



## Christmas Sweater Winners



**Ugly Sweater**  
LoneStar Ag won the \$1,000 prize in the Chamber of Commerce's Ugly Sweater Contest.

**Christmas Sweater**  
Assistant County Treasurer Lucy Martinez won the Christmas Sweater Contest at the Courthouse last week in Farwell.



**FISD names new AD** — Elias Carrillo was named the new Athletic Director/Head Football Coach at the Friona ISD Board of Trustees meeting Monday night. In the photo (clockwise) — Coach Carrillo, Hailey, Harper, Shelby, and Haidyn.



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## City Council wraps up a very busy year

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Cindy Trevino and Alan Monroe were not present.

Council members heard public comments from Maria Mendoza regarding the opening of the Happy Tribe Academy daycare facility and the plans to use a \$38,000 grant to purchase playground equipment. There were no other public comments. Minutes of the November 13, 2023 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

A motion was passed to approve a Water Conservation Rebate Program for the City of Friona. A low-flow toilet rebate was also added to the incentive program.

A Site Lease Agreement with the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for office space was approved. The new office will be located in the southwest part of City Hall where the EMS used to be housed. Department of Public Safety troopers will also have an office in that part of the building.

A Shared Space Agreement with the Parmer County Juvenile Probation Office was approved. The space will be utilized for counseling as part of the Youth Diversion Program. Jose Martinez is

the probation officer for Parmer and Bailey Counties.

A transfer from the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 was approved. Funds will be used for the SitePro Water Management Project. Certain systems need upgraded before the water tower can be refurbished without jeopardizing water supply to the city. The water tower will need to be repaired within the next 3-5 years with the interior being the first priority. Exterior work and repainting of the tower will be at a later date.

A transfer from the Police Technology Capital Improvement Fund

to General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 was approved. Funds will be used to complete the Police Department Technology Project.

A transfer from the Escrow for Ambulance Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the EMS Technology Upgrade Project. Funds will be used to install a cot lift on "old red" which is the oldest of the three ambulances currently in service.

A transfer from the Backhoe Escrow Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$145,400 was approved. Funds will be used for

the Public Works Backhoe and Vehicle Project. A \$65,000 backhoe with 100 hours and several different vehicles are currently under consideration.

An agreement between the City of Friona and Parkhill for engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 for the 2024 Group Seal Coat Project was approved. An interlocal agreement for local government was also approved. An estimated 20-30 blocks of streets will be part of the project.

A motion to terminate the contract for "court fees and fines collection services" between the City of Friona and Perdue Brandon was approved. GHS will be the

new collection agency. The change is the result of the City of Friona changing from Encode to Net Data Systems beginning in February or March.

The nomination of City Manager Lee Davila to serve on the Amarillo Area Foundation Board of Directors was approved. The swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for January 23, 2024.

In other business, the accounts payable for November 2023 were approved as well as the financial statement for November 2023. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 8th.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

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**Community Calendar**

Send Calendar information to:  
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**December 21**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Noon Lions Club Christmas Meeting at the Clubhouse

**December 27**

- Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**December 28**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**December 25 - January 1**

- Friona Star office (1215 Elm Ave.) closed for the holidays

**January 4**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

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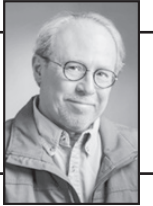
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**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**Property tax cuts go into effect**

A total of \$18 billion in property tax cuts were approved by more than 80% of voters in the November general election and should be reflected in property tax bills that are due by Jan. 31. The cuts come in the form of increased home exemptions, lower school district rates, and limiting the amount property appraisals can rise.

Many taxing districts sent out bills before the election that factored in the decrease, anticipating voter approval. For example, in Gregg County in Northeast Texas, the tax bill noted on the back sheet that the lower amount was contingent on voter approval of the proposed amendments. If the amendments had not passed, taxpayers would be billed for the difference.

According to the state comptroller's office, a typical homestead valued at \$350,000 will see a tax savings of about \$1,000. Prior to the approval of the tax cuts, Texas ranked sixth highest in the nation in property tax rates, partly because the state does not have a state income tax.

**Paxton impeachment cost taxpayers \$4.3 million**

The Dallas Morning News reported last week that the taxpayer cost of impeaching Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton was more than \$4.3 million. More than two dozen lawyers worked to prosecute Paxton leading up to and during his two-week trial in the Senate. That chamber acquitted him of all 20 charges after the House voted overwhelmingly to impeach Paxton, who is under indictment for securities fraud and was accused of abuse of office.

Lawyers billed more than 7,800 hours related to Paxton's impeachment, The News reported after seeking copies of all invoices and related documents. Co-counsel Dick DeGuerin defended the amount of work done by attorneys.

"Everything we did was justified, and I won't retreat from that statement ever," DeGuerin said. "We presented strong evidence that Paxton just surrendered the power of his office in a corrupt way. It's just that his financial

supporters threatened retaliation against the Republicans that would have voted for conviction."

Paxton has vowed to campaign in the Republican primary against House members who voted for his impeachment, especially House Speaker Dade Phelan.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Paxton said in a statement released by his campaign. "Whether it's the House costs, Senate costs, or the overall impeachment session costs, many millions more were incurred on Dade Phelan's sham and needless impeachment."

Phelan said Paxton's refusal to testify before the House on a proposed \$3.3 million settlement of a whistleblower lawsuit prompted the investigation that led to the impeachment.

"The investigation, impeachment, and trial of Ken Paxton shed a clear, unflinching light on who Paxton is and the lengths to which he will go to stay in power," Phelan said in a statement.

**Texas members of Congress face sparse election opposition**

Texas has 38 seats in the U.S. House, and 35 incumbents are seeking re-election, the Texas Standard reported. Of that number, 16 do not have a primary challenger, while five will face no opposition in the general election as well.

Of the remaining three seats — all in North Texas — two members are retiring, while U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, opted to run against U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz next November.

"It is not at all uncommon for incumbents to pretty much coast to reelection, even if they are challenged in the primary or the general election. Incumbents have an enormous advantage in name I.D. and ability to fundraise, connections and networks within the district," Todd Gillman of The News said.

**Board signs off on school library book rules**

The State Board of Education approved guidelines for Texas school libraries to use in implementing policies to ban the possession or purchase of books

considered "sexually explicit." The guidelines follow passage of a bill in the last regular session requiring book vendors to supply ratings for titles that contain sexual content. The law is being challenged in court by a coalition of book vendors and associations.

"It was a work of deep value and importance to bring the library standards to fruition. In Texas, parents have been identifying this issue to schools without the necessary support of law," said SBOE member Audrey Young, R-Trinity.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission must also adopt the standards. Each of the state's 1,000-plus school districts must approve a policy that explains how school libraries acquire books and other materials.

**Judge upholds ban of TikTok on state-issued devices**

An Austin federal judge last week upheld the state's ban of TikTok on government-issued devices such as phones, laptops or tablets, kut.org reported. U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman upheld the policy that was challenged by the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, which claimed the ban was unconstitutional.

"Texas's TikTok ban is limiting the use of an app on state-provided devices and networks, which is not a blanket prohibition," Pitman wrote. The ban followed concerns that the Chinese company that owns TikTok — a social media platform — could provide sensitive data to the Chinese government.

TikTok spent about \$1.5 billion on an initiative called Project Texas to address national security concerns. The Biden administration has called for the company to sell TikTok or face a national ban. A bill passed by Congress bans its use on federal government devices.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TEXAS CROSSWORD**

1 gauge to check rpm on Santa's reindeer?  
5 \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner was an honorary TX Ranger  
6 day when "nice" TX youngsters get presents (abbr.)  
7 largest continent  
8 TX "Mr. Sam" who was speaker of U.S. House (init.)  
9 Texas-born Gene Autry wrote "Here Comes \_\_\_\_ Claus"  
14 TXism: "changes his mind as often \_\_\_\_ does his socks"  
18 holiday garland  
20 Texas government building  
22 holiday greenery or Texas rock-'n-roller Buddy  
23 help Santa's helper (2 wds.)  
24 Santa's elves work behind-\_\_\_\_\_  
29 TX Bobby who co-founded the "Black Panthers"  
30 "you need to \_\_\_\_ that baby!"  
31 TXism for "Scrooge": "\_\_\_\_ flint"  
32 this Philbin was like Santa Claus on "Millionaire" show  
33 "Star Wars" missile defense system (abbr.)

34 "plastic money" gets \_\_\_\_ a lot at Christmas  
35 yuletide log chopper  
36 pack clothes in this for a holiday trip  
42 there's little of this in difference at Christmas  
47 what kids do on Christmas morning (3 wds.)  
49 provoked mockingly  
50 need a stand to \_\_\_\_ up a Christmas tree

51 some Texans go to this NM area to ski over the holidays  
52 a main ingredient of Christmas nog  
53 this TX Winters is a linebacker for the 49ers

**DOWN**  
1 TX Tanya song about Texas (4 wds.)  
2 moonwalker Neil and Cowboy Dornance  
3 TX-born Gen. \_\_\_\_ Chennault founded the "Flying Tigers"  
4 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ few bricks shy of a load"  
9 pig's place  
10 \_\_\_\_ Belo founded The Dallas Morning News  
11 TX Blue Bell flavor: "Cookies \_\_\_\_ Cream"  
12 best little puzzle in Texas (abbr.)  
13 Clyde High School football class  
14 elves to Santa  
15 T-bone and Ribeye  
16 "festive" Archer County town?  
17 Metroplex Tex-Mex chain (2 wds.)  
19 TX handyman Carrell and Mr. Neiman  
21 private detectives (abbr.)  
24 actress Garr (init.)

38 univ. in Lawton, OK  
39 suitable  
40 hot tub or resort  
41 TXism: "flew off the handle"  
42 Larry, Moe, or Curly (2 wds.)  
43 looks through the blinds for Santa  
44 TXism: "it belongs to me \_\_\_\_ the bank"  
45 TX Tanya (init.)  
46 \_\_\_\_ McArdle painted "Dawn at the Alamo"  
48 TXism: "rile up"

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solution on page 3

## Justice Temperance Knowledge

“Some are conscious that only a perfectly educated man is capable of uttering deep and true expressions.”

Socrates

“The seven wise men of ancient Greece, all were lovers, emulators, and disciples of culture. Their wisdom consisted of short memorable sentences, which they severally uttered. When they met together in the temple of Apollo at Delphi, the first-fruit of their wisdom was the far-famed inscriptions which are in every man’s mouth: ‘Know thyself,’ and ‘Nothing too much!’

Plato

On a tractor just plowing round and round,  
No sound but the roar of motor and mind;  
Always knowing thyself was paramount.

On the high plains of Northern Texas  
When looking about was nothing too much;

The singular tree or windmill or bird,  
The expanse of nothing as far can see,  
Will concentrate one’s eye to the beauty  
And form of all, the yearning belief.

BWL

“Welcome, come on in, we’ll treat you so many ways,  
You’re bound to like one of them.”

Thomas Wayland Lewellen  
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## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

**Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk’s Office from December 7, 2023 to December 14, 2023**

(12/6/23) Milli Janell Watson, Independent Executrix of the Estate of James Wright Dixon — Jane Latrell Dixon — All of the North 469.54 Acres of Section 5, T1N, R2E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County; All of Section 6, T1N, R2E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas

(12/11/23) Steelman Rentals Inc. — Celilio Cruz — The Southwesterly 90’ of Lot 4, Block 110, of the Original Town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas

(12/11/23) Gerald Barnett — Gerald Barnett — 15 Acres Out of the Southeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Block “A” Rhea Brothers Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas.

(12/13/23) ABCD Fleming Family Trust — Maria Veronica Aguilar, Eduardo Balli Aguilar — A Tract of Land in Section 8, T5S, R4E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas

## SHERIFF’S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office:  
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(12/11/23) Kip Smith, 45, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Deaf Smith County Warrant for Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon.

(12/13/23) Alan J. Perez-Riveras, 34, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Motion To Revoke Probation Warrant on a charge of Possession CS PG1 ≥ 4g < 200g.

(12/13/23) D’avian Isaiah Prather, 21, of Alamogordo, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2oz.

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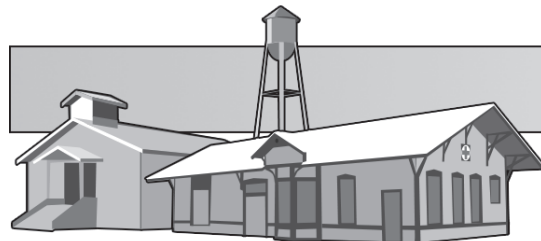
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## TOWN TALK

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### The Beat Goes On —

Enjoyed the Christmas Concert performed by the Junior High Bands last week. Seven of the young musicians had recently earned All-Region honors. Symphonic All-Region Band members are Natalie Achor (Flute), Porter Gilley (Baritone), and Aylen Moreno (Tuba). Concert All-Region Band member are Bryan Cecena (Baritone), Roberto Corrales (Percussion), Fernando Moreno (Trombone), and Fernando Perez (Trumpet). See band photos on page 19.

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### County Election News

— Five county positions are open for election next year. The filing deadline has passed and the list of Republican candidates is as follows: County Attorney – Jeff W. Actkinson; Sheriff – Eric Geske, Jose “Joe” Rojo; Tax Assessor-Collector – Awyna Sanchez; Commissioner, Pct. 1 – Kirk Frye; Commissioner Pct. 3 – Kenny White.

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**Ag Deadline Remind-**  
er — Renewal only rolls



**Hitting the High Notes** — Also enjoyed the Christmas Concert performed by the Junior High and High School Choirs. Photos on page 22. Andres Pinon and Evan Snyder (above) have qualified for the Area round of the All-State Choir audition process. The Region that Friona competes in is considered the toughest in the state.

around once every four years, so the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is reminding all agriculture producers that the Agricultural and Timber Exemption numbers they currently hold will expire on December 31st.

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**Final Edition of the Year** — this week is final issue of the Friona Star

for the year. Our office at 1215 Elm Avenue will be closed from Monday, December 25th until Tuesday, January 2nd.

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**Pun Fun** — When I asked my dog how his day was he said it was rough. Source: www.pun.me

### National Days

- December 21 — Crossword Puzzle Day
- December 24 — Christmas Eve
- December 25 — Christmas Day
- December 26 — Candy Cane Day
- December 30 — Bacon Day
- December 31 — New Year’s Eve
- January 1 — New Year’s Day

We’d like to go to the North Pole to... visit Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves!

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Kids: color stuff in!

## All About Santa

Ho Ho Ho Santa

I can’t find my hat. Do you see it?

Where is my mitten? Can you find it?

I’m ready for the big night when I’ll fly around the world in a sleigh pulled by my magical reindeer. I love to come down chimneys to put toys under Christmas trees and stuff stockings with lots of goodies!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- said to be Santa’s favorite treat on Christmas Eve
- Santa writes this to remember each child’s behavior
- where Santa enters the house to deliver presents
- they build the toys and help Santa with all chores
- Santa Claus’ cheerful wife; keeps Santa organized
- night Santa flies around the world in his sleigh
- jolly phrase that Santa shouts from his sleigh
- if you misbehave, expect a lump of \_\_\_\_\_ in your stocking
- Santa might leave sweet treats like \_\_\_\_\_ canes in stockings
- also known as Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas (Russia)
- where Santa lives – it’s very cold, but Mrs. Claus keeps the house cozy
- Santa carries the perfect gift for every good boy and girl in his \_\_\_\_\_
- to get to every house in one night, Santa flies in a big red \_\_\_\_\_
- wild \_\_\_\_\_ are still found in Siberia, Greenland, Alaska and Canada
- where all the toys are made and the elves work their magic

Can you fill in the missing letters on the list to name all of Santa’s reindeer?

...and the most famous reindeer of all... u d o l \_ \_

Umm, Santa?

### Who Brings the Gifts?

Forest is being a little naughty, and a mouse is stirring too! Hopefully Santa Claus won’t notice them peeking!

Hint: this puzzle is a little hard, so I put name of a major city in each clue. If you need help, just ask Mom or Dad!

- Svaty Mikulas
- La Befana
- Hotei-oshio
- Papai Noel
- Jultonten
- Ded Moroz
- Santa Claus

In North America, Santa Claus brings the Christmas presents while children sleep. **Who brings the gifts in other countries? Do this 3-way match to find out (one is done for you):**

- Italy
- Russia
- Brazil
- Japan
- Sweden
- United States
- Czech Republic

### Letters to Santa

U.S. Canada Italy More letters!

What does Santa use to help him organize the letters he gets from children around the world?

R = Red  
G = Green

Freddie To Santa  
To Santa Claus North Pole

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# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## Healthy Soups

One more healthy version to meet your warm comfort food cravings. I always like to enjoy tomato soup with a grilled cheese sandwich or at least a piece of cheesy toast. Hope you enjoy.

### Healthy Tomato Basil Soup allthehealthythings.com

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon OLIVE OIL
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed RED PEPPER FLAKES, plus more to taste
- 1 teaspoon SALT, plus more to taste
- 15oz can FIRE ROASTED TOMATOES
- 15oz can CRUSHED TOMATOES
- 1 cup CHICKEN BROTH
- 1/2 tablespoon BALSAMIC VINEGAR
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil, plus for more for serving
- 1/2 cup COCONUT MILK

#### Directions

Heat a Dutch oven or heavy bottomed pot over medium heat. Once hot, add the olive oil, onion, and garlic. Sauté the onions and garlic for 4-5 minutes until the onions soften and become translucent. Next, add the roasted diced tomatoes, crushed tomatoes, chicken broth, balsamic vinegar, salt, and red pepper flakes to the pot. Simmer the soup for 30 minutes. After the soup has simmered, transfer it to a blender and blend until smooth. Then, add the fresh basil and blend again. Transfer the soup back to your pot and add in the coconut milk. Simmer for 10 more minutes. Finish the soup with more fresh basil and enjoy!

## Motorists enjoy the gift of lower prices

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 8.5 cents last week, averaging \$2.48 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 30.8 cents lower than a month ago and stand 9.1 cents lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$1.99 while the most expensive was \$4.29 per gallon.

The national average

price of gasoline fell 8.6 cents last week, averaging \$3.03 per gallon. The national average is down 26.9 cents from a month ago and stands 6.8 cents lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fell 9.2 cents last week and stands at \$3.99 per gallon.

"As the nation's average price of gasoline has fallen for the 13th straight week, we're on the cusp of potentially seeing a \$2.99 per gal-

lon average for the first time in years, most welcome just in time for the Christmas holiday," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Hann added, "While the declines may soon come to an end as the price of oil has rebounded from recent lows, we could see a gentler 2024 at the pump for motorists. Gasoline could see its average fall below \$3 this week while the

price of diesel has just fallen below \$4 for the first time since July, also very welcome news for the economy as nearly all goods are impacted by the price of diesel. All in all, the news continues to be good in terms of fuel prices as we enter into the closing innings of 2023."

GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

## Happy Birthday

**Dec. 21**  
Robert Sandoval  
Lindsey Pitsch  
Chip Stevenson

**Dec. 22**  
Chris Haile  
Garrett Surman  
Sabrina Clark  
Thomas Preyer  
Loriel Brewster

**Dec. 23**  
Sue Wells  
Nancy Davis  
Kassandra Gonzalez

**Dec. 24**  
Mike Herbert  
Catherine Fairweather  
Emily Chico

**Dec. 25**  
Mona Sharrowk  
Mickey Harrelson  
Michael McLellan

**Dec. 26**  
Moises Piña  
Lindsey Jennings Irwin  
Allison Bass  
Kerry Blackburn

**Dec. 27**  
Jessica Piña  
Joanna Schueler Baaafour  
Nora Mendez

**Dec. 28**  
Brandon Berend  
Jan Parker  
Nathan Hoon  
Amy Stephens  
Nilsa Perez

**Dec. 29**  
Alan Monroe  
Holly Schueler  
Melissa (Monreal) Vazquez  
Jackie Hefner

Debby Stovall  
Heather Schueler  
Brynlee Beyers  
Baylor Barnett

**Dec. 30**  
Cherie Maddox  
Ted Procter

**Dec. 31**  
Staci (Murphree) Brantley  
Emily Marie Epperson  
Tonya Rainey  
Oscar Torres  
Frankie Lindeman

**Jan. 1**  
Cordella Jeter  
Gary Stowers  
Corbin Potts  
Carter Acker  
Bennett Acker  
Cinda (Johnson) Scheef  
Michael Hernandez

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**Jan. 3**  
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## Obituary

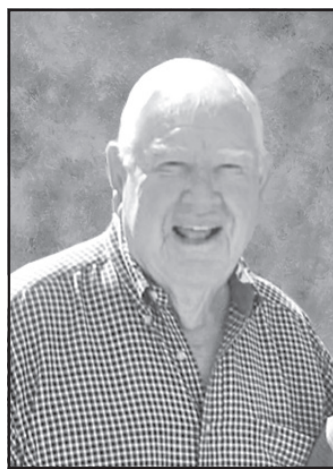


### Cecil Alvin Maddox

Cecil Alvin Maddox, age 86, of Windsor, Colorado passed into the hands of God on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

He was born in Olton, Texas on June 22, 1937 to Sue Jolly and Raymond Maddox. Cecil grew up in Olton and graduated from Olton High School in 1955. He met his sweetheart, Mary Hazel Phillips, while still in high school and the two attended West Texas State College together. Cecil graduated from West Texas in 1960 with a Bachelor's Degree, and a beautiful wife, that he would cherish until the day of his passing. He later completed his Master's at Tarleton State in 1973. Cecil was a coach, teacher, and principal for 30 years in Texas. Following his retirement from education, he opened his own insurance agency and pursued this second career until his mid-seventies. Cecil proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Cecil and Mary wed in Olton on January 26, 1958. They resided in Friona, Texas from 1961 until 2008, when they relocated to Windsor. Together they raised a wonderful daughter, Mika. Family was everything to Cecil. He was very involved as a father, always supporting Mika in everything that



she did. He never missed a game or an event. He instilled in his daughter a strong work ethic, a deep belief in what is most important in this life: faith, family, and friends. Cecil was a kind and friendly man. His outgoing personality ensured that he never met a "stranger". He enjoyed striking up a conversation with anyone that crossed his path. He was a man of conviction and deep faith that guided him throughout his life. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Cecil loved to golf and go fly fishing. He also enjoyed scenic drives and traveling. He was an avid fan of the Texas Tech Red Raiders football and basketball teams, and the Dallas Cowboys. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Friona and the Front Range Baptist Church in Fort Collins. He was also a longtime member of the Lions

Club in Friona.

Cecil leaves behind his wife of almost 66 years, Mary Maddox, daughter, Mika Schneider, her husband Myron, and their children, Erin and Ian. He is also survived by his brother, Mike Miller and his wife Karen, as well as treasured nieces and nephews. He is greeted in Heaven by his parents, Ray Maddox and Sue Jolly Bennett, brother Jessie Maddox and wife Foy, and by his infant grandchildren, Issac, Mathew, and Christina Schneider.

Family and friends are invited to a Viewing and a time to say their final goodbyes on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Resthaven Funeral Home & Memory Gardens in Fort Collins, Colorado, followed by a Memorial Service at 2:00 PM. Cecil's Burial Service will occur and he will be laid to eternal rest at 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Memories and condolence are welcome at [www.resthavencolorado.com](http://www.resthavencolorado.com) for the Maddox family.



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# No Room in the Inn

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

One of the sad twists and ironies of Jesus' birth is that "there was no place for them in the inn," Luke 2:7, which was why Jesus was laid in a manger. What a shame that nobody made room for this young couple, who were on the verge of delivery. Can you imagine how pregnant she looked and the pleas of Joseph to please let us in, yet to no avail? The child who was born deserved the nicest accommodations, yet was lowly enough to be laid in a manger.

Isn't ironic that so many homes still don't make room for Jesus? I'm talking about Christian homes, who claim Him, yet squeeze Him

out this time of year. Sure, you may attend church once or twice during the week, but is Jesus welcome in your home? Is your Christmas focus on lights and décor, presents and punch, or something greater? Do you allow the lie of Santa and his magical reindeer consume your conversations with children and grandchildren, instead of making room for Jesus? You've made room for presents under the tree, but is there room for Jesus in your home?

If you are feeling convicted about now, take time to repent for shunning Jesus and make room for Him. Making room for Jesus is about incorporating Him into

your Christmas celebrations and traditions in your home. Here are some helpful ideas to help you make room for Jesus: read the Christmas story in Luke 1-2 or Matthew 1-2 before a meal or opening presents; for young children buy a children's nativity set so they can play with; memorize Matthew 1:21 or Luke 2:11; in conversation discuss the way God moved in Mary and Joseph's lives and challenges they faced. Although there are countless more ways to make room for Jesus at Christmas, my prayer is that you will be intentional and persistent in making room for Him in your heart and your home this year.

## Panhandle Parables

# Away In A Manger

By Jeff Procter, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

Can you imagine putting an infant in a feed trough? This song that shares the title of this little story gently reminds us of the humble beginnings of life on earth for our Lord and Savior. Mary didn't have a baby shower that we know of, no nice crib that took a college degree to put together, no one-zies, diapers, or a host of toys. Just swaddling cloth, hay, and a trough. Humble beginnings for sure, but the humility it would take to go from Divine to human, I cannot imagine.

As you sing this little song, it goes from a gentle picture of Jesus' beginning to a prayer for our salvation. "Be near me, Lord Jesus - I ask Thee to stay - Close by me forever - And love me I pray - Bless all the dear children - In Thy tender care - And take us to heaven - To live with Thee there" \*

Yes, some time ago in a land across the sea, the Christ child was born to save you and me. He would walk this earth clothed

in humility, and keenly focused on His high calling to offer Himself in our place. He would love each he encountered with compassion and grace, from the time of his birth to his death on that cross with forgiveness in His face.

So, when you sing this little song remember a humble birth gave way to a humble life, that led to Him humbling himself to die on the cross. That you and I might know what a real king looks like and know that this King will reign for all time. May we believe His story from cradle to grave to a throne on high where He beckons us to follow Him home. Let us forever give Him praise.

As another year closes and a new one begins, Lord willing, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God grant you wisdom, compassion and opportunities to serve to the end.

\*Christmas Carols - Away In A Manger Lyrics | MetroLyrics

# Obeying God

By Teena Hughs

For some reason last week, I started thinking about changes I want to make in 2024, changes to make me a better person. You know I am not good at keeping New Year's resolutions, but I came up with two things I really do need to change: my worldly language, and treating my body as a temple. After watching Charlie Kirk's Turning Point USA summit from Phoenix, Arizona, I came up with a third thing: obeying God.

If you aren't familiar with Charlie, he works to bring college-age students to the conservative side of thinking. He is a man of faith; one who believes in God, family and country. Kirk has this annual summit and brings in speakers who support what is best for our country. For me, it is like a pep rally to encourage people to get busy and fight for our country, especially with an election in 2024!

I started watching as ministers were speaking. They were supposed to be talking about how to get wokeness out of our churches. Each of the speakers talked about the importance of obeying God. Whether we win or lose any battle, we have to obey God.

Most of us were reared to obey our parents, so it should be natural that after we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we want to obey our Heavenly Father. Deuteronomy 6:24 says, "So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival as it is today." The LORD commands us in Leviticus 18:5, "So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them, I am the LORD." So, why are we sometimes so reluctant, so slow to obey God, or why do we not obey Him at all?

Each person has to answer that for themselves, but God knows why we don't obey Him. Just like life was easier when we obeyed our parents, it is easier when we

obey God.

I don't know about you, but I have been noticing how God is blessing those who live their lives as believers, who depend on and trust God, and obey Him. On November 12th, my cousin Robert's wife, Marci, had a stroke in Oregon. They are believers and depended on God throughout her stay in the hospital.

Marci was on life support, waiting for a neurologist to come check her out, but they never got one. On November 28th, the decision was made to remove the breathing tube at 9 a.m. on the 29th, and Robert said, "We will see if God wants her now or if we get to keep her." Well, guess what? They got to keep her. She has done nothing but improve, and she left the hospital on December 14th for two to four weeks at an inpatient rehab facility. Deuteronomy 28: 1-2 says, "Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God."

You learn how to obey God from reading and studying the Word, and living it!!! Obedience has its rewards: you don't get into as much trouble; you have fewer regrets; you definitely sleep better at night and have much less stress and anxiety. Above all, you are saying God is right, whether you completely understand His Word or not. You are saying you trust Him, that His ways work, and they do work every time they are obeyed.

I don't know what changes you need to make in your life; maybe you don't think you need to make any changes. But, before you think you don't need to make any changes, you might want to ask God about that. In the meantime, I hope all is well with you, and I hope you and your family have a merry, merry Christmas!!!

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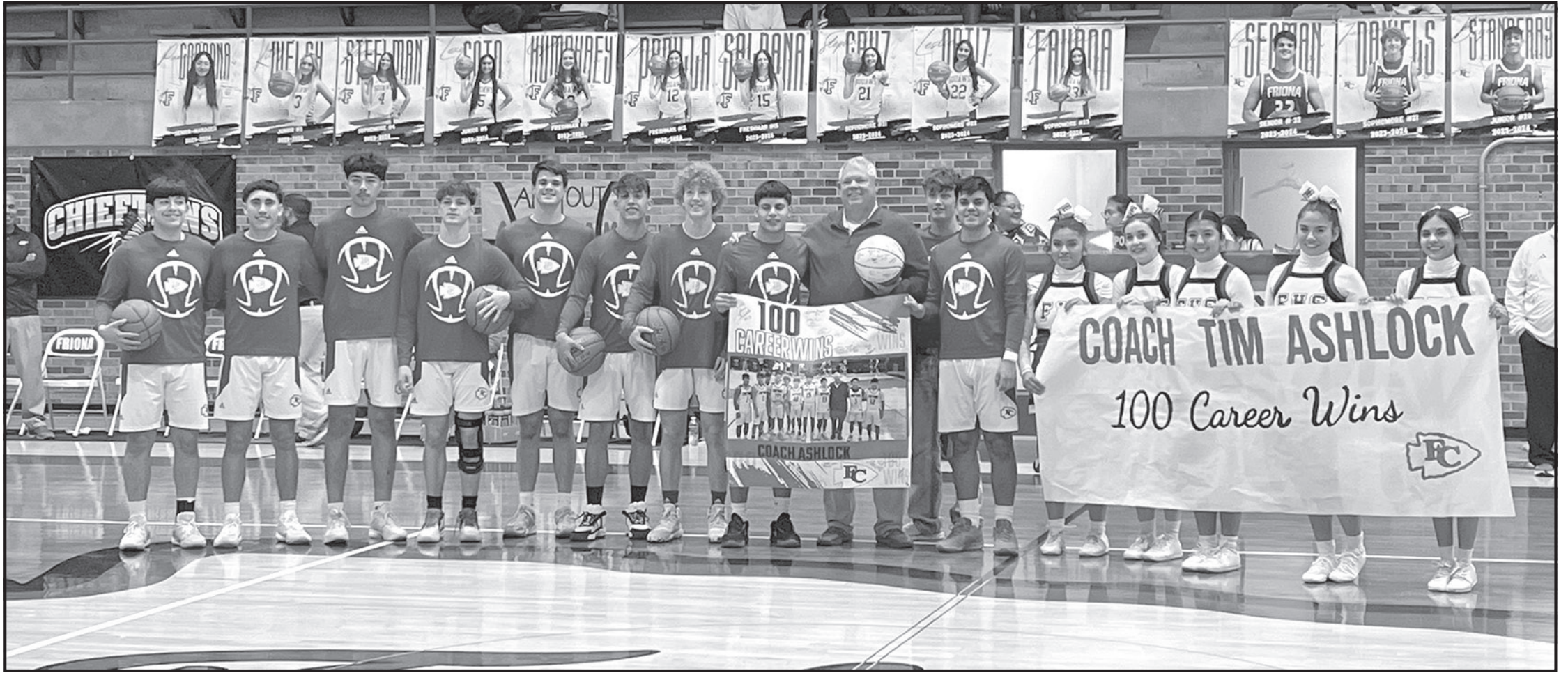
<sup>14</sup> Y el Verbo se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros. Y contemplamos su gloria, la gloria que corresponde al Hijo único del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad. Juan 1:14 NVI

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# Sports News



## Congratulations Coach Ashlock

**100 Wins** — (above) Coach Tim Ashlock was honored at the basketball game last Friday evening for reaching his 100th career win as a coach. He hit the magic number when the Chieftains earned a 37-25 road win at Amherst on December 12th. Congratulations Coach Ashlock!

**Field Trip** — (right) Cade Seaman, Carson Seaman, Yvonne Legarreta, Isaac Olmos, and Jose Alvidrez dropped by the school board meeting last Monday evening. The four Chieftains were recognized for earning All District honors in football and Yvonne for breaking two school records and competing in four consecutive state cross country championships. All five are seniors at FHS.

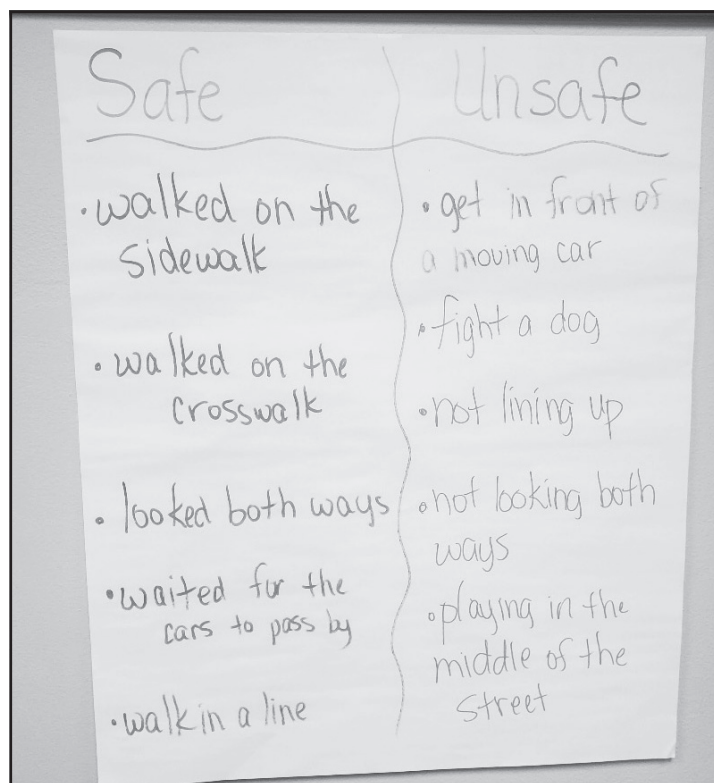
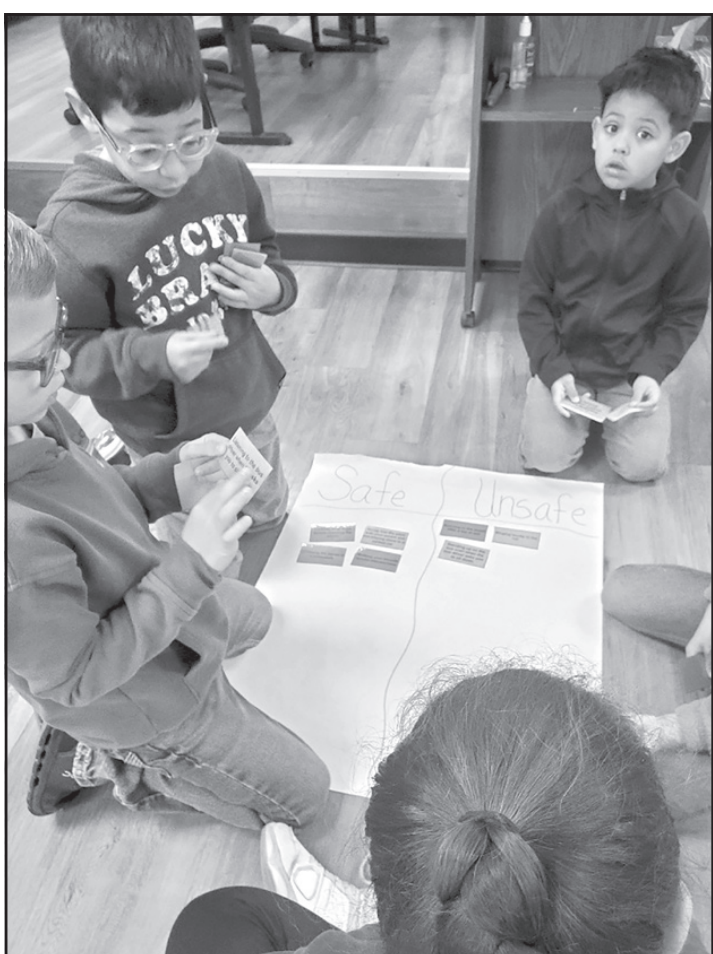


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The lesson entitled “Being Safe, Not Sorry” focused on safe and unsafe behaviors at home,

school, in the car, and around the neighborhood. Students had story time and a sorting activity with Judge Samarron. Court Clerk Assistant Sonia Gomez helped students map out safe and unsafe behaviors and graph them. Each student received a Municipal Court coloring book and snacks. The Court would like to thank the 2nd grade teachers, Mrs. Suarez, and all the students who participated and made Municipal Court Week such a success.



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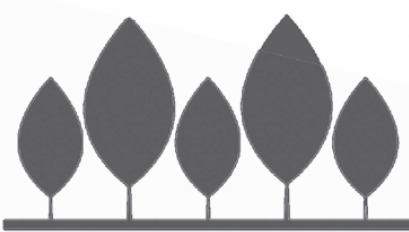


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From, Cesar

Dear Santa , I want the Dallas Cowboys to win the superbowl and football cards and a Ceede lamb jersey.

DEAR Santa,  
How is the north pole?How is your day going?I have been a good student.  
Are the elves ready for Christmas?For Christmas, I would like a ps 5 and football, and football gloves and some gloves for my dad too.I would also like some Lakers brand shorts. My dad needs some pants.and jordan ones bI love you Santa.  
From, DYLAN Molina

Dear Santa,  
I been good in school and I been listening to my teacher and I was gonna ask you that if you can give me gift like nike sock and a remote controller and a ps5 apple watch and a iphone and jordan 1 ipad boomerang and a santa shirt.  
Love Dylan Mendez

Dear Santa,  
All I want for christmas is a ps5 and a phone.  
Dere zidyn friend,

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the rain-deers I have been a good friend and I have been doing my homework. For Christmas I want a vr head set and a other thing I want a ps5 and call of duty and a computer .And for my mom I want a necklace.  
Love Kevin

Dear Santa,  
Have you kissed Miss,Closs under the mistletoe yet ,and how are the reindeer.One thing I want for Christmas is a keyboard , christmas sweater ,stanly pig strew toper . Santa, I hope you have a great Christmas!  
Love, Paisley.O

DEAR SANTA,  
I want for Christmas is shark slides, new clothes, and new shoes jordans for basketball too. I would like Steph Curry shirt and a new basketball for practice and a grinch beanie and a grinch outfit so I can be the grinch and grinch gloves and a grinch pillow so i can always sleep with the grinch and a lot lot lot lot lot lot lot lot of squishmallows and a barbie Dreamhouse and a grinch sheet for my bed and a grinch carpet and grinch pajamas and a ps5 and a headphones for it and an alexa for my room.  
LOVE, ADELYN Zamudio

Dear Santa,  
Can I get a ps5 and a nintendo switch and a spy ninja box pack.  
Love your friend, Dominick Rocha

Dear Santa,  
I would like a ps5 and a nintendo switch and new shoes and new clothes and a Iphone15 and a dog and a cat.  
Love your friend, Brian

Dear Santa,  
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Love , Klohe

Dear Santa, I hope you have a mery chirstmas and is the toy shop ok. And I was good this year.And I am going to tell you what I want for christmas.I whant a la hat,and jordan black cats shoes,pit vipers,garcia funco pop. Have a mery christmas santa.

Dear Santa,  
how are you are you ready to eat my cookies I was a good kid I did my homework and a good friend so can you give me this gift. I want a necklace and a drone with a controller and a kitty keyboard With a kitty mouse.  
Love yandery,R

Dear SANTA,  
I want a rubik's cube and a Soccer ball and a chess and a pocket knife and a stretch toys.  
Love,  
Abraham Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I want a PS4, PS5, Call of Duty and TV, football, and a X Box 1 .  
Love, Jeremiah Garcia

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Love Diego lopez.

SANTA HOW ARE YOU DOING  
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LOVE, EDUARDO GUTIERREZ.

Dear Santa,  
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Love, Nathan Salas

Dear Santa  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas.I hope that you are not too busy at. The North pole to read this letter.I Would like you to bring me a Kansas City Chief jersey from Kelse. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Sebastian Aragon

Dear Santa,I am Writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not to busy at the North Pole to read this letter. I would like for you to bring me a Football toy from the Miami Dolphins and Kansas City Chiefs. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Roman Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope you are not busy at the North Pole to read this letter. I would like for you to bring me Puppy Salon. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Hailey Carrillo

Dear Santa,  
What i want for christmas 1 speedflex 2 drone 3 dirt bike 4 maden 24  
Love Miguel Godoy

Dear Santa,  
How is it going over there? How are the reindeers?Are you ready for Christmas? Are the elves making new gifts? I've been helping my mom with the laundry. I would like two toy dinosaurs. I also want a lego set. I would also like football so I can play with my dad. It was nice talyking to you. Have a nice trip.  
Sincerely, Joaquin

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I would like a new toy truck. I would also like a new cowboy hat. See you soon!  
Love, Johan

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas . I hope that you are well and that your reindeer are ready to fly!  
I would like for you to bring me Amethyst crystal. I have been good this year!  
Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Sebastian Cano

Dear Santa.  
Hi Santa, I hope you are not too busy to read my letter. I would like a Magic Mixer for Christmas.I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world. And I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Lauren.C.Barraza



**A Prairie Christmas** — Kevin Wiseman leads the audience in singing carols as Santa and the Elves pass out the presents to the residents during the Prairie Acres Christmas Party last week. Carolyn Wiseman (just out of photo on the right) played the piano and Administrator Jeff Procter (far left) directed traffic. The dining area was completely full and attendees enjoyed Christmas snacks afterwards.

# Merry Christmas from the City of Friona



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Sincerely, Kamiah Shelby

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Me gustaría que este año me trajeras una muñeca que tiene ropa de verdad.  
Muchas gracias  
Leidy Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not too busy to read this letter. I would like for you to bring me a real baby puppy. It should not be too big. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Nova Gama

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado muy bien. Me gustaría que este año me trajeras una barbie y unos patines.  
Muchas gracias,  
Jenifer Marquez

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy kitchen and a gep and a iphone and a sqishmeoll and a new bag a tablet and a brases.

# Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,  
How have you been doing? I have been good and my brother has been good as well. I have been nice to my brother and parents. I have been wanting a Fnaf, cars, and a pool. I have been a good boy and have been on the nice list for the longest time.  
From Memphis Olivas.

Dear Santa, for christmas i want is a nintendo with the game sonic superstar and sonic the hedgehog admin calendar thanks

Dear Santa,  
I am writing let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not too busy at the North Pole read this letter. I would like for you to bring me a 49ers jersey. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Mauricio Moreno

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you known what i would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not too busy At the North Pole to read this letter. I would like for you to bring me a big, moving Robot. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I leave a treat!  
Sincerely, Ruben Chico

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you know hat I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not too busy at the North Pole to read this letter. I would like for you to bring me a pink, fuzzy stocking hat. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Ahyanna Contreras

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Me gustaría que este año me trajeras un Playstation y un iPhone 11.  
Muchas gracias, Kevin Zetino

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not too busy at The North Pole to read this letter. I would like for you to bring me a Luigi mansion 3. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I Will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Fabian Reyes

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado muy bien. Me gustaría que este año me trajeras un carro de control remoto y una patineta.  
Muchas gracias,  
Pablo Raymundo

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not too busy at the North Pole to read this letter. I would like you to bring me a Dirt bike. I have been good this year!!! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat.  
Sincerely, Nehemiah Martinez

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien Me gustaría que este año me trajeras Nintendo Switch.  
Muchas Gracias, Miguel Alonso

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Me gustaría que este año me trajeras una barbie y una bicicleta.  
Muchas gracias, Alexa Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you have been well and that your reindeer are ready to fly! I would like for you to bring me a medium, blue hauler truck with 2 trailers. I have been good this year! Please be swafe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Valentino Mendez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas i want clos for my dog and a drive grmesh hous. and 2 skrere sqishqsmlo.  
Alicia Martinez

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a puppy, new shoes and a ps5.  
Gianni Chavez

Dear Santa,  
This year the thing I want this Christmas is that everyone is happy and healthy. I also want to spend time with my family, friends, and loved ones. I wish this year we get snow! I love the winter snow because it makes it feel more like Christmas. The most thing I want this Christmas is that everyone can celebrate Jesus Christ with their family and friends this wonderful Christmas.  
Your friend, Jennifer Lilly Maria Portillo

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control monster truck, Batman lego car, Nintindo switch, Coloring book, Colors, Star wars lego set, Candy cane, Slime, Stress ball, Popit, Nike shirt.  
David Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want for christmas my xbox back pleas. and a trampoline pleas. and a big book.  
Miguel Olviedo

Dear santa  
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are well and that your reindeer are ready to go too! I would like for your to bring me some Legos. I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely Eduardo Lorenzo

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Me gustaría que este año me trajeras un Play Station y un Xbox.  
Muchas gracias,  
Kevin Bernal

Dear Santa,  
I love you so much and I want for christmas is a fnaf toy and a mr best brar a drit bike. i hope you are safe and i will remember you.  
Sincerely, Andrew Tafoya

Querido Santa Cols,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Me gustaria que me trajeras una pelota de soccer y también un muñeco de tiburón.  
Muchas gracias,  
Domingo Juarez

Querido Santa Clos,  
Hola! Este año yo me he portado muy bien. Me gustaría que me trajeras un Iphone 12 pro max y un Nintendo switch.  
Muchas gracias,  
Maria Isabel Ha Garcia.

## Santa visits Created With Purpose

Last Monday, clients and all community members were invited to bring their children for a chance to visit with Santa, sit on his knee, and hear him share the story of the Legend of the Candy Cane. He told how the Candy Cane symbolizes God's love for us, and it is meant to be shared. It is shaped like a shepherd's staff because Jesus is our shepherd. It shows us the 'J' for Jesus. The white stripes symbolize our Savior, spotless, pure and true. The red stripes remind us of His sacrifice shed for you and me. Each family received a coloring book that con-

tains the story of the Candy Cane and a box of crayons. The children also picked a wrapped gift from under the tree. These gifts were provided by the donations given to Created With Purpose of West Texas through the toy drive at Dollar General in Bovina. The Legend of the Candy Cane story on a keepsake card with a candy cane pen were given to the parents. Hot chocolate and cookies were served. Approximately fifty were in attendance. The special evening ended with a Christmas party with the Created With Purpose staff and

board of directors. They enjoyed a wonderful Leal's meal, desserts, and a time of fellowship together. The board of directors and staff of Created With Purpose of West Texas wish you a joy-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year. They welcome you to come by anytime to visit them at the center. They would love to give you a tour. Office hours are Mondays & Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. and Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. are located at 907 Hwy 86 in Bovina, Texas.



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In the photo — (l-r) Lindsey Pitch (Nurse/Sonographer), Annette Frye (Executive Director), Erica Moore (Office Manager) and Santa.

# Commissioners receive county fire reports

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

Commissioners approved a burn ban for ninety day which took effect on Monday, December 11, 2023. You can still obtain permission to do a special burn by calling the Parmer County Sheriff's Office at 806-481-3303. Certain conditions must be met before any special burn can be conducted.

A Service Agreement with NewTex IT Solutions LLC was approved. The agreement is for 4 hours per week (usually on Tuesday)



Parmer County Commissioners and Judge — Commissioner Kenny White, Pct. 3; Commissioner Kirk Frye, Pct. 1; County Judge Izzy Carrasco; Commissioner Charles Wilkins, Pct. 2; Commissioner Casey Russell, Pct. 4.

at \$90 per hour. Robert Goff is the owner of the new company which takes the place of Southwest Business Solutions which has been dissolved. The agreement must be renewed each year,

Sheriff Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 41 inmates of which 15 are

from Lubbock County.

Commissioners received reports from the fire departments operating in Parmer County. The Parmer County budget for 2023 allocated \$150,000.00 for Rural Fire Subsidy. In January 2023, subsidy payments were as follows: Rhea received \$12,000.00; Bovina, Farwell, and Lazbuddie received \$22,000.00

each; and Friona received \$32,000.00 advance. The remainder of the subsidy (\$40K) is prorated to the five (5) fire departments based on the number of fire calls. In 2023, there were 159 county fire calls so the subsidy would be \$251.57 per call. This year, commissioners voted to pay Rhea for their calls. Bovina Fire Department

received \$5,786.16 for 23 calls; Farwell Fire Department received \$12,075.47 for 48 calls; Friona Fire Department received \$14,339.62 for 57 calls; Lazbuddie Fire Department received \$7,044.03 for 28 calls; and the Rhea Fire Department received \$754.72 for 3 calls.

A motion was approved for the renewal of the contract with Avenue Company for the management and archival of open public records. This includes digitizing the documents and storing them on internet cloud servers. The new contract is for \$1,650 per month which is an increase from \$1,500 per month on the last contract. However, the agreement includes an much needed update for all of the equipment and a 5-year price lock.

The contract must still be approved by commissioners each year.

Commissioners approved the 2024 Parmer County Open Public Records Fee Schedule. The fee schedule includes a \$10 Records Management Fee and a \$10 Records Archive Fee.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the November 27th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved. The next regular meeting is on December 21st.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.



County Sweater Contest — Awyna Sanchez (Tax Assessor-Collector), BreAnn Saenz (Deputy Clerk), Pam Haseloff (JP Pct. 3), Mayra Chacon (Deputy Clerk), Lucy Martinez (Asst. Treasurer), Michelle Agee (Judge's Secretary), Jessica White (Election Clerk), Susie Spring (County Clerk), Sandra Warren (District Clerk), Sharon May (County Treasurer). The winner was Lucy Martinez (see front page).



Tax Office — Teresa Cary (Chief Deputy), Awyna Sanchez, and Jessica White.



Clerk's Office — Jessica White, BreAnn Saenz, Susie Spring and Mayra Chacon.

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# Santa Letters



Dear Santa, I want for Christmas a canopy that is pink and has gold butterflies. I also want a dog at petsmart and she is a little black wiener dog and also half lab dog and she has a pink collar and is in a pink cage and her name is lala. I also want is some new clothes and some new shoes. A plow horn so I can annoy my brother. A surgery set that comes in a purple bag. And two more things I would love another Elf on the shelf. I have two Elfs and a reindeer so please can I have another girl Elf on the shelf PLEASE AND THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!! I would love a mini Christmas tree and some fake presents to put under it PLEASE AND THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!! Love Alie,

Dear Santa, Cotton has been good. She has been nice to all of us. She is beautiful. I like Cotton. All I want for my Christmas is a mini fridge 10 and a collection of skin care. I also want an Iphone 14, and a stand for basketball. I want ten lunch boxes, a cow jacket, two Panama City Beach sweaters, and a Barbie dream house. A kitchen with fruit. One last thing, a black watch. Victoria Espinoza

Dear Santa Merry Christmas in the park Santa. I will see you and me and my little cousin. For christmas I want boba, freeze dried candy, an Iphone 14 and money to get my sister something. I really really miss my mom. I also want a dream story Barbie house, and a dog. Ariana Balli

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a baby puppy, a camera, a microphone and a diamond play button. I've been good to my grandma, and my papa and I've been nice to my baby brother and I have been nice to my mom. Darey Amaya

Dear Santa, Santa can you buy a t rex dino sour toy for me and a tricera tops for my bruther toy. Santa can you buy a new phon 15 for me and from my sister 14 phon. Dear santa can you give your magek hat. Max Larios

Querido Santa Clos, Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Me gustaría que este año Me trajeras una barbi y un perro. Muchas gracias, Manuela Guico

Dear Santa I want iphone, apple watch a ticket to disneyworld a go kart, hoverboard, make-up and i also want some really nice sunglasses and some baby toys I have been really good in my class I help my mom clean and I have good grades i hope you have a good christmas Yaretzi Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I hope you're having a great day at the north pole. What I want for christmas is a whole coloring set of colored pencils and I also want the new spider man 2 game and I also want the super mario wonder game and pokemon scarlet. Bye Santa. Thanks for the gifts. Eli Rocha

Dear Santa, I love Christmas. I've been wanting a Big Nate book. I'm going to tell you want, I really want a stitch doll and a stitch bar and a ipad and on the ipad the showcase i want a stitch showcase and a VR. from Evalee Mendoza

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want an iphone15 and a Tv and Slime And a ps5 and a bike and new shoes for christmas and a sqish-malos for my little sister. Camila Alvidrez

Dear Santa, I know you've been working hard. My teacher wanted us to write this letter. I know you are real. I hope your elves are working hard and by the way for christmas I want a guitar thank you for it. If I wake up with a guitar under my christmas tree I will be writing another letter to you. I hope you have a great day sending out presents and please rehire Cotton and Cotton hasn't moved this morning please rehire Cotton. The class and I want you to please hire her. We would be happy if you did because she has been nice all this time. I hope she is going to be a good elf. If she isn't i don't know what she is going to be to be honest. Greyson and my dad do not believe you are real. You always have this class by your side.. Can I get the play station 6? My brother has the play station 3. I like it alot but I just want to play station 6. It's fun to play, and I like it. For real. I heard a ho ho ho outside one night. I think it's Santa. My friends said nah santa ain't real i said yeah he is they said no he isn't i said YES HE IS they said NO HE ISN'T. I was like fine I said in my mind of course he is. Sent from Friona elementary school to north pole Elliot Pate

Dear Santa, I want black and white Nike pandas and a bracelet machine and a watch and the whole collection of bubble skin care. Camila Andrade

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a ps6 and a short necklace with charm that has AT and my dog back and a mining razer, a gocart and a new four wheeler that is bigger than my last one and a new mining iphone 14. and a new tablet and a per of jordan luns and a piano and a guitar and a trip to go skiing on the mountains and a new door to my bedroom cuz both of them are written on ad a new per of oakley drone and a new hot wheels and a new rubix cube and a new a hank the cow dog A to Z mysteries and a lot of chapter book and a new computer and a loooooooot of shorts and a lot of short sleeves and a new the north face and a new pair of melos and a new pair of nike's and cotton is being good. Austin Tafoya

Dear Santa, I want a Stefon Diggs jersey and a Trayvon Dlggs jersey and a Lmar Jakson jersey and a Josh Jung baseball Jersey, Mike Trout baseball jersey and a Brandin Cooks jersey and a Mika Parsons jersey. Luke Carthel

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas, i hope I make it to the parade so I can see you and Mrs. Claus. We love you santa and Mrs. Claus. I want a drone that has a camera and a bow and arrow that has a target, and a toy car that has a remote and that is it Merry Christmas. Ho Ho Ho and i've been good this year and I help my family with stuff. Adriel Amaya

Dear Santa, I want to have a new CD player because mine is broke. I also want an electric piano, an electric scooter, a polaroid camera, and an iphone 15 pro. Also a Santa hat for my cat named Luckey and also can I have Nintendo Switch? Also have a merry christmas and a happy new year Santa. Cannon Grimsley

Dear Santa, I want an iphone 14 for christmas, I also want a pink watch and a Barbie dream house, a kitchen toy with food, a Barbie car, another pink iphone 13, a purple watch and a Ken barbie toy. I want pink Nike shoes. I have been good this year. I help my mom with dishes, and washing clothes. My year has been good because my family has been nice to me, and because it is almost christmas. Marleny Picornio

Dear Santa, i wrote a scooter and a drone and a nerf gun Abraham Snyder

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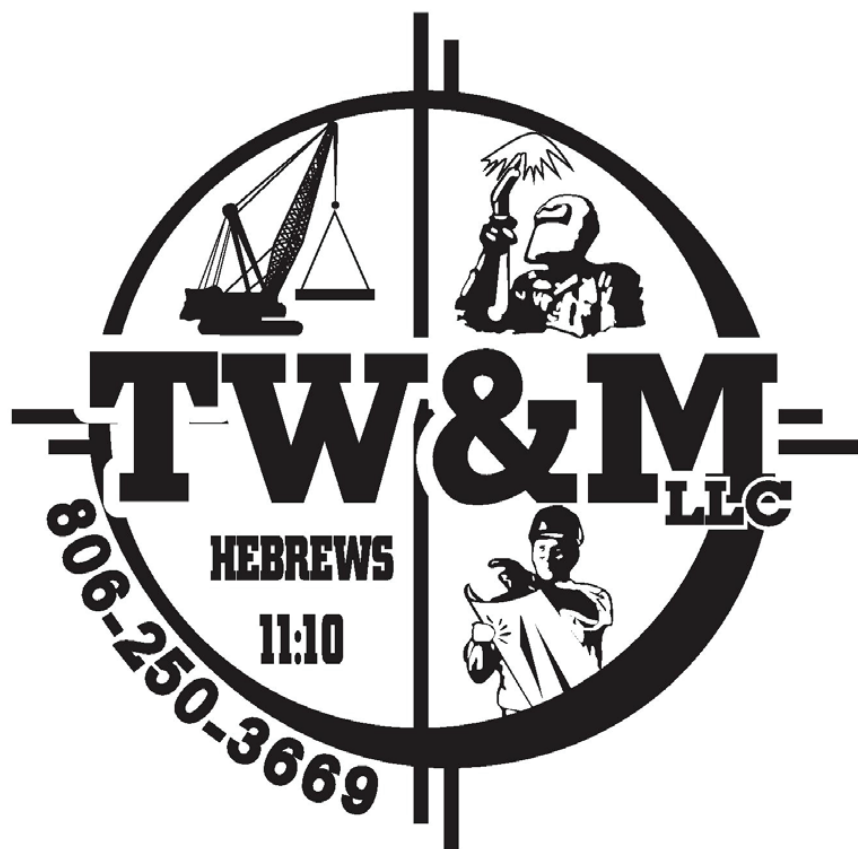
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## Mayor's Minutes

By Greg Lewellen



I want to wish everyone in Friona a very Merry Christmas, and I hope the holiday season brings everyone together once again with friends and family and as a community to make 2024 a happy new year. We are blessed to live in a community that has so many people that are willing to help, often behind the scenes, to help a neighbor in times of uncertainty and crisis. Thank you to all the unspoken citizens that take the time throughout the year to be uplifting to someone in need. I am proud of our community, and for the ability to represent such a community.

For the last edition of Mayor's Minutes for 2023, I wanted to update the community on some of the ongoing projects around town. The City is close to completing the Community Center renovations, with the bathrooms being done soon and the outside improvements finishing in early 2024. I hope everyone can find the time to attend the 2024 Chamber Banquet to see the completed renovations.

Work on the renovations to the fire department should begin in the early part of 2024, with demolition. The

fire department will be expanding in the current location to occupy most of the block that the current fire department sits on. Once complete, the department will be able to house the more modern equipment that has been acquired, and serve as an emergency response center for the county in times of catastrophic disasters.

Street paving will also begin in the early part of 2024, with blocks east of the High School being paved. This is the first paving of streets in many decades, and the project will continue for many years, to improve several streets across the city.

The City is also beginning in 2024 a rebate program to promote water conservation. Applications will be available at City Hall for a select group of water saving improvements that can be made to your house or business to help con-

serve water, with the City reimbursing citizens for purchases listed in the program. Although the City received an excellent review during our 50-year water study in 2023, we want to be proactive in conserving a resource that is becoming scarce in the Panhandle.

Finally, I want to recognize the administrative staff at City Hall, that work tirelessly to make sure everyone is served to the best of their ability. Thank you to Rosa Mendez, our City Secretary, Pam Mercado, our Human Resources and Finance Director, to Maria Gonzales, our front-line person that you often take your water bill payments, and to Sandra Busch, our Assistant City Manager. All of them work behind the scenes every day to serve the citizens of Friona. Without their service, the wheels of government would cease to turn.



## Finishing With A Flourish - with Bermea Construction

By Jim Steiert



**Drone's Eye View** —The expansive parking lot project at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center is shown in this drone photo. Reworking of the once-potholed area around the structure is now complete. (Drone photo courtesy of Blaze Bermea)

Final payment ceremonies were held on December 12th after completion of resurfacing work on the parking lot at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center by Bermea Construction of Friona. The \$329,625 project involved reclaiming material down to soil, adding base material, reworking and packing the parking lot, and striping. Work began in November and the final payment, shown below, was a check in the amount of \$45,810. Richard Bermea reported his company and employees enjoyed "the best working environment we've ever had" during the course of the work. The Friona-based firm has been in business for 30 years and is licensed, bonded, and insured for work in Texas and New Mexico.

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**In the photo** — Vanessa Nava, executive director of Hereford Senior Citizens Center, Edward Allison, president of the Hereford Senior Citizens Association, Richard Bermea, and Blaze Bermea. (Photo by Jim Steiert)

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# Empty Stocking Fund

This year, the Empty Stocking Fund helped USDA employees at Cargill, along with numerous volunteers, provide clothing and a toy to 140 needy children in Friona. Generous donations, including \$6,000 from the United Fund of Friona, were collected by co-chairs Holly Campbell and Jyl Grimsley for this year's project. A special "Thank You" to the United Fund of Friona, donors and/or volunteers, 6th St. Church of Christ and those businesses who helped collect the donations. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



(l-r) Maria, Essence, Natividad, Ruben, Manuel, Jose, Joshua, Fred, Doug, Cass, Jason, Gabriel, Rafela, and Veronica.

(l-r) Maria, Veronica, Gustavo, Juana, Natalie, Cass, Gabriel, Fred, Manuel, Leanne, Lizet, and Isela.



(l-r) Ruben, Maria, Natividad, Lizet, Manuel, Gabriel, and Isela.

Merry Christmas  
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(l-r) Curt, Celeste, Mayra, Sandra, Maria, Cynthia, Patsy, Alma, Ab

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# Letters for Santa

DEAR,SANTA

I hope you and misses clous had a very good christmas this year and you and your reindeer and the elves and i have been good this year and i have been waiting for christmas so i wold like for christmas is some nike sokes nike swets and nike sweater and some clothes and i want a stanly and some jewey and a toper for my stanly and a want a fanypake and i wont some shoes and some skin care and a charm bracelet and a nekiles and some hair stuff and some sweaters and some braslettes and some plushys and 2 things i want for christmas a ipad and a desk o and a few other things a water bottle and some keychains new crocs and a trampoline o and i want an a temdoswich and some orgenizers for my room o and a appel pincel and an ipad case and some nike shouse some bath bomse note pad some pictur frames for my room and a rug and some blankets and a book shelf so i can putt my books in their and one of thouse glitterey water bottell things and some head fones some nike shirts o and ensed of the head fones can i get air pouds and some earrings and rings and some perfwem and a beddspinner please and some shelves and some house shoes and a calendar and a withe bord o and i want a mear and a thing that gosone top of yor rouf and houlds your stuffed animals and thers a thin that i called a cocoon it can go in your room it is kinda like a swing butt you can go in it and i hope you and the reindeer and the elves had a very good christmas this year o and one more thing i need to ask you i hope every one has a really good christmas this year and you gusy to And the elves and the reindeer and one more thing have a safe trip LOVE, KAYLEIGH J.

Dear Santa,

I want a ps4, an Ipad, a tablet, and an xbox. I have been good this year. I have been doing all my school work. I have been nice this year. I helped my mom put up the Christmas tree. Sometimes I help clean the floor. I am nice to my cousins. Sometimes I go to my grandmas and help my grandma and grandpa do chores. I also help others.  
Easton Smith

Dear Santa

Merry Christmas Santa I want a monkey toy, a unicorn toy, a puppy toy, a lego toy, and an elf. I also want two toy sloths, a phone, an ipad, mini fridge, shoes, and tablet. I have been good but my brother is mean to me and one more thing I want is a headband.  
Maricelta Perez

Dear santa,

I wish you and cotton a merry christmas and I know you have been working for kids. I have been good this year so I really want some dunks. I've been wanting 5 mini fridges. I have been wanting this so much I really want a color set. I also want some skincare headbands and an ipad pro max. Also I want some bubbles and I want the pink camera and I want a white piano and I want an electric bike. I want a pink scooter and I want a 20000 Roblox and I want a good christmas present because I've been good this year.  
Analee Faudoa

Dear Santa,

Ilove Christmas because you give us presents and you give us elves. I want a toy elf, a horse, and an ipad. I am a little bad and a little good. I have been bad because my sister is getting me in trouble. Sometimes I have been good, when my sister is with my grandma. My year has been hard. I hit my head on a pole, and I was pushed off the bed while wearing a mask in the dark. I also busted my lip inside. One day I got some money and bought some slime.

Dear Santa.

I want 3 baby cats and an a iphone so i can stop watching my dad's phone and downloading game's and a plushy and a new water bottle but kindy black and purple lines and a house and A tv and a new table and a laptop and a ipad and ear pods and a basket ball and a tablet and a New jacket and a new shoe and i can stop coughing and a new light and new chairs and a new glasses and a new shirt and a new pant and a new teddy and a new pencil.

Dear Santa,

I like a squeshmelo barbe a lol doll tede bera and lego skape-shoos.

Dear Santa,

What I want to have this Christmas Is a grave digger and a drone and One more thing that i want is a Gift for my family and is god.  
By Rodrigo.

Dear Santa,

I need a new toy and two phone and a ipad and a bike. And a big bike for my big brother and two book. three Shoes.

Dear Santa i want a ipad for Christmas Aubriella Sloniker

Dear Santa,

For christmas I want a four wheeler, a puppy, a ps5, a ipad, a phone and jordan shoes. I also want mini fridge and a elf and a new bike and some hank the cowdog books and some a to z mysteries books and some chapter books and I wish for snow and a computer.  
Nathanael Licerio

Dear Santa,

I have taken care of Pete, Zack, Rose, Grinch, and the babies. What I want for Christmas is a violin. I've been good by giving people food when they can't afford it. I had a good year because I got to learn in school. Thank you santa.  
Hazel Portillo

Dear Santa,

I what a ipod and a. deron and a . New shos. And a nfl football And that all that i what.  
Darron Thompson

Dear Santa

,a tablet a new phone and teddy apple watch disneyland ticket a toy baby\  
Aizlynn Cervantes

Dear Santa,Can I have a airzooka and can i have a infinite marble loop and a tuning fork and can i have a robux gift card  
Asher Suarez

Dear Santa, im wishing for a scooter or drone and a makeup kit and bubble, lotion  
Genesis Bautista

Dear Santa

Ilike Cotton because she is pretty. What I want for Christmas is a puppy. I have been good. I listened, took care of my mom and I helped her out. My year has been good. It was good because I like helping my mom. I also get to see my brother and I get to see my sister. Thank you santa.  
Madison Boren

Dear Santa'

I like a 10\$ and tedy bear and new nike's and new toy's and a iphone15 And a bunny and a crayola's.  
love. JUANA

Dear Santa,

I wish that you coud bring me a new tos and a new pans fore Christmas and a new shoes and a new jacit

Dear Santa,

For christmas I want a basketball. I also want a soccerball so I can practice playing soccer. I also want a sewing machine so I can learn how make clothes. I also want some jewelry for christmas. I also want a light blue sweater. I also want a new phone. I also want Some washable markers to color with. I also want a tablet for christmas. I also want a pair of earrings.  
Sincerely, Demri

Dear Santa,

I Want to nintendo switch  
Eryx Beltran

Dear Santa,

I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I hope that you are not too busy at the North Pole to read this letter. I would like for you to bring me a new, pink stuffed puppy. I have been really good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Alicia Ha-Chic

Dear Santa

Can you get me a ipad. Can you get me a elf. Can you get me a gooche.  
Anabely Lopez

Dear Santa,

what I want for christmas is I more kitten and a cat bed and a cat's toys a scratching pole for the cats that all.  
Maria Sophia Larios

Dear Santa, what I want for christmas is a barbie.  
Juana Ralios

Dear Santa,

I want 2 soccer balls.I want a big car controller. I want the best christmas ever. I want my nee to work again

Dear Santa,

I wish i have a chrissime tree and a. toy smile but two and a lphnoe and candy . and Nintindo switch.and play do ten and pop it five and a Barbie house and stress ball and Shoe roller and Barbie doll ten gummy worm.

Dear Santa,

my name is Dulce. I want all the toys in the world. I wasnt to have the best christmas ever with my family. I lov my family so so so much. I hope i get a lot of ift for christmas. Please santa bring m e everything i wnt.

Dear Santa,

una coneja de peluche y un cavieyop de peluche  
Dayanna

Dear Santa,

I am writing to let you know what I want for Christmas. I hope you are not busy to read this letter at the North Pole. I would like for you to bring me a red, road bike.I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world. And I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Jett.C.Jarecki

Dear Santa,

I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas, I hope that you are well and the reindeer are ready to go! I would like for you to bring me a hermit crab . I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world and I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Mauricio Lara

Dear Santa.

Hi Santa, I hope you are not too busy to read my letter. I would like a Magic Mixer for Christmas.I have been good this year! Please be safe as you travel around the world. And I will leave you a treat!  
Sincerely, Lauren.C.Barraza

Querido Santa Clos, Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Este año me gustaría que me trajeras un x box y un carro. Muchas gracias, Jesus Sepeda

Querido Santa Clos, Hola! Este año yo me he portado bien. Me gustaría que este año me trajeras una moto y una orbi gun. Muchas gracias, Tomas De La o.

Dear Santa

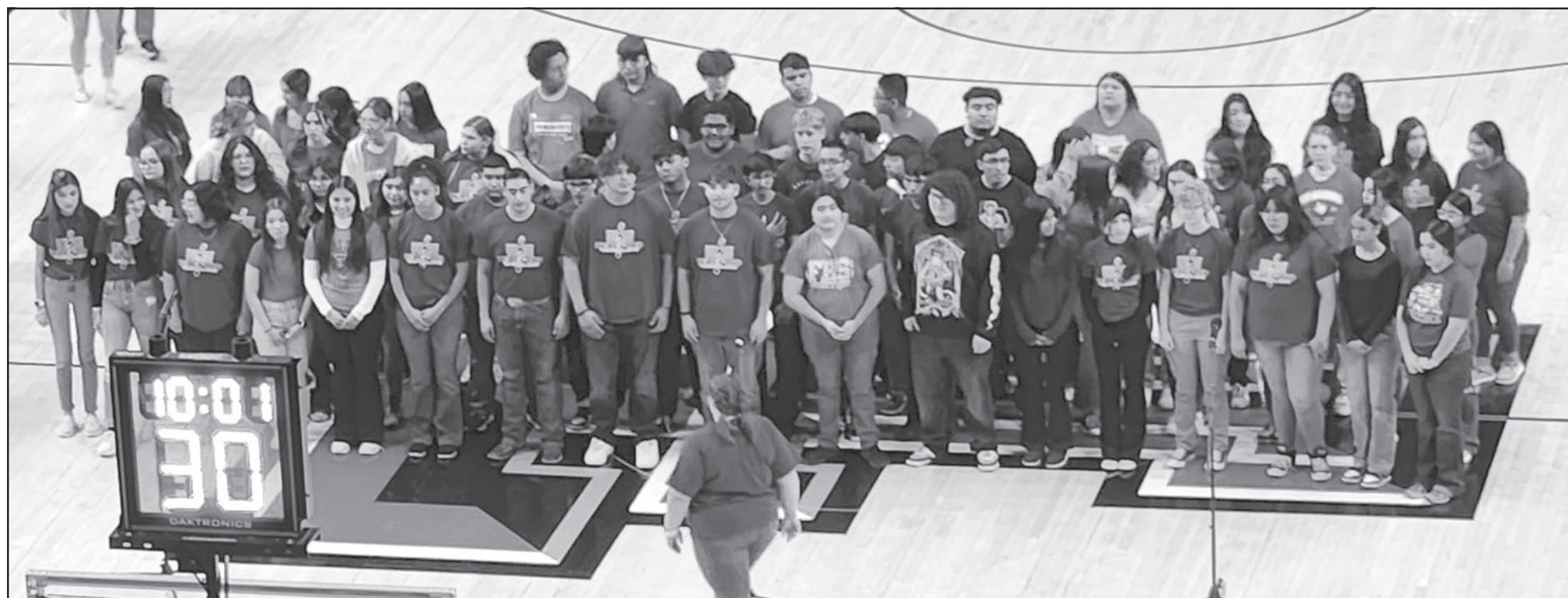
I want a slim and a barbie girl for christmas

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I a new dog. and pandas shoes. Cinnmineroll plashy. Eled lights. A toy pig.

Dear Santa

I want a Ps5 and a VR headset dirt bike, a go cart and nerf gun, an iphone 15 pro max and a horse.  
Jesus Guevara



The Friona High School and Hereford High School Choirs had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem before the Texas Tech Basketball game last week.



Santa for christmas i want a eagles jersey so i could Take it to school also i want v-bucks so i could buy some Skins in fortnite even i want a ps4 headset so i could hear While im playing.  
By Santino Mendez

Dear Santa  
I don't want anything for Christmas. I already have everything I need.  
FROM Yuvia Arias

Santa for christmas i want a eagles jersey from football so I could wear it for school also i want v-bucks for christmas Because in fortnite i have no v-bucks or skins in fortnite so i Could use them also i want a ps4 headset.  
Santino Mendez

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want some soccer cleats air zoom nike superfly 9 orange, a soccer net, a gatorade water bottle, nike socks white, grip socks (black), airpods pro, track suit of real madrid, a jersey of real madrid, nike gloves ,iphone 13 pro max, a hover ball, and training equipment for soccer, and Santa you know I have been bad but I always try to be nice and good, and not just for my Christmas gifts , you know I have get mad with my little sister but because she starts, and my mom gets me in trouble over her and I get mad.  
Johnny Ha

Dear Santa for christmas I want new shoes,, science kit, football cards, money  
From markis

Dear santa, this year for christmas i want some football cards and a dog and even vbucks or a vr headset.  
Kaiden Bridges

Dear santa - december 1,2023  
All I want for Christmas is 130 presents full of money so I can buy my own presents.  
Isaiah Trevino

This year for christmas Dear Santa, I want Christmas coloring pages and toys from my family and I want candy and new shoes and new clothes for my family and that all thank you santa I love you so much and thank you for the gift have a good christmas.  
Juana Ciprian Solis

This year for christmas dear santa I want for christmas coloring pages and toys from my sister and my brother and I want candy and new shoes and new cloths and new car from my mom and my dad from a gift from them and more gift from my family and that all thank you santa I love you so much and thank you for the gift have a good christmas and be happy don't be sad we love you so much.  
Maria Lopez-Ordonez

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie girl for christmas

Dear Santa,  
i want a my life set like all you can get from it i also want a hoverboard and an ipad and maybe oh some new shoes (AIR MAX) and shirts pants jackets and I want to get something special like a burrito from the best tortillas, so For me, I also want to get . A pickle vs cats and as long as it is a toy i will love it .you know i been really good lately so i know i know we still don't have are lights or are christmas treelt in herford .We moved we had to take some stuff to are herford garage and were going to go get them.I also want my brothers to be nice to me and play with me.At least at home because since im the only girl i can't go out to my friends house no even if there two blokes away. And i think it just not fair the my brothers can go all the way to Amarillo and i can't even go two blokes away just because i'm a girl so i want my brothers to be at home on christmas not even everyday i need them at home. I have no one to play at home so i want a lot of toys so i can not be board so please get me all of these things and i'm really bored so i need nails and a lot of stuff so goodbye ill see my presents under the tree thank you bye.  
From Danay perez

Dear Santa, whatI want for christmas is a bike and a helmet and I have cookies and milk for when it is christmas thank you for all the gif by Brayan Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I hope you come this year and also hope im nice list.I really want new shoes a new football visor and a new football. I hope new socks and a electric scooter.  
Elian Aguirre

From: Roxana Juarez  
This year for Christmas I want school supplies because my parents don't have enuff money to buy it .

Dear Santa  
From:Bart van sommeren  
This year santa I want a gas powered mini jeep. And I would like to have a good and happy christmas this year. And the mini jeep i really want so please get me one santa.

Dear Santa,  
can i pls have a hoverbord, stitch bed, stitch lavalamp,. a new water bottle, a dry erase white bord and eraser, . amarian girl doll that i can do it's hair, ear muffus for winter,. a mini fan, a mini back pack with a mini pen mini notebook a mini.

Dear Santa  
I want a table and a phone14 and I am gud and I want a nu babak Dominga

Dear Santa,for christmas i want a card game like battleship or uno for me. For my brother I want to get a board game like battleship or a ez game and for my other brother to give him a lot of toy cars. and for my big brother to give him a Nintendo and a game. Now my teachers give them a new phone or computer or a card game or a board game to the teacher and thank you.

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is, hoodies, stitch stuff , air forces, body spray , and a water bottle .  
Arianna Rocha

Dear Santa,  
Hola santa mucho gusto yo soy Madelyn Morales deseo que pases feliz navidad santa y feliz navidad yo tepido que para navidad yo tepido un oso de peluche feliz navidad santa .

Dear Santa,  
I really want a lightsaber and beyblade but what i really want is family because it the thing that i saw first and how many reindeer do you have ? leave a note next to the tv for the answer,'  
Francisco Holguin

Dear Santa , q"Erido santa en este dia de navidad deseo un ps5 para el juego de mi hermano y para mi un peluche de sonic prime.  
Erick



*Jr. High "Beginner" Band (Christmas Concert)*



*Jr. High "White" Band (Christmas Concert)*



*Jr. High "Red" Band (Christmas Concert)*

# Santa Letters

Dear Santa, I want a game for my playstation and some rope I want a ipad and I game to play with my family and some shoes and I want a bike and a skate and a tv for my rome. and a soccer ball to play with my brother and a football ball to play with my cousin and a backpack to school and I want a water bottle for my water.  
Ian lozano.

Dear Santa, I want Rock Revo pants in the mall back air the sis 7 and short back m or s and write air sis 7 Dimen sis 8 nick.  
Zitlaly cervantes

Dear Santa, I want aIpad,mini phone,computer,vr,tv for my room I want some clothes,pants,shirt,shoes,socks,jackets I want something for my dogs so they want clothes,treats ,little boot,little bones I want a desk for my room  
Jaelyn Rodriguez

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a Minnesota vikings sweater with justin jeffer-son on it.  
A.. Kansas City Chiefs sweater of Patrick mahomes. B.. A soccer ball so I can play soccer with my cousin paisley. C.. And a new xbox and controller.  
Love, Kaizen

Dear Santa, I want a nintendo switch with some mario games and other games, a set of legos, a Ronaldo jersey and also a reamolt control car. And a robot controller and some croks and a beck bro jack plushie with a sweter I also want something that looks like diamond necklace. And the brand new dog man book also the monster truck and the new air up water bololo.  
Tomas Lopez .

Dear Santa,I want a VR headset and can I get another handrod for my Kermit the frog puppet you gave me last christmas.  
Love isael olmos

Dear Santa, I want two little puppies for christmas and a ps5,nintendo,pc,360 vr, so I can play with my uncle for the games I want madden 24,minecraft,FC 24 it is like a soccer game,and i want a 3d car game for my ps4.

Dear Santa, I want math colors,barbie toys and barbie cloths,sock,pan ts,shoes,shirts,shorts,a chaket,volleyball, christ-mas pajamas,water battle, mini ipod, chromebook, slime,croc charms,suest, basket-ball shoes,vr, desk for my room  
Neidelyn Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I will like a frog pellow and a llama bag for my backpack I'll leave milk and cookies for the night for you and I will prepare cookies for you and milk it will be homemade  
I will like a new Water bottle  
From mia reyes

Dear Santa, I want a puppy to help me stay happy with what is going on with ethen And I know it alot to ask for so I want to repair my little brother's ipad too.  
Greyson pate.

Dear Santa, I really want Present but it okay I don't really need Present but Present isn't really anything about Christmas. But I been really nice, but I hope I'm on the nice list I'm sure that I'll have a good Christmas. But I do love Present I really want some cute hair thing. Today I'm setting up my Christmas tree and me and my dad might some light for the tree I might even set up some light outside the house I might even put a lot of Christmas thing in my room like light, a new Christmas bed maybe anything else. Some-time Present aren't for me I just want to have fun with my family. Kate Garcia

Dear Santa, I want slime, candy, squishy pillows, and Nintendo Switch.  
Love, Zonia

Dear Santa, I have been good this year please if it's much don't give much of what i want the first thing i want is clothing i want cargo cute pants shirts that are white and black dresses and dark blue dresses and cow pants on shoes i want air forces 1 NIKE hey dudes accessories glasses headband ear-rings led lights small toys small Christmas tree first aid kit and fake cloud lights for both of my brothers they would like flowers,belts,jeans,t ejana,cowboy boots,and hey dudes and for me again is fluffy blankets,a hoverboard, last thing is an American girl doll that's all if its to much js bring my brother thing a little bit of me thank you have a good holidays santa.

Dear Santa, What I want for christmas is a teddy bear but of dog I wanted with brown eyes and he is a boy his fur is black,brown he was my first dog but he died that is my first wish the 2 wish is if you can give me a box of hershey and a paper on how to make hot chocolate to drink with my family and stay warm on christmas.

Dear Santa I want an xbox and a new football helmet and jordans and Lemelows and a bike and a dog and a cat and a basket-ball and a tablet and an iphone15 pro.  
Love, Yahdriel

Dear Santa,what I want for Christmas is an electric guitar I also want slime from peachy babies.I want alot of them there soooooooooooooooooooooo cool and I want squishis and a curtain for my bed.I also want a canopy red with gold and white and it has to be light up.I also want a lot of teny tiny squishmallows.Oh i also want a pink pineapple fluffy stuffed animal.

Dear Santa, I would like a new skateboard A new video game A watch A guitar Please give me at least one of these things for Christmas.

Dear Santa, I would really like a ipad case for my ipad and a apple pen i got one last year but it broke sadly next i want slime a good one even tho my grandma dosen't like it and i would want games for nintendo switch like a lot also a collection of books like all kinds and a glass cup with my name one it and Thank you  
Love, Itzel

Dear Santa, My name is Salette Grado I want an iPhone, a puppy and a bag of markers. I want snow and a cute bird just for me. And 3 chrome-book for me, my brother and my sister .  
Candy chips and chocolates sketchbook neon markers and cookies. I want the new uno for me and my family to play.

Dear Santa, I would like some make up for Christmas.  
Love, Adelaide

Dear Santa Claus This year I would like a play kitchen set, a doll, and more bows. This year I was very good. I helped my mom and I listened to her. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love from Caroline

Dear Santa Claus This year I want everything, like a lot of stuff. I want lots of cat stuff and lots of LOL toys. I think I was very good this year. I helped mommy and listened to her. I love Santa.  
Love from Mia

Dear Santa Claus This year I want Legos, remote control car, and new shoes. This year I was very good. I listened to my mom and helped her too. I love you Santa.  
Love from Federico

Dear Santa Claus This year I would like a remote control car and toy nerf gun. I was very good this year. I ate all my veggies, and I listened to my parents. Feliz Navidad Santa.  
Love from Erick

Dear Santa Claus This year I want barbie dolls. I also want an Elsa Doll and new clothes. I was very good this year. I ate all my veggies and listened to my mom. Feliz Navidad Santa.  
Love from Ximena

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



From all the staff at

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## Merry Christmas

from your friends at:

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## Season's Greetings

From our family  
to yours

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**(806) 250-2784** Fax: (806) 250-3877

Dear Santa  
For christmas I want: 1. A kansas city chefs sweater with the number 1 on it. 2. Also want a mima dolphins number 10. 3. New whit nikes and whit adidas plz. 4. Nintendo switch.  
Love, Jocelynn

Dear Santa, I want a new car for my Mom, a Ps5 \$10 and a xbox series x for my brother. For Mrs Santiago my teacher, I want a G-wagon and new cars for my whole family.

Dear Santa, for christmas I want a big bucket of slime because it my favorite slime and I also like making bracelets and last I want for all of my family to get a gift so they can be happy and I want them to get their favorite gifts the.

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a cat rug and a pen that looks real And a stuffed animal but the most thing I want is my mom to feel better and I also want a snow globe and I want a Blanket and I want a speaker and some cat bed sheets.  
Jesalyn Jarecki

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a signed poster by the Texas Rangers.

Dear Santa, I would like Barbie clothes, a baby dollies, a bike and baby clothes.  
Love, Kaymbree

Dear Santa Claus This year I want a motorcycle and a teddy bear for my brother, his name is David. This year I was very good. I helped my mom clean the house and I listened to all her rules. Feliz Navidad Santa.  
Love from Gimena

Dear Santa Claus This year for Christmas I would like a snow doll. I also want an Elsa doll. This I was very good. I would eat all my food, play with my siblings, and I would look after them. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love from Yoseline

Dear Santa Claus I want a doll and a doll house. I would also like a snow doll. I was very good this year. I helped my mom clean when she would get very tired.  
Love from Yulissa

Dear Santa Claus This year I would like a remote control motorcycle. I also want a Nintendo for Christmas. I was very good this year. I helped my mom clean the kitchen.  
Love from Eduardo

Dear Santa Claus This year I would like to get dinosaur toys for Christmas. I would love to get a robot toy. This year I was very good. I helped my pick up around the house. I picked up my toys after I was done playing.  
Love from Miguel

Dear Santa Claus This year I want an Iphone 15, a Jack plushy, a tablet, and a Chucky doll. I was very good this year. I followed my mom and dad's rules.  
Love from Chris

Dear Santa, I would like an iphone 15 and a smart watch. And a football on the cover it ses qb. And a lie detector. And a cooking robot that cooks for you. And a robot that cleans your room for you.  
Love your friend, Ayden Rocha



Dear Santa, I would like the following christmas gifts,  
• Toys • iPhone 11 • Computer • Soccer ball • Nintendo Switch.  
Sincerely, Benjamin

Dear Santa ,I want a ps5, dirt bike, go cart , vr head set , a tablet, a phone and xbox and I was good in Mrs. Flores class and a big tv.  
Daniel Mendoza

Dear Santa I want five nights at freddy's toys. and a egg man plush and an minecraft game card for my nentendoswitch. im good at scool and im quiet at scool.  
Javier

Dear Sant For christmas I want a sewing machine and strength and fabric and brat dolls slim cit and bracelets cit and earrings.  
Love, Nyah

Dear Santa, I hope all is well in the North pole. For Christmas I want a dirt bike and a VR headset It would be nice to have a PS 5. I would also like a go cart to take it for a ride. I have been trying to be good. I help my mom clean the house and I like to help her a lot. I will act better in class  
Angel

Dear Santa I want a little cold car and sonic teddy and iphone 15 pro max a nintendo switch xbox and ps5 one Billion dollars and a big tv and a house and one prime and a horse.  
Jesus alopez

Dear Santa, I want a phone and a tablet and teddy and slime fidgets shoes and some toy story ` toy for my niece makeup and barbie house and to see my sister baby bracelets and tankyou  
Ally

Dear, santa I want some slime and some fidgets and shoes and a barbie house and clothes and chapter books and some markers and a bracelet .  
Eunise

Dear Santa I want a 3 teddy bunny and 3 tablet and 3 slime and I help my mom the clean I'M good girl the school.  
Manuela

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing good and I hope your little elves are doing okay too. What I really want for Christmas is cars, a Ps5 and a phone. I have been really good this year. I also forgot to tell you I want a big teddy bear thank you and Merry christmas Santa.  
Dmarcus

Dear Santa, I want a barbie dream house and more barbies and everything else. I want a doll too.  
Love, Elyanna

Dear Santa Claus This year I want a remote control car, shoes, and clothes. I was very good this year. I listened to my mom and helped her out around the house. I love you Santa.  
Love from Juan

Dear Santa, I want some dinosaurs for Christmas.  
Love, Darrel

Dear Santa, I want blue sonic that runs really fast.  
Love,

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a green car for my dad.  
Love,

Dear Santa, I want some dinosaurs, a motorcycle for Christmas.  
Love,

Dear Santa, I want a motorcycle for Christmas.  
Love,

Dear Santa, I want a blue car, motorcycle, and a big car for my dad.  
Love,

Dear Santa, I want a toy Minnie Mouse Kitchen and some dishes.  
Love,

Dear Santa, I want a Bake Oven to make food for Christmas.  
Love,

Dear Santa Claus This year I want new clothes, bows, and a barbie doll. I was very good this year. I helped my mommy pick up and I would also eat all my veggies. I love you Santa.  
Love from Lillie

Dear Santa, I would like a pig, horse, cat, cookie, and a Christmas tree.  
Love, Yasiel

Dear Santa, I would like a nerf gun and some bullets for Christmas.  
Love, Junior

Dear Santa, I would like a Greedy Granny Game.  
Love, John

Dear Santa, I would like a Garden Lego for Christmas.  
Love, Ximena

Dear Santa Claus I want a robot, new cowboy boots, and a pillow. I was very very good this year. I would help my mom clean, before I forget Santa I also want a ball.  
Love from Luffy

Dear Santa Claus This year I want a barbie doll and markers. I was very good this year. I listened to my mom and helped her. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love from Adelaida

Dear Santa, I want a bar-b-que Barbie Camper for Christmas.  
Love, Aubree

Dear Santa, I want a Mickey Mouse for Christmas.  
Love, Vanessa

Dear Santa, I want a black poodle for Christmas.  
Love, Aria

Dear Santa, I want a stroller for my babies.  
Love, Allison

Dear Santa, I want a superman action toy for Christmas.  
Love,

Dear Santa, I want a red bike for Christmas.  
Love,

Dear Santa, I want doll clothes and a doll and a doll dream house and barbies and Christmas clothes.  
Love, Cambrie

# FHS Band News

**All-Region Band Audition Participants** — On December 4th, Aubree Salas, Josiah Hernandez, Kaysen Stanberry, Andrez Gutierrez, Michael Alvarez, Francisco Perez, Ramon Ortiz, Jarrett White, Clayton Humphrey, Mario Molina, Caydee Humphrey, Israel Santiago, Reagan Daniels, Nicholas Gutierrez, Avram Hernandez, Gabriella Castillo, Valeria Corrales, Jocelyn Reyes, and Yvette Zentino auditioned for the ATSSB All-Region Band.

3rd chair Trumpet, Jarret White 10th Chair Trumpet, Michael Alvarez 8th Chair Trombone, Andres Gutierrez 2nd chair Euphonium, Josiah Hernandez 7th Chair Tuba, Aubree Salas 1st Alternate Tuba, and Reagan Daniels 3rd Chair Percussion.

Out of those who made the All-Region Band, Reagan Daniels, Valeria Corrales, Ramon Ortiz, and Andrez Gutierrez will move on to compete at the **ATSSB Area Auditions** in January.



All Region Band Audition Participants



Area Qualifiers



All Region Band

Out of those who auditioned the following made the All-Region Band. **Honors Band** — Valeria Corales 11th chair. **1A/2A/3A Band** — Jocelyn Reyes 5th chair flute, Yvette Zentino 1st Alternate Flute, Gabriella Castillo 9th chair Clarinet, Israel Santiago 2nd chair Contra Clarinet, Nicholas Gutierrez 2nd Alternate Alto Sax, Ramon Ortiz

**Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,  
I would like duplos and tiny legos and cars and a hot wheels track and a tiny gator.  
Love, Jace

Dear Santa,  
I would like a tablet for Christmas.  
Love, Jaziel

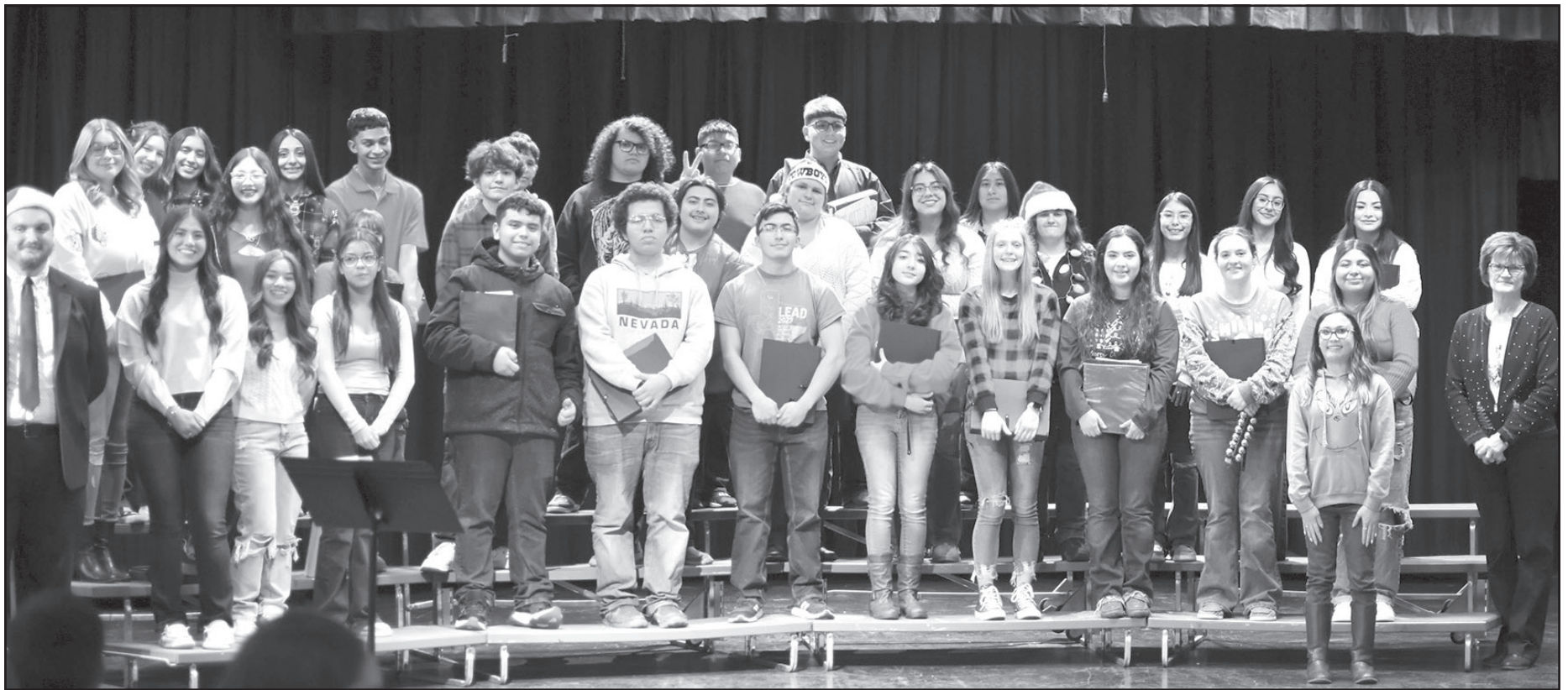
Dear Santa,  
I would like toy cars and come coloring books as well.  
Love, Malachi

Dear Santa,  
I would like some sonic toys.  
Love, Javi

Dear Santa,  
I want a play unicorn for Christmas.  
Love, Lucy



*Jr. High Choir (Christmas Concert)*



*High School Choir (Christmas Concert)*

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Sealed proposals addressed to City Manager, City of Friona, for the construction of approximately 1,350 linear feet of 10" water distribution line, valves and associated appurtenances entitled:

**WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
FRIONA, TEXAS  
TxCDBG No. CDV21-0157**

will be received at the City Hall, 623 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas, 79035 until

**4:00 PM  
Monday, January 08, 2024**

and bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:00 PM on January 8, 2024 at 623 N. Main Street, Friona, TX 79035.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Friona in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Friona and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, at City Hall, City of Friona, 623 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas, telephone (806) 250-2761 and at the offices of Hi-Plains Civil Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Hi-Plains Civil Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00), non-refundable, for each set of paper or digital plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BQ Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit by Family Dollar Stores of Texas, LLC dba Family Dollar #33101, to be located at 209 W Highway 86, Bovina, TX, 79009, Parmer County. Officers of said LLC are Peter Barnett (President), Todd Littler (Senior Vice President), Jonathan Elder (Vice President - Tax and Treasurer), John Mitchell, Jr. (Vice President and Secretary), and Harry Spencer (Assistant Secretary).

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# More Letters to Santa Claus

**Santa:** P.K.  
 Mi nombre es Bailey  
 tengo 5 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Una muñeca con control.  
un peluche de santa  
un perrito.

**Santa:** P.K.  
 Mi nombre es christian  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Un Carro de spiderman.  
legos.  
libros para Colorear.  
chocolates.  
Dulces.

**Santa:** P.K.  
 Mi nombre es Maria Castro Velasquez  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Una muñeca.  
- Un Carro  
- Un pollito  
- Un gato  
- Un perro  
muchos Juguetes.

Mi nombre es Maricela  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero una  
Barbi be color  
rosa y  
tiene zapata  
y tiene un  
Bestibor para rabiDa,

Mi nombre es Davian P.K.  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Carritos.  
bloques.  
pelotas.  
Dulces

Mi nombre es Juan David P.K.  
 tengo 5 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Bloques.  
- pelota para jugar  
futbol  
- helados

**Santa:** P.K.  
 Mi nombre es Maria Castro  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Un Carro  
- pelotas  
- paletas  
- Vestidos  
- Zapatos

Mi nombre es Aida Hernandez DI  
 tengo 8 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero dos colores de  
brillante

Mi nombre es Maria Zulamita  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Flores rosas.  
- Una paleta de nieve.  
- dulces  
- lapices, colores.

Mi nombre es Johnny P.K.  
 tengo 5 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Un camion de juguete  
tamaño mediano que  
lleve las vacas.  
- Un carro de carreras.  
- una tele  
- un peluche.

**Santa:** P.K.  
 Mi nombre es Kevin  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Carros  
- Comida  
- una Chamarra  
- acuarelas  
- libros.

Mi nombre es Juana Elizabeth Ambrosio  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero una Barbie  
cuando va a ser  
navibab.

**Santa:** P.K.  
 Mi nombre es Lucio  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Carritos  
- Dulces  
- Un perrito.

Mi nombre es Abe Ha Hernandez  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Legos y dos perritos chiquitos  
y dos gatitos chiquitos

**Santa:** P.K.  
 Mi nombre es José  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Un perrito  
- Carros.  
- bloques.

Mi nombre es Eliseo Ruiz  
 tengo 8 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero un telefono.

**Santa:**  
 Mi nombre es Domingo Mendoza  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero un arbol  
de navidad bonito

Mi nombre es Joselazo  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero tablet roja

Mi nombre es Iskrael Sanchez  
 tengo 6 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero  
Arbol con  
la guirnalda  
pistoles de juguete

Mi nombre es Saxacin Rodriguez  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero un Miniedo  
suech

**Santa:**  
 Mi nombre es Nathalia  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
una Barbie  
una zapatos  
rosas  
tambien un esmalte de uñas

Mi nombre es Eileen P.K.  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Un pezcadito  
- una cocina de princesa  
una casa de barbie.  
Una muñeca barbie  
Una Sirenita

Mi nombre es Julian  
 tengo 4 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
- Un spider man.  
- Un pacman.  
- Carritos  
- pelotas.  
- Bloques.

Mi nombre es maria I.  
 tengo 6 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
yo quiero un doso  
de galletas  
pebe

Mi nombre es José Castro  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero un telefono



Friona 4-H wrapped and delivered gifts for Prairie Acres residents. This is part of the annual "sweat suits for seniors" project.

**Querido Santa:**  
 Mi nombre es Aña Sofia Maivarez oliveira  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero una Barbie muy bonita  
y una tablet que sirva  
y tambien un peluche de  
de Blythe

Mi nombre es Dalany López  
 tengo 7 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero Santa  
muñeca que sea  
mediana.

Mi nombre es Maria E. Larrios Pablo  
 tengo 6 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero recibir una  
tablet azul para mi  
hermano y un  
Barbie para  
mi y un avion  
para mi hermanita.  
Muchas gracias

**Santa:**  
 Mi nombre es Zudaniel Arenas  
 tengo 9 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero putain pablon  
de laptop.

Mi nombre es Sabrina pu Gabriel  
 tengo 8 años y este año me he portado:  
 Muy bien  Bien  Un poco mal  
 pero prometo seguir mejorando.  
 Me gustaría recibir:  
Yo quiero una muñeca y un osito.

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