

# The Winters Enterprise

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## NEWS at a glance

**Pearls of Wisdom—**  
The most important part of CHRISTMAS is the first six letters.

Wishing you & yours a blessed holiday season!



## Christmas Supplement Section B

A special second section of the paper has been added this week for the Christmas holidays. Included are Dear Santa letters, Christmas pictures, and season's greetings from area businesses.

## Blitz staffers win awards

Members of the Winters High School newspaper staff, *The Blitz*, recently won several top honors in the Writer's Classic Sweepstakes Winner's Circle. **page 4**

## Why support county stock show?

Runnels County will host their first countywide stock show in many years, January 11-12, 2002. The financial support of area businesses will directly support the youth in our communities. **page 4**

## Winters plans local stock show

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association has set Saturday, January 5, as their 2002 show date. The one-day event will feature 35 Winters students exhibiting over 100 livestock entries. **page 5**

## Charitable giving still strong

Charitable giving in Winters remains strong despite fewer dollars. Several local charities report an increase in giving, while a few have seen a decrease in donations and are in continued need of your support. **pages 8**

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## City Council hires new police officer

With the exception of hiring a new police officer for the City of Winters, City Councilmen tabled most agenda items during Monday night's meeting.

Officer Kimberlie Hayes of San Angelo was hired as the newest member of the Winters Police Force, and will join the department in two weeks.

Choco, the drug-sniffing dog, was presented with his retirement papers from the City of Winters, and was honored for "keeping his nose to the ground and being a police officer of a rare breed."

Becky Roberts with Davis, Kinard & Co., presented the audit report for the fiscal year 2000-2001. She related that everything was in good order and that the "city employees had done a good job" with the city's accounting.

The Council approved the audit report.

Ken Martin with Jacob & Martin, Inc., engineering firm See COUNCIL, page 6

## Santa knows if you've been naughty...



...OR NICE, BUT 5-YEAR-OLD CHARLEY LIPSEY hopes looks are deceiving as she's all smiles and sweetness on a float in the Winters Christmas Parade. Charley and other area children should plan to be in bed asleep early on Monday night so Santa Claus can deliver surprises under their trees for Christmas morning.

## Commissioners approve purchase of radar devices

Runnels County Commissioners approved the purchase of three Stalker radar speed measurement devices from Applied Concepts, Inc. for the sheriff's department at their special meeting on Tuesday.

Commissioners had discussed the lease/purchase of the radars at their regular meeting last week, but delayed action until this week to buy the machines. Cost of the three units totals \$7,185 and will be paid with equal amounts from the road and bridge funds from each of the commissioner's precincts and from the sheriff's department budget.

In other business on the agenda, Commissioners accepted the Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan for the county. County Judge Marilyn Egan told the group, "We are passing this mandated program in as limited a scope as we can." She estimated the total cost of the program to be around \$7,000. The program will be limited to the Sheriff's

Department and County Jail employees.

Commissioners also approved entering into an agreement between the county and Carnegie Library in Ballinger. The county agreed to pay the library \$4,950 for the 2002 year, which includes elevator maintenance at the library.

The county also approved entering into an Interlocal Agreement for Information Resources and Technologies. The program is being implemented by the Texas Association of Counties and is at no cost to the county. Commissioner Keith Collom said his understanding of the program was the county could log onto a site on the Internet and get data on all counties in the state.

The group appointed Susan Jacob as the Information Resources Manager for Runnels County in conjunction with the program.

All commissioners were present for the special meeting on Tuesday.

**The Winters Enterprise office will be closed for the holidays on Monday & Tuesday, December 24-25, 2001, and Tuesday, January 1, 2002.**

## 2001 Christmas Parade winners announced

Winters' 2001 Christmas Parade was held Saturday, Dec. 8, beginning at 2 p.m. Though the temperature and wind combined to make the day quite chilly, residents lined the streets to watch the parade.

Judges for the event were Georgia Orr, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Winters; Sandra Taylor, KTXS

newswoman; and John McGregor, a Ballinger attorney.

Winners were announced in front of The Rock Hotel following the parade.

The first ever Little Miss Sno-Flake is Candance O'Dell. Her court includes Kaitlyn Lindley as first runner-up and Shelby Knight, second runner-up.

The 2001 Sno-Queen is Priscilla Ontiveros. Kayla Calcote is first runner-up, and Jessica Pritchard is second runner-up.

Taking first place in the float division were Ace Polk and Winters Head Start with his rocket. Taking second were the Munchkins from Oz, aka Brownie Troop #338 led by

Ral and Laura Dees, and third went to North Runnels Hospital with their CareBear.

In the cars/bikes division, Danny Baldwin won 1st place, Tommy Blackmon, 2nd, and Larry Meyers, 3rd.

Taylor County Sheriff's Riding Club took 1st place in their division, followed by Hawley Riding Club, 2nd; and

Larry Nitsch, 3rd.

In the children's division, Brianna Mesey captured 1st place, the Winters High School Band with marching guests from grades 6-8 took 2nd, and the Winters Dirt Bike Club took 3rd.

More parade pictures are featured in Section B.



CHRISTMAS DINNER sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance in Winters is always a blessing for the community. Helping to prepare last year's meal were (foreground) Gilbert and Orita Smith and (background) Suvern and Martha O'Dell. This year's meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Jones Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church.

## Join WMA for free meal on Christmas Day

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will once again sponsor a meal on Christmas Day from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Everyone is invited! Travelers, families, everyone. There is no charge for the meal. Deliveries are available for shut-ins by calling 754-5521.

The meal will be at Jones Hall of First Baptist Church, but area churches are working together to provide the meal. Ace Polk will be cooking the turkeys, First Baptist Church will provide the dressing and cranberry sauce. Green beans and yams have been provided. Winters Assembly of God is

providing a portion of the salads and Moro Baptist Church is providing some desserts.

Other area churches are asked for their assistance in providing more salads, desserts, and workers for the day. Churches should contact Rev. Bob Jones at 754-5400 if they are interested in contributing.

Gilbert and Orita Smith have offered to make "homemade" rolls. The Mens' Thursday Morning Prayer Group will put out signs.

Workers from various churches are needed for shifts of 9 a.m. - noon, noon - 3 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

## Man and Woman of the Year nominations being accepted

Nominations for this year's Man and Woman of the Year are being accepted by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

If you know of someone who has made a difference in the community this year, and you think that he/she is deserving of this honor, please take the time to nominate him/her.

Please include a statement as to why you think this person deserves to be named Winters Man or Woman of the Year.

The deadline for all nominations is Friday, February 1.

This year's winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual banquet on Saturday, February 9.

## Basketball games changed to Friday night with 4 p.m. start

### Project Graduation to serve Fajitas

Varsity and junior varsity basketball games originally scheduled for tonight have been rescheduled for Friday night instead. Since Hawley has scheduled classes on Friday, they cannot play again until the weekend according to UIL regulations. All four games will be held in the new

gym with JV girls scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

Project Graduation 2002 will sponsor a Fajita Night on Friday during the Hawley basketball games. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Fresh grilled beef fajita See FAJITAS, page 4



THE WINTERS POST OFFICE CELEBRATED the introduction of the United We Stand stamp with an Open House on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2001. Winters Postmaster John Frock (right) assists René Woffenden with his purchase of the stamps. The stamp was designed to support American efforts following the September 11 attacks.



# Opinion

## Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles ©2001



It's time, again, for my annual prognostication exercise. No, it is not something recommended by my doctor for losing weight.

However, it is a good way to look foolish, I'm afraid. But, I've never let that stop me before!

Before I make my predictions for the coming year's product prices, let's cover a little history.

If you haven't watched prices closely over the last twelve months, there are few things you may have missed. Over the last 365 days, oil prices have been as high as \$32 per barrel and as low as \$17 per barrel. Meanwhile, natural gas prices have dropped from highs near \$6 per thousand cubic feet to less than \$2 in some local markets.

Oil and gas prices have flattened at just under \$20 and \$2.50, respectively, but there is an uneasiness that pervades coffee shop talk these days. Everyone agrees (or fears) that prices are subject to much downside risk.

I tend to agree but with a twist.

I think oil prices will fall as a result of reduced worldwide demand brought about by a lingering recession in the U.S. I don't see the recession ending until the second half of the 2002. With that assumption, the psychology is there for traders to let prices fall with every bit of bad news on the U.S. economy.

Gas prices will follow suit, exacerbated by the Enron debacle. Despite comments to the contrary, a strong open trading market for natural gas and, its stepsister in the market, electricity instilled confidence in producers and consumers. Much more than regulation ever did, but that is another subject. Anyway, the confusion in the gas markets will only soften the floor for prices until things settle out.

But, the twist is this: the lower prices won't last more than a quarter. I think prices, and the economy, will rebound by the end of 2002.

What about specifics, you say?

OK. Oil prices will drop to \$15 per barrel sometime during the first half of the year. Gas prices will flirt with \$1.50 per million cubic feet. But, by December oil prices should reach the \$20 level again and gas prices will pull closer to \$3.

That's it. Do not, I repeat, do not take these predictions to the bank—figuratively or literally. I have been so wrong so many times, that this yearly column is worth more in entertainment value than anything else.

Many read it just to see how wrong I can be this time around.

But, with that said, you never know, even a stopped clock is right twice a day...

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

**Coleman County**  
Delray Oil has completed the T. Sneed #3 in the County Regular Field (4 miles SW of Glen Cove) at an initial rate of 144 MCFPD in the Jennings Sand (perms 3394-3400). Loc. is 2634 FNL & 3500 FWL of D. McClean Sur. No. 757, A-493.

**Nolan County**  
Pioneer Exploration has completed the B. Hanks -A- #43 in the Northwest Hylton Field (8 miles S of Nolan) at an initial rate of 203 BOPD in the Cambrian (perms 5934-6016). Loc. is 1121 FEL & 1740 FSL of Sec. 28, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1460.

#### STAKINGS

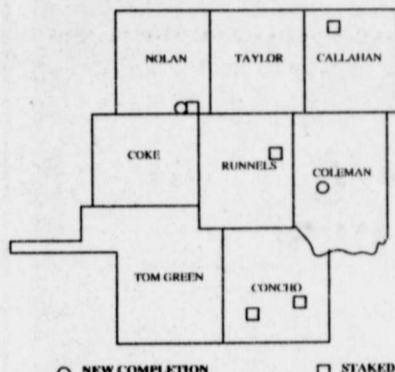
**Callahan County**  
Sojourner Drilling Corp. has staked the L.W. Alvey Estate -A- #1 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles N of Putnam (Depth 1000). Loc. is 1300 FSL & 1600 FEL of TE&L Sur. No. 2272, A-423.

**Concho County**  
Daubert Operating has staked the Pfluger -D- #4 in the Dare I Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 1800). Loc. is 1017 FNL & 1034 FEL of Sec. 167, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-911.

QuinTx Exploration has applied to re-enter the Whitehead #70 in the South Branch Field, 7 miles SE of Eden (Depth 1380). Loc. is 1200 FSL & 430 FEL of Sec. 113, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-884.

**Nolan County**  
Pioneer Exploration has applied to plug back the B. Hanks -B- #3 in the Northwest Hylton Field, 8 miles S of Nolan (Depth 5812). Loc. is 559 FSL & 1458 FEL of Sec. 21, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-444.

**Runnels County**  
Pioneer Energy has applied to plug back the Snelson #7 in the Saxon Field, 5 miles NW of Talpa (Depth 3640). Loc. is 467 FNL & 1997 FEL of ETRR Sur. No. 119, A-148. 11, SPRR Sur., A-7250.



## In Appreciation

### Card of Thanks

To the members of the Chamber of Commerce and merchants of Winters, I would like to thank you for putting on the Christmas parade and the Miss Sno-Queen and Miss Sno-Flake contests.

It is going to be an honor to represent the town of Winters this next year.

Miss Sno-Flake 2002  
Candace O'Dell

### Card of Thanks

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the judges, sponsors, participants and everyone that had a hand in making this year's Christmas parade a huge success. We couldn't have done it without your support.

### Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my friends and patients who showed their kindness through cards and calls during my absence.

Dr. Tommy Russell

**PLEASE...  
Conserve water  
& pray for rain.**

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## Birthdays recognized by Literary Club

The Literary and Service Club honored those having December birthdays at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home on Wednesday, the 12th. Special gifts were given to Elva Barbee and Louise Waggoner.

Refreshments were served to all residents, and a gift of snow scene globes was given to each.

A sing-song of Christmas melodies was enjoyed by all and "Happy Birthday" was sung to the honorees.

## Correction

In the December 6 edition, *The Winters Enterprise* incorrectly named Unice B. Marks as preceding his brother, Marshall L. Marks, in death. The name should have read Vernie B. Marks.

We sincerely apologize for the error.

## Obituary

### Ruby Eldred

**COLEMAN**—Ruby Eldred, 80, died Friday, December 14, 2001 at the Coleman County Medical Center.

She was born March 27, 1921, in Cottonwood to the late William Edgar and Mattie Mary Musick Brown. She was a lifetime resident of Coleman and Runnels Counties and attended Coleman County Schools. She married Frank Eugene Eldred January 27, 1942, in Coleman.

Mrs. Eldred was a homemaker and retired from Dry Manufacturing. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988 and one brother, Walter Brown.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Whitaker of Coleman and Shirley Davis of Valera; four sons, Ed Eldred of Coleman, Larry Eldred of San Angelo and Mack and Danny Eldred both of Ballinger; two sisters, Rachel Hilliard of Longmont, Colorado and Minnie Rhoades of Ballinger; two brothers, Burl Brown of Cisco and Allison Brown of Coleman; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Family visitation was from 5 to 6 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2001, at Henderson Funeral Home in Coleman. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 15, 2001, at Henderson Funeral Chapel in with Dr. Charles Sheffield officiating. Burial followed at the Glen Cove Cemetery directed by Henderson Funeral Home.

## Letter to the Editor

### City Manager sends hopeful message

Every cause has an effect, including being positive or negative, and being optimistic or pessimistic.

Some of the causes are subjective like having a headache that sometimes makes one think negatively. Most positive people are healthy people.

Some of the causes, on the other hand, are objective. A very cold winter day or a hot summer day may make some people think negatively. On the other hand, a pleasant calm spring West Texas sunset makes some people think positively.

Once in a while, for subjective or objective causes, some citizens become negative and when they visit me in such condition, they talk negatively about our community. Sometimes they blame me for their feelings. For instance, they tell me that I would have brought a prison in town we would have been in a lot better shape. Sometimes I am even blamed for lack of rain.

Recently I read an article in one of my professional magazines, "Governing." The title of the article is "Small Town Prophets." The author is Alan Ehrenhalt. He brings examples from three authors for his point which is hope for small communities. Those authors are Granville Hicks, Baker Brownell, and Richard Poston.

Ehrenhalt documents that "in 1910, 62 percent of Americans lived in communities with populations of 10,000 or less. In 1950, the figure was down to 48 percent. By 1990, it was 18 percent."

On the bright side: "The 1990s, however provided a surprise. Last year's Census data are now in, and show conclusively that while small town America isn't booming, it has begun a mysterious comeback.

"Altogether, there are 2303 counties in the United States that the Census labels as rural or "non-metropolitan." In the 1980s, a majority of them lost population. In the 1990s, three-quarters of them gained people. They experi-

enced a net in-migration of 3.5 million, compared to a net out-migration of 1.4 million in the 1980s."

To conclude, he comes with a sub-topic as such:

**There is no simple explanation** for why this happened. Some rural counties grew because prisons were built; some because of new manufacturing plants; some attracted retirees; some became popular for their scenery and recreation.

But every demographer who has studied this situation concedes another point as well: A large and growing number of professionals in their productive years are moving to small towns for reasons of security, sociability and community participation.

Until recently, this was not an option for most people for reasons of technology and communication. But the Internet, e-mail and the laptop computer have removed many of the obstacles.

Ehrenhalt uses the 9-11 tragedy as an example of being in big cities and concludes: "I am reasonably sure that millions of people will look at the situation another way, and decide that safety, security, comfort and community all dictate moving to a smaller place somewhere far from the skyscrapers, where they will know and trust their neighbors, and where quiet, walkable main streets can play the role that city neighborhoods used to play in their lives." They are welcome.

West Texas is like its mesquite trees. Although they look thirsty, their roots are way down in water and will survive for a long time. Winters is the heart of West Texas with deep roots.

Let us work together to grow even stronger in 2002.

Sincerely,  
**Aref Hassan,  
Ph.D., CMC  
City Manager, Winters**

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## Miracles for Christmas

Once again I can't believe it's almost Christmas. Life has been a blur of necessities, happenings, comings, and goings, but this is a different season without Joe. It is a season to deal with grief, joy, and hope. You, our dear friends, families, and loved ones from near and far, cannot know how much your kindness, caring, and prayers have helped us all.

We prayed for miracles, but they had already happened as our 59 years together had unfolded.

"From the First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," "I Want to Dance with You," "Come Back to Me, My Love," "Welcome to My World," "You Are My Sunshine," "You're My Best Friend," and "You Are My Happiness." All these titles, to our favorite songs we loved, tell our miracles prayed for.

The quietness of my house is the peace Joe has with our God. His joy is seeing again, our two children Jeanie and Joe, Jr., and brothers and parents.

My joy is the sounds of children's voices in Christmas carols, friends and families asking me to find joy in Christmas.

How can I thank you enough for caring so much? Your prayers, memorials, calls, visits, precious gifts, and flowers show how special this kind and gentle Joe was. He loved his work, his friends, family, and our God. He was our miracle.

Please have a happy blessed Christmas — loving God and loving each other.

Peace and love to you all,  
*Dorine Kozelsky and Family*

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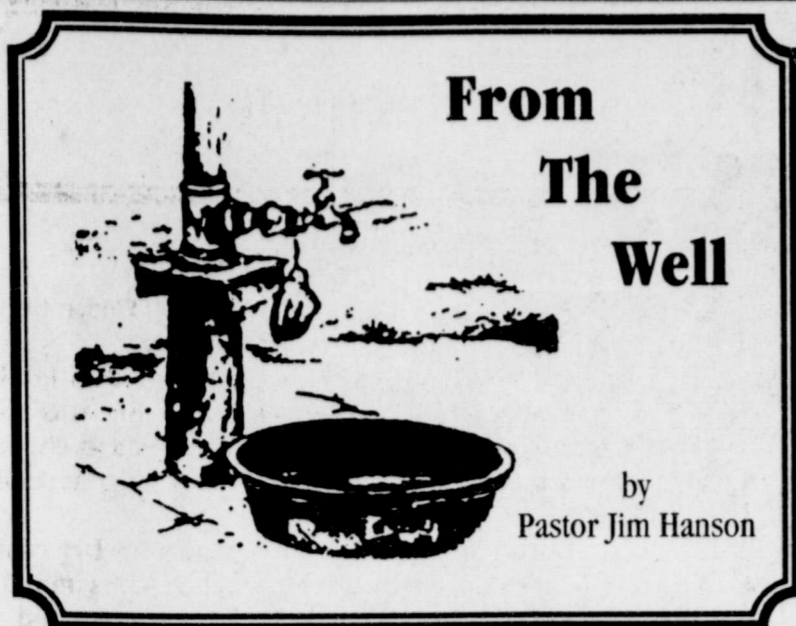
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# Community



## From The Well

by Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

"What's the matter with you, kid? Were you born in a barn?" I don't recall how many times I had that question hurled at me. When I was a kid, living up north. In Brookings, South Dakota. Of course, there was a reason. It was winter time. Up north, anytime after Halloween until Memorial Day in the spring was winter. I can still remember a blizzard that hit that town on November 11. I think it was in 1941. It lasted for four days. You couldn't see fifty feet ahead of you, and sometimes not even five. Almost all the time in winter it was cold. And the reason I was so questioned was because...I had left the door open. For whatever reason...and the cold air rushed in. And it sure cooled off the locker room in a hurry...with the guys standing around, half naked. The icy blast seemed to freeze their knees and other parts of their bodies, but it sure ignited their wrath. "Hey kid...SHUT THE DOOR...YOU BORN IN A BARN?"

I often wondered why it made me feel so bad... "born in a barn." It must have been some questioning of my birth place. Nobody would want to be born in a barn. As I grew older, I thought about what it would be like to have your birth certificate list as your birth place...a barn, 7 miles north of Bemidji, Minnesota on County Road N. How awful! Or, even worse, it might suggest that there was something about my parents that was out of order...maybe I was born too soon. Or maybe my dad couldn't afford a house for us to live in.

As a matter of fact my oldest brother Paul was born in an old vacant bank building. There was no parsonage for my folks when they moved to a northern Minnesota town called Middle River. And they were poor. But it was a shelter, and he was born there with a mid-wife doing the delivery and my dad bringing the hot water from the stove. No running water, no indoor toilet facilities, no real kitchen, or bedroom. Kind of like a barn.

As I grew older, and went to college...I remember on Christmas Eve, when my dad was preaching. And he spoke of Jesus, as one who was born in a barn. And it changed my thinking. About the thorny old question, "Hey kid, shut the door! You born in a barn or something?" If a barn was good enough for Jesus...well...it could be a good birthing place for anyone. And that settled it.

Until this year. A poem found me. Written by Leslie Leyland Fields. The title is: "Let the Stable Still Astonish." Here it is:

*Let the stable still astonish...straw dirt floor, dull eyes,  
Dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen; crumbling crooked walls;  
No bed to carry that pain.  
And then, the child, rag-wrapped, laid to cry  
In a trough.*

*Who would have chosen this?  
Who would have said: "Yes,  
Let the God of all the heavens and earth be born here,  
In this place?"*

*Who but the same God  
Who stands in the darker, fouler  
Rooms of our hearts and says,  
"Yes, let the God of Heaven and Earth  
Be born here—in this place."*

This is the deepest purpose of Christmas. Not only that Jesus was born in a stable. But that He would be born in ours. Our heart-stables, our heart-barns. Because, "Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in." So leave the door open. Let Him in. And, if someone should ask, "Hey, you born in a barn?" You can answer, "Yes. I was. In my barn. This Christmas. That's why I left the door open for Him."

Merry Christmas!



**Bridgeman Florist**  
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SHOPPERS LOOK FOR TREASURES at the recent Country Store in conjunction with a fundraiser to benefit North Runnels Hospital. Area citizens and hospital staff members donated goods for the sale.

## TxDOT has begun upgrade of US highway signs

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has begun a one-year project to upgrade approximately 8,000 signs on US highways in the San Angelo District.

Motorists' safety is the goal for replacing the existing signs, according to Public Information Officer Patsy Rainwater-Maddux. The base will involve

a new "break away" structure that has proven to be safer than the existing signs during crash situations.

The project will begin on

North US 277 at the Runnels and Nolan county lines, progressing to the Schleicher County line. Other US highways included in the sign project are US 67, US 83, US 87, Loop 306 and Business 67 on Sherwood Way. These signs can be found in Runnels, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock and Tom Green counties.

The contractor, Texas Commercial Fence from Austin, will also replace the large overhead signs. The face of all the signs will include an upgraded reflective sheeting.

## BFI announces holiday schedule changes

David Kelly, area manager for Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) in Abilene, advises Winters customers with trash pick up scheduled for Tuesday, December 25, that no service will run on Christmas Day. BFI will run early and will pick up on Saturday, December 22.

Schedules for New Year's Day, January 1, 2002, will not be affected by the holidays and will remain the same.

### Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Dec. 24 thru Dec. 28  
Subject to change

Monday, Dec. 24: Holiday  
Tuesday, Dec. 25: Holiday, Merry Christmas!  
Wednesday, Dec. 26: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and banana pudding.  
Thursday, Dec. 27: Ham, lima beans, cabbage, cornbread and blonde brownies.  
Friday, Dec. 28: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pear & cottage cheese, crackers and dessert.

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Dec. 31 thru Jan. 4  
Subject to change

Monday, Dec. 31: Tator tot casserole, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, bread and Jello.  
Tuesday, Jan. 1: Holiday, Happy New Year!  
Wednesday, Jan. 2: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and apple cake.  
Thursday, Jan. 3: Chicken pot pie, beets, fruit salad, crackers and cinnamon roll.  
Friday, Jan. 4: Hamburgers, french fries, pork 'n' beans, pickles & onions and dessert.

## Museum looking for old WHS yearbooks

The Z.I. Hale Museum is putting together a collection of Winters High School annuals for visitors to look at. The following years are needed: 1931 through 1949, 1953, 1955 through 1961, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1970 through 1980, and 1993 through 2001.

nate any of these annuals, please contact Genevieve Spill at 754-5363, Marlene Smith at 754-4961, or Randall Conner at 754-4542.

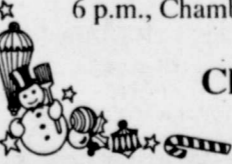
If any class has a recent roster of names and addresses, the museum would like to have a copy of these for the files.

If anyone is willing to do-

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 20-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- 2 & 2:30 p.m., School Dismisses Early for Christmas Holidays, NO TIPS
- 5p.m., 2002 Project Graduation Fajita Night & Grill Give-A-Way, WISD Cafeteria
- Dec. 21-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- Dec. 22-7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Dec. 24-No Meal at Sr. Citizens Center
- CHRISTMAS EVE**
- Dec. 25-No Meal at Sr. Citizens Center
- HO, HO, HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- Dec. 26-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- Dec. 27-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board, The Rock Hotel
- Dec. 28-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Dec. 31-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- Jan. 1-No Meal at Sr. Citizens Center
- HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!**
- Jan. 2-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- Deadline for Director Nominations for Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation
- Jan. 3-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office

Classes at Winters I.S.D. resume Monday, January 7, 2002.



I regret any inconvenience caused because of my surgical intervention and the needs of acute illness within my family these last two months. I plan to resume my practice January 3rd.

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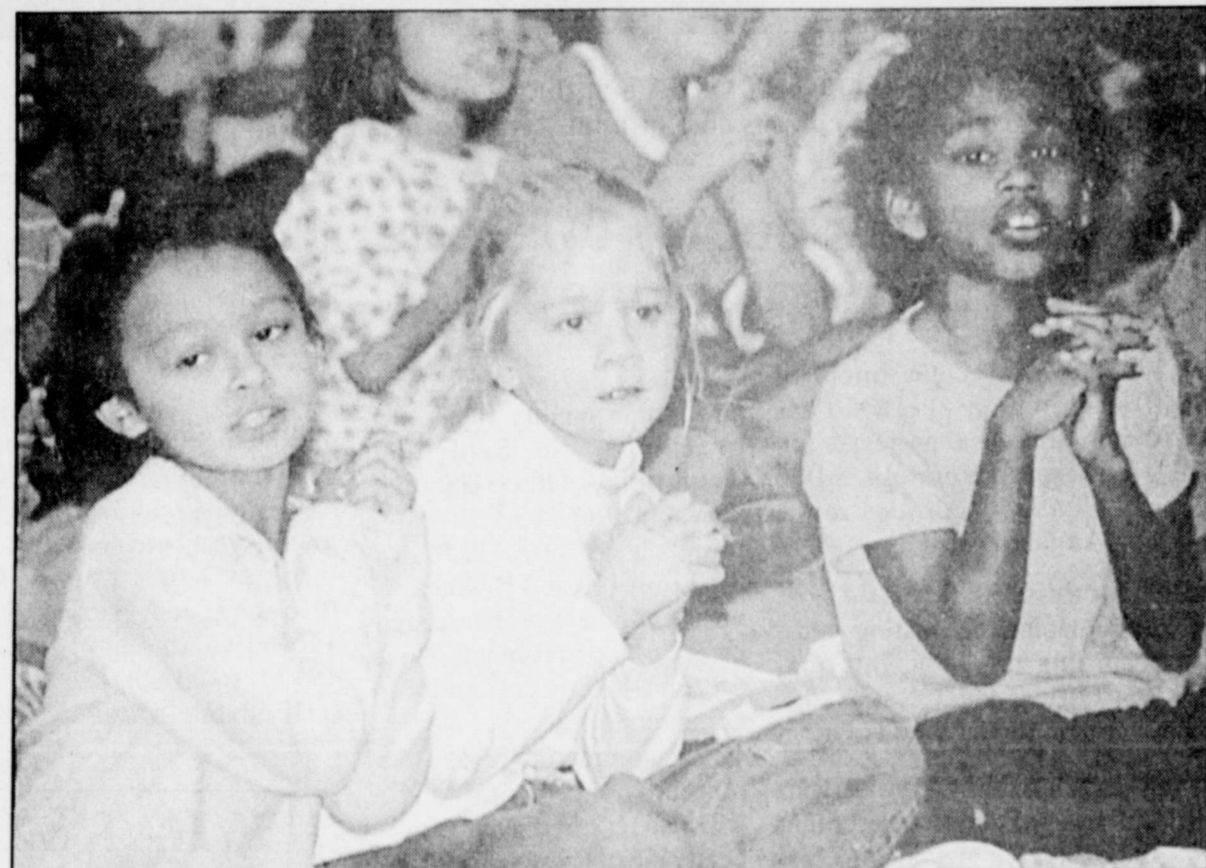
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## Blitz staffers place in Writer's Winners Circle

Six Winters High School Blitz staff members recently placed in the Writer's Classic Sweepstakes Winners Circle in Brownwood. Over 100 contestants participated in the 1A and 2A competition from schools in the area including Bangs, Coleman, Wall, and Hamilton. Those earning honors for WHS were Jacob Goetz, 1st Headline Writing; Lacey Meyer, 2nd Editorial Writing and 7th Headline Writing; and Juanita Armendariz, 5th News Writing and 8th Feature Writing. Also placing were Alley Calcote, 6th News Writing; Briana Parramore, 6th Feature Writing; and Wade Parramore, 7th News Writing.



RUNNELS COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS enjoy their Christmas gathering and the singing performance of Winters second grade students under the direction of Fran Kidwell, foreground at right. Many of the teachers commented they really miss being with young students. The children brought smiles to everyone present at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.



"SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE," sing (l-r) Tori Reyna, Michelle Kruse, and LeeAnn Taylor. The girls were part of the second grade students who sang at the Christmas party hosted by the Runnels County Retired Teachers Association.



MATTHEW DOTY, Winters 5th grader, concentrates as he plays his tuba during rehearsal for the band's first Christmas concert on December 19.

## Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Amanda Polk has been selected as "Girl of the Month" for December 2001. She is the daughter of Ace and Marty Polk.



**Amanda Polk**  
December Girl of the Month

Amanda, 14, is in the eighth grade and enjoys science and reading.

Her honors include competing in the science fair and being in UIL spelling.

Cooking, writing, poetry, acting, and candle making are her hobbies. She enjoys talking on the phone, hanging out with friends, shopping, and reading. Her duties include keeping her room clean and doing her laundry.

Her future plans are to take acting classes, get married, and move to Miami, Florida.

She most admires her mom and dad because "they have always been there for me."



**Keegan Kurtz**  
December Boy of the Month

Keegan Kurtz has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for December 2001. He is the son of Darrell and Sherry Kurtz.

Keegan, 12, is in the seventh grade and enjoys social studies and science.

His honors include being Student of the Month, competing in UIL, making the "A" team in basketball, being in Gifted and Talented, being the highest ranking boy the past two years, and being chosen Class Favorite.

His hobbies include fishing, hunting, riding his 4-wheeler, and playing football and basketball.

In his spare time, he enjoys visiting with his grandparents. His duties include feeding and exercising show animals, mowing the grass, keeping his room clean, and carrying out the trash.

His future plans are to attend Texas A&M University and major in medical science to hopefully become a doctor.

He admires his dad because he "gives me great advice and for always loving me in whatever I do," Ms. Magee for "always encouraging me to do my best," and my PaPas who are "always there for me."

All JV & Varsity basketball games vs. Hawley have been RESCHEDULED for Friday, December 21, in the WHS Gym beginning at 4 PM starting with JV Lady Blizzards.

## Financial support being solicited to benefit youth at Runnels County Stock Show Premium Sale

Runnels County will host a countywide stockshow, for the first time in over 45 years, on Friday and Saturday, January 11-12, 2002. The event will be held at the Ballinger Community Center. Ballinger, Miles, and Winters FFA and 4-H exhibitors will show 523 livestock entries including lambs, goats, swine, cattle, turkeys, and rabbits. Both breeding and market stock will be exhibited. "The directors are excited and pleased to have the opportunity to work on this show," said Victor Probandt, RCJLSA director. "We believe the groundwork has been laid for an event which will showcase some of the best youth as well

as livestock our county has to offer." The Runnels County Stock Show is the single, largest youth event in the county. Over the next few weeks, many businesses and individuals in Runnels County will be asked to support the stock show. With nearly 160 exhibitors entered, many merchants will have a relative or friend directly involved in the event. These exhibitors have been working for months on livestock projects which have consumed large amounts of time, energy, and money. Some may ask why they should support the county show. The best answer is, that by supporting this show, you

are supporting the youth of Runnels County. As one director said, "When you purchase an animal at the premium sale, you are not buying an animal, but helping one of our kids." The money collected from the premium sale goes directly to the participants, and typically, is used to purchase next year's livestock projects. Many of the youth have also financed a portion of their college expenses from the sale of these animals. These projects also enhance the relationship between the exhibitors and their parents. The interaction fosters a bond between a parent and a child that will last a lifetime. The sense of responsibility

a livestock project provides is invaluable. Exhibitors are usually at the pen twice a day, every day, rain or shine. Many spend hours with their animals and learn the value of hard work, persistence, and patience. These traits are important for success in any field. Area businesses and individuals are asked to remember that your financial support will continue a tradition which has been an important part of many families throughout Runnels County. Runnels County Stock Show donations may be made to any local community stock show board member, FFA advisor, or the Runnels County Extension office.

## FAJITAS, continued

meat will be served on tortillas with your choice of cheese, guacamole, hot sauce, onions, and sour cream. Fajitas will be sold for \$2 each.

In addition, a drawing will be held for a 3-Burner Gas Grill with Fish Cooker Attachment during the varsity boy's basketball game. Donations for chances are \$1 for one or 6 for \$5. The grill can be seen at Higginbotham Bros. Building Center on Main Street.

The group is also selling premier chocolate candy bars for \$1 each.

All proceeds from Project Graduation fundraisers will benefit an all night, drug free celebration for seniors following graduation, with cash and prizes being awarded to all graduates. The public is encouraged to support these fundraising efforts.

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# School

## Basketball Hoopla



**Team:** Junior Varsity Girls **Coch:** Deb Whittenburg  
**Opponent:** Blackwell **Date:** Dec. 5, 2001  
**Place:** Blackwell Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	10	5	14		38
OPPOSITE	13	18	14	10		55

Free throws made: 11 of 14 for 78%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amber Green	6	5	1	0
Jessica Barton	4	4	4	0
Ashly Santoya	6	3	5	2
Gessica Bear	1	1	1	0
Kinscy Arhart	11	1	0	0
Kathryn Haller	2	0	0	0
Kendra Esquivel	0	1	0	0
Rachel Davis	2	0	0	0
Katy Wilkerson	0	2	0	0
Marcy Paschal	3	5	1	0
Kim DelReal	0	0	0	0

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

**Team:** Junior Varsity Girls **Coch:** Deb Whittenburg  
**Opponent:** Highland **Date:** Dec. 7, 2001  
**Place:** Blackwell Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	0	7	9	8		24
OPPOSITE	13	8	2	10		33

Free throws made: 6 of 18 for 33%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amber Green	4	3	5	0
Jessica Barton	2	1	1	0
Ashly Santoya	7	3	7	0
Gessica Bear	1	3	0	0
Kinscy Arhart	6	4	2	0
Kathryn Haller	2	0	0	0
Kendra Esquivel	0	1	0	0
Rachel Davis	0	5	0	0
Katy Wilkerson	0	2	0	0
Marcy Paschal	2	3	0	0
Kim DelReal	0	0	0	0

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**Team:** 7th Girls "B" **Coch:** Shanna Roberts  
**Opponent:** Cisco **Date:** Dec. 10, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	4	4	0		15
OPPOSITE	14	4	14	6		38

Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Patricia Carrillo*	6	0	0	0
Savanna Sanchez	4	0	0	0
Amy Kraatz	0	0	0	0
Heather Waldrop	0	0	0	0
Kelsy Vasquez	0	0	0	0
Nami Vasquez	0	0	0	0

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**Team:** 7th Girls "B" **Coch:** Shanna Roberts  
**Opponent:** Cisco **Date:** Dec. 10, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	4	4	0		15
OPPOSITE	14	4	14	6		38

Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Patricia Carrillo*	6	0	0	0
Savanna Sanchez	4	0	0	0
Amy Kraatz	0	0	0	0
Heather Waldrop	0	0	0	0
Rebecca Reyna	0	0	0	0
Nami Vasquez	0	0	0	0

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**Team:** 8th Girls **Coch:** Ed Peckh  
**Opponent:** Cisco **Date:** Dec. 10, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	3	1	2	6		12
OPPOSITE	11	8	4	16		39

Free throws made: 2 of 4 for 50%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Miranda Lara	0	1	2	0
Jessica Meyer	0	0	0	0
Erica Lujan	1	6	2	1
Kali Roberts	2	6	3	1
Kindy Walker*	5	4	2	1
Kristal Gibbs	2	3	2	1
Kendra Esquivel	0	1	0	0
Amber Loden	2	0	0	0

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**Team:** Junior Varsity Girls **Coch:** Deb Whittenburg  
**Opponent:** Jim Neel **Date:** Dec. 11, 2001  
**Place:** Blackwell Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	14	10	9		40
OPPOSITE	6	8	14	7		35

Free throws made: 10 of 23 for 43%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amber Green	5	0	3	0
Jessica Barton	8	1	3	0
Ashly Santoya	4	2	1	1
Gessica Bear	4	1	3	0
Kinscy Arhart	0	0	0	0
Kathryn Haller	0	0	0	0
Kendra Esquivel	0	0	0	0
Rachel Davis	0	3	2	1
Katy Wilkerson	0	0	0	0
Marcy Paschal	6	4	3	0
Kim DelReal	0	0	0	0

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**Team:** Varsity Girls **Coch:** Ken Fowler  
**Opponent:** Jim Neel **Date:** Dec. 11, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	21	7	15	21		64
OPPOSITE	14	17	14	18		63

Free throws made: 14 of 33 for 42%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Slate Bishop	6	1	1	0
Laci Walker*	25	4	3	5
Jena Haldman	13	6	2	2
Kemari Hale	12	7	0	3
Stacey Sneed	4	5	0	6
Suzanne Jones	0	0	0	0
Briana Parramore	2	0	0	0
Maxi Hagan	0	0	0	0
Ally Caldwell	0	0	0	0
Kari Walker	0	2	0	2

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Great Win! The girls played with a lot of heart. Great way to start off district play!

**Team:** Junior Varsity Girls **Coch:** Deb Whittenburg  
**Opponent:** Anson **Date:** Dec. 14, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	12	8	11		35
OPPOSITE	3	4	11	6		24

Free throws made: 2 of 4 for 50%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amber Green	14	2	0	0
Jessica Barton	0	2	0	0
Ashly Santoya	0	6	2	0
Kinscy Arhart	0	1	0	0
Gessica Bear	10	3	1	0
Kinscy Arhart	4	5	4	0
Kathryn Haller	0	1	1	0
Kendra Esquivel	3	2	0	0
Rachel Davis	2	0	1	0
Katy Wilkerson	0	0	0	0
Marcy Paschal	2	4	1	0
Kim DelReal	0	0	0	0

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**Team:** Freshman Boys **Coch:** David Acevedo  
**Opponent:** Colman **Date:** Dec. 17, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	14	10	9		40
OPPOSITE	6	8	14	7		35

Free throws made: 10 of 23 for 43%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Michael Jiggins	4	0	0	0
Young	4	0	0	0
Harrison	8	1	0	0
Roberts	11	1	0	0
Dean	3	0	0	0

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Coach's Comments: Big second half comeback that came up a little short.

**Team:** 8th Boys "A" **Coch:** Brian Green  
**Opponent:** Colman **Date:** Dec. 17, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	7	9	4		28
OPPOSITE	4	10	7	7		28

Free throws made: 4 of 10 for 40%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Michael Jiggins	0	0	0	0
Marcus Tabbs	3	0	0	0
J.J. Nitsch	7	0	0	0
Jordan Sanchez	0	0	0	0
David Seales	16	0	0	0
Aaron Colburn	0	0	0	0
Chris Medina	8	0	0	0

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Coach's Comments: Record 3-2.

**Team:** Varsity Boys **Coch:** Zach Bevell  
**Opponent:** Anson **Date:** Dec. 14, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	12	17	9	11		49
OPPOSITE	17	13	16	11		57

Free throws made: 17 of 33 for 51%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jeremy Hays	7	0	0	0
Brian Fritchard	9	0	0	0
Yul Gibbs	6	0	0	0
Shane Colburn	3	0	0	0
Wade Ferramosa*	11	0	0	0
Rusty Jackson	10	0	0	0
Eric Lopez	3	0	0	0

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**Team:** 8th Boys "A" **Coch:** Brian Green  
**Opponent:** Cisco **Date:** Dec. 10, 2001  
**Place:** Cisco

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	2	3	4		10
OPPOSITE	8	15	14	13		50

Free throws made: 8 of 14 for 57%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Michael Jiggins*	8	0	0	0
Marcus Tabbs	4	0	0	0
J.J. Nitsch	2	0	0	0
Jordan Sanchez	0	0	0	0
David Seales	6	0	0	0
Aaron Colburn	4	0	0	0
Chris Medina	4	0	0	0

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**Team:** 8th Boys "B" **Coch:** Brian Green  
**Opponent:** Cisco **Date:** Dec. 10, 2001  
**Place:** Cisco

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	0	6	0	2		8
OPPOSITE	5	12	7	2		26

Free throws made: 5 of 12 for 42%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Bryce Wilkerson	0	0	0	0
Justin Fowick*	7	0	0	0
Jonathan Mease	0	0	0	0
Frank Perez	4	0	0	0
Amanda Nava	2	0	0	0
Matt Tackell	2	0	0	0

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**Team:** 8th Boys "B" **Coch:** Brian Green  
**Opponent:** Colman **Date:** Dec. 17, 2001  
**Place:** Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	0	6	0	2		8
OPPOSITE	5	12	7	2		26

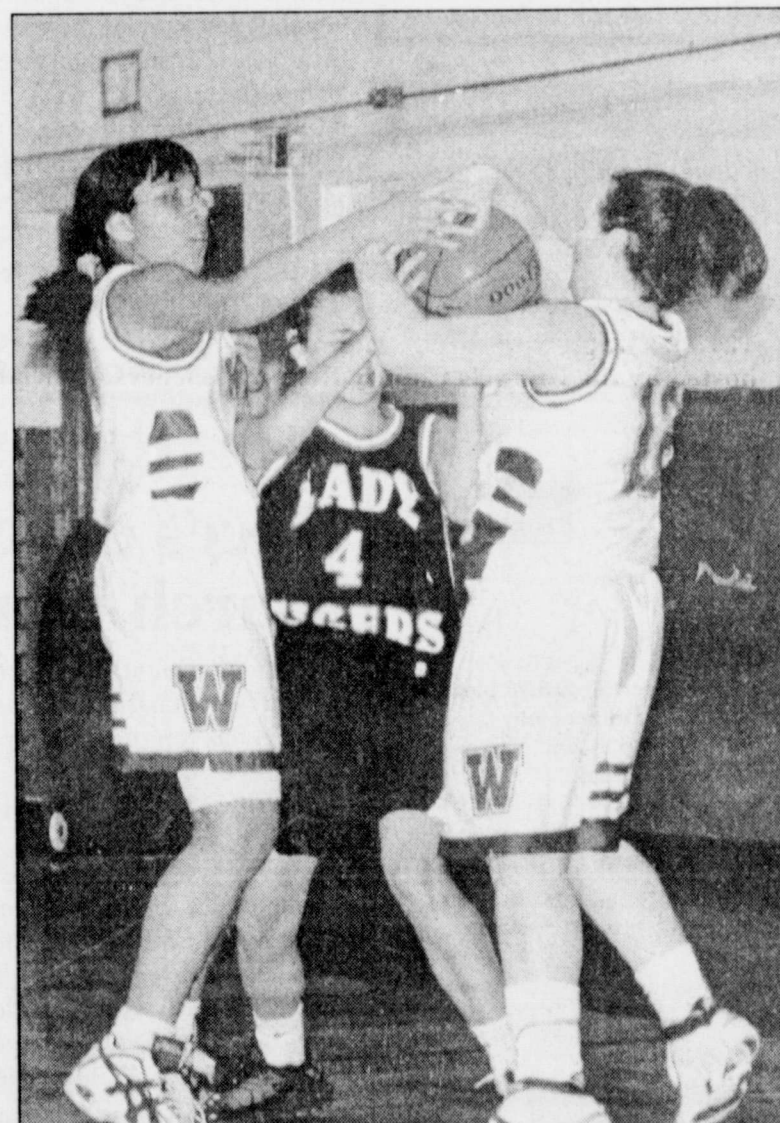
Free throws made: 5 of 12 for 42%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Bryce Wilkerson	0	0	0	0
Justin Fowick*	7	0	0	0
Jonathan Mease	0	0	0	0
Frank Perez	4	0	0	0
Amanda Nava	2	0	0	0
Matt Tackell	2	0	0	0

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**BENJIE VALLES** goes high for the tip-off to start the junior varsity non-district game against the Anson Tigers.



**KIM DELREAL** (left) and **GESSICA BEAR** of the Lady Blizzards trap the Lady Tiger during junior varsity action.

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**KEEPING WITH TRADITION** these friends have their annual Christmas picture taken in front of the "decorated tree" on U.S. 83 near Bradshaw. Dub and Jo McMillan decorate the tree each year complete with bright ornaments and presents. However, due to the increasing theft of their efforts they chose to leave only their patriotic decorations up this season. On their way to a Christmas musical in Tuscola were (l-r) Easter Hothan, Charles Blankenship, Jo McMillan, Dub McMillan, Floy Griffing, and Seleta Gladden.

**No Enterprise to be published December 27**

The Winters Enterprise will not publish a newspaper on December 27. Next week's issue of December 20 will be the last paper for 2001.

Deadlines for advertising and print copy for the January 3, 2002, issue will be 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 27.

**ASU graduates**

Three Winters residents were among 339 to graduate from Angelo State University during 2001 fall commencement exercises Friday, December 14, in San Angelo.

Tony Cavazos received a bachelor of science degree; Zane Crouch, a bachelor of business administration degree; and Elizabeth Gonzales, a bachelor of arts degree.

**Conner named to Verizon Academic All-District Team**

Senior defensive lineman Dennis Conner added another honor to the McMurry University football list when he was voted onto the Verizon Academic All-District VI team by sports information directors in District VI. This is the third year in a row that McMurry has put somebody on the Verizon Academic All-District team.

Conner is majoring in physics and carries a 3.81 GPA. He played in all nine McMurry games and started four while picking up sixteen tackles, three sacks, and five and a half TFLs for 21 yards.

He is the son of Randall and Susan Conner of Winters.



**Martinez graduates Army's basic military training**

Air Force Airman 1st Class Oscar Martinez Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He will be stationed in Wichita Falls, where he will be attending school.

Oscar is married to Mayra



A. Martinez, formerly of Winters, and has a son, Ivan Caine. He is the son of Delia Martinez of Ballinger.

The airman is a 1999 graduate of Ballinger High School.

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1- Pan Cornbread Dressing	1- Qt. Green Beans
1- Qt. Green Beans, New Potatoes	1- Qt. Corn
1- Dozen Yeast Rolls	1- Dozen Yeast Rolls
1- 8 oz. Cranberry Sauce	2- Pumpkin Pies
2- Pumpkin Pies	

**COUNCIL, continued**

in Abilene, reported that changes made to the Ivie Reservoir Pipeline contract by Winters City Attorney Kenneth Slimp were approved by the legal department of the City of Abilene. Martin was unable to bring the contract with him Monday evening because the City of Abilene had not finished making the changes.

Martin stated, "Everything is in good shape and we should have the contract signed by both the City of Winters and the City of Abilene within the next couple of weeks."

Martin also broached the

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subject of reverse osmosis equipment for water coming from the Ivie Reservoir. Winters City Manager Aref Hassan requested that the Council wait until January for further discussion of this subject until Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr., Ken Martin and himself have discussed all the equipment needs for this grant.

Present for the December 17 meeting were Councilmen Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler, and Hank Bourdo; Mayor Dawson McGuffin, Attorney Ken Slimp and City Manager Aref Hassan.

**Races developing in March primary election**

Runnels County Democratic Party Chairman Lonnie Rankin has reported eight persons have filed for county offices in the March primary elections.

Filing so far, Loretta Michalewicz for District Clerk; Margarette Smith for County Treasurer; Elesa Ocker for County Clerk; Keith Collom for Commissioner, Precinct 2; Ricky Strube for Commission-

er, Precinct 4; and Marilyn Egan for County Judge.

A contested race has already developed in the Democratic Primary as incumbent Greg Lange and Harry Alan Cole, Jr., have both filed for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

No one has filed in the Republican Primary, according to County Chairman Bill Cervenka.

The office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, currently held by Bill Bredemeyer is also up for election in the March primary.

Those interested in filing for any of the county offices have until January 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. to file as a candidate.

The filing fee for the positions of County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer and Commissioners positions is \$600.

Filing fee for the Justice of the Peace positions is \$300.

The filing fee for any of the positions may be waived with a required number of signatures presented for the candidate.

Prospective Democratic candidates must file with Lonnie Rankin, County Democratic Party Chairman, Box 307, Miles, TX 76861, phone (915)468-3611.

Anyone wishing to file in the Republican Primary should contact Bill Cervenka, Republican Party County Chairman, 2718 C.R. 400, Ballinger, TX 76821, phone (915)442-4431.

**Town Crier**

**Emily Danielle Esquivel**

Elyssia Esquivel, age 2-1/2, is proud to announce the arrival of her sister.

Emily Danielle was born Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 2:50 p.m. at Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs., 3.5 oz. and was 17-1/2 inches long.

Parents are Andy and Amanda Esquivel of Abilene.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Virginia Villegas of Coleman. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Rose Ozuna of Tuscola and Raul Esquivel of Abilene.

Maternal great-grandparents are Nolberto and Simona DelaRosa of Coleman. Paternal great-grandparents are Jim and Lucy Baldonado of Winters.

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- TX Coburn won 78 Pulitzer for drama "The \_\_\_ Game"
- this Mickey hit 1st Astrodome homer
- Mavericks zealots
- TX "Operation Game Thief" targets
- TX "Babe's" status as an Olympian
- Texas among the states
- rifle failure
- TEA tries to lower the dropout \_\_\_
- teeth corrections for TX teens
- not finished
- TXism: "smart \_\_\_"
- full of owls"
- TXism: "got a mind \_\_\_" (inclined)
- LBJ proposed on the \_\_\_
- with Lady Bird
- Hawaiian two-step?
- Biblical transport
- TX Jim Reeves
- Houston oil fire business
- "Red \_\_\_"
- Vega's h.s. class
- TX Toomay's \_\_\_
- Given Sunday \_\_\_ proper word?

**DOWN**

- in Smith Co. on hwy. 135
- TXism: "beer shed"
- TXism: "happy as \_\_\_" candy store"
- political protests at '92 GOP convention in Houston
- TXism: "that's the ball \_\_\_" (over)
- TXism: "don't bite off \_\_\_"
- chew \_\_\_
- Howe's h.s. class
- former TX 1st lady Connally (init.)
- TXism: "if it ain't true, \_\_\_"
- liar in Texas"
- mother-in-law of 11-down
- Rangers sports-caster Nadel
- TXism: "suits me to a \_\_\_-well"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ pencil to it" (calculate)
- cowboy hat
- "\_\_\_ up a little"
- TX Vikki Carr '89 release: "\_\_\_"
- Hombres"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ chacha" (girl)
- treaty that led to destruction of TX missiles
- TX Bush's missile defense program
- Presidio La Bahia (the Bay)
- Dallas founder John Neely Bryan died in the State \_\_\_ Asylum
- Karolyi trained gymnasts in Houston
- TX Gatlin brother
- make a phone call
- TXism: "up and \_\_\_ juice" (coffee)
- across the border from Del Rio: Ciudad \_\_\_
- TX Ely, et al.
- film "Viet \_\_\_ Texas"
- guacamole source
- George H. supported the North American Free \_\_\_ Agree.
- TXism: "couldn't find an egg under a sitting \_\_\_" (dumb)

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



# Outdoors

## Stewards of the Soil

by B.D. Davis, Biologist/Land Manager

### Bio-terrorism in Runnels County

Some folks here in West Texas think we are immune to the effects of terrorism. It is easy for us to think we are so far back in the sticks and so removed from the awful things that have happened in New York that terrorism does not affect us. It is just not so!

It is true the actual acts of terrorism, although terrible, affect very few people directly. However, the economic ripple touches us all. It has negative economic effects to most other countries as well. There are some things we are not immune to—let's look at a few.

#### Anthrax

We here in Runnels County have lived with anthrax since we first set foot on the soil. In fact, anthrax has been here probably as long as animals have walked the earth. Folks familiar with livestock and wildlife have always been aware of its presence. Not normally a problem to most of us, it is important to know a little about this fast acting disease.

All livestock including cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs can succumb to its effects along with dogs, cats, and most grazing species of wildlife. Predators are not immune but can normally recover. The spores are not affected by heat or cold and can live in the soil for at least 35 years (Western Livestock Journal, Dec 2001). Anthrax can be ingested in contaminated meat. Insect bites can inject the spores. The spores survive best in soils with a pH higher than six—Runnels County calcareous soils usually run a pH of 7 to even as high as 8. Spores survive better under drought conditions

Ironically, good soil steward-

ship can help prevent the spread of anthrax.

Scientists consider the spores always present in the soil. Overgrazing force livestock to eat closer to the ground and thus ups the ante of being exposed. Even plowing causes naturally occurring spores to become airborne by dust and aeration.

What has really hurt the folks in the northeast is that a lab somewhere has refined the aeration aspects and concentrated the spores into a fine and easy airborne dust terrorism at its worse. It did not affect many people, but as a result the entire country became apprehensive.

#### Mad Cow Disease

Mad Cow Disease or BSE is something we do not want. Even one confirmed case in the United States will probably cause devastation in the livestock industry. Even one terrorist sneaking in and exposing one feedlot to the disease could wreck havoc to everyone that raises cattle. Ironically we livestock producers are the very cause. We cause it by feeding ground up animal parts from affected animals to our growing cattle—we need to quit that practice.

Europe and Japan are in the throes of the disease at present causing large inventories of cattle to be destroyed and large areas to be quarantined. As soon as the word got out in Japan, the supermarket chains reported up to a 70 percent reduction in the demand for beef. If we here in the United States had an outbreak, consumers would do the same to our beef industry. If you think this scenario would not affect us here in Runnels County, you need to think again.

#### Hoof and Mouth Disease

This disease is another thing we do not want. We have experienced this disease before in this country—we know what it can do. It affects just about everything with a split hoof. Domestic livestock can be isolated and slaughtered—not an easy job, but it could be done. However, deer, exotic wild animals, or feral hogs would be another story.

Feral hogs are especially effective at spreading the disease. Ask Freddie Grohman how difficult it would be to gather up all the feral hogs running wild here in Runnels County. I think he'd tell you it would be almost impossible and he is about as good at gathering feral hogs as anybody anywhere.

#### Compound 1080

Compound 1080 is a clear, odorless, and tasteless poison normally used to control coyotes. Compound 1080 can be swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. It is so toxic that one teaspoon can kill 100 adult humans and there is no antidote (Livestock Weekly Dec 2001).

President Nixon banned the poison as far back as 1972. However, concerned groups think there are still stockpiles of the compound still around. These groups have raised the possibility of terrorists trying to obtain the substance. Legally it is available only to licensed users in the form of collars. There is at least a possibility it could be obtained from our neighboring country to the south.

#### Summary

The news media spreads terrorism fear like peanut butter on a biscuit. And I am guilty of doing the same with this article. However, that is not my intent. The point is for us not to get complacent—terrorism is now real. Imagine the scenario of a Middle East type person coming into Runnels County asking about spray planes or Compound 1080 or whatever. Is he going to gain any knowledge? Probably not! Like the little boy says "he ain't going to learn nothing." We all know each other here in the county. Family and friendships are very important to us. Being a good neighbor is in itself is a good defense against terrorism.

*"Two things upon this changing earth can neither change nor end: The splendor of Christ's humble birth and the love of friend for friend."*

—Author Unknown

### Jan. 2 deadline for director nominations in regional boll weevil vote

Cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the 10-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until Jan. 2 to officially place their names into nomination.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 2001 get set to decide in a Feb. 1 referendum whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the Feb. 1 ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet. In addition, the nomination must be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

Nomination forms are available at local county extension

### Order windbreak trees by Jan. 25

Santa Claus is coming — you can count on it! And while Santa will be here and gone before you know it — so will the opportunity to order trees for another year.

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is offering trees for sale to area landowners, producers, and residents through the annual Windbreak Tree Program. These tree seedlings, raised in the Texas Forest Service nursery near Lubbock, are healthy, viable seedlings that are well-adapted to the soil and weather conditions in Runnels County.

If you have not purchased windbreak trees for your property or need additional or replacement trees, the Runnels SWCD will be offering evergreen conifers, hardwoods, and wildlife packets.

The Windbreak Tree Program will conclude on Jan. 25, 2002, with the seedlings arriving at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger on Feb. 7, 2002.

For more information, stop by the NRCS office or call 365-3415, extension 3.

service offices and the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at (512) 463-7593.

Producers can mail the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, or fax the form to (512) 463-1104. The nomination must be received in Austin by Jan. 2.

Kenneth Gully of Concho County currently represents the Southern Rolling Plains Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

In September 2000, the Southern Rolling Plains was declared functionally eradicated of boll weevils, the first area in Texas to receive the designation. "Functionally eradicated" meant inspectors found no evidence of reproducing boll weevils in cotton fields in the zone.

"That was a historic milestone for Texas and the state's cotton industry," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "Texas cotton farmers are on track to win the war against one of the most devastating pests in American agriculture."

In February 1994, cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains voted to establish a boll weevil eradication zone and approved an assessment rate for the program. The Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone was the first zone established in Texas.

The Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone covers about 265,000 acres in 10 counties: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, Mason, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green, and the southern part of Taylor.

### Affecting local agriculture



#### Trade Promotion Authority Approved

The week of Dec. 3, the House passed legislation granting the President trade promotion authority (TPA).

Formerly known as fast track authority, TPA would increase the President's authority to negotiate international trade agreements with other countries.

The week of Dec. 10, the Senate Finance Committee overwhelmingly voted to give the President such trade authority.

It appears, however, that this measure will not be brought before the full Senate until sometime next year.

#### U.S. Ag Exports on Rise

U.S. agricultural exports for fiscal year 2002 are expected to reach \$54.5 billion, according to USDA. This will be the highest export figure in five years.

I should point out, however, that this forecast is \$2.5 billion less than USDA's August projection. This is because growing world surpluses and shrinking demand have reduced the prices that had been expected.

The fact of the matter is that the strong U.S. dollar makes

U.S. exports less competitive with other nations.

In terms of agricultural imports into the U.S., the figure remains steady at \$39 billion, which is unchanged from last year.

In an interesting development the same week, a ship carrying 24,000 tons of U.S. corn is on its way to Cuba. This is a very positive development for U.S. agriculture.

The decades old embargo the U.S. has had on trade with Cuba has only served to hurt our own farmers and ranchers.

Our trading partners benefit from trade with Cuba, and the U.S. needs to do likewise.

The trade potential with Cuba is tremendous, and I am hopeful this shipment of corn will be the first of many future shipments of U.S. commodities to Cuba.

#### Ethanol Production Increases

Ethanol production continues to rise, and, in October, averaged a record-high 121,000 barrels per day, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

This year, U.S. ethanol production is on course to produce an annual record of 1.8 billion gallons, according to the Renewable Fuels Association. Increased ethanol production is another positive development for U.S. agriculture.

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# Law & Order

## Charitable giving in Winters remains strong despite less dollars

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

Giving to local charities remains strong, even though some organizations are receiving less dollars in donations in 2001. Some local non-profits have seen significant declines, while others have experienced increases.

The Winters Relief Fund is up 25% at \$5,400+ from the recent mail campaign. Cash and food donations for the Winters Food Pantry are up considerably, especially with the food drive conducted by school students early in December. Donations to the Winters Ministerial Alliance are up slightly from previous years.

Most churches in the Winters area are indicating that they are seeing a slight increase in giving during 2001, a trend which continues for the past few years. There are 20 churches in the Winters area.

The greatest increase in giving has been to North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary, since there has not been a significant attempt to raise funds in recent years. Over \$7,000 was raised at the December 9 benefit and with other donations to the hospital, the total is now over \$13,000. A donation campaign will be held after the first of the year to help North Runnels Hospital.

The Winters Public Library has seen donations reduced to about 50% of past years. The directors have recently conducted a mail campaign for much needed support. The Z.I. Hale Museum and The Rock Hotel Heritage Center have also experienced a decline in giving the past two years.

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department has seen a slight decrease in donations, but most of this is attributable to fewer fires. Often donations are received from people, especially in rural areas, who have experienced a fire.

Christmas in April has seen a gradual decrease in donations the past few years. Relay for Life has been active two years in Winters and has increased awareness and donations to the American Cancer Society. Local Hospice of Abilene donations have increased the past two years with the Christmas Tree of Doves at Main Drug.

These charitable organizations and churches do great work for our community. They need and deserve the support of everyone in this area. Donations may be sent to the following local organizations:

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Christmas in April	302 Laurel Drive	Winters, TX 79567
Hospice of Abilene	P.O. Box 262	Winters, TX 79567
North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary	100 North Main	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Food Pantry	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Ministerial Alliance	610 State Street	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Public Library	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Relief Fund	120 North Main	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Volunteer Fire Department	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567
Z.I. Hale Museum (and Rock Hotel)	310 South Main	Winters, TX 79567
	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567

### Official Records

#### County Court Dispositions

Barbara Cutcher, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$422 restitution, \$55 hot check fees

Tanya Whittenburg New, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Ricardo Rodriguez Ortiz, possession of marijuana, pleaded no contest, sentenced to 180 days in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$860, plus \$235.25 court costs, \$140 restitution to State of Texas for lab fee, and 50 hours community service

Doris May Mears, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$250 plus \$210.25 court costs

Doris May Mears, possession of marijuana, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Doris May Mears, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Tommy Reyes Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to five days in county jail, fined \$956.60, plus \$225.25 court costs and \$243.40 restitution

Tanya Whittenburg New, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for one year, fined \$750, plus \$250.25 court costs and 40 hours community service

Linda Luz, theft of service, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs and \$174.02 restitution

#### Criminal Cases Filed December 10

Alfred (Bibi) Castaneda, Jr., filed for theft by check

Zane Nathan Denton, filed for driving while intoxicated

Christopher Aquero, filed for theft by check

Loretta Vargas, filed for theft by check

#### Marriage Licenses Filed December 12

Chad Dixon McDuffee and Jaslyn Yvette Rivera

#### District Court Divorce Cases Filed December 12

Erlinda Reyna Hill vs. Ricky Ray Hill

#### December 13

Melinda Cuellar Wade vs. Jace Tanner Wade

#### Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed December 13

Donna Howell, filed for felony theft

Juan Miguel Avila, filed for burglary of a habitation

Steven Lara, filed for burglary of a habitation

#### Civil Cases Filed December 10

Ariel Financial Services vs. Mary Evelyn Bicknell, account

Small Claims Cases Filed December 3

Higginbotham Bros. vs. Albert and Vanessa Horton, account

Higginbotham Bros. vs. Liz Sikes, account

### Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.


The following information comes from Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, December 9, 2001, through Saturday, December 15, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

\* received report of an assault in the 200 block of Redner Street. A 16-year-old male of Winters alleged being struck about the body and head by a 26-year-old Winters male after a wrestling match got out of control. The victim male stated he was hurt although no injuries were observed. One witness was located, and the victim is preferring charges for assault against the suspect male. This case has been referred to the County Attorney for his review.

\* received report of a theft in the 900 block of N. Main Street. A 50-year-old Winters male was observed by surveillance putting an item in his pocket then exiting the business without paying for the item which was valued at less than \$5. The suspect male was detained and allegedly stated he did it to try to save a buck. The male was issued a citation for Theft Class C and released.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at: Winters PD—754-4121 Ballinger PD—365-3591 Sheriff—365-2121

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### Sales tax rebates decrease 8.04%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, December sales tax rebates for the city of Winters decreased 8.04 percent as compared to the prior year's December payment.

December's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

Winters' rebates totaled \$9,047.42 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$9,838.52.

Receipts in Miles increased 7.06 percent; Ballinger increased 11.75 percent and reported \$28,524.17 in payments.

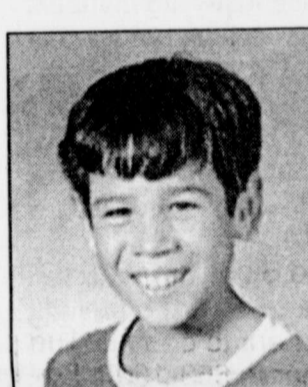
City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 2001 reporting period total \$842,062.46, a 7.32 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$784,558.33.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 11, 2002.

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somebody else will.  
—John Atkinson  
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## Just Who is 34?




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## Fireplace Ashes



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**ACROSS**

1. Trim
5. Panel
10. Injection
14. Turner
15. TV's *Kate and* \_\_\_
16. Jackass' offspring
17. Days for most college football games: abbr.
18. Lunches
19. Landed
20. 1/1 event
23. Son of Seth
24. Island
25. Counterfeit: pref.
28. Was dry
33. Pile up
34. City in France

**DOWN**

35. Start of a vowel recitation
36. Sniffer
37. Jobs
38. Gold-plated
39. Supplement
40. Exposes
41. Principle
42. Medicated state
44. Place for canned goods
45. Sister
46. River in Switzerland
47. "Adeste Fideles," for one
54. Good soil
55. Spooky
56. Cash's \_\_\_ *Named Sue*
58. Prairie prov.
59. Give a new surface to a street

**60. Edit from back to front**

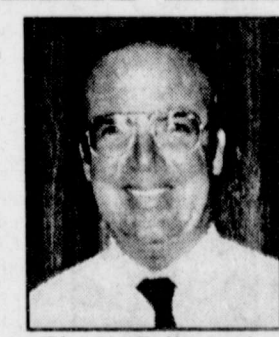
61. Strip
62. Guns
63. Parisian periods

**DOWN**


1. Thoroughfares: abbr.
2. Fiber
3. Two \_\_\_ four is two
4. Rubber
5. Panda's lunch
6. Bread toppers
7. Make \_\_\_ against; prohibit
8. Little brook
9. Loses hope
10. Intelligence: slang
11. Luau entertainment
12. Stinky
13. Mitterrand's noggin
21. Last portions
22. Snobbishness
25. Glass items
26. Chimney emission
27. Let up
28. Symbol
29. Red and yellow
30. Spoil
31. Moray seeker
32. Tune
34. Pamplona runner
37. Van Eyck and van Gogh
38. Produce
40. British thermal units, familiarly
41. Scarlett's place
43. Wolf or lynx
44. Trained horses
46. Hirohito or Ho Chi Minh
47. Show approval
48. Opening
49. At any \_\_\_; whatever happens
50. Athletic event
51. Laugh-in regular
52. Notice of demise
53. Mother
57. Absolutely!

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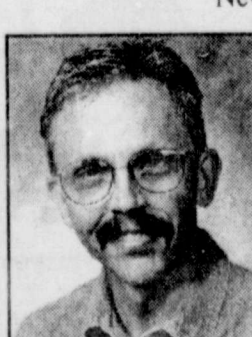
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There will be no paper published on December 27.  
The office will be closed Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holidays. The office will be open for regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday after the holiday.  
The office will also close at noon on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2001, and be closed New Year's Day, January 1, 2002.  
All deadlines for advertising and print copy for the January 3, 2002, issue will be 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 27. For more information, call 915-754-4958.

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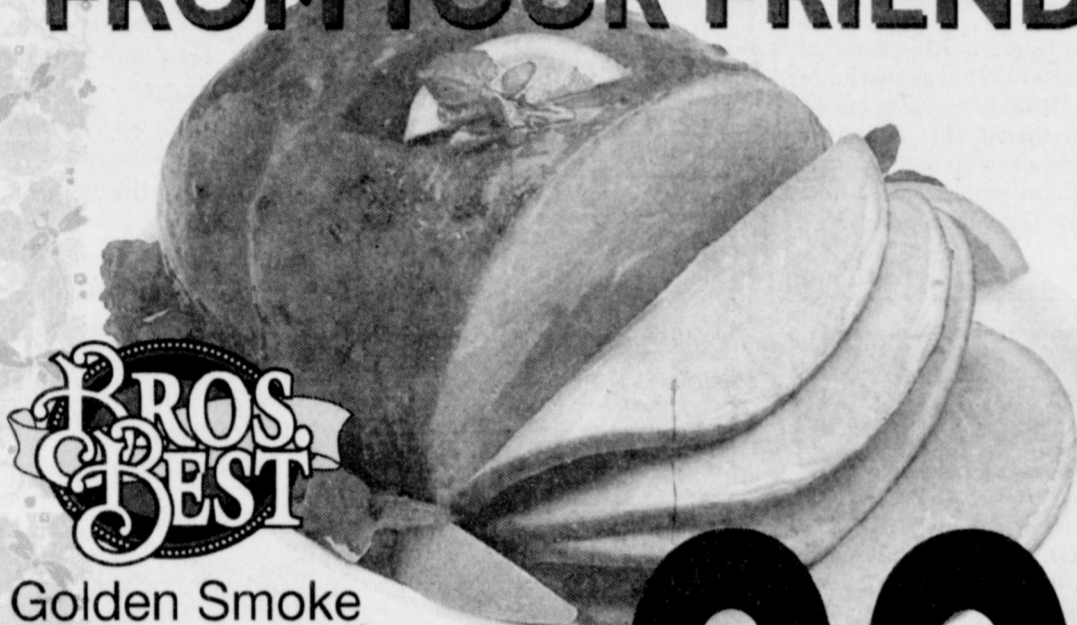


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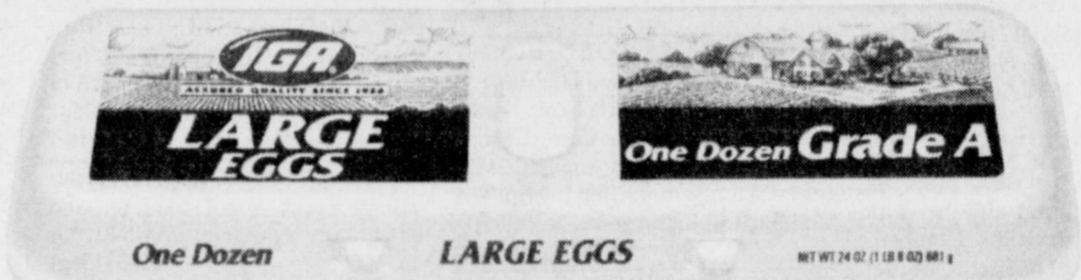
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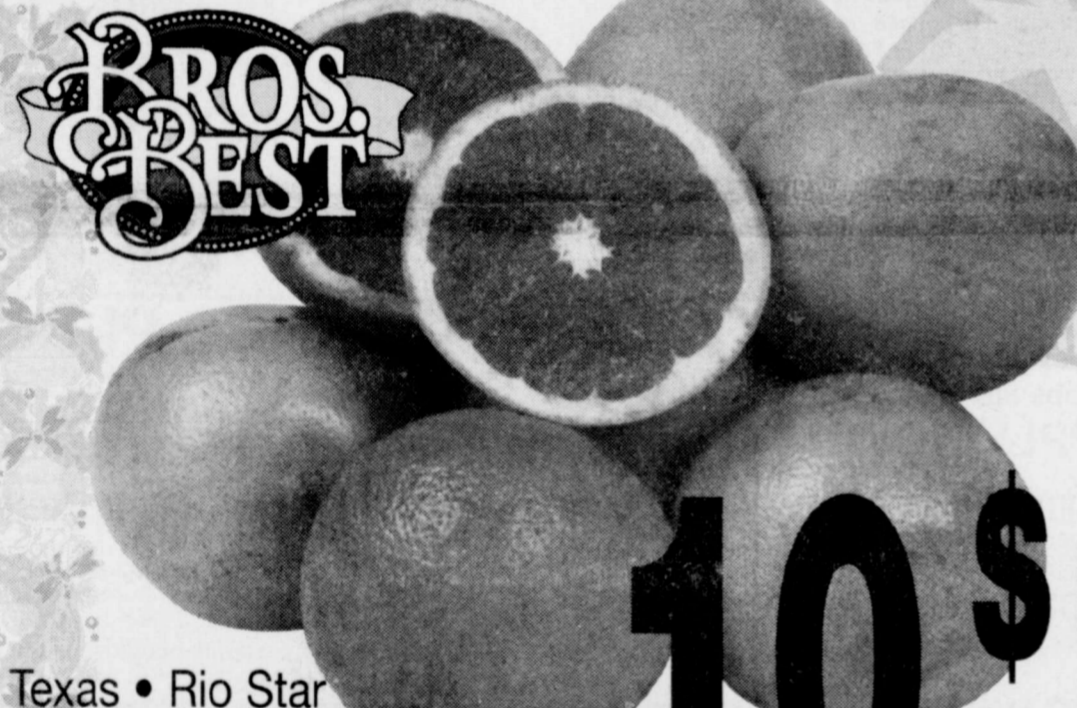
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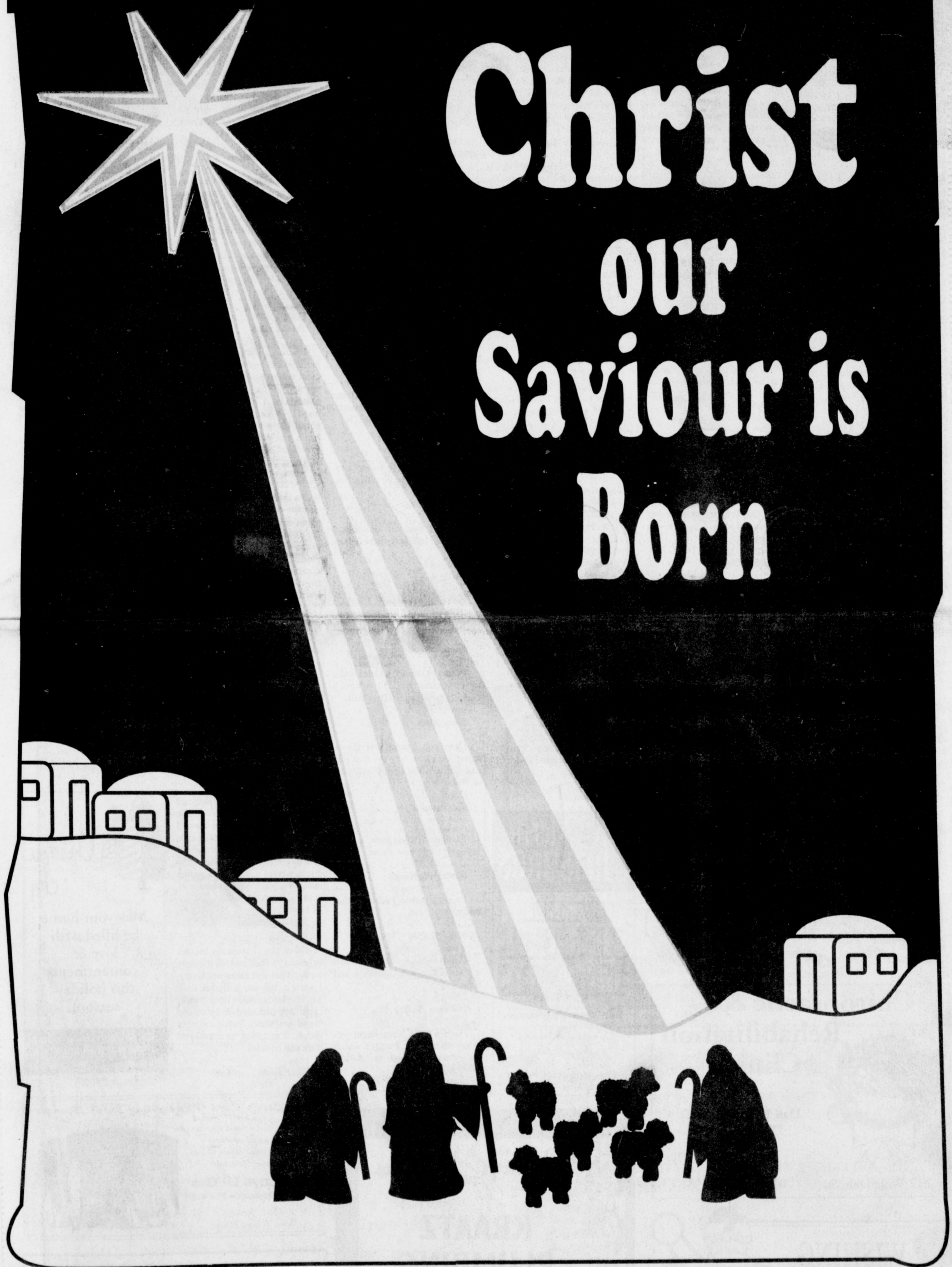
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*Luke 2:10-11*





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I have been a good girl. I would like some stuffed animals like a rabbit and a frog. I would also like a baby doll. Please bring me a bear. My mother likes flowers and shw would also like a ring. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
*Jennifer*

I have been a very good boy. I would like the movie Shrek. I would also like Digamon Saver and other Digamon toys. My sister would like a Barbie. Please bring me mom some clothes and my dad a digamon cartoon. I will leave you a balloon!  
Love,  
*J.S. Ortiz*

I would like a watch with M&M's in it, a trampoline and a toy spider to bring to school and scare my teacher! Hee! Hee! I would like to give my sister a rattle.  
Love,  
*Luke Prather*

I have been good. I would like a monster truck, a motorcycle. My sister wants a monster truck, too. That's all.  
Love,  
*Tared Esquivel*

I would like a Barbie and a doll house, a ball. I would like a Barbie doll for my sissy.  
Love,  
*J.Nae Hagle*

I love you! I have been a good girl! I would like an air pump to air up my bike. I would like a kitty for everybody and candy for everybody.  
Love,  
*Bianca*

My name is Athena, I want you to bring me a cooking kitchen that really cooks, a vacuum cleaner. I want a Chucky doll. Please bring mama some new plates. For A.C. a train set. For Chris a Christmas Tree so we can have one. I am a very good girl.  
Love,  
*Athena Mata*

My name is Kimble. I want some stamps to put on letters. Also a game boy, color blast, toys and a peek-a-choo. A squartal that blows bubbles. Please bring my mom a flower book. My dad some tools to build with. I have been a very good boy.  
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*Kimble Bridgeman*

I love you very much. Please bring me a new computer game called Blues Clues. For my brother some baby toys. For my mom and dad some new pencils. I really love you and I've been a good boy!  
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Love,  
*Stephan Cleghorn*

Please bring me some small soldier men, a red martian and a blue one, a Buzz Lightyear and Woody. Santa bring my mom a computer and my dad a hunting gun, cause he likes to go deer hunting. Bring me and my friend Jacob a dinosaur.  
Love You!  
*Mando Arizendi*

I want a gum machine. Please bring me a game and lots of toys for me and my brothers and sister. I love you Santa and I have been a good boy!  
Love,  
*Cody Towe*

I want a helicopter, airplane and a blue whacky wizard. Bring Riley some clothes with a toy on it. For my mom a barbie doll and for dad a helicopter so he will play with me. I also want a necklace. I love you Santa!  
*Jimmy John Ripley*

I have been very good. I would like some Barbies and a butterfly. I would also like a sun toy. Please bring my baby sister a little toy and my other sister wants a Barbie, too. My mom wants a ring and my dad wants more snow to build a snowman.  
Love,  
*Martha*

I have been a good girl. I would like a Barney computer and a Barney computer for my little sister.  
Love,  
*Kristy Martinez*

I have been a good boy. I would like a motorcycle. I would like an ABC's. I would like motorcycles for everybody. I would like a Christmas tree.  
Love,  
*A.J.*

I want some markers, crayons and a coloring book. A baby doll and a baby bed. I also want a radio jeep. For my mommy a pretty necklace. For my daddy some good smelling lotion. Please bring my grandma perfume cause I love her so much. I have been a very good girl.  
Love,  
*Gabby Jimenez*

## MRS. BERGMAN'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS

I want some a car for Christmas and some blocks.  
Love,  
*Nathan DeLaCruz*

I want a real blue pickup that my dad could teach me to drive. I want a real horse.  
Love,  
*Albert Campos*

I need a computer and a real Santa Claus. Please bring Ethan some milk.  
Love,  
*Joseph Deanda*

I want a mermain and a computer.  
Love,  
*Kaylynn Squyres*

I want a car that I can drive. That's all.  
Love,  
*Lukas Kraatz*

I want a computer, a pair of shoes and skates. I would also like a stuffed animal.  
Love,  
*Marisol Ortiz*

I want a choo choo train and a new car.  
Love,  
*Michael Chavis*

I want a blue car that I can drive. I saw that car at Walmart. I want a real phone.  
Love,  
*Olivia Rodriguez*

I want a toy dog and a flashlight. Anything else would be fine.  
Love,  
*Rachel Nunez*

I want a new pair of shoes, a new soccer ball and a new fishing pole.  
Sincerely,  
*Rudy Lara*

I want a puppy toy. I want a big baby doll that I can hold and rock. I also need a toy light.  
Love,  
*Samantha Mavrea*

I want a Gameboy Color and a new soccer ball. I want a Gameboy Advance. That's all.  
Love,  
*Tony Diaz*

I love you. I thank you. Please bring me a toy. Any toy that you can find will be fine, I will play with it.  
Love,  
*Ty Cortez*

I want a fishing pole, a baseball and some new shoes.  
Love,  
*Bailey Hubbard*

I want a barbie, barbie clothes and a barbie car.  
Love,  
*Cedie Taylor*

I want a Scooby Doo toy and a toy airplane and a Gameboy and a car.  
Love,  
*Christian Tamez*

I want a horse, a real horse outside with my dog. I want a watch that when you push the button down it stops.  
Love,  
*David Torres*

## MRS. TEKELL'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

I want a real cat in our house, a real mermaid, a doll snowfairy that is white, a little teddy bear and a real butterfly that doesn't make the powder come off and a real motorcycle. My brother needs a 4-wheeler. My dad needs a new big red tractor and my mom wants a clean house. Santa has to clean her house and give her a dress.  
Love,  
*Allanna Cooper*

I'll leave you some food in the kitchen but I don't know what kind. I want a toy pick-up, a scooter and a big toy helicopter, a toy bus that can come apart, and some more crayons. My mom needs some markers and dad needs a new knife. Steven needs 2 race cars and a track.  
Love,  
*James Witherson*

I want a Game Boy Color and a brand new Nintendo, a new pencil and a toy B-B gun. I want my brother to have a new Game Boy Color and my little brother Tony needs new crayons. My sister Stormy needs a rockin horse and Cristina needs a new pencil. Mom needs a ring and dad needs a stapler. I've been good at my house.  
Love,  
*Daniel Diaz*

I want a Play Station and a gameboard and a skateboard. I want you to bring my mom flow-ers and an angel. I also want a motorbike. I have been kind of good this year. My brother needs some little race cars. My dad needs a new dirt bike because his is broken.  
Love,  
*Michael Garcia*

I want a 4-wheeler, a new bike and for Amy a doll. Allen needs some new Hot Wheels, and Amber some dolls and Barbies and make-up so she won't use my mommies. My mom needs a new computer and a new football for my dad. He likes to play football. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk on the desk.  
Love,  
*Austen Green*

Merry Christmas! I want an Easy Bake Oven, a real sewing machine and a baby doll that cries. Kevin wants another gun 'cause his broke and Kelton wants a 4-wheeler and Kevin wants a little TV. Mom and Dad don't need anything. I will leave you a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.  
Love,  
*Lauren Bredemeyer*

I want a car that has a track and motorcycles and dirt bikes that go with another track. For mom I want some candles and dad needs a watch. My sister needs a doll but she has a bunch of them. She doesn't need a bike. I'm gonna leave you some cookies and milk in the kitchen.  
Love,  
*Justin Ventress*

I love you! I want my brother to have a football and my mommy a ring. That will make her happy. I want a doll and a Barbie doll. My brother wants a little motorcycle. My dad needs a watch and brand new shoes. I need a leather jacket. I'm going to leave you milk and cookies.  
Love,  
*Sadie Smith*

I want a Woody Doll, a Buz, a little dinosaur, a Santa Claus doll and for my baby sister a Pooh bear and Tiger and two pens. Krissy wants a new Dancin' Debbie and a Barbie on skates and a toy mirror. Timothy has been wishing for a real gun and I want one too. Daddy needs a 40 pistol and Mama needs a big knife even though she has one.  
Love,  
*Christopher Potts*

I want a real horsey, a Power Ranger, the red one, a big blue car and a flying bird and a picture of me and my mom, and a caterpillar and a dinosaur. CK wants a cartoon toy and Ricco wants a Power Ranger and for my sisters they want barbies. I want some crayons and new pencils. My mom needs some flowers.  
Love,  
*Angel Ochoa*

I want a dinosaur, a doll with clothes, a monster with eyes and some Legos and a doll house. Justin needs a gameboy Vince and boy clothes, he doesn't like girl stuff. He might like a toy Lego. Mom needs a new clock because hers is broke. Dad needs new clothes. I will leave you some fruit and candy.  
Love,  
*Ashlee Hallis*

I want a baby doll, a Barbie and John needs a football, Robby needs some clothes and Amy needs a calendar, I think. My mom needs a bath wash but I don't know what it is and maybe some make-up. Daddy needs some new clothes. I'm gonna give you some cookies and milk in the kitchen. I love you!  
Love,  
*Kara Heathcott*

I love you! I want a computer, a new backpack, and a new scooter and a home center and a writing center and a block center and a new TV. My baby sister needs a pushing baby and I want a new bike and for my brother a new bike and scooter. A new car for my mom and a big block center for dad.  
Love,  
*Stars Guardiola*

I want a football for my brother and a scooter. I want some shoes, shirts and a computer and Legos for my brother and a new bike for me. I want you to bring flowers for my mom and my grandma and my aunt and my cousin wants a football. My dad needs some shoes. Happy Christmas Santa!  
Love,  
*Julie Tamez*

What better time to thank all our friends and customers for their valued business in the past year

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105 S. Main • Winters  
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AMANDA HORTON shares a sweet hug with Eva Reese, resident of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home as other kindergarten students wait their turn to give hugs to Nora Wuisting (left) and Dorece Colburn (right).

**MRS. BUTLER'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS**

I want a Pinball machine game like the one at Dollar General, a round thing that at the bottom has a handle and you can move it and it has the microphones you put on your ears so you can hear it. I saw it at Toy "R" Us. Also, a loader that you sit in and it has levers and it moves up about 3 miles and some Scooby Doo stuff and a kitchen set. Daniel wants a toolset that has tools and little screws and a hammer with nails. Jordan wants CD's and DVD's. Momma would like some Mary Kay and some stuff. Daddy wants some tools and I think he wants some new gloves and some kind of paint so he can sell it in his store and some boards to build a workshop. I will leave you a snack.

Love,  
Christopher Gerhart

I want a Game Boy, Play Doh, a Play Station and a toy Santa Claus. I want to get my little sister a Barbie doll. I love my Mom and Dad. Bring them some new dishes. I want some blocks. I have been behaving good. I will leave you some crackers, milk, cookies, and I will draw you some pictures.

Love,  
Taylor Riffe

I want some games. Bring my sister a new baby. I've been good all year. I want some play dough. I want some clothes. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Emily Reyes

I want a Barbie car and I want a Barbie house. I want a sugar plum princess about my tall. I want some crayons, markers and books. I want a desk with a light on it. I want a computer, so I can get on dot com. I have been good the whole year. I will leave you a card.

Love,  
Tyler Saucedo

I want a little TV that has a VCR with it. I want some paint to paint on paper with, a Teddy bear to sleep with, a coloring book with flowers, a play Barbie computer. I want for Leslie a jewelry box. I want for my Daddy a lowrider car. I want for my Nana a regular diamond ring. For my Granny I want a regular necklace. Papa wants popcorn balls. I will leave you cookies.

Love,  
Katie Lara

I want a radio and some jewelry. I would like some clothes.

Love,  
Kara Kraatz

I would like a Barbie for Christmas. I would also like Barbie skates. Christopher and Nicolas would like Hot Wheel skates.

Love,  
Jesha Tamez

I want a baby doll and a Barbie. I also want markers to write on paper. I want a Barbie car. I want puzzles. I want a book. I want some blocks. I want my dad to get a hat. I've been good part of the time. I will leave you a note.

Love,  
Sophia Reyes

I want stuff that you mix up and play with. I want a tent, a Chutes and Ladder game, a puppet show, a fireplace. Dad wants a new truck. Mommy wants a red car. I have been really good this year. I just moved to Winters, Texas. I will leave you a snack.

Love,  
Sonja Rocha

I want a new Game Boy game, a new airplane, a new Santa, a control truck that a trailer hooks onto. I want a new race car. I want my Dad to have a new hot rod, Mom wants a Game Boy with a tape. I want for my sister a new radio. Papa wants a new screwdriver. I want Granny Black to have a new pair of socks. I want Grandma to have new shoes. I want for my other Granny in the hospital to have a new shirt for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave you some Christmas cookies.

Love,  
Zachary Schwartz

I want monkey and silly putty. I want a toy Santa and some paint. Please bring my momma a bird house. I want my daddy to get a tool box. I want a play table. I will leave you a pretty picture. I want some markers and a board. I want my sister to get some glue and a monkey. I want a calendar and a matching game. I want my brother to get a dinosaur book.

Love,  
Katie Gray

Please bring me a Mary Kate and Ashley doll, a pair of rollerblades and a Slumber party bike. I think my sister wants a new CD. Justin wants a new shirt. I think a blue one. I think my Mommy wants new clothes. Daddy wants one of those red tool boxes that has drawers to separate his tools. I will leave you some peanut butter crackers and milk.

Love,  
Missy Calcote



WINTERS MAYOR DAWSON MCGUFFIN shares a special moment with granddaughter Madeline McGuffin, age 4, daughter of RoAnn McGuffin.

I want a Game Boy and a bike set that has a ramp, a drum set, a pocket knife, and some new tennis shoes. Bubba wants hunting boots. Speck wants some games for his Nintendo. I want a matching game and a CD player with CD's. Bro wants some golf shoes. My sisters would like necklaces. Mommy wants a new book. Daddy needs a new shirt and pants. I have been kind of good this year. I might leave you a snack. What do you like?

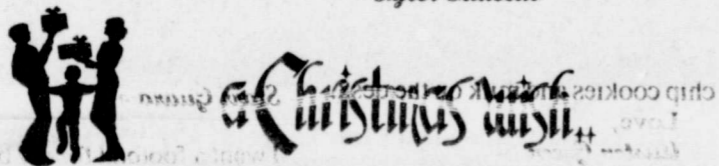
Love,  
Corey Pritchard

I want a new bike without no training wheels. I want a new painting set. I want some markers and some paper. I want a new pencil. I want a new sand box. I was good all year. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and white milk.

Love,  
Jaymee Pritchard

I want a TV. I want dolls. My mom wants make up, some clothes and some playing cards. My bubba wants clothes, a snowboard and some cars. Charlie wants a box of sand. My daddy wants clothes. I've been good. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,  
Tamson Tamez



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Warmth and good wishes for the merriest Christmas and the happiest new year!

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**Happy Holidays From All Of Us**

With best wishes to you and your flock for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. Your warm friendship makes us proud. Thank you!

The Employees of **Benny Polston, CPA**

**We Wish You Peace, Love, and Prosperity for Christmas and the New Year**

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Friday, December 21 • 9 AM to 3 PM  
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So we may spend the holidays with our loved ones, our branches will be closed on Christmas & New Year's Days.

As another year slips by and Christmas draws near our entire organization joins in wishing you a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

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SMILING AND WAVING from their "rocket" float are (l-r) Magally Mendoza, Adreanna Lopez, and Freddy Santoya of the Winters Headstart Program. In background is Tammy Tamez, a helping mom.

**MRS. DAVIS' KINDERGARTEN CLASS**

I have been good everyday. I help wash the dishes and clean my room. I would like to have a Barbie doll, a Barbie car, a little white kitten, a little brown teddy bear and a Barbie house. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table in the kitchen.

Love,  
Taylor Salazar

I have been good in cleaning up my room, baby sitting my sister and wash the dishes. I would like to have a little black, baby kitten, a bike with no training wheels, some roller blades, a Christmas hat, new tennis shoes and a set of Lego toys. I will leave you a sandwich, some chips and a Pepsi on the kitchen table.

Love,  
Termin Cuuz

I have been good because I picked up my room. Please bring me a little black kitten, a new tractor with a hood and windshield wipers on the back and front, some new boots, GI Joe and some equipment and a bike without training wheels. I will leave you some milk and cookies on my little table by the couch.

Love,  
Ty Don Black

I've been good three or four times. So would you bring me a "key" toy, toy motorcycle, a green guy with horns on his head, Woody with a string on his back, that talks to me, a big red wagon and Buzz Lightyear. I will leave you a Coke to drink and some cookies.

Love,  
Kendall Ferguson

I've been good and helped fold the towels, do the laundry, helped Grandma wash dishes. I would like to have a baby doll that has a bottle & cries, some new clothes, a little white puppy and a toy kitty cat. You liked the cookies I left you last year, so I'm leaving you some more and some milk to drink.

Love,  
Sierra Woffenden

I love you Santa. I've been good. Please bring me a Barbie doll, a brown horse with a green tail, a big white dog, some new clothes, a big red wagon to put every kid in it, a black cat, a big brown teddy bear with big thread eyes and big red buttons on his shirt. I'll leave you some cake and carrots and a glass of orange juice.

Amanda Hoxton

I have been good. I wash dishes, clean my room and put my folder in my backpack. I want a CD by NSYNC, a teddy bear, a Barbie doll, some new crayons for my house, a book, a coloring book, a clock and some new clothes for me. I'm going to leave you some milk and cookies on the kitchen table.

Marcela Moncada

I have helped do the dishes and helped my mom clean the car in the back. Will you please bring me a little yellow dog, drum sticks, new boots, a GI Joe doll and some equipment. I will make you some reign-deer and Santa cookies and put them on a plate on the kitchen table.

Daryl Hagle

I have been good. I wash dishes, do the laundry and clean my room. Will you please bring me a kitty that is yellow, a little dog, some books, a cash register, a clock, a Barbie doll and some new clothes. I will leave some milk and cookies on the TV for you.

Kalyn Drake

I have been good. I have been helping my Mom with everything. I want you to bring me a white rabbit, a dog that walks and talks, a baby doll and some clothes, some school stuff, games, some clothes for me and an American flag and a Texas flag. I'll leave you a sandwich and some milk.

Destiny Chavis

I have washed the dishes and cleaned my room. I want a new baby doll, a game boy color, a toy Santa, a teddy bear, new crayons and a Barbie coloring book, a Barbie doll with skates. I will leave some Christmas cookies on the kitchen table for you and some milk.

Stormy Diaz

I have been a good little girl. I behave and listen to my teacher. Will you please bring me a little grey kitten, a little brown dog, and a bed for them, roller blades and some new clothes. I will leave you some popcorn and a Coke on the table in the kitchen.

Love,  
Vicki Madrid

I've been helping out around the house by taking out the trash and doing the laundry. I would like to have a little kitty with spots on its head and belly, a race track and some race cars, a red wagon, a little black dog, roller blades and a skate board. I'm going to leave you some cookies and milk on the kitchen table.

Marshall Scates

I have been good because I helped my Mom wash dishes and clean up her bedroom. Please bring me a Barbie head, a baby doll, a baby Chihuahua dog, a little bed for him, skates, some new clothes and a little black and white kitten. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the kitchen table.

Love,  
Vanessa Sanchez



TAMARA GROHMAN seems to be pulling more than her share of the work load as her parade entry says "A Woman's Work is Never Done."

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To wish you holiday greetings, filled with special joys!

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**Santa's Coming to Town!**

...and we cordially invite you to gather around our...

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Friday & Monday  
December 21 & December 24  
9 am - 3 pm 9 am - Noon

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Winters Food Pantry. Santa will join us on Friday, December 21! He wants to have his picture made with you—Bring your Christmas wish list.

So our employees might enjoy the holidays with their families, we will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, 2001 & New Year's Day, January 1, 2002.

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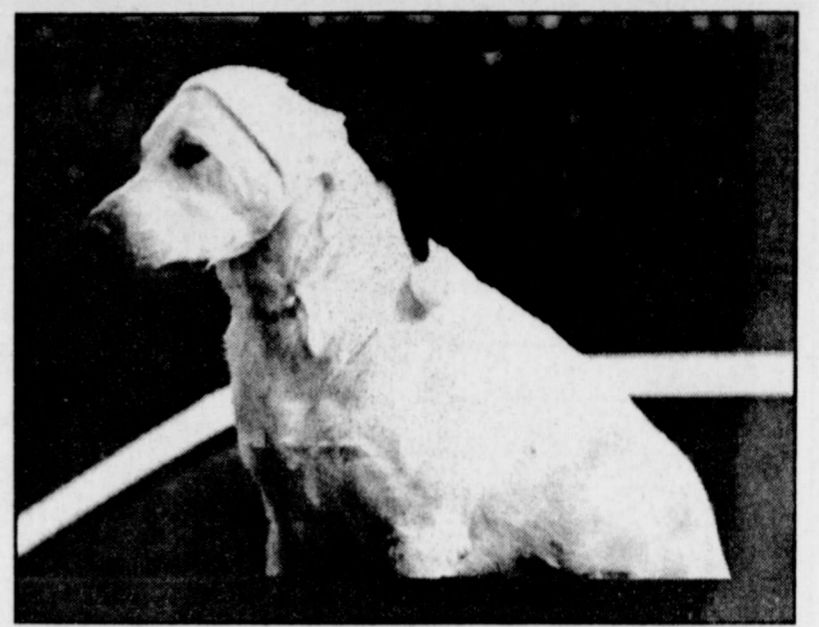
Dear Santa  
I will like a  
doll that laughs  
and that cries  
I will like a  
lots of gifts for  
me and my sister  
I will leave you  
cookie.  
You are the best  
be Brittany  
Cray



Dear Santa I love you  
love Hannah Wade  
I want baby born  
and glitter glass and  
goose. I will love you a  
shoe. I have bin a girl  
girl. And my sister  
would like  
some Barbies.  
How are the  
friends?  
love Hannah Wade



Dear Santa  
I boy g d  
I am a boy.  
I want a  
I want a moov  
I want a bike  
I want a  
toy pup.  
I love you.  
I love  
CAMPUS



SAMPSON, THE WONDER DOG, joins in the Christmas spirit as he rides with owner, Barron Guy.

Dear Santa,  
Please Santa bring  
two my sister and me  
I want a robot  
and a cool DJ  
I am going to  
center and milk  
I am a good boy  
I love you Santa  
Marek & Tomasz



Dear Santa  
My brother and  
abigun. I have a  
a girl boy. I want a  
a dragon. I want a  
a bike and a pokemon  
rds. Santa I will  
left you  
I love  
you Art hony  
Lard



Dear Santa please  
bring me  
grip football I want  
horse and a big  
big some binoculars  
and lots of toys  
I been good  
I will leave  
you cookies  
and milk  
Love Bryce Miller



Dear Santa I  
want a  
sticky foot ball  
Zylofoam,  
movers coat,  
gold fish and a  
dear ritter  
My brother  
wants a  
dog and cat.  
we will love you  
cookies  
Tanner Mayo



Dear Santa  
I want a skateboard  
and a bike and  
a help up and a  
gifts and a shark  
toy yellow toy dog  
toy and a hand saw  
I megaboy  
boy  
I love Santa  
Isaac W. A.



Dear Santa, I want  
a doll house, and  
boots, and some  
of the cloths,  
Some shoes, and  
some sandals, a  
book about the north  
Love Alexis  
Rodriguez  
I love you  
Santa so much  
Santa



Dear Santa this is what I want  
for Christmas Alarm and I want  
traces that you can draw  
with and a set of horseis and  
I want a bag that you can  
hang on your bike and I want  
a scranche that has horseis and  
I will leave  
chocolate cakes and  
Milk for you and  
I want a Santa suit  
Love Jordan Busher



Dear Santa  
I wish for skates,  
and a Barbie  
that talks and a horse  
and Barbie and the  
nutcracker  
and a toy and a present  
and a puppy  
Written by  
Deschynn  
Rodriguez



HO!  
HO!  
HO!  
Merry  
Christmas



BRIANNA MESEY (left) and DEVON RODRIGUEZ are pretty cool "dudettes" on their 4-wheeler.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good  
girl. I want a  
Key chain and a reader.  
My sister wants a  
Barbie and nail polish.  
For my Mom, a green  
rig bring me  
and a computer  
Love,  
Shirley



Dear Santa  
I want a  
now Barbie for  
Christmas and  
I want a  
injella with  
a reemote I  
will leave  
a snack  
to eat  
I'm a good girl  
Love Justice Hubbs



Dear Santa I want  
a kite and a watch  
and a pot and a  
Gator and a new  
pair of shoes and a  
per 70 GOLF I will  
leave you some  
cookies and  
milk or  
my haws  
love  
Hannah Johnson



Dear Santa  
can you give me lots  
of gifts and my brother  
christmas and my sister give  
us a lot of toys and a cool  
pokemon toy and a puppy  
and a big black cat my sister  
and a bunch  
of gifts  
I will love you  
a snake and a table  
Love Santa  
Aimee



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Holidays

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MRS. COLBURN'S 1ST GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,  
I had bin good  
for my Teachers.  
I want some  
drums and a  
water bed.  
How are you?  
Where are you?  
I have a present for  
you. Love Jared Smith

Dear Santa, I love  
you. I want a  
bin good. Are you  
pander at? I want  
a lot of games, Tui  
bever sum. I want  
a new bicycle  
pander like  
with sprinple  
Love Michael  
Alasore

Dear Santa,  
I want a  
gameboy and a  
toy snake and a  
fastback and a  
four wheel drive  
How are you  
how are  
you pander?  
How is Mrs  
Clay?  
Love Billy West

Dear Santa,  
you are my  
friend because  
I like you.  
I want a tan  
Doherty and I  
am going to be  
ve you a  
present. They  
will fill it  
with Meron  
and Mrs. West

Dear Santa, I want  
how you are doing.  
I want skates and  
I want a hat.  
I want how you  
are doing. I want  
a box of  
colors. I want  
a book.  
Love  
Santia Class  
2001

Dear Santa,  
this Christmas  
I want you to  
get me a bike  
and a hat  
that is red and  
white. I am  
going to get  
a glass  
of milk  
and cookies  
for you.  
Love Berenice

Dear Santa, I have  
been good and  
like a girl  
Samantha and  
I want a  
hat and a  
gift.  
I want  
a new  
hat and a  
gift.  
Love Abby

Dear Santa, I want  
some for Christmas  
and Eric Koder so  
will you get  
it for me please  
and I  
have bin good.  
I  
mist you very much  
hat are your pander.  
Love  
Katelyn Lindley



"CHRISTMAS ON THE PRAIRIE" was enjoyed by members of the First Baptist Church Choir during their recent musical presentation. "Cowboys" included (l-r) Randall Boles, Monte Angel, Jerry Chambliss, Jim Lincycumb, Kobert Paschal, Bryan Webb, Harrell Josey and cowboy poet and story teller Wendell Lee.

Dear Santa,  
I have bin good.  
I want a  
plastic  
candy and bike  
and a new  
game for my  
bit and a  
die  
ing shot  
Hiwis  
mis class  
Love Katar  
Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Can you give me  
a Barbie and a  
Bike and Robes.  
I want a little  
Do you love me?  
ye I do. Mrs  
Colburn is  
Panda  
Love  
Hodge

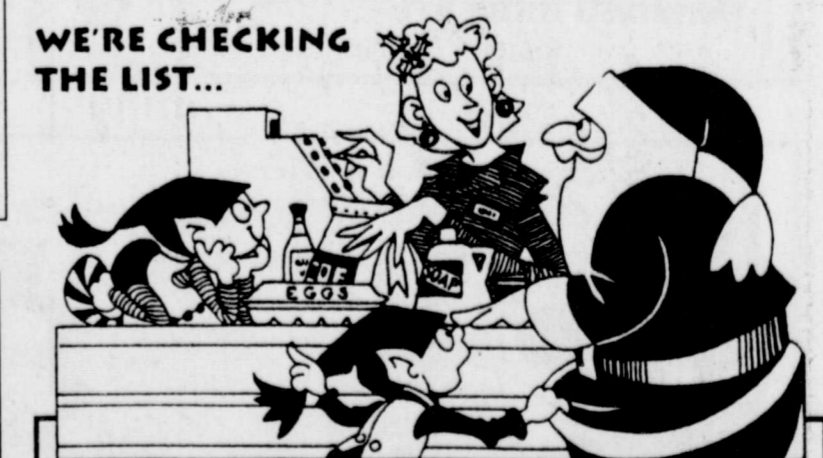
Dear Santa,  
I want a  
bike and a  
hat and a  
CD  
and a  
I want a  
hat and a  
Love  
Ricci

Dear Santa, I want  
now skates and now  
gloves and now  
babby  
and how cool and glove  
and for my mommy  
I want a  
Novus  
For my  
Daddy I  
want a  
glass and my  
Valva  
wants  
a  
babbe and  
Fey  
Love  
Papa Butler

Dear Santa,  
I want  
wings for  
Christmas  
is a  
hat and  
a  
How are  
your  
How do  
A.C. Mata



The most important  
part about Christmas  
is the first six letters.  
...I bring you good news of  
great joy that will be for all  
the people.  
...a Savior has been born to  
you; he is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:10&11 NIV



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MRS. PARRAMORE'S 1ST GRADE CLASS, CONT'D

Dear Santa  
I love you and  
you give me  
a Barbie and a  
gora and a  
truck and a  
bike and a  
soccer ball  
and some  
love  
Sally  
Love Susan

DEAR Santa,  
plese bring me a  
Barbie having and  
a color book and  
cross and candle  
and a gricat and  
pup. I Was  
good.  
Luv  
Sara  
Rodriguez



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MRS. CAVAZOS' 1ST GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa  
please bring me a  
12 puppes for me  
and a game boy for each  
game for mi  
peastashu m2  
a game for mi gany  
computer  
game  
Luv Ala  
Mortelkang

Dear Santa  
Please bring me  
a bike Playstahingz.  
XBox I ben good  
Love Andrew Silva

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me  
bike I am good love,  
Tevin Starkey.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a  
nintendy and a  
airpump, and a  
backpack, and a  
pair of bage  
blue pass, size 10  
and pair  
of shoes  
Love Vean  
Luan

Dear Santa  
please bring  
me a tubeds  
a burbetupbike  
and twobeds,  
a twocats,  
a noo shirt.  
Luv  
Lup  
Mortel

LOVE Santa,  
please bring me a  
bab dog and a bab  
cat I was good  
Love Ashley Doty

Dear Santa  
please bring me  
a Doll  
a Babe a Doll  
With a Bot and  
Close,  
LOVE  
Shana  
Soto

Dear Santa,  
please bring me a  
dolly and a playe  
Laws with birbes  
that can fit in it  
I have bin good  
Love Jordana Perez

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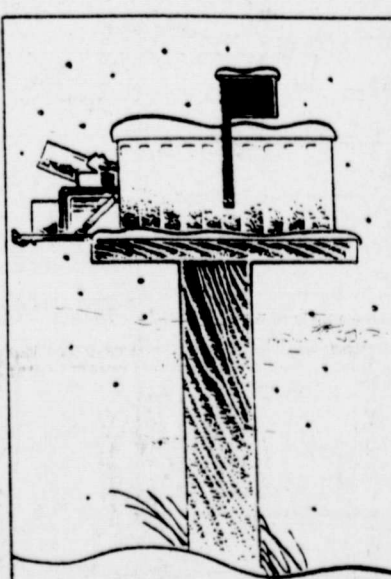
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MRS. CAVAZOS' 1ST GRADE CLASS, CONT'D


Dear Santa  
please bring  
me a bike and a  
love  
A little  
Reyes




Dear Santa  
please bring  
me Mrs. J  
ben good  
Zisebi  
Reyna




Dear Santa  
Please bring  
brbe and a  
a bike purple and green  
nigala  
Love Hester  
Lincoln I have bin  
scat




Dear Santa  
I want a  
kite.  
  
Love Jordan  
Taylor



Dear Santa  
please bring  
me a shirt  
pencil and a  
scissors and  
a bike I have good  
Love  
Ishael  
Nunez



Dear Santa  
I want a  
I want a  
I want a  
Love  
Daisy  
Martinez



**Blessed Daze**  
by Jean Boles

**Christmas in a bottle**

Ah, Christmas. Such a special time of year. At least it should be special — and in a positive way.

Like most everyone I know, I'm really, really tired. I get caught up and bogged down in all the hoopla of the holidays, trying to work in a couple or five extra hours to each 24-hour day. And all the while, smiling and trying to keep focused on what Christmas is really all about.

One way I handle the holiday stress is to reminisce about Christmases past like when I was a skinny goofy kid with eyes wide with excitement about every single aspect of Christmas.

As I've told before, my family was — shall we say — monetarily challenged. But a great part about our lives was that we didn't know any difference. At least we kids didn't. I'm sure the thought crossed the minds of my parents a time or two as they struggled to make ends meet with a gaggle of kids to feed and clothe.

But my mom and dad worked wonders to make our Christmases such a thrill. About a week or so before Christmas, just before we gathered at the supper table, Daddy would hide a ten dollar bill under each child's plate (four, at that time), and that was to be our entire Christmas shopping allowance. Wow!

That was probably my first lesson in how to be a real bargain hunter because from that ten dollars I had to buy presents for my mom, dad, brother, two sisters, grandma, grandpa, two cousins, teacher, classmate, and friend if I had one at the time.

I was eight years old. My best purchase — and I'll never forget how excited I felt — was this beautiful, giant bottle of purple bubble bath crystals. It cost almost a dollar so that pretty much put a nix on the friend gift (although I would have much preferred to skip the brother's gift).

Anyway, I could hardly wait for Mom to

open my present. I used three times too much paper and a half roll of tape, just to make sure. It also would require a pocket knife to open which would extend "the moment." Finally, it was her turn to open my gift. THE GIFT of all gifts. Or at least from the ones I had purchased and wrapped.

Mom held my gift as though it were pure gold. She looked and looked at the wrappings and seemed to know how much pained planning I had done. She held it up and told me what a beautiful job I had done with all that paper. (She didn't mind because we always used our paper over and over and sometimes over again).

Then she set it ever so gently in her lap and unwrapped layer after layer until the treasure was revealed. She oohed and aaahed and my heart absolutely sang. She loved it! She even told me so. She told me how pretty it was and how she was proud to possess such a glorious bottle.

Bless Mom's heart. She never let me realize that my gift was pretty much worthless. After all, we didn't even have a bathtub. We had only a shower which made using rock-hard crystals a pretty tricky, if not impossible feat.

When I asked her about using the beautiful crystals, she told me she really preferred to just let it sit on her dresser so she could look at it every day.

I now realize what a gift she gave me that Christmas, and for that I'm so very thankful.

My mom and dad died long ago and their physical gifts of dolls, BB guns and such have fallen by the wayside. But the gifts of kindness, compassion, truthfulness and hope have managed to stay with my brother, sisters and me.

I truly can't think of any better gifts to become hand-me-downs to my own children and hopefully their children.

And the wrapping is so easy!  
Have a very blessed and joyous Christmas!


Wishing You  
Peace  
And  
Good Will




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MRS. BRYAN'S 2ND GRADE CLASS


Dear Santa, I  
have never been  
noticed but they have  
been notice to  
me I am nice to  
them but they  
are not nice to  
thank you  
santa for  
helping me  
I want skates  
thank you Kayla




Dear santa,  
I've been nice  
except my brother  
is mean to me...  
I want a cat  
and it to snow  
and lots of toys  
From Naomi  
to santa  
thank you  
for the toys




Dear Santa,  
I been nice a game  
boy and a Barbie  
New shoes and a  
good brush and pony tail  
a CD player and  
a doll set and cool pens  
gel pen  
love crystal




Dear Santa I  
have been a  
good girl I want  
a doll for Christmas  
and a bag with a  
cup and a shirt and  
Pants and one more!  
I thing it is  
Snow  
Ashley castillo



Dear Santa, please  
give me a...  
playstation and  
one game called  
Sled Storm.  
Thank you  
Marry Chismas.  
nice  
from albin  
to Sant  
Ho, Ho, Ho



Dear santaclose,  
I want a cd player  
and there is a game  
it is called ccepe  
crawler. I want ee.  
and a cool watche  
and a DVD move  
it is called  
Toon rider.  
And I want  
a Peter...  
christopher perez



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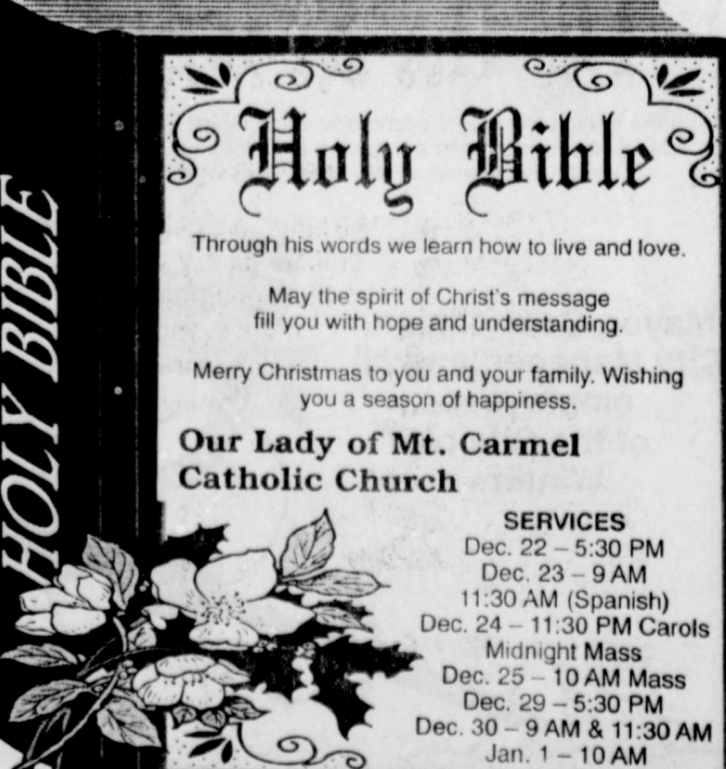


**HOLY BIBLE**

Through his words we learn how to live and love.  
May the spirit of Christ's message fill you with hope and understanding.  
Merry Christmas to you and your family. Wishing you a season of happiness.

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Dec. 23 - 9 AM  
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Midnight Mass  
Dec. 25 - 10 AM Mass  
Dec. 29 - 5:30 PM  
Dec. 30 - 9 AM & 11:30 AM  
Jan. 1 - 10 AM






MRS. BRYAN'S 2ND GRADE CLASS, CONT'D


Dear Santa,  
fourweler  
bike  
New Scool, supplies  
play station  
watch  
Football  
FORME STRAIT  
to Santa  
love Strait  
ITV been nice




Dear Santa  
I want a game by  
AN A POKEMON MOVIE  
AN A BLONIE GOOL  
A SCOOB DOO STUFF  
A DISNEY MOVIE  
A JEWELRY  
by 2nd grade  
to Santa  
to go thank  
you




Dear Santa  
I've been nice boy  
My I have a Pokemon  
cards please can you  
make it snow  
can I have 100 books  
can I want a cuppe  
D. Santa  
From Joe  
love Joe  
I love you  
Santa




Dear Santa, I have  
been wise this year  
I would like  
ATV AND VCR AND  
Poster AND  
intindo And  
LADY AND THE TRAMP TWO  
THAT IS ALL  
Love Reba



Dear Santa, I have  
been a good boy  
and I want  
poke'mon cards, and  
snow, and a CD  
player, and a  
vintendo.  
To Santa  
From Noc  
Love Noc  
I love you  
SANTA




Dear Santa,  
I've been a little  
good boy, I want  
a rock knife and a  
Video game and a  
DVD.  
from Andy  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR MEMBERS blend their voices in sweet harmony during the segment of "Christmas at Church," under the direction of Ken Williams (left).

MRS. OLIVER'S 2ND GRADE CLASS


Dear Santa, I hope you  
had a restful summer.  
I have been good this  
year and I hope you will  
bring me a Tool Set and  
a Dart Game. We will  
have cookies and milk  
waiting.  
Love,  
Julian Martinez




Dear Santa,  
I hope you have had  
a restful summer. I  
have been good this  
year and I hope you will  
bring me a Tool Set and  
a Dart Game. We will  
have cookies and milk  
waiting.  
Love,  
Julian Martinez




Dear Santa,  
How are you doing  
today? How are  
your reindeer? I  
would like a football,  
a soccerball and a  
baseball for Christmas.  
I'll leave a  
treat.  
Love  
Cannon  
Bryan




Dear Santa, I liked  
the presents that you  
gave me last year. I  
want a jeep. I hope you  
have a good day and  
when you come to my  
house you can have  
milk and cookies.  
Have a good  
Christmas.  
Love Sara Perez




Hi Santa, I hope you  
had a restful summer.  
I have been good this  
year and I hope you will  
bring me a Tool Set and  
a Dart Game. We will  
have cookies and milk  
waiting.  
Love,  
Julian Martinez




Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good  
girl. This year I only  
want two things; for  
Minasoda and Nike  
to get along together  
and a new bike.  
I hope you  
don't get to  
full from the  
milk and cookies  
From Sterling




Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good  
girl. This year can you  
give my family a dog  
that does not shed?  
Can you give my little  
sister a Barbie? My big  
sister wants a glass  
maker. Hope you have  
a good trip.  
Love Madelyn  
Toungot




Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good  
girl. This year for  
Christmas I want a  
campy bed and my mom  
wants a ring and for  
my dad a dog.  
I hope you have a nice  
Christmas.  
Love Michelle  
Kruise





Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike  
for Christmas and a  
play station. I love  
you and I will  
leave some cookies  
and please get me the  
play station.  
Alex Perez  
I love  
you.



Dear Santa,  
How is Rudoff and  
the elfs? I want  
a Nintendo 64 with  
games, a mouse  
trap and a ring.  
I am going to  
bake some  
cookies for  
you.  
Anthony  
Sanchez



Dear Santa,  
I like the  
presents that you  
have given us  
thank you very  
much. Thank you for  
the Barbie doll from  
last year.  
Please tell  
your elfs  
they are very  
nice.  
Love Santa  
Kelsa Barber



**'Tis The Season!**

In this season of happy thoughts and warm hearts, we extend a special "thank you", to all our good friends for your confidence, loyalty and support. A very Merry Christmas to all!

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