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USDA Announces Borden and Garza Counties are Eligible for Emergency Loans

Borden and Garza Counties were declared a contiguous disaster due to drought and heat using the streamlined Secretarial Disaster Designation process. Under this designation, producers with operations in any primary or contiguous county are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

The streamlined disaster designation process issues a drought disaster declaration when a county has experienced a drought intensity value of at least a D2 (severe drought) level for eight consecutive weeks based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the crop year.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA

will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit

A Weekend in Mountain Country

I spent a day in Terlingua, the Temple of Chilidom. Got to visit with John Holroyd, the new owner of La Kiva, the well-known watering hole just above Terlingua Creek. He has made some grand improvements to the place, which once used a black pot for a urinal. John hails from Yorkshire, England originally and migrated to Oklahoma 30 or so years ago. He is retired now and has been a frequent visitor to the desert country. He was a friend of the previous owner of La Kiva, Glen Felts, who died last year. La Kiva stayed closed for 6 months and John didn't want to see it turn to dust, so he bought it. He stayed closed another year to do the refurbishing. The bar is open now and the restaurant will open soon with gourmet pizzas, brisket and other menu items. He has a barbecue cooker that can handle 1,000 pounds of meat. All the kitchen equipment is state of the art.

I also interviewed Lauren Stedman who has Menagerie Press in Terlingua. She makes exquisite invitations, business cards and other printed items using old-fashioned letterpress equipment and high-grade papers. She is a graphic design artist and her creations go all over the country.

I also met a genuine DIVA. Diane Wysocki is a member of Women Outdoors Worldwide, a group of women who shoot guns, slingshots and bows and arrows. They also do fly-fishing. All members are called DIVAs. They promote shooting safety and have worldwide shooting competitions. The organization's headquarters is in Dallas.

The next day I went to Alpine and visited with Dr. Paul Will, chair of the Meat Science department at Sul Ross who teaches a course called Sausage Manufacturing. It's a two-week course beginning January 4. Students of all disciplines flock to the course, where they can earn 4 semester hours credit. "I give them 25 pounds of meat and some seasoning and teach them how to make sausage," he says. "Then they make their own sausage using family recipes or whatever. At the end of the course we have a contest to see who has the best sausage according to a panel of judges."

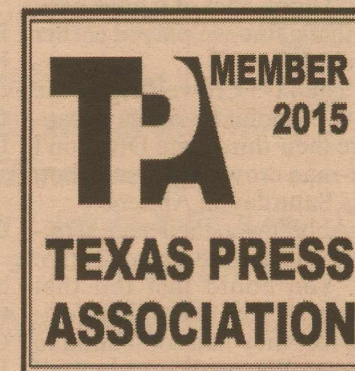
I visited my friend Jim Glendenning who had just returned from a month long 26,000 mile trip around the world. He knows how to travel. His entire transportation bill was \$1,800. He walked to the train station in Alpine, took an overnight train

to Los Angeles where he boarded a plane for London. On his circle of the globe he made five stops along the way, then took the train back to Alpine and walked home.

The new managers at the Holland Hotel are Marcus and Nicole Van Winden, who met on a Holland-America cruise ship. He was a chef; she was cruise director. He is from Holland. It was only natural that they end up managing the Holland Hotel.

I went to Marfa and visited with Mayor Dan Dunlap. He told me about the new 4-story hotel being built downtown and a new 5 million dollar art installation due next year at Chinati. Lots of stuff going on in the mountain country along the border.

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Tough Finish! Coyotes End Year in Semi's

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Heins

It is tough beating the same quality opponent twice in one season on the high school gridiron.

Throw in five key turnovers and it proved to be a task the Borden County Coyotes could not accomplish.

Coach Trey Richey's Coyotes saw another banner season end in disappointment last Saturday at Abilene against Crowell, the same team that the Gail Gang defeated 58-48 to open the 2015 season.

This time Crowell downed the Coyotes, 68-40, in the Division I state six-man semi-final game.

The loss snapped the Coyotes' 13-game win streak and ended their season just one game short of the state title contest.

"No doubt, it's hard to beat somebody twice in the same season, but what impressed us the most was the way they completely sold out to stop our sweep. You could tell they wanted to force us to put the ball in the air," Coach Richey said.

That strategy apparently worked in Crowell's favor, as four of Coyotes' turnovers were a result of interceptions.

Just a few days earlier the Coyotes rolled up all 400 of their yards on the ground in their quarterfinal playoff win over Happy.

"I'm taking full responsibility for this one. We panicked a little in our play calling, especially after they kept stuffing us on the ground," Richey said.

"We had been working on some things just for this game, which we never got the chance to utilize. You've got to give Crowell a lot of credit. Their guys just seemed to play at a whole different energy level and I think a lot of it goes back to that game we played earlier against them."

The 11-3 Crowell Tigers are now 28-point favorites to capture their third state Division I six-man crown against Abbott this Saturday in Abilene.

Abbott won their state semi-final game, 53-8, over Zephyr.

"You could just tell that Crowell came out tonight feeling like they had something to prove. We were coming off

those two pretty big ball games (Valley and Happy), which might have taken a little life out of us," Richey said. "But, as much as this one hurts, right now we're still very proud of our guys. They gave us the same kind of effort that they'd been giving us all year.

"The good Lord always has a plan for everything. This just wasn't our night."

The Coyotes jumped out to an early 8-0 lead on a nine-yard touchdown pass from Hunter Jones to Trace Richey. Easton Edwards kicked the first of his five PAT's.

Crowell tied this game later in that first quarter after the Tigers' Danny Dela Pena scored from 15 yards out. Leonardo Gentile kicked the two-point PAT.

Crowell took the lead with 3:10 left in the first quarter on a six-yard scoring scamper by Daniel Clark. Gentile kicked the PAT.

Borden County tied the game at 16-all just 27 seconds later on a 70-yard touchdown pass from Hunter Jones to Corbin Summers. Edwards booted the PAT.

Crowell re-gained the lead with nine seconds left in that plunge by Clark. Gentile's kick gave the Tigers a 24-16 edge.

The Coyotes again tied the game early in the second quarter after Trace Richey scored from 47 yards out. Edwards then kicked his third PAT.

Some 19 seconds later, Borden County went ahead 32-24 after a 57-yard sprint to the end zone by Hunter Jones. Edwards kicked the PAT.

Crowell made it 32-30 with 4:32 left in the second quarter on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tristan Hayes to Tyler Durham.

The Tigers went back ahead in the final six seconds of the half on a seven-yard touchdown run by Daniel Clark. Gentile kicked the PAT to give Crowell a 38-32 halftime advantage.

A big third quarter helped Crowell pull away.

Hayes opened up the second half scoring with an 11-yard touchdown strike to Durham. Gentile's PAT made it 46-32. Hayes then connected with his

brother, Skyler Hayes, on a 37-yard touchdown strike with 5:50 to go in the third quarter. Some 41 seconds later, Hayes threw another touchdown pass to Durham from nine yards out. Another Gentile PAT extended the Tigers' lead to 62-32.

Borden County scored what turned out to be its final touchdown of the season with 3:34 left in the third quarter on a 37-yard pass from Trace Richey to Ben Justice. Edwards' kick made the score 62-40 at the end of the third quarter.

Crowell capped off the win with 1:12 left in the fourth quarter on a 37-yard touchdown strike from Hayes to Steven Perez.

"We're not about to let this one game define who these kids are. Probably the toughest part about this whole deal is not only knowing what kind of kids these guys are, but also the blood, sweat and tears that they put into this. It goes a lot farther back than in August," Richey said.

"A lot of preparation goes into one of these: all those countless hours out on that track as well as in that weight room. But this year still gave us a lot of great memories, which nobody will ever be able

to take away from us."

Tristan Hayes and Daniel Clark provided a solid one-two punch for Crowell.

Hayes completed 16 of 27 passes for 241 yards and five touchdowns.

Clark ran for 109 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries.

Borden County's Corbin Summers, a 2,000-yard running back each of his first three years in high school, ran for 127 yards on 15 carries. Summers also had a 70-yard touchdown catch.

Hunter Jones ran for 74 yards and one touchdown on four carries, in addition to completing six of eight passes for 123 yards and two other scores.

Trace Richey ran for 52 yards and one touchdown on five carries. Richey also threw a touchdown pass and hauled in a touchdown pass.

With all but three of these young men coming back next year, one cannot help but be excited about Borden County's future on the gridiron.

"Hopefully, we can get some things figured out to where, when we get to this point again, we'll be able to get to that next level," Richey said.

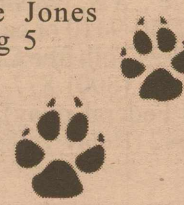
Ladies Take Win Against Crosbyton After Rocky Start

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes started off rocky last Tuesday night finding themselves down early in the first quarter, but managed to rally and take a 3 point lead after the end of the first quarter 10-7. The Ladies managed to get the second quarter going offensively as Tatum Richey, Preslea Hall, and Emma Key all found the long ball sparking a 16-6 run to take 26-13 half-time lead. The Lady Coyotes came out and started the second half like they

finished the first outscoring Crosbyton 18-6, and 16-7 as they went on to win it 60-26.

Lady Coyotes scoring were: Preslea Hall with 15 points, Tatum Richey and Emma Key each scoring 13, Kylee Dean scored 9 points and Zoie Key and Rayme Jones each scoring 5 points.



School Lunch Menu

Jan. 4 - 8, 2016

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Waffles & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup and Milk.

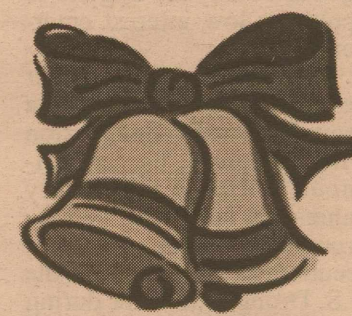
Tuesday - Breakfast: Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & Cheese Tostadas w/Salsa, Spanish Rice, Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage Kolache & Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Breadstick, Salad, Vegetable Medley, Apple Slices and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Mexicali Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles Cookie and Milk.

Friday -NO SCHOOL

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All-District Football Honors



Members of the 2015 Borden County Coyote football team receiving All-District honors are (back l to r) Easton Edwards, Korbin Martinez, Braxton Coor, Diego Bernal, Kale Yarbro, Hunter Jones, Trace Richey, Noah Morales, (front l to r) Ben Justice, Nathan Souder, Corbin Summers, Ryan Willborn, Morgan Wilson and Brian Torres. (Not pictured are Colby Pennell and Jayton Lewis.)

All-Region Football Honors



Borden County was well respected on the Region I Division I All-Region Football team. Those Coyotes making the list are (back l to r) Easton Edwards-1st team offense, kicker; Braxton Coor-2nd team offense, tight end; Diego Bernal-Honorable Mention offense, tight end; Hunter Jones-1st team defense, safety and 2nd team offense quarterback; Trace Richey-1st team defense MVP and 2nd team offense, full back; (front l to r) Ben Justice-2nd team defense, lineman; Korbin Martinez-1st team offense spread center and 1st team defense, cornerback; Corbin Summers-1st team offensive MVP and 2nd team defense, cornerback; Ryan Willborn-1st team defense, defensive linemen. (Not pictured Colby Pennell-2nd team offensive Honorable Mention and Jayton Lewis-1st team defense, nose guard.)

Coyote JV Falls to Crosbyton Chiefs in Season Opener

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior Varsity team opened their season last Tuesday night against the Crosbyton Chiefs. The Chiefs would prevail with a 27-17 victory.

Both teams struggled scoring in the first quarter, but the Chiefs led 4-2. Riley Lewis scored four of the teams six, second quarter points. However, Crosbyton added 10 points in the frame to take a

14-8 halftime lead.

Both squads scored four points each in the third period, but the Chiefs extended their lead in the fourth scoring nine points and allowing only five points to the Coyotes.

Riley Lewis and Kale Yarbro led the team in scoring with six points. Payton Merket and Jeremy Souder chipped in two points. Ryan Willborn added one point.



Jeremy Souder drives down the court in last weeks' game against the Crosbyton Chiefs.

EARLY RELEASE

Friday, December 18th, school will be dismissed for the holidays at 12:30 p.m. and the buses will run at that time.

Classes will resume on

Monday, January 4th at 8:00 a.m.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lady Coyotes Lose 3rd Place Game in Overtime

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes played really hard during the Borden County Christmas Tourney this past week. They played two games on Thursday defeating Ralls 50-26, and Kress 68-9. They next faced Roby which had defeated them earlier this season by 12 for a chance to play in the championship game on Saturday. Unfortunately they fell a little short losing 45-36. This meant they would play Forsan in the third place game on Saturday. The Forsan game was one of those games where early it was back and forth. The first quarter was knotted up 5-5, and after the second Forsan took a three point lead going into the half. The Lady Coyotes found a hard time finding scoring opportunities in the third, but played great defense but was down ten points heading into the fourth quarter. The Lady Coyotes managed to claw themselves out of their ten point deficit and forced the

game into overtime. The game again was back and forth, and with time running out down three they had the ball rim out at the horn to force another overtime. I am extremely proud of their effort over those three days, and I believe that we are starting to find out groove again. They have made a concrete effort to start blocking out better, and it's paying off for us. They next face a challenge as we play a much taller Post team Tuesday at their place.

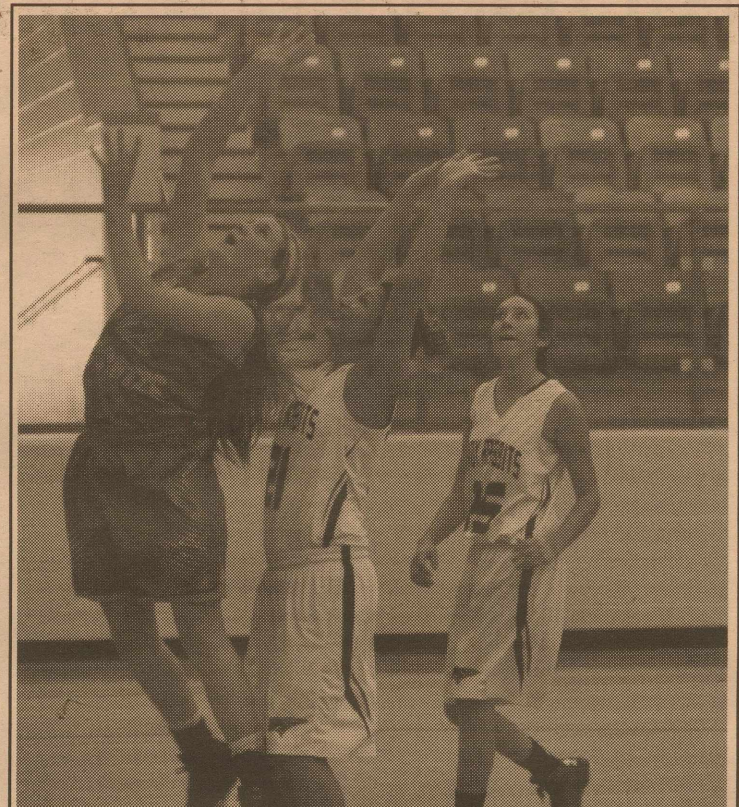
Ralls game
Those scoring were: Preslea Hall 10 points, Tatum Richey, Kylee Dean, Zoie Key and Rayme Jones all scoring 7 points, Braylee Walker and Harley Merrill each scoring 5 points and Katie Gray 2 points.

Kress game
Those scoring were: Rayme Jones 16 points, Emma Key scored 12 points, Braylee Walker with 10 points, Harley Merrill 8 points. Kylee Dean

scored 6 points while Preslea Hall, Madison Cole and Lexi Cheatham each scored 4 points. Zoie Key had 3 points and Katie Gray scored 1 point.

Roby game
Scoring for the Lady Coyotes were: Preslea Hall with 15 points, Kylee Dean 9 points, Zoie Key with 7 points, Emma Key 3 points and Braylee Walker with 2 points.

Forsan game
Scoring for the Lady Coyotes were: Preslea Hall with 18 points, Tatum Richey scored 9 points, Kylee Dean with 5, Emma Key 3 points and Rayme Jones 2 points.



Rayme Jones goes up and scores against the Lady Rabbits of Ralls in this past weekends Borden County Invitational Tournament.

Coyote Pups Gain Third Victory

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Blue squad got their third victory of the season over the Lubbock Christian 8th team, 44-43.

Five different Coyotes scored in the first quarter giving them a 10-3 lead. Borden added 11 points in the second quarter and the Eagles added eight points. Borden led 21-11 at the half. The Eagles hit five, three point field goals in the second half to close the gap. But Mason Cole's two buckets from behind the arc and 3-4 from the charity stripe help secure the victory.

Tommy Kingston led the Coyotes in scoring with 10 points followed by Mason Cole with nine points. Will Yarbrow added eight points while Cam Edwards chipped in six points. Trey Edwards

added five points and Keigan Benavidez with four points. Anthony Lopez chipped in two points.

The Borden Red team traveled to Roby to take on the Knox City 7th grade last Monday night.

Borden trailed 3-2 after the first quarter of play. The Coyotes scored seven points in the second quarter, but gave up 10 points, and trailed 13-9 at the half. Knox City outscored Borden 14-6 in the second to win the contest, 27-15.

Gunner Shofner led the team with six points followed by Blane Justice with four points. Jason Robinson knocked in three points and Quentin Freeman chipped in two points.

The Borden Coyote hoopsters make history in the early part of their season. After winning their first game of the season with little practice due to a superb football season, the Coyotes would host

the Borden County Invitational Tournament with just another, one day practice, to prepare. Borden swept right through the bracket going 4-0 and capturing back to back tournament championships which is the

first time in school history that boys have done so.

Class 2A Ralls were the Coyotes first opponent of the tournament on Thursday. Coy-

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Coyotes Win Borden County Tournament Championship

By Coach Edwards



The Borden County Coyotes won the championship title in the Borden County Invitational Christmas tournament. Pictured (l to r) are Assistant Coach, Trey Richey, Noah Morales, Korbin Martinez, Corbin Summers, Ben Justice, Morgan Wilso, Easton Edwards, Trace Richey, Hunter Jones, Diego Bernal, Nick Proulx, Braxton Barnes and Head Coach Bubba Edwards.

Coyotes Win Championship...

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otes were flying everywhere scoring 21 first quarter points with Trace Richey scoring nine of those points in the frame. Borden only allowed three points in the opening quarter. Corbin Summers, Hunter Jones, and Diego Bernal each scored four points in the second period boosting the Coyotes lead to 37-17 at the half.

Korbin Martinez found the hot hand starting the second half scoring nine of the teams 12 points. The Jackrabbits managed to score only nine points. Borden finished with 11, fourth quarter points and held Ralls to only three points in the fourth quarter to secure a 60-29 win.

Trace Richey led all scorers with 13 points. Korbin Martinez finished with 11 points and Diego Bernal with 10 points. Hunter Jones knocked in nine points while Ben Justice and Nick Proulx each scored six points. Easton Edwards added three points and Corbin Summers chipped in two points/

In the nightcap Thursday game, the Coyotes hosted the Kress Kangaroos. Kress came into the contest with a record of 4-1.

Kress found the hot hand early outscoring the Coyotes 20-15 in the first quarter. Hunter Jones scored 11 points in the frame with three buckets from beyond the arc. Borden changed defenses in the second period which allowed only four points in the quarter. Seven different Coyotes contributed to a 27 point second period. Borden led at the half, 42-24.

Borden outscored the Kangaroos 27-19 in the second half to win the contest, 69-43.

Hunter Jones led the team with 15 points followed by Diego Bernal with 10 points. Corbin Summers added nine points while Morgan Wilson and Braxton Barnes each finished with eight points. Trace Richey added seven points and Easton Edwards with six points. Nick Proulx knocked in four points and Ben Justice chipped in two points.

The Coyotes ran into the Seminole J.V. squad in the championship semi-finals on Friday night.

Eight different Coyotes scored in the opening stanza giving them a 20-6 lead. Richey, Jones, and Bernal each scored 6 points to open up a 38-12 halftime lead.

Borden outscored the Indians, 26-18, in the second half securing a 64-30 win.

Diego Bernal led all scorers with 14 points followed by Richey with 13 points. Jones added eight points while Barnes and Proulx chipped in seven points. Summers added five points. Justice and Wilson each contributed four points. Edwards knocked in two points.

Last Year, the Coyotes defeated the New Home Leopards to get to the championship game. This year, the Leopards were the team challenging for the gold. New Home is one of the top contenders in Region I

Class A.

Borden jumped out to a 12-9 first quarter lead. The Coyotes struggled in the second quarter scoring only six points, but the defense was a constant allowing only four points. Borden led 18-13 at the half. The Leopards took a lead early in the fourth quarter, but Borden's defense came up with some huge plays down the stretch to regain the lead. Clutch free throws down the stretch by Martinez, Summers, and Richey sealed the deal and the championship with a 41-37 victory.

Richey led all scorers with 15 points. Martinez added 10 points followed by Jones with seven points. Summers, Edwards, and Bernal finished with three points.

Borden is 5-0 on the season.

Coyotes Begin Basketball Season

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes did not waste any time transitioning from one sport to another sport this past week as they left the football field straight to the hardcourt. With one day of practice, the Coyotes hosted their season home opener to the Crosbyton Chiefs. The Chiefs, a regional qualifier the previous year, were also playing in their first game of the season.

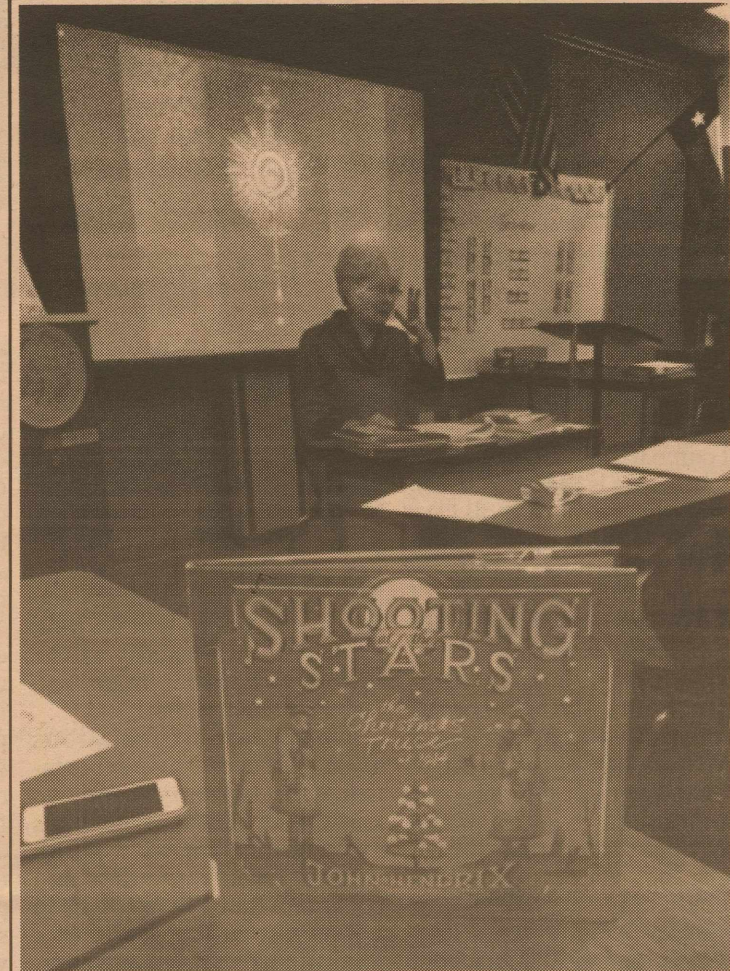
The Coyotes jumped out to a 10-9 first quarter lead with sophomore, Braxton Barnes, scoring four points. Borden manage to score only six points in the second period, but held the Chiefs to one point. The Coyotes led at the half, 16-12.

Trace Richey and Easton Edwards each connected from

behind the three point arc to help the team with a 13 point third quarter. However, the Chiefs matched the Coyotes with 13 points as well. Diego Bernal came up with three huge buckets in the paint scoring six of the teams 10 fourth quarter points, and the Borden's defense remained stingy allowing only nine points. The Coyotes earned their first victory of the season, 39-34.

Diego Bernal led the team in scoring with 10 points followed by Braxton Barnes with nine points. Trace Richey added seven points while Corbin Summers and Hunter Jones finished with four points. Easton Edwards chipped in three points and Nick Proulx with two points.

Local Visits UIL Social Studies Team



Betty Dennis visited the UIL Social Studies team this week to talk about the Christmas Truce of 1914. The students are studying World War I and the book *The Guns of August* for their 2015-2016 topic. She used several sources, including the book *Shooting at the Stars* by John Hendrix.

Missy Coyotes Defeat the Knox City Greyhounds

By Coach Skelton

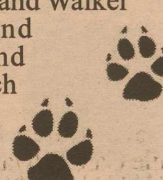
The Missy Coyotes travelled to Roby, Texas to play the Knox City Greyhounds last Monday.

The Missy Coyotes defense was in top form as they only allowed 10 points the entire game. They converted steals into points which lead to a 17-2 first quarter showing. The second quarter saw much of the same thing as their half-court defense forced Knox City into some bad situations. The girl's shut the Ladies of

18 points.

All in all it was a very great defense showing and the effort was really nice to see. The final Lady Coyotes 49 Knox City 10.

Scorers in the game were: Forbes and Flannigan with 10 points each, Coor and Barnes 6 points, Skelton and Walker with 4 and Summers, Bland and Hudson each scoring 3.



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The Gift of Simplicity

This last article for 2015 is going to be a little different than my usual fact based column.

One word that really does not come to mind when I think of Christmas is SIMPLE. Even though, in reality...it is all very simple, we wind up making it more complicated than it should be. This Christmas, I encourage you to give yourself and your family the gift of simplicity. Make this an everlasting gift that will resonate throughout the new year. I write this with myself in mind. I know I am not the only one out there that over commits, over thinks, over reacts, over plans, and over...everything! It is challenging to not keep it simple, especially when your career is demanding and your personality is not one to sit idly by. However, life is going by entirely too fast and lately I have only had two speeds - zoom and stop. When I am not busy zooming, all my body and mind can do is stop and do absolutely nothing. There needs to be a balance and a strolling speed for in between. I have researched the topic of simplifying and living more simply throughout the past couple of years, and here are a few take aways that I would like to share. Note that these are more challenging for the work world, but they can be applied there as well.

First, give yourself the gift

of simpler days. Work to stay in front of commitments and avoid over committing yourself and your family. PRIORITIZE! What are the things that are most important to you? Are they the things that are occupying the majority of your time? Chances are, they are not. Unfortunately, in this hustle and bustle society we live in, the things that we hold most dear are usually at the lowest point on our 'to do' list. Let's all change that!

Next, put expectations aside. We each have expectations for ourselves and we know that everyone else has expectations for us. Choose what is most important and stick with that. No one lives in a Pinterest perfect world of a picture perfect home; scrumptious, picturesque meals; the trendiest outfits and the perfectly planned activities for your family.

Finally, make memories! Take the time to truly make those memories with those you love. One thing that we can never recapture is TIME. Once it has passed, it is gone forever and all we have left to remember it is the memories we made.

2016 is going to be a wonderful year, and a year of simplifying in my world. Won't you join me? Let's give everyone around us this special gift of US. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Last Issue of 2015

This will be the last issue of the Borden Star for 2015.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!
From the Borden Star



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Understand Before Being Understood

Everyone wants to be understood. We experience frustration when we are not. In most interactions we would like to convey our thoughts, feelings, opinions, and beliefs. However, communication problems often arise because all parties involved are simultaneously striving to be understood, with no one seeking to understand.

This scenario happens even during courteous, polite discussions. So while one person is talking, the other is contemplating what to say next, rather than focusing on listening. The result is little or no meaningful interaction.

To understand before being understood requires you to first pay attention to what is being said. The goal is to hear the words as well as seeking to understand what the other person means. A full understanding requires an awareness of more than just the words being spoken. One has to observe body language, tone of voice, volume, and facial expressions.

This entails total focus on the other person. You want to observe all the details. Communication is much more than the words used. It's also how it's being said. If you are busy thinking about your own response, it's impossible to accurately perceive the other person.

Learning to concentrate on the other person, in order to understand what they are saying, takes practice. Start by monitoring your thoughts while you're listening. Chances are you'll be surprised by your lack of focus. The ultimate goal is to have all of your attention on the other person so you are really hearing rather than thinking. You can get there, but it will be a transition process from your current habits.

After listening, and before responding, ask questions to verify your understanding. By

so doing, you will demonstrate your concern. Additionally, you will immediately correct any misinterpretation. When someone feels you are interested in what they are saying, the chances for an effective interchange are substantially increased.

When you fully understand the other person, you are then in a position to respond appropriately. Only by recognizing what is being said, will you be able to reasonably decide what to say, and how to say it, in order to have yourself understood. If your response is based on a misunderstanding, any subsequent remarks you make will be ineffective.

Once you understand, what is the best approach to be understood? First of all, know what your objective is. What are you trying to accomplish? Your goal is to convey your thoughts in a manner that will enable you to accomplish your objective. Remain calm, speak clearly, and address your issues. When you are feeling angry or upset, your ability to think logically and act in your best interest will be diminished. Postpone any conversation until your emotions subside.

What you say should be in terms that the other person can relate to. Attack the problem not the person. Asking questions such as, "what would you do in my situation?" are very effective in getting the other person to understand you. Making insulting or derogatory statements will prevent you from achieving anything positive. Furthermore, they can make a situation worse, creating additional problems.

Communication is not a battle or contest. If no one is listening, there is no point in talking. At least one person must be trying to understand. Ideally it should be all involved. Arguing is not communicating. Arguing results in

an exacerbation of problems. Shouting is also pointless since it usually causes the other person to either shout back or walk away. Insulting or degrading comments are just as destructive.

Once you understand, you are in a position to be better understood. Remember this principle and your interaction with others will be much more productive.

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Lamesa Butane

Arlen Morris, Mgr.



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Lamesa, Tx.



Chasiti (Rutherford) Seamans (center) is joined with her parents and siblings after receiving an Associate Degree in Nursing. Pictured are (l to r) mother, Christy Rutherford and siblings Asa, Jodye, Leslie and Phyneshia and father, Les.

2010 BHS Graduate Earns Associate Degree From South Plains Nursing Program

Chasiti (Rutherford) Seamans has grown closer to her goal of becoming a registered nurse by virtue of completing coursework necessary for this career choice. Licensing exams await in 2016, but Chasiti begins work in University Medical Center next semester.

The pinning ceremony was held December 10 on the South Plains Campus. Forty new graduates were recognized at the graduation exercises.

The nursing program at SPC is a two-year program, with students doing classroom and clinicals in various fields, from psychiatry to geriatrics to pediatrics.

Chasiti, daughter of Les and Christy Rutherford, and her husband have one daughter, Emma (3).

Borden County Junior Livestock Association Schedule

2016 is just around the corner and the Borden County Jr. Livestock Show is scheduled for January 7-9, 2016. Here is the schedule of events:

December 16 - County stock show set up at 9:00 am

December 30 - Entry deadline for county show

January 7 - 1:00 pm - Weigh in and classify animals

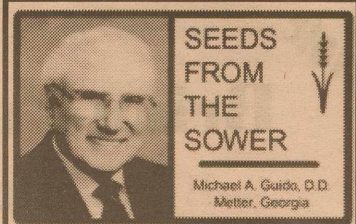
January 8 - 8:00 am - Steer show, followed by Lamb Show, Goat Show and Swine Show (Each will begin 30 minutes after previous show.)

January 8 - Clean up by All Exhibitors and Parents following the Swine Show

January 9 - 9:00 am - Awards Ceremony

10:00 am - Brunch

10:30 am - Premium Sale



And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

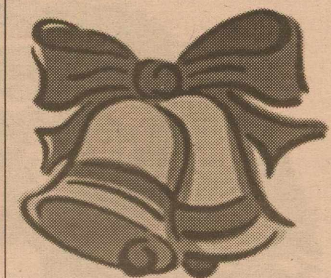
When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

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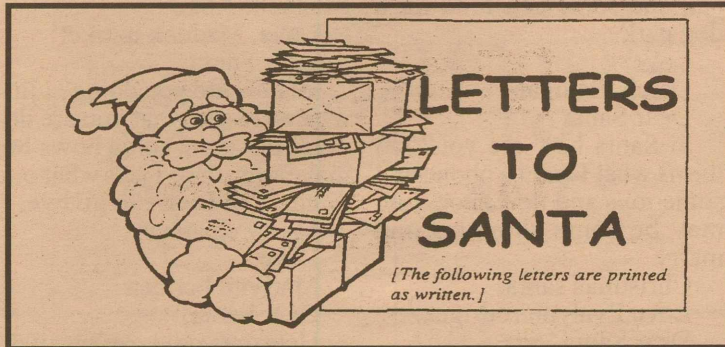
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Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Power Rangers. I also want a T-Rex. I made food for your reindeer. I've been good.

Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have been a good boy this year. Can you please bring me a picture frame to decorate, an ax, and cupcakes to decorate (to celebrate Jesus' birthday). Thank you!

Love,
Teal

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Can you please bring me a baby doll and cupcakes to decorate (to celebrate Jesus' birthday)? Thank you

Love,
Rainey

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like kike ninja toys, a truck and a robot to play games.

Love,
Korey

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Bella Baker and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A jewelry box; 2. Jewelry; 3. Bicycle; 4. Ice cream maker. I have been good this year. Thanks for Christmas!!

Love,
Bella

Dear Santa,
My name is Emma Buchanan and I am 5 years old. How are your reindeer? For Christmas I would like: 1. A trumpet; 2. A tool. I have been VERY good this year.

Love,
Emma

Dear Santa,
My name is Colt Carpenter and I am 6 years. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like: 1. Skates; 2. An oven; 3. A chair.

Love,
Colt

Dear Santa,

My name is Jackson Cooley and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like Leggos. I have been very good!

Love,
Jackson

Dear Santa,
My name is Cash Cribbs and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. Remote control car; 2. Pie in the Face; 3. Penguin DS game. I have been very good this year. I love you, Santa Claus!!

Love,
Cash

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaley Curtis and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A baby doll; 2. A piggy bank. I have been good this year.

Love,
Kaley

Dear Santa,
My name is Paizlee Holliday and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A trampoline; 2. A Barbie House; 3. A swing set. I have been very good this year. Come see my baby sister!

Love,
Paizlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaten Hataway and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A dinosaur; 2. A robot. I have been good this year! Love, Jaten

Dear Santa,
My name is Issac Martinez and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A stuffed animal; 2. A toy; I will leave cookies for you!

Love,
Issac

Dear Santa,
My name is Xoe McCann and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A camera; 2. Sunglasses; 3. A special blankie. Merry Christmas and drive safe!

Love,
Xoe

Dear Santa,
My name is Cason Peterson and I am 5 years old. For

Christmas I would like: 1. A combine; 2. Tractors.

Love,
Cason

Dear Santa,
My name is Tripp Roberts and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A motorcycle and helmet; 2. A little motorcycle and helmet for my little brother. Have a nice drive!

Love,
Tripp

Dear Santa,
My name is Carlos Ruedas and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. X-box; 2. Galaxy 5.

Love,
Carlos

Dear Santa,
My name is Theodore Skelton and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. Remote control helicopter. I will leave cookies for you!

Love,
Theodore

Dear Santa,
My name is Kembri Stipe and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A swing set; 2. A trampoline.

Love,
Kembri

Dear Santa,
My name is Payden Zant and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. An action figure; 2. Monster truck with remote; 3. Motorcycle with remote.

Love,
Payden

Dear Santa,
My name is Lindsey Walker and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. Elsa castle that doesn't light up. Can you get me what I asked for?

Love,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaiden Meegan and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like: 1. A guitar; 2. A drum; 3. A trampoline and a dirt bike.

Love,
Kaiden

1st Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super awesome if you could bring me a dok misstufes toeys, kupuedidar (computer), Justen Beber, fish, now pisos (new pencils), viyen (violin), rasrs (erasers). Thank you!

Love,
Victoria Juarez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super cool if you could bring me a max tow truck, x box 1, and pet hege hog. Thack you!

Love,
Mason Cheatham

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super awesome if you could bring me a x box, denochin, bublebee, and max.

Love,
Issaih Delgado

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super awesome if you could bring me a horse, dog, barbby (Barbie), buppy (puppy), rhoet cat, elf, real phon, chubby puppy, dalmation, collie.

Love,
Shaylee Falcon

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me a x box, a color box, 3 DS with the mine craf, mreo crt dvd in the wii.

Love,
Eli Grigsby

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me a nintindoe, 3 DS with the newist mindcraft.

Love,
Landon Grigsby

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super good if you could bring me a live savr book, lalaloopsy bakery, manedk cubys, chudy pupys, bull dog, chubby cat.

Love,
Harbor Hill

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be super nic if you could bring me star wors aqierium, star wor, hulk smath (smash), binu srfre (dino safari).

Love,
Bryson Law

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. This year I have been really awesome and it would be super nice if you could bring me mindacraft, lego, book mindacraft, dog, new wii, 3 fones (my brothers don't have some).

Love,
Jonathan Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year

I have been really hapy and it would be super awesome if you could bring me x dox 360, minecraft, lego, sak.

Love,
Josiah Orosco

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I've been really good and it would be awesome if you could bring me a horse, dog, bubby, barbby, elf, real phon.

Love,
Ella Robertson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super awesome if you could bring me lego, elektrik train.

Love,
Granger Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me x box 360, minecraft game, minecraft doll.

Love,
Luke Stansell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I have been really hapy and it would be super nice if you could bring me a truck that can pull up to tow.

Love,
Tye Stipe

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be awesome if you could bring me the elf on the shelf and a bebe gun.

Love,
Joshua Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super awesome if you could bring chrezi chuk (treasure chest), max too cuk (max tow truck), af on the shef (elf on the shelf), x box 360, minecraft game, mid robot (mind robot).

Love,
Layne Wetzel

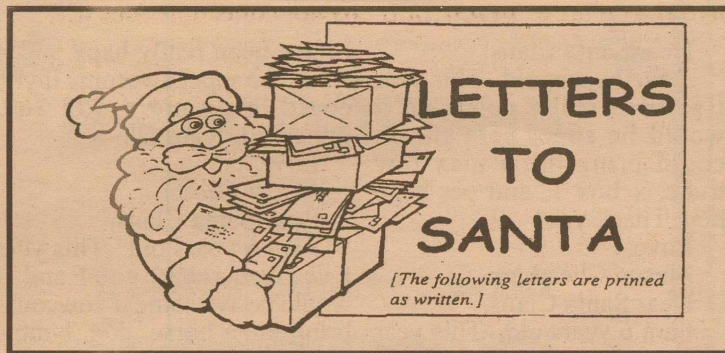
Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. This year I have been really good and it would be super awesome if you could bring me I pad, elf on the shelf, a barbe doll house, a nrfu (nerfer) bell gun, play toy dog, barbe sumr elsu doll (Barbie summer Elsa doll).

Love,
Taytum White

2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
If you get the leter Its a good day. I am being good. I want a bike a stoeft elf and a tv sony a

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big wels and a game fife for my PS3. Juan loves Santa.

Your Freind, Juan
 Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good time at the north pole. I was wundring if you were woching me. I have ben good mostly sumtimes. I get upset. I don't mene to I just say sumpting rong. Somehouw it happens. So lets go on. I was thanking of a toy rakoon names Strips and a rumot helekopter and a toy dolfen and a chikmunk and a toy rabbit and a toy dog.

Your Frend, Reagan
 Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I relly want a toy house barn and a baby for toy house and a butatoy mommy house and a toy dog with a doghouse and mackup. Thank you. I hope you have a merry Christmas. I also want a plain and you to fill good.

Your, frind Grace
 Dear Santa,

I hope you'r well. I'v ben rilly good so can I hav a pie in the face, and a pangones from matagasscar game. And to go to graet woof loge. And a rumote kunchrolle spy drone. And the new Jeanga and the dragon puzzle Z and Mario puzzle game.

Your Freind, Cason
 Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I reny want a Hello Kitty car and a dollhose, and som mackup. I hope you hav a good time and you fill good and we love you Santa.

Your Friend, Kyra
 Dere Santa,

I wat a caeote for Christmas and a now ifhon 6+. My is brockin and a kite a peckwon and a grl hat and a doll and a ipad. The end of the lest.

Love, Andrea
 Dear Santa,

Please can I have a baby sky viper a electric scooter and my ratcoon Rimey a zoomer binoe and a rmote helucopter. Don't be nody.

Love Your Friend, Kellar
 Dea Santa,

How are you doing? I've been good. I want a movie maker and a CD, John Sennih doll, snow globe, and a motion sensor camera, puppy, puppet, cat, ax.

Love always,
 Shawn Dear Santa,
 Can I hav a parakeet, food for it and a cag, moster hi, stuff animals, and a big book of jokes.

Love, Trinity
 Dear Santa,
 Please Santa give me a xbox 360, freddy plush, 23ds gift card, fox plush, deer plush. That's all I want.

Love, Jess
 Dear Santa,

I want to get bamboo, and a xbox one and a tablit, and a crown and a 360 xbox mortol kombat x viteo game and a kite and a basketball and a top and a dog and a bike and a remot cutrowe car and a baby horuse norf guns a rill bebe gun and a target.

Love, Kason
 Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I hope you are doing great. I have been reel rasponsible. Please give me a lot of books and some stuffed animals. And new boots and a northface and sunglasses and Dr. Seuss books and a phone cace and a soft robe electric scooter. And a snowcone maker. And a baby stich stuffed animal.

Your Freind, Tatum
 Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are good. I have been good. I have been nice so I would lik 18 toy wolfs, and 18 toy dogs, a toy nerf gun, a new tool box, new tools, ropes, a cage, a toy rabbit.

Your Freind, Ethan
 Dear Santa,

I hope you are good. I would like to get a go kart, and a x-box cenchroler, and a ligo star werz stuff, and a airsoft mshingun. And a pet hemster and a cage for it? And a bets hedfonts wirless. And a now x-box black. And a toy gun!!!

Your freind, Keller
 Dear Santa,
 How are you? I hope you

are doing good Santa. Iv'e bin good this year, I whod like a ds charchar and a frosin dallhoms, and pinslgrips, and sum pujomus and a pet buneye and barbés. Littl live hamsr pet and sum hedfonds and a pet kittey.

Love yor frind,
 Hagen
 Dear Santa,

Are you doing well? I hope you are. At least I've tried to be good. I've been respectful and happy. I would like a pet lizard, vet kit, horse projects, Elf on the shelf, science kit, giant beeny boo, and 20 small beeny boos, and a stress ball.

Love your friend,
 Evie
 Dear Santa,

Hi how are you. I hope you are good. How is miss closs. I hope she is good to. And the Elfes. I hope thay are good. I have been good. I would like a computer. Ten beeny boo doll. And a baby puppy. A baby bunny. And a fish. Stress ball.

Love your frened,
 Brogen
 Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, is a grat man. He is good at makin toys. I wunt a rase track. I love you, Santa.

Yer Frend,
 Cooper
 Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope your filling good. I tride to be good. I would like a some plece stuff please. I love you, Santa,

Your freind,
 Randen

3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
 Santa Claus how is your day? Is it good? How are you doing? How is your year? Is it good? I want a XBOX one for Christmas and a playstashion.

Love,
 Alan Ruedas
 Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? It's Braden, I want a shock doctor mouth peace in black and blue. And the cord.

Braden Hardman
 Dear Santa,

How you been? How has Mrs. clause Been? What I want for Chistmas Is an I phone 5 ,a laptop,an ds3 , and a warm blanket. And that is all I want for chistmas

Merry Chistmas!
 Love, Carolina Andrade
 Dear Santa,

How are you I was wandering how you were doing? How is Mrs.Claus doing? I was asking

for a few things. First a foot- ball and some dog food for a dog park.

Love,
 Datch Flanigan
 Dear Santa

hi Santa how are you? so this is what I want a phone and some toys and new shoes and may be some shopkins and marry

Christmas santa.
 Love Evalynn rodriguez
 Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm going to tell you what I want for Christ- mas. I want a macanical toy Pug. And a macanical toy Cat. And a macanical toy Bird. I also want a doll Elsa and Cristoff. And I want some movies

I want the game plan , fac- ing the giants, how the Grinch stole Christmas. I also want a Samsung phone , and a ipod
 Love Hannah Criswell
 Dear Santa,

I have been doing good this year I hope you have been too. Here are a few things I want from you: 1. A Go Pro 2. A Microscope set 3. A Fur Real snow leopard 4. A Draw it all book 5. A Keyboard from Cracker Barrel. And if you could put a livesaver book and a spray candy.

That would be great.
 MERRY CHRISTMAS

Love,
 Haven

Dear Santa,
 Merry Christmas!!!! Can I have a Electric Scooter, Kidizoom, Sky Vipper, an Elf On The Shelf and Hamster Stuff

Merry Christmas!!!!!!
 Love,

Kenlei Estes
 Dear Santa,

How are you dowing? This is wut I wunt four Christmas a miny moderesikell and an ipad please. I hope you have a grate chrimas. I love you mis.claus and elfs.

Love,
 Kenli Curtis
 Dear Santa,

Santa I want ten books.
 Santa I want a john deer clock.

Love,
 Logan Briley
 Dear,santa

How are you today? I heard that your elves are working very hard this month. Are your reindeer ready for Christmas? I can't wait for Christmas! It's my favorite time of the year! But I know it will be here soon! Can I please have a dareway , snow leopard, some candy, a santa hat, a spray water bottle,

and a apple watch. I thank you so much! Xoxo

Love, Maddox merket
 Dear Santa,

Hi how are you doing? I just whated to see what you are do- ing. I just want some bows but make some big. I just what one thing. Well I have to go bye.

Merry chistmas
 Love,
 Marlynn bermea
 Dear Santa,

How are you! I can't wait till Christmas. I know you can't.

You're so awesome! I want a board game! A bing bong stuff animal. Canetic sand. And monster high doll. Monster high house. And a gutar

I love you Santa!!!!!!!!!!!!
 And I want a exersizing

band!!!!!!!!!!!!
 YOU'RE THE BEST!!!

Love,
 Neveah Partney
 Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs.Claus doing. For Christmas I want a I pod and a bluetooth speaker.I also want a laptop. And a PS4. And I would like some beats. I hope you have a merry Christ- mas and a happy new year!

Love, Pace Parker
 Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa Claus . If it is ok I wander if I can have a new phone a I phone six plus . And a trumpet with a case . and a little car that goes fast . and a shopcinds with a basket and a toy elf and a live one to and I want a lot of close and a lot of stuff animals and a book that gloss up thank you for reading this and it is ok if I don't get any thing have a great Christmas Santa and mrs.claus

Love
 Tagan Treadwell
 Dear Santa,

I herd that you sent us Alfie sister . We named her Lisa and Alfie and her are so cute . And also we got a new puppy. On November 28,2015. But can I have more doll house toys and the thangs that go around the horses canon and it also goes around the horses fatlock and a apple whatch and a trumpet please. And can you get my puppy and Oreo, Buddy, Spots,Patches,and Mrs.P some thange

Love, Tatiana Frankl,
 Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I was wondering if you could get me a few things this year. 1.a viol- in 2.a case for it 3.a book to practice. I would like whatever in my stocking. Thank you for your kindness. Merry Christ-

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mas!

Love, Tyler Cole

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm so glad you sent Ali the elf back. I what magic pen. A mowped. I what new shoes nike or Under Armer. I what stock show boots. And a apple watch. And that is all so I hope you have a grate Christmas. Thank you for all that you do.

Love, Tynslee Horton

Dear santa

How are you santa I want close and madden 16 ,swegway and a charger,case for my miny ipad and a basketball and a soccerball have a merry christmas

Love zak lewis

4th Grade

Dear Santa,

I have been good this month. I want a hamster, gold fish, bunny , dog and a canvas. That is what I want.

Love Agatha Skelton,

Dear Santa,

I want a ATV for Christmas.I want a go cart.I want some new shoes like the black sparkly ones a have but I want them in silver.I want some eggs and bacon for Christmas morning.I want a life stock of lipton raspberry tea.I want all the dear dumb diarys.I want a new dog that looks like Jake the dog we lost.I want a life time painting canvas and paint.I want a new horse like Cliff.I want orbeez crush.

Aubree Blissard

Dear Santa,

How are you today. Are you getting ready for Christmas? Me and Zoie are. We have three count down charts in our house. Well this is what I want for Christmas...

A Bata fish, a charger for the four-wheeler, a blue selfiestick, a photographer camera, three small stockings for my animals, an Elf-on-the-shelf movie, a White River bag, and a gater. I REALY want that fish.

Love, Bailey Pennell

Dear Santa,

Hi its Bella hope your having a merry Christmas.for Christmas i want a elf on the shelf for my own but it has to move, a kitten,and a lots and lots of books.A cooking kit would be nice.Thank you.

Love, Bella Taylor

Dear santa,

I hope that you are having a good December.What I would like for Christmas is 1.wilson football.2.diary of a Wimpy Kid old school.3.A Drone.

From ben nix

Dear Santa,

I've been so good.That I want to know if your busy in your workshop? Because I was wandering if you are busy so I could have a Christmas present. I would like to have a real unicorn with shiny hair, pretty lips,and colored hair. Of course a hamster with it's supply's . American girl that is the same as me .I know your going to have a lot of work to do . Have a merry Christmas Santa Claus!

Love, Dulce Guerrero

Dear santa.

I want a stuffed cat and can you make it a black one with a pink collar and I also want a stuffed dog to I also want a cotton candy machine to and the emogi pillow and can I get to of them one with sun glasses on and the one that's blowing a kiss to you

Love emma

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a good time up there in the North Pole, if you are that's great I'm not really having a great time like you are because I'm waiting for my presents. You know waiting till Christmas gives me a really rough time. Anyway what I would really want for Christmas is a Xbox 360 my old one is broken. The other thing would really want are those scary creepy Goosebumps books their one of my favorite series. The last thing I really want is the Diary of a wimpy kid series. I would really appreciate if you gave me all those things, anyway I'm not leaving cookies for you

because their for me.

Sincerely,

Dear Santa,

I hope you have had a good December everything I want for Christmas is an Ipad, clothes, hamster, ipod, fish,iphone.

Love, hannah

Gabriel Guerrero

Dear Santa

How are you doing santa I hope your doing good.What I want is a phone and beats.I also want a new football and a dog and a phone case for my new phone.The most thing I want is a good December and dirt bike.

Love, Ishmael

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a great Christmas I know I am. What I want for Christmas is a turtle.My fish died this summer and I really miss him.All I'm asking for is a turtle,a cage, rocks ,food and a castle. It would be helpful to have someone to talk about everything and have a great responsibility .If you run out of turtles I would like a ranger are gator is kinda out of shape. And tell them elves they better get working on it because it takes a lot to get the kids presents ready so that's all have a good one.

Sincerely ,Jenna

Dear Santa,

I've been pretty good. All I want for Christ is wild rabbit food,30 dollars and a new phone case.

JORDEN

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a great December. I want a iPhone 6s plus (rose gold). I want a otterbox case(gold rose). I want a life stock of peace tea the raspberry .I want a lot of basketball shorts. I want my nails done every two weeks .I want a pony.I want a pair of booties. The last thing I want is my whole family to be together the whole Christmas Day.

Kadence

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a great cristmas down at the North Pole.I think I have been a pretty good girl this year.I promis you I will leave you cookies, and milk.Maybe I will leave some carrots for your raindeer. I hope you can find our tree. We moved it this year.What do I want for cristmas lets see hebere.I want a ripstick ,and beats,a James Avery ring ,or charmbracelet.A new belt ,and clothes, a new

bridal,and new blach bell boots,and red splint boots for my horse.

Love, Kendall

Dear Santa,

I don't know how you take care of all those elfs near Christmas . Sometimes I wonder if my mom feels like that a lot. Other then that I hope you've been having a good December. Now lets get to the point. What I want for Christmas is a pet turtle. It's really easy just get a turtle a cage and your done. Well if that can't happen I would love a new phone. I know my phone I have now is either dead or lost, but I promise I'll keep up with this one. Then if that can't happen which it probably won't I would like a electric scooter. It would be very fun but we all know that I would probably crash it the first ride but it would get me outside. The last thing I want is that me and my sister could try not to fight this Christmas. Cause last fight it went bad. Well I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,

How has it been at your workshop? Has it been busy, or not? I've been not as busy as I've hoped, but it turned out well. I hope this isn't too much for you or your elves, but I really want a hamster. That's all you have to get me if you want. If you can't get a hamster a mouse would be great, if not a mouse, a rat would be awesome! Thank you Santa, (since I won't get to say so when you come). Have a merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Laney Stansell

Dear Santa,

How has your December been .busy? For Christmas I would like, A drone, A rope or two, A Wilson football, THE WHOLE DIARY OF A WIMPY KID SERIES.

From your friend ,

Luke Carpenter.

Dear santa,

I have been really good this year I won't take a lot of time .So these are some things I want this christmas a project mc2 ultimite lab kit next, a whole lot of smencils ,a elf on the shelf,last I wan't a lot of board games.

Love,Rexie

Dear santa,

How you doing Santa.This year I want a drone .I also want a new dog ,beats,and a new phone case I really want a new four wheeler.And a new shoes new jeansi really want a new

baylor collectible four wheeler

Some new pencils four more fish and a bigger tank for those fish some new boots

LOVE, RHETT

Dear Santa,

I want to get a rc car a Lego set and a Ipad, bets,scatBord ,bike Xbox 1 dog shucking fake gum

ricky

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want a hover board, and I would like a phone. I love sience so I would like science stuff. And I would like a pet turtle or fish. And new nintendo 3ds games please. I would like new beat's headphones. And that's all I want for Christmas.

Love, Savannah Barnes

Dear Santa,

How are your rain deer? Have you had a good Desmber? What I want for Chistmas is the Batman game,Mindcraft Story mode,Halo 4,the new Disney infinifty game whith cibordge set,that.I hope you happy Chistmais.Say hi to the elfs for me pleas.Tell Mrs.Claws she makes geat cookies.

Love, Vincent



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By *Bill Nunnally*
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