman movie. I want a spider and a spider web.




Love, JESUS
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Merry Christmas Santa,
I want a balloon for Christmas. I don't want it blown up or tied. I want a singing Santa Claus and a toy snowman. I also want a fishing pole and letters.




From, KILLER
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a robot dinosaur with a remote control. I want a big, big, big dinosaur. That's all!




From, LIZBY
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Santa Claus,
Por favor traigame unos botines de el hombre araña. Tambien quiero un power ranger y un libro de el hombre araña.




Feliz Navidad, Roby
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Santa Claus,
I want a Christmas tree and a sliding Santa Claus. I want presents in a box and letters. I want flowers for Christmas and a little guy.




Love, Sablan
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a Bratz cell phone for me and my sister. I want two dry erase boards and my own computer.



Love, ZAHARA
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Merry Christmas Santa,
Would you like to bring me some presents? I would like a Barbie game. I want to take a picture with you.




From, MALISSA
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me snow. Please bring me a Barbie.




Love, JANA
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Merry Christmas Santa,
For Christmas I want a Spiderman toy and a Power Ranger toy. I want Batman for Christmas. I want a car for Christmas.




Love, CARLOS
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Merry Christmas Santa,
I want the Spiderman thing that you punch and kick with a new Spiderman 2 DVD that you can watch. I want Spiderman bubbles and Spiderman Sprite.




Love, ISSA
Pre-K
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie and a Barbie house. I have been really good all year.



Thank you, ELYSA
Pre-K
Mrs. Gladwell


Dear Santa, I've always wanted a bike. So maybe you could bring me one on Christmas day. I would really like that! It's been a really good day this year. So maybe you could bring me some other things too. Like a football and alot of other toys too. Merry Christmas Santa, and thank you.



Sincerely, Anthony
Pre-K
Mrs. Gladwell


Dear Santa,
I have been really good all year. Can I please have a Barbie and a purse?

Thank you,
LAPD
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa
I would like colors and a scooter. Bye.

Love,
AGZNG
Sylvia Galera
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. Can I please have a doll and a teaset?

Thank you
Love,
Siera
Sierria LaBruc
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Can I please have a Barbie? I also would like a Care Bear.

Thank you
Love,
Breeanna
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a Barbie. I can't wait till you come to my house. I'll see you soon.

Thank you
Love,
Dalyah Lopez
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
I have a reinder that I made. I would like a spider web and a Christmas tree. I would also like you to bring a present for my mom. Thank you.

Love,
DIUD
David Mackey
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa Claus,
I like to play on the computer. I would like a new computer. I'm going to be a nurse early. I also need some gloves because my other ones are too little. Bye Santa Claus.

Love,
Christopher Atkins
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell



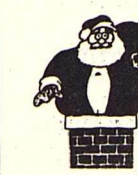
Dear Santa,
Thank you for getting me presents. I would like a play toy gun and a Hot Wheels Race Track with a silver monster truck. I'll see you soon. I love you.

Love,
ULH
Calob Ritzley
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle. I also want spiderman toys.

Thank you
Love,
Sean Brown
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
How are you doing? What I want for Christmas is a lot of presents. I want some Spiderman toys. I also want a real car so I can drive it.

Love,
Nae Estrada
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell



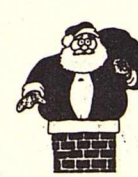
Dear Santa,
I would like some toys for Christmas.

Love,
Joe Angel Torres
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. For Christmas I would love to have Dinosaurs. I would also like to have a deer.

Thank you
Love,
Dominique Solis
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would love to have a Barbie and a Princess bed.

Thank you
Love,
Noreia Torar
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidwell




Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? How are the reinder? I am fine. I want a Hello Kitty toy and a Santa Claus movie. Thank You.

Love,
Dhriela Lopez
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
I'm Carlos. I want a "un carro." Nomás eso. Gracias.

Love,
Carlos Mendoza
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi. How are you? I am fine. I want a DVD and another bicycle for my little sister. Thank you.

Love,
Diphen Nuñez
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi. How are you? I'm fine. I have been good. I want glasses - real glasses, and a play phone. Thank you.

Love,
Sierra Music
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I'm fine. Could you show me how the reinder fly? I have been very good. Can you please bring me some crayons and a CD player?
Thank you.
Love,
Marish Bueno
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Howdy! How are you? I am fine. I want a Hot wheel Volcano for Christmas. That's all.

Love,
Hunter Wheeler
Pre-K/Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Howdy! I want to know how the reinder fly? I want a Hot Wheel car and a road with a snake on it game. Enjoy the chocolate chip cookies I will leave you.

Love,
Kenley Young
Pre-K/Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I am fine. I been good! Please bring me, ... I want "unas muñecas, unas que caminan." Thank you.

Con cariño,
Perla Salazar
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Howdy! How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I'm fine. I have been a bunch of goods, and I want a new teaset because I lost my old one, and I want some new jewelry.
Love,
Folicia Farley
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? I want a necklace and a ring with a butterfly. Thank you.

Love,
Iris McAfee
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi. How are you? I am fine. Say hi to Rudolf. I want a pink Barbie and a bicycle with training wheels. I have been a very good girl.

Love,
Trinity Zook
Pre-K/Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
¡Hola! Yo quiero Spiderman Movie y Hopper Heroes. Ven para mi casa con mas toys.

Love,
Colonel Sanchez
Pre-K/Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I am fine. I want a real motorcycle and a helicopter for Christmas. Thank You!

Love,
J.R. Velasquez
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
¡Hola! Been good. Toy. Blocks. Thank you.

Love,
Christian Ramirez
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hello. How are you? I am fine. How are your elves? I have been good, and I would like a doll and a SpongeBob table.

Love,
Anna Maria Arredondo
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? I'm fine. How does Mrs. Claus help you? I am good. Could you please bring me a Barbie mall, and a Barbie boy. Thank you.

Love,
Stephanie Pacheco
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry

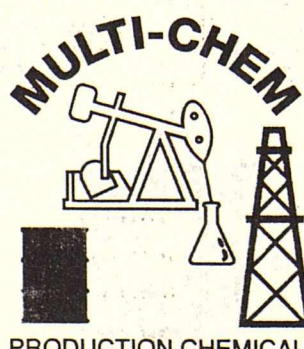


Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I'm fine. How is Mrs. Claus? I been a good. Please bring me a tree and drawing paper because I like draw. Thank you.

Love,
Alber Freeman
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry



May the Joy and Peace of the Season be with you always!

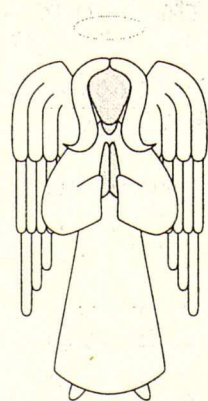


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Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you doing?
Can I hug you when you come
to see me on Christmas? I have
been good. I want a "Migium" car
and a "Migium" house. That's all!

Love,
Yosenta
Gandar
Pre-K
Jimenez & Berry




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you PLEASE
bring me a
SPIDERMAN GAMEA
book and a toy.

Love
angel
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a Shark Tale play
Station 2 Game 5 1/2
Game Ratchet Commando
Game

Love
Sage
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please
bring me an
X box,
crash G a hda Gung,
and a S Blot man toy

Love
Logan
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please
bring me a
POWER ranger,
POWER ranger
TRUCK, and a
NINTENDO

Love
Jacob
K
Dutton



Dear Santa,
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a go cart x-box
and 10 toys.


Love
Mikel
K
Mrs Dutton



Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a Peleer gun,
a sun, a te + truck

and
LUV


Love
Mrs Dutton
Andrew



Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please
bring me a bike
and a play station


LOVE

Love
Joseph
F
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,
I have been good.
Would you please
bring me
A metal dete-
tor, and a BULLETH
board.

LOVE
Tate
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please
bring me a
trampoline with a net,
Gamebox, new rangers,
and a Playstation

Love
S KY
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a
new bike
20-30 we lking dg
folding chair

Love
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a
Sweats, a
bike, and a
Hat.

LOVE
Victoria
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a
new bike
Power wheel CHUMPER, and
Remote Control TRUCK

Love
Pablo
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a PLAY station
game, Action Figures
and a
Motor Scooter

Love
Kobie
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,
I have been good.
Would you please
bring
me a
PLAY station 2,
Transformer, minaturas car

Love
Aron
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me
what wheels car
racer truck and
POWER rangers

Love
Aarfael
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa A
I have been
good. Please
bring me a
Toy motor car
Guitar and
cap

Love
RANCI
K
Dutton




Dear Santa
I have been good.
Would you please bring
me a
new bike
Power wheel Barbie
Sports wheel barne
Play dough

Love
Jasmine
K
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,
How is Comet? I would
like a Bull that I can use, a
toy in bike with a
man on it and toy
deer.

Love,
Colton
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa
How is Rudolph?
I would like a
garbage compo-
ter, a real dog and
a real Kitty.

Love
Sofia
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,
How are the
reindeer? I would like
a MECHANICAL bull,
a toy TRUCK and
a Soldier

Love
Robert Zappa
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,
I love you.
I want a Pink
Barbie car and
toys!

LOVE,
Tanya
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,
How are you? I would
like a wheel, a roller
coaster, and a bird.

Love
Igalah
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
I would like a NE BARB
Bike,
Flashlight and Barbie Toys.

Love,
Sydney
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I would like
Barbie, a teddy bear,
and a new bike.

Love
Seneca
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,
I would like a
Bird balls a bear
sag and a
Polly roller
Coaster.

Love,
Emmy
K
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa
How is Rudolph?
I would like a
princess STV
Scooter, and
Bronco backpack.

LOVE
Katie
K
Mrs Miller



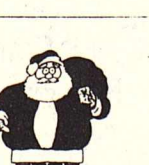
Dear Santa,
How are you?
I would like a
Spiderman,
Xbox, and a
Toy Hummer

Love,
Juan
K
Miller




Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I would
like a power ranger, rifle,
and a bag of money.

Love,
Marco
K
Mrs Miller



Dear Santa,
How is Comet?
I would like a
ART STUFF mot
ORCYCLE
POWER RANGERS
DINO THUNDER
playset

LOVE
CARTER
K
Mrs Miller



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the Heart of the Season which is Love.



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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
I would like a pink and
tan Nike Shocks,
a new bike, and a
necklace and ring.

Love
Ariana
K
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa
How is Comet? I
+ b/w is Comet?
How were the reindeer?
I want a motor cycle
and a scooter
and a choco-choco train.

Love
Michael
K
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
I would like a
ESPN play center,
Bike, and a
baseball glove.

Love
Caleb Galvan
K
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph?
I would like a
pony! Drums, power
ranger toy!

Love,
Noah
K
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
I would like a Charm
bracelet, a trampoline and
bratz pillow.

Love
Samantha
K
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
I would like a Breyer
saddle, Breyer horse, and
Breyer barn.

Love,
Jordan
K
Miller

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph?
I want LRSSTIC R.
I want crayons.
I want BOOKS.

Love,
Jaiveline
K
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
I would like new
clothes, dolls and
roller skates.

Love
Elizabeth
K
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year.
How have you been?
Please bring me
a computer.

Love
Kamilia Dami
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been good this
year How have you been?
Please bring me a skatebo
arding game, a new hup d
red dollar bust billard
yugl on cards

Love
Brydon Robles
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been good this
year How have you been?
Please bring me
a Barbie necklace
and a Barbie phone.

Love
Rosalia Robles
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been good this
year How have you been?
Please bring me
a new paint and
the vader

Love
Dora Lopez
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
How have you
Please bring me
a bike scooter
and a video game.

Love
Henry
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been good
year How have you been?
Please bring me
a new football soccer
baseball game.

Love
Adriana
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been good
this year How
have you
been? Please bring
me a truck, color
pencils and
thank you
Erik Lopez
Kinder
Perez

Love
Adriana
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
How have you been?
Please bring me
a remote control
big truck
a remote control dinosaur and
mini cars.

Love
Wesley Brian
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been good
this year How have
you been.
Please bring me
Barbie's Bike necklace.

Love
Adriana Campa
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this
year How have you been?
Please bring me a Trampoline
xbox and a bike.

Love
Adriana Campa
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
How have you been?
Please bring me
an oven baker and
a scooter.

Love
Adriana Campa
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year.
How have you been?
Please bring me
scooby-doo roller
skates, a Don talking doll and
a tiger Blanky

Love
Catherine Zook
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year
How have you been?
Please bring me
a new Army wheeler
and a new Army
air army airplane
and a new Army
airplane.

Love
Capekrie
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this
year How have you been?
Please bring me a football,
X-Box and a Soccer ball.

Love
Jose
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been
good this
year How have you
been Please bring Barbie
make-up set Barbie Fashion
Designed cabaret musical water table

Love
Kristy Sanchez
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year
How have you been?
Please bring me a bike
and a doll.

Love
Isela Rivas
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
How have you
been? Please bring
me Shania Twain's
Greatest Hits CD
+ talking Serafina cat prob
gigi Holly Sparre
Cajondar
Mrs. Perez

Love
Isela Rivas
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
How have you been?
Please bring me
pelota basket ball
silva mesa china y
sombrero.

Love
Armando Perez
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
How have you been?
Please bring me
pelota basket ball
silva mesa china y
sombrero.

Love
Armando Perez
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year
How have you been? Please
bring me an X-Box, a game
and a toy.

Love
Julio Villa
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
May I please have
a big truck, a remote
control chopper, and a
play station 2?

Love
Thank you,
Otilio Guerra
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have a
Scooby-Doo 2 toys, Scooby
Doo Super Chase and a
Scooby-Doo Alien.

Love
Thank you,
Melinda
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Season's Greetings
with all good wishes
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Dear Santa,
May I please have
a Spider Man Toy stick?




Thank you
Jash Miguel Jimenez
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
a new Barbie jeep,
slig bag, and
Barbie poster ~




Thank you,
Katelyn Lippam
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have a
toy Rocket, swords,
and Legos?



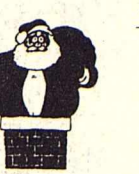
Thank you,
Christopher Castro
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
a chopper bike
and a truck?




Thank you,
Corben
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please
Coyote phone
Barbie phone and
clothes?




Thank you,
Jeneyra
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa
May I please have
a barbie a barbie car
and a Barbie jeep?




Thank you
Cethany Guerrero
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
a Pe Motocartrol
4 Wheeler and a
racel car?




Thank
GARY COCKERH
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa
May I please have
Sour spray, a giant
Candy bar and
a Care Bear?



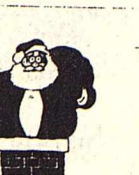
Thank You
Jessica Torres
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
a scooter without
training wheels,
Barbie dolls with
clothes, a new collar
for Peaches?




Thank you,
Bianca Fay
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa
May I please have
a bike, DVD AND
GUN?



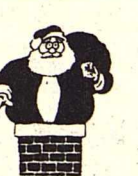
Thank you
WHEE
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
a Barbie clothes
and a baby doll?



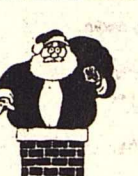
Thank you
Meagan Johnson
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have a
cowboy hat, boots and a
saddle?




Thank you
Zekeshia
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have a
Hello Kitty bike AL Cap
Frog bike LP and
how r family




Thank you,
Autumn
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
money, a rocking
horse and a little
Mermaid movie?




Thank you,
Makya Benjamin
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
a car, a hat, a
saddle and bell




Thank you
Nethaniel
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have
gumbo cards, a toy
car and a
spoon Bob
you're?




Thank you,
Aniel
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have new
shoes, Dora, and Blues
Clues?




Thank you,
APB
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
May I please have a
motorcycle and a
play station game?




Thank you,
T. Samaniego
Kinder
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your
elves? I want a hot
car, and a big truck.




Love,
Felix Guerra
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
I hope you will
have a good
Christmas. I hope
you will get me
presents on
Christmas.




Love,
Ryan Martinez
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus?
I would like if you can give
me a bell from the reindeer
and a Blabla disk for my brother
For my Dad a basketball
For my mom a new car.




Love,
Cipriana
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
I hope we will get a truck
I hope we will get a bike
I hope we will get a dog
I hope we will get a watch
I hope we will get a toy car




Love,
Christopher
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Is Rudolph ok?
My Mom wants
a new willit.
Can you please
bring me a monster truck



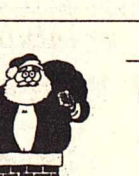
Love,
Garrett Jaeger
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I want a Candyland
and my brother would like a Bass
Litar Game and my sister would like
a look and Mom would like a dress
and my Dad would like new book.




Love,
Cassandra Amador
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
Please can you make me
a hot wels fasturay
and a skatborde.




Love,
Devan Engle
First grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you?
I would like a Candyland
Game and I
would like a puppy.
I hope you have
a happy Merry Christmas!




Love,
Kaitlyn Lopez
First grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
I hope you are
Facing car of Rudolph
Dansen Can you please
Me a baseit ball
cot and a dog.




Love,
Joe Angelina
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Good. You make
like Me Somtimes
Make him a zuma.
How is Rudolph doing?




Love,
Jaiden
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
I hope you have
a great Christmas and
How are you?
I want a new Barbie
car.



Love,
Marian Hernandez
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have
a Merry Christmas.
I hope you have
a great day.
I want a New
car.




Love,
Jillian Britton
First grade
Mrs. Creek

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me
a Rocket Porck and
I was good and
Please bring me
sum Sweings and
a Opererd sh in Shrek

Love
Edgar Hernandez
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa
can I have a niga
turtal game on
Christmas and
a Fx box. I ben
good at my hous.

Love,
Adrian Garcia
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa, Please bring Me
a Barbie car. Please bring Me
a Siza Barbie. Please bring
me a Barbie with make
up. Please bring me a trapline
Please bring Me a Brat
with a lot of dresses. I
have been good. Love

Martiza Villan
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
Please can I have
a man on a motor?
I want a robot hat
I kind been good

Love
Jacob Williams
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa
I want a go cart
May I have a lora
puzel? I have
ben good this
year. Please
bring me a barbie
Jeep

Love,
Janelle Vasquez
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a
go car for Christmas?
Can you bring me
some fish with a tank?
How are the reindeer doing?
Tell the deer hi for Trent

Love,
Trent Harris
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa
I want a X box and two
May I have a two car
I have bin gud. Please
bring my Motn s tot.

Love,
Abel Hernandez
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
Please can you
bring me a Bratz?
I bin good.
please can you
bring me a Dom princess?
please bring me
a puzel.

Love,
Sasha Sanchez
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
Make-up! I have
Bin good this year.
I want a tepulera
and a Marker board
with Markers.

Love,
Susana Nobles
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
computer that tipe
words and a mouse
on the computer.
I bin good
Please come see me.

Love,
Alyssa Jimenez
1st grade
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
I would like a bike
and I want a teddy bear.
Is it cold at the North
Pole? I would like everyone
have a merry Christmas!

Love,
Amber Limon
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear St. Nick,
How are you? Is it cool and snowy?
May I have a toy hot seat,
a toy spider, a sad bear and
reins? That's all!

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Jill Williams
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I wish I had a bratz
I hope I get a
computer

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Mayra Capucha
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a
baseball
and a stat board!

Love,
Jay Hudson
First
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a present but
you get to pick the
present. How is Rudolf?
Merry Christmas!

Love,
Jesus Huerta
1st
Mrs. Moore

Dear Mr. Claus,
Please may I have make?
One movie is slepover
and the other movie is
Bingingo. How are your
reindeer? Is it cold? How are the
elves? Merry Christmas

Love,
Hayden Smith
First 1st
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the
North pole and how are the
reindeer? I want a Bratz
with brown hair. I want
a soft teddy bear.
Merry Christmas!

Love,
Yesica Ramirez
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
How are the
reindeer doing?
Please rite me
back and tell me
but can I get a
how lepsir Game

Love,
Straton Rosh
1st
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
Is the North Pole freezing?
I would like a tran plan. I would
like a teddy. I have been a good
girl. I would like a singing bear
and books. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Makenzie
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear St. Nick,
I wish I had a fish?
How is the North Pole?
Are you Dig?
How are the reindeer?
Are you old?
How are you?

Love,
Brian Mackey
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a nia turtle.
I want a nistuff
an i ma.

Love,
Drew Beltr
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear St. Nick,
I would like a big stuff
dog! I love play station
Games 2005 Foot ball
and 2005 Golf. I want
a Ninja Turtle sword!
Merry Christmas

Love,
Tanner Myers
1st Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus
I was a
little good
so I want
a yu-gi-ho! disk
yu-gi-ho! cards
and a Playstatish
two.

Love,
Diego Baez
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
May I please have
Outwheeler may I please
have a go cart? May I have
a Kongam Jack the bean?
May I please have the
the game?

Love,
Skyler Wray
1st
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bik.
I would like a ashin?
Please can I have a music?
I would like a basket ball.
I want a goob Rt.
I want a tv. I want a snake.

Love,
Emilia Espinoza
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Mr. Claus,
How are the reindeer?
Oh by the way I
would like a
singing dolly that
is pink and comes
with a remote control.

Love,
Kenia Uribe
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
I've been good some
times. I want a
Play station two!
I am getting a go
cart that goes
fast.

Love,
Nancy Molina
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus 12-8-04
How are the elves doing?
For Christmas I want a
Saddle and a choper bike
and a nother choper bike
and a Trampo line.

Love,
Meghan
second
Mrs. Bloodworth

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How are
your reindeer? Can you please
bring me a chopper bike and
jack 3 and Smack
down vs raw and Ho is
Rudolph?

Love,
Caleb Martin
2nd
Mrs. Bloodworth

12-8-04
Dear Santa are your
reindeer okay? Can I
love them and I love you
Santa. Santa I want a sock ball.
I want a Shiva cor with a
makin rowan and a makin row
MOR please

Love,
Pursin
second
Mrs. Bloodworth

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12-8-04
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I would like a mini trampoline, I have begged so can I have sun note cards and sun clothes.

Love,
Madison Wolfe
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

12-8-04
Dear Santa Claus,
Can I please have a pulch of you and an elf, Also some cloths please. A book of drackens how to make things

Love Audrey
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

12-8-04
Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I have been a Good girl This is what I would like for Christmas a Barbie Doll, a Doll, and a Karaoke Machine.

I love you,
Victoria
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

12-8-04
Dear Santa Claus
How are you? How are your elves doing? How is Rudolph with his shiny nose? Can I please have a SaPurey Bratz, DVDs, Lights, All, and Your Friends, Halle Second Mrs. Wiemers

12-8-04
Dear Santa, Claus,
for Christmas can you GIVE me a guitar and a Bat z suitcase and a diary

Love,
Destany
Second Grade
Mrs. Wiemers

12-9-04
Dear Santa Claus:
How is the reindeer? How is Rudolph?
Santa how is your wife doing? How is the elves? I would like a keyboard microphone and drums.

Love
McKayla
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph? I've been a good boy so can you bring me a ESCLADE and a Hummer and a Chopper Bike Have a Happy MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Love
Michael
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? This year I have been good as I can. This year I would like a PUPPY, Merry Christmas
Your friend
chase
Zorade
Mrs. Wiemers

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How are the class? I want a Bike and some Candy and a lunch box.

Julia
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

12-8-04
Dear Santa Claus
I have been good all year. Thank you for the stuff last year. Please bring me a Tea Set and a govt girl car and lip skicker

Your friend,
Aleza
2nd
Mrs. Wiemers

12-8-04
Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf doing? Can I please have a Yamaha Drum Set and a blak with red ritting South pole Sweater and a Skate board helmet

Love
Hunter
Second
Mrs. Wiemer

12-8-04
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I want a bike and motor scooter and more of Santa Claus and toys

Love,
Rigoberto
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

12/10/04
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a pet cat that is all I want for Christmas this year! Thank you!
Thank you Santa Claus!
Your friend,
Lisette
Second
Wiemers

12/18/04
Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it snowing at the north Pole?
Please can you get me a Chopper Bike and a Hummer and a Xbox happy holidays!

I Love you,
Ethan
Second
Mrs. Wiemers

Dear Santa,
Has Mrs. Claus and Rudolph been good for Christmas may I please have a Rockin Roller coaster Hotel, and a motor scooter, and a care Bear. I do not care with care bear you give me. I LOVE YOU

Love
Naci Lewis
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I was wishing for a CD Walkman, Sponge Bob SquarePants The movie on DVD, a player. I love you and Mrs. Claus.

I love you,
Leslie
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great year. For Christmas I am hoping for a first trampoline, a laptop computer, and some juggle cards. I also want to wish you a merry Christmas!

Love,
Secret Shop
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a great year. For Christmas I want a Helicopter and cars.

Love,
Walker
2nd
York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a great time. I hope I get a motor scooter, I hope I get shoes, skates, and video games.

Love,
Leslie
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I wish you have a good Christmas. I am hoping for a PUPPY, and a Sponge Bob SquarePants Game, and a Walkman. I love you and Mrs. Claus.

Happy New Year
Love Presley
Presley
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope that no one was bad. I hope I get a CD Walkman, a new sponge bob square pants and a xbox. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and I hope Rudolph is not sick.

Love,
Julia
2nd
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a wonderful year. I'm hoping for a game called at the staff of dreams at Wal-Mart. And another game called Spygliders tale. And another game called Sponge Bob Square pants at Wal-Mart.

Love Brandon
Brandon
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great year. I want a laptop computer, a Hello Kitty blanket, one pair of shoes, skates, and a care bear toy. Have a Merry Christmas Day!

Love,
Brandon
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want a new xbox and a new PlayStation, and a new Play Station, and Santa. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Damian
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great year. For Christmas I am hoping for a first trampoline, a laptop computer, and some juggle cards. I also want to wish you a merry Christmas!

Love,
Secret Shop
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas! I hope I can get a puppy, and a Helix and a Lap Top computer. Has Mrs. Claus made hot cocoa yet?

Love,
Hannah
2nd Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a great year. For Christmas I want a sport the Hercules Tale. I want a Sponge Bob Game and I want a Motor Scooter and a new Hello Kitty blanket, and I want to go to the card's with you Merry Christmas. Love you Santa.

Love
Adrianna
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great year. May I have a Laptop computer, a Hello Kitty blanket, one pair of shoes, skates, and a care bear toy. Have a Merry Christmas Day!

Love,
Brandon
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope Rudolph is helping you and Fagging high for Christmas. I want a Xbox and a Game zone and a ball and now these is the news went my teeth that is all Santa and a merry Christmas.

Love
Isaac
2nd Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a granime Santa and Mrs. Claus. I hope I get a Lap Top computer and a video camera. I want some shoe skates.

Love,
Viviana
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Game boy sp and a Astros Jersey with Beltran on the back. I want Golf clubs By Bx.

Love,
Nelson
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope all the reindeer and you have a great Christmas. May I please have a Break Away computer, one pair of shoe skates, and a skooter. I wish you have a great ride on Christmas!

Love,
Maria
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
How are you Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I am hoping you would bring me a King FanShine Care Bear, a Mc Kids Mc Flurry maker, and a Polly's Rockin Roller coaster Hotel. I also hope Mrs. Claus makes you lots of cookies.

Love,
Naelyn
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Happy Christmas. Santa Claus I am hoping for a new Care Bear, a new Hello Kitty blanket and a new Hello Kitty toy. I also want to wish you a Happy Christmas.

Love,
Julissa
Second Grade
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the car hauler and baggy. I hope everyone has enough food for Christmas. A drum set, drumsticks, xoxoxo
Thank you
Dana
Second Grade
Mrs. York

