

FOURTH & FINAL 'CASH' DRAWING IS SAT. DIVIDED **BETWEEN 8 SHOPPERS** Dorothy McIlhany, 70,



Christmas will soon be arriving. If you are not through shopping, I don't need to tell you, 'Time is running out!'

-cwe-CONGRATULATIONS, CALEB FINSTERWALD! He was named to the 1A All-State football team. I do not have access to the complete list. -cwe-

We hope you enjoy the Santa Letters and appreciate the teachers promptness in getting the letters in to US.

-cwe-Also with this issue the merchants and individuals say 'Merry Christmas' Your business during the past year has been appreciated. Your shopping at home keeps the town alive and prosperous.

-cwe-

Again this week we say 'Good Bye' Do a dear friend. I guess I have known Dorothy McIlhany for almost as long as I have lived here. And, I am sure our meeting had to do with the Thursday Review Club books.

-cwe-

Dorothy was a wife and mother purchase. (Continued Page 10) Some 58 lucky Wheeler shoppers will have Wheeler 'cash' to spend again this year. The drawings will be in the amounts of \$300 on the first Saturday, \$400 on the second and third Saturday and \$400 on December 23, 2000. The Texas Education Agency re-As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead. of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments.

The fourth of the \$1500 Chamber of Commerce Christmas drawings will be held Saturday, December 23, 2000.

The time of the drawing for Saturday will be 2:30 and the amount to be given away will be \$400.

Eight individuals will share the Wheeler 'Cash' Four envelopes with a value of \$25.00 will be handed out first. The second group will be two envelopes with \$50.00 in Wheeler 'Cash'. The last two tickets drawn will be worth \$100.00 each.

Following the Chamber drawing, 24 additional tickets will be drawn. Each individual claiming the tickets will be awarded a \$25.00 gift certificate from First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler to be spent with a business participating in the drawing.

The annual Christmas Drawing is again being offered by the progressive merchants of Wheeler. Certificates will be given away during December totaling \$1500. The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers, for the support you have given them during the year and are giving you a chance to share the profits.

Merchants began giving tickets on Friday, November 24. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each \$5.00 spent, you will receive an additional ticket up to 100 tickets per the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

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

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

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

Drawing tickets have been available since Friday, November 24, 2000, at sponsoring businesses.

The merchants giving tickets are: Hefley Hardware, Hyland's Pharmacy, L. & F. Repair, Marshall Discount Auto, McIlhany Dry Goods, Thriftway, Wheeler Flower Shop and Wheeler Lumber Co.

Those merchants sponsoring the drawing, but not giving tickets are: Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, Britt Ranch, County Star News, Cross Car Center, Eastern Panhandle Insurance Agency, First State Bank of Wheeler and Mobeetie, H&R Block Tax Service, Heritage Beef Cattle Co., Hibler Implement Co., Inc., Honey Inn, Jennings' Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Jones Fuels, Charles F. Kuntz, C.P.A., Maxey's Steakhouse, Dr. Louie Mendiola, Mr. Bar-B-Que, Mel's Diner, Parkview Hospital, R. & M. Quality Car Wash, Dr. Mike Smith, Soto's Family Restaurant, Speedi-Mart, The Wheeler Times, Ware Chevrolet-Buick-Olds & Pontiac, Inc., Weatherly Heating & Air, West Texas Gas Co., Wheeler Banking Center, Wheeler Plumbing, Wheeler TV, Wheeler Vet. Clinic, Wright Funeral Home and Zodell's Pizza, Bar-B-Q & More.



CONTRIBUTION: Randy McCurley, president of The First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler (right), is shown here making a contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Old Mobeetie Association. The goal of the organization is to preserve local heritage in Wheeler County. Accepting the check are Louise Hogan, treasurer of the organization, and Dale Corcoran, president. "We are proud to support this outstanding organization with this donation," stated McCurley.

First State Bank Makes Donation to O.M.T.A.

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association has been a part of this community since 1972. "One of their goals has been to preserve our local heri-

Is Buried Wed., Dec. 20

Dorothy Adelaide Dendinger McIlhany, 70, died Sunday, December 17, 2000, in Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2000, in the First United Methodist Church of Wheeler with Rev. Ernie McGaughev of Tulia, Texas, and Rev. Wayne Sheffield, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Mcllhany was born on June 23, 1930, in Dallas, Texas, to Arch and Adelaide Weaver Dendinger. She graduated from North Dallas High School and then attended Southern Methodist University.

After college she was employed by Braniff Airways until she married Grainger McIlhany on August 20, 1955, in Dallas, and then made her home in Wheeler. She was a homemaker and active in civic work. She was named Woman of the Year in 1979 by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce. She was a lifetime member of the Thursday Review Club and for many years was Cub Scout Den Mother. She was a member of the Legislative Wives Club in Austin from 1955 to 1966 when her husband was in the Texas Legislature. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Administrative Council and active in the United Methodist Women. Survivors include her husband, Grainger McIlhany of Wheeler: two sons, Tom Mcllhany of Abilene, and Bill Mcllhany of Austin; one daughter, Ann Kirkpatrick of Houston; one sister, Mary Louise Howell of Dallas; cme sister-in-law, Dr. Mary Lou Mclihany of Baltimore, Maryland and seven grandchildren. The family requests memorials be sent to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 89, Wheeler, Texas 79096.

Allison I.S.D. Receives T.E.A. High Rating

cently released the accountability data Ir all schools across the state. The accountability system was developed as a method of informing the local district and the public of the performance of their school. Schools are measured on TAAS scores, attendance rates, and other student performance indicators, as well as fiscal information on the school district. The Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) is used to analyze the data and place the schools in a rating system which consists of four levels of performance. Districts receive an accreditation status of either Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable, or Academically Unaccepable. Campuses receive performance ratings of Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable, or Low-perform-

The Allison ISD received an accreditating rating of Exemplary Some of the data used to generate there ratings are as follows:

TAAS Scores				
1.2.2	State	Local		
	Avg.	Avg.		
Allison				
Reading	87.4%	92.9%		
Writing	88.2%	91.7%		
Mathematics	87.4%	100.0%		
Other data of interest includes:				
Attendance Rate	95.4%	96.7%		
Expenditure per Student:				
Instruction	\$3,357	\$4,163		
Sch.Leadership	\$ 331	\$ 373		
Other Sch. Costs	\$ 894	\$1,123		
Total Sch. Bdgt.	\$4,582	\$5,659		
SPACE STATE				

The AEIS report was presented to the Allison ISD Board of Trustees on Thursday, December 14. The Board acknowledged the work of everyone involved.

A copy of the campus report card from the state is going to be sent home with each student's report card following the end of the third sixweeks. Others who wish to see the entire report may do so by contacting Allison school at 375-2381

Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit

Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Wheeler. Just remembering with other Christian friends why we have this time of the year set aside as a special day; with Songs Together, as well as Several Specials pieces of Music.

An Opportunity

to Celebrate

and Remember

The Reason for the Season on

After the program, Hot Chocolate and refreshments for those who wish to stay a few minutes for fellowship.

The folks at the First United Methodist Church want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and may no one have trouble accepting the Gift that God gave to us.



WHO'S WHO: Kyle Zybach of Wheeler is one of sixty-three southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Weatherford who have been named to the 2001 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The Who's Who award is one of the biggest academic honors on campus, because students are selected from among some 1,000 seniors on the Weatherford campus. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory selected the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. The SWOSU students will be honored at a reception on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom on the Weatherford campus.



tage in Wheeler County and we are proud to support this outstanding organization with this donation," stated First State Bank president Randy McCurley. The bank made a \$2,000 donation to the organization on Thursday, December 14, 2000.

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association is the governing board of the Mobeetie Jail Museum. The board voted to use this donation to help on the restroom project. The board feels that the new restrooms will be a big benefit to several organizations. This will benefit the annual Mobeetie Music Festival, the annual Old Settlers Reunion and other events held at the museum grounds. Several family reunions are held on the museum grounds, which will be a big help for them.

The museum has several other projects in the works. They are still trying to raise money for the restoration of the old Mark Huselby House, also plans to preserve the old Fort Elliott Flagpole and to publish some books.

Dale Corcoran, president of the organization, and Louise Hogan, treasurer, accepted the donation. "The Old Mobeetie Texas Association appreciates the generous donation just received from the First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler," stated Corcoran.

Rep. Warren Chisum To Have Townhall Meeting

State Representative Warren Chisum will be in Wheeler on Friday, January 5, 2001, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wheeler City Offices.

The state legislator has planned 24 town hall meetings in early January to hear from the voters to provide an overview of what to expect from the Texas Legislature. "State government works best when the public participates," Chisum said. "I intend to spend more time listening than talking."

Chisum typically files several bills based on concerns brought to his attention at town hall meetings. "These informal get-togethers are probably the best time I can spend,' he said. "The best way to find out about a local issue is to hear about the issue from the people who have to deal with it. I hope everyone gets a chance to come and say what's on their mind.'

The Texas Legislature, which is required by the Texas Constitution to meet for 140 days every odd numbered year, will begin the 77th Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2001. "Austin is pretty far from the Panhandle," Chisum said. "I want to make sure people have the opportunity to tell their government what they expect right here at home."

Chisum was first elected to the

Nettie Luttrell, 93, Rites **At Enon Cemetery Wed.**

Nettie Day Luttrell, 93, died Tuesday, December 12, 2000. Mrs. Luttrell, formerly of Wheeler, Texas, died in Beltan, Missouri.

Services were conducted at Crockett, Texas, December 20, 2000, by the Alee-Calloway Funeral Directors. Burial was in the Enon Cemetery at Kennard, Texas.

Mrs. Luttrell was born in Hagerville, Texas, to Harve and Washie Dillon Day on October 5, 1907. She graduated from Houston Business College in Houston, Texas, She worked in the business office of Sears & Roebuck.

June 10, 1925, she married Marion Benton Luttrell in Vernon, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1961. To this union were born three children. The Luttrell family lived in Hereford and Friona, Texas, before moving to Wheeler in 1956. Mrs. Luttrell was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Stitch and Chatter Club. Mrs. Luttrell moved to Belton, Missouri, to live with her daughter in 1996.

Mrs. Luttrell was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four brothers, one sister, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

She is survived by two daughters, Marcia Tietz of Belton, Mo. and Jean Guinn of Walters, Oklahoma; one son, Dan Luttrell and his wife, Edd Url of Elk City, Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren and eighteen great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Frate Pickett of Kennard, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Katie Steed of Kennard, Texas and Inez Steed of Artisia, New Mexico; and many nieces and nephews.

Winners Are Named In Third 'Cash' Drawing

The third of four Christmas 'Cash' drawings to be held in Wheeler during December was held on Saturday, December 16. Seventeen envelopes were handed out.

The first ten tickets drawn were for \$10 each in Wheeler 'Cash'. Stepping forward to claim their winnings were Kallen Moore, Omar Gonzalez, Elsie Hughes, Aaron Gaines, Janet Padron, James Hubble, Brett Johnson, Melissa Diera, Nan Rhine and Regina Bryant. Four envelopes handed out had a value of \$25 each. They were claimed by Amanda Bond, Adrian Risner, Dick Graham and Sage Grav.



Michael Riley. Born at North West Texas Hospital on October 13, 2000. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 21" long. He is the grandson of Debbie Glassey and great-grandson of Doris Shirey.



School Board Meeting Thurs., Dec. 14 A regular meeting of the Wheeler Woollard, Connie Porter and Princi-

Independent School District Board of Trustees was held with all members present except Mr. Sams and Dr. Hillhouse. School personnel present were: Supt. Brooks Symank, Business Manager Donna Walser, Judy

New Arrival

pal Dale Pulpan. Guests present were Charles Kuntz, CPA, Harrison Hall, and Rhonda McWhorter. President Gail Ledbetter called the

meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., issued a welcome to all and requested any public comment. 1. Motion by Mr. Burch, seconded

by Dr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hillhouse arrived at 6:35 P.M. 2. Motion by Mr. Ford, Seconded by Mr. Burch, to approve the November accounts as presented. Motion carried with Mr. Ledbetter abstaining due to pecuniary interest.

3. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse, seconded by Mr. Ford, to accept a donation from Rita Smith for \$480.54 Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burch to accept the 1999 Tax Collector's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Sams arrived at 6:55 P.M.

5. Motion by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Burch, to approve the 1999-2000 Financial Audit by Charles Kuntz, C.P.A. Motion carried unanimously.

The American Legion Building was discussed with Mr. Harrison Hall commenting on some ideas for its use. The Board will take up the question again in February.

6. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse, seconded by Mr. Ford, to not give a (Continued Page 10)

11-POINT ATYPICAL: Clifton Boydston of Allison displays his 11-point buck shot near Allison on Monday. Boydston was accompanied by Bob Cornell on the hunt. Trophy bucks are not new to Boydston, he has a 10-point buck mounted. Atypical means certain points on the rack point to the back instead of erward, which is unusual.

JOINT EFFORT: Members of the Wheeler Boy Scout Troop and the Wheeler Student Council joined together Monday evening to wrap presents donated to the Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots. Shown here in the process of wrapping are scouts, (I. to r.) Landon Sams, Samual Hillhouse and Josh Britt. and Jotana Simmons, member student council.

Texas House of Representatives in 1988 and will report to Austin for his 7th term in 2001. He represents the 88th House District, which includes Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

BLOOD DRIVE DEC. 26 Make Your Christmas Gift List Complete: Give Blood Tuesday, December 26th, 2:00 - 6:00 P.M. at United Methodist Church. T-Shirts will be given.

Two \$50 envelopes were given out. They went to Karen Tellman and A. W. Wingo.

One \$100 envelope was given out at the end of the drawing. It went to Denise Murlin.



From All of Us to All of You Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We want to extend our sincere thanks to all of our friends and customers for the past year and we look forward to serving you in the upcoming year.

THE BANK KIDS: (back row, l. to r.) Tina McWhorter, Creede McQueen, Gavin McQueen, Trevor Burton, Katie Shipp, Tracy Jones, (second row) Blake Randels, Aaron Gaines, Darren Gaines, Bailey Richardson, Jennifer Jones, Savanna Shipp, Nicole Moore, Paige Jones, (front row) Brock Randels, Brody Richardson, Gracie Gaines, Blayne Richardson, Shelby Jones, Maggie Jones, Brooke Randels, Katie Jones, Jaten Moore.

t matters not what I've not, but in-

My health for sickness I compare,

So in our rush to buy large and small,

Even if a card, or a tree, or a tele-

It's good to remember as we deck the

stead what I've got.

phone call;

hall.

And of God's joy I do share.

Wellington State Bank

Member: F.D.I.C

way to Erick. Really neat.

Listen to . . .

Fuchs.

Tammy, Randall and little Jacob

Have you noticed the Christmas

The Christmas Carollers came by

Sunday despite the cold. They were

Ed, Jeanie and Nick Wrathers. Greg

and Jan Henson, Joan Hagerman

and Ashleigh, Chase Arrington, Jer-

emy Henson, Teresa Locke and

KPDR-FM, 90.5

WHEELER, TEXAS

scene in Lynton Street's yard on the

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THISTERS



Snow is melted and thermometer says 50 degrees. Maybe winter is over for a few days. Was 12 last week, which is cold! The three inches or so of snow was beautiful.

About time to locate an onion and be prepared to see what they forecast New year's Eve for weather in 2001.

Judy and Gerald Tipton spent last week at Lewisville, Texas, visiting



Olivia, Gail Sutton, Ben Whipkey, Kendra Holland, Kara Cox, Bill and Margaret Rippetoe. We really enjoyed them. They visited 13 homes. Thanks a lot.

This is a sad season for some. Funeral services were Tuesday at Elk Church of Christ for Artie Fuchs, 93. She and Evan lived many years in the Bulo community.

Services were Monday at Wheeler for Katie Topper Finsterwald. Katie graduated from Sweetwater high school in the 30's. We were classmates.

The Sweetwater Community wishes to thank those who helped with the Christmas lights and other projects. Some were Tommy Hutson and the FFA Chapter. The Northfork Co-op, Glen Tignor, Jarrod Blevins, who did the poles and wiring. Also all those who made donations.

Darrell, Kathy and Tyler Henson had Christmas last Sunday. Guests were Bryan, Tess, Ky Markham, Reydon, Danny and Jamie Keel, Cody, Clay and Corbin, Hammon.

The Elk paper had a nice article about Sweetwater last week. We appreciate it.

Have you noticed how many men on TV have long hair? I can remember in the Twenties when the women all had long hair. Finally someone had the nerve to cut hers and in a short time nearly all had bobbed hair. They felt emancipated. Now men with short hair are getting pigtails. Times do change.

Billy Sutton spent a few days with Larry and Twila Adams at Kingfisher. Visited and helped with some odd jobs.

Stella Jenkins tells me Hansford is out of the hospital and improving after a snar

heart surgery. April Burkhalter was listed in Who's Who in Junior Colleges. She attends

Sayre. The Erick Sweetwater team won the Championship trophy at the Burns Flat-Dill City tournament. Their record

is 12-0. Remember the good old days when an airplane dropped the Sunday paper and you mailed a check each

month? FFA members planning to attend the leadership conference last week at OKC were Lacy Fowler, Brittney Smith, Cade Sites, Tyler Locke, Dylon Perry, Angela Prather, Heather Dolloff, Jenny Gracey, Jenny McNeil, Dena and Dana Farrell, Ricky and Jana Hanson, Bailey Davis, Kim Gracey, Karla Humphrey, Levi Greer, Nathan Reed, Nathaniel Greer, Dustin Hogg, Hunter Copenhavor. Happiness to all. Take care, Santa is watching.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING By Donald Ford

Christmas is a wonderful time of the

All the giving, receiving, and fanfare we hear;

All the halls decked out with plenty of cheer,

And the clippety-clop of Santa's reindeer.

It's easy to forget the joy of it all, As I search with frustration, all over the mall;

As I bump every cart, and run every isle,

Roll over feet, and search every pile.

My budget's near spent,

And the salesman's eyes qlint, As I struggle to find the gift that will

Your heart with mine till the great beyond.

It's an effort to stay up and give a hoot,

As I look for toys and find only the boot

Of a poor lost soul caught up in the throng.

I must stay alert as I move along.

For the thrill, or to soothe the greedy itch.

Shoplifting is a vicious act of the rich; For very rich they must be if they can afford.

Time spent in jail, <u>and</u> the scorn of the Lord.

When pressures and strife are a gathering gnarl,

And I'm tempted to swap my cheer for a snarl;

When I see bottoms as tops, and smiles as sneers,

It's time to go home and rest my ears.

For a checkout to find, all the isles I wander. Finally I ask, as they say, "OVER

YONDER." The ten-items-or-less lane I will test, What's wrong with eleven—and all the rest?

When I think of what I have and have not,

Santa Letter

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a very good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like

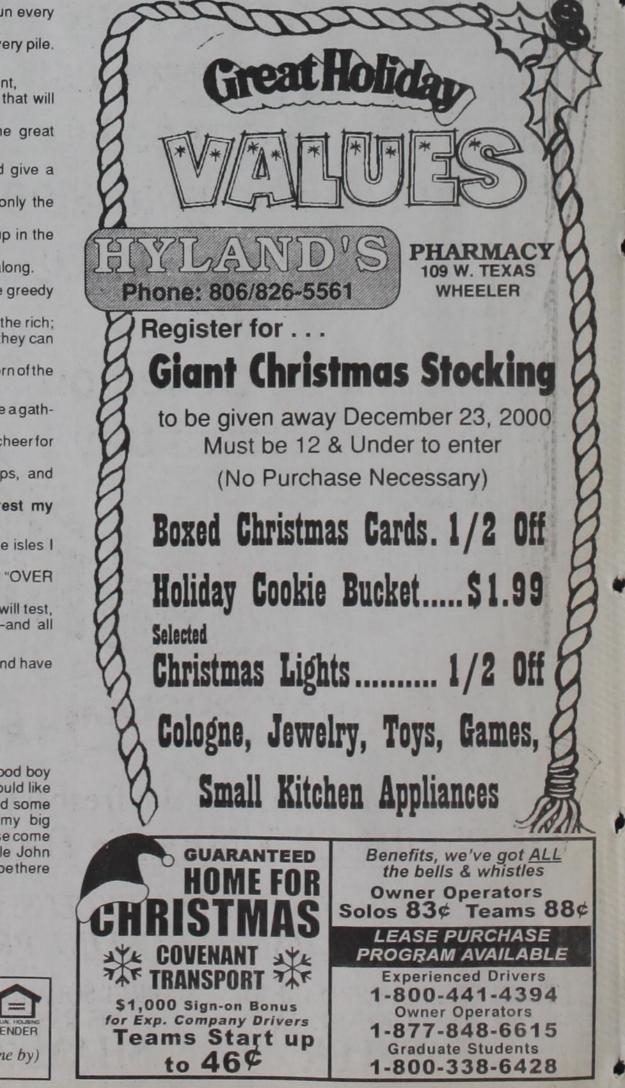


That the Love of God was the start of it all.

For the Love of God came to earth you see,

In the form of Jesus, in whose name we plea.

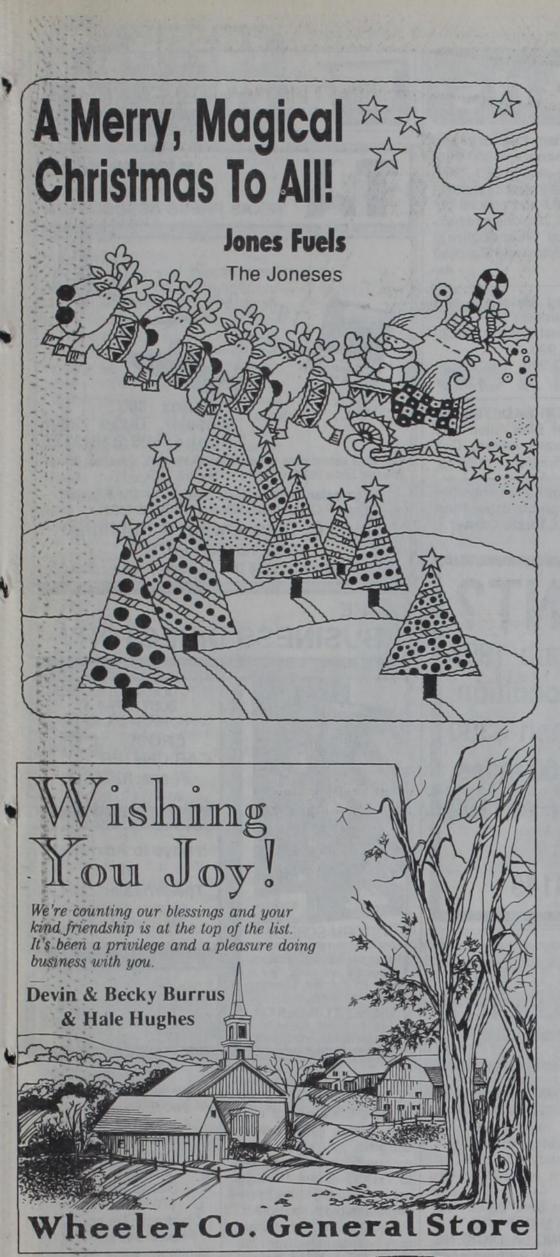
In him alone our destiny lies, So with him alone form our strongest ties.



HICKORY FARMS Buy 1 gift at regular price & get the 2nd gift of equal or lesser value at 1/2 price

OFFER GOOD THROUGH 12/24/00 WHILE QUANTITIES LAST. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF PURCHASE. VALID AT PARTICIPATING HICKORY FARMS RETAIL STORES ONLY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER. FOR A HICKORY FARMS LOCATION NEAR YOU, CALL 1-800-442-5671. The use of an image of baby "New Year" was brought to early America by the Germans. They had used the image since the 14th century. books. Also please bring my big brother, Tanner, a bike. Please come to my Aunt Deidre and Uncle John Paul's house because we will be there for Christmas. I Love You **Tysen Lance Auldridge**

16 months old





Mark 1: 7-9: And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. and it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

We have been still having cold, foggy weather with ice on trees and all last week and the wind just keeps on blowing. We do have sunshine this Monday here in Allison, but a cold north wind.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison of Amarillo were here in Allison last Saturday. Darrel went and visited his mother, Pearl, and ate dinner with her, then he went back to the farm over near Mobeetie. Johnnie staved with me and we had dinner here. She also fixed my hair, then we went over to the corner near the farm to meet Darrel. They went home from there and I came on back to Allison.

Would like to say "thanks" for the Christmas bags that the ladies of the First Baptist Church, the United Methodist Church and the United Pentecostal Church brought around to the senior citizens of Allison. That was a nice surprise. May the lord bless you.

Opal, Juanita and Curtis Boydston were in Wheeler Saturday afternoon for the drawing, from there they went on to Shamrock and did some shopping

Last Tuesday, the First Baptist Church, United Methodist Church and the United Pentecostal Church ladies may have been some of the church men with them all of Allison went to the Care Center at Wheeler and did a Christmas celebration for the residents there and served refreshments and entertained them.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Pampa last Friday doing some shopping. Sunday afternoon Roma and Billy went to Clinton and attended the wedding of friends, Brent Newcomb and Juliette Berkoben. Billy was Brent's baby sitter years ago when he was a baby

Ruby Craig and Rhonda McWhorter shopped in Elk City last Friday.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer were in Amarillo last Thursday for Pete's doctor appointment. They spent Thursday and Friday with Becky and Jeannie Gilmer helping them get ready for Christmas. Pete and Margaret came home on Saturday.

Rita Grayson went with her granddaughter, Keri Dukes, last Saturday to Pampa to do some Christmas shopping.

Sorry to hear that Darville Atherton was involved in a vehicle accident one day last week near the nine mile station east of Wheeler. He was taken to Amarillo, but I heard he is back home.

Eddy and Wanda Walker and Jennie Walker went to Wheeler after church Sunday morning and ate dinner at Maxeys.

Sabrina Dupont had a four Wheeler accident last Friday near her home and was taken to the Parkview Hospital last Friday at Wheeler. She was released from the hospital Sunday and came home.

Do hope everyone has a blessed and Merry Christmas.

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

Ft. Elliott Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

I want a real hamster, a real bird, (a real parrot), a real girl dog, and a real bunny. I love you Santa Claus. Merry Christmas,

Thank you for my toys last year. I want Betty Spaghetti, a new puppy, a hamster, new skates, and a scooter. I will leave you some cookies. Merry Christmas, **Kinslie Ralston**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys last year. How are you. Santa Claus I've been a good girl. I want a new hamster, a new dog, and a new dress. Santa I will leave you cookies. Merry Christmas, Andrea Martinez

Dear Santa,

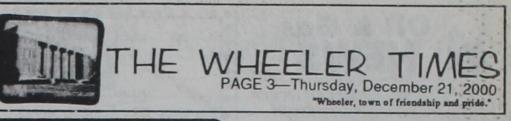
I want a baby puppy, a baby doll, a crib for my baby, and Barbie house. Thank you for my things last year. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you,

Jada Hathaway

Dear Santa,

I want a Buzz Lightyear, a dinosaur, a Woody doll, slinky dog, and some binoculars, a walking Santa and computer. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Derrick Hungate



OBEETIE

By: Melba Corcoran

Jack and Bernice Hefley went to

Wednesday morning was cold and

Amarillo Tuesday. They visited with

the ground was nearly covered with

snow. Another cold morning at 10:00

Melba Corcoran left Saturday morn-

ing for Copan, OK, to visit with Kenny and Melody Sherrell, Christy, Anthony

and Debra. Melody will find out in 4

weeks if she will have to have treat-

ment for the cancer. They found two small cancers in the left half of her

thyroid. The larger one was not en-

capsulated. If the cancer has spread

from the thyroid, she will have to have

radiation. Remember her in your

I will catch up on the news next

This week in history: December

17, 1835, Governor Henry Smith or-

dered Bowie to lead the Matamous

Expedition. December 19, 1836,

Texas Congress established national

boundaries. December 19, 1842,

Alexander Somervell decided to aban-

don invasion of Mexico and ordered

his men to return. About 200 men

refused to obey and continued the

march. Known as the Mier Expedi-

tion, these men were eventually cap-

tured and imprisoned. December 19,

1859, Mirabeau B. Lamar died at

Richmond; December 20, 1835,

Goliad Declaration of Independance.

December 21, 1821, Mary James Long first Anglo-American born in

Texas at Port Lavaca. December 21,

1826, Fredonian Declaration of Inde-

pendence. December 23, 1820,

Moses Austin arrived in Texas to at-

tempt to obtain grant to introduce 300

families in Texas. December 23, 1863,

Federal troops occupied Indianola.

December 24, 1862, Federal troops

occupied Galveston. December 25,

1863, William Quantrill shot up the

city of Sherman on a drunken spree.

Fort Elliott C.I.S.D.

Ft. Elliott turns out for Christmas

Holiday on December 20 and will be

prayers.

week

Clifford Walser in the hospital.

A.M. We were only 20 degrees.

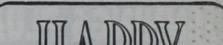
12:00 P.M. Girls Basketball workout. 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. boys basket ball workout.

December 28 to 30 is High School Basketball Tournament at Ft. Elliott. December 13, 2000, the grade school held their annual Christmas program at the Mobeetie School Campus.



May you share in the joy that is Christmas. Many thanks to all.

Compartamos la alegria de esta Navidad. Gracias a todos. Ed & Laurel Hershman



A basketful of joy to all of

our friends, along with our

Jayton Bell Dear Santa,

The Thriftway Gang wishes everyone a **Merry Christmas! On Christmas Eve** we will open at 8:00 and close at 6:00 and will be closed on **Christmas Day**



Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle to ride, a scooter, baseball cards, computer game called Ashes Power. My sister wants an Amercian doll. I'm going to leave you pizza. Thank you for the toys. My mom wants two bracelets. My dad wants a real Chihuahua dog. I love you Santa, **Tyler Schaub**

Dear Santa,

I want a nice dog, toy motorcycle with batteries, food for my horse, and a football. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you for my toys last year. Merry Christmas, **Houston Barr**

Dear Santa,

I was Barbie stuff like a swimming pool, clothes, Barbie shoes, and a Barbie car. I have been a good girl. I will give you some hot chocolate and cake and pie. Merry Christmas,

Emily Wyant

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I have been good enough for you to come see me. I want a new movie, a tree house, and a doll that comes with a lot of clothes and a desk chair. Thank you for the toys last year. I love you. Merry Christmas **Tracy Winter**

Dear Santa,

I want a tea party, a doll with a hat, a teddy bear, a doll house, a coloring book, and new crayons. I've been a good girl this year. Thank you for the toys last year. Your good friend,

Kathy Kelley

Dear Santa,

I would really appreciate it if you would bring me a Secret Talking Scrapbook, because I don't want my little sisters and brother to get into my secrets, and I also would like a Fib Finder, because I want to see if my friend would lie. Love,

Kaylie Ralston

Dear Santa,

I want a bean bag, a guitar, a bike, and love for DeWayne (dad), Wanda (mom), and Alvin (brother). I'd appreciate it if you would stop by. #1 Kid.

Morgan Lane

Dear Santa,

I want a dalmation tekno, a blue or green CD player, a Jon Bon Jovi CD, and a trampoline for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

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Dear Santa,

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sincerly yours, Veronica Hungate

Dear Santa,

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Love, Kaleigh Schaub

Dear Santa,

Sara

I want my stocking filled with candy and a new Brittany Spears CD and Billy Gilmore's cristmas C.D. on top of all the candy and a'll be shore to keep the door unloked. Love,



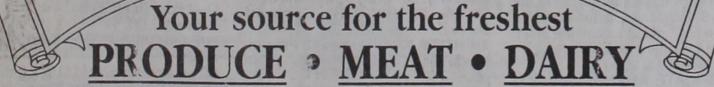
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HEMPHILL (CAST Upper Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #1 Newton, 1320' from South and 1400' from West line, Sec. 180,41,H&TC, PD 12000'.

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (WEST CANADIAN Upper Morrow) Sundown Energy, Inc., #2-136 Lisbeth, 1650' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 136,42 H&TC, elev. 2390 gr, spud 8-24-00, drig. compl 9-14-00, tested 11-14-00, potential 1162 MCF, rock pressure 3712, pay 10200-10230, TD 10415', PBTD 10303', tops: Douglas 6550, Up. Morrow 10200, 8 5/8 csg. 2495 (1630 sx) 4 1/2 csg. 10401' (245 sx) 2 3/8 tbg.-depth set 10143, pkr set 10143' - API# 42 211 32427

HEMPHILL (S.E. MENDOTA Upper Morrow) Chevron USA, Inc., #9017 A.A. Ross, 2150' from North & 2570' from East line, Sec. 71, A-2, H&GN, elev. 2726 gr, spud 6-24-00, drlg. compl 9-8-00, tested 11-21-00, potential 12000 MCF, rock pressure 7010, pay 13254-13277, TD 13496', PBTD 13402', tops: Gr. Wash 10722, Morrow Shale 12752, Up. Morrow Sand 13264, 9 5/8" csg. 3000' (3335 sx) 7" csg. 12770' (540 ac) 4 1/2" liner-top 12242', bottom 13496' (130sx) 2 7/8" tbg. - depth set 12108' pkr set 12108' - API# 42 211 32431 **ROBERTS (LIPS Morrow) Alpar Re**sources, Inc., #1-A Courson-Lips '163': 1250' from North & West line, Sec. 136, C, G&M, elev. 2680 gr spud 10-5-00, drlg. compl 10-21-00, tested 11-16-00, potential 1160 MCF rock pressure 1364, pay 8320-8330, TD 8454', PBTD 8370', tops: KC 6448,



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RECORDS

RVL/RDT-Johnny David Morgan, et al to Johnny Rhodes, et ux, 11-28-00, 19.98 acs. N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 36, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey

D-Johnny Rhodes, et ux to Tommy Rhodes, et ux, 11-22-00, 19.98 acs. N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 36, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. D-Ralph Gardner to Kurt E. Gardner 12-4-00, E 1/2 Sec. 24, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

A. of Judg.-State of Texas to Throckmorton Operating, et al, 12-6-00.

A. of Judg .- First National Bank of Shamrock to Bill Lankford, 12-6-00. SHERIFF'S D-Brewer & Taylor Co. to Kari Ann Kirkland, 10-11-00, 12.85 acs. Sec. 41, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D-L. C. Butler to Stever Walden, et ux, 10-9-00, Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 51, WSSA, Shamrock

DECEMBER 12, 2000

CD-Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to John Meadows, 12-11-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. N-7, 1st Add., Wheeler.

CD-Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to Margie Meadows, 12-11-00, SE 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. N-7, 1st Add., Wheeler.

OL-Bob Dewees to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 10-25-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Betty Cerf to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 10-25-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD-William H. Thomas to Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., 11-29-00, S 1/2 Sec. 48, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—Source One Mortgage Corporation to Glen Waldo Sr., et ux, 12-1-00, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. Tracts in Sub.-Div. (Continued Col. 4)

IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of

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Contract 6065-28-001 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in DICKENS County, etc. will be opened Transportation (TxDOT) on January 3, 2001 at 1:00 until the date(s) shown bepm at the State Office for low, and then publicly read. estimate an \$1,039,235.18.

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RDT-United States of America to David K. Crockett, et ux, 12-6-00, See Instrument.

DT-Laramie McEntire, et ux to Canadian Banking Center, 11-20-00, Lot 2, Blk. 6, Parklane Estates Wheeler; Energy Partners LP, 12-1-00, See Instrument. AFF.—Judith Somerville to Marex U S Inc., et al, 12-1-00, See Instrument. ROY/MD-Clay Bumpass to Kelly H. Baxter, 12-7-00, Sec. 51, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and Sec. 51, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company

D-Donald E. Blackketter, et al to Alex Pujari, 12-14-00, 1.94 acs. Blks 207 and 208, Addison's Add., Shamrock

D-Alex Pujari to Lacy Super Food Inc., 5-5-99, 1.94 acs. Blks. 207 and 208, Addison's Add., Shamrock. D-Lacy Super Food, Inc. to Lacy Property LLC, 12-14-00, Pt. of BI

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ness Trust, et al to DUS Properties Inc., 1-17-95.

CONVEY/ASSIGN .- DUS Management Inc., et al to Parks & Luttrell Survey IDENTITY AFF.—James C. Fling to Marye King Crockett Thomas, 12-5-

AFF.-James C. Fling to Marye E. Crockett Thomas, 12-5-00. **DECEMBER 14, 2000**

D-Juanita Sparkman Brown to Anita Ann Tucker Poole, 12-13-00, Lot 10 and the S 1/2 Lot 11, Blk. 26, Shamrock

D-Juanita Sparkman Brown to Mary Elizabeth Stovall, 12-13-00, Lot 14, Blk. 71, WSSA, Shamrock and Lot 10 and the S 1/2 Lot 11, Blk. 26, Shamrock

D-Joe K. Lester, et ux to Alex Pujari, 12-14-00, 1.94 acs. Blks. 207 and 208, Addison's Add., Shamrock

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DT-Lacy Property LLC to Interbank National Association, 12-14-00, Pt. of Blks. 207 and 208, Addison's Add., Shamrock.

D-Jeffrey Dean Knight to Joe K. Lester, 12-6-00, Lot 10, Blk. 1, Tarbet Add., Shamrock

CORR. D-Bessie Corene Copeland Brobst to Steven Arlen Copeland, 8-21-00, Pt. of Outlot 26, Shamrock. D-Steven Arlen Copeland to Rodney Barker, et ux, 12-12-00, Pt. of Outlot 26, Shamrock

DECEMBER 15, 2000 RDT-Ida Mae Goad to Fred Martin (Continued Page 7)



Psalm 46: 1-3: God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in times of trouble. And so we need not fear even if the world blows up, and the mountains crumble into the sea. Let the oceans roar and foam; let the mountains tremble!

Happy Birthday to Wanda Herd, Shelia Mick, Debbie Stinnett and Kenny Reed on Dec. 25; Lee young, Nancy Shelton and Phyllis Kinnard on December 26; Jotana Simmons, Chris Fillingim, Bro. M. B. Smith, Sue Harrison and Erma Riley on Dec. 28; Pauline Hefley, Maurine Brotherton, Andy Maslik and Keri Marion on Dec. 29; T.J. Cole, Katrina Bodkin, Evelyn Hale, Elva Wood, Isabell Moore, Mike Wash on Dec. 30; Liz Shipp, Martha Helton, Kelsey Zybach and Preston Glazner on Dec. 31.

Happy Anniversary to Rick and Janet Hefner on Dec. 24; Garland and Charlene Dukes on Dec. 37; Terry and Shelia Mick and Raymond and Isabell Moore on Dec. 30; Al and Sharon Ryan, Thad and Tammy Greene and Susie and Billy Umsted on Dec. 31.

Ft. Elliott High School Basketball tournament will be Dec. 28-30.

Booker High School Basketball Varsity and J.V. teams came to Briscoe Tuesday night, in spite of the cold. Ft. Elliott Varsity girls won 45-31. J.V. girls lost to Booker 19-32. Ft. Elliott Varsity boys won 67-41. Our J.V. boys won 56-27. Congratulations!

Nice to see J. D and Windy White at Wheeler. They have several dogs if you need one. They are a handsome couple. J. D. and Windy (not the dogs). Best wishes in their marriage.

Martha Meek has done really well since her long-needed hip replacement surgery. J. P. Meek, Cindy Hartsfield and Chuck and Phoebe Hartline were there for Martha's surgery at B.SA. She was expecting to be in the hospital about 5 days and rehab about 5. But she probably will be making tracks around the halls knowing her. We are thankful all went well. Martha Crumley and Aaron

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Laverty also visited Martha. Aaron was there for her surgery. Martha went to Rehab Thursday and expects to come home this week. Still hard to get in and out of bed. It was hard to get the old ball and socket out be-

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cause grown up so, but Dr. Berg has had lots of experience and all went well. Martha's legs are about same length now. Praise the Lord! She had to have several units of blood.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Dorothy McIlhany in her death. A very dear lady.

Bob and Gena Zybach and Curtis and Jane Ann hall and Kent went to Elk City Sunday afternoon to a Christmas party at the Bell Avenue Nursing home. Ruby Zybach is there and doing real well. Gena prepared food and took to that and also to the Allison Methodist Church Christmas Party Sunday night.

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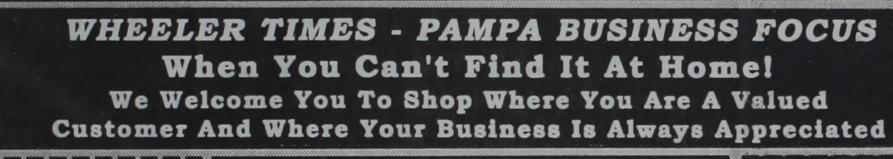
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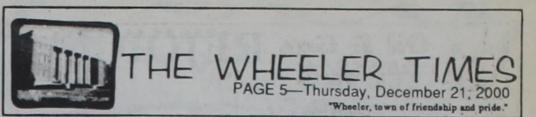
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Pray for our pastor of Gageby Church, Aaron Laverty. He was to have back surgery Monday, Dec. 18, to relieve the intense pain he has had for several months because of a narrowing of the passage that holds some nerves.

Keep praying for Clifford Walser, who was critically hurt in a one pickup accident near the Hollis place Dec.

Lois Meadows is expecting to have Rick and Lucy Lucas and Russell from Westport, Kentucky, to come Monday for a few days. Also Eddie and Leta Meadows and girls will be there.

Phoebe Hartline took J. P. Meek to Amarillo Saturday to see Martha. Phoebe also spent Wednesday night with Martha. Rita Pearson went to an insurance meeting in Amarillo Tuesday, Dec. 12, and took Lindsey and Ken Criswell out to eat at Dyers on her lunch break to celebrate Lindsey's birthday

Pray for Darville Atherton. He was in an accident Wednesday morning and was taken to Wheeler Hospital and then to Northwest Amarillo Hospital. He had a bad headache and a painful leg, but thought no broken bones or concussion at that time. Think he ran into the back of a hard to see snow plow. Some who went to Amarillo to be with him were Rusty and Noveta Atherton and Chynna and Ted and Lodell Atwood. He has done well. Keep praying. He persuaded the doctor to let him go home Thursday and is doing pretty well. He wants to be there for Sammie, his wife. He tries to feed her and talk to

Virginia Puryear brought Bob home Thursday from Amarillo after his heart surgery Nov. 30. Keep praying for Bob. He is doing well, but still weak. But glad to be home where he has his own special nurse.

Brad and Sue Chandler have been

teach 36 pupils at once for short term classes. Then another 36. Filling a great need for solid Bible teaching. Vernon and Sandie came home for Keri's graduation from Hardin Simmons and for short visit with relatives. Olaf Siviage and Gaye Hale went to Abilene for Keri's graduation Saturday.

Vernon and Sandie came Sunday night to stay a few days with Olaf Siviage and Gaye Hale and grandmother, Audie Siviage, 97. Audie had to spend a few days in Wheeler hospital, but doing o.k. now and back home. Some others at Keri's graduation were her in-laws from North Carolina and Sandie's sister from Houston.

"Somehow, not only at Christmas But all the long year through The joy that you give to others

Is the joy that comes back to you."

-by John Greenleaf Whittier Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Horace Gordon, 80, in his death. He grew up in Corn Valley Community and attended Mobeetie School. He attended WT when I did and was in R.O.T.C. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, Horace and brother George had to go right into the infantry. Later, they were able to transfer to the Air Force where Horace was a pilot and George, a bombardier. They were always close friends of Olaf Siviage, playing football together at Mobeetie. Horace went on to graduate from WT and made a medical doctor and lived in Toledo, Ohio, with wife, Barbara. They had two daughters. A fine man. He is survived by sisters, Flora May Kelley, Elda Wilson, Lucille Kilbreth and brother, George. Preceding him in death were brothers, Ernie Gordon, Dr. Archie and Dr. Lee Gordon and sister, Fannie.

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2 lbs. potatoes

1 small onion

1 handful sliced mushrooms 1 pkg. Keibasa Sausage

- 1 Jalapeno (Optional)
- 3/4 stick butter

Scrub or peel potatoes and cut in chunks. Put in dutch oven and add salt and pepper and chopped onion, mushrooms and sausage and Jalapeno and mix. Cut stick of butter in pieces and put over top. Cover and bake about 300 degrees for about 1 1/2 hours or until veggies tender. Place sliced velveta over the top and cook about 5 minutes or melted. Delicious. I am so thankful the Presidential election has been settled and Bush is president. Now he needs our prayers and co-operation of all to-make it successful. Praise the Lord for His goodness. The Ft. Elliott Elementary youth put on a truly great program to a great crowd of parents, grandparents, friends and teachers Wednesday night at Mobeetie. Pam Jones was the director, a very talented one and gets 110% out of the kids with help



enjoying a vacation to Branson, Mo.

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Wheeler Second Grade Santa Letters:

Mrs. Thomas' Class

Dear Santa.

I want clothes. I want a barbie doll. I want present for my family. I will set out for you a glass of milk and cook-

Your Friend, **Gladys Zapata**

Dear Santa,

I would like a new bike because my Uncle ran over my old one. I wold like a scooter and a new game for my nintindo 64. Kenneth Gallegos

Dear Santa,

I would like a question ball, a scooter, and a bike. Love,

Spencer Ford

Dear Santa Caus,

I wish for a Barbie, a radio and a Barbiehouse. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I'm feeling ok are you ok? Have a nice Christmas. I want all those things for my birthday. I will promise you I will have a happy birthday.

Your friend,

Carla Mendoza

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a Pokemon Stadium. I'll leave you rolls and milk

Omar Lopez

Dear Santa,

I want a bb gun for Christmas, and a train, too. I'm going to leave some cookies and milk for your.

Love,

Zach Verden

Dear Santa Claus. I want a Max Still that has batteries.

Can you bring some cars to my little brother? One more thing, can you bring me a car that has batteries. Love,

Adrian Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa, how are you doing? I think I want just three things. I want a puchey, drumset and a scooter. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. I got a lot of presints for Christmas already. I Love you. Love.

Jim Hubbard

Dear Santa,

I wish for a new friend to move here so I can have some one to play with. I wish for my health to be good my whole life and I wish that you would come see me. Your friend.

Mariah Marshall

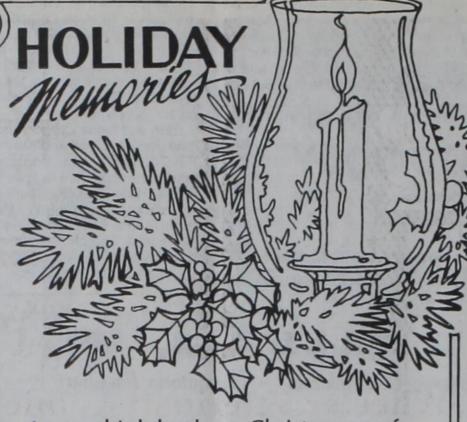
Wheeler Second Grade

Santa Letters Mrs. McCain's Class

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Barbie, laptop. I want a bunch of toys. I want a scooter. I want a trampoline. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus signed: Lynne Sasalas

Dear Santa Claus, I want a basketball goal, game boy, CD player. I wish you a merry Christmas.



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

John C. & Rosemary Vise

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you a good Merry Christmas to both of you. I want you to bring me a scooter and a Blue Book and some clothes and a Barbie and a radio and a knew house. signed:

Tania Flores

Dear Santa Claus,

A lap top with a DVD player, a scooter, a dirt bike, stuff to make a dog house.

Have a Merry Christmas, Santa Claus signed: **Chris Schubert**

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you a Merry Christmas. I want a scooter. I want a harmonica. I love you Santa Claus. I wish you a Merry Christmas. to Mrs. Claus. It's all I want.

Dear Santa Claus,

Can I have a bike with a ---. Will you please tell Mrs. Santa Claus hi for me. I will leave you some oreos and some milk

signed: **Kaylee Marion**

Dear Santa Claus,

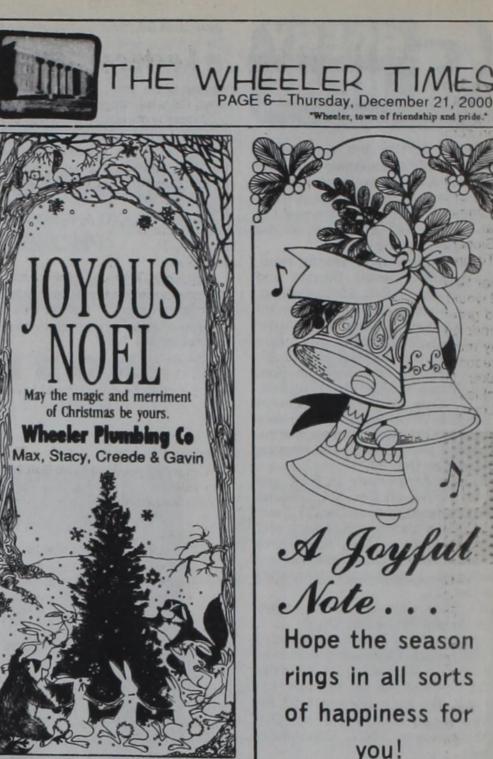
I want a gameboy play station, CD player, CD's and a scooter signed: **Jeremy Horton**

Dear Santa Claus,

On Christmas evel wish for a Barbie and a radio and a house for the Barbie. I wish you a Merry Christmas. signed:

Karen Mendoza

Wheeler First Grade



Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you have a happy Christ-mas. I will leave you some cookies and apples.

I've already told you what I want for Christmas but really Christmas is about Jesus, when he was born. signed:

Jaten Todd Moore

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a video game, called Excite Bike.

How are your elves doing? I want a BB gun and a dirt bike. I will leave you some milk and cook-

signed: Zane Kuenn

Dear Santa Claus,

I really want shawdow the dog. Have a really Merry Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hello.

Elva Wood

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like my cat not to be loud. I would also like to have a good Christmas. But most of all, I would like a brand new bike. Love.

Shawna Hampton

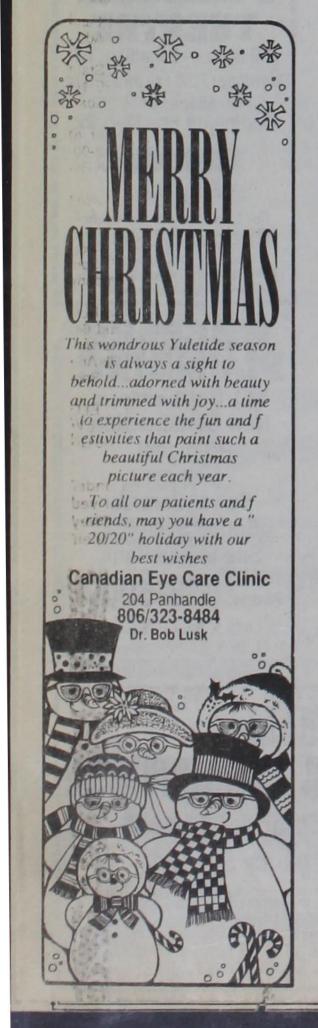
Dear Santa,

I want a new bike and I want the Grinch game for my nitendo 64. But most of all, I want a scooter. How are you doing Santa? Tell me how Mrs. Santa is doing. Love. **Collin Hampton**

Dear Santa Claw. I wish for a Barbie, a Barbie house and a book to read. Love. Giovanna Luna

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a drum, a train and a soldier. I will put cookies for you on the table. Love, **Rolando Salas**



Monty McCasland

signed

Dear Santa Claus, I want a fake gun and a bicycle I like you. I will leave you a snack signed: **Billy Ray Dyer**

Payton Austin Dear Santa Claus,

Iwant a nintendo 611 and 60 games and a Bike and a laptop and a trampoline and a stereo that's all Santa Claus. signed: **Chase Scales**

GREETINGS TO ALL May the holidays abound with all the warmth and goodness we wish for

you and yours...wrapped

in love and happiness.

Johnny's Shamrock

Johnny, Betty, Melissa & Justin



Santa Letters **Connie Porter's Class**

Dear Santa.

I want a Barbrie boom box, and a tea party. I want a real camar, I want some real stickers, fack santa doll and fack grand . I want a real puppy. I want some real ducks. I want ear rings.

Love, Leandra Westbrook

Dear Santa,

I would like a new barbe. I wou like a new bible book. I would like a new stuffed animal. I woud like new sheets for my bed. I would like a bathing suit. I would like a new barbe car. love

Victoria Watson

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike, a big Barbie, and a cat, a Barbie house, a Barbie costume and a real horse Love

Katie Murphy

Dear Santa,

I want a Barby Beach, Britney Spears cd, Barby perple house, barby toy box. Baby Doll. Love, **Paige Jones**

Dear Santa,

I would like a radio, A parrot would be nice too. A bear for my mom. A lowrider for my dad. three barbie dolls for my sisters. Love,

Tim Padron

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie geep, a new camera. My brother Brenton would like some clothes, and Don would like a Woodie doll. My dad would like some clothes, and my mom would like some candles. Merry Christmas Love, **liene Butler**

Dear Santa,

It is December. It will be Christmas on 25. I hope you have a good day. I would like to have a bike. Love, **David Ramirez**

Dear Santa,

I want a football, a baseball. I want a new washing machine for my moma Popa.

I want a cat. love

Tayt McCasland

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike for christmas. I would also like a toy car. I would also like a toy bike as wel. I would also like

signed: **Caitlyn Burch**

signed:

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you a merry Christmas. I want a doll, Santa Claus. Mayra Martinez





Season's Best... WE HOPE THE HOLIDAYS **RING IN ON A JOYOUS**

NOTE FOR YOU & YOURS!

100 E. TEXAS --- Wheeler, Texas 79096

a puppy love, **Marvin Nava**

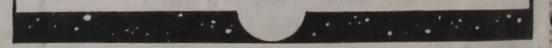
Santa Letter

Dear Santa

Hi my name is Bailey. I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a computer, kitchen set and a pony from my G-pa Bailey. I have a 1 year old sister but she hasn't been as good as I have. She wants a bike and a barbie doll. Have a merry christmas Santa. I love you **Bailey Ann McAlpine**

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Ft. Elliott Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

I want N 64 games such as Zelda. Tony Hawks pro skater, and Army men sargent heros 2. I also want a good metal detector. It would be nice if you would bring me a amp for my guitar, I also want a go-cart. I need some arrows to so would you bring me some. I've been a good boy this year.

Sincerely

Tommy

Dear Santa.

I would like a new bike that is blue and green and some money for my friends and my dog to have a fun little play mat that my dog mit like and a awesome 30 second coton candy maker. I'll live you some milk and cookies.

Love, Tisha

Pampa Cinema Coronado Shopping Center 665-7141 -December 22-28-Castaways-PG-13 Fri.-Sat.-Sun.**-Mon.: 3:20 7:00 10:00* Tues. thru Thurs: 3:20 7:30 Dracula-Rated R Fri.-Sat.-Sun.**-Mon: 3:30 7:30 9:45* Tues: thru Thurs: 3:30 8:25 Grinch-Rated PG

Fri.-Sat.-Sun."-Mon. 3:45 7:45 10:25* Tues. thru Thurs: 3:45 8:10 What Women Want-Rated PG-13 Fri.-Sat.-Sun.**-Mon. -3:00 7:20 10:15* Tues. thru Thurs: 3:00 7:50

 Coming Soon: Vertical Limit, 102 Dalmations happy Holidays to All from the Staff at Pampa Cinema *Christmas Eve the Pampa Cinema will be open only for the matinee Showtimes to allow our employees to be with their families on Christmas Eve. The Pampa Cinema will be open as usual on Christmas Day, (December 25th) * Friday & Salurday

Admission Prices: \$3.50 (All Matinee Shows starting before 5:00 Child (3-11) or Sr. Citizens: \$3.50 Adult: \$5.00

Dear Santa,

I would really appreciate it if you would stop by my house first because this year I want a telascope or you gave me a hourse. If you give me a telascope make sure to leave a note saying it's mine! Santa I'll leave you milk and cookies. Your #1 Kid,

Megan Horn

Dear Santa,

I only want Nintendo 64 games called Zeida Majors Mask, and army men sarges heros 2. For movies I want "Big Mamas House" and "Mission Impossable Two".

Your friend, Alvin D. Reeves

P.S. I would love it if you would give needy people a home.

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike and a set of drums. I would like the needy to have homes. Your friend, Nathan McLaughlin

Dear Santa,

I want needy to have homes. I wish for a robot and Christmas tree already decorated. I also would like a fireplace to sit by, and a dockson dog. Sincerely,

Isaac P.S. Give Timmy and Becky Chunn a great big house.

Dear Santa.

I would like a new little basketball and a new nintendo game and it is called Super Mario 64 and a furby and a backpack and a game boy Color and some clothes. Thank you Santa Claus. Third grade. from,

Colbey

Dear Santa,

I would like a Teal Game boy. My big sister would like a lime green Game boy. My little sister would like a purple Game Boy. My mom would like a Wagoneer. My Dad would like a four wheel drive four door pickup. Love Pate, Thank you Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy and a skeeter. I want a nintendo 64 and a gun. I want a computer and a football. I want a blue game boy and a paint ball gun. I want some new boots. and some clothes. Santa I been a good boy. Third grade.



Wheeler Veterinary Clinic

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like to have a skeeter. I would really, really, really, really, really like to have pok'emon gold!!! I would like my license and a red car.

Love Blake K. Baker Third grade

Dear Santa.

I have been a good little girl. I want a nintendo 64. And a game boy color. And some money please. And some shan and some new close and shoes. Agame for the game boy. Third garde.

Love Felecia McCarty, Thank you Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a leopard print shirt, an a leopard print comforter set for my bed, jewelry, Britney Spears clothes, hair clips, a watch, a chair, leopard pants, a leopard notebook, clothes, and a leopard print coat

Your friend,

Mayci Nichole Meadows

Dear Santa,

I want a poo-chi. I want another Furby. I want a lot of money. I want any thing to do with Brintey J. Spears. I would like another furby and poo-chi so they can talk to each other. I want a Gigia pet. Love, your friend

Crystal Pigg

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a dirt bike, a twenty two rifle, and a electric guitar. want the homeless people to have a

Dear Santa, I want a Sooder. And a puppy. Becous my dad dous not want a house dog. And some more new beaney babys. And a collector doll and a C.D. of Dolly Parton and a C.D. of Leeanrime. And a kitten. And the movey of 120 Dalmations.

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Dear Santa,





double back flip and drive on two wheels and drive upside down. I want a motecontrole monster truck that can turn into a dume bugy. And 60 dolars. And a snap to gether corvette modle. I want a goblin mask and the grinch getaway car like in the movie. Dawson



Wheeler Lumber Company

Knight's Nursery,

Dear Santa,

I want the improbes new groove and I want some dolls and I want my real baby and I want some barbie cloths and I want a brittney spears C.D. and i want a brittney spears doll and a Brittney spears purse and a big big Scooby Doo and a want a big big tweety and i want a scooter and i want the Grinch movie.

W. D. & Mary Mitchell

Adrian Reis

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Clause

I love you. I have been a good girl, helping with brothers, they are lots of work, but getting to be fun playing now. I really need a trampolene, an Alpha Bear and some Barbi clothes. We will have hot chocolate and cookies for you.

Love,	
Jayton	Childre
Age 4	

Dear Santa Clause

I've been a good little boy, as good as a 2-year-old can be.

I would really like a Shop Broom of my own so I can help Pa sweep out his shop. I really like sweeping for Pa. I need a Seasame Street train, and some boots and jeans. We will leave you some hot chocolate and cookies.

Love, **Garrett Childress** Age 2

Sarah Horn

I want a remote controle truck that you can swich tires and it can do



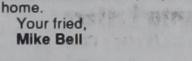


t has been a joy to know and serve you.

Speedi-Mart



Our sincerest thanks for your patronagemay your holidays be joyous!



Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like some jewelry, a fake leopard bed spread, some fake leopard clothes, Britney Spears and N'SYNE clothes, and a maid to clean up my room. I would like the movies "Big Mama's House", "Drop Dead Gorgeous", "Shang Hi Noon", and some more movies. would also like a Game Boy Color and games. I probably want more thing but I can't think of them right now.

From, **Jordan Lee Alls**

Dear Santa.

I want a four wheeler, a Game Boy Color and a Nintendo 64 game, and a 5 disc cd player. I would like to have all the needy to have a home. Thak you Santa, **Chance Newman**

Dear Santa,

Can you get Power Ranger Stuff. The color is yellow I like you and your toys are good. **Ailene Wyant**

Dear Santa,

I what a Barbie power puff girl. The emperor's new groovy, and game and new bike, furdy and a new Brittney Spears, C. D., B.S. purse, Big Scooby Doo. New Bed. A-twiety. **Karen Kelley**

Dear Santa,

I want a The emperor's now groove and a real Furby, I want a bow and chicken run and a big Scooby Doo, I want a now rottweiand a stuffed bear. **Chelsea Selby**

Dear Santa,

I want a remotecontrol 4-wheeler and i want 25 dollars and a game boy and a remotecontrol jet i want a big Scooby Doo and a guitar and 1 dollar and a scooter and a getaway grinch. Kory Joe McLaughlin

Dear Santa,

I want a Titanic that i can pla with in the tud. And a eletrit tran set. **Davis Corse**

Dear Santa,

I wnat a game boy Color and 25 dollars and a 7-feet Scooba Doo and a dog is bottweiler and a black cat and a computer and a scooter and a gizmo and a perit. **Carl Lee Jahnel**

Dear Santa,

I want a frbye and skouder the move the Emperor's new groove and soum dollars and a Brittney Spears Bribe doll and a purse and a tweety Bride and a Parit. **Alexis Zybach**

Dear Santa Clause

I am 2 years old and I really, really try to be good, but sometimes well Santa you know. Could you please bring me a pair of leather gloves, like Pa's in my size and a bundle of red rags of my very own. I would like my own tool box with real tools. I promise I've learned my lesson, that you don't work on picture windows with a hammer. I also need a Seasame Street train like brothers, so we can play. I love you, Santa.

Love, **Jarrett Childress** Age 2

Dear Santa,

I hope you and the elves are doing fine. For Christmas this year I would like a kitchen, a baby doll, and a handle (steering wheel). I have been a very good girl and will leave you lots of cookies and a tall glass of milk. I will be at my Poppie's and Grammie's at Kelton, Tx.

Breanna Paige Shugart 2 1/2 yrs. old

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Goad, et ux, 11-3-00, N 1/2 Lot 4 and Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 2, Risner Add., Wheeler.

DT-Lester Family Ltd. to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 12-14-00, SE 1/4 Sec. 57, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT-Wheeler Banking Center to Thomas R. Helton, et ux, 12-13-00, Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN.—WSD to Saxet Resources

Inc., 12-11-00, Sec. 48, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN.—DSD Resources to Saxet Resources Inc., 10-10-95, S 1/2 Sec. 48, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey

D-Eleanore A. Braly Trust to ELC Limited, 12-30-99, Sec. 42 and 64, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. RVL-Clara Helen Cole to Phillis Ann Contreras, 12-13-00, 160 acs. Sec. 7, Blk. C, D W Davis Survey.

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The custom of kissing under the mistletoe may have derived from the Scandinavians. They associated the plant with their goddess of love, Frigga.

Marshall's **Discount** Auto Darrell, Maggie, Steve and Mechelle Mack, Heather, Mariah & Trevor Mark, Joanna & Urrick

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a play dog with a bone; a new red and black bicycle and Digimon Cards, and a bowling game that keeps score. Love, **Brandon Hathaway** Ft. Elliott Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control motorcycle, a new Mlami Dolphins cap and small toy kateboard. Be careful. Love, **Roland Newman**

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As we recall the birth of the Infant lesus, may the joy of that first Christmas fill our hearts and renew our hope.

McIlhany Dry Goods

Wheeler Pre-K Santa Letter

Dear Santa.

I want a horse, please, for Christmas. I've been a good boy this year. My sisters want a Barbie. Love

Miguel Badillo

Hi Santa,

I've been a good boy this year. For Christmas please bring my mommy an Angelica doll and bring my daddy some candy. Also bring my baby sis-ter an Angelica doll, too. Don't forget to bring me a dirt loader that I've wanted for a long time. I'll have some cookies on a plate for you. I love you very much! Juan Lira

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope everyone is fine. I would like a doll with a binky and please bring my mom a Barbie Doll. My little sister would like an Angelica with the Karoke machine, and please bring my daddy a new truck. Say hi to all the reindeer for me Love

Lupita Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Mary Kate and Ashley doll. I was wondering how the reindeer are doing. I have been very good this year. Love

Shai Patterson

Dear Santa I would like a horn and a baseball. would also like a Nintendo game. I

have been a good boy this year. I will leave milk and cookies out for you to eat. I would also like a toy football game. I would like Mario Golf and a toy basketball game. I would also like a Mario basketball game.

Ethan Johnson

Love,



Dear Santa,

I would like a toy for Christmas. I have been a good boy. Love Guili Mendoza

Dear Santa.

I want a lot of robot things with laser guns and bullet guns. And I want a kitty cat robot because I saw that on TV

I've been a good boy this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Love Tre McElveney





I want a Barbie house for Christmas this year. Santa, I have been very good this year. Love

McKaylee Swift

Dear Santa.

I have been a good girl this year. For Chrismtas I would like a Poochie and a Barbie motorcycle Love.

Taylor McClendon

Danny Dawson

Dear Santa,

Love

For Chrismas I would like a motor-Dear Santa, cycle and a motorcycle jacket. I have been a good boy this year.

Letter from Allison

Allison Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like a new camera and something to build with.

Love, J.W

Dear Santa,

I love you because you give us all these nice toys. I want a Barbie that makes something and baby born (like a real baby), painting deal and markers. I also want a new computer with games and thats all I want Love,

Allison Pre-K

Dear Santa, I would like a Buzz Light Year and a good guy sword from Star Wars. A shirt that has, "NO TRESSPASSING FOR GIRLS!

Love You, Zane

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll with beautiful hair



Jade

wonderful and magical time of the year, our thoughts turn to those who have made our progress possible. Thank you, dear and loyal_friends, for your continued patronage and goodwill. Merry Christmas!

this

McCain's Auto Body

Bob, Gwen, Kelly, Cristen, Brooke, Kennan, Cory, Gayla & Grace

and clothes. I would like some Barbie dolls with clothes and Barbie car. Also some books and puzzles. Love, Monti

Allison Second Grade

Dear Santa,

Does it snow every day at the north pole? I would like a motor cycle, a scooter, and a pair of socks, Please remem-

ber my brother.

Love, **Grant Archer**

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I would like to have a smash mouth CD, a "Duck Hunting" game, and a Blue Gameboy color. Thanks for remembering all the children.

Love, Michael Bray

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I want a refractor telescope and a game for my "Game Boy". I will leave cookies and milk for you.

Love, Vicki Goldsmith

Dear Santa,

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I've been a good boy. I want a deer hunting game for my Game Boy, and a T.V. hunting game, Snowboard game for my Game Boy. I'll leave cookies for you. Love, Matthew Kiker

Allison Fourth Grade

Dear Santa,

I don't really want anything for Christmas. There is one thing it is a book. The title is called "A Dog Called Kitty". Merry Christmas,

Leslie Archer

Dear Santa,

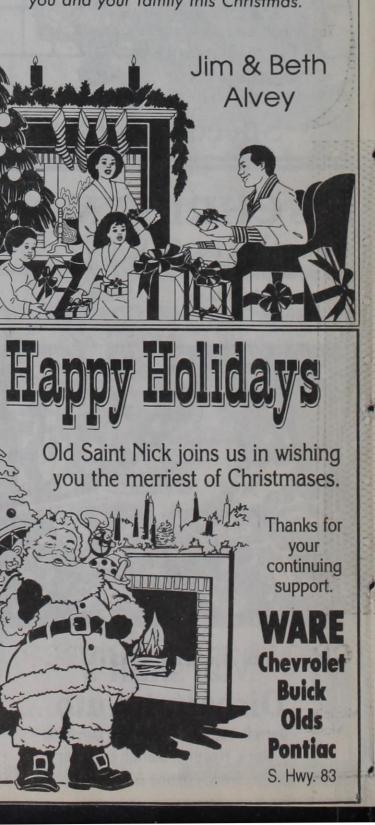
All I want for Christmas is a big stereo for my room and I hope it is really big. I also want the CD, "Human Clay." That is all I want for Christmas. Merry Christmas, Kelsi Wiggins

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like Mickey Racing Game on Nintendo 64. Also, I want a new bedspread. Most of all I want a horse. P.S. I have been a good girl this

year! Merry Christmas Kara Lane

May the many blessings of the season visit you and your family this Christmas.



Wheeler First Grade Santa Letters

Mrs. Batton's Class

Dear Santa,

Thank you for a Nintendo. I want a dase gun and deer call. ose a computer with games vore frindo

Brett Michael Johnson

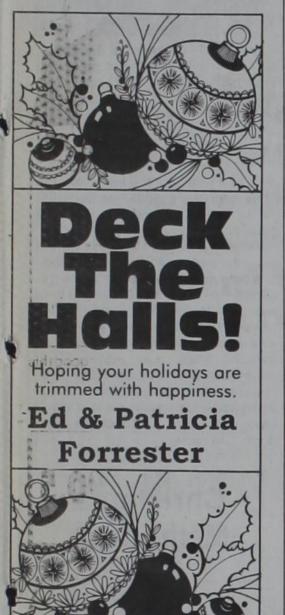
Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is any kind of doll and my sister I think she wants sum thing that sings. My sister's Name is Nikkie. I have kookis and milk. I have bin good this year. You will have to go through the frunt or back dor. Love

Kasie Dawn Ramirez

Dear Santa.

I have ben good this yird. I em goin to put ches on my table. Houl is Rudolph doing? I want for Christmas a tecno dog for Christmas. I want a green bike too Santa. I dont hav a chimney. So you are goin to cum in



the door. I want a compter. Hol is the elfs doing? hol is Mrs. Santa? Bring my babe Wili a sled. The clulr is green. Love

Genaro Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I want a Tecno dog. and a remotecotrolled jeep and Cambri wants a new jacket. I will leav you sum chocolate chip cookies. I want g.i. joes but one of each and Smack down 2. and a Rokeshi toy and too cool toys. I want a pocket knife and a b.b. gun. Love your friend,

Kallen Moore

P.S. I riley like the jacket you got me last year.



throughout the year. Have a

wonderful holiday.

Hefley Hardware

Jerry, Carolyn, Justin,

Kendall

& Staff

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents. I love them.

I dont care if you give the same present. I will still like them becaus you are the best Santa and thank you for the toy bear and the toy dog. Love,

Aidee Emiliano

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my new desk. I whant a new bike.

Thank you for the new shoes for Christmas. I whant a new purple Techno dog. I don't hav a chimney so you are going to go through the frutt door

Iwhant a computer. I whant a sleeping bag. And I whant a Barbie pillow. Love

Deidra Lynn Salas

Dear Santa,

I am a good girl. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Please bring me a little right size bed for me and a right size bed for Lewis. Please bring me some easy book to read to Lewis so he will go to bed easy.

I love you, Danarae Johnson

Wheeler Third Grade Santa Letters

Dear Sarta,

I wont a bike and a lap top and a micro scooter and dragon ball z, notebook thank you Sarta. love

Terry Menefield

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll and I would like some Earrings, Charm braclets. and a necklace with green and blue, and the earrings I would like some red and blue diamonds to. And I am going to give you some cookies and milk and That doll that I want I would like the doll that Sings and dances to Christmas to you and your wife. Makenzi Jordan Stiles

Dear Santa,

I want a drumset and Crash 2 Playstaition game and a poochy odd ball and a pocket watch and a compass and a satelite and a Empire's New Groove and a pocket knife and a Brittney Spers cd and a lap top. **Aaron Gaines**

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is Tony Hawks pro skating on Nintendo 64 and a Lego castle. Then I want a Duke University hat. **Josh Henson**

Dear Santa,

I ben good, thank you for my noow clothes last year. I will put cookes by the Christmas tree. Thay will be chocolate chip cookies. My little sister wants a doll. I want a real cat. But I don't haf a chimney. What whil I do. I thec that you can come in the door.

Love your firend, Gabi Menefield

P.S. Ose I want a trampoline, a big one

Dear Santa Claus,

Remember the GI joes You gave me last year Thank You for them. I want a new bike for Christmas. I want a new komputer game and a sleeping bag.

Love Your friend **Dustin Hunt**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bicycle. My cousin needs new kloce I want new flashcards. How is Mrs. Claus? I want playing doctor kit. I want generation girls Bardie. How is Rudolph the red nose renideer? Love

Tanzia Joyce Brown

Dear Santa,

I will leave cookies and a glass of milk. Will you come to my house please Santa, Will you leave me a Hey You Pukchu and a computer and a ring for my mom and a watch for my dad.

Jonathan Emiliano Salas

Dear Santa,

Will you please give me a lap top, and a scooter, and a Happay family and I will leave you some cheese. Danna Gallardo

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I want a mountain bike and a Gameboy and a computer and one more thing is a black notebook.

Jacob Mendoza

For Christmas I would like a Micro Scooter with blue wheels, Sims City 2000, for my p.c., Froger 2 for my p.c., Pokemon Puzzle for Nintendo 64. Have a holly jolly Christmas! Josh Hardcastle

Dear Santa,

If it is not to expensive could you get me a pocket watch, Mario Party, two and the hole set of the little Army that is the color green and tan and



An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

Eastern Panhandle Insurance

Jeremy

Noel Walton

Dear Santa,

I wish I could have a Dalmation poochie. I wish my dad could come home for Christmas Eve to celebrate the day Jesus was born. And I really want a computer!! I wish I could have a boy bulldog named Strong Warrior Sara Salazar

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a horse a beautiful white one that is the best of all. I wish my dad could come home more than he does. I wish to have a great Christ-

Allison Santa Letter Dear Santa.

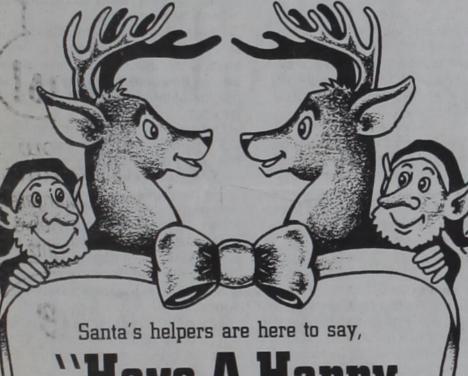
Kay Luttrell

It has snowed a lot. I know how you became a Cringle. I want a skooter and a good bike. I hope you have a good holiday Your friend

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Dear Santa,



``Have A Happy Christmas Day!"

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



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

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Dear Santa,

I want a computer and a Moy Loco lizzard, and a Dreamcast, and the from last thing I want a very Merry Christ-

mas with all my family. **Eddie Chavez**

Dear Santa.

I want a drumset with sticks and a extra pair of sticks. Just in case I brack them and a football and Merry Christmas **Darren Gaines**

Dear Santa.

I would like a purple puohi, a brown shadow. A girl new born baby and a Nintendo game and I do not care what game it is. I am going to leave out some milk and cookies for you on the table in the kitchen. I will mix oatmeal with sparkles to make food for the reindeer and it will guide their way to the house.

Jessica Hubbard

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a scooter and a poochie and a Mountain bike with a ramp and most of all I would like a drumset. **Mike Gaines**

Dear Santa,

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Will you please bring me these four things that I want. I want a Play Station and I want a Game Boy with the Pokemon Gold and Silver additon and I want a hand free phone and what I really want is the cd Pink. And I will leave you some cookies and milk and then there will be a surprise underneath the plate. **Macie Miller**

there will be a surprise under your plate.

Nathan Benefield

Dear Santa, How are you doing? This year I would like a Skeeter, 10 speed bike, Meow Chie, and a remote control

Braden Moore

Dear Santa.

Will you please give me a new notebook. And I would like the play dog Shadow. I would like to have a really good book. Will you please make that a science book. Will you please go to Dad's house. **Taylor Wright**

boat. I will leave you a Dr. Pepper and

Dear Santa,

Can I please have a micro scooter with back wheels. And Madden 2001 for Nintendo 64. And Car testing 500 for P.C. And blankets for my 3 sheep. **Nicholos Hardcastle**

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Cell phone and a note book and a computer and a television set and a Pink c.d. Santa I will love you forever.

Ashley Gallagher

Dear Santa,

I want a toy semi, pouchie, mountain bike, and a lap top game. I have been good this year and I will leave cookies for you. **Adam Robles**

mas with my family. I wish my dad could come home for Christmas Eve. Kaycee' Swift

Dear Santa,

I would like a barbie glamorama fashion gift set, a Britney Spears doll and cd and a Britney Spears concert stage play set. I will leave some milk and cookies on the fire place for you. I have been good **Tracy Keelin**

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a computer, Drumset, playstation with Blitz 2000 and Maden 2001, and my Nintendo 64 that is in Mexico, a lot of snow, and I want more books in the library, a pocket knife, and a game boy. Johnny Venzar

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a Nintendo 64 and that's all. **Gerardo Diaz**

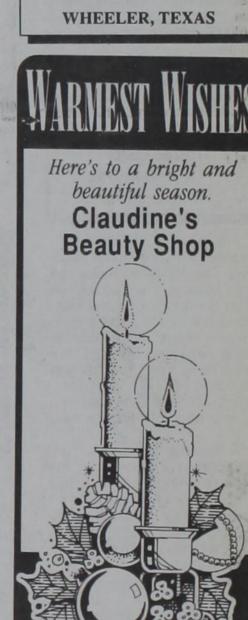
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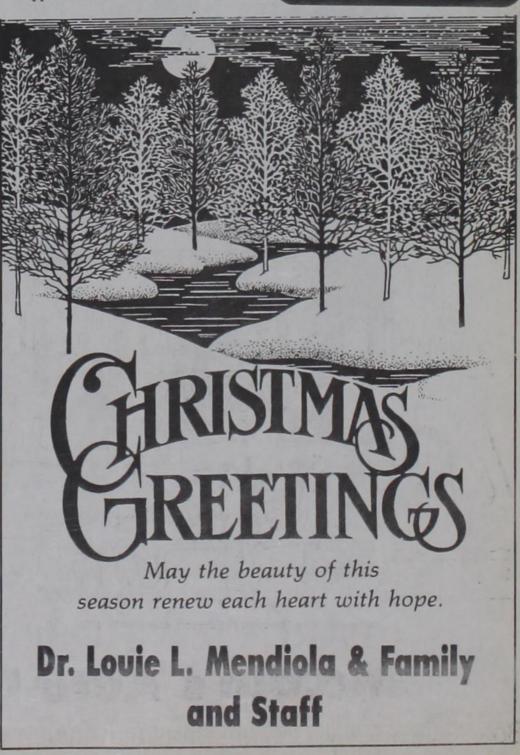
I would like a 6 speed bike, a T.V., and a 3 disc C.D. player with a remote control. I have been good **Bailey Richardson**

Dear Santa,

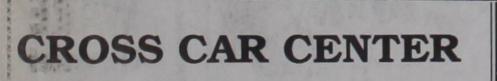
I would like for you to bring me a laptop for Christmas and a mountain bike and a Damation and a micro scooter. **Brock Sabbe**

When inaugurated as vice president, Andrew Johnson appeared drunk, having just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.









David & Kathleen Michelle, Rusty, Christopher, Little Dave, Justin, & Chris Monica, Dale, Ann Marie, Joseph, Sarah & Rachael Roger, Cindy, Halee, Reese and Chadd



Tammy Maddox Matthew McCurley Dorotha McCurley Carissa Dukes Randy McCurley Diane Dukes Melba Darnell Mary Hovey Wanda Hefley **Bill Howard** Stephanie Coulter Stephanie Jones Collin McCurley Member FDIC

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from all the staff of teachers. cooks, maintenance helpers. Thank you all. That program spoke to all our hearts about making room for Jesus and was called "Holiday in Bethlehem". If our country doesn't turn back to God, we will never be able to have enough prisons for all the criminals

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Brandon Finsterwald and Megan Horn did great jobs as Joseph and Mary. Some others, (about 55 in all) were Issac Wyant, Chance Newman, Amber Maddox, Stormi Lancaster, Michael Bell, Brittany Bryan, Colbey Hanson, Dawson Clark, Jada Hathaway, Brandon Hathaway, Kaleigh Schaub, Tisha McLaughlin, Roland Newman, Alexis Zybach, Sarah Horn, Karen Kelley, Blake Baker, Morgan Lane, Davis Corse, Cody Selby, Chelsea Selby, Tracy Winter, Andrea Martinez, Nathan McLaughlin, Mayci Meadows, Crystal Pigg, Kory McLaughlin, Felecia McCarty, Alvin Reeves, Sara Hathaway, Hailey and Bailey Estes, Allene Wyant, Adrian Reis, Tommy Meek, Jordan Alls, Kaylie Ralston, Jayton Bell, Tyler Schaub, Pate Alls, Veronica Hungate, Kathy Kelley, Emily Wyant, Houston Barr, Kinslie Ralston, Derrick Hungate and Carl Jahnel.

At Ft. Elliott play there were Seven Inns called Good Life Inn, Too Busy Inn, No Trust Inn, Procrastination Inn, Status Quo Inn, Care Less Inn and Lost Chance Inn.

All kids had short speaking parts and participated in the music and singing. Mary also held Baby Jesus and he even cried a little. Thank you, Pam and all! Megan Horn made a good Mary and cuddled her baby realistically and sang some. (The baby might not have been alive.)

Pray for Ted Atwood. He was having gall-bladder surgery at Pampa Thursday morning, Dec. 14. They were hoping he wouldn't have to have the full incision. Ted's gall bladder was grown to his liver and adhesions had wrapped around, kinda of a network. It was a challenge but doctor was still able to do the laproscopic method with 5 little holes. Ted is still sore but doing all right.

We enjoyed seeing the McLean-Ft. Elliott High School basketball games Tuesday night at Briscoe. If you haven't seen our kids play, you've missed out. Both high school teams and even J.V.'s are real hustlers. Lots of good players even down to freshman and sophomores. Good to see many there that we do not see often out to the games. Also DARE Representative David Watson presented certificates to April Goad's fifth graders, who had taken the course. Receiving awards were Issac Wyant, Chance Newman, Tommy Meek, Crystal Pigg, Jordan Alls, Alvin Reeves, Mayci Meadows and Nathan McLaughlin.

night 56-32, as did the boys 81-41. Congratulations!

James and Charlotte Hefley's "baby girl", Nikki, was one of the best players on McLean's team, a real worker.

Our Junior High teams are good, too. Monday night, Dec. 11, Follett came to play at Briscoe. Ft. Elliott girls won our boys lost

Family expected for Christmas at the home of James and Mardi Ogle are Shellie and Jeremy Johnson and Tanner and Casey and Misty Gilmer and Abby and Melody Morgan and T. K. and Lorene Carter.

Don't forget Gageby Church Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m. Sun-



Bradan Pierce Gomez, is the son of Myranda and Joe Gomez of Dumas. Grandparents are Nancy and Cecil Pierce of Wheeler and Adam and Chris Gomez of Dumas. Great-grandmother is Annie Ruth Lee.

For all your ...

Insurance Needs, See Eastern Panhandle

day, December 24. Everyone invited to come worship and sing with us and fellowship.

We are expecting Dan and Chris Fillingim and Dallas for Christmas. Lindsey and Ken will come later. Hope to get in some 42 and Chicken Foot. Ken has lots of relatives.

Bro. Aaron Laverty came through back surgery o.k. They found a spur on his spine that was eating into the flesh and causing pain. That was considered the problem, and I understand it was removed. Keep praying for them. Claudetta and Caaron and Scott Neighbors were with him during surgery and some recovery.

Lindsey (Fillingim) Criswell plans to go to Mortuary School to be a funeral director in January. Many of her biology courses will count for that. Pray for all our young folks.

Tonya (Blackburn) — drove down from Amarillo with four small children Wednesday to the Christmas program at Mobeetie to see Felicia McCartney and others. Talk about brave!

Tracy and Andrea Auldridge went to the Canadian Boot Camp Christmas party Saturday. Tracy works there.

First State Bank employees made lots of goodies for Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, Open House at Mobeetie and Wheeler. Hope we can go. I've been banking with Mobeetie Bank over 60 years, since I started to college, 1938, and wrote checks on my dad. I have all the confidence in these fine, friendly people. When I started teaching in 1942, I deposited my princely \$96.00 a month there and stayed with my folks. After Willis and I married when he was in the army, I got allotment checks to deposit for later

Kevin and Jona Meek and Tommy and Shantell plan to go to Lubbock Friday and visit Keith Meek and see a special kid program and come back Sunday, Christmas Eve. Maybe Jona's mom, Myrtle Stages, will spend Christmas Day with them. She's a sweetheart.

Good to see Gladys Pannell and daughter-in-law, Lavena Pannell, at doctor's office. They said Eddie, Sr., is not doing well at all. Also had a good visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tidwell. They used to work at Wheeler School many years. Also saw Theresa Copeland with Mae Hill.

Nice to see Bob Puryear at the Dairy Queen. He was in his beautiful new pickup and had to come get blood drawn for testing related to his recent heart surgery

Also saw Molly Martindale.

May every hearth and home

be warmed by the spirit of

this most joyous season. To

our cherished customers and

friends, we wish you all a

very Merry Christmas and a

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most prosperous year.

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Peter D. Denney, Broker

Nice to see Billy and Shelia Touchstone and Bryant, 2, at Wheeler Dairy Queen Monday. Billy works for Amarillo College as an electrician. Ann is in first grade. Sweet people. Bryant is a friendly little fellow, like his dad. Verneal and Juanita Prater will have their family Christmas on December Juanita is trying to keep it simple, so won't be so much work.

Jerry Keelin is now staying with Rosalie and involved with computers. He knows lots about them.

Keep praying for Bob Puryear, 75, as he recovers. I've known Bob since he was pretty young.

Evelyn Meek is having her family get together Saturday, December 23. Kaleb and Marti can be with them along with Mark and Annette Meek and Jocelyn and Kathy and Saundra Meek and maybe others.

Saturday, December 16, David and Becky Zybach had their family to-

gether and included Christy and Joe Willingham and Caylon and Brenton and Shawn and Daphne Zybach and Alexis, Zane and Shyanna for Christmas. The Shawn Zybachs will be going to Baytown for Christmas with Daphne's family. Daphne's brother, Darren Lannou and friend, Jessica Miller from Canyon came to Mobeetie Wednesday night to watch Alexis perform at the Ft. Elliott program.

Keep praying for Deidre and John Paul Harris and their wee one. We are all rooting for you, Deidre. And praying, too. Bevard and Diane Dukes are planning to go up Friday to spend the weekend and have Christmas with Deidre and John Paul. Also there will be Andrea and Tracy Auldridge and Tanner and Tysen. Carissa will also be there. She is taking a course or two and working at Peir I Imports.

Tina Cavin and Julie from Kirklin, Indiana, came Saturday to visit Tina's brother, Ed and Laurel. They left early Sunday to go back to Indiana for fear weather would get bad. They really came to get their mom, Delilah Hershman, who was missing her precious puppy. Thursday Laurel and Delilah and Naomi Speck went to Elk City and met Carolyn Singleton. They ate sandiches at the Tea Room and toured the Museum there in spite of the weather. Next summer the Tea Room hopes to have an old fashioned Ice Cream Parlor with Sodas.

Ed and Laurel plan to spend Christmas Day at Burns Flat with Emmitt and Carolyn Singleton. December 26, Ed and Laurel plan to go to Amarillo to visit Sarita and Brad Dawson and Shelby, Micaela and Dallas and see all their Christmas things. Laurel is making dolls

David and Phyllis Hefley are expecting Kristi home for Christmas. They will all get together at Pauline's Christmas night. Darren and Chalone and Dawson won't come till the next weekend.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Board (from Page 1) Christmas supplement to employees





CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: A group of students and adults gathered at the United Methodist Church Atrium Monday evening to wrap gifts donated to the fourth annual Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots. The local Boy Scout troop and Wheeler Student Council helped with the wrapping. Shown here are scouts, (I. to r.) Josh Miller, Joe Don Glassey and Jake Britt.

Part II

Christmas Memories

By: Lornea g. Males Muner Conley's Christmas dinner was the highlight of the season. (Muner Conley was our pet name for

our grandmother) It was the custom that children had to wait and eat at the second tablea horrible custom.

We had a large playhouse next to Muner's house and if the day was warm, we'd eat out there.

Muner Conley's fruit cake was the talk of the town. She'd bake it six weeks before Christmas, wrap it in a dish towel soaked in grape juice and let it ripen. Ever now and then she'd add more grape juice. Made it good.

She used real cream in the mashed potatoes-had four or five kinds of

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first, but always willing to do what she could for the good of the community. She will certainly be missed.

-cwe-The group wrapping the 'Toys for Tots' gifts were certainly having a

good time. Lots of donations were

received this year. Your generosity is

greatly appreciated. -cwe-

Have you been to the Old Jail Mu-

jams and jellies for the hot rolls-the white linen table cloth was ironed to perfection-Kith and kin were all present. Great! Indian dances at Hammon were a

beautiful part of Christmas. Non-Indians were welcomed to the big recreational rom at the Indian camp. There was always a stick of candy for the visitors but what climaxed the evening was dancing in the circle with the Indians.

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Children who danced in the circle believed that children all over the world had such a circle and that they'd always be able to dance together come Christmas.

Part III

Christmas Memories

By: Lorena g. Males Several years ago, in order to preserve our customs and traditions, record our folk ways, I collected stories from old timers. Now that I'm an old timer, I'll share with you.

John Casady, early day publisher of the Cheyenne Star.

Cheyenne was an active little town,

I got carried away and wondered off. Ft. Elliott girls won easily Tuesday

To The Editor The Wheeler Times Wheeler, TX 79096

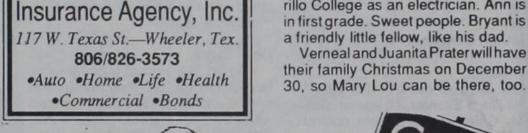
Merry Christmas,

We wanted to thank you for sending along The Wheeler Times so promptly. Through your paper, we feel we've gotten to know the wonderful folks that live in your community. Wheeler seems a fine place indeed, filled with good people. We hope to get there one of these days in the near future.

Best wishes to you and yours for a healthy and happy Christmas sea-

Rick & Suzanne Wheeler

(We received a note from the Wheeler's requesting a subscription to the Times and information on Wheeler. They are considering Wheeler as a place to retire. This note was written in the Christmas card we received.)



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due to the school's financial situation. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse, seconded by Mr. Sams, to repair the band trailer and get estimates on a new paint job. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board retired into Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code section 551.074. The board returned to Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

8. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse, seconded by Mr. Sams, to approve the PS9 grant for \$50,000.00, which requires a 10% district cash contribution. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Burch, to approve the interlocal contract with EPSSA for 2001-2002. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Ford to declare a "financial exigency" due to a loss in enrollment. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Osborne, to schedule a board workshop for January 3, 2001, at 6:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Symank gave the Superintendent's report and Mr. Rives and Mr. Pulpan gave the principal's reports.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

seum lately. All this work those people have been putting in certainly shows. That is quite a show place and definitely should be put on your list of places to visit.

-cwe-

Our weekend plans fell through due to the snow Oklahoma received just prior to the weekend. Jennifer was to go with us. We stayed home and very much disappointed our youngest granddaughter. -cwe-

It didn't take long for us to play our three games Monday evening. We were through by 9:00. I do not know if our consumption of all that sugar had anything to do with it or not. Mike and I won the first two games with a little help from Barbara-while I was gone to make the picture of the gift wrapping. Bob and Dwight could not be held back the last game.

-cwe-**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!** -cwesocially. There was always a Cowboys Christmas Ball. There were dances and parties-pretty wild. The most popular refreshments was ovster soup.

During my days in Strong City (1928) the people had lots of parties. Not many dances. They served the same refreshments at every party: date cake, piled high with genuine whipped cream and full of pecans.

Mrs. Grant McClogin, Reydon My husband and I had both had educational advantages. We had a large family and since there were no schools we set up a school in our home.

When Christmas came no one had any money to furnish treats. We'd raised a good crop of peanuts that year so we had peanuts.

(Peanuts did well in the Virgin soil). We put the unshelled peanuts in a dishpan and passed them around to the happy children.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8TH AT MAIN - P.O. BOX 89 - WHEELER, TX 79096 CHURCH (806) 826-3114 - PARSONAGE (806) 826-3079 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wayne Sheffield, Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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This Holiday Season

In the true spirit of Christmas, let's join together and ask His help for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Merry Christmas & God Bless You All

PARKVIEW HOSPITAL & HOME HEALTH AGENCY