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Gas leak prompts school evacuation

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Post ISD officials dismissed all classes about 2:30 p.m. Monday after a gas leak was reported when construction crews hit a main while working near the track facility.

Superintendent Mike Comeaux said workers with Lee Lewis Construction of Lubbock ruptured a 2-inch gas main during excavation work for the campus improvement plan.

After evacuating the elementary and middle schools, which were most threatened by the leak, Comeaux said the decision was made to go ahead and dismiss all classes, including the high school.

Middle school basketball games scheduled in Post that evening also were canceled. Teams from Childress en route to Post were notified to turn around.

State law requires any person or entity performing excavation work to report to the state Railroad Commission of their plans two days prior. If any underground pipeline is damaged, the construction company must notify the state within two hours and must file a report within 10 days of the incident.



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The charred and mangled remains of an 18-wheel cattle truck can still be seen smoldering along U.S. 84 south of Post the afternoon of Dec. 12. Texas state troopers believe its driver, Alexander Gerald Wilkerson, 28, of Muleshoe, was heading westbound in the truck loaded with cattle and failed to negotiate a curve, crossed the center media and crashed head-on into another track. Wilkerson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Muleshoe truck driver killed in wreck

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State troopers are still investigating a fatal accident last week that caused the driver of an 18-wheel tractor-tractor to lose control and cross into oncoming traffic on U.S. 84 about five miles south of Post.

Sgt. Bryan Witt, spokesman for the regional headquarters of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock, said troopers were notified of and responded to the scene of a major crash about 4:14 p.m. that afternoon.

Witt said a westbound tractor-trailer loaded with cattle and driven by Alexander Gerald Wilkerson,

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Community Sing-Along



Anna Gibson/Post Dispatch

From left to right are, Rev. Scott Richards, Pastor Jay Stinson, Rev. Chuck Gibson, and Pastor John Bill Hedrick who brought together the group "Singing Pastors" for the Community Christmas Sing, Wednesday night.



First Baptist Church Christian School recite the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20 and then sing "Come On, Ring Those Bells" under direction of Nancy Gordon for the Community Christmas Sing, Wednesday night.



The annual Community Christmas Sing fundraiser for the Post Cares organization raised a total of \$2,483.65, Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church.

The program went as follows; Prelude, Margie Maestas; "O Come Rejoicing", First Baptist Choir; "O Come, O Come Emmanuel Medley", Methodist Ringers; "Joy to the World / Joy Unspeakable", The Singing Pastors, "Adoration Medley", Levi Stinson from Caprock Springs Fellowship;

"The Christmas Story, Luke 2:1-20, Come On, Ring Those Bells", First Baptist Church Christian School; "Glory to the King", Rev. Scott Richards and John Bill

Hedrick; Word of Thanks and Post Cares report, Pixie Grisham; "The Christmas Guest", Donna Porter, narrator, Cathy Whitten, accompanist; "What Child is This?", Cathy Whitten; "Christmas Wishes" and "This Season Will Never Grow Old", Jane Mason; "Christmas Is" and "Mary's Boy Child", Noel White; "Carol of the Bells" and "Mary Did You Know?", Post High School Theater Department; "Go, Tell It On The Mountain" and Sweet Little Jesus Boy", Ira Kelly; "The Birthday of a King", First United Methodist Alleluia Choir; and Benediction by Rev. Chuck Gibson church of the Nazarene.

Post Notes

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Extended performance

Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post will continue performing "Say Nicklaus!" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, or to purchase tickets, visit ragtown.com.

Taxpayer clinic

Students at the Texas Tech School of Law conduct free clinic for low-income taxpayers throughout the year to assist them with federal tax issues related to individual tax matters. Eligibility is determined by the federal poverty guidelines. For information or schedule an appointment, call Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

Toys for Tots

The Post Lions Club is seeking monetary donations or new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Parents needing assistance can obtain an application at Post Elementary or any Post Lions Club member. Toy barrels will again be placed at local businesses to receive any new toys. Contact Jason Porter at Porter Hardware 495-1040 for information.

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Corrections

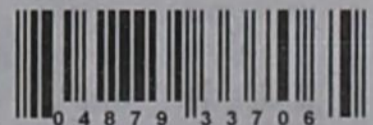
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Tablet Drawing



Shey Daniel, daughter of local downtown businesswoman and Plum Crazy shop owner Donna Degan, was the winner of the Post Chamber of Commerce Main Street Division drawing for an Apple iPad Mini during the Nov. 30 Small Business Saturday for local shoppers. Those who made purchases of any amount in any participating store, registered to win the table device.

O'Donnell teen killed in wreck

TAHOKA — A 16-year-old O'Donnell girl was killed in a one-car rollover after the vehicle in which she was a passenger struck a utility pole when it failed to negotiate a curve.

According to reports, Cari Rodriguez, 18, was driving about a mile south of Lynn County on FM 1054 around 10 p.m. when she apparently missed a curve in the road, hit a utility pole and rolled.

Rodriguez was treated at University Medical Center in Lubbock and released.

Her passenger, Candice Ortiz, 16, of O'Donnell, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Another passenger, Jaime Morado, 18, was transported to a Lamesa hospital, where she was treated and released the following morning.

The wreck was still being investigated.

Pilot walks away from crash

SNYDER — The Texas Department of Public Safety in Abilene reported a small airplane made an emergency landing north of Snyder late the night of Dec. 4.

During a flight from Lubbock to Austin, a Cessna aircraft with tail number 208TF, piloted by Chase Bellah, lost power and made an emergency landing about 11:10

p.m. on TX 208 about five miles north of Snyder in central Scurry County.

DPS spokesman Sgt. Frederick Biddle said the pilot clipped a power line on his way down but was able to safely land the aircraft.

No injuries were reported, and no further information was available.

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Garza County Museum
New military exhibit commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. Purple Heart recipient Patrick Reilly donated the 154-airplane exhibit to the museum. For information, call 495-2207

O.S. Museum
Beautiful and unusual Nativities and Crèches are the stars of the "Reflections of Christmas" exhibit on display at the O.S. Museum. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, call 495-3570.

GED classes
Instructional sessions for the GED test are 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Call the school at 495-2770 for information.

GED prep
The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wts.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

GED test
The GED test is being revised and will be in use starting January 2014. Classes are available from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Post High School. For information, call the school office at 495-2770.

Veterans benefits
Wartime veterans or surviving spouses may be entitled to monthly income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, contact Marsha Mahurin at West Texas Senior Resources at 806-781-3901 or email marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com.

City Council
The Post City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall, 105 E. Main St. For information, call 495-2811.

County Commission
The Garza County Commission meets at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Commission Chambers at the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St. For information, call 495-4430.

School board
The Post ISD Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesdays of the month in the conference room at the Administrative Offices, 501 S. Ave. K. For information, call 495-3343.

Menus

Menu for December 23-27

Post ISD Student Holiday
December 23 - January 3

Trailblazers

Lunch
Monday: Lasagna, salad, grasshopper salad, garlic toast
Tuesday: BBQ beef on bun, tator tots, fruit
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, brownie



Become a fan of the Post Dispatch on Facebook.

You're invited to support Teresa Nelson by attending a benefit for her, Saturday, Dec. 21 at 5:00 p.m. located at the Trailblazers. BBQ plates will be served for \$8.00. All proceeds will go towards medical expenses. Donations accepted. For more information contact Carla at 806-241-7174

Post Lions Club would like to say Merry Christmas to our Community!

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National Honor Society News



Post High School National Honor Society president, Taylor Osborn, presents a check from her group to Post Lions Club queen, Andi Soliz, for the Annual Post Lions Club Toys for Tots program. Also seen, is Post Lion and High School Principal, Dr. Jadie Matthew. Monetary donations to the local Toys for Tots program are still being accepted.

Post Junior High Basketball

The Post Antelopes 7th grade basketball team went into action with the Childress Bobcats Monday night giving it all they had and came up on the losing end of the sticks with a score of Childress 49, Post 13. I am proud of the Antelopes we gave them everything we had we fought all night long to try and come back to win the game. The Antelopes will resume play with our basketball games after the Christmas break.

The Post Antelopes 8th grade basketball team played the Childress Bobcats on Monday night as well, and won with a

score of Post 52, Childress 12. The 8th grade continues to improve play and go 4-0 on the season. Aric Garza, Mike Phergueson, and Chance Courtney played well offensively and helped contributed to the scoreboard. Defensively the Antelopes got after it and were aggressive causing the Bobcats to have turnover. Every athletic did a good job in helping the team get a win.

The Antelopes will continue play after the Christmas break.

Josh Reese

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28, of Muleshoe, appeared to have failed to negotiate a curve and crossed the center median into oncoming traffic.

Wilkerson's truck was struck head-on by an eastbound tractor-trailer,

driven by Ronald Gene Turner, 50, of Lubbock.

"Both trucks caught fire and were totally destroyed," Witt said. "Mr. Wilkerson was pronounced dead at the scene. Mr. Turner was taken by ambulance to a Lubbock hospital, where he was reported in stable condition."

In addition, about 30

head of cattle were killed in the incident, Witt said.

All lanes of U.S. 84, eastbound and westbound, were closed to thru traffic for a number of hours until the accident could be investigated and debris and cattle — those that were dead and those unharmed during the accident — could be removed.

Local residents win Kingbury-autographed items Contest was part of Centennial Bank sweepstakes competition

Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Centennial Bank announces and congratulates three local residents who won merchandise autographed by Texas Tech football coach Kliff Kingsbury in a recent sweepstakes contest the bank ran in conjunction with their partnership with Texas Tech Athletics.

Sandra Rivera, Blake Nichols and Lee Ferguson won an autographed football, No. 16 jersey and helmet, respectively. Drawings were held throughout the football season.

"We were excited to be able to offer such great prizes and see so much participation from the community," Senior Vice President Michael Crump said.

The contest received 118 entries between Sept. 26 and Nov. 29 with the highest participation at 56 entries for the football.

Centennial Bank also hosted the Fearless Champion Road Trip at their Post Banking Center in June. The event included Texas Tech-themed carnival games, sausage wraps and refreshments.

Centennial Bank brings 80 years of Texas banking expertise to customers across four key regions of Texas — the Hill Country, Lubbock, the Panhandle and the South Plains.

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Cookie Exchange

Coffee Cookies

By Lorrie Coop, Munday

Ingredients:
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1 egg
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Directions:
 In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine dry ingredients; add to the creamed mixture alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition (dough will be sticky). Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or until easy to handle. On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with floured cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool for 1-2 minutes before moving to wire racks. For frosting, in a large bowl, beat the butter, confectioners' sugar and milk until smooth. Add food coloring if desired. Frost cookies.

1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
 Frosting:
 1/2 cup butter, softened
 4 cups confectioners' sugar
 3 Tbs. milk
 Food Coloring, optional

Directions:
 In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine dry ingredients; add to the creamed mixture alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition (dough will be sticky). Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or until easy to handle. On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with floured cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool for 1-2 minutes before moving to wire racks. For frosting, in a large bowl, beat the butter, confectioners' sugar and milk until smooth. Add food coloring if desired. Frost cookies.

Christmas Slices

Cheryl Daniel, Knox City

1 c butter or margarine
 1 c powdered sugar
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 1/4 c flour
 2 c candied fruit
 1 c chopped pecans

Cream together butter and powdered sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat til fluffy. Add flour and mix well. Stir in candied fruit and chopped pecans.

Chill for 1 hr.

Shape into 3 rolls-wrap in plastic wrap and chill. Can also be frozen and used as needed.

Slice and bake @ 325 degrees for 10 to 12 min.

S'mores Cookies

Jimi Coplen, Munday

Yield: 3 dozen
Ingredients:
 11 Tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
 1 cup brown sugar, packed
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 2 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon sea salt (optional)
 1 teaspoon

cinnamon
 2 1/2 cups flour
 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 1 cup mini marshmallows
 3 regular sized Hershey's bars, broken into pieces
 1-2 packages graham crackers, broken into squares

Instructions

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, sea salt and cinnamon to combine. Set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream butter with white and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and mix until combined.

Add the flour mixture to the butter mixer and combine on low speed.

Fold in the chocolate chips and marshmallows. Chill dough in refrigerator for 1 hour to overnight (I did one batch right away and another after chilling overnight and found there was no difference.) Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line baking pans with parchment paper. I used one 11x17 pan and one 9x13 pan but you can really use any sized pans you want.

Lay out graham crackers side by side on the pans as close as possible (they should be touching). I used 16 graham cracker squares on one pan and 10 squares on another. You may have to add or remove graham crackers according to how much dough you have. If you want your cookies thicker you will use more dough and less graham crackers. Place tablespoons of dough on graham crackers about 1 - 1 1/2 inches apart. I averaged about 1 1/2 tablespoons of dough per graham cracker square as seen in the picture above. Press down slightly with fingertips. Bake for 5 minutes then remove from oven to press Hershey's bar pieces on to the top. You can place as many pieces or as little as you want depending how much chocolate flavor you want. Bake for an additional 5 - 7 minutes or more if your cookies are thicker. They will be done when the edges begin to turn golden brown. Remove to a wire rack to cool. For clean cutting make sure cookies are completely cool and cut with a sharp knife.

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Pecan Roll Cookies

Michele Fetsch

Servings: 6 dozen
Ingredients:
 1 cup pecans
 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
 1 cup butter (2 sticks-cut up-no substitutions)
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 cups all-purpose flour

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Original Recipe Yield 6 dozen

Ingredients

1 cup butter
 1 cup light brown sugar
 1 cup white sugar
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 3 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
 2 cups white chocolate chips
 1 cup chopped pecans

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease cookie sheets.
 2. In a medium bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar and white sugar until smooth. Stir in the egg and vanilla. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt, stir into the creamed mixture. Finally, stir in the rolled oats, white chocolate chips and pecans.
 Drop by tablespoons onto the prepared cookie sheets.
 3. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven. Remove from baking sheets to cool on wire racks.

Orange Snowballs

No Bake Category

Marsha Quade, Knox City

2 3/4 c. vanilla wafers, finely crushed
 3 c. powdered sugar
 1/4 c. undiluted frozen orange juice, thawed
 Milk
 1/4 c. butter, melted
 1 c. pecans, chopped
 2 Tbs. butter, softened
 Flaked coconut

Mix vanilla wafer crumbs, melted butter, 1 cup powdered sugar, chopped pecans and undiluted orange juice. Shape into small balls, about walnut-size. Mix softened butter and remaining powdered sugar, add milk for easy spreading consistency. Roll balls in milk, butter, sugar mixture and then in coconut. Let dry. Store snowballs in airtight container. Makes about 3 dozen.

Peanut Butter Cookies

Nancy McDonald, Post

Ingredients:
 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 1 tsp. peppermint extract
 1 1/4 cup flour
 1/2 cup cornstarch
 Crushed candy canes for garnish

Frosting:
 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
 1/2 cup salted butter, softened
 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
 1 tsp. peppermint extract

Instructions:
 In a small mixing bowl combine flour and cornstarch. Set aside. In another small mixing bowl cream together the butter and powdered sugar. Add peppermint extract. Slowly add the flour and cornstarch mixture to the butter and powdered sugar mixture. Combine well and refrigerate for an hour. After the dough has chilled preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll the dough into 1 to 1 1/2 inch sized balls and place them 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes in the oven until the edges start to lightly turn brown. Remove from the oven and let cool completely. To make the peppermint cream cheese frosting, cream together

Peppermint Meltaways

Rolled Cookie Category

Marsha Quade, Knox City

In a food processor with the knife blade attached... Pulse pecans with 1/4 cup powdered sugar until nuts are very finely ground. Add butter and vanilla and process until smooth, occasionally stopping and scraping the side with a rubber spatula. Add flour, and process until evenly mixed and dough forms.

With floured hands, shape dough into 3/4 inch balls and place them 1 inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 16-18 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned and cookies are light golden. Carefully transfer cookies to a wire rack, and cool about 3 minutes. Meanwhile, place the remaining powdered sugar in a small bowl. While still warm, gently roll cookies in powdered sugar to coat. When cool, gently roll cookies again in the powdered sugar. Enjoy!

Snicker Doodles

Nancy McDonald, Post

1 cup shortening (Crisco)
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 2 eggs
 2 3/4 cups flour, sifted
 1 teaspoon soda
 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
 1 teaspoon salt

Cream shortening, sugar and eggs; set aside. Sift remaining ingredients together then blend into creamed mixture. Chill dough. Mix together 1/4 cup sugar & 2 tablespoons cinnamon (this can be adjusted to taste). Shape chilled dough into 1 inch balls & roll in sugar mixture. Space about 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes, until lightly browned.

Peanut Butter Cookies

Nancy McDonald, Post

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
 2 eggs, beaten
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup creamy peanut butter
 2 cups sifted flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cream together butter and sugars. Add the beaten eggs and mix thoroughly. Stir in vanilla. Beat in the peanut butter. Combine the flour with the baking soda & salt. Stir the flour mixture into the batter, mixing well.

Drop rounded teaspoonfuls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake about 12 minutes.

You can put small balls of dough into greased mini muffin pans & bake as above. Immediately press Hershey's Kisses or Miniature Reeces into each while still warm.

Buffalo Chip Cookies

Nancy McDonald, Post

1 cup butter
 1 cup shortening
 2 cups brown sugar
 2 cups sugar
 4 eggs
 2 teaspoon vanilla

Cake Mix Cookies

By Lorrie Coop, Munday

1 box any flavor cake mix
 2 eggs
 1/2 cup oil
 Optional: add any kind of chips, candy pieces, nuts or flavorings you want

Add 1/2 cup oil and two eggs to one box of cake mix and mix until well blended. Stir in optional items if desired. Drop by spoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Cut-Out Sugar Cookies

Refrigerator Cookie Category

Marsha Quade, Knox City

Ingredients:
 1 cup butter, softened
 2 cups sugar
 3 eggs
 6 cups all-purpose flour
 2 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. salt

Church Directory

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Bethel Assembly of God (Bi-Lingual)- 407 May street
 Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church- 210 E. 6th Street, 990-2342
 First Baptist Church, Post- 402 W. Main Street, 495-3554
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Catholic

Holy Cross Catholic Church- Ave K and Main Street- 495-2791

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Church of Christ- 108 N. Ave M 495-2326
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Church of God of Prophecy- 602 W. 14th, 495-3644
 Power House Church of God and Christ, Pine Avenue

Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church- 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

Evangelical Methodist

Faith Chapel- 1105 Green Street, Wilson (806) 628-0018

Methodist

First United Methodist Church- 216 W. 10th, 990-2942
 Graham Chapel United Methodist Church
 (Pastor: John Hedrick) - 611 FM #1313 806-549-1400

Nazarene

Post Church of Nazarene- (Pastor: Charles Gibson)
 202 W. 10th, 495-3044

Grassland Church of Nazarene- 327-5656

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4 cups flour
2 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups oats
2 cups corn flakes
cups chocolate chips
1 cup coconut
1 cup pecans

*Use a large bowl
*Makes a large batch

Melt together butter and shortening. Cream with brown sugar, granulated sugar, eggs and vanilla. Sift together the flour, soda, and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture. Mix in oats, cereal, chips, coconut and pecans. Drop by large spoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Bake in 350 degree oven for 15 minutes

Neiman-Marcus Cookies
Nancy McDonald, Post

5 cups blended oatmeal
cups butter
2 cups brown sugar
2 cups white sugar
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
4 cups flour
teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
teaspoons baking soda
24 oz. chocolate chips.
8 oz. Hershey's bar
3 cups chopped nuts (optional)

Measure oatmeal and blend in blender to a fine powder. Set aside.

Cream butter and both sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder, and soda. Add chocolate chips, grated Hershey's bar, and nuts. Roll into balls. Place 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Makes a huge batch!

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies
Nancy McDonald, Post

2 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup sugar
cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 (12oz.) package white chocolate morsels (do not

substitute)
1 cup chopped macadamia nuts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt; set aside. Combine butter, sugar, brown sugar and vanilla; beat until creamy. Beat in eggs. Gradually add flour mixture; mix well. Stir in the white chocolate morsels and the macadamia nuts. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes. Makes approximately 50 cookies.

Chewy Pecan Supreme Cookies
Nancy McDonald, Post

1/2 cup shortening
1 1/3 cups packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 1/4 cups self-rising flour
1 cup corn flakes
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans

Cream together shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Add flour, mix well. Add corn flakes and pecans, mixing well. Roll into 2" balls, place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for about 9-11 minutes.

Nutty Chocolate Chip Cookies (diabetic friendly)
Nancy McDonald, Post

You can include cookies in your diabetic meal plan - just plan ahead.

Ingredients:
2/3 cup softened light margarine
2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2/3 cup sucralose
teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs
1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/4 cup pecans (chopped)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit (176 degrees Celsius). Cream butter, brown sugar, sucralose, and vanilla extract together in a mixing bowl. Add eggs to above mixture one at a time, mixing well after each

addition. Add flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix well until blended. Stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Place level tablespoon size of cookie dough on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit (176 degrees Celsius) for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool on wire cooling rack. Serves: 36
Serving size: 1 cookie

Nutritional analysis (per serving):
76 calories
1 g protein
4 g fat
11 g carbohydrate
0 g fiber
12 mg cholesterol
78 mg sodium
7 mg calcium
0.5 mg iron
1 g saturated fat

Diabetic exchanges:
2/3 carbohydrate exchanges

Death-by-Butter-Cookies (a.k.a., Gooney Butter Cookies)
Nancy McDonald, Post

1 box Duncan Hines butter recipe cake mix,
1 stick butter,
1/4 tsp vanilla extract,
1 pkg cream cheese @ room temperature (8 oz. pkg),
1 egg.
Combine all ingredients with electric mixer until well blended. Chill dough for two hours. Roll into balls (about walnut size). Roll balls in powdered sugar. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in 350 degree oven for 10-12 minutes. Dust with powdered sugar when completely cooled.

Mother's Oatmeal Cookies
Whiz Creighton, Paris, Texas

This recipe was given to me by my mother, Thelma Woods Lee, from her mother, Mary Foster Woods, and has been in our family many, many years. It is one of the first baking projects I ever learned in the early 1950s.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

1 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
2 beaten eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix all above, then add:
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
3 cups oats (regular or quick cooking)
1 cup broken pecans
Cream shortening, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Then stir in flour, salt, soda, oats and pecans. Mix well then drop by spoonfuls on two buttered cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Cool slightly on cookie sheet, then with metal spatula, carefully lift each cookie and remove to finish cooling on paper towels or clean newspaper. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies, depending on the size.

Gooney Bars
Whiz Creighton, Paris, Texas

This recipe came from a dear deceased friend, Myrtle Kenemer, who lived near Paris, Texas. She gave me this recipe 40 years ago, and my family has enjoyed it ever since.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly butter and flour a 9-by-13-inch pan.

Bottom layer:
1 box yellow cake mix
1 stick melted margarine
2 eggs

Mix the above three ingredients together by hand, this will be pretty stiff, but can be pressed into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Set aside and prepare top layer.

Top Layer:
1 8-ounce package of cream cheese
2 eggs
1 pound powdered sugar (3 1/2 to 4 cups)

Mix these ingredients together and spread on top of mixture already in pan. Cover all with 1 cup broken pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until mixture starts to pull away from the sides of pan. Cool, then cut into desired sizes. These will have a soft gooney center and are very good.

Western Macarons
Mittie Dunham, Old Glory

The following recipe was handed down by my grandmother Mittie Wright. As a child, when you went to her house she always had some of these setting on the cabinet in her cookie jar for us to help ourselves.

Prebaking instructions:
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease cookie sheet or spray with nonstick spray.

Ingredients:
1 egg white
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups chopped pecans.

Directions:
Whip egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in brown sugar. Add vanilla, and fold in pecans. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly. Use a spatula to remove each cookie and place on wax paper until cool. Store in airtight container. Makes about 2 dozen cookies. These cookies are a very good and easy to make. Just be sure and watch while baking because they burn easy.

Jewish Cookies
Mittie Dunham, Old Glory

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together: 4 eggs beaten with 1 box (3 1/2 cups) brown sugar
Add: 2 cups flour, blend well
Add:
1 cup chopped nuts
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Mix well. Bake in 9-by-13-inch pan about 20 to 30 minutes. Cool, cut in bars. Makes about 2 dozen bars depending on size.

Unbaked Chocolate/Oatmeal cookies
Whiz Creighton, Paris, Texas

This recipe was given to me by a friend in the early 1950s when we were both learning to cook. I have used it through the years, and my children learned to make these cookies at an early age.

Very good recipe for beginning cooks.

2 cups sugar
3 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 cup canned milk
1 stick butter
Mix all ingredients in large saucepan and boil 1 minute. Remove from heat and add 1 teaspoon vanilla and 2 1/2 cups oats. (Regular or quick cooking). Beat until glossy and drop by spoonful onto buttered cookie sheet. Let set until cool. Peanut butter and/or nuts may be added with oats. Easy, quick and very good.

Grandmas Tea Cakes
Mittie Dunham, Old Glory

1 cup sugar
2 cups flour
1/4 cup milk
1 egg
1/2 cup shortening or butter
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream shortening or butter. Add sugar, flour, milk, egg, baking powder and vanilla, stirring after each addition. Roll out onto a floured board. Using a cup, cut dough into circles and place onto cookie sheet. Bake until lightly brown. Cool and store in airtight container. Makes a dozen or more depending on size.

Snickerdoodles
Patti Walker, Aspermont

1 cup Crisco or oleo
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 3/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon salt

Cream Crisco/oleo and sugar; add eggs, soda, cream of tartar and salt. Mix well. Add flour. Mix well. Roll into balls. Roll balls into mixture of 2 tablespoons of sugar and 2 teaspoons of cinnamon. Placed on greased cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 8 minutes.

Puzzle of the Week

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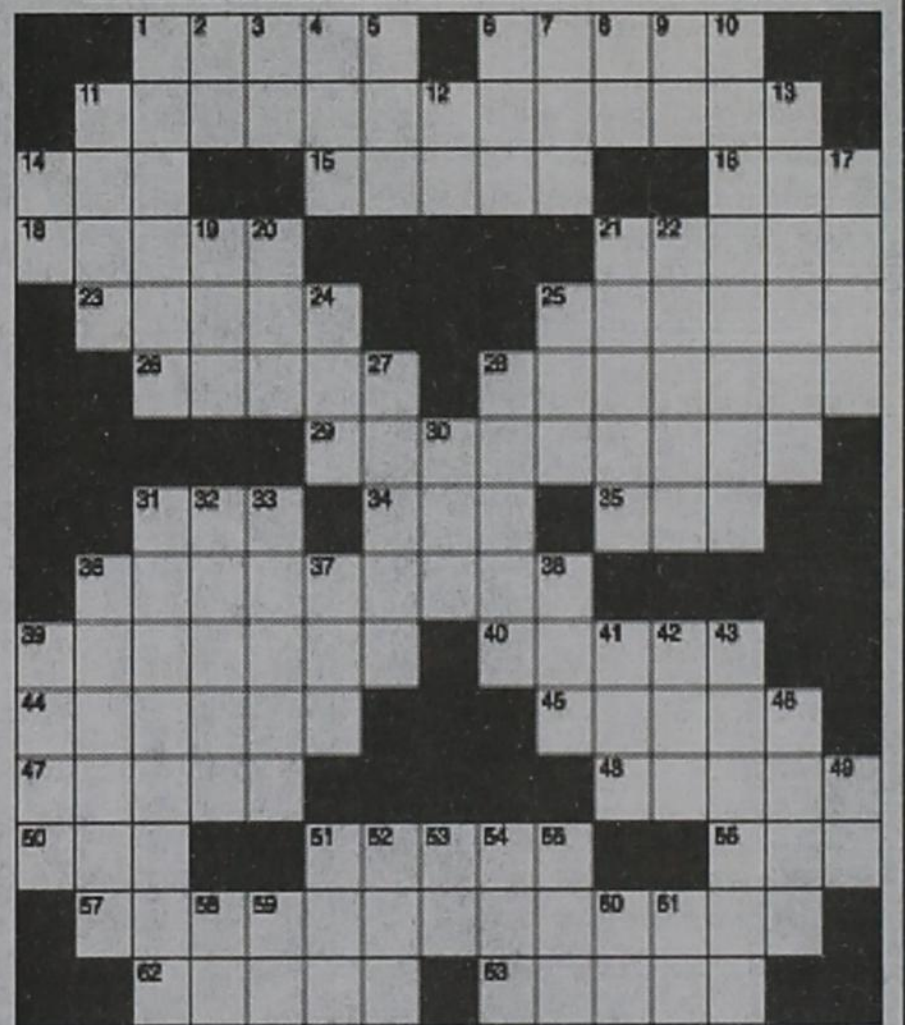
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- Gadolinium (abbr.)
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- Touchdown (abbr.)
- Light browns
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- Droop
- Earnest money
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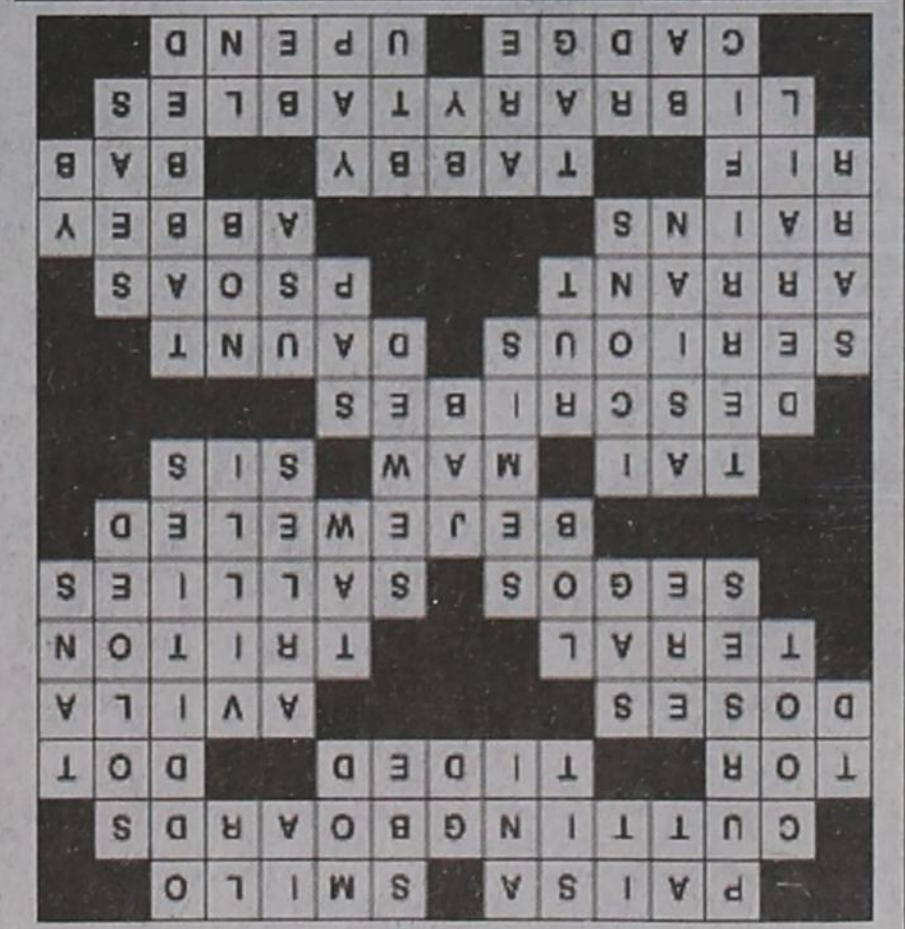
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- A monotonous routine
- Drain of resources
- San Antonio RoadRunners (abbr.)
- Made up of 50 states
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- Set typewriter columns
- Mains
- Atomic #70
- Label
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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, a princess dress, a princess crown and I also want a Barbie Doll.
I love you,
Mareli C.

I would like a puppy pillow and a helicopter.
Love,
Paigen M.

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 wheeler. I love you.
Love, Jace Scott

case for it and peace. and let gesus have a good birthday and I now its not about presents gesus its about birth day, but I never get a kindle fire.
Sincerely Aiden

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves doing on toys?
Well here's some to make. 1 razor scooter 2 scetch book 3 mechanical pencils 4 new Reelbok shoes 5 new nerf football set 6 lego Marvel Super Heros for Xbox 360
Sincerely, Drew

Trak Love
Dear santa
i want a stuffed reindeer and a stuffed cat and a stuffed dog I want a monster High collection
Love Harley

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle, a baseball, a football, a basketball and I also want a game.
I love you Santa,
Airen M.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Doll and stuffed toy horse.
Love,
Haven B.

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a scooter.
Love, Gabriel Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus
I want some of my presnt to go to people ho don't get any. But the things I want is a phone. Xbox live, Xbox 1, And most of all I want world peace. Thank you for your time for reading my letter and Merry-Christmas
Sincerely KnowhD

Dear Santa,
I want a computer. An IP-hone, an Xbox 1, A puppy, new clothes, new shoes, a kindle fire, a Tablet A rug for my bed room, a ame for my computer games for my Xbox 360, and Nail polish
Sincerely, Skyler S.

Dear Santa,
Do you want cookies. Can I have presents? I love you santa I want a lot of presents,
love me, (Alexandria)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle, and a Toy Story Woody. I also want a helicopter for me and one for my brother.
I love you Santa,
Nieves G.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Doll and a pack of Barbie Doll clothes.
Love,
Kylie B.

Dear Santa,
I want an INOTABB like my teacher has. I want legos too, and clothes.
Love, Lindsey Mirer

Dear Santa claus,
I want a mp3 player and a christmas horse but it could be stuffed. I want some boots to please. Oh and I almost for got. I have an Elf on the shelf and her name is Jane frost she is pretty naughty yesterday she put toilet paper all over the christmas tree. Last night she spelled "merry christmas" Mia, Jadyh and Kellan." And she was hiding behind a snow man decleration. I wonder waht she is going to do to night? Did you send them here because they were in trouble thats what I wowndered? Have we been good today? or this year? Oh and how are Mrs. claus and the rain deer doing? Are the Elfs working hard?
Love Mia Martinez

Dear Santa,
How is it going for you guys and for Mrs. Claus? I hope you folks are doing good. I hope you are listing the things I say and thanks if you are. I want a pink eletric scooter, new shoes, new phone, new DSi, new clothes, And I want to know what my mom got me for Christmas.
Love Anabel M.

Dear Santa
I want a DS and a trans former you will like my good cookies and I want a good hug from you
Love Jon

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, a bicycle, and a puppy.
Love,
Jazmin G.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll, a toy train,
Love,
Katelyn F.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I want a computer.
Love, Mylie B

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear and a Santa Clause Stuffed. I want a I PAD.
Love, Malia S

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christmas? I want a glow in the dark helecceptor a RC race car, a RC Plane, a RC Mountain climbing truck, and a RC Fire truck for Christmas.
Sincerely, Zachary S.

I want helicopter. A real dog and a real cat and a real angry birds and a game
love Jacob

Dear Santa,
I would like a dress, a cat, a motorcycle and a hat.
Love,
Lizzie F.

Dear Santa,
I would like a dump truck, a puppy, a secret sewer, a horse, a pig, a sword and a helicopter.
I Love Santa,
Elizhah B.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a fone. I want a computer and scooters.
Love,
Jaquelin A

Dear Santa
HOW ar you doing? All I want from you is two things and those things are a hot wheel carmacker and hot wheel trock that really big one. Thank you for Felix the elf on the shelf and merry Christmas.
Your friend, Zavan

Dear Santa | santa
santa is good I want. I want a Hellokitty bed. I want a hello kitty shirt. I want a hello kitty pillow.
Dear Angelina

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bags of cany. Could I please have a toy puppy and a kitty and a horse.

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car, a remote control shark and a Lego Legend Extreme. I also want a toy gun.
Love,
Jaycob F.

Dear Santa,
I want a Mustang remote control car and Hot wheel cars. I also want a truck and a motorcycle.
I love you Santa,
Arron S.

Dear Santa,
I want a red tablet. I love you Santa. I want a new bike. I want a lot of snow for my Birthday. I want a Christmas Tree.
Love,
Chelsea J

Dear Santa
I want a gun and a football game. I need a Sonic Card for Gabriel and Me. Love,
Jaaron P

Dear Santa
Will you like the cookies that I am going to put on the table? This is want I want fou christmas. I want a kindle fire and I want an electric shooter and I want a kindle fire and I want an electric shooter and I want a deer shooter a game and I want an I pad
Love David

Dear Santa,
I wont an electric scoofer and a new pair of sneakers, I also want to Texas Tech football and a helmet
From Bryan Saycedo

Dear Santa,
I would like a pillow pet, a helicopter and a hot wheel.
Love,
Xavier C.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, a pillow pet, a bicycle, a stuffed puppy, a yo-yo and an ipad.
Love,
Ty'tiana W.

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman, legos and a car.
Love, David R

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a Xbox 360 game called Call of Dudy Black Opps 3. I would like 3 more Xbox 360 controllers. I would like a Xbox 360 game called Maden 25. I would also like a new RC truck, the fastest one.
Sincerely, Brody M.

Dear Santa
I want a furby Boom. I want a lot of presents! I want a phone. I want a tablet. I want a pony. How are you doing?
Love Selina

Der Sata
I wut a Dog for Kimsbitfon a rabbitfor kismis,
From LaLrissa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a jet, a truck and a helicopter.
Love,
Rylan M.

Dear Santa,
I want a IPad and a stuffed animal monkey.
Love, Caleb Herzog

Dear Santa,
I want Legos and a Barbie.
Love, Ariel S
Dear Santa,
I am good and I want an air plane.
Steven M

Dear Santa
Santa I to have most of my presents given to kid who don't get any presents and I want to have my famely and my mom's famley. How have you den because I have ben good? Thank you for all you do. I love cookies too Merry Christmas.
PS. thell mrs. clas I said hi
Sincerely, Baylee Smith

dear Santa
I wantoobear. I wanthighheels. I wanta pair of shoes.
Love, Adriana

Dear Santa,
Today I am good. I want a toy. I love snow flaike I like Nikxin I love chees
from Sarah

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie and I would say my brother wants a helicopter.
Love,
Kyleen

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I want a new bike. I will leave you a card.
Love, Christine Reiter

Dear Santa,
I want Barbies and a Santa Clause Toy, and an INOTABB like Mrs. Smith's.
Love, Camila R
Dear Santa,
I want a kindle fire and a

Dear Santa
My elf is doing good. I want a card board house and a big horse. and a ipod. and an electric scooter.

Dear Santa,
I want a Lago toy that met. hlt tabo in want a hFeg in i want? A drt dik in i want a big Fak ModSaco.
From Dontavious

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler and a castle.
Love,
Aubrianna E.

Dear Santa,
I want a Ben 10 Alien Force. Bring Zoey a special toy. Bring dad a new nife. Give my mom a Movie Pass.
Jonah Pequeno

I have been good all day Me and my borther sheer and I want to look at the reindeer. and I want to look at toys. I want to look at the reindeer. I help my Mom pick up toys and we pick up small leaves. I want to get a car.
from Josiah

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year can you bring me a poner weels.

Also bring me a Texas poster And a Texas jersey and a Texas ehlmet and a Texas football and five Texas tickets
From, Keyandre

Dear Santa, I want a laptop and a little. Cooking cupcakeoven for christmas. lal so would like. a new bed. i would I fome I would noz

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From Jaleen

Love Aziah Smith

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me an easy
bake oven also a Ipad and a
julie the singer doll.
From Yeraidin

Dear Santa,
I want books. Please bring
me a horse. Please bring
me a computer. I want a
painting table. Can I please
have toys?

Dear Santa,
I was good so I want the
game call of duty ghosts
and a pair of cleats, and I
also want a Dallas Cowboys
helmet a Dallas Cowboys
jersey I also want pads and
a Dallas Cowboy Footballs.
From, Stephen

Love you Keizer Porter

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll house,
tablet, American Doll, and
new clothes. I want to see
Mrs. Clause.

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is
a Samsuing Galexy. I don't
want you getting me more
than one thing. So you can
save money for other peo-
ple. Merry Christmas have
a great month
Love, Marti Cruse

Love Serenity Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a American doll. I
want a horse, saddle, and
stuff for my horse. I want
a tablet.

Dear Santa,
I want Zombie toys, a little
toy dog. I want dog toys.
Love Naomi Bruton

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid Barbie, a
mermaid tail, a doll house
with dolls, pretty clothes
and pants.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all these
presents. I want a black
motorcycle. A car that's
orange. I want pictures to
put stickers on. Say hi to
the reindeers.
Adan Gonzales

Noelia Saucedo Love

Dear Santa,
I want dolls. I also want
make up. I love you. I want
a reindeer and I want make
up and boots for my sister.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a tablet, a
baby doll, a computer and
princess dresses for me and
my friends. Have a safe
trip.
Love Kareena Rojas

Love by Abbie Guevara

Dear Santa,
I want a Luigi game for the
Wii. I want a baby Luigi.

Dear Santa, I want a color
book and a doll and a doll
house and I want cookies, a
donut, sticker, and a Santa
and a reindeer. I want a big
Christmas tree and a whole
lot of books.

Love Joel Soliz

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox, cool pirate
games, and the controls for
it. I love you.

Love Cloe Greathouse

Love Kody Osborn

Dear Santa,
I want a present and a rein-
deer. I want a football, a
gingerbread man, and a
bear. I want a book and a
scarf.

Dear Santa,
I want a castle. My broth-
er wants a Mustang car. I
want boots, black ones. My
sister wants boots too.

Love Jesse Ortiz

See you later,
Audrey Salas

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll house.
I want a tablet, a merry Ken
doll, and a dream house. I
love Santa.

Dear Santa,
I want a car. I want a trash
can. I want to play with it.

I want a fire truck. I want
a train.

Thank you Luis Castaneda

Dear Santa,
I want Unicorn Stompies.
I want a stuffed elf, make
up and a little blue bear.

Love Kyndall Bullard

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll house
with dolls in it.

Love Alissa Poston

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my pres-
ents. I want a DS game. I
want cars and cops in the
game. Also I want Light-
ning McQueen and a toy T
Rex. And I want a football.
Thank you for all my pres-
ents.

Love,
Victor Soto
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie House.
Thank You.
Love,
Avery Garcia
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur.
Love,
Yeuddi Montoya
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas! I want
an I pad and a doll house
and a cooking thing.
Love,
Addison Diaz
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a rocket. Thank
You!
Love,
Nelson Esparza
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Thank You. I want a car
Barbie, and a kitchen.
Thank you Santa.
Love,
Espefani Soria-Chavez
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a tablet and a DS. I
want to say I love you and
thank you!
Love,
Kason Cunningham
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy dinosaur
and a skate board and a
Iron Man toy and a boat.
Hi Santa.
Love,
Vicente Hernandez
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. I want new
cars.
Love,
Xavier Gomez
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a robot.
Love,
Brody Young
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I love you!
Love,
Adellah Hernandez
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want to sing a song to
you. I want a cowboy and a
cowgirl and a horsie. I want
to ride on a reindeer.
Love,
Marley Moore
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a Doc McStuffins.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Zyraha Serrano
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want an I phone.
Love,
Wesley Collier
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a jet and a race car.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Brazos King
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a fire fighter. Merry
Christmas.
Love,
Zaevian Foy
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want an I pad. Merry
Christmas.
Love,
Yessenia Saucedo
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a tablet and a fire
truck. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Eshiah Martin
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a phone. I love you.
Love,
Olivia Martinez
Pre-K

Dear Santa Clos,
How are you and Mrs.
Clans? How are the rein-
deers and the elves I want
is rsal joy computer and an
elf on the shelf
Love, Scoty

Dear santa Clause,
How are you and Mrs.
Claus? How are the rain-
deer and? The elves santa
I have been good this year
I want a balance beam and
bars for Christmas. Please
be safe thank you
Love Kenedi Holly

Dear Santa adn MRs.
Clause,
How are you the reindeers
and the elves santa I have
been very good this year for
Christmas Please be safe
Love, Gloria

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you and MRs.
Clause? How is Frisby
HOW are the reinbeer?
How are the elvfs Could
I have some toys please? I

will want a crazy cart adn
skylander swop force a ball
and a tablet too.
Love, Kaiden Soto

Dear Santa,
I would really like a Nut-
edods please, I would like
to have a guitar, a iphone
oh and I would like a little
goldent retriever puppy.
Thank you
Love Emmet Collier Ho
Ho Ho

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs.
Claus? How are the rein-
deers and the elves? Are
the elves good or bad?
How many elves do you
have? Santa I have been
very good this year. For
Christmas I would really
like to have wiiu games, wii
games, movies, jackets, and
X-box 360.
To Santa From Kasen Dee
Wink

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and MRs.
Claus? How are the rein-
deers and the elves? I want
a big monster truck, new
clothes and new socks.
Love, Preston

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. I
would like a Barbie house
a Play Dough maker and a
play elf
Love Jorliah

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Ru-
dolph? HOW is Mrs. Claus?
I have been good. There are
lots of things I wand for
Christmas. Thees are teh
changes that I want to have
for Christmas. I want a rat
with a cage. and also I want
a elf on the shelf.
Love Saylee Pope

Dear Santa,
how are you How is Ru-
dolph? How is Mrs. Claus?
I have been good. There are
lots of things I want for
Christmas. I want a big
Cheetah a big wolf stuffed
animals of course!
Alahi Luv Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
HOW are you? How are the
reindeer? I am working on
being good. There are lots
of thing I want for Christ-
mas. I want a bicycle and
knee pads elbow pads and
a helmet and a DS.
Love Caden Hawkins

Dear Santa,
HOW are you? How is Ru-
dolph? I have been pretty
good. There are lots of
things I want for Christ-
mas. I want a fibre bom I
wont a motor cycle I wont
a jumpy home with a water
slide.
Love Elijah Soto

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs.
Claus? How is Rudolph? I
have pretty good there are
p lots to things want for
Christmas plis brig me a
barbie car, a tablet adn a
DS.
Love CARolina Sora

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the
lef? I have been good. I
want yor elf I want skates. I
want a mothr motoraar
Love Angel Gutierrezz.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I bin prite
good. There are lots of
things I want. I want DS a
motorcycle, and a Nerf guy.

Love, luv Mason Keed

Dear Santa,
Howa re you? How are the
elves? I have been good.
There are lots of hings I
want for christmas. ples
ring me a tabit and a fon
and a bouncy house
Love Quesada

How are you? How are the
reindeer? I have been good.
There are lots of things I
want for Christmas. Plis
bring me a doll, a ball, and
a top.
Love, Brandee

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claes
And are the elfs doing good
on the toys. I hope all the
kids get toys from you and
the elfs. All I want from
Christmas is a new doll
house and faldy by farly.
See you next year Santa
Love, Nadia

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs.
Clause doing this year? I
hope you had a good year.
Has the elfs and raindeer
been good this year? This
year my mom and I will
make some home made gin-
ger bread cookies and milk.
How can you eat all of the
cookies in on night? Has
the elf on the shelf been
telling good thigns about
me? All I want for Christ-
mas is, Xbox 1, hot wheels,
and to spend time with my
family. At the North Pole
do you, Mrs. Claus and the
elfs do Christmas. Have
a great Christmas. Merry
Christmas!
Love Kelby

Dear santa,
I hope I am not on the
naughty list. I hope i am on
the good list. santa i wish
that u can get me what i
want. I hope you hve a safe
tripe here. I like you and
Mrs. Clause? See you next
year santa
you friend Fabian

Dear Santa,
All I want is everyone gets
presents this year .Thank
you for the presents we got
last year. I wish you a safe
travels. This year as been
go I don't want coal this
year. How are you and Mrs.
Clause are doing. This year
I want for Christmas is a
bike, phone, DS, and not
Book for school work.
Love, Makenzie

Dear Santa,
I hope you & Mrs. Clause
are doing good. the elf on
the self has been real fun
tring to find her. I hope she
is telling you good things
about use to and I hope you
have a safe trip. And I hope
all the people that odn't get
presents get some this year.
Can I please have a ipud
mini and a American girl
name Saige and clothes to.
Love Leah

Dear Santa,
I hope everyone gets pres-
ents this year from you. We
will make more cookies for
your. We all hope you have
a safe trip on the way here
and back. Can you take a
bell off of one reindeer?
Also the elf on the shelf
creeps me out! Is there a
REAL elf you can see?
Well, all I want for Christ-
mas is a xbox and can it
come with games? Can I
have new D.S. games too?
Well I hope I get it.
Love Madison

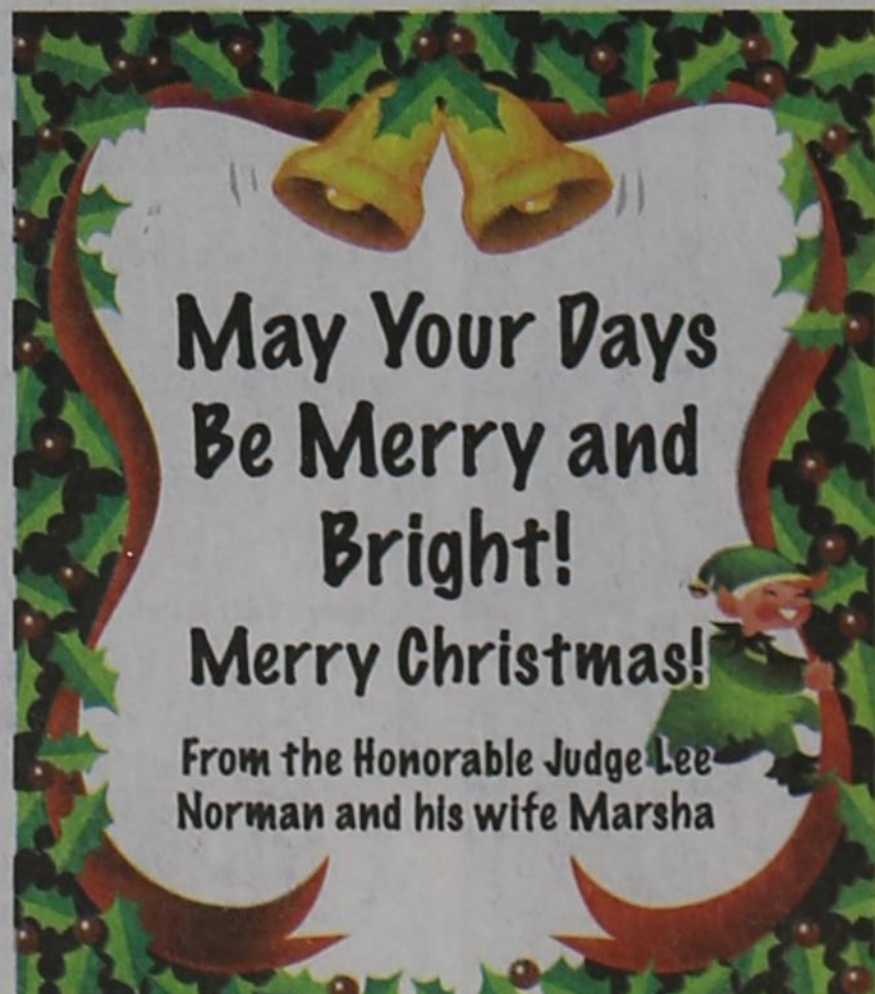
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Dear Santa,
Thank you for making my mom feel better. Please I wish I can go see my grandparents Tony and Misty and to get my uncle out of jail. I want a computer and a new TV. How is Mrs. Clause doing. It is not about the present it is about god's birthday. And that I get better grades. Oh and that every body gets toys.
Love, your friend Aracely soto

Dear Sant,
I hope you and Mrs. Clos are ok. how are yuor rander are they all whell for takeoff. Are your elves are they making the toys. I hope I am on the good lest and not on the bad. I hope you have a Merry christmas. I hope you can get my stof. All I want is to see you in rele life. And legos and u trampen. Nerf guns, bord gams.
Keith

Dear Santa,
I want crayons. I want some other crayons. A bicycle.
Love, Madison

Dear Santa,
I want a toy air plane that has a remote control.
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie dream house with a singing show-

er & an elevator. I want a tablet to play games and push buttons. A my Little Pony castle.
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
I want a new bed with a ladder so me and brother can sleep and ninja turtles& even monsters with lights. And I want a King. Even I want a snowman so he can fight the dragon with the knights. Even I want lots of dinosaurs.
Love, Landon

I want a bike.
Love, Zaidyn

Dear Santa,
I want a toy scooter. 2 scooters. I want a hang kite. I want a toy guy & a real BB gun.
Love Canyon

Dear Santa,
A bike with lights so I can ride in the dark. And I want a scooter with lights. I love scooters. And I love you, santa. And I want my house to be better with new pictures.
Love, Kristopher

Dear Santa,
I am a princess. This is my number. I wnt a phone and I want a bed for Christmas. and I want a computer. And I want a tablet. I want a house and a slippers.
Love Averece

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid from santa. A book a letter book like we see on the tv. A pretty shirt.
Love Rylei

Dear Santa,
I want a dollhouse. Crayons.
Love Zariaha

Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen. I want a scooter. Ipad.
Love Miya

Dear Santa,
A dragon. A toy. A car. A pair of shoes.
Love Nicholas

Dear Santa,
A present a blue one. I want a toy.
Love Adam

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie house. a pencil. A princess.
Love Brigida

Dear Santa,
Can i get a dump truck. I could pick up trash. I want a airplane.
Love Domingo

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a car. Earphones.
Love Joshua

Dear Santa,
A bubble bike. Stuffed animal. Is it going to be a reindeer? A barbie car, bar-

bies, and a house. A horse with it.
Love Rylie

Dear Santa,
I want a mini mouse car. I want a barbie doll. I want a present with earrings. I want a riding book.
Love Bentli

Dear Santa,
I want a real backhoe, a truck stuck in the mud, and boots.
Love, Ja'Kob Price

Dear Santa,
I want a car, bike, and a hat.
Love, A.J. Vega

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 wheeler and a dog.
Love, Logan Contreras

Dear Santa,
I want a hellboy, Batman, and Superman.
Love, Raiden Osborne

Dear Santa,
I want a six shooter, a go cart, and a dirt bike.
Love, Ethan Alonzo

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and a dirt bike.
Love, Peyton Sawyer

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a baby, and a puppet.
Love, Abbi Lechuga

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a Barbie car, and a baby doll.
Love, Nevaya Segura

Dear Santa,
I want an iPad, football clothes with pants, and shoulder pads.
Love, Zayden Pittman

Dear Santa,
I want a Tablet, Barbie house, and an iphone.
Love, Azuray Landa

Dear Santa,
I want an iPod, a Barbie house, and a piggy bank.
Love, Olivia Davis

Dear Santa,
I want an iPhone, an iPad, and an iPod.
Love, Saniya Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a play station 3 and a fake snake.
Love, Edgar "E.J." Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I want a coloring book and colors.
Love, Serenity Naron

Dear Santa,
I want a Transformer helicopter and Optimus Prime.

Love,
Justice Webster

Dear Santa,
I want a big Barbie house and lots of Barbies.
Love, Harli McClellan

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and two helmets.
Love, Payton Nelson

Dear Santa:
How are you? I am being a good boy and a good brother. Can you give me a 3Ds. My brothe wants a new belt. Be careful with the snow.
(Caleb Sanchez)

Dear Santa,
I will like esrohdayi earuffs phone drn
(Audrey Lee)

Dear Santa,
Micro Charger fire rigion
(Josue Gallegos)

Dear Santa,
I wo like football
(Caleb Sanchez)

Dear Santa,
I will like heart. dogs
(Zoey Harris)

Dear Santa,
I wi like arealhoh target are alato fish
(Natalie Macias)

Dear Santa,
I wil ike arealhen

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Sonic toy Shadow toy (BJ Basquez)

Dear Santa, I will like castle ipaid! I hoainllke (Adrianna Samoram)

Dear Santa, I wril like toy guns thomas (Brian Foller)

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Dear Santa, I will like Princess doll toy unicorn a real rabblit phone (Hailea Apolarin)

Dear Santa, I will like Bay Blades Wallet Bible Boots I Pad (Micah Short)

Southland Elem. 1st Grade

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me tool set, camuflosh hlmnt,shrt, shoos, pants, and a musheen gun, rme-fort. Thank you for reeding my leter. I love you Santa. Love J.D. Hamilton

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me Xbox 360 Xbox 360 Xbox 360, doctors bag little cichn, crsemis manoploe. I love Santa. Love Myranda Vizcaino

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me twored lightsabers, Star wars one, lego Star wars six, Anikin skywalker doll love you. I love you Santa. Love, Ashton Bevers

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me contrl for my xbox 10, TEXAS TECH t- shirt tral, truc, hors, cowboy, Micl Jordon shoos. I love you Santa. Love Jordan Hernadez

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me a pet, baby bird and a little kitchin and a pet baby hors. I love you Santa. Love, Elin Aguilar

Dear Santa, I want a new red,blue, and

gree bike. please bring me the lego Star Wars Xbox game. I also need the un-dead skylanders. Thank you, Garrett Graves

Southland Elem. 2nd grade

Dear Santa, I would like a toy creeper, toy dragon, skylander swap force, nerf gun, crazy cart, boom boom ballon, phone, hot wheels, pet dog, and a new bike. Love, Isaias Gallegos

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike, GI Joe toys, a kindle, spy stuff and all 5 halos. Kato Ledesma

Dear Santa, I would like an iPod, eight kittens with their mom, a dirt bike, a toy train, a computer, new DS games. a camo notebook, and all big cat toys. Love, Sylee Peterson

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Dear Santa, I want G.I. Jo toys, mine-craft toys, ipad air, kindle, halo 1,2,3,5, monster. Love, Matthew Marlar

Dear Santa, I want monopy, I want a wii. I want an ipad. I want a dog and a cat. I want a train and a car. I want a dirt bike. Love, Rey Flores

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I want a dirt bike. I want G.I. Joe toys. I want ingk eyes. I want a kindle fire, mine-craft toys, a cat toy, a toy speed boat, a bike with no training wheels, a quilt, and a pet iquana. Love Branson Harris

Drawings For Santa

Dear Santa,
I want purple high heels and a toy car so I can drive it. I want toys.
Taya Wagner

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie ear. I bake cookies for you!
Isabella De la paz

Dear Santa,
I like you reindeer. I want you to bring me go cart with pink glitter on it. I like your boots!
Vivian Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll.
Teri Golyghty

Dear Santa,
I want a big tablet. I leaving out some cookies. Your reindeers are cool.
JJ Nowers

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeers. I am making cookies for you. I want a pink dress and a purple crown.
Amaris Abraham

Dear Santa,
I want a black tablet. I like you!
Amberly Garza

Dear Santa,
I am always on Bold Gold. I want a motorcycle and a track for it.
Love, Kahl Varbro

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, hot wheels, and a fire set. I like your reindeer.
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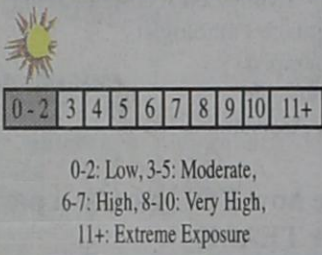
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Friday Mostly Cloudy 45 / 36	Saturday Mostly Cloudy 49 / 29	Sunday Mostly Sunny 44 / 28	Monday Sunny 52 / 29	Tuesday Sunny 56 / 26	Wednesday Sunny 58 / 26	Thursday Mostly Sunny 59 / 28

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

Does weather affect appetite?
Answer: Yes. In cold weather, your body requires more calories to heat itself.

Weather History

Dec. 20, 1836 - A famous cold wave occurred in central Illinois. A cold front with 70 mph winds swept through at noon, dropping the temperature from 40 degrees to near zero in a matter of minutes. Many settlers froze to death. Folklore told of chickens frozen in their tracks.

Dec. 21, 1929 - A tremendous storm produced snow from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas to southern Arkansas. The storm produced 26 inches of snow at Hillsboro, Texas, 18 inches at El Dorado, Ark. and 14 inches at Bossier, La.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 45°, humidity of 49%. East wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 76° set in 2010. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 36°. East wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 11° set in 1973. Saturday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain, high temperature of 49°, humidity of 49%. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	1:01-3:01	1:31-3:31	Tue	3:56-5:56	4:26-6:26
Sat	1:46-3:46	2:16-4:16	Wed	4:40-6:40	5:10-7:10
Sun	2:29-4:29	2:59-4:59	Thu	5:26-7:26	5:56-7:56
Mon	3:12-5:12	3:42-5:42			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 12/25	Fri 7:44 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	8:56 p.m.	9:48 a.m.
	Sat 7:45 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	9:49 p.m.	10:23 a.m.
	Sun 7:45 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	10:43 p.m.	10:57 a.m.
	Mon 7:46 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	11:37 p.m.	11:29 a.m.
New 1/1	Tue 7:46 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	No Rise	12:01 p.m.
	Wed 7:47 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	12:33 a.m.	12:34 p.m.
	Thu 7:47 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	1:31 a.m.	1:10 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
Date	Degree Days		Date	Degree Days		
12/10	49	10	54/27	0.00"	12/10	0
12/11	43	23	54/27	0.00"	12/14	0
12/12	45	21	54/27	0.00"	12/11	0
12/13	63	34	53/26	0.03"	12/12	0
12/14	52	25	53/26	0.00"	12/16	0
12/15	60	21	53/26	0.00"	12/13	0
12/16	69	22	53/26	0.00"		

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Dixie Divas Christmas tree memories

Christmas is the time we pack expectations into every package we wrap and for weeks anticipate that one, perfect Currier-Ives day.

And, of course, since any day is seldom perfect, there are varying degrees of let-down that trickle across the population. For some



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people with high hopes, Christmas Day turns out to be melancholy. I realized this year, though, that there is one day of the Christmas season that never disappoints me. In fact, it is always warmer, more loving, memorable, and joyous than I expect.

That's the day that I put up my favorite of three trees, the one in the bedroom that is a scrapbook of the bygone years and the people I love. It is a silk tree covered in white lights with iridescent ornaments. The tree itself brings back the memories of a hotel suite in Lexington, KY where I was speaking at a women's event. It was a three-day tour on which I made new friends and had many laughs. I was watching a Bethlehem lights segment on QVC, saw the tree, and ordered it. Whenever I put it up, I smile remembering that joyous trip.

The angel atop that tree was purchased in Los Angeles when I traveled the NASCAR circuit and we still raced at the worn out, now torn down, dusty Riverside Raceway. On the way to the airport, I had extra time so I stopped at a mall. The angel cost \$40, a lot of money to me back then, but I really wanted it for my first grown-up Christmas tree. Her lights are burned out now but she has never missed a year, guarding my tree and watching over me.

Big, glass balls that look like bubbles were purchased twenty years ago from the revered, now-gone Rich's department store in Atlanta. Until last year, I had

broken nary a one of the irreplaceable balls. I was sad for days after one dropped from the tree. It makes me think of Rich's strong traditions including the pink pig kids' ride, the tearoom, and the bookstore in the basement.

Several years ago, Mama and I were shopping at a department store one night before Christmas. They had a weekend, half-price sale of all ornaments so I bought several glimmering, four-tiered, glass snowflakes. Mama watched, smiling sweetly at their gorgeousness as the clerk carefully wrapped each one. Oh, how I enjoy the remembrance of that night with Mama as I hang each one.

Long, glass icicles scattered with shimmering, silver glitter remind me of my best friend from high school. Shortly after my first book published, Lisa found herself in an emergency during the Christmas season, short of help in her gift shop. I showed up and worked long days, refusing to take payment. Of course, she gifted me with Fritz and Floyd pieces and offered anything I wanted at half price. I bought those beautiful icicles so I think of her, that Christmas, and our teenage friendship.

A Swarovski ornament is a reminder of a blizzard that once stranded me in New York City, two days before Christmas while a larger one, both purchased at Rockefeller Center, marks my first Christmas with Tink, bringing to mind the light snow that was falling that night. Such a magical memory.

Three sets of glistening white balls were a gift for my first tree from my godmother, Mary Nell; a set of cascading glass bells were purchased in Pocono, Pa., and a heavy iridescent ball came from the glassmakers in Corning, N.Y., outside Watkins Glen.

The one that heart-tugs most, though, is the Hallmark ornament Daddy insisted on buying. It is a lighted elf working at his bench. "Buy it," he commanded, handing me the money.

Decorating that tree fills me with such love and warmth, which is exactly what Christmas should be.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Don't miss "The Town That Came A-Courtin'," the television movie based on Ronda's best-selling novel, airing at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 on UP.

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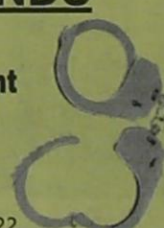
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