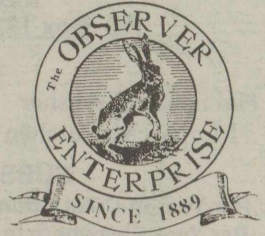


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Robert Lee hosts celebration of arrival of new pumper truck

by Marian Thompson
The RLVFD and the City of Robert Lee hosted a celebration of the arrival of the new pumper truck on December 12th at City Hall.

They parked the old 1963 pumper truck and the new 2000 pumper truck end to end, in front of the courthouse, so all interested could say goodbye to the old pumper and inspect the new one.

At 2 pm everyone, and there was quite a crowd, went into City Hall for the ceremony.

Mayor Garland Davis asked Kenneth Green to give an invocation for the gathering. After a welcoming speech, Doug Bradford, spokesman for Ferrara Fire Apparatus Corporation, was introduced and he spoke about the specifications of the truck and said that it met all of the state standards.

Mayor Davis then introduced Tom Early, President of the San Angelo Health Foundation, who gave the grant to purchase the pumper. Mr. Early introduced the City Council members and

the ladies who worked on the grant.

Mayor Davis asked J.C. Wallace Jr. to speak. Mr. Wallace is a retired fireman who served 39 years as a volunteer for the Robert Lee Fire Department. He was Fire Chief from 1979 to 1989. Joe Longoria, another retiree present, was with the department for 23 years. Mrs. Ruth Williams, wife of Sam L. Williams, also attended the celebration. She remembers when the department was young and there were not enough firemen and so she drove the truck to the fires.

The fire department was organized in 1947 and some of the original members were: Sam Jay Chief; Henry Varnadore Secretary; E.C. Davis, O.B. Jacobs, W.T. Roach, J.C. (Calvin) Wallace Sr., and Sam Williams. By August 29, 1947, there were 17 members.

Chief Rick Drennan was introduced and gave a short talk. Everyone then went outside to see the new truck pump water. Because the temperature was already at freezing, they did not do the



ceremonial hosing.

The hand made quilt the fire department raffled off went to Kevin Walker of San Angelo. Kevin is the son of Ann and Curtis Walker of Robert Lee and is a fireman for the City of San Angelo.

No paper next week

As is our custom, this is the final issue of the *Observer/Enterprise* for the year 2000. Our postal permit allows us 51 issues per year, and the week following Christmas seems to be a good time to allow our employees time to be with their families.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and best wishes for the new year.



Robert Lee Mayor Garland Davis (left) presents Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Chief Rick Drennan with the license plate for the new firetruck at a special ceremony held last week.



Wilson and Lucile Bryan are the driving force behind the beautiful Christmas lighting displays at Bryan's Barn. This lovely couple not only look the part, but have truly earned the title of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Their tireless efforts have succeeded in bringing thousands of visitors to Coke County for the annual pageant in the summer and their wonderful light display during the Christmas holidays.

Bronte City Hall will close

The Bronte City Hall will be closed Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25th for the Christmas holidays.

RL City Hall to close

The Robert Lee City Hall will close the following days in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays: December 22, December 25, December 29 and January 1. The Robert Lee Landfill will be closed on December 23 and December 30. Trash service will run as scheduled. The employees of City Hall wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

Bronte candlelight service

A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte on Sunday, December 24. The service will begin at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the special worship time.

Feliz Navidad

The Tarango family presents a bilingual Christmas service at Victory Assembly of God at 6th and Houston in Robert Lee. The Christmas service will be held Sunday, December 24 at 10 am - 12:30 pm.

RL UMC to have candlelight service

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will be holding its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday evening, Christmas Eve, at 6:00 pm. Everyone in the community is invited to come and participate.

Hospice care

An introductory seminar explaining hospice care and the special aspects of the dying patient will be presented at Myrtlewood Estates on Friday, December 29th. The program will start at 2:30 pm. There is no charge for the event.

For additional information call Gary Karschner at VistaCare Family Hospice in San Angelo at 486-8841.

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"Ho! Ho! Ho! What do you want for Christmas little boy?" Rev. Jim Reeves whispers his Christmas wishes to Santa (Bro. Waide Messer) following the Robert Lee Christmas parade.

County courthouse observes holidays

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will close at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 22, and will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and December 26, for the Christmas holidays.

The courthouse will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 2001 in observance of the New Year's holiday. On Tuesday, Jan. 02, at 9:00 am, the recently-elected county officials will take their oaths of office in the county courtroom. To be installed are Sheriff Rick Styles, County Attorney Nancy Arthur, Commissioners Paul Burns and Gaylon Pitcock, Tax Assessor Collector Kristeen Roe, and Constables Russell Johnson and Kenneth Rasco. The public is welcome to attend.

Death Notices

Wrinkle

Evaline Sims Wrinkle, 89, of Sulphur Springs and formerly of Bronte, died Monday, December 18, 2000, in a Sulphur Springs nursing home. Services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, December 20, 2000, at Central Baptist Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by one daughter, Kathryn Wrinkle Gulley of Sulphur Springs; one brother, Charlie Sims of Cypress; one sister, Elna White of Sulphur Springs; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Thoughts on the Scripture

By Rev. Jim Reeves

Colossians 3:12 "You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own."

What greater gift can we receive this season than to know that God, creator of all things, has chosen us to be his people?

May God bless each one of you in this season.
Brother Jim

WTRC's 31st annual telethon

Coke County residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on Saturday, January 13 to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2001, the Center's 31st annual telethon.

In Robert Lee, the '64 Study Club is spearheading the local solicitation effort and have arranged for a phone bank to be in operation on telethon night at Ivey Motor Company.

In Bronte, Diane Lockett and Pat Martindale are spearheading the local solicitation effort and have arranged for a phone bank to be in operation on telethon night at the Bronte City Hall.

Rehab friends in the community who won't be able to call in their pledge on January 13 are encouraged to make an advance donation. Checks payable to WTRC may be mailed to either Leta Caston, P.O. Box 461, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 or Diane Lockett, P.O. Box 21, Bronte, Texas 76933.

The five-hour television special will be aired from 7 pm to midnight on 10 Texas stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo.

Lee Ann Womack, recent winner of two Country Music Association awards, will be the telethon's featured entertainer. Peter Marshall and Charlie Chase will emcee the show, which will also include entertainment by Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension, rising new talent Jay Michaels and long-time Rehab telethon regulars Bill and Susan Hayes and Anacani.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2001 has come from AEP-West Texas Utilities and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books. "The challenge for the rest of us," said WTRC president Woody Gilliland, "is to build on the momentum started by these two great corporate friends of



Diane Lockett (left) and Pat Martindale are heading the West Texas Rehab Center telethon local solicitation effort in Bronte.

Rehab."

"The telethon is a critical fun-raiser for Rehab because we count on it to launch the New Year in a good position to meet the needs of more than 17,000 patients who'll look to us for help in the next 12 months," said Gilliland. "That's why we're so grateful to local volunteers staffing telethon phone banks...why every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show are so deeply appreciated."

Food Closet gives baskets and coats

This Christmas, the Coke County food closet is making an impact on the lives of many of this county's residents. Volunteers this week prepared and delivered twenty-one baskets of food to folks in Robert Lee and Bronte. This is up from the twelve that were delivered at Thanksgiving. Support from citizens in Robert Lee and Bronte, through churches, schools, civic organizations and individually, has allowed the food closet to provide for the needs of people in this season. This Thursday, the food closet, during its regular hours of 3 to 5:30 pm will also be giving away coats. We urge

anyone who needs a coat to come by and look at the coats that are available.

Bronte holiday trash collection change

Trash collection for customers north of East Main and West Main will be changed from Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th to Saturday, December 23rd.

Trash collection for these customers will return to the regularly scheduled day on Monday, January 1, 2001, New Year's Day.

There will be no change in the collection day for customers south of East Main and West Main.

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(915) 453-2417
Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
- Northside Church of Christ**
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm
- Pecan Baptist**
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645
Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
- Southside Church of Christ**
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship
- Robert Lee Baptist Church**
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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**
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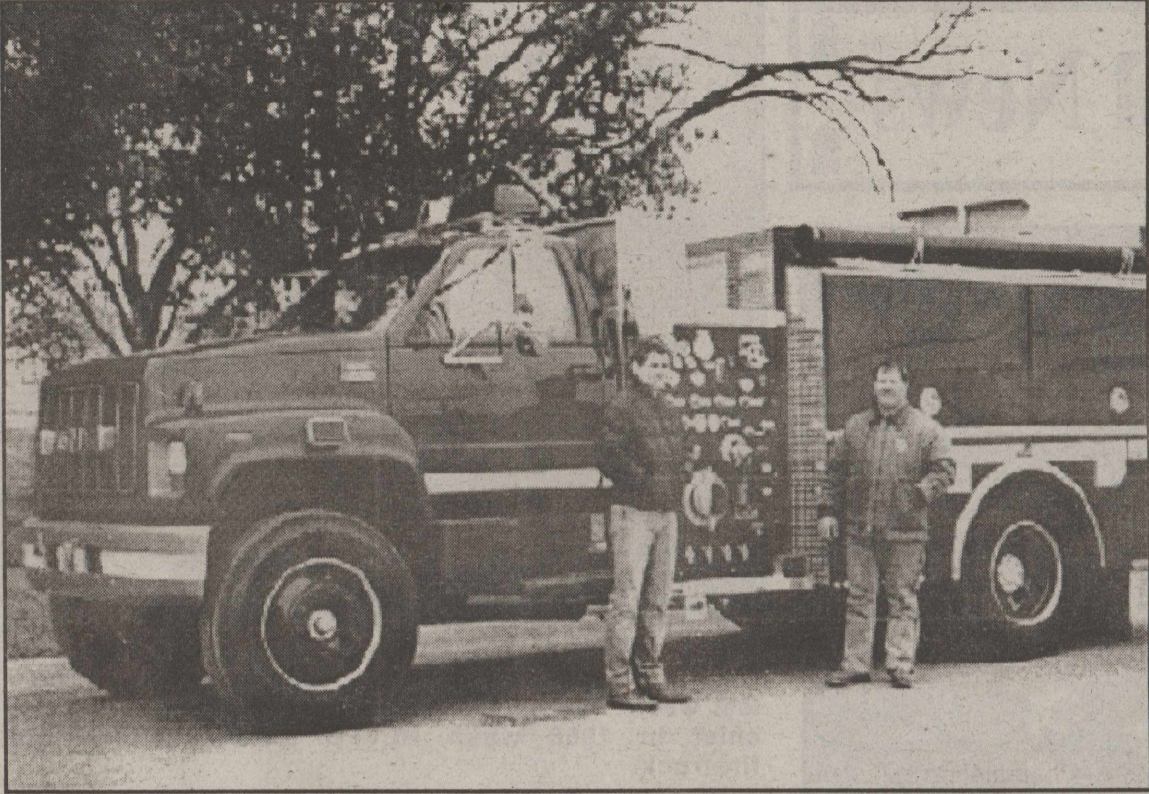
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Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department President Larry Martin (left) and Keith Eubanks, RLVFD Captain and Coke County Emergency Management Coordinator, inspect the new firetruck following a special ceremony last week.

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 Library

County library to close for holiday
 The Coke County Library will be closed Tuesday, December 26th. The library will be open as usual Wednesday, December 27 from 8-4.
 The Story Hour children were treated to a Christmas party at the home of Karla Roach, whose mother invited all the children and their parents to enjoy cookies and punch around their tree.
 For those who would like to track Santa Claus, the web

site to visit is www.stk.com/norad/index.
 A new shipment of large print books has been received as well as new audio tapes.
 The library wishes all a safe and happy holiday.

Local student earns degree
 Brent Stuart Ray recently received the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. His wife, Mary Elaine Lackey Ray is originally from Robert Lee. He is currently employed by the Strategy Associate, ESA, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Brazil.



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Robert Lee School News



The lights of Bryan's Barn provide West Texans and many, many visitors from all over with a special holiday treat.

Lady Steers basketball

On Tuesday, the 12th, the Lady Steers lost a close game to Coahoma by a score of 56-54. Robert Lee scoring: Jennifer Alexander 2; Kizre Matthews 3; Whitney Millican 8; Amber Freeman 2; Jodee Helwig 5; Dixie Simpson 14; and Deshira Dickey 20.

On Friday, the 15th, the Lady Steers had another close game but came out winners by a score of 39-36. Robert Lee scoring: Matthews 2; Millican 15; Helwig 13; Simpson 2; and Dickey 7.

Next action for the Lady Steers will be in the Sterling City Tournament Thursday, Dec. 28, vs. Water Valley @ 3:30. The tournament will run through Friday, Dec. 30.

RL JV girls basketball

On the 12th the JV girls won their game against Coahoma JV by a score of 42-29. Robert Lee scoring: Kindra Matthews 4; Shannon Honse 1; Misti Brothers 4; Amie Kendall 4; Monica Rodriguez 2; Krystal Soliz 18; Christin Middleton 8; and Nicole Sanchez 1.

On the 15th, the JV girls lost this game against Eldorado JV by a score of 35-28.

RL 7th grade boys basketball

On 12-11, the 7th grade boys won against Bronte 7th grade by a score of 28-10. Robert Lee scoring: Vincent McClelland 2; Lance Millican

4; Brandon Soliz 12; Shannon Martin 6; Lewis Hearn 6; Josh Conner 2; and Eric Ortega 2.

RL 8th grade boys basketball

On the 11th, the 8th grade boys won a very close game against Bronte 8th grade by a score of 28-27. Robert Lee scoring: Cisco Moreno 2; Jake McCabe 2; Mark Colon 2; Omar Saucedo 7; and Andy Mulkey 14.

RL School Board approves distance learning

The Robert Lee School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 18. Among items approved were an agreement with the Region 15 Education Service Center to secure a distance learning lab for the district. The lab will provide the capability for the district to teach classes, workshops, or seminars that are taught from a remote location. Among possible uses for the lab will be college courses for high school students or adults, virtual field trips for elementary students, inservice training for district staff, and required training for board members. All of these courses will be available without participants having to travel away from Robert Lee. Equipment for the lab will be funded by a federal grant administered by the Region 15 Service Center.

A portion of the meeting

was a public hearing on the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System report. Supt. Weldon Koepf presented highlights of the report in a visual format. Only board members and administrative staff were present for the hearing. The board approved the report that will be available to the general public in several of the school offices and the school and public libraries.

In other routine business, trustees approved monthly bills and salaries and engaged a firm to do the 2000-2001 financial audit. Elementary Principal Janet Wallace and High School Principal Lindsey Wallace reported on various activities and programs of their schools. Supt. Weldon Koepf reported on the Special Education program and library usage.

Items of discussion on which no action was taken were a recent energy survey of the district and the superintendent's appraisal process. The board then entered executive session to discuss personnel matters and then adjourned. The regular January meeting was set for January 25.



Robert Lee Mayor Garland Davis (left) is shown with J. C. Wallace, Jr., at a special ceremony held last week. Calvin Wallace, J. C.'s father, was the fire chief in 1968 when RLVFD purchased the old firetruck.

RLVFD news

By Marian Thompson
Secretary

The fire department held its second meeting of December on the 18th. 10 members were present and Keith Eubanks presided. The minutes and Treasury report were approved as read.

13 members were present at City Hall on the 12th for the ceremony to show the citizens of Robert Lee the new pumper truck. The truck was purchased by a grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation and the City of Robert Lee.

Chief Rick Drennan is making a list of equipment needed for the new truck.

The group discussed lettering for the new truck, which radio would go into the new truck and which one to put in truck 6, and the best place to mount them.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported on the cost of having the 911 radio re-programmed to put the Fire Frequency in it, and who can do it, as the 911 radio does not have the Fire Frequency in it.

They discussed putting steering axle tires on the tank truck. They have replacement tires on hand, but need to get someone with the proper equipment to change them.

They closed the meeting and went to Training Class.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd, as the 1st Monday is a holiday.

Cyrano de Bergerac, the well-known hero of a play by Edmond Rostand, was a real person. He was a soldier and author in the early 17th century.

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BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 13, 2000, at 7:00 pm in the board room. All members were present.

Burl Lowery, C.P.A., reported to the board the results of his audit of the financial records for the year 1999-2000. He reported that it was a clean audit and the district is in sound financial condition. Motion was made and approved to accept the audit.

The principals, Rich Howell, Secondary, and Terry Marrs, Elementary gave their reports. Campus Improvement Plans were discussed. Motion was made and passed to approve the Campus Improvement Plans from each campus.

Program reports were given by Lloyd Walker, Jerita Taylor, Ronnie Merriman, Sherri Marrs, Michele Parker, Lisa Dyess, Frances Williams, Pat Lee, and Heather Lee.

Motion was made and passed to approve the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan.

Motion was made and approved to sign contracts with Cadco Architects-Engineers for the alterations and additions to the gym and elementary buildings.

Motion was made and passed to give Alan Richey, Superintendent, the authority to make the decision concerning Auto/Property Insurance.

Motion was made and passed to approve the legal retainer with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge, P.C.

Motion was made and approved to hire a fourth grade teacher as needed.

Discussion was held concerning auxiliary personnel, including resignations and hirings.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave his report including updates on the auditorium refurbishing, facilities, and Legislative update on health insurance.

Motion was made and passed to pay the November

bills.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:45 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 11, 7:00 pm.

Education reform

By Kent Grusendorf

When it comes to public schools in Texas, we're more than making the grade. Texas has set the national benchmark for public school accountability and educational standards.

Today Texas school children outpace their peers in other states on national tests. We have dedicated teachers, administrators and school board members, many of whom have made educating kids more than a job but a life's calling - and the results are indisputable.

The combined reforms of our recent past have been so successful that the *New York Times* last year noted that Texas schools were considered by educators as "an emerging model of equity, progress and accountability."

All good news. But as Texans, we can do even better.

Despite the far-reaching improvements our state has enacted, we should not become complacent with the state of our schools. The fact is our new accountability standards, acknowledged as among the best in the nation, have brought into sharp focus some of the important work that still needs to be done.

So where do we go from here? That was the question that brought together a diverse group of classroom teachers, school administrators, college professors, business leaders, policymakers and school board members. This group - which we call the Texas Education Reform Caucus - has spent the past nine months reviewing our progress and identifying how we can do even better.

The product is a reform agenda focusing on the most vexing problems facing public education - to help schools in need, invest in teachers and continue to build on our accountability system by provid-

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ing parents more relevant information about their children's schools. Our plan addresses three general areas: recruiting teachers, rewarding excellence and reporting the results - recruit, reward and report. We call our plan *The Three Rs of Education Reform*.

First, we believe we have to address the schools clearly in need, not by rewarding their lack of progress but by recognizing their need for dramatic change. No student in our state should be relegated to a low-performing school; it is up to us to give those schools the tools they need to improve.

We recognize full well that it is people who turn around schools in need, not a state or federal agency. For that reason, we are recommending signing bonuses for extraordinary teachers who transfer to low-performing campuses. We are also recommending that we free schools in need from tight controls. With the exception of TAAS test requirements, we recommend giving the school district the power to aggressively address the problem, including fundamentally restructuring or re-staffing the school as needed.

Secondly we have to invest in our teachers. Texas faces a severe teacher shortage. The State Board of Educator Certification estimates 45,000 teacher vacancies in a total teacher workforce of about 250,000 this school year, with

only 14,000 new in-state recruits available to fill vacancies. This problem is compounded by the fact that we lose so many talented teachers to other careers every year. New teachers who decide to leave the field typically do so within the first few years on the job. We believe these problems can be addressed in three ways - rewards, mentoring of new teachers and enhanced recruitment of qualified individuals.

We believe we should reward success in a straightforward way. We should give teachers and campuses monetary rewards for success. We should also find more ways to use veteran teachers as mentors to help address shortages and provide training for new teachers. Local school districts should be given additional funding of up to \$3,000 for new alternative route or permit teachers and \$1,000 for all other new teachers to support any of several different options. These options include mentoring and induction programs, 12-month contracts to provide for training and professional development, and tuition credit to colleges and universities.

To recruit more teachers in the first place we should look at our regulations and the alternatives. Today there are alternative entry programs helping districts attract great teachers. State education officials should be encouraged to evaluate and remove rigid regulations and build on

those alternative entry programs.

Lastly we need to give parents and communities more information, not less. Our current accountability standards can more accurately reflect the proficiency of a school. Instead of merely reflecting how it teaches to the TAAS, schools could show how well they rank outside of TAAS, such as in readiness for college; foreign language; math/science proficiency; rankings on national, Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate tests.

We could learn the rest of the story by following graduates after they leave the school and determine how well they've done in college. Then we'd have a well-rounded vision of our schools, a sense of what techniques are really working for true performance.

The *Three Rs of Education Reform* is a package of legislative proposals aimed at building on the progress we have made in our schools. The proposals will help schools address some of the problems they grapple with, will give educators more local control of their schools, and will enhance the quality of education that our children receive.

As a result, Texas will benefit from higher student achievement, workforce competitiveness and college preparedness for our school children.

The bottom line is, if we can do better, then we must.

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- Breakfast**
Monday, Jan. 1
 Holiday
Tuesday, Jan. 2
 Holiday
Wednesday, Jan. 3
 French toast stix, grape juice, biscuit, milk
Thursday, Jan. 4
 Scrambled eggs, apple juice, toast, milk
Friday, Jan. 5
 Cereal, apple sauce, biscuit, milk
- Lunch**
Monday, Jan. 1
 Holiday
Tuesday, Jan. 2
 Holiday
Wednesday, Jan. 3
 Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, milk, brownies
Thursday, Jan. 4
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Written by 4th grade buddies

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Love,
Kolby Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a spider man video game and a monster called bolder guy that flies. I love you very much!! I like all the toys. I love the reindeer.

Merry Christmas,
Joshua Means

Dear Santa,
I want a robot and a Hot Wheels car set and some football movies and some star wars people and some X-Men people. How is rudolph? How old are the raindeer?

Love,
Ty Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like some barbie clothes, some barbies, a barbie house, a barbie fashion kit, a fashion doll explorer, a fashion doll slumber party. I love you. How's the elves! P.S. I want a babie party.

Love,
Lyndsay Hargrave

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a Ice Cream maker and a Kindergarten babies and baby dolls and a Toy Story 2 dolls and a Rudolph. How are you Rudolph. I want a dancing barbie. And a marmade barbie.

Love,
Courtney Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I want a game and a power ranger. I also want a spider man game and a scooter. For my sister I want a doll.

Love,
Fred Arthur

Dear Santa,
How are the Elfs Santa? How are you? How are the deers? Here is a list of things for Christmas. Pokemon, Scooby Doo, Blue's clues, baby gold necklace, gold earrings.

Love,
Daysi Prado

Dear Santa,
Please give me these presents, the first one is a Lego Knights Kingdom and a Playstation, and games. And a champion Megacross and more. And that is some of the things I want for Christmas.

Love,
Johnathan Moore

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. A book called How the grinch stole christmas, Barbie magical Mermaids, Barbie house, Barbie clothes, Barbie jeep, Barbie butterfly and a New Barbie doll.

Love,
Lauren Allen



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BUSINESS REVIEW

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A-1 Homes, Inc.

Harvey Andrews, General Manager • Serving The Area For 5 Years

In the past few years, the use of economical manufactured homes for permanent living compared to expensive site-built housing has increased beyond all expectations. Manufactured homes, as they are now built, provide their owners with living that can be compared with some of the finest conventional homes. They are roomy, comfortable, convenient, structurally safe and energy efficient with beautifully designed exteriors and interiors.

A-1 Homes, located in San Angelo at 3601 North Bryant Boulevard, phone 653-1152, carries well-known brand names and is sure to have a model to suit your needs and budget. They offer a good selection of manufactured homes as well as accessories and service. Prompt delivery, set-up and service are all part of their determination to serve you better.

A-1 Homes invites you to come by and see their excellent display of different models of single and sectional homes. They can also offer assistance with financing. The personnel there can show you how easy it is to fit one of their beautiful homes into your life. Easy monthly payments, long-term financing to qualified buyers, and a low down payment makes owning a new manufactured home both easy and practical. Visit A-1 Homes today and discover the home you've been looking for! A-1 Homes, Inc., wishes you all the splendor of the season.

Current Electric Company

Gerald C. Granado, Owner • Over 20 Years Of Experience

For the finest in residential or commercial electrical contracting, the company to call in this area is Current Electric Company, located in San Angelo, phone 942-6572 or 277-5607. This contractor is well-recognized for high standards of work and the ability to complete the job in the shortest time possible.

No matter what type of electrical work is needed, this contractor has had previous experiences with it and can assure you of a first rate job at reasonable prices. They hire only qualified personnel to assist them, and they are fully licensed, bonded and insured for your protection. Current Electric Company specializes in all phases of electrical contracting. Whether it's a new installation, a rewiring job or emergency repair, they have the experience necessary to complete the job in a most efficient manner. They make it a point to provide expert electrical work which is always finished as quickly and carefully as possible, and free estimates are gladly given.

When you have a job that demands an electrical contractor, contact the professionals at Current Electric Company. Regardless of the size of the job, if you want it done right, these are the people to call. Their motto is, "We Meet Your Current Needs." Your friends at Current Electric Company wish you season's greetings.

Eden Funeral Home

Thomas F. Kelso, Funeral Director

Reliably Serving The Area For 30 Years

Time and service have honored Eden Funeral Home, located in Eden at 231 North Main Street, phone 869-2121. For many years, this reputable funeral home has served the people of this area reliably and well. They offer dignified, affordable service to families of all faiths. These funeral directors can offer you a full-service or simple funeral within the means of every family.

Eden Funeral Home relieves you of all worry and responsibility in a friendly and understanding manner during your time of mourning. You may feel secure knowing that the final tribute to your loved one will be conducted to the personal wishes of each individual family. They will carry out services, burials, shippings, cremations, memorials and other arrangements with dignity and genuine concern. In addition to their sympathetic cooperation, the directors of Eden Funeral Home will gladly answer any questions regarding pre-need or specific funeral services frankly, honestly and confidentially.

Their desire is to plan the service with the family to meet your personal requirements. Eden Funeral Home has earned an excellent reputation for serving the people of this area with professionalism and understanding. The professionals at Eden Funeral Home wish you and yours a very safe and joyous holiday season.

Angelo Bail Bonds

If you drink and drive, the chance of you landing in jail with a DUI charge is much greater today than it was ten years ago. The "crackdown" on drunk drivers as well as drug offenders, assaults and other crimes has spread nationwide in an effort to make this a safer world in which to live. If you do end up in jail, you will soon realize that a bail bondsman is one of the best friends you can have.

Angelo Bail Bonds, located in San Angelo at 1 South Chadbourne Street, phone 947-7500, has reliably served the area with a professional bail bonding service for many years. Licensed in city, district, state and federal courts, Angelo Bail Bonds has won the respect of police, judges and prosecutors for reputable service. Because of their years of experience in the bail bonds business, they are the first company most people call. Their advice pertaining to bail bonds is sought after and well respected.

In today's society, many people are being jailed on both misdemeanor and criminal charges. Be sure to clip this reader ad and place it in your wallet so that if you find yourself in need of a professional bail bonding service, you'll remember Angelo Bail Bonds. It's better to know them and not need them, than to need them and not know them. Happy holidays from your friends at Angelo Bail Bonds.

Ed's Plumbing

Ed Fincher, Owner • Over 27 Years Of Experience

Ed's Plumbing, located in San Angelo, phone 949-5535 or toll-free 1-877-474-0046, is fully experienced in the plumbing business. They don't need to "guess" at your plumbing problems—they know the answers. They employ professionals who understand all phases of plumbing work, and they keep up with the latest equipment and maintenance procedures.

Ed's Plumbing stands behind their work and will do the job in the shortest time possible, always at realistic prices. They understand that when you have a plumbing problem, you need someone immediately and cannot wait for days to have it taken care of. They offer you the best in plumbing fixtures and installation—both commercial and residential. Repair jobs are given prompt attention at a fair price. They specialize in new installations, alterations and plumbing repairs of all types. Having many years of experience in the field, they are completely familiar with all phases of the plumbing business.

You will find their employees courteous and efficient. If you want to do business with someone you can trust, be sure to call Ed's Plumbing. They are members of the Better Business Bureau. Best wishes in the season of merriment from Ed's Plumbing.

Burney Tree Service

Calvin Burney, Owner • Over 40 Years Of Experience

A dying or dead tree can cause considerable damage and even present a threat to life in the event of a storm this winter. Don't let this situation threaten your property and safety. Removing dangerous trees is a specialty of Burney Tree Service, located in San Angelo at 704 East 19th Street, phone 653-3110, and their services are available at very reasonable prices.

Complete tree care is available from Burney Tree Service including tree and stump removal, cabling, pruning, topping, feeding and trimming. Burney Tree Service serves residential and commercial customers in the area and has done so reliably for many years. Insurance work is gladly accepted. Free estimates are given, and the firm makes its tree experts available anywhere in the area. They are completely equipped for any job with bucket-trucks, stump grinders and chippers, ensuring the best work in the shortest time possible. Emergency storm calls are always given prompt attention.

Don't take chances with your life and property. Compare the prices and the services. Then let the professionals at Burney Tree Service take care of your trees. Their reputation is your guarantee of an excellent job. Happy holidays to you and those you love, from Burney Tree Service.

Automatic Fire Protection, Inc.

Serving San Angelo & The Surrounding Area For 30 Years

Local and national media report daily on disastrous fires that destroy businesses and institutions. The resulting property destruction is unfortunate, yet more devastating are the loss of lives or severe injuries that can occur to the occupants.

If your business is contemplating any new construction or remodeling, Automatic Fire Protection, located in San Angelo at 4582 Old Christoval Road, phone 651-9000, would like to discuss with you the benefits of a fire sprinkler system. Fire officials throughout the country have, for many years, recommended sprinkler systems for many types of businesses as well as municipal buildings and healthcare facilities. The experts at Automatic Fire Protection will gladly discuss the systems available and help you select the one best suited to your needs. They also provide routine maintenance and service.

The costs of repairs following a fire are generally extensive, but there is no price that can be placed on the value of a human life. A sprinkler system from Automatic Fire Protection is an investment in the safety of your business and its occupants that will more than pay for itself through lower insurance premiums, reduction of damage and injury in the event of a fire, but most importantly, in your peace of mind! License No. ACS-75287-094. Automatic Fire Protection, Inc., wishes you a season of yuletide treasures.

Warm Wishes

Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;
When good friends get together,
Love and peace will abide.
It's Christmas!

SHAFER FUNERAL HOME
& MONUMENT CO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



A Seasonal Greeting to all of our wonderful friends. We want to wish you the very best.

Hometown Hardware

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We will be closed December 25 and January 1st.

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas. I also want two barbie dolls. A little doll. Santa how are the raindeer this year? I have been a good girl this year, so please bring me these presents. Please bring my sister presents this year. She has been good. One more thing, I want a reindeer for Christmas. My sister wants a doll too, and Toy Story two.

Love,
Marisa Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a Sabrina house set. I also want a doll house. I please want a magic kingdom playset. Snata, I also want a baby doll. I want a barbie car. Santa how is Rudolph and your wife?

Love,
Bailey McGlothlin

Dear Santa,
I want a choo choo train. Please bring me a motorcycle track and green motorcycles. And I would like some trucks and a dump truck and some cars. How is Rudolph? I've been a good boy. I'm gong to leave you some chocolate cookies.

Love,
Dakota Kelly

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten and I am writing this letter by myself. I wat a Jest Bown Twns and a twin Stroilr...Haw aar you? By-By!

Love,
Shyanne

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. When are you going to come to my house? Please bring me a scooter. Terron wants Capain Underpants books. Are the elves working hard?

Love,
Thoren

Dear Santa,
I been good. I want to play backhoe, a remote control motorycle, and a play bulldozer. What does the North Pole look like? Is it cold? An am going to sleep Christmas Eve!

Love,
Zachary

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten and I am writing this letter by myself. I wud liek a Barbie Laptop. How is Mts. Clos to nit? And I wud liek a My Siz Btrfliy Barbie.

Love,
Jael

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten and I am writing this letter by myself. I wat a Gaboe Calr, Dehman Tole, ad a goctr, ad a Poke-man Tole, and a Acn Mand.

Love,
Ethan

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten and I am writing this letter by myself. I wot for Crismos, a My Siss Botrfli Boby and Boby Gyp and Gamboy and a Scotr to. And makop.

Love,
Erika H.

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and Nintendo. Is Rudolph ready to fly? I leave you cookies.

Love,
Cindy

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep, Barbies, hairbows, a new shirt and a necklace. Also bring me some shoes, earrings, and a dance suit. Ryan wants a remote control plane and Kyle wants a new sweatshirt for basketball games. How do you draw Rudolph?

Love,
Ayrn

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and a Barbie. Mariah wants a baby and a stroller. Ashley wants clipees and clothes. How are your elves doing? I love you Santa!

Love,
Paige

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a video game, a gingerbread movie, and Toy Story II book. Does Mrs. Claus have a beard? I'll be sleeping on Christmas.

Love,
Michelle

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a scooter, a jam box, a Brittney Spears and N Sync D.D., and a Barbie doll. How did Rudolph get his red nose? We're going to leave cookies with icing.

Love,
Brayde

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a scooter and a bicycle. My sister wants a Barbie jeep and a Barbie bicycle. Do the reindeer fly with jingle bells. Tell Rudolph I said "Hi!"

Love,
Stetsen

Dear Santa,
I have been real good. I want a My Size Butterfly, a Barbie, a new night light, a green hairclip, new blue shoes, and some earrings. I like Rudolph. Me and mommy will leave the door unlocked for you. We'll leave cookies and milk.

Love,
Myranda

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a scooter and a new train. Are you in my class?

Love,
Jayton

Dear Santa,
I want a Dancing Debby, a Hopscotch Heather, and a My Real Baby. Bring Nicholas an Action Man and a G.I. Joe. Your deers fly to my house. I will go to sleep so you can put the presents. Come down my chimney!

Love,
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and a thing to hold my bike like a bike ramp. I also want a little pop gun and that's all. Chris wants a car he can drive and Crawford wants something good. I have been good.

Love,
Carson

Dear Santa,
I want a CD and a scooter. My mom wants a new car. I'll be in my room when you come. My brother wants a lunchbox and me too.

Love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a Super Train. I also want the red Power Ranger. My little sister wants a pink car. Do you get to go skiing at the North Pole? Your rendeers can fly to my house. I'll see you at Christmas!

Love,
Kyle

1st grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Jesus. Please bring me a soccer ball, a baseball, a bat and a glove, some baseball cards and checkers. I will leave you som heart cookies.

Your friend,
Mason Braswell

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents. Please don't mayk me moov to Lubbock. Can you please bring me remote control car, remote control robot and pet snake. I will leave you cookies.

Love,
Mitchell Butler

Dear Santa,
Thank you for coming to see me. I am leaning how to catch the hamster. Please bring me a hamster, parrot and puppies. We will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave Rodolf some carrots.

Love,
Katie Austin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys. I read lots of books. Please bring me pants and cats.

Your friend,
Conner Clark

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents. I like living in Bronte. Please bring me a clow bell and guinea pig.

Love,
Creed Coalson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. I am in first grade. Can you please bring me a puppy, rabbit and a parrot. How is Rudolf Santa?

Love,
Amy Godinez

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From Coke County 911

If you have any questions about your 911 address, come by the Judge's office or call 453-2005.

Lorrie & Jackie

SEASON'S BEST



Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the newborn Prince of Peace - may He bless you and yours.

Ernest Clendennen, Inc.
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Ernest & Louise Clendennen
Allen & Carole Clendennen
Jim & Becky Clendennen

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



David & Alene Key



Wishing all our good friends a holiday filled with love and laughter, mirth and warmth.

Cracker Barrel

Chris, Katy, Scott, Suzy, and Heidi

We will be closed Sunday & Monday, December 24 and 25.

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. I am in First Grade. Please bring me Betty Spaghetti, chapstick maker and blo pens. How is Rodoff dowing?

Love,
Kim Lee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. Please bring me a picture, cowbel and horse. What do you want.

Your friend,
Rani Parks

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents. I am in first grade now. Please bring me a hamster, a guinea, pig and puppies. I am doing good.

Love,
Austin Mertz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. I am learning good at school. Please bring me a puppy and a cage for my baby duckling. I will giv you som cookies and milk. I lik Rudolf. I will leave a carrot for Rudolf.

Your friend,
Dustin Minjarez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. I'm in first grade now. Please bring me a drum, a cow bell, and a nice snake that doesn't bite. Please wear a jackit at nihgt.

Your friend,
Jaylon Seales

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. I can say my flash cards. Please bring me a drum, puppy, and a parrot. I'll leave a cookies.

Love,
Madelyn Tounget

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. I like school. Please bring me lipstick, a rabbit, and guinea pig. I'll leave cookies for you.

Love,
Madison Price

Dear Santa,
How is everyone doing? Also I want an electric train and a robot dog and a model de-tactor and a playstain with the rugrats in Paris and thats all I want. I hope you are doing good.

Ty

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would liek a huge stuffed animal gorrilla, a scooter, some water proof snow gloves, and a make-up kit. That is all I would like. Thank you for last years presents Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Jessi England

P.S. Last year, I saw a large wooden figure in the sky. It was your slay! A couple of yards in front of it, there was a small red light! That was Rudolf's nose!

Love,
Jessi England

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good this year and I hope your making some toys and cloths! These are the things I'm asking for a recorder some books and some other nice things I hope I can go back to Arkansas to that Hotel like I did in Thanksgiving. Because that was fun I sorta got to know how to play the piano. Me and my cousin Angel

played it and we made up a song I hope you'll like it last time when I went there I would have got to go in a swimming pool. These are some other stuff I'd liek to get but some I don't think you'll be able to get here's a list a cd player, a radio, a play station e, a cd case, a tv in my room, and a VCR, maybe a tool case, a skateboard, some roller blades, a better bike, that's all I can think of so far the thing was at the hotel if I bring swimming shorts I would have got to swim in the swimming pool. Oh yeah I hope it's going to snow big time this year! ok I thought about some more stuff I want like some new controlors, a computer, some more games for my nintendo, some computer games, thats all Saint nick well I hope you can get this stuff and other stuff that you think is good.

From your friend,
Gabriel Alaniz

1st grade

Dear Santa,
What do you do Santa? I want a baby cat! I want a baby dog! And two wheel scooter. I love you Santa.

Your friend,
Harley Wallace

Dear Santa,
Santa I have been good. I would like a scooter, a cat, and a paint set. I will be good.

Your pal,
Brent Kelly

Dear Santa,
So you like Christmas, Santa? I want a game, any kind of games and candy in my stocking. I would also like a puppy. I love you.

Your friend,
Mackenzie Gibbs

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I want a skeeter, bike scooter, Motor Skooter. How are you?

Your pal,
Jordan Lee Rowan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a computer, a doll and new pencils. Tell Mrs. Claus I love her.

Your friend,
Leticia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a backpack and a car and Barbie dolls. I love you.

Your friend,
Sara Lara

Dear Santa,
I love you and Mrs. Claus. Can I have 3 things? I want a 22 and a hunting knife and a bow and arrow. Would you like something too?

Your friend,
Beau Grigg

Dear Santa,
I would like a gun, a snake and a scooter. I love you Santa!

Your friend,
Randon Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I want a Mandubot and a Di Gi Mon and a robot dog. Roodof is cool.

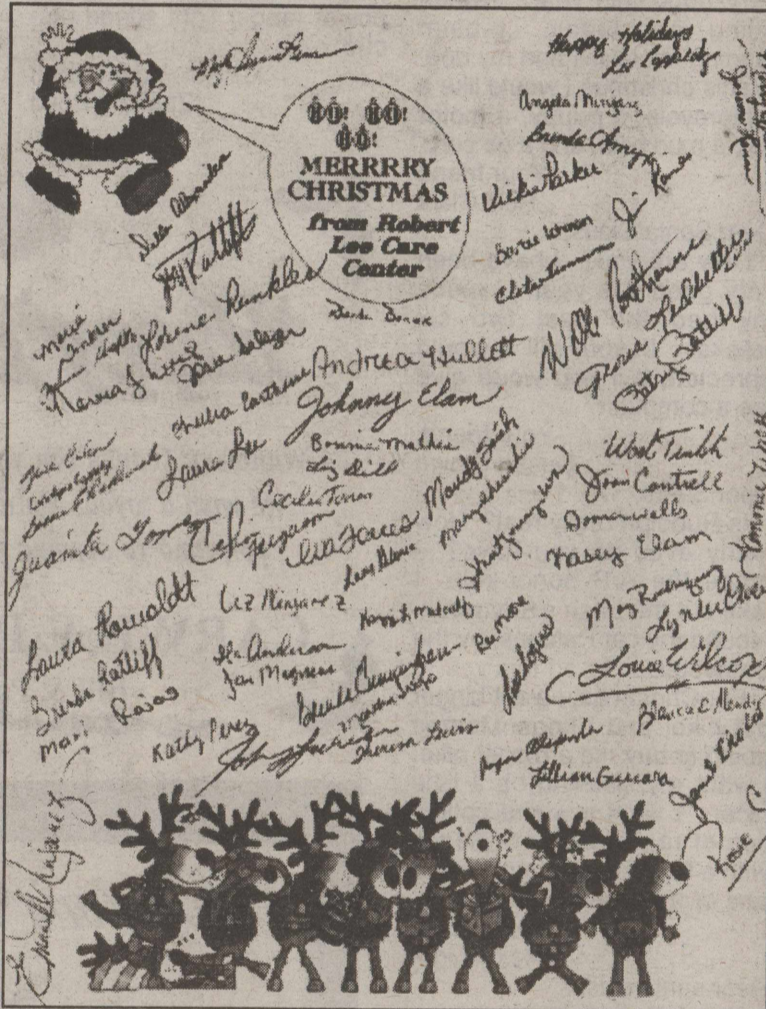
Your pal,
Logan McGlothlin

Dear Santa,
I will leave cookies and milk. I want a bike and skates and a skate board.

Your friend,
Vaughn Stillely

Dear Santa,
Do you want milk and cookies? I want a doll, and a bike, and a Barbie. I love you Santa.

Your pal,
Haylee Hoyt



WAGGONNER'S HARDWARE

We will be closed Monday & Tuesday,
December 25 & 26. We will also be
closed Monday, January 1st.

Happy Holiday

MERRY CHRISTMAS And A Happy And Prosperous
NEW YEAR From All Of Us At
SUPER H



*Happy Holidays
from Dave & Betty
and all the
employees at
Super H.*

*Glory To
The Newborn
King*

Best wishes from all of us.



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Fran

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,

I will leave you milk and cookies. I would like a clock for my room. I would like a bike, I want a cat. I love you.

Your friend,
Kallin Moore

Dear Santa,

Do you love me Santa? I want two cars. I want a Barbie doll. I need some Barbie clothes.

Your friend,
Maria Fuentez

Dear Santa,

I want a soni. I would like a puppy and a motorcycle. Santa I love you.

Your pal,
Jonathan

Miss Parker's 2nd grade

Dear Santa claus,

How are you? I have been very good this year. I been doing jobs today. I been feeding my rabbit and my dog.

This christmas I would like a motorcycle, a puppy, a motor car, a mud bike, and a go cort.

Your friend
Reid Clark

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I have been very good this year. I made my bed the past two six weeks. If you will I would appreciate if if you woud give me a computer.

Your friend,
Dustin Brown

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph really real? How many eves do you have? I made the A/B honor roll. I take out the trash every week. I found my cat Patches, by the dumpster.

For Christmas, I want bigger dirt bike, and I know Mom is going to buy me a bigger bike. I want my sister to be a little nicer. I want a whole collection of real shiny arrowheads with a frame over them. I want one of them scooters.

Your friend,
Rex Knight

Dear santa closus,

I hip my garamol at the hase and i help me paris. Some times i help and i chrie to be god. I help Miss Parker.

I want a face mask for when it gets cold and a bandana to put around my neck. I want some clothes. I want a wrestling toy.

Your friend,
Justin Saldana

Dear Santa Closus,

How are you? I have been very good this year. I heped mom wash dishes every night. I helped my dad mow the lawn. I want some clothes. I love you deer. I hope you bring me some toys.

Your friend,
Peyton Eubanks

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I have been a good boy. I have made 100's on my spelling test. I have loved my mom for a long time. I love Dad, May, Dick, Memo, Steven.

I want a Adventure lego sete, Akchinman, and hot wheels tornado twistr.

Your friend,
Nicholas Shults

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I've been good this year. I also made 100's on my quizzes, and spelling test. I want a Tony Hank vidoe game, NFL football 2000, go cart, motorcycle, pegs and extention screw.

Your friend,
Heath Richey

Dear Santa,

How is your raindeer? I feed the dogs all year long.

How is Rudof the Red nose raindeer? How is yor elfes? I have bee good this year. I helped my dad work with his gun. This Chrtsmas I would like Mini Motersicle, dirtbike, Supertrine Magzorde, gamboycolor Games, Playstasno, the Grinch gam for playstashon, nintendo game power ranger light speed rescue.

Your friend,
Zachary Boyd

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? I have made 100 on every spelling test. I have not moved my close pin. I helped Lillian do the dishes. I helped Tessie pick up sticks. I swepted Dads shop. I caread in Moms ice. I cleend my room every night. Will that be enuf?

I wood like therill grinch for christmas.

Your friend,
Arlis McMullan


Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good. I miss you Santa. W love you too. How are you doing rodof? we love you too. I have been clening the garden.

I want a new dog, a lot of candy, and babby dolls, and a lot of barby. I wnat to have a car for christmas.

You are nice to the childrine. How is the other rander?

Your friend,
Brittani Harris


Happy Holiday
 Warmest Thanks for your patronage. To all,
 we wish a joyous Holiday Season. We Look
 forward to serving you in the new year!
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 Bill & Pat Carwile

Season's Greetings


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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer. How much snow do you have. I have ben very very very gud thes year. I whunt a skooter for Christmas. and sum bub-blegum coal. How is Mrs. Cloous. I want a nature book. and a hank the cowboy. how is rudof. I hop he is gud. I love you. I now have a skooter. A hemstr Babe.
Love,
Taylor Hartman

Dear Santa,
How is everything at the North Pole? How are the reindeer? This has been a good year. I have been a good girl. Will you bring me some Hank the cowdog books I really like them, and some jewelry, a barbie. Thank you! P.S. I got a hamster for my birthday.
Love,
Tori Acevedo

Dear Santa,
How is everything at the North Pole? Have you had lots of snow? It snowed here already. How are the reindeer? I have been very good this year. Will you please bring me some captain underpants books, a watch, a pool table, a high school football, some Goosebumps books and som marbles.
Love,
Terron Charles

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How is everythig at the noreth Pole? How is Ms claus? Have you had a lot of snow? It snowed here already. I have been very good this year. Will you bring me a Rugrats in Paris nintendo game and a trmpline and a game boy and some Captain underpant books. thank you for the gits last year.
Love,
Michael Evans

MERRY CHRISTMAS
 Wishing all the joys of the season to you &
 yours this best of all times - Christmas!

W.E.B. CONSTRUCTION
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Blessings

 ...for a holiday
 season filled with
 happiness and good cheer!
SKINNER'S
Grocery & Station
 Jim & Geanette Skinner

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Is Rudolph ready for Christmas? I have been good this year. I would like a bike, a Play Station, and other toys. Thank you for the gifts. I will share them with my sister Maria.

Love,
Benny Fuentes

Dear Santa,
How is the reandeer? please bring me a gam boy, a computer, a desk, and a hamster. thank you for the gifts last year. How is everything I love you please come we like you! merry christmas please game a watch.

Love,
Joshua Hargrave

Dear Santa,
How is everything at the north pole? how is comet? I have been a good boy. Can you bring me a Game boy, Poke'mon. It goes with the game boy. Encyclopedia brown books. Do you live on the moon? Just pick something out for me. I don't care what you bring me. I know it's gong to be special.

Your friend,
Chase Harris

Dear Santa Claus,
I believe an you. You now I do. gode love you. How are the reindeers. You are cool. How is everything at the North pole?

Love,
Meagan Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the elves? How are the reindeers? How is Mrs. Claus? I can't wait to see you at the mall. I would liek a TV/VCR. The kind like my cousin, Kodys. I would also like a Poochi dog. A blue one would be nice. I also want a sitn' style Barbie, a big bicycle, and a bible. I have been vary vary good this year. I will put out my on christmas eve. I will watch out my to try to see Ruddph the red nose reindeer.

Love,
Cheyenne Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a Captain underpants book. How is Rudolph doing. I hope he is doing good for its Christmas and ol of your elvs and you to wat all you giv me. I will be happy. Anyway you give me anything and I will be happy with any thing because I like all the toys they are cool

Love,
Ryan Nealey

Dear Santa,
How is your elves? How is Rudolph doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a watch and I want a cd player. I would want a Bronco Jacket and I want a Bronco sweater. I liked the presents that you gave me last year. I am going to leave you smilk and cookies. And I am going to leave you some candy. And I want you to take some candy to your elves.

Love,
Dakota Rawls

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Clous doing? I want a play station and a pair of boots. I bet you are really busy making stuff. Why does Eudolph have a red nose?

Love,
Kerwin Rawls

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers. How is Rudolph. Will you git r-grats in Paris the game, and captain underpants books. Do the elves help you with the toys? And Books? I been very good this year. Play saysin 21 game conso.

Love,
Johnathan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Is Rudolph nose still glowing? I would like Barbie furniture, lava lamp, and a jewlery box. I have been a good girl these year. Thak you for the stuf last year. By have to go I'll talk to you latr.

Love,
Kelsey Sedden

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa. How are you doing? I'm going to tell you what I want today. I only want 10 things. I want a computer scoter and all 8 Benne kids. Exspashaly angle she has a dress with white flowers.

Love,
Jessica Grasch

Dear Santa Clause,
How is Mrs. Clause? Is Rudolf ready for flying. I want a purple cordless phone with caller id for Christmas also 2 rings, and a basketball. I don't really know what else I want.

How are the elves? Are they aready to make the toys for all the boys and girls? How is Dasher, Dancer, Prance, Vicson, Comit, Cuped, Doner, and blitson? How was these flying so far this year? How is the snow up at the north pole? Are you sitting at the north pole drinking hot choclet? Are the raindeer prepering for Christmas Eve? If so tell them good luck. How far have the elves got on making the toys. 1,000 toys 2,000 toys how many do they have. What is the most wanted toy for christmas? Where do you live Santa? Are there a lot of trees around where you live?

Ariel

Dear Santa clas,
I want a set of pokemon cards and a nearv for nothing play gun and a remote control car from RC and a recorder

and a punching bang and dragen ball Z giggers and cards and a skeeter. I want a TV and rado and play station. I want a polemon graber ball, skoby do and thalein invaters, and a big Skoby do teddy bear. how are things gong. how is Mrs. claus doing, how's is rodo's family doing. right me back. how are the elvs are they ok? So whats up is things ok or a little cold, on december thers going to be a full moon so be cuful down to earth I do wish you could give all this stuf to me but you're elvs have so little hands so pick very little thin go they can do it realy fast. I wish I had a frend but I got to many all ready I hope you can get hear quick.

Your frend,
Storm Dumas

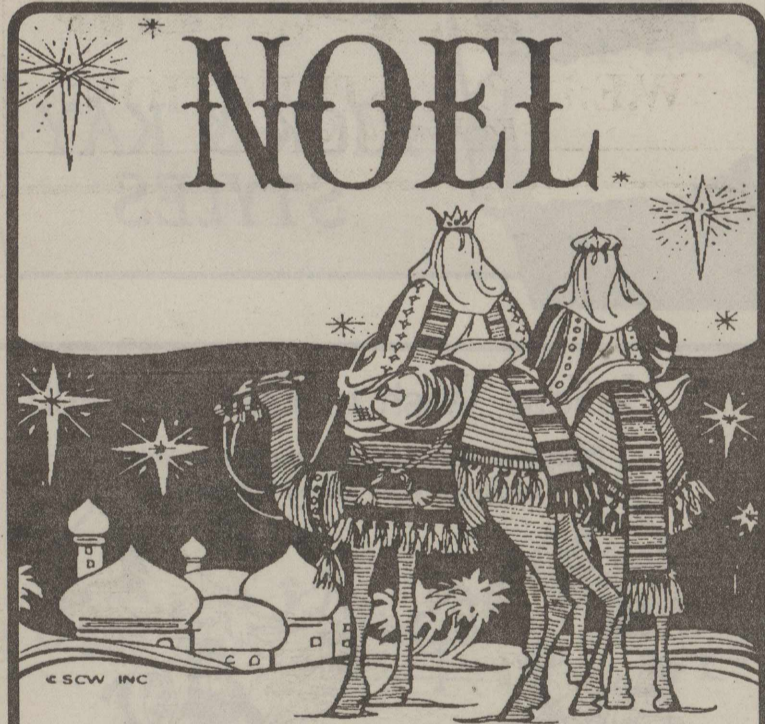
Dear Santa.
This is what I want for christmas. All I want is a wonderful christmas.

How is the north pole? How is the weather right now? How many children write to you before Christmas? I would like to know this stuff.

From,
Matthew Allen

Merry Christmas

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As we approach the Holiday Season, let us not forget the Birth of Christ. May peace and goodwill always dwell in your hearts.

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Lucretia & Mary

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want for Christmas.

List
Harry Potter Board Game, Laptop, Harry Pooter Card Game, Game Boy Color Game, Color CD Player, Calk Board with Calk, The RugRats go to Paris, The Six Since.

How is the North Pole? How do you fix the toys? How do you look like? How does the elves look like? How many kids write to you? How many elves are there?

From,
Samantha Swagerty

Dear Santa,
For this Christmas, I want a new bike, N64, Playstayton, Pokemon game cards, all four dark masters and jenie Dige-mon cards, and a WWF Smack Down ring white WWF Smack Down reslers with a snap on steel cage. How is the north pole doing?

Your frend,
William Glenn Macon

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want new gocart please and a world war II soledier. Could you give me the rugrats in Paris play station game. Hears a list of some more things, The rugrats in Paris movie, the game opper-ation, a NCAA football, a cdf playstoin game, a 12" gi joe helicopter and hospital jeep and a 12" dough boy in WWI gi joe and thats about it. Thanks santa for all you've given me in all the christmas is.

Thank you,
Reece

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, my name is Sm. I am not always good but I am not bad. I have been mostly good. I wnat a esle and paint. G.I Joes, tools, books, and cowboy stuff and a skatboard. (and legos)

How are all your raindeer? Are your elves being good? Tell all your raindeer that there will be hay in the front yard. There will be cookies in the living room on the fire place. Have a great great Christmas! Right back.

From,
Samuel

(P.S. when you right my a note underline you name so I know its you)

Dear Santa,
I whant a miny bike, my go-cart fixed and a radio and a VCR and a controller for my tv and cable in my room and more games for my play stashon and a romble pack for my nintindo 64 and a so you can have okV2 four controller 5 and thre controllors and more games for it I all redy have torak two and maryon. I wish you can bring me the books of harry poter chamber of secerats, sors her of stons, gooflit of fire, priz enzr of fask-abon and the new won I hope you can.

I wish you can get them for me. I am very thandful for you. Well I ges I have to go see yau latter.

by
Loyd Mills Jr.

Dear Santa,
This is what I would like to have a play station and a Digi-man game, a boat for my ment, a fort for my men, a cloke, a coliseum for my men, shards shelds for my men, galdiator stuff.

John

Dear Santa claus,
Hi Santa Claus how are you. Santa Claus can you get me two thing for Christmas. They are laptop computer and a game boy color. Can you tell me how the Elfes are dong and the deers, rodof.

Your friend,
Israel Cecilio

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Prescilla. What I want for christmas is a CD player, some CD's, a game boy color, a basketball, a volley ball, a watch, some bar-bies, a computer, computer games, board games, barbie radio house, a TV, a Vecear, some movies. I want to go to amarello for christmas. The rugrats in Paris game on playstation, a lap top for my mom. That is all of my list of what I want for christmas. How are you and the rainder and Mrs. Snata Clause? Are the elves busy with the toys that you are going to give out to the boys and girls?

Sencerly,
Prescilla Lara

Dear Santa,
I realy want a paint horse for Christmas. I want a Texas Tech stuff. I want a gocart. I want my sisters out. I want a big screen TV. I want a laptop computer. Who has been good and who has been bad? I want Blink-182 Nelly country gramer is the song from Nelly. I want another basketball goal and back board. I want a good football. I realy want my own dog. I need some horse stuff for my horse Chigger. Maby a little robot dog. Thank you for what I got last year. And how much do you weigh?

Love,
Nicole Reed

Dear Sant Claus,
Are you really a person or a fairytell I whont to no is rodof the Red nose Rainder is rell or not I whont a new scoter and a new makeup, hair shampu and \$100.000,000.00. Plese we need it and please get me a new football, new tennis hiter, tennis racet to it the tennes ball, a Big pool and new closes, a whont Brittny Spears new cd an new mod-ona c.d. and my biggest present is a computer.

And dont forget you biggest person is La Berand.
Miranda Riney

Dear Santa,
I want you to give me a puppy. I want a sony play staten. I want a gocart, I wnat some money a lot of N64 games I want a lap top com-puter I wnat Pokemon and Di-geman cards I want Tim McRaw. I have been very good. I want some computer games and some other stuff.
Nathan

Dear Santa,
How are you. I am fine. That time of yours has come. A lot of people are very excited. I can not wait till December twenty-fith. Here is a list of the top 5 things I want. Lego studios, nintindo cars with giftbox, Hey you, Pikochu, for it to snow, the Pokemon thunderstorm WWF beyond the mat.

Well, that was my top five present list. Even though right now it's in November, I still am too excited. Now I have a questions, where on the North Pole Continit is your castle? How cold is it there? How are the reindeer? How many elfs do you have? Well, it has been nice talking. See ya.

Your friend,
Cory Glover



CHRISTMAS Blessings

At this sacred season, in this holiest of times, we are again warmed by His gifts of love and hope.

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Season's Greetings

ALL the best wishes of the Christmas season to you and your family.

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A Holiday Wish to One and All!

May you enjoy a glad and glorious Yule. Thanks for your valued business.

BEN BESSENT CHEVROLET

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
Are you a real person? If you are can you get me a football and some new Nintendo games. A nother thing I want is a puppy and some money oh and a car I wnat it to be a ford lighting. What I really want is a four wheeler and a big scren T.V. I need some glof clubs and glof balls. I want some moives you like the grinch and the ovie Rugrats in pairs. I would also like some A&M stuf like tshirt and caps. Oh Hank the cow-dog books all of them. I want CD's too. I wnat my own horse too a paint horse.

From,
Eddie May

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good Christmas. this is what I want for cristmas. Star wars lego stuff, 98 cd, cd player, hot wheels, block bot, Nintendo 64 (with a game), bandit (puppy) a chew toy, bandit a collar, remote control car or truck, stereo (sun powered) or reagular.

Well I guess thats all. If you can't get me a Nintendo 64 then get me Cody to spend Christmas with us! Please get a friendship neclas for my friend Sam.
P.S. I will leave you some cookie and milk.

Your friend,
D.J. Acevedo

Hey Santa,
"Mele Kalikimaka!" That is from Hawaii where my third cousin & his wife are stationed, Dec.00. (They say the warm breezes are flowing.)

Back here in West Texas with the snow moving in, on Dec. 12, I'd like to ask for a gingerbreadman. (Mom made them when I was a kid.)

Love ya mucho,
Millicent M. Morgenstern

RL Kindergarten
Gibbs
December 8, 2000
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch and a video game. Please bring me something special. I have been very good this year. Have a safe trip.

From,
Grady Barnett

Dear Santa,
Are your elves good? I am trying my hardest to be good. Would you please bring me a table for my room? My mom needs a desk for her day care. I would also like an alphabet chart. Merry Christmas.

I love you,
Randy Barnett

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? This year I want a Barbie. Airplane Barbie. Please bring me her clothes and a airplane that folds out. I would also want her table and plant so she can sit down. How are your elves? Merry Christmas!

Love,
Faylin Bell

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How cold is the North Pole? Do your elves work hard? Would you please bring me a real Yamaha dirtbike and a real chicken. I've been really good this year. OK Santa? Please bring me a play shotgun.

Your friend,
Dawson Brisbin

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Would you bring me two baby dolls? Could you also bring me a double stroller? How is your wife? I've been really good this year.

Love,
Jordan G.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year, Santa? Please bring me a Pirate Costume, a sword, and ten stick horses. How are your reindeer doing? I promise that I will try to be good. By the way, how is your wife doing?

Love,
Justin Gartman

Dear Santa,
I would like a diamond necklace for Christmas and some black boots. I have moved to a new house, but I know you can find me. Merry Christmas.

Melissa Graft

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your elves? I would like a drinking baby doll. How are your reindeers? Are they ready for the big day? If possible a pink and purple bike! Also a T-shirt with a duck on it. I will leave out a Santa Cookie and milk.

Thanks,
Dusty Howard

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus ok? How are you doing this year? When you come to my house will you leave me skates? I have been really good this year, so a Barbie airplane is also what I want.

Hope to see you soon,
Makenna Netting

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Santa would you please bring me some legos. Also I would like a new bike. Can it please be a blue bike. If you can will you please bring me some Christmas books. If you can come I will have cookies and milk sitting out.

Thanks alot,
Zachary Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a real puppy. Another thing I would like is I wnat a play Yamaha motorcycle. I have been a good boy today. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,
Jonah Saucedo

Dear Santa,
My name is Kevin and I want a dirt bike. If you can't give me a dirt bike, please bring me a dog. I want a dirt bike like my grampa's one that is little. I have been good for you. My house is full of light for you can see it. I will leave you cheese and I hope you like it.

Your friend,
Kevin Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I really want a four wheeler. I would also like my own cowboy hat. Do you have a cowboy hat? I would like some new green boots from your toy shop too. Please bring them to me. I've been really good this year. How's Mrs. Claus?

Love,
Zach Skinner


Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Could you please bring me a brown puppy. I also would like a Calico kitten. I would like a little Calico kitten. Please bring me a collar and a toy for the kitten and puppy. I would also like a doll that sleeps and drinks its bottle. I would like a bottle and dipers for the baby. I will be good if you bring me this.

Thanks alot,
Ashlie Wheat

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Santa will your please bring me a calculator this year. If it's not any trouble I will like to have a knife too. If you give me what I want I will never get a mark in class again. I will also like a chinies fighting fish too. Santa I will be thankful for anything I get.

Your best buddy,
Laredo Williamson

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a remote control truck and airplane.

Love,
Dylan VanDeventer

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. How is Mrs. Claus? May I have a surprise. May I have a Barbie? May I have a Santa suit?

Love,
Beanca Bowen

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see you. How are you? How are the reindeer? Can you get me a Lego set and Mega Lego set and a gocart?

Love,
Chad Martin

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. How are the reindeer? I want a new play car. I want some new goo. I want a new video game set.

Love,
James Cooper Chambers

Dear Santa,
How are Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I need a bicycle. I would also like a Celebration Barbie.

Love,
Diana Vera

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeers? We love you. Jesus loves you. I want a hula hoop. I want a Barbie and a jump rope.

Love,
Rachel Rojas

Dear Santa,
How do you feel? How are your reindeer? I want a go cart and a world globe and a book and tape.

Love,
Vincent Batten

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I will give you cookies and milk. How is Rudolph? I want a dog. I want a cat. I want a teddy bear.

Love,
Linsey Arellano

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your reindeer? I want a big Barbie who has a dress for a girl.

Love,
(Forgot to sign name, but I'm sure Santa will know who this is)

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I want a dog.

Love,
Kimberly Roach

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf and now are the rest of the reindeer? How are the elves? Could I have a computer and computer disks.

Love,
Matthew C.

Dear Santa,
I want a miniature horse. I want a swing and umbrella.

Love,
Samantha Fernandez

2nd grade
Mrs. Horn

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a barbie jump rope for Christmas. I would also like another part of an easy bake oven for Christmas. I would also like one of your elf's dolls.

Love,
Meagan K. Ross

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Can you please get me a computer and a nintendo 64 and a skeeter. How are your elves today? How is Mrs. Claus? So have a very good Christmas.

Love,
Tanner Brickey

Dear Santa,
Could I have these? Dragon ball Z, Star War Legos, Veggie tales "The Toy That Saved Christmas". Thank you very much Santa claus.

Love,
Travis Sailer

Dear Santa,
Show this to your elves and your wife. I want a turtle frog and clothes. But I miss you very much. Good bye Santa.

Love,
Sarah Jo Walker



Christi and Obadiah Savage of New York City were among the visitors last week enjoying Bryan's Barn. Chris is the daughter of *Observer/Enterprise* publisher Hal Spain. Both the Savages are active in the theater industry.

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
Kenneth & Nancy
Rasco

Hi
To all who are young
in heart: Warmest
holiday greeting for
the best Christmas
ever!
Kaye & Gaylon
Pitcock

Tidings Of
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Merry Christmas and happy holidays from
the whole flock!
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Best wishes
of the season.
Have a happy
holiday!
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& Martha

HOLIDAY
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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
1. This year I want a hamster. 2. I want a radio with a CD player built in. 3. I want a horse poster.
Love,
Skyler Rainwater

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter and a computer and clothes. Thanks a lot. I hope you have a good Christmas. Make sure you clean your suit.
Love,

Amanda Georgina Mendoza
Dear Santa,
I really like legos. And I would like some. I would also like a J.R. guitar. Oh, I like rocks. I want a rock tumbler. I hope your elves are working happily!
Love,
Cody Taylor

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa I hope you are having a good time at the North Pole. I want a cotton candy machine, a scooter, and a hamster.
Love,
Callie Chambers

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control monster truck and a nintendo and a scooter. I hope you have a good Christmas. How are your reindeer and elves doing? I love u.
Love,
J.P. Conner

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy color and a nitendo and drums. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Diego Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I would like a play station and a bike and a Power Ranger Mega Sword of flight speed rescue.
Love,
Joe Estrada

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sock'em Bopper and a pet frog and a turtle. Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman are the movies I would like.
Love,
Jared Long

K. Duncan 2nd Grade
Dear Santa,
I want some make-up and a Grinch CD and movie. Could I also have a fat Barbie camera? Are you helping Mrs. Santa and the elves?
Love,
Ginny Caston

Dear Santa,
I want a very fast race car and a monster truck game for my nintendo 64. I want a scooter too. Hope you stop the Grinch from stealing Christmas Santa.
Love,
Jake Cotter

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid barbie and Christine. Could I please have some snow for Christmas. I also want a special prayer for my Big Dad.
Love,
Amanda Winters

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a G.I. Joe and some action figures? Please send me some army men too. I hope the Grinch doesn't steal Christmas.
Love,
Haden Dillard

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a lap-top and could you bring me a scooter and a pair of skates? Is it a Merry Christmas up there? Is Mrs. Claus cleaning the house?
Love,
Tiffany Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of Dragon ball Z toys. I also want a scooter and a skateboard. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Paul Pireda

Dear Santa,
I want a Dragon ball Z toys and pokemons. Could I have some G.I. Joe toys and a monster truck and army men. How are you doing?
Love,
Foster Allen

Dear Santa,
May I please have a scooter. I really want a po-go stick. I would like to have roller blades. I also would like a skate board. How is Rudolph? Are the elves working hard?
Love,
Heidi Meashelle Austin



Robert Lee Care Center residents celebrating December birthdays included Rosalind Robinson, Addie Andrews, Lillian Middleton, Essie Childress, and Glen Chapman. Also celebrating, but not pictured, were Ben Arnold, Ivey Eubanks, and Louise Natch.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas reminds us of the birth of Jesus, followed by his death on the cross for our sins, we can't help but feel the need to renew our faith as the season arrives.



Through Unity and Love,
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If you are called to help others, do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies."
IN DOING SO, GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.
Jackie Walker, Coke County Judge

May the magic of Christmas stay with you always.
Happy holiday to all our friends.

**Judy & Waldon
Ashlee & Lance
Millican**

Happy Holidays

To all our good friends: may you find gifts aplenty this Christmas, filled with love and much happiness.

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Love
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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I want a po-go stick and stilts and a stuffed lion. How is Rudolph? Is Mrs. Claus doing ok?

Love,
Kacee Roberts

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a six wheel monster truck and a monster truck with a ramp? I would also like a scooter. Are the reindeer doing good?

Love,
Logan Paul Philley

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a big bike. I really want a computer most of all. How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer doing?

Love,
Anita Connie Saucedo

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a Digimon movie and a Digimon computer. I also want Digimon toys.

Love,
Garrett Rogers

Dear Santa,
May I have a nintendo 64. Are your elves doing good? I hope that my great grandma is feeling better. I also would like clothes.

Love,
Joshau Rowoldt

Devoll 3rd grade
Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I would like to have a scooter, a Britney Spears CD, and a Christina Agulara CD please.
Good luck Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

Love,
Justina Gloria

Dear Santa,
How are you? Im alright. I also would like to know how your helpers are doing? I would like to have a computer, scooter, especially to see my dad.

Love,
Angelica Andrade

Dear Santa,
We all mess you. How are you doing? I would like a fish tank and one pack of dominoes for my dad. For Didi, he would like the real Picoucho and for Mom a beautiful dress. That's all. I wish you a Happy new Christmas and we love you Santa.

Your friend,
Ivan Landeros

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is the reindeer? I would like a scooter, puppy and a meow-chi.

Love,
Olivia Trejo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good all year. For Christmas I would like a Toy Story video, a toy saw, & anything else you would like to bring me. My mom will make you some sugar cookies & my dad will leave your reindeer some feed out in our yard. Don't forget my sister Brettne she wants a walkman.

Thank you,
Colton Reed


Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm being good. I would like for christmas some black football pants. Happy holidays!

Love,
Stetson Nesbit

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like to have a dirt bike and I would like to have a scooter.

Love,
Cody Brosh

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May the Good News of the Christmas Season abide with you now and throughout the coming year.
John & Pat Stephens

Season's Greetings

Happy holidays to all our fine customers. May your home be blessed with all the joys of the season.

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Well I am doing fine today. We are fixing to get out of school here in a few weeks. I hope your reindeer are ready to fly all around the whole world. I hope your elves are ready to make stuff because our class is writing 3 things for them to make. I hope you have a good Christmas. Are ya'll having a lot of snow? Well, for Christmas I would like to have a meow-chi dalmation, poo-chi, and a scooter.
Your dear friend,
Sarah Jones

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you have a good Christmas. I would like to have a dirt bike and a football helmet.
Your friend,
Blake Millican

Dear Santa,
How are you, the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? How do you get around the world? Why do you live at North Pole? I would like three things, a scooter, scata, puppy and jeans tatooes., Have a good Christmas.
Love,
Emilee Yanez

McCown's 3rd grade
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer?
Well, I want a scooter, a skateboard, and a lava lamp. I will leave cookies and milk for you and a carrot for your reindeer. I have been good at home and at school too. I got a cat and it was for my birthday. How is Rudolf and the other reindeer? How are the elves? I love Christmas so much, because, you come around the world to leave children and adults some presents. I would like to visit you and everyone else at the North Pole. I want you to have a Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Emily Arrelano

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and your Reindeer and elves? Hope ya'll have a good Christmas.
1. May I have a play farm with a truck and a tractor with animals please?
2. May I have a lot of plastic farm animals please?
3. May I have a pair of socker boppers and some finger nail polish please?
Love,
Briana Nichelle Brisbin

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa? Are you ready for Christmas? I would like a Dragon ball "Z" action figure of Vetgeta and trucks.
Love,
Cayetano Carrera

Dear Santa,
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Sarah Coppedge

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and reindeer? I want a baby brother and a baby sister and a scooter. How old is Rudolph?
Love,
Tanner Hanigan

Dear Santa,
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Love,
Terry McDonald

Dear Santa,
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Love,
Jacob Moreno

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I want a swimming pool and a computer and a trampoline and a new bed. Santa, in the parade I rode my bike. Santa you gave me candy canes. I want lots of books and new clothes and new shoes and a new cat and a scooter.
Love,
Nancy Landeros

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa,
How are you this day? Are you going to come to my house this year? This year are you going to bring some presents?
Love,
Miguel Perez

Dear Santa,
I am going to have a Christmas party on the 19th of Dec. I been as good as I tried to be. How is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Doner, Blitzzer and Rudolph? This is what I want for Christmas: a Sailor moon video and two leashes for my dogs and play clothes. Got to go.
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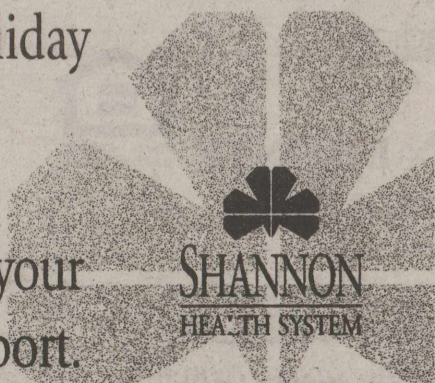
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Members of the '64 Study Club had their annual Christmas dinner at the Robert Lee recreation center on December 12, 2000. The members include (front row, from left) Leta Caston, Virginia Milliff, Nita Duncan, Olean Poor, Dale Fields, Jennie Tinkler, Grace Ditmore, (middle row, from left) Maxine Post, Lucile Bryan, Pat Carwile, Pat Gunnels, Maybelle Stewart, Winnie Pitcock, Margaret Jones, Patti Ivey, Virginia Fikes, Linda Carole Deere, (back row, from left) Charlotte McKnight, Pauline Brumley, Ruth Beal, Nancy Allen, Beverly Sinclair, Johnetta Lawrence, Peggy Davis, Beth Prather, Reba Tabor, Ava Lou Davis, Thelma Jo Hinnard, Fay Roe, and Lillian Parker. Not pictured are Nettie Autry and Della Alexander.

"64" Study Club Christmas dinner

Members and their guests met for their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 12, 2000.

A delicious catered dinner was held in the recreational center with a large number in attendance.

President, Beth Prather, conducted a short business meeting, then Nita Duncan, program chairman, introduced Daryl Copeland and daughter Tiffany who gave a very enjoyable traditional music program.

Leta Caston, coordinator, for the Rehab 2001 - 64 Study Club encouraged people to support the West Texas Rehabilitation Centers

annual telethon on Jan. 13th. Door prizes were drawn.

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Euterpean Club enjoys Christmas meeting

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell held their Christmas meeting in the lovely decorated home of Lillie Burwick, December 14th. Mary Burnett won the door prize.

After a very short business meeting, members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas music program. Mrs. Karen Saunders was the coordinator and the performers were Mrs. Wanda Sarratt - (keyboard), Mrs. Rebecca Whipple - (violin), Mrs. Bernadette Sarratt - (keyboard and cello), Miss Brittany Sarratt - (cello) 5th grade, Miss Tara Sarratt - (keyboard), 11th grade Miss Kaitlyn Saunders - (voice), 10th grade, and Miss Monica Whipple - (voice and flute) 8th grade. Blackwell has some very talented people and the club really enjoyed the performance.

Gifts were exchanged with

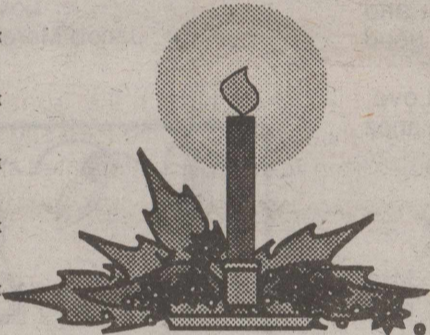
secret pals and refreshments served from a decorated table consisting of finger sandwiches, dips, cookies and punch. Lillie Burwick, Hulene Magness and Mary Burnett served as hostesses. Members attending were Margaret Battle, Betty Cole, Collene Fletcher, Tommie Lucas, Karen McBride, Gypsy McMullin, Dona' Sanderson, Karen Saunders, Margaret Stout and her guest Mary Lee, Rosemary Ten Eyck, Myrle Thompson and Bobbie Varnadore.

SA Genealogy and Historical Society

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan 2, 2001 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ at 901 Main Street, San Angelo, Texas. For more information call 655-6494.

Happy Holiday

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Santa Claus has joined forces with the Texas Department of Transportation to urge Texans not to drink and drive. Mothers Against Drunk Driving, convenience stores and the food and beverage industry are also participating in the holiday campaign. Last December eighty-three people were killed in Texas in alcohol-related crashes. (Photo by Rob Buck)

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Holiday Sweets and Treats Are Tough on Teeth

Sweets and the holidays usually go hand in hand. As people eat more cake, candy and pie, the danger of weight gain and tooth decay increases. Controlling your appetite and your snacking habits might be hard, but good dental hygiene can be maintained during the celebrations with a little moderation, will power and planning.

Sugar is one of the main causes of tooth decay, says Dr. Nancy Glick, faculty member in the TWU department of dental hygiene at Texas Woman's University. Glick, who teaches a course in preventive dentistry, adds, "Although sucrose, also called processed sugar or table sugar, is the most harmful, all types of sugar damage teeth."

The quantity of sugar eaten often is not as important as its form. "Soft, sticky types of sugar - such as taffy - are more harmful," explains Glick. "They adhere to the enamel longer and in greater quantities than hard candy, so bacteria have more time to turn the sugar into acid."

Children especially tend to eat more sugar than they should during the holidays. "It seems to start at Halloween, when they get bags of candy, and it continues through the holiday season. Afterward, we tend to go back to more

normal eating habits," she says.

"Everyone, including children, has plaque bacteria on their teeth. When we eat sugar, the plaque metabolizes it. One of the by-products is the acid, which makes the neutral pH in the mouth drop to an acidic pH. That acid is strong enough to decalcify, or to actually remove, some of the mineral from your teeth. When this occurs every day, over a period of months, a cavity will develop," says Glick.

Parents can protect their children's teeth by following some simple suggestions:

- Carefully select and buy limited quantities of snack foods. Avoid food with 'empty calories' - those with little or no nutritional value.

- Supervise children ages six and under while they brush their teeth, especially at night. "The most severe damage occurs while children are sleeping because saliva, which dilutes and neutralizes decay-producing acids, is reduced. As a result, brushing right before bedtime lowers the bacterial count in the mouth and prevents cavities from forming," explains Glick.

- If you can't brush after eating something sweet, take a sip of water and swish it in your mouth. This step is easy, convenient and dilutes the amount of acid in your mouth.

Other suggestions include:

- Always buy toothpaste with fluoride and the American Dental Association's seal of approval. Use mouthwashes

only if they are recommended by a doctor. Parents may floss their children's teeth, but it is not necessary until children have their permanent teeth at around age 12.

- Schedule regular dental examinations.

- Encourage children to drink more milk, especially while they are growing. Milk is not beneficial in the formation of teeth after they have erupted in the mouth.

- Protect children's teeth with a plastic sealant. "This is a preventative technique that covers the grooves on chewing surfaces of the back teeth, where it is often hard to

brush," says Glick.

- Encourage children ages 12 and older to floss. "Children who are younger than age 12 don't have the coordination to floss, but it's fine if a parent helps," she adds.

It is one of the great troubles of life that we cannot have any unmixed emotions. There is always something in our enemy that we like, and something in our sweetheart that we dislike.

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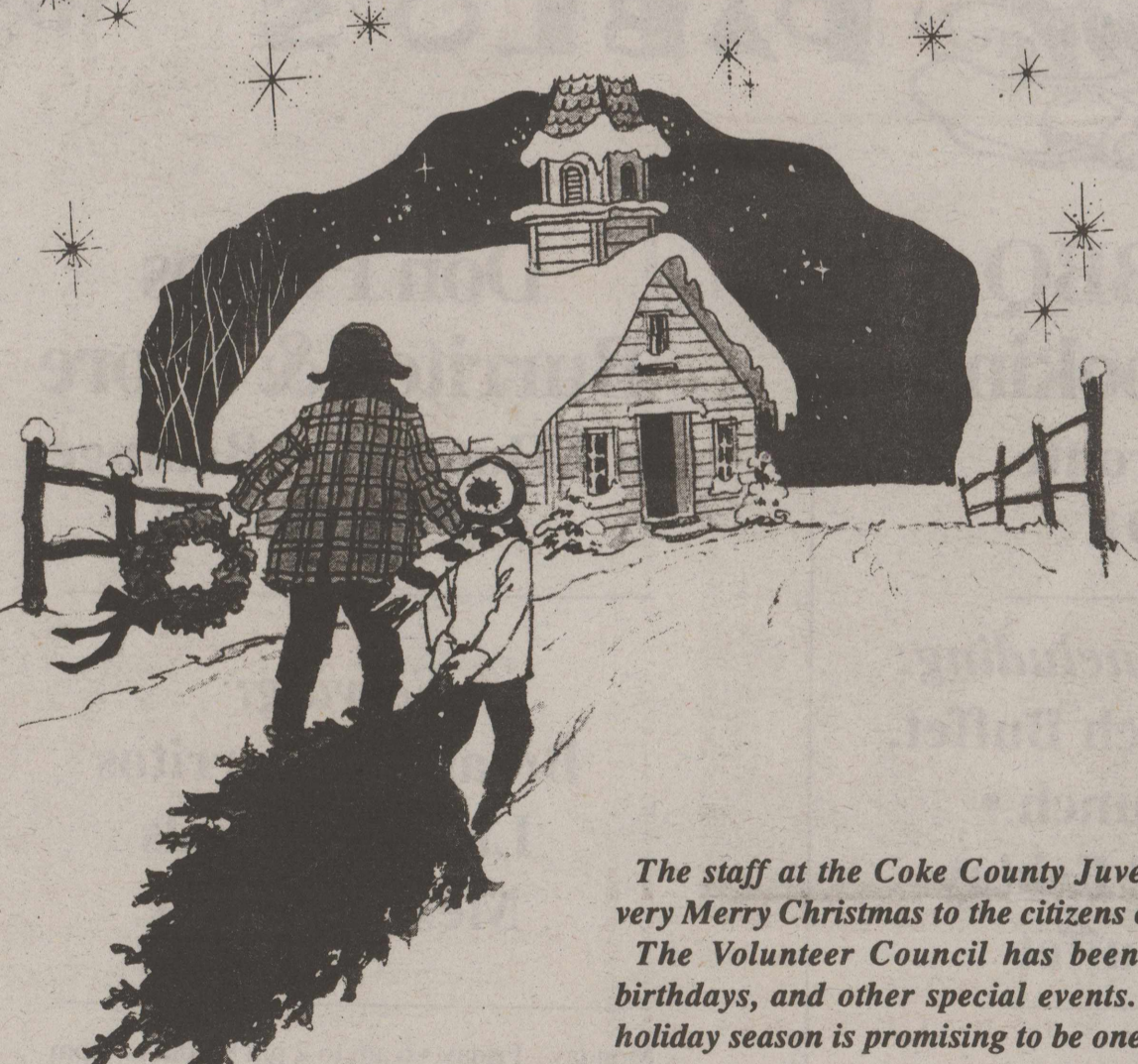
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*The staff at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to the citizens of Coke County.
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Thank you and Happy Holidays!*



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Time close to renew applicator licenses

Check your wallet - not your cash but your private pesticides applicator license card!

The reason is that many private applicators in Texas, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a February 29, 2001 renewal date.

And you have only a limited time to attend educational meetings that can give you the necessary continuing education units (CEU's) for renewal if you know about it and don't wait too long.

"Applicators actually still have plenty of time to get their CEU's," notes Texas commissioner of Agriculture, Susan Combs, Austin. "These classes can help applicators stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods. Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use."

But there's another heads up. Applicators are supposed to furnish the Texas Department of Agriculture with any change of address. Many rural addresses have changed with the implementation of the 911 emergency response system, and the U.S. Post Office won't forward mail for longer than a year in case you move or are assigned a new address.

Many private pesticides applicators have a new mailing address, which the TDA may not have in its records.

Combs reminds that providing updates or address changes allows applicators to receive their renewal notices on time and keep their license current. The TDA is planning to start sending out renewal notices soon.

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEU's during that period. Two credits must be integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form they should receive by early December.

Private applicators also may earn their required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEU's.

Combs said private applicators, mostly farmers, cannot simply retest to renew their license. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can take the private applicator training course and retest.

The commissioner is advising pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office to get a list of courses offered, or call the TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548 for a list of approved courses. A list of CEU courses is also available on TDA's web site: www.agr.state.tx/pesticide/ceuhome.htm.

The dollar coin and half-dollar coin were first issued in 1794; the quarter in 1796.

Tips for Enhancing Holiday for Elderly, Disabled

The holiday season is a time for giving and sharing with others. Enhancing the enjoyment of the season for others is one of the most welcome gifts, which is especially true for the elderly and for persons with disabilities, says a Texas Woman's University professor.

JoAnn Newman, assistant clinical professor in the TWU School of Occupational Therapy, says when considering ways to make the holiday season more enjoyable for these persons, one should consider lifestyle and personality of the individual.

"We tend to set this age group apart," Newman says. "Elderly people are still people. They just have reached milestones in their lives."

For persons living in a convalescent home, Newman suggest items that add a homey touch to a person's room, such as decorative pillows, framed pictures or a soft

fleece throw.

"We should also think of anything that will enhance the person's ability to function," adds Newman.

The TWU expert suggests gifts such as a magnifying glass for reading or a snap-on bag for use with a wheelchair or walker.

Among the gifts most appreciated by the elderly or persons with disabilities are time and transportation. Examples include such "gifts" as trips for shopping or errands, addressing Christmas cards or letters, outings for holiday activities, religious services, dinner or a ride to look at Christmas lights.

Other gift ideas are:

- Warm, soft clothing such as fleece shirts, knit caps and house slippers.
- Large-print books and magazines.
- Hand lotions.

- A supply of instant spiced teas and a mug.

- A basket filled with large-sheet stationary, envelopes, pens and a roll of stamps.

- A cordless telephone.
- Books on tape and other audio tapes.

County employees enjoy luncheon

Coke County employees enjoyed a covered dish luncheon at noon on Monday in the courthouse. A wide variety of dishes and holiday desserts were served. Judge Jackie Walker presented a plaque to Wayne McCutchen for two years of service to the commissioners court. Another plaque was awarded to Pat Percifull for his four years of service to that court. He was unable to be present on Monday.



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A WORD OF THANKS
I want to take this opportunity to say a word of thanks to the communities of Robert Lee and Bronte and to all the citizens of Coke County for their support of the efforts of the Coke County Ministerial Alliance and particularly for the support of the food closet. To the 4th grade class at Bronte Elementary who practiced that

"it is better to give than to receive" and to all the students of Robert Lee schools for their support in bringing food. To the Lion's Clubs of both communities for their donations and to the churches and pastors who have been a part of the Ministerial Alliance since its inception. To Rev. Morris Johnson and Rev. Paul Evans of Bronte for their support. To Rev. Waide Messer, Rev. Erma Johnson, Rev. Gene Gloria, and Rev. Dale Patterson who participated in the Community Thanksgiving and Community Christmas services. These are five of the best friends anyone could ask for. To the members of the congregation of First UMC who have put up with a pastor who sometimes has some strange ideas. And to the citizens of this community, who have embraced the idea that we are God's people first and denominations somewhere down the scale, and who have joined together to make God's work visible in this place. Thank you to the 115 people who attended the Community Christmas service last Sunday night and demonstrated that God's Spirit works in all people and that all people can worship together, regardless of language or culture or ethnic background. Did we have a good time or what!


Finally a word of thanks to those who have said so many kind things to me this last week. If there is thanks to be given to anyone, I should be giving thanks to you, the citizens of this community, who have embraced an outsider in such a loving way. If any difference has been made, if any work has been done, if any lives have been touched, it has been through, by and for the God of us all and Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who calls us to be one people, in Spirit, in faith, and in our works. May God continue to bless each one of you in this season. Rev. Jim Reeves 22a-1tp

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Holiday Eating and Weight: Maintain Now, Lose Later

During the holiday season, what should you eat? How much weight will you gain? How can you handle the temptations, tastes and smells that accompany parties, receptions and meals?

Plan first, eat sensibly and don't start a weight reduction program, says Johnna Kudlac, a registered dietitian in the Nutrition Clinic at Texas Woman's University. "Many Americans gain six to eight pounds during the holiday

WTRC's Jim Hadley retires

Stephen W. (Steve) Martin was named the vice president of operations for West Texas Rehabilitation Center San Angelo. The position was previously held by Jim Hadley, who had been with WTRC for more than 25 years.

Most recently Martin served as administrator of the Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation, Abilene, Texas. A Texas Tech graduate in Occupational Therapy, Martin was with the Dallas Rehabilitation Institute before joining the Hendrick Health System in 1991. He and wife Kelly have four sons.

Mike Boyd, Vice Chairman of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors said "we are fortunate to have someone with Steve's background and experience that understands the challenge of delivering Rehab services to the citizens of the Concho Valley."

season. Others try to start a new food program to avoid weight gain. Instead, everyone should try to maintain their current weight. Avoid making changes during the holidays."

She adds, "During this time of year, we find that even when a person's calorie intake is successful, the manner in which food is eaten - how frequently and how much - affects weight gain. When a person skips meals and 'saves up' for a party or other function, that individual will gain weight anyway simply because the body can only hold so much food at once. If you eat more than your body can manage, the extra calories become fat. If you don't eat enough, your body thinks it's been deprived of nutrients and then saves up what it already has as fat. Our holiday eating habits tend to make people gain weight, whether they are overeating or under-eating.

What should you do to avoid those traps?

Kudlac advises people first to avoid guilt about what they eat. "Eat what you want; just don't eat the whole thing. If you deny yourself 'comfort food' during the holidays, then you probably will eventually binge on the very food you're trying to avoid," she says. "The key is to keep a schedule and don't skip meals. Plan ahead and drink plenty of water, especially if you plan to have any alcoholic beverages, which tend to dehydrate the body. And don't forget that those drinks have many calories, too."



The orchestra from Central High School entertained the residents recently at Robert Lee Care Center.

Exercise is another key ingredient. Don't make excuses about being too busy. Walk, take the stairs and be active, says Kudlac. And remember...when you don't drink enough water, your body tries to keep what it already has - and you become bloated.

Other holiday eating tips from Kudlac include:

- Listen to your body; when you feel full, stop eating. It takes 20 minutes for your stomach to signal to your brain that you've had enough. Remember that "holiday heart attacks" can occur when you binge and overload your system; moderation is the key.

- Slow down while you eat and taste your food; savor the moment.

- Don't skip meals; breakfast is still very important.

- Don't give yourself a 10-day break and decide to throw all caution to the wind; the new year and six more pounds will be waiting for you.

- Strive to maintain your weight during the holidays; don't start a new weight loss program. Plan in advance, and eat a small snack before

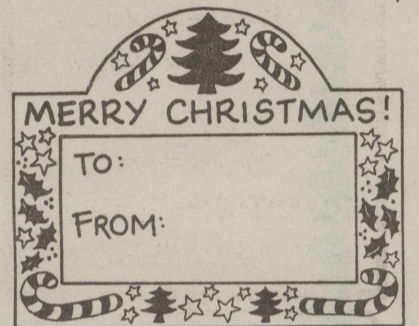
you go to a party.


- Sample a little bit of everything but don't overload your plate.

- Be sensible, remember to exercise and enjoy the holiday with others.

If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.

John Atkinson





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