

Mrs. Waskins introduces McLean Tiger Choir as they entertain the audience with selections for Christmas.

"Sounds Of Christmas" Concert Held

High ditorium came alive the the sounds of ith Christmas on December

The McLean Tiger oir started the evening with three selections Teresa Jennings. mbers of the choir clude: Danielle The Members of the choir nclude: Danielle Dampier, Reo Dennis, canifer Greer, Chase arvis, Tiffani Kirkland,

Kendall School Haley Maddox, Haley Maddox, Kendali Newton, Jami Sietz, Drew Barker, Amanda Hauck, Tami Marsh, Katrina Routon, Shaley Steel and Randi Riley. The second through the fifth grade presented "Elfis & the Sleigh Riders."

Riders. Elfis, played by Zane Richardson, who also sang a solo, helped the other band members learn

Holiday Delivery

e friends, warm moments and wonderful gifts

welcome you to call on us soon.

The McLean News - Terri Adams, Editor

your friendship is greatly appreciated and we

hope this holiday delive

to get along and work together. Band members were played by Logan Sparling, Trey Skipper and Mark Smith. Background singers Brittney, Mariah and Ceine were played by Kristen Odom, Stephanie Henson and Lacey Wallis. Claus. Santa's reindeer were played by the second grade. Third, fourth and fifth grades played the elves. Russell Anglin made a special guest star appearance from the 1997 musical "The Elves Impersonator." The choir and elementary performances

Travis Fish played elementary performances Santa Claus and Anna were under the direction Shackleford played Mrs. of Judith Watkins.

to know the combination of the safe. An

669-8022. Give any information to the

dispatcher.

Taylor's Food Mart **Burglarized Last Week**

On the morning of December 18, sometime between the hours of between the hours of 12:45 and 4:15 a.m. the Taylor Food Mart, located on Rowe Street was robbed.

Linda Syfrett, manager of the store, came to work on that cold, windy morning to find the glass front door broken out. She immediately called Gray County Sheriff, Larry Wallis to the

After a search of the

REMINDERS THE CITY HALL

and library will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25th & 26th for Christmas.

ALANREED Cemetery Association will meet January 2, 2001 at the Alanreed Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Happy New Year!

andisclosed amount of money was taken. At press McLEAN JUNIOR High basketball teams play Lefors, here on January 4th 6:00 p.m. At press time no suspects were in custody for this crime. If you have any information about this incident, please contact the Gray County Sheriff's Office at 806-

HIGH SCHOOL teams play at Miami Jan. 2 6:30 p.m. and at Samnorwood Jan. 5th 6:30 p.m.

DRIVE SAFELY during the holiday season. Merry Christmas!

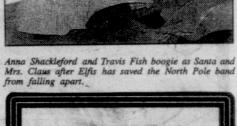
SCHOOL HOLIDAY Dec. 21 - Jan. 2, 2001. everyone will return January 3.

HEALD Methodist Candlelight service will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 24th.

THE NEWS OFFICE will be closed Dec. 22 -January 1, 2000.

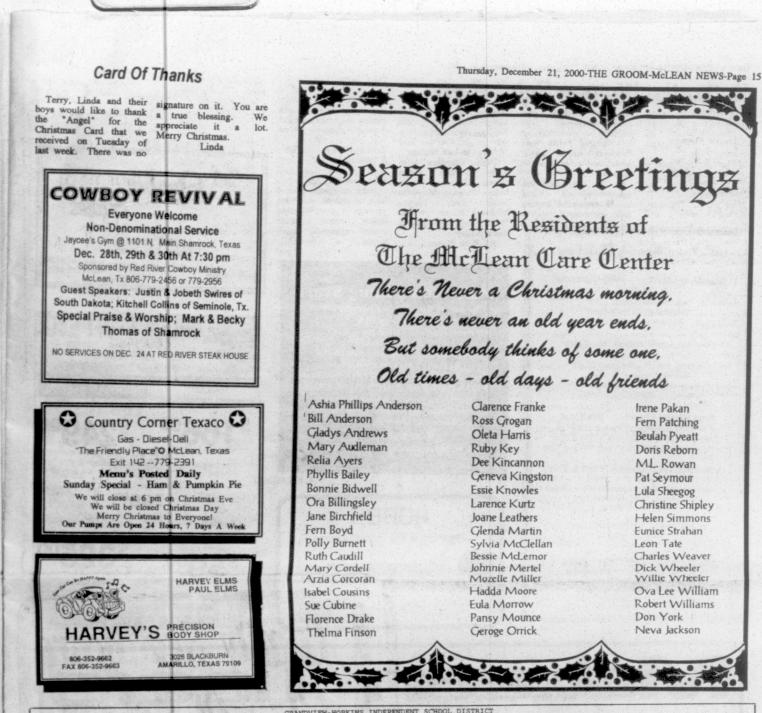
WE ARE Updating our birthday and anniversary list at the paper. Please call 779-2141 if you need to be added.

THE store, it was discovered that the safe was empty. The thief or thieves had



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Season's Greetings

The McLean Care Center There's Never a Christmas morning. There's never an old year ends. But somebody thinks of some one. Old times - old days - old friends

> Irene Pakan Fern Patching **Beulah** Pyeatt Doris Reborn M.L. Rowan Pat Seymour Lula Sheegog Christine Shipley Helen Simmons Eunice Strahan Leon Tate Charles Weaver Dick Wheeler Willie Wheeler Ova Lee William Robert Williams Don York Neva Jackson

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types						and the second second
		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:							
Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues Pederal Program Revenues	\$	573,322.38 23,414.38	\$	2,273.90 2,240.14 5,877.70	\$ 261,022.43	\$ 64,290.72	\$ 900,909.43 25,654.52 5,877.70
Total Revenues	\$_	\$96,736.76	\$	10,391.74	\$_261,022.43	\$ 64,290.72	\$ 932,441.65
EXPENDITURES:							
Instruction and Instructional Related Services Imetructional and School Leadership Support Services - Student (Pupil) Administration Support Services	\$	165,020.68 65,477.34 39,323.04 38,155.69	\$	834.20 33,442.84	\$	Ş	\$ 165,854.88 65,477.34 72,765.88 38,155.69 67,757.00
Support Services - Nonstudent Based Debt Service Capital Outlay Intergovernmental Charges	-	67,757.00 200,126.76			318,203.14	1,795,168.09	318,203.14 1,795,168.09 200,126.76
Total Expenditures	\$_	575,860.51	\$	34,277.04	\$_318,203.14	\$_1,795,168.09	\$_2,723,508.78
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	20,876.25	\$(23,885.30)	\$(57,180.71)	\$(1,730,877.37)	\$(1,791,067.13
Other Resources Other (Uses)	1	73,000.00)	-	25,000.00	48,000.00		73,000.00 <u>{</u> 73,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ (52,123.75)	\$	1,114.70	\$(9,180.71)	\$(1,730,877.37)	\$(1,791,067.13
Fund Belance, September 1, 1999 (Beginning)	-	1,085,239.80	1	2,994.29	9,867.14	1,812,873.75	2,910,974.98
Fund Balance, August 31, 2000 (Ending)	\$_	1,033,116.05	\$	4,108.99	\$ 686.43	\$81,996.38	\$ 1,119,907.85

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Methodist Women Enjoy Party

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The McLean Methodist Women met at the home of Stacy Smart member 12, for their December Christmas party. Mickey Jackson gave a story about angels. It got everyone in the Christmas mood.

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business meeting gave everyone little booklets to encourage us to "Journal" like our nal" like our friend Loyce deceased Murry had encouraged us to do

explore her home which had been the old been Presbyterian church It was delightful to see how "homey" it had become. Those attending were Katie Graham, Grace Glenn, Beverly Odom,

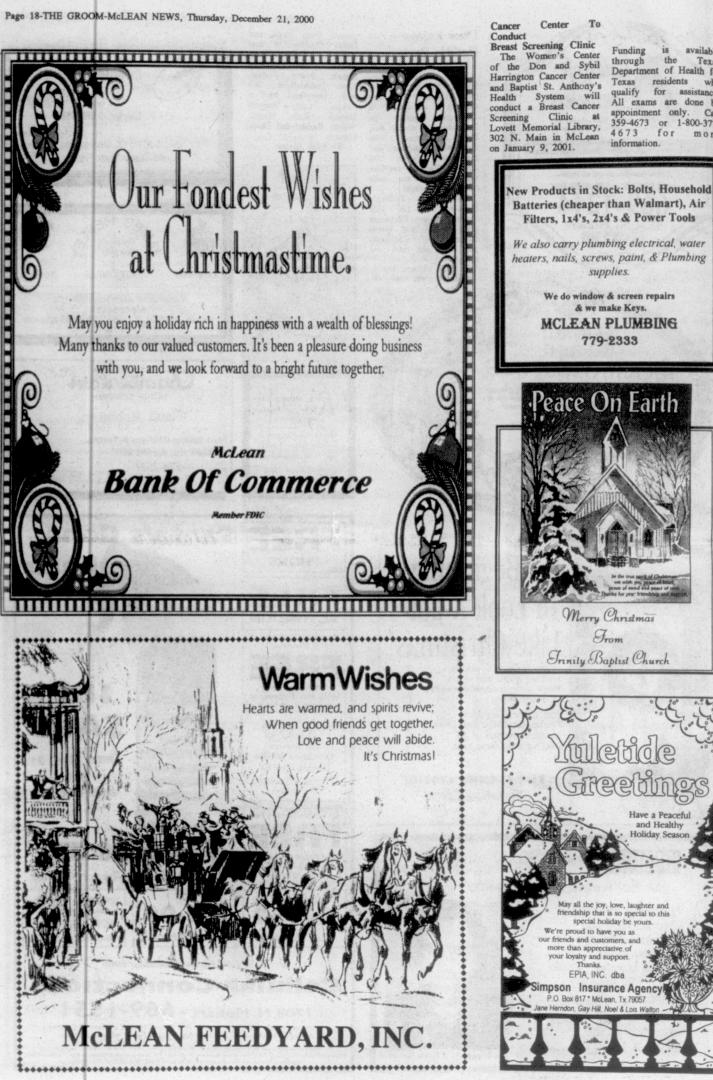
Dear Santa. How are you doing at the North pole? I would like a dirt bike and deer Hunter 4. Also a duck hunting game. Thank you. Zachary Odom

Nathaniel wants a rocking horse. Thank you! Daniel Conners 8 years old

Dear Santa, I want a go-cart and a flash light and a phone. and a laptop. Drive and a laptop. Dr carefully. Thank you. Brian Shackleford 9 years old

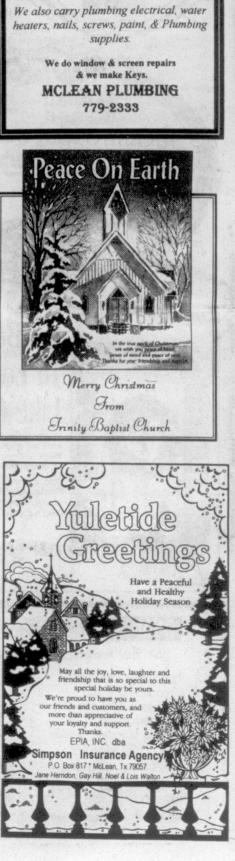






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Breast Screening Clinic Center Women's Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer will Screening Clinic at Lovett Memorial Library, 302 N. Main in McLean on January 9, 2001. Funding available through Texas Department of Health for Texas who qualify f All exams for done appointment 359-4673 Call only 1-800-377or for 4673 more informat



Hello Santie Claus

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Dear Santa, I luv Sata. I want a sckooby invaders. Doo Alein Love Bailey Taylor

Santa.

I want a doll House, a cat, a te set, purfom, horsis an rains for Andrew.

Cassondra Ingle P.S. rel Babe doll

Dear Santa,

I want a baler and an old tractor, and a big dirt hauler and a remote control tractor. A swather and a turner. have been a good man. I also want a roller and a packer. Love

Shiloh Brown

Dear Santa, I would like a battery operated 4 wheeler. I also want som eplay cars for Christmas please. Your friend, Justin Chad West

Dear Santa

I luv you. I want a



es for a happy holiday. Thanks for being a great custo

Your Mary Kay Consultant Roxie McMordie & Family John, Evan, Miranda & John

guitar and a motrckcle. I hope you can find your way to my house. Love, Stormy Manns

Dear Santa,

This year I woiuld like

to have an elecric paino and a Toy Story movie. Also I would like engine 31 firefruck. I have been fairly good this year but I promise to be better next year.

Love, Kaela Lee

Dear Santa,

I have been trying to be a very good girl this year. Would you please bring me a pretty dress, some toys and a bicycle. I Love You. Candace Shackelford

Dear Mr. Santa Claus, Do you still have Rudolph? My name is Miranda McMordie. I would like a dancing Debbie doll, a Britn Spears and a stuffed kitty. I would like a solike a nutcracker solike a nutcracker

Thank you, Miranda McMordie

Dear Santa, Dear Santa, My name is Rocco. I am in kinder. I want a robot and a tractor. I promise to be good. Thank you, Rocco Rodriguez

Dear Santa I want a horse. I also want barbie stuff.

Thank you. Love. Kendra Richardson

Dear Santa,

I am almost 7 years old. And I want a remote control car or robot. I also want a computer. Mom says I need some clothes, but I want toys, toys, toys. I want the New Rug Rats movie too. I have real good this year. I also need a new game for my Nintendo 64. Maybe Sego Racers. Please, I am almost 7 years Sego Racers. please, please. Thank you. Jeremy Martin Please,

Santa

I want a toy that talks, flips. Cody Azzazi

Dear Santa. I want a toy truck that

you pump. Chance Roland

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa, I wouod like two sled dogs with a sled and dog food. I would like a crocodile hunter jeep. I would like a Darth Vader suit. The jeep is the one that can go in grass, dirt, and hard surfaces and that goes 5 miles per hour. I am your friend. Jack

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl for Christmas. I want a boom box to listen to music. I also nsten to music. I also want a video game called Pokomon. Stadium to play on my N 64. I want a Scooby movie to watch on my T.V. Your friend, Kalyn

Dear Santa I want a hat. I want a football suit.

Chase West

rock and roll radio house, new barbies, 8 movies, a new horse, and a view dog. I will name the dog Nikki and the horse C.C. I might make C.C. I might make gingerbread coolies just

for you. Your friend,

Dear Santa, I wood like a tad ber and to git nik codr moove. I wood like a moove. I wood like a potin stor and I wood like a red clos a newoo snw boots a newoo big bike a newoo te ve a newoo H lets a baha

Thursday, December 21, 2000-THE GROOM-McLEAN NEWS-Page 19 Winie The Pooh, candy

Winie The Poon, canc, land game, fishing game and a baby doll. Also, please bring my brother Broxton hot

Dear Santa, I would like "Who Let the Dogs Out" CD, a playstation, a cat dog search for the golden hydro-n t games for the

and

a toy gun

the

Playstation, and Guess Who game. Your friend,

I would like playstation, a toy

brother Br wheels toys.

Dear Santa,

Jordan

Desar Santa,

Thank you, Britnie

Thank you, Trent

Dear Santa,

I want an army tent. Santa I will give you a cookie. Your friend.

George Ho-Ho-Ho Christmas Dear Santa, I would like the new AAvon carter cd. I AAvon carter cd. I would like an 'N Sync Barbie. I would like a Christina Aguilera cd. I would like by size Barbie, I would like the new Britney Spears Barbie. Your friend,

Becca







Merry Christmas Santa I am goen to give you sum for milk. Dear Santa,

men who lets the dogs

out cd, I wot a cd plarer. I wot a neklis and a reng and a newoo pjemes and a brakable

dofin with water with it

and a dofin book.

Jamie

How are you? You already know I have been very good this year. Please bring me a year 2000 Barbie, a technopuppy (since my real ones keep running off), Magic Megan doll, clothes, and chutes & ladders. Santa, what are you getting for Christmas and who brines it? and who brings it?

Thank you. Love, Taylor J. Fish P.S. Please bring a little something for Mama, Daddy, Parker & Ashley, they have been good, too.

Dear Santa, I would like a tiger and, I would like a big T-Rex and I would like an actin man and I would like a velociraptor. Your friend,

Kelby

Dear Santa, I would like too have a spinart, and a Barbie, and a roseart, I would also like too have some goose, I would, also, like my horsest home. I have been a very good girl this year. So has my brother. Your Friend, Saber

Dear Santa,

I would like some roller blades and some springs for the trampoline. I would also like some new tennis shoes. Merry Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas. Ho, Ho, Ho. Your friend, Device

Devin

Dear Santa, I will like a pink Barbie Car, doll house,

Your friend

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie

Tori

Page 20-THE GROOM-McLEAN NEWS, Thursday, December 21, 2000 Dear Santa

8 years old

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I would like a new CD, a My Size Butterfly Barbie, a big stuffed bear, a big stuffed tiger and a baby weiner dog.

I have been good. Your friend,

Ashley

Dear Santa, I would like: computer, a bike, a play house, a baby dog, and a TV. This are the things that I would like for Christmas. Merry Christmas. Your friend,

Rudy

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa I want a Rugrats in pairs the movie'A gocart' A little wood rocking horse' a big doll/' The grinch big doll/' The grinch movie/' A Toy Story 2/' A eddy spegedy doll/' A creapy croly coletion/'A lady bug colletion/'A par of pants/'A pair of the grinch house shoes/'A b a i r b e p l a y house.mclean2/? bairbe play house.mclean2@ Sami Staton, 7 years old

Dir Santu cen I pleess hav 100 armees and fore armee tans and 10 armee cars and A armee citee Jacob Azzazi, 8 years old

dear santa i want a munster truck and the grinch trise to still Bradley Howard years old

der santa I whant a new truck want. a horse.acorlorbook.a sor candvttttt Timothy Jeffries 8 years old

Dear Santa I wood like a lego t-rex trans part. a sooper nintindo game. a bike. a gi joe it coms with a helucoper, a sub. a game boy Clay Crock ett 8 years old

santu I wont a scooder an a bicicle and a coputer lise baby and a cedey player and som book and a noo brintne spears tape and a woncing baby that tocs and grose up and a noo shert for my mom and dad and anna and a flowe up stars and som clips that are drifent. Sarah Shackelford

dere santua i wunt puppe and a baby and scooter and a hoors and a computer. thank you santa. Katy Acuna

dear santa i have been agood boy this year would you bring me a this year would you bring me a gokart and a caset player and the hole set of britneyspears tapes and a brandnew bycicle and one fluffy bunny to sleep whith and a fluffy bear to sleep to sleep whith and a 101 dalmation pajamas and some cloths and a doll of me. Anthony Shackelford 8 years old

Daer santa I been wanting a bage of sorgars and a scoder and beingo and a raido and life some pants and a hat and shoes, and a t-shirt. John Navarrate John Navarrete 8 years old

Dear S Dear Santa want a horse, scoo I want a horse, scooter, airmatress, rope, a brattle, a twotooneto gun, a woop,ranes, tors, a sattle, a lisder, a black hat, chulcus chukus.

Zachary Seymour 7 years old

Dear santa claus. vould like a scooter. And a puppy or cat and like the a pony. I like the thang/'s that you gave me in my stocking. Erin Vassey, 8 years old

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very, very good girl. This is what I want for christmas.I want scooter with blue wheels, a poo-che, a set of skates, a hores picture for my sister too. thank, you Santa Clus. Nicole McClendon 8 years old

Dear santa claus I would Thank you for the monkey you gave me last christma. I would like a scooter for christmas. I would also like a c o m p u t e r f o r christmas. Thank like a pony for christmas. christmas. Thank you santa clous

Holly Phillips 7 years old Dear Santa Claus I have been a good girl thi syear. I want toys for christmas and stuff in my stocking and under the Christmas tree.I want a new bike for Christmas with a trink holder. A bird and a new car for my mom and dad. Thank you Santa Claus. Staci Smith, 8 years old dad.

Dear Sants, I want some roller blades and a kitty and a toy ras car and toy sogar. Joe Navarrete 8 years old

dear santa class.I want a dear santa crass. I want a skooter whith lime green wheells and pet land and I want bedy bscedy whith the horse and wut Hana got but biger, I have ben a very very very a good girl. Thank you. Ashley Byron

8 years old

THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this year? How are your reindeer this December? This year all i wunt is a That is all I laptop. wunt.

Thank you. Joshua Martin

Dear Santa, I wonder if it is cold at the North Pole? How is your reindeer? Oh ya I forgot How are elvs? forgot How are elvs? re thay ok? I hope ere ok. I was just iking. On Christmas there on. thiking. On Christmas-can I pelase have a Barbie pet Rescue computer game. I also want a four wheeler.

friend Amber have great Christmas t 8 to? great Christmas 10. Please, please this time give the grone ups some stuff. Last time you vou only gave the kids the toys. Have a Marry Christmas Santa. Thank you. Sheri Havnes

9 years old Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, How are you and your wife? I want something specail for my Mom like a ring, Betty Spiggetti for Sami and for me plastic rings, a poochi, a lap-top computer, a TV, a VCR, a shirt that says Amber on it size 10/12 Amber on it size 10/12. Britney Also new Spears CD, a N-senc CD, 8 Backstreet Boys poster, red dress with coke bottle on it, ear plugs, a joke book, a Grinch joke book, a Grin Movie,, A rugrats Movie, in paris Movie, a pony set, lip gloss maker, a eeping bag, and red pjs. Thank you! Amber Staton 9 years old because my birthday the 5.

P.S. I love you!

Dear Santa, How are you doing? like you really a lot. now you are a good person and as nice too. I would like a girl chow that in a puppiy. If it was all right if you would get by brother a boy chow. Also I would like a make up set and gleter also 8 new gleter also a new inflatublale chair. Also a Tiger cheerleading suit with pompoms also a maker lipglose even I

would like Barbe a computer with a barbie camera. Also, a phone and a britne bedseat. Please make my dad be president. Jessica Glazner 9 years old

Dear Sant,

How cold is it at the North Pole? How is Rudolph? How are the other reindeer. How are your elves? I would like go-cart and a toy Hulk ogan. Also a bunch of Hogan. Also a bi other stuff. Jacie a Barbie Jeep. Jacie wants B.J. wants a toy motorcycle. I also would like some zip-up Nike tennis shoes, size 4, and a new 10 speed bike. Thank you. Hogan Ketcherside 10 years old

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer and you doing at the North Pole? Don't agree that it is cold over there. Stay warm. Here is the list I want for Christmas. I would like a bike and a computer, a puchie, a hush up baby, a big big bear a vcr and a tv. Also some music tapes, some lip gloss maker, and som eshoes for me and my cousin. I w tennis shoes size I want 2 Thank you. Nancy Castillo

8 years old

Season's Greetings

To All

During the Christmas

season more than ever, our

thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our

progress possible. And in

this spirit we say, thank

wonderful boliday.

you and best wishes for a

Merry Christmas to all!

Alta Mason

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claws and the reindeer? How are the elves? Have you had any blizards latly? For Christmas I would like a skooter with green like a skooter with green

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wheelsabd a TV and a VCR and a Christmas Britney Spears CD. P.S. My sister Shelby would like a Barbie Steering wheel for for Christmas.

Thank you Santa. Tucker Adams 8 1/2 years old

Dear Santa.

How is it to fly a round the world? Is it neat or is it scarey? This is what I wood like for christmas. I wood like a Scooby-Doo and the Alien Advincher. I wood also like snow boots. I wood also like pokem gold and silver game boy. Thank you. Dustin Lee, 9 years old

Dear Santa,

How is the North pole? I want a watch I want a poochie. I want Mowchy. Trey wants a lot of batteries. Dusty will like a laptop. Thank you. Jessi Skipper, 8 years old

Dear Santa,

ear Santa, How are things going North Pole? at Things are going fine here and I am going to tell you waht I would like. I would like a pump up BB gun, Teckno and a new telescope. To: Santa From Caleb Crawford

8 1/2 years old Thank You

Kalina Ana Happy Holidays A Christmas Wish **Bundles** of HOLIDAY W7 arts WISHES 0 A Ada CU146 O A Christma HOLIDAY WISHES Wishing you a bundle of holiday joy, lied up with ing of good tidings! Ple we how much we appre-107130 0 Wish 1 0 your friendship and pa Kirk's wish Auto A Chris 0 GVI and Supply Wade & Nelda Kirk Y Christmas Wish

HOLY NIGHT Rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Wishing the happiest of holidays to all our friends and neighbors.

Heald United Methodist Church

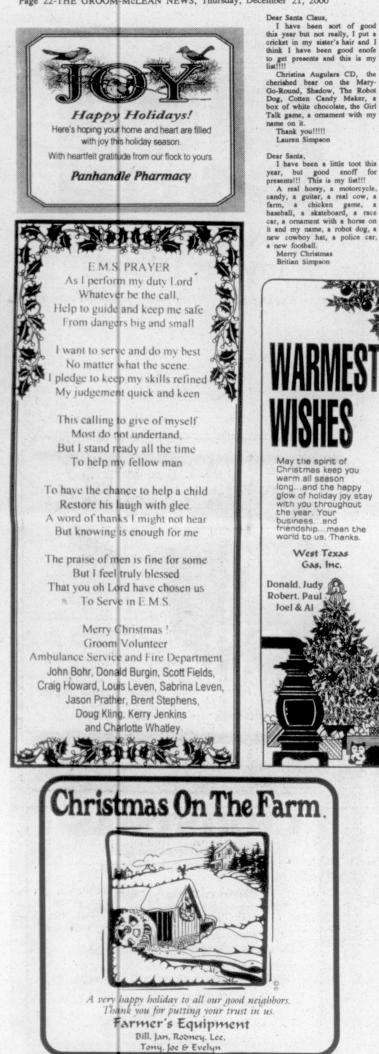


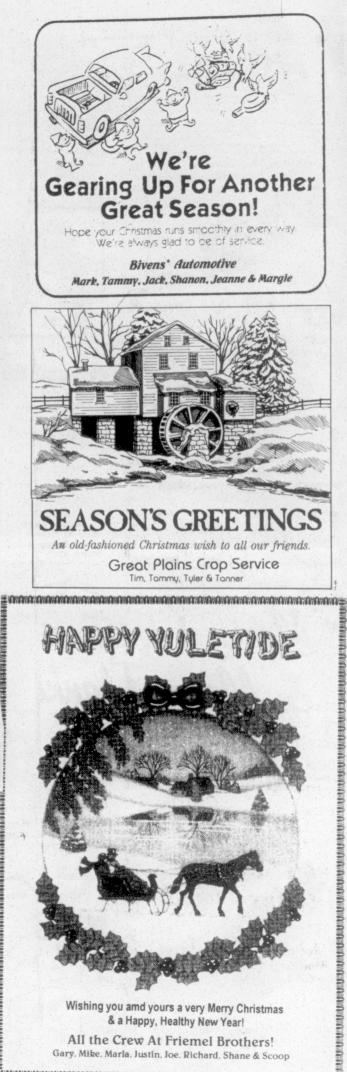
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 27, 2000 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE 100TH DISTRICT COURT ROOM OF THE CARSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULATIONS OF CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSES IN

AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW, I GIVE THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS IN THE GROOM NEWS, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN CARSON

WITNESS MY HAND, THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2000

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25 Concerned Citizens Visit Board Meeting

Twenty five visitors attended the December school board meeting out of concern and interest in the on-going discussion concerning budget cuts for the 2001-2002 school

Declining student population and property values have caused a shrinking budget over the last several years. A reserve fund balance has been able to make up the difference when needed, but the School Board feels that something will have to be done soon. By replacing some of the funds used in the heating air conditioning t project with and retrofit recent revenue from the



Santa Saw Nice.

Donna Barnett for locating a special toy for someone who was was hunting one.

Kay Burk being cheery Trinity & Co.'s Open House

Bud and Connie Fields doing some Christmas shopping in Amarillo.

Naughty

Whoever left the anging "Chad" on the hanging "Chad" on the City's Home Lighting test ballot.

Johnny Brooks trying to figure out a way get on the naughty list. to

Britten "Bah Leo Humbugging" the holiday

Randall Patterson being naughty at Stop N Shop early in the morning.

sale of bonds the Board has managed to buy a little more time for the Groom School. However, the trend for a smaller student population

"No decision has been made," stated Board President Denny Babcock. Denny Babcock. "We have several options that we dre looking at..."

is still on the decline with an estimated enrollment of only 157 students by the 2004students by the 2004-2005 school year, only 39 in high school.

"We feel we need to begin by cutting somewhere between \$50,000 to \$150,000," \$50,000 to \$150,000," stated Superintendent Wilson.

The two main options discussed were cutting the Ag program and/or cutting the Band program.

Most of the visitors expressed concerns over cutting either program. Options were discussed as to what these programs would be programs would be replaced with. According to Superintendent Wilson and Principal Noack, an aide could be hired to teach elementary music,

under the direction of a teacher. To fulfill the "Fine Art" requirements requirements Fine Alt the by the State for high school, a theater arts could be program could implemented current sta with the staff already under contract.

"The Approgram and Agriculture program and the Band program give kids something they can carry with them through life. I would hate to see either of them go," stated visitor Honey Kemph. A former board

A former board member expressed concern over travel budgets, cost of the See Meeting, pg. 4

The daytime picture of the first place winner of the home lighting contest doesn't do it justice. The Justin McGee residence took top honors with the M.B. Bolden and Al Alward homes placing 2nd. Only 37 votes were cast so next year get those ballots in!



Santa and Jingle Bells.

Barkley,

Britten, Tanner Case, Courtney Head, Victoria Moraniec, Brady Painter, Kevin Reeves, Ryan Rein, Macee Rocha,

Stetson Ruthardt, Molly

Stewart, Colby Weinheimer, Colby Williamson, Forrest Yelverton. First graders Stormy

are Hali Bohr, Stormy

Cave, Neva Corley, Kattie Davis, Mikayla

Taylor Fields, Christopher Homen, Keeli Howard,

Kevin Fehr,

Stewart,

Fancher,

Members of

Kindergarten

Kyler

class

Brody

A m y Colby

Groom School's music department serenaded concert go-ers recently with some spirited Christmas selections. Elementary students sang and beginners, intermediate, Junior High and High School bands all

Il performed. The music department under the direction of Mr. John Porter. They all did a terrific job of getting the crowd in the Christmas spirit.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade performed the following selections: Jolly Old St. Nick, Must Be Robinson, Rebetter , Rebekah and Kelly Roskens Wheeler.

Grades two and three presented Silver Bells and Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Class members for second grade are: Morgan Britten, Tanner Britten, Samantha Clendennen, Samantha Clendennen, William Friemel, Kassandra Graves, Brady Miller, Jacob Torres, Cecilia Unger, Benjamin Wainbeiree Weinheimer, Madalyn

See Concert, pg. 12

COMMUNITY CALENDER

Beginning January 4th Groom School will begin holding T.A.A.S. tutorials in the afternoon. Parents should note that unless your child is in tutorials, they will be released from school at 2:55. Buses will run as usual. Students in tutorials who usually ride the bus will have alternate transportation.

BUDGET CUT workshop will be held on January 8th at 7:00 p.m. Any interested person is invited to attend.

CHOW LINE is Tuesday at noon.

GREAT Christmas gREAT Christmas gifts from Grandview-Hopkins PTO. Contact Becci Hutto 665-0375 or Kelli Aderholt 669-2381.

WE NEED 100. EMT classes to begin in Please! We Please! We n. Groom January. Please! We need help. Groom Ambulance Service. Call 248-7963 for information.

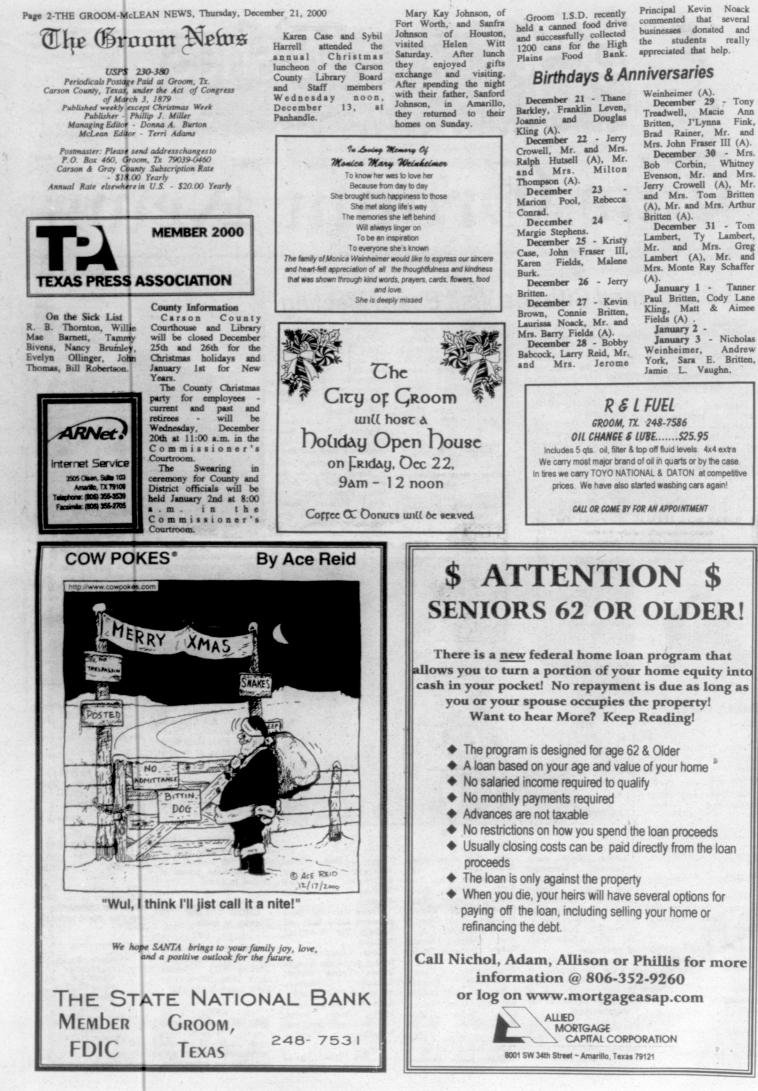
THE GRILL will be closed at 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and all day Christmas Day.

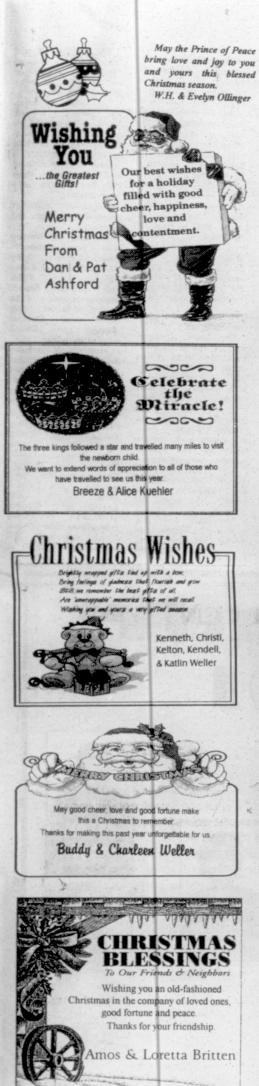
THE JANUARY Groom School Board meeting is planned for Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

THE GROOM-McLean News will be closed December 25-December 31. Please report all holiday activities your and visitors to the News office on January 1 or slip your report under the door

> TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO. Wheat-\$2.57 Milo-\$3.30 Corn-\$3.61 Soybeans-\$4.26 No Moisture Reported This Week

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GOOD FRIENDS, MERRY MOMENTS AND KIND WORDS EXCHANGED, BRING NEAR TO EACH HEART THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. WE HOPE THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY FILLS YOU WITH HAPPINESS, PEACE AND CONTENTMENT. THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THIS PAST YEAR.

he (ity of Groom Joe Homer, Ellis Stapp, Mary Margart Brooks, Kenneth Weller, Don Case, W.H. Ollinger: Mary Sue Lyles, Donnie Evans, Louis Leven, & Donna Burton

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To all my friends and relatives. God Bless each of you at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

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Theresa Hermesmeyer At this Holy season, May we wish you and yours

Wayne & Adela Kotara

every blessing.

of Christmas remain with you throughout the year. Kenny & Linda Babcock

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May this sacred season bring its finest blessings to you and those you love. Doris Kuehler

It was on that night His miraculous birth took place. Let's hold this Holy time close to our hearts now and forever.

> BRITTEN SUPPLY Tom & Doris

We hope the holidays bring you joy and prosperity in the coming year. Merry Christmas to all from Ellis & Roxie Stapp.

A Christmas Wish! That you and those you love will enjoy the best Christmas ever.

Jack & Bettye West

Wishing you the best for the holiday season.

Jack & Juandell Bivens

The beauty of the holiday season be with you and yours throughout the coming year.

Jess æ McMullen

Meeting

swimming pool and all involved with the costs

the football program. "Why are concerned with cut we with cutting academics (Band & Ag) when we should with cutting programs that are not required, like 6-man football," said Louis Ruthardt.

Seventy one percent of Groom ISD's budget is payroll. Any in programs Any cuts made grams will also mean cutting, personnel. Groom school currently has three teachers who have reached the top of the state pay scale with over 20 years experience. Any program and personnel cuts will have

Dorthy direct effects on services to students. The Board to students. **生资 God Bless** Holiday wishes to you and yours this Christmas season. We so greatly appreciate your business and friendship. Many thanks. Homer Enterprizes Bill & Norma Jean Homer

is planning a work session with all interested community members for January 8th to look at the budget and help them actually formulate a plan. Mr. Wilson and the Board encourage everyone is interested to who

attend the workshop. In other business: the Board approve minutes of A public hearing was held concerning was the previous meeting.

Excellence Academic Excellence Indicator Report and the report was accepted by the Board.

Authorization was given for the P.S. 9 technology grant application. If received was application. If received the grant would purchase the needed equipment to

the video finish conference lab. The Board discussed

much of the public input from the open forum earlier in the meeting. The Board was presented information sheets with containing enrollment projections, cost comparisons, salaries and possible program cuts. possible program cuts. All aspects of the budget cuts and the public

The report was report. accepted. The Board went into

executive session discuss personnel matters concerning possible

The Board returned from executive session after approximately hour with no action by the Board necessary.

Principal's report iven by Kevin The by was given by Kevin Noack. He reported on Due to school activities. the lateness of the hour he did not present a planned demonstration of student projects. These will be presented at a

future meeting. The business manager's report was presented and

approved. Attending the meeting were Board members Tony Babcock, Denny Britten, Tim Case, Kelvin Ollinger, Barr and Clifton Barry Fields Britten. Superintendent John Wilson, Principal Kevin and Noack Busines Manager Joyce Hutsell

were in attendance. Visitors included Larry Roskens, Connie Britten, Karen Brown, Brice Ruthardt, Louis Ruthardt, Kenneth Martin, Melany Martin, Bruce Martin Kathleen Barkley, Susan Britten, Jane Sandra Britten, Horn, Curtis Downs, Jigger Britten, Nila Burgin, Donald Burgin, Shonda Ruthardt, Sandie Schaffer, Kelly Jigger Britten, Schaffer, Kelly , Gary Friemel Sandie Schaffer, Gar, Bivens, Carla Koetting, Bobby Babcock Donna Burton representing The Groom News, and Kelly Hill representing Cornell & Co.

concerns were discussed. Kelly Hill, of Cornell & Co., CPA;s, presented the 1999-2000 audit program cuts. Tigers & Tigerceffes



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I would like a new Nintendo game and a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger Megazord. I helped my parents hang up the ornaments at our house. I will leave you three cookies. Love, Forrest P.S. I was a but I would like P.S. I blue Game Boy

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Your Holiday **Delivers** Loads Of Good 1 and Cheer! The Staff of The Groom News

Phil, Jo Ann & Donna

Love, Kattie

ear Santa, I hope you are doing re you ready for Chri ow are you? I hope wod. O waant a bow rows and a decoy duc ope I bow duck Love, Taylor

rant a cat and dog for mas, I want a jeep for mas. I will leave you id cookies

I like th you Sama. I like your toys. I bike. I like the I like Santa's I like your sleigh. a nice Christ Love, Sophia

Sama, hope you are going good, se I was good. I hope I get presents. Are you for Christmas. I want a er. I want a Britney C.D. and Christina your I want C.D. and C.D. good? ove, Kelly Are Lo

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph's nose shining? Is Blitzen dong okay? Is Vixen doing okay? Are the toys coming to my house? Is the sleigh ready?

Are you ready for Christmas? And Rudoof are you ready? Santa, we have our Christmas tree up. Our presents are wrapped. I want gooze and a bike. Love. Neva Love, Neva

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am doing fine. Is Rudolf ready for christmas? I am. Are your reindeer ready? I hope you have a happy Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a Barbie jeep. I will leave milk,

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nber 21, 2000-1112 GROO cookies and a present. What will you give me? I want most to have a happy family. Love. Bekah Dear Santa Claus, Is Rudolf's nose bright? Is the sleigh ready? Are all your reindeer ready? I want a minibike, soowboard, and glow in the dark balls. Love. Trent Logan Murray

Dear Santa, How are you dong? Now is the North Pole? How re the reindeer? I will leave nilk and cookies for you. I rant a socoler. I want some oxing gloves. I want some lothes and shoes. Love, Chris

Lear Santa, Are you ready for Christmas? How is Rudolf doing and how are the other reindeer. Do you like Christmas and is it fun riding on the Rudolf. We ahve our presents under our Christmas tree. I want a camera I want a camera Love, Keeli

Dear Santa

Is Rudolf's nose shining? Is Rudolf okay? Is Rudolf ready? I like you. I like your toys. Have a nice Christmas. I want a cat

Love, Kevin





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your reindeer fly? I will leave you cookies, milk and some reindeer food. you soon, Morgan See

Britten

Dear Santa, I would like a blue skeeter. I would like some Barbies. I would like some Barbies. I would like a American girl dolls named Kit and Mry Jane. I would like a sled. I need some more games. How are ya? How are the reindeer? Do you like chocolate cookies? Your pal, Maddie Wieberg Wieberg



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Here's hoping the holidays bring everything on your wish list! You've been especially nice to us this year, and we'd like to say "thanks" for the gift of your patronage. Please accept our sincere best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

The Directors and Employees Of The State National Bank **Of Groom** MEMBER FDIC



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Letters To Santa Claus

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THIRD GRACH Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is sock-um Poppers. The thing I mostly want is a scotter. Anbd I could have a board that was my name. I also want a says my name. I juke box. Thank you, Danielle

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I'am fine. I would like an American Girl and stuffed puppy deg for Christmas. How is Rudolph? Have a Merry Christmas!!!! Love, Korri Britten

Dear Santa, Hi how are you? I wish I had a stuffed Rottweiler and a scooter. I wish I had a Game boy color game like pro pool and who wanta to be a Milionaire. I wish a had a Mismi pillow and jersey and I wish I had a Poo-chizo. I hope you have a Merry Cristmas. Thank you, Tyler Samuel Babcock Dear Santa,

Babcock Dear Santa, I would like some little jukboxes and Hit-Clips pleas and belibottom pants. And could I get a skateboard-with my name and a picture of Tweetybird on the skateboard? Love Ashley, Randall Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, Hi how are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. Here is what I want for Christmas. I will leavce you some cookies on Chistmas eve. Jes Roskens

Dear Santa

Dear Sania, l want a keyboard, a gitar, a scooter, a stero, a game boy with a Pooh disk, a hit-clip with a Brittney Spears disk, a watch, a gutebox, a pupy. Hve a Merry Cristmas. Love, Tiffani

Dear Santa. This Cristmas, is going to be the best Cristmas ever. You know what I want for Cristmas? 5 things, a Charzaird doll, Gold verson fro Pot'emon, Mega-Man Legends 2, a scooter and my own computer. Have a merry Cristmas Santa Claus. Merry Cristmas, Tyler Case

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! Im writing this letter to you so you will know what I want for Christmas. One thing I want is a Hit-Clip and a stero and a scooter. Well that's all. Bye, bye, santa. Iove Rachael. that's all. Bye, bye, santa. love, Rachael.

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Cristmas the War Graymon toy and Submarineman and Flamdroman blue Gigi Vice and Gigimon play station and power clip and wild fire gooze a gear bike and dige digimon cards. Thank you Billy

Dear Santa, Hi how are you? Well I'm fine, I just want for Christmas and I want a new bike, a lot of play-dough, some panther house showes and a scooter and a dairy well good-bye and I hope you have a nice Christmas. Your Friend, J'Lynne James

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a Hit-Clip and a new watch becasue my old on broke. I might need a key board for my piano lessons. I migh even ask for a diary. Merry Christmas, Santa Kathryn Herndon

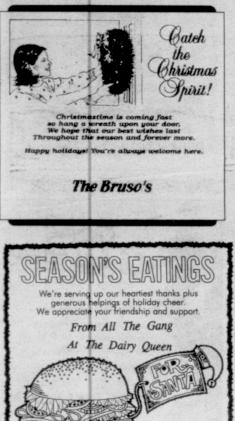
Dear Santa,

How are you and how are your reideer? I want a giant Minnie and Micky Mouse and a Poo-chi and a scoote Love, Your friend, Rudy

Council Says No To City Marshall

The Groom City Council met in regular monthly business session with the following with the following and members visitors

present: Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case and Kenneth Weller. Absent from the



Dear Santa, Hi how are you doing? I would like a Hit-Clip and a aled that has handles that steer the sled and please make it anow in Groom, Texas for Christmas. I will leave some cookies and milk in the living room. Love, Ashley Murray

Dear Santa.

Dear Sania, How are yu Santa? How is Mrs. Claus? I woul like a skeeter for Christmas, I would like a Saga Dreamcast and the games for it. I want a NFL ZK1 World Series Base ball, ZK1 and a NBA ZK1. I would like 4 games for Nintendo 64. They are No Mercy, Mario Party 2, Hey You Picachu and Mickeys Speedway USA. Thank you Santa Claus Eric

Dear Santa

Dear Santa, I want a guitar for Christmas and a 2 wheel scooter. Another thing I want is a game calld Ladders and Shakes. Thank you, Ricky

Dear Santa, Hig Santa. This is what I want for Christmas. I was wondering if it would be too much trouble if I could get a few thinga? I want a Game Boy Color and a side walk scoter. Have a safe trip on worr way scooter. Have a safe trip on your way. Thanks Santa, Cady Jean

Dear SAnta, I want a game called No Mercy for Christmas and a key board and a hit clup with a

Thank you Joshua

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! Here is my with list. One of the things that I want is a scooter, but be careful not to break it. Thank you, Daniel

Mary meeting was Brooks. Visitors included Mary Sue Lyles and Louis Leven.

After looking at a used ackhoe the Water and Don Case seconded the motion that the City advertise for bids for a

used backhoe that meets the specifications of the machine that was presented.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, January 15, 2001. The mayor of Howardwick has arranged for an attorney with the City of Amarillo to present a seminar on Texas Open Meetings Laws and she has invited the City Council and the City Secretary and any Secretary and any interested parties to attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at the Howardwick City Hall.

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time employee and \$87.50 for the Animal Control officer.

Ine minutes of the November 14 meeting were read and approved with the correction of the phrase "GEDC budget." The financial statement was presented and the meeting adjourned

Dear Santa Hi Santa! How are you? This Christmas I want a nintendo game called Mario Party 2. Something eles I want is a keyboard cause I want to learn to play one. I will leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas, Britney Evenson

Dear Santa,

You are the best. I have been super nice to everybody. everybody. Would you please bring me Would you please bring me these toys: Trombone, horse saddle, fake guns, chaps holster, cowboy hat, purs, boots, handkerchief, whip. fake handcuffs, CD's, CD player, shoes, gameboy, horned toak and a robot dog and toy indian. Thank you Santa for bringing these toys. Merry Christams, Christopher

Cantacopaer Dear Santa Claus, I believe in you Santa. I have been good this year. I want a super poochie, I want a 102 dalmations poochie, and I want who Wants to be a Millionaire game. I want a pokeball blaster with Artricuno, Zapdos, and Maltres. I want a backpack, becasue mine is broken. I want a remote control motorcycle. W want a basketball goal. I want some new shirts. Thank you Santa! From, Micah Wealey

Carson County Sheriff's

Report There were four persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of December 11 through December 17, 2000. Currently there are ten persons incarcerated the jail and twe in and twelve additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. The members of the Sheriff's Department extend our most joyous and safe wishes to all.

Arrests this week include Hal C. Heard (Fritch), 34, Assault Causing Injury, Family Violence.

Llyew Belmondo Liyov (Palmdale, Ca.), 25, Possession of Marijuana more than 50 lbs and less than 2000 lbs. Frank Reyes, Jr. Belmondo

Frank Reyes, Jr. (Pampa), 30, Endangering a Child and Driving While Intoxicated.

Steven Kimbley (Skellytown), 27, Assault Causing Injury, Family Violence.

Concert

Wieberg and Bethany Williamson.

Members of the third ade class are: Tyler grade class are: Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten,



Pat, Connie, Brett, & Blaine Britten

Tyler Case, Christopher Chaney, Billy Corley, Joshua Davis, Ashley Evenson, Evans, Britney Evenson, Ricky Fehr, Ruby Head, Ricky Fehr, Ruby Head, Kathryn Herndon, Rachael Hopkins, J'Lynne James, Tiffani Kling, Ashley Murray, Seth Phillis, Danielle Seth Rodrigue Roskens, Eric Roskens, Wagley, Cady and Daniel On The Housetop and

On The Housetop and Jingle Bells. Fifth grade band members playing Clarinet were Thomas Head, Chaney and Illiamson. On Amanda Ashley Williamson. Cornet Taylor were Cornet were laylor Drewery, Anthony Luna and Desiree Rodriguez. Playing Alto Sax were TJ. Moraniec and Kendall Weller. On Trombone were Chad Bockley and Matthew Barkley and Matthew Wilson. Michaela Wilson. Rosken played Tuba and Whitney Evenson played the Baritone. grade Sixth

Intermediate Band played the Nottingham March and Christmas Joys with the following members. Playing Flute were Karla Howard, Ellen Leven and Berklee Ruthardt, pr Ruthardt. Playing Alto Sax was James Reid and on Cornet was Joel Horn. Brandi Bates and Kecia Howard played Clarinet and on Trombone were Thane Barkley and Blaine Britten. On Percussion

Britten. On Percussion was Lonny Brown. The High School Concert Band presented His Honor, I'll Be Home For Christmas, Channel Surfing, The Christmas Song and Crest Of Nability Song a Nobility.

Concert band members concert band memoers include, on flute, Kristina Tjarks, Liz Vega, Staci Britten, Lorri Britten, Caren Howard, Megan Bivens, Ashley Jackson, Sharri Britten and Katy Britten Blaving Clasicat Britten. Playing Clarinet were Jill Britten, Amanda Conrad, Jamie Vaughn, Conrad, Jamie Vaughn, Catherine Robertson, Wilson.

Fourth grade students erformed Yankee performed Yankee Doodle, Our Director and Jingle Bells on Recorders.

Class members are: Trent Britten, Taryn Davis, Michael Friemel, Trent Trevor Friemel, Charles Leven, Bailee Ruthardt, Andrew Thompson, Brittany Weinheimer and Kelton Weller. Fifth grade beginner Thompson,

band members presented Jolly Old St. Nick, Up

Malorie Homen and Bass Malorie Homen and Gailynn Drewery. Bass Clarinet was played by Brin Burgin. Alto Sax performers were Garrett Britten, Chance Barkley and Javier Caro. On Tenor Sax was Clay Britten and Luke Pavlovsky played Baritone Sax. Cornet Bartone Sax. Corner performers were Frances Britten, Wyatt Britten, Amanda Martin, Brittney Martin, Joaenea Horn, Martin, Adam Britten and Daniel Thompson. Performing on French Horn were Performing Lauren Crowell and Stephany Fraser. Trombone performers were Grant Weinheimer, Brett Britten, Laurissa Noack, Owen Weinheimer, Kelby Noack and Carter Wilson On Baritone was Cody Babcock, Doug Fields, Willie Leven and Calvin Schaffer. On Tuba were Richard Barkley, Lance Ollinger, Bobby Ratterree, Brandon Jenkins and Ratterree, Frank Leven. Percussion players were Karri Britten, Trey Britten, Britten, Trey Britten, Hugh Weinheimer, Jessica Bates, Lainie Jennifer Jenkins, Britten. Cody Schaffer and Jeff Rios. The Girls Quartet performed a medley of music from the movie

"My Best Friend's Wedding." Members of the (double) quartet were Joaenea Horn, Michelle Stephens, Courtney Sustaire, Liz Vega, Marci Babcock, Brooke Britten, Lorri Britten and Kristin Johansen.

The final selection of the evening was Silent Night performed by the band with the audience singing along.

See More Groom **Christmas** Greetings On Page 22.



The next meeting date

The motion passed to

Marshall position. Longevity pay was set at \$175.00 for each full

The minutes of the

meeting adjourned.