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#### **THIS WEEK**

4 A new phone scam targets grandparents in the Texas Panhandle.



**Merchants** raise \$2500 for seniors

Clarendon merchants and their customers raised \$2,500 for the Donley

The City of Clarendon honors a man who has spent a lifetime serving the town. 6 The Lady Broncos notch. another win before the Christmas break

7 And the JV girls claim a tournament championship.

All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!

#### **Presbyterians** plan candlelight service

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual candle-light Christmas Eve service at 5:00 on December 24.

Lay pastor Nancy Ruff from Pampa will lead the worship, which will be a combination of scripture, message, and traditional Christmas hymns.

The congregation invites all visitors to attend.

The church is located at the corner of 4th and Parks.

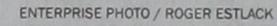
#### **First Christian to** hold Dec. 24 service

The First Christian Church will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this Saturday at 6 p.m.

The spiritual event is to remind everyone why we celebrate, and everyone is welcome to come hear Darrell Burton's. reading of the scripture and Katie Askew's music.

#### The Reason for the Season

A beautiful nativity scene at the Curtis Smith residence at Third and Parks in Clarendon is a reminder of the birth of Christ. "This is what it is all about it," Smith says. "This is why we celebrate."





County Senior Citizens last Friday.

Local shoppers were encouraged to visit ten local businesses that day, and the merchants in turn made donations to the senior citizens center based on that day's sale. The combined money was presented to the center Tuesday.

"The result was phenomenal," said Terri Floyd of Every Nook & Cranny. "We had several people come in the store who were specifically there to support the senior citizens. My first customer of the day, it was the reason he came in."

DCSC Director Mary Shields was taken aback when she heard the total that merchants were giving to the center.

"Oh, my goodness!" she said. "That is unbelievable!"

Shields said the money will come at an important time for the senior citizens center and said she appreciated the support of all the businesses and their customers.

"Our little community has such loving people," she said. "The center will use this wisely. It will help us so much."

Bill Stavenhagen of Stavenhagen Video said the donation represented what can happen through team work and shopping at home.

"It just goes to show what the people of Donley County can do when they pull together - merchants and customers," he said. "It's a great benefit to

The First Christian Church is located at Third and Gorst.

#### **First Baptist offers** invitation Dec. 24

The First Baptist Church of Clarendon will hold a Christams Eve Service at 6 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend, and the church is located at 300 S. Bugbee Ave.

#### **Christmas service** at First Assembly

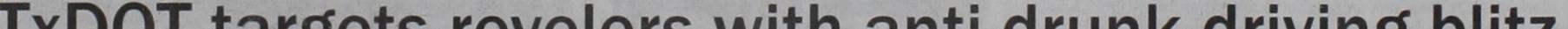
First Assembly of God invites everyone to attend their Christmas Service at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday. The church is located on SH 70 South.

#### Stock show will be held on January 7

The Donley County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 7, at the Donley County Activity Center north of Clarendon.

The show will start at 8 a.m. with the meal at 6 p.m., and the sale will start at 7 p.m.

#### **Seven incumbents**



the senior citizens.

Clarendon Merchants appreciate everyone who has shopped with them during this holiday season and especially those who supported the effort to help the senior citizens.

Merchants participating in last Friday's project were: Every Nook & Cranny, Stavenhagen Video, Mike's Pharmacy, the Clarendon Outpost, J&W Lumber, Lowe's Family Center, Country Bloomers, Saye's, Henson's, and THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

#### **Early deadline** for next issue

Early deadlines and revised office hours have been set for the ENTERPRISE for the next two weeks.

The ENTERPRISE office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 22 and 23, for the Christmas holidays.

The deadline for next week's issue will be at noon on Monday, December 26, for all news, photos, classifieds, and ads. The paper will be distributed on Tuesday, and the office will be closed the rest of the week.

Regular hours and deadlines will resume the week of January 2.

We wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

And I want... Danika Middleton runs down her Christmas list with Santa Claus when the Jolly Old Elf came to Hedley last week to visit with kids of all ages. To see what Donley County kids are asking for this year, check out our "Home for the Holidays" section in this week's Enterprise. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

#### running for office

Seven candidates have signed up to run for local offices on the Republican ticket next year, and no Democrats were running as of Monday's filing deadline.

All seven are incumbents, but two switched their party affiliation this year. Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn and District Attorney Luke Inman left the Democratic Party.

Other candidates are County Attorney Landon Lambert, Constable Doug Wright, Tax Assessor/Collector Linda Crump, Commissioner Andy Wheatly, and Commissioner Dan Sawyer. The party primary will be held next spring, and the general election will be held in November.

ment of Transportation is pulling out home or call a cab.

messages, urging Texans to celebrate SantaInTexas. responsibly.

Santa's reindeer will adorn things to Texans, including family this summer, motorists are now more campaigns are working," added Officials say other costs associated

## **TxDOT** targets revelers with anti-drunk driving blitz

AUSTIN - With the holiday you're tipsy, buzzed or Blitzen. Call said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic the survey respondents reported they not be tolerated on our roads." season upon us, the Texas Depart- a cab or get a sober ride home." all of the stops to remind motorists the action this year, with a brand not to get behind the wheel if they've new interactive "31 Days of Holiday been drinking and to find a sober ride Cheer" calendar. Each day unlocks at locations where alcohol is served the TTI survey in partnership with reduce impaired driving throughout games, recipes, tips, and videos to or purchased."

Throughout the month of make the season merry and bright, December, convenience stores, bars all with the reminder to keep the ported by new Driver Awareness celebrate these findings. and restaurants, gas stations - even holidays happy and plan a sober ride. and Attitudes survey results, which movie theaters - in major Texas mar- Facebook users can engage with the indicate that fewer Texas motorists cate the public on the importance of kets will carry TxDOT's campaign new content at www.facebook.com/ are drinking and driving. Indeed, planning ahead instead of driving offenders face a fine of up to \$2,000,

"The holidays can mean many

bar coasters, pint glasses, bathroom dinners, office Christmas parties and likely to designate a sober driver, call Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Oper- with an impaired driving charge can mirror decals, digital signs over New Year's Eve festivities. As we a friend or family member, stay put, .ations Director. "We're thrilled that add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, bathroom urinals, street posters, and celebrate the season, we're encour- or to take a taxi or public transporta- Texas motorists are retaining the legal fees, court appearances, courtgas pump nozzles. The reindeer's aging motorists to keep the holidays tion than to drive while impaired. message will read, "Don't drive if merry and to plan a sober ride home,"

'don't drink and drive' reminders days. will be popping up online as well as

Operations Director. "That's why, had been exposed to an impaired Santa himself is getting in on throughout the month of December, driving message within the past 30

"After years of working to edu- from now through New Year's Day. according to the Texas Transporta- while impaired, these survey results loss of their driver's license for up tion Institute (TTI) survey conducted highlight that our public advocacy to a year, and up to 180 days in jail. Approximately 75 percent of don't mix and that drunk driving will and other expenses.

Far from resting on its laurels, however, TxDOT will be working with police departments and sheriff's

TxDOT, which commissioned offices across the Lone Star State to the National Highway Traffic Safety the holiday season. Law enforcement This year's campaign is sup- Administration, has good reason to statewide will be working overtime to find and arrest impaired drivers

> Convicted first-time DWI message that alcohol and driving ordered classes, insurance increases,

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**The Five Best Christmas Movies:** 

## The gift of grace and

## renewal

#### By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

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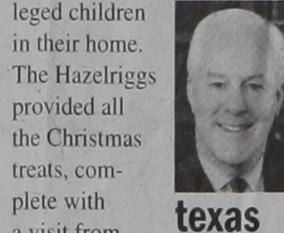
Let's have a happy debate: What are the five best Christmas movies of all time? Obviously, tastes differ and change over time. Here are my five favorites, the ones I am willing to watch every Christmas season, starting with number five and ending with my absolute favorite:

Number five: "The Bishop's Wife" — In this enchanting fantasy, Cary Grant plays an angel who visits earth to help a bishop (the superb David Niven) and his devoted but unhappy wife (Loretta Young). The message is the perennially important challenge to Christians to keep material concerns from eclipsing our spiritual priorities. This story is engaging, sweet, and profoundly wise. The scene in which the debonair Grant recites part of the 23rd Psalm is beautifully unselfconscious. It's hard to imagine such a scene in a contemporary movie. Number four: "A Christmas Story" - This nostalgic, hilarious 1983 classic convincingly depicts 1940s Middle America-a simpler time whose values seem nearly lost today. The first time I saw this, I howled. Even now, when it runs on cable television around the clock on Christmas Day, some of the scenes are irresistibly funny. Number three: "Home Alone" - Certainly, the slapstick battle between young Macaulay Culkin and the bumbling bad guys, brilliantly played by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, is the heart of this movie, but it also deals touchingly with the frictions that sneak into family life. I love the subplot in which young Kevin teaches his formerly mysterious neighbor to press the "reset" button and reconnect with his estranged son and his family. Number two: "A Christmas Carol" - What makes this Charles Dickens tale a timeless classic is the rebirth of the miserly, self-absorbed Ebenezer Scrooge. Scrooge had sealed himself off from his fellow man and turned into a shell of a human being. In "A Christmas Carol," the Christmas promise of redemption finds realization. Scrooge's heart is set free from its stony prison. He decides to love others, and as he does, he finds joy and returns triumphantly to the land of the living. A timeless truth is that one of the most effective ways for a person to find happiness is to focus on how to bring happiness to others. Just as "the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends" (Job 42:10), so Scrooge got a new lease on life when he cared for others. For the record, I prefer either the 1938 version, starring Reginald Owen, or 1951 film, starring Alastair Sim—sorry, the newer versions fall short. Number one: "Little Lord Fauntleroy" — This film is a real dark horse. Most don't even know it exists. It has a simple, well-constructed plot, charming characters, and culminates on Christmas Day with the full redemption of an old man. Like Scrooge, the old man's spirit had withered, but was recovered through the pure and innocent love of a young child ("and a little child shall lead them"-Isaiah 11:6). I like the 1980 version, starring Ricky Schroder and the incomparable Alec Guinness, known to my generation for his Oscar-winning role in "The Bridge over the River Kwai," and to younger movie-goers as Obi-Wan Kenobi. The most common elements in these five movies are the power that children have to touch our hearts, the wonder of redemption, and the opportunity for rebirth. Indeed, birth and rebirth is what Christmas is all about. When a baby is born, it signifies the eternal hope that life can be pure, gentle, loving, and peaceful. Babies are living miracles. I love the way Luke relates how the Virgin Mary, shortly after her spiritual conception of Jesus, visits her elderly relative, Elisabeth, who had become pregnant with John the Baptist six months earlier, and John "leaped in [her] womb for joy" (Luke 1:44). How can one read that and not recognize the humanity of babies as people? And what greater wonder (and hope) can there be that there actually was a baby who brought to light Immanuel-God with us-to heal, restore, and bless? Merry Christmas, everyone. Enjoy those Christmas movies, and may you feel as a palpable presence the holy benediction "on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

## A Christmas wish continues in Texas

Born in 1900 in Mount Pleasant, Texas, Mary Lou Hazelrigg (then Harris) grew up with a keen understanding of what it means to "go without." Raised on provided all her grandfather's farm, Hazelrigg grew up chopping and picking cotton and driving a mule. Her education was intermittent, depending on how much she a visit from was needed for her chores at the farm. When she was relieved of her chores, she A gathering would make the three-mile walk to her of about 10 to school house. Perhaps it was her limited opportunity to earn a formal education that made Hazelrigg so determined later on to see that her own daughter received a quality education. As a young single mother, Hazelrigg worked as a cook and resided in servants' quarters to be able to afford to send her daughter to a Catholic boarding school.

After her marriage to Alexander Hazelrigg, the couple moved to Amarillo in 1940. They both worked as janitors for the City of Amarillo for a period of 20 years, with second jobs at night to earn extra income. Upon retiring, Hazelrigg determined to do something positive for the needy children in the North Heights area of Amarillo. She recognized that many of them faced a Christmas that was lacking presents or, in some cases, any sort of celebration. In 1965, Hazelrigg and her husband began hosting a Christmas party for underprivi-



times Santa Claus. by sen. john cornyn

12 children attended the first Hazelrigg Christmas party. This fairly light attendance was short-lived, however. Word soon spread and each year brought more and more children to the Hazelrigg home at Christmas. Soon, hundreds of children were attending, from towns across the Panhandle. Each child came with the assurance they'd receive Christmas treats, toys, and a visit with Santa Claus. By 1984, the celebration had out-

grown the Hazelrigg's home. When the attendance peaked at nearly 1,000 children, the decision was made to move the celebration to the North Heights Center, and the tradition was continued by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity of West Texas State University - now West Texas A&M. Over the years, the Mary Lou Hazelrigg Christmas Party has continued to provide children in need with gifts on their wish lists thanks to the generous support of local donors



Mary Lou Hazelrigg's goodwill did not go unnoticed by local and state leaders. The Amarillo Globe-News named her Woman of the Year in 1982 and in 1984, she was presented with the Texas Governor's Award. She was recognized by several organizations for her service, including the Amarillo Police Department, West Texas A&M, and Northwest Texas Hospital. Hazelrigg passed away on May 16, 1990. Today, 46 years since her first Christmas party, Mary Lou Hazelrigg's legacy lives on as local children in need continue to experience the spirit of Christmas thanks to her kindness and hard work. Those interested in learning more about the annual Mary Lou Hazelrigg Christmas Party can contact Jackie Montague, (806) 351-0454.



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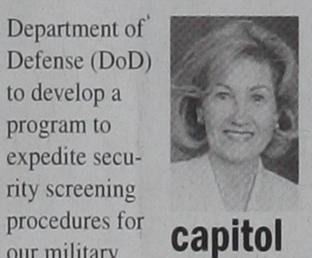
rity screening

With the holiday season upon us, many Americans are traveling through crowded airports. For our service men and women who are deployed overseas, reuniting with loved ones for the holi- , days likely has been their first thought each morning and their last thought each night. Many of these troops are traveling to or from multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As I travel back-and-forth from Texas to Washington, I have seen our pany them. military men and women in uniform waiting patiently in long airport security lines, watching as they must remove their combat boots, worn on the front lines of Afghanistan.

I think the vast majority of Americans would agree that our military men and women make sacrifices for our nation every day. The least we can do is make their lives - and the lives of their family members - easier when they travel on official orders around the country they defend. Our nation's military have earned the right from a grateful nation to go to the front of the line.

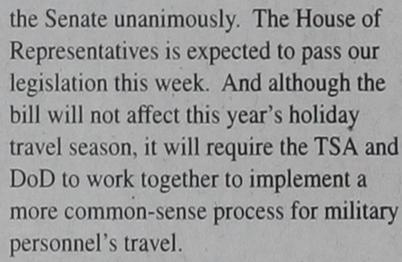
That's why I introduced The Trust Our Troops Act (S. 1954). The bill. requires the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to work with the



procedures for our military comment personnel and their families by sen. kay bailey hutchison who accom-

After I spoke on the floor of the Senate about this legislation, I was stopped in the hall by a young man who just happened to be in the Senate Gallery that evening during my remarks. As an Army Special Forces Sergeant, he told me about his own experience at airport screening while in uniform carrying a military radio as part of official courier duty between bases. TSA agents took his radio apart to test for explosives. Such examples occur every day to our men and women in uniform at airports across our nation. That's what drove me to introduce this legislation.

The Trust Our Troops Act has bipartisan support and was co-sponsored by Senators Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and Richard Burr (R-NC). It passed



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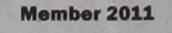
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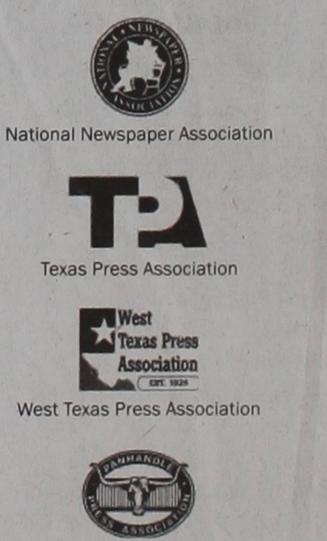
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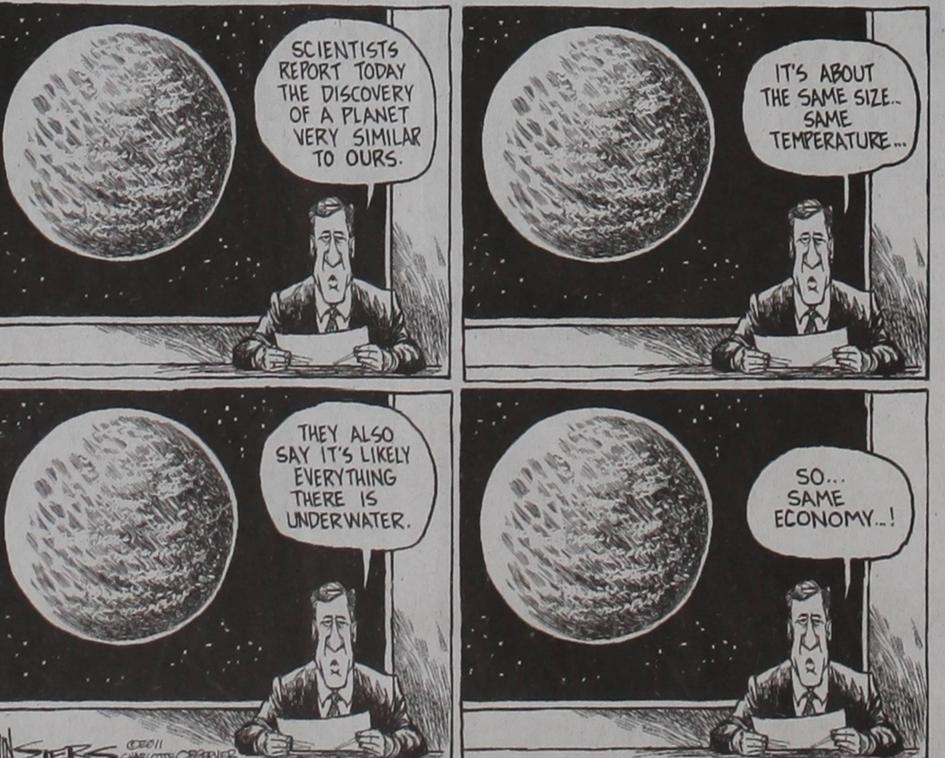
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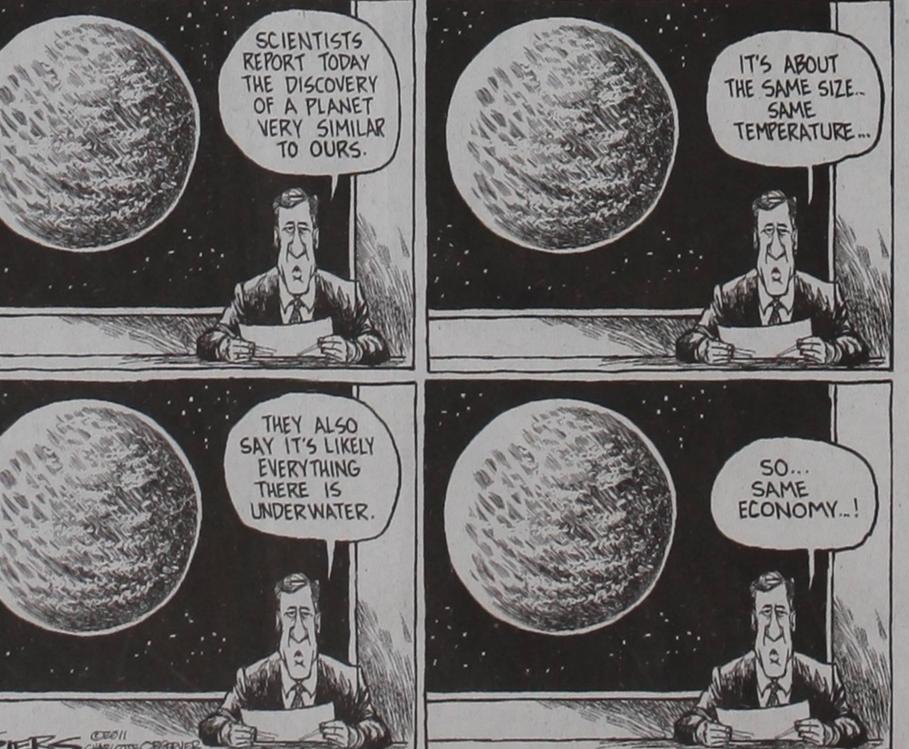
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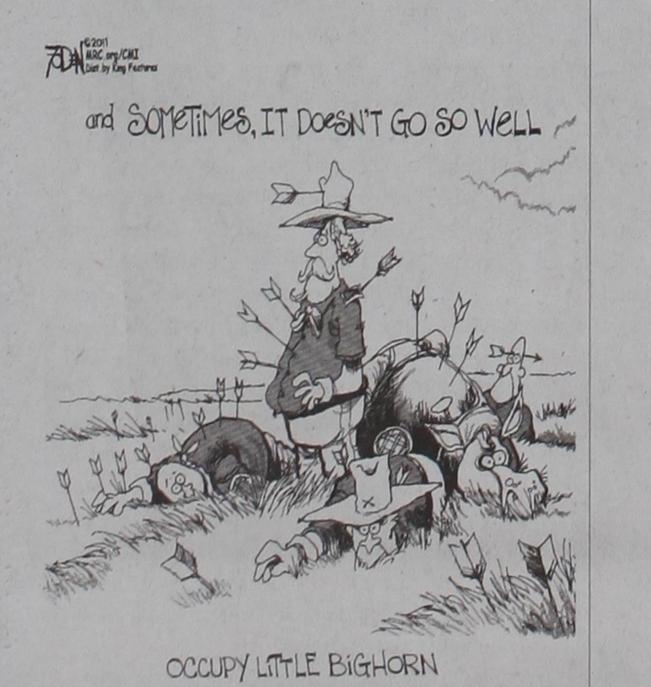
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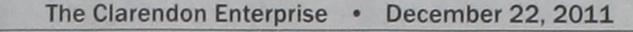






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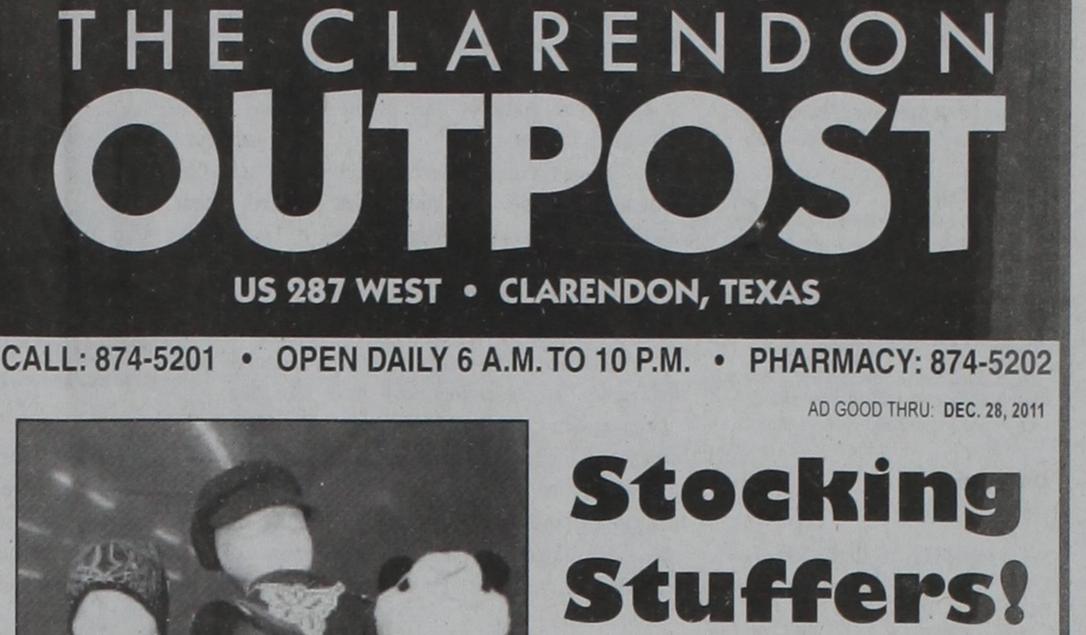




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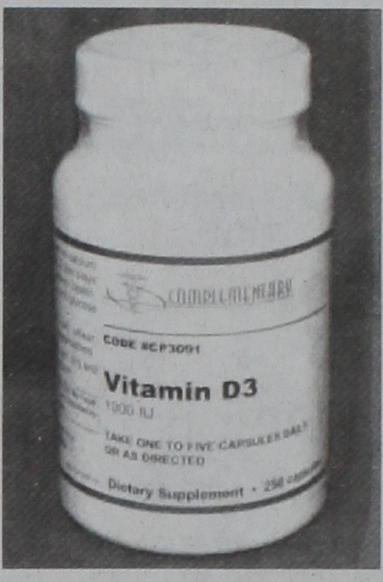
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#### December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service • 6 p.m. • First Christian Church

First Baptist Church Christmas Eve Service · 6 p.m. · First Baptist Church

First Presbyterian Christmas Eve Service • 5 p.m. • Presbyterian Church

December 25 Christmas Day

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## Old phone scam returns with new twist

scams where someone has report- some cases, edly been arrested.

This particular scam has been ents are conaround for a long time, and thieves vinced are working harder to localize the it is really scam. The caller (thief) will call their grandsomeone and pretend to be a grand- child because child of the homeowner.

When the homeowner answers sounded just the phone; the scammer will say like them. "Grandma (or Grandpa), is that you", when the homeowner says who is story will be along the lines of I got grandson, they were instructed to

one to be very wary of telephone "Yes, grandma it's me, Tommy." In thing similar).

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In nearly all of the reports was not in jail. we've heard about, the caller is of these countries.

reportedly in the city jail.

After pretending to be their some financial loss. one of their grandchildren and may to not call the parents of the child Quebec, Canada. Fortunately in this seas.

The Donley County Sheriff's even offer a name like, "Tommy? Is because they want to get out of jail case, the grandparents did not wire Department wants to remind every- that you?" The caller will reply with and tell them face to face (or some- the money and even checked with the child's parents to verify that he

> Please be very cautious with either in Canada or Mexico wanting these types of telephone calls. If the money wired to a person in either you receive a distressing phone call from someone claiming to be your

> In one recent incident; grand- grandchild, check with other family parents that live in Guymon, Ok members before sending any money were called about a grandson that to verify the child has indeed been was arrested in Amarillo and was arrested. Generally, no police report is necessary unless there has been

Sheriff Blackburn reminds you this, the caller will reply with "It's into some trouble and I got arrested wire \$2,400 to an individual in Bar- that law enforcement officials will me, your grandson (or granddaugh- and I need you to wire me some celona, Spain. The phone number not call and ask someone to wire ter). The homeowner presumes it is money. They will also be instructed that was given is registered out of money anywhere, especially over-

#### **Chaparral Sams hold Christmas luncheon**

The Chaparral Sams Chapter of Good Sams held their Christmas luncheon at the Main Events, Childress; December 17, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. Hosts/Hostesses for the meeting were Lena Cook, Kenneth and Yvonne Ellis and Edwin and JoAnn Meyer.

President Tom Etheredge called the business meeting to order. Cary Don Neeley voiced the invocation and the table grace. Offers and Committee Chairs gave their reports.

Chapter members gave \$145 to the Childress Meals on Wheels. This is a yearly project and the money is given to the meals on Wheels where the December meeting is held. '

Guests attending this festive party were: Raleigh Henard, Joyce Hix, Larry and Sandy Grillet, Terry and Shannon Coonrod, Zach Etheredge, Russell and Adrienne Meyer, and Jimmy Meyer. Members attending were: J.W. and Ida Hartman, Buster Hughs, George and Marilee Self, Larry and Slice the roll-ups into 1-1/2-in. Eva Reich, Jay and Verna Teague, Pat Riggins, Joe and Peggy Stew-Jesus Christ is the Reason for art, Rudie and Karon Tate, Dan and Neeley, George and Vickie Porter, Christmas Trees are Christ- and Tom and Virginia Etheredge.

## **Hedley Senior Citizens fundraiser a big success**

#### December 29

Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v. Sanford Fritch • 1 p.m. • at Sanford Fritch

#### January 1

New Year's Day

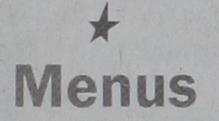
#### January 6

Lady Broncos v. Memphis • JV at 6 p.m. · Varsity at 7:30 p.m. · in Memphis

Broncos v. White Deer . JV at 6 p.m. · Varsity at 7:30 p.m. · Bronco Gym

Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v. Lefors . 6 p.m. • Hedley Gym

**January 7** Donley County Junior Livestock Show



#### December 26 - 30

**Donley County Senior Citizens** 

Mon: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - CLOSED. Tue: Breaded chicken tenders, Baked Potato w/ sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries & whipped topping, low fat milk/tea.

Wed: Homemade turkey pot pie, seasoned corn, tossed salad, ambrosia, low fat milk/tea.

Thu: Spaghetti/meatballs, whole wheat rolls, margarine, spinach, honey dew melon, low fat milk/tea. Fri: Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, seasoned vegetable blend, strawberries & bananas, low fat milk/tea.

#### **Hedley Senior Citizens**

some wonderful ornaments to deco- and we hope rate the tree that will be in the senior you citizens building during Christmas. a Bruce & Gwynne Howard told ful the Christmas Story in song and the with kids all participated in it.

Santa Claus had about 70 kids Everyone is to set on his lap and tell him what getting ready they wanted for Christmas. Mom for Christmas and I will be going to Burleson for so remember Christmas to see our babies. I plan the reason for on being back home sometime that the season.

Sunday. Please, Hedley people,

have wondertime family and friends. chatty kathy by kathy spier

Roast Beef Roll-Ups: 4 ounces rolls, in another bowl, combine the Christmas. call me (856-5302) to let me know cream cheese, softened, 1/4 cup cream cheese, carrot, zucchini and where you went over Christmas or minced fresh cilantro, 2 to 3 table- dill. Spread about 2 tablespoons on the reason for the season.

Hedley • 856-5302

December 14 at the Senior Citizens to know! Mom and I want to wish 1 garlic clove, minced, 1/2 pound tightly; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigbuilding. The grade school made everyone a very Merry Christmas thinly sliced cooked roast beef: erate overnight.

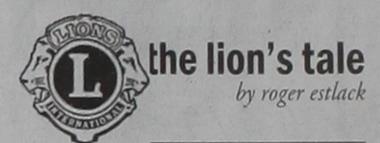
Ham And Turkey Roll-Ups: 12 ounces cream cheese, softened, 1/2 pieces. Yield: 6-7 dozen. cup shredded carrot, 1/2 cup shred-1/2 pound thinly sliced fully cooked Christmas! ham, 1/2 pound thinly sliced cooked

Santa Claus came to Hedley on who came to see you. People want spoons minced banana peppers, each slice of ham and turkey. Roll up

ded zucchini, 4 teaspoons dill weed, the Season and it should be called Shirley Henard, Cary Don and Pam

turkey, Directions for both: In a small mas trees not holiday trees; it is bowl, combine the cream cheese, the Christmas Season not holiday cilantro, peppers and garlic. Spread season. If you are afraid that it will about 2 tablespoons on each slice offend someone because you say of beef. Roll up tightly and wrap in CHRISTMAS then just tell them it plastic wrap. For ham and turkey offends you because they don't say

Christ is Christmas and He is



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 20 with Boss Lion Steve Hall in charge.

After a quick meal, members of the club loaded canned goods and turkeys into boxes and delivered the food to give 40 local families a more merry Christmas.

The club appreciates the help of the Skelton Fellowship Class at the Methodist Church, students at Clarendon Junior High, and everyone who helps make this annual project successful.

The club will not meet next week. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3.

#### weather report

## **Howardwick Baptist Church enjoys caroling**

to 50° and a thunderstorm with rain. my baby doll Three days until winter. Oh my, what during WWII

will our winter be? I hope all my readers have a according wonderful Christmas; and if we to Mother, remember we are celebrating the Santa could

birth of Jesus Christ with Peace on only make so earth, good will to all men, our cel- many ebration will be a success.

Memories of Christmas past because of Howardwick • 874-2886 may not involve the lastest toy or shortages but gadget but something that happened he could make clothes.

to make it memorable. In fact, I

One week before Christmas in family, Daddy reading a Christmas and four glass ornaments, one of ardwick Baptist came caroling last

because, dolls that year

picks by peggy cockerham years Ole Jim was in the Air Force get caroled is fun too. it was "the Cockerhams against the world" which made us very close Nativity scene and the completed. and dependent on each other. That covered pavilion. That will have so

remember Christmas does not mean gift to the community. I also remember our first the most expensive present but those

the Texas Panhandle, and we awoke story, the clothes Santa brought for which hangs proudly from my tree night. It was a beautiful night, they this year. Unpacking the Christ- were all riding on a wagon pulled by mas decorations collected over 58 a pickup and we both enjoyed it so years and, as my daughters were much. Thank you, everyone. I have recalling this weekend, for the 20 gone caroling and that is fun but to The park looks nice with the

bond remains very strong; and if I much use and was needed by our could pass on advice to young fami- community. Thank you to all who lies, make your own traditions and worked on it, what a nice Christmas

Merry Christmas to all my read-

'wick

Mon: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY-CLOSED.

Tue: Ham and beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low fat milk.

Wed: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, emerald peas, low fat milk.

Thu: Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, and low fat milk.

Fri: Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tarter sauce, potato wedges, cole slaw w/dressing, peach Chantilly, low fat milk.



to last year and remember what you two-month old Gary in Albuquer-

Vernon.

challenge the reader to think back Christmas tree as a family with diamonds have been nice, too. Ole Jim and I will add a received. My memories are made of que with the handmade decorations memory to our Christmases, How- Jim and Buffy the Wonder Dog

ers and God bless you every one! Peggy and supporting cast, Ole

#### Buck Creek watershed protection plan available for review

#### By Kay Ledbetter

WELLINGTON - A public forum for comments on the draft Buck Creek Watershed Protection Plan is set for Jan. 10 in Wellington, according to Texas AgriLife cuss them with those in attendance. allow for stakeholder feedback. Research personnel.

The meeting will be from 6-8 p.m. at the Wellington Auditorium, 802 10th Street. Light refreshments and meeting sign-in will begin at she said. 5:30 p.m.

The complete draft watershed protection plan, developed by local stakeholders and drafted by Texas AgriLife Research at Vernon and the Texas Water Resources Institute, is now complete and available for review and comment, said Phyllis Dyer, AgriLife Research assistant and watershed coordinator in

meeting is to allow watershed part- tute, said this meeting will provide a voice comments on the plan and dis- but will largely be unscripted to ag.tamu.edu; or 1500 Research Park-

"Stakeholder feedback and comments are critical to develop- the course of the watershed protec- brought to the Jan. 10 meeting. ment of a watershed protection plan tion plan development project was

distributed to members of the Buck porated," Gregory said. Creek watershed partnership. She encouraged anyone wanting a copy Jan. 10 meeting will allow folks to project website http://buckcreek. tamu.edu/ to download a copy.

Lucas Gregory, project manager 10 meeting is our primary purpose Dyer said the purpose of the for the Texas Water Resources Insti- for hosting this meeting."

Comments on the plan can nership members the opportunity to brief overview of what is in the plan, be sent to Gregory at lfgregory@

> way, Ste. 110, 2260 TAMU, Col-"Feedback received throughout lege Station, Texas 77843-2260; or

Funding for the development that everyone can be supportive of," used in developing this draft of the and support of the Buck Creek plan, but until the plan is all pieced Watershed Protection Plan is through Dyer said electronic or print together it is difficult to visualize a Clean Water Act grant provided by copies of the draft plan have been how earlier feedback will be incor- the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and U.S. Environ-

"The time between now and the mental Protection Agency. For more information and to to contact her at 949-414-0195 or read through this plan and formulate download the draft watershed plan, pmdyer@ag.tamu.edu or visit the any comments or questions about see the project website or contact the plan," he said. "Discussing those Gregory at 979-845-7869 or lfgregcomments and questions at the Jan. ory@ag.tamu.edu.

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Mon	12	46°	38°	.02"
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Wed	14	58°	33°	
Thur	15	50°	26°	-
Fri	16	54°	26°	
Sat	17	57°	30°	.34"
Sun	18	62°	35°	.15"
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#### weekend forecast



Friday, Dec. 23 Snow Showers 31°/20°





Information provided by: Tommie C. Saye 50 yr. Cooperative Observer, National Weather Service





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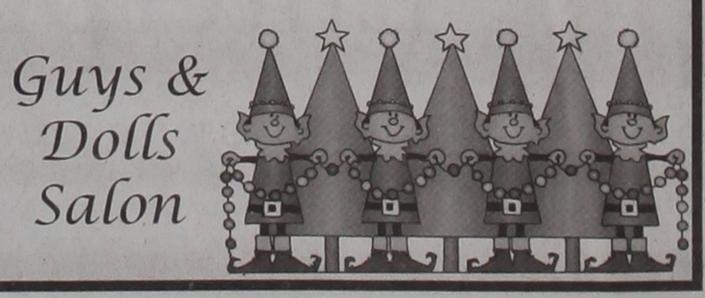
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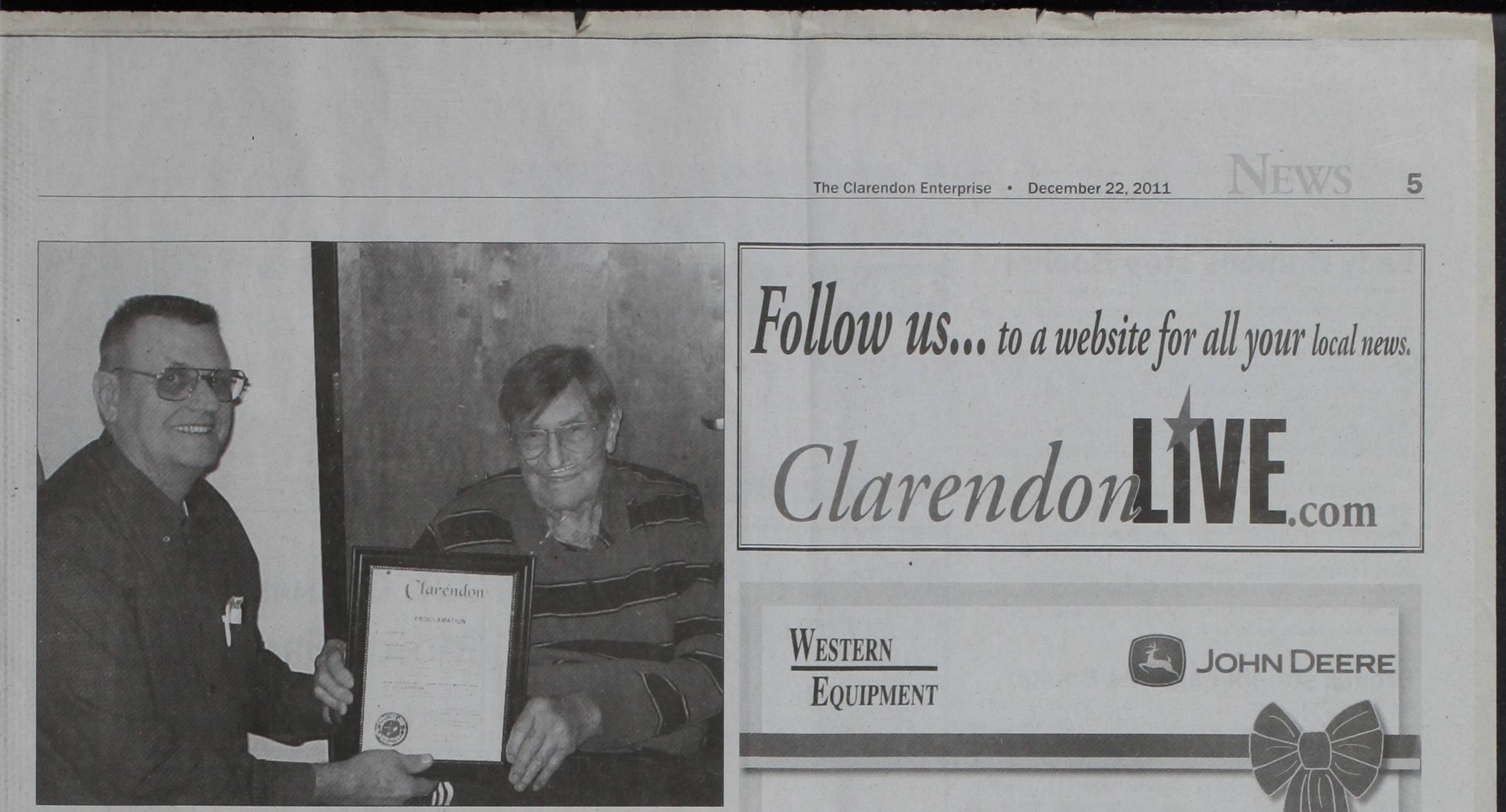
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#### **Public thanks**

Clarendon Mayor Larry Hicks (left) issued a proclamation last Tuesday expressing this city's gratitude to Dr. Charles E. Deyhle, Sr., for his years of service to the community. Deyhle recently stepped down as the city's representative on the Greenbelt Water Authority Board. A resident of Clarendon for more than half a century, Deyhle provided outstanding veterinary services throughout the Southwest and has previously served on the Board of Aldermen and the airport board. He is currently chairman of the Clarendon College Board of Regents.

#### Sheriff's Report December 12, 2011

9:14 a.m. - EMS Assist to CFMC. 7:46 p.m. - Courtesy transport to Hall County.

December 13, 2011
12:45 am- Report of car running into yard- 1100 Blk. W. 5th.
8:16 a.m. - EMS Assist 1200 BLK W. 3rd.
2:13 p.m. - EMS Assist- EMS Station.
12:42 p.m. - EMS Assist- Nursing Home.

#### December 14, 2011

8:34a.m. - Loose livestock on 287 in Hedley.
10:20a.m. - Loose livestock on FM 2471.
8:07p.m. - See complainant 13300 BLK FM 2471.

#### December 15, 2011

1:20a.m. - Loose livestock FM 1755& 2471.2:28p.m. - EMS Assist- Nursing Home.



The Donley County Senior Citizens would like to say a big thank you to all of the local businesses and the Clarendon Merchants Association for your donations. We have truly been blessed, and are so appreciative for your hard work and you thoughtfulness.

> Donley County Senior Citizens Board of Directors & Mary Shields

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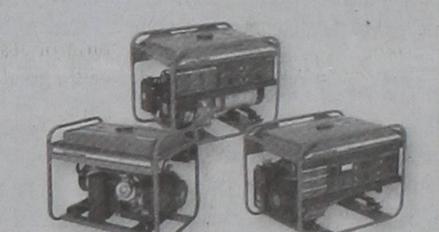
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7:28p.m. - EMS Assist 800 Blk. 4th.

#### December 16, 2011

 1:42a.m. - EMS Assist- 800 Blk. 4th.
 12:58p.m. - Report of gas drive off from Allsup's.
 3:08p.m. - Report of two vehicle accident 287 & Bailey St. - Hedley.
 6:08p.m. - To jail with two in custody.
 9:56p.m. - Out in 1200 BLK 4th ST. taking report.
 11:53p.m. - En route to NWTH.

#### December 17, 2011

12:06a.m. - Report of shots fired around College.
12:35a.m. - To jail with one in custody.
3:21a.m. - See complainant 700 BLK

W. 2nd. 2:07p.m. - See complainant at jail. 2:08p.m. - Loose livestock HWY 287 & Co Rd 20.

2:13p.m. - Loose livestock HWY 287 & Co Rd 23. 2:37p.m. - Report of party on S. Sully.

#### December 18, 2011

12:20p.m. - See complainant at Jail.
3:09p.m. - Welfare check, 300 Sunfish – Howardwick.
7:03p.m. - EMS Assist 300 BLK N. Rosenfield.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24 at 6 p.m. First Christian Church 120 E. 3rd & Gorst

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#### Lady Broncos stop Booker

#### By Sandy Anderberg

Senior Trevela Dronzek opened the Lady Broncos' matchup with Booker with a three-pointer and set the tempo of the game in their 50-21 romp over the Lady Kiowas Tuesday night in the Bronco Gym.

their winning streak through this week and over the Christmas break.

Things went Clarendon's way from early on and they led Booker by eight at the break. They were able 2, and Audrey Shelton 2. to hold the intensity throughout and played through some foul trouble later in the game. The win was a team effort on the court as everyone scored. Jentry Shadle and McKayla

Cartwright led the ladies with 10 points each, and Marqueda Gaines added nine.

"We got off to a slow start and did not hit many shots," coach Molly Weatherred said. "But I thought we were able to get it together the The ladies will try to continue second half and finish the game."

> Scoring: Shadle 10, Cartwright 10, Gaines 9, Anna Ceniceros 6, Lydia Howard 5, Trevela Dronzek 3, Ryann Starnes 3, Deborah Howard

The Lady Broncos will play in the Canadian Tournament over the holidays and then open district play January 6 at Memphis at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Broncs stumble against Booker**

#### By Sandy Anderberg

on Booker at home and lost by five Williams 4, and Trajen Johnson 3.

Scoring: Topper 18, Ward 12, Last Tuesday the Broncos took Trevor Cobb 6, Cody Wood 5, Wes On Friday the Broncos hosted **PDL**:PICK-UP & DELIVERY

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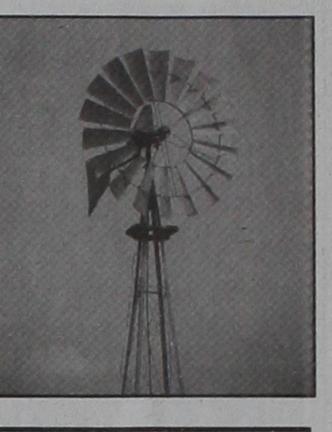
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points at 48-53.

proved to be the difference in the game that was heavy with fouls by both teams.

tage, but the Broncos were never gled on the boards. very far out of it. They played with could not overcome the insufficiency Williams 1. at the line.

12, but it was not enough to make the home January 6 at 7:30 p.m. difference in the final score.

Too many missed free throws Childress and lost 42-81. The Broncos could never find a rhythm in the game and the Bobcats' quickness was tough to defend. Topper was

Booker held the early advan- successful inside, but the team strug-

Scoring: Topper 16, McAnear intensity and determination, but 9, Wood 8, Ward 6, Jonah Sell 2, and

The. Broncos will participate Adam Topper had a great game in the Canadian Tournament over inside with 18 and Cole Ward added the holidays and play White Deer at

#### **Bronco JV defeats Memphis in tourney**

opened the Clarendon tournament McCampbell 2. with a big win over Memphis and round. But they were able to regroup tournament.

22 points to lead the team. Johna- was pleased with their effort. thon Cartwright finished strong as Broncos and Cyclones were tied at Parry 4, Cornell 3, and Smith 2. 23 all at the break and 35-35 at the phis down to get the win.

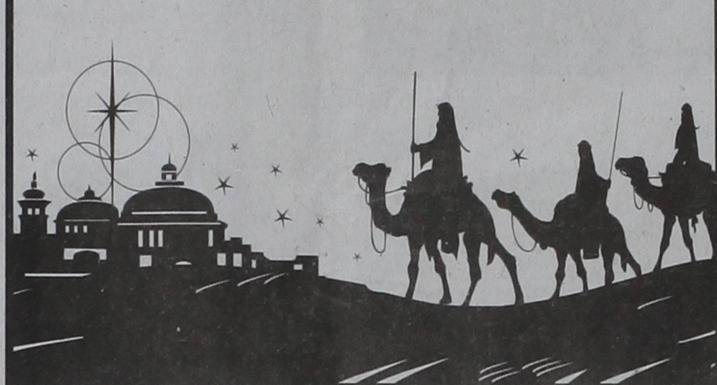
The Bronco junior varsity Cartwright 7, Cobb 5, Smith 4, and

The Broncos were pitted fell to Childress JV in the second against Childress Freshmen in the final round and defeated them 49-29. and get a big win over the Childress They jumped out to the early lead freshmen and take third place in the and held a 14-point advantage at the break. From there, they were able to

They took on Memphis in the breeze to the win. Cobb, McCampopening round and stayed strong to bell, and Cartwright teamed up defeat them 52-39 in the final quarter to put 12, 12, and 10 points on the of play. Charles Mason had a huge board to lead the Broncos to the third game from the outside putting up place finish. Coach Alton Gaines

Scoring: Cobb 12, McCampwell and helped with 10 points. The bell 12, Cartwright 10, Mason 6,

Earlier in the week, the Broncos end of three. Perseverance came took care of Booker at home 41-37. through for the Broncos as they Clarendon jumped out to the early played strong defense in the final lead, but let the Kiowas back into the quarter and were able to shut Mem- game the second quarter to only lead by five. After the break, the Broncos Scoring: Mason 22, Cartwright had a slow quarter and Booker took 10, Mitchell Parry 8, Trevor Cobb advantage of turnovers and missed 4, Cedrick McCampbell 2, Ashton shots. With only seven minutes to Smith 2, Montana Hysinger 1, and play, the Broncos stepped up their game and outscored their opponent The Broncos then took on a to get the win. Charles Mason and good Childress team in the second Ashton Smith finished in double fig-Scoring: Mason 11, Smith 10, cats opened the game up before the Mitchell Parry 8, Jonathon Cartbreak. The Broncos tried to come wright 6, Zach Cornell 4, and Ced-



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Zach Cornell 1.

round and were defeated 37-50. ures in the win. After a close first quarter, the Bobback, but could not overcome the rick McCampbell 2. Bobcats' lead.

The Broncos will take on White Scoring: Parry 10, Mason 9, Deer at home January 6 at 6:00 p.m.

#### Lady Colts smear San Jacinto 31-12

grade had to work a little harder for apiece. theirs going into overtime to win at 35-29.

seconds left in regulation. The over- Hannah Howard 2.

Both Lady Colt teams got nent. Damara Brown was hot inside huge wins over San Jacinto at home as she led the ladies with 15 points. Monday night. The seventh grade Tessa Buckhaults and Abby Durham breezed through their opponent and added six each and Shelby Baxter earned a 31-12 win and the eighth and Kendra Davis helped with four

Jensen Hatley was on fire for the Lady Colts in the seventh grade The eighth grade Lady Colts game as she racked up 10 points. played the Lady Patriots even Brianna Butler and MaRae Hall through the first half, but fell back were tough on both ends of the court two points at the end of the third as well and helped to lead the ladies quarter. But determined to not be to the win with 9 and 7 points respecdenied the win, they fought back in tively. Scoring: Hatley 10, Butler 9, the final period to tie the game with Hall 7, Berkeley Alexander 3, and

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time period belonged to Clarendon Both Lady Colt teams will as they played aggressive defense resume action after the break on Janand pulled away from their oppo- uary 9 at Quanah.

#### **Colts dominate San Jacinto last Monday**

The eighth grade Colts smashed San Jacinto at home Monday night a big win as well and defeated with a 44-5 win. Several players the Patriots 52-17. Clarendon set contributed to the big win and the the early rhythm and played great team showed great intensity.

for the Colts as they took control early and dominated until the final their team to the win. buzzer. Caleb Cobb finished in the win.

Ceniceros 7, Bryce Hatley 6, Johna- 2. thon Taylor 6, Chesson Simms 4, Justus Burton 2.

The seventh grade Colts earned defense never letting down. Taylon The game was never a contest Knorpp scored big with 13 points and Riley Shadle added 10 tolead

Scoring: Knorpp 13, Shadle 10, double figures to lead the Colts to Chance Lockhart 9, Keandre Cortez 8, Clint Franks 6, Clay Koetting 2, Scoring: Cobb 14, Junior Jack Moore 2, and Marshal Johnson

Both Colt teams will resume Blaine Ellis 3, Ray Jaramillo 2, and action after the break on January 9 at home against Quanah.



## JV Lady Broncos stun Canadian, win first

#### By Sandy Anderberg

outplayed and outlasted three other each added 10 in the win. teams to claim the championship trophy in their own junior varsity Berry 5. tournament last week.

win.

break. But the Lady Wildcats came with 13. back somewhat in the third quarter taking advantage of cold shooting by guson 6, Smith 6, Gaines 5, Elizathe Lady Broncos. But Clarendon beth O'Rear 4, Skyler White 4, M. regrouped and played solid basket- White 2, Abby Johnson 2, Topper 2, ball to get the win. Camra Smith had McKayla King 2, and Gail Mata 2. a huge game shooting and finished in Gaines stayed tough with 10.

a cushion to get the win. Gaines put The Lady Bronco junior varsity in 12 points while Topper and Smith

Also scoring: M. White 6 and

The ladies took on a good They took on Canadian in the Wheeler team in the second game championship round and totally and cruised to a 50-13 win. There destroyed them at 50-36 to get the was no doubt the ladies handled the Lady Mustangs and held them The ladies broke out of the gate to single digits for three quarters. on a dead run and led by 14 at the Berry shot the ball well and finished

Scoring: Berry 13, Haley Fer-

On Tuesday, the ladies played double figures with 18 and Taylor Booker at home and won 67-20. The Lady Broncos left no doubt as to who "I was proud of how the ladies was the stronger team as they totally



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## Drugs in the News

#### **Benefits of Chicken Pox Vaccination**

According to a new study published recently in the medical journal Pediatrics, infants less than one year of age who do not routinely get the chicken pox (varicella) vaccine receive a health benefit anyway, because of a concept called "herd immunity". This is the idea that vaccinating infants who are 1 year of age or older will prevent chicken pox in the younger age group, thus lessening the spread of the virus from the older infants (who get vaccinated) to those who are not yet vaccinated. Researchers studied children in Los Angeles County, California, and West Philadelphia from 1995 to 2008. They found that as the rate of chicken pox vaccination increased in children 1 year old and over, the incidence of actual chickenpox cases in babies less than 1 year old declined by almost 90 percent. In spite of the fact that most states require children be vaccinated against chickenpox, outbreaks from the virus still occurs. Officials with the American Academy of Pediatrics indicate that the vaccine is especially effective in preventing complications, such as pneumonia and serious skin infections.

played with great confidence and dominated the Lady Kiowas in every dian," coach Kasey Bell said.

the help during the tournament.

that helped put the tournament on," to lead their team to the win. Bell said.

Maci White 4, and Jacy Hill 3.

Clarendon went up against 2, and Skyler White 2. Borger in the first round and defeated them easily at 43-22. A huge second district play January 6 at Memphis quarter allowed the ladies to secure beginning at 6:00 p.m.

handled the pressure against Cana- quarter. Their hustle defense and intense offense sent an early state-Bell was also appreciative of all ment to Booker and they breezed to the win. Gaines and Topper teamed "We are grateful to all of those up to account for 28 points together

Scoring: Gaines 16, Topper 12, Scoring: Smith 18, Gaines 10, Elizabeth O'Rear 8, Gail Mata 8, Savannah Topper 9, Phara Berry 6, Camra Smith 7, Maci White 6, Bryce McCary 4, Phara Berry 2, Jacy Hill

The Lady Broncos will open



#### Christmas music

Shaydee Brown plays her clarinet during the Bronco Band's Christmas Concert Sunday at the Colt Gym PHOTO BY MATTHEW MARTINEZ

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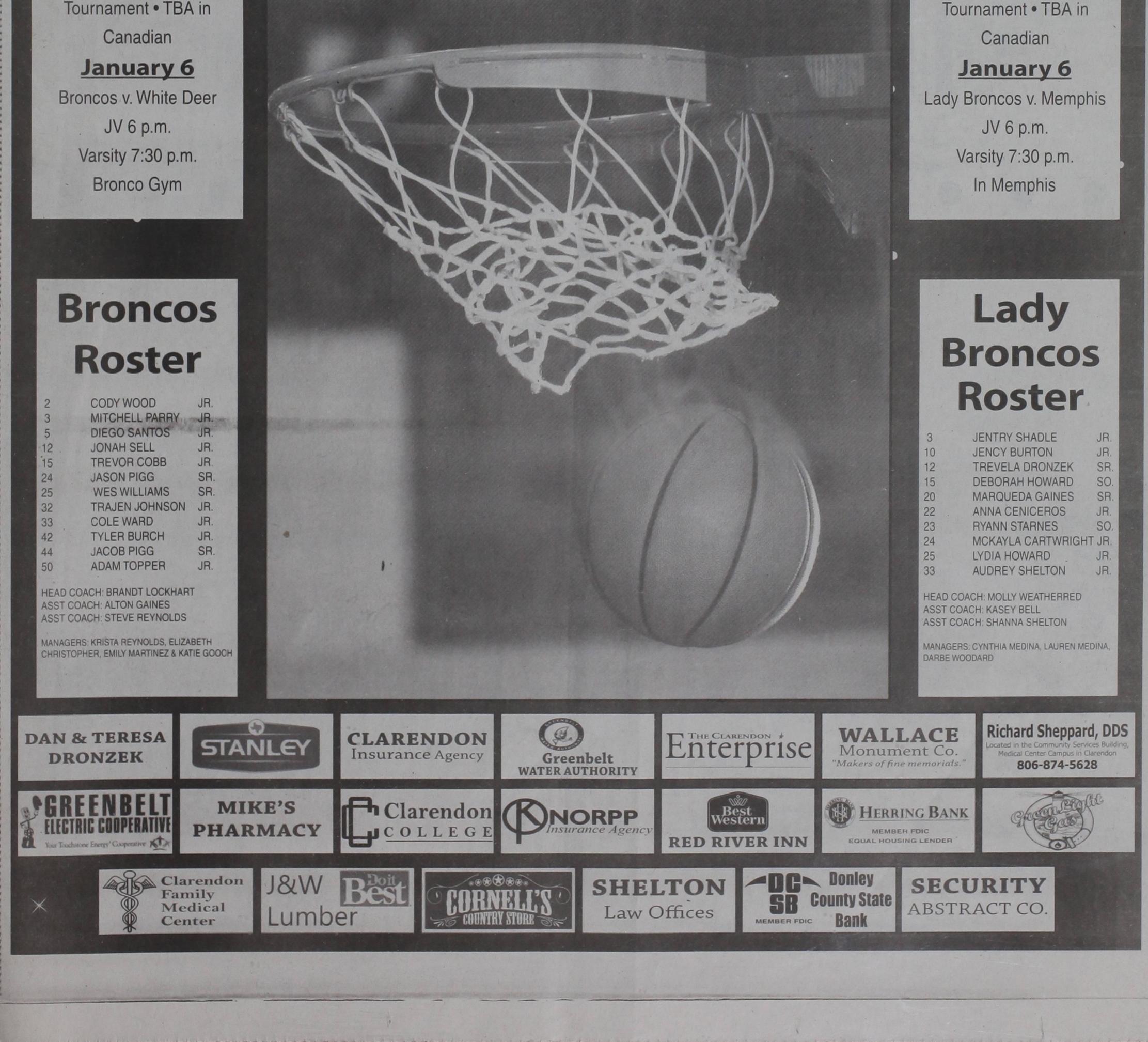
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#### **Obituaries** Montgomery

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Jerry Lon Montgomery, 70, Association. died Tuesday, December 13, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2 p.m.

Friday, December 16, 2011, in the First Bap-Church tist in Memphis Rev. with Larry Clonts, Pastor of the Quail Baptist

Church, officiating. Burial was held at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors, 1644 North 18th Street in Memphis.

Jerry was born February 3, 1941, in Memphis to James Paul and Gladys Mae Adams Montgomery. He married Henrietta Ward on September 17, 1979, in Memphis. He had been a resident of the Texas

als be sent to BSA Children's Mir- Dickerson, Jesse and Nolan Burrow, four sisters, Jewel Waters of Albuacle Network or the American Heart Kenzie Smith, Toby and Kelsie querque, NM, LaVerne Benton of

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#### **Burrow**

Wanda Nell Burrow, 79, died Saturday, December 17, 2011, in Clarendon.

Tuesday, December 2011, 20. in

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Anthony tist Church of Estelline, officiating. etery in Clarendon.

Services were under the

The family requests memori- grandchildren, Jacie Kyser, Patrick and wife Linda all of Howardwick; Leeper.

> be sent to Odyssey Hospice. Sign our online guestbook at

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#### Locklear

Byrel May Locklear, 80, died Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2011, in

> Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2011, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. C.W. Parker, Odyssey

> Cremation and Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Byrel was born October 18, Knowles, Pastor of the First Bap- 1931, in Nocona to Billy Byrel and Texas Irene Watson Miller. She mar-Burial followed at Citizens Cem- ried Ross O'Hair and later married Felton Ray Locklear.

She had been a resident of

Synder, Jean Mills and husband Ed The family request memorials of Claude, and Odell Hunt of Memphis; seven grandchildren, Emily Brown of Yuba City, CA, Timothy Shawn Fiedler of Las Vegas, NV, Billy Don Scruggs and Donny Paul Scruggs of Baytown, Kye Lanham O'Hair and Jennifer Lynn Hiett Henard and husband Tal of Wellington, and Kevin Lawson Hiett and wife Randa of Amarillo; and numerous grandchildren.

> The family request memorials be to the Community Care Center of Clarendon or the Donley County Senior Citizens.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; and a great grandson, Tyler Jack Vann.

He is survived by his wife, Henrietta Montgomery of Memphis; a son, Daryl Montgomery and wife Jeanene of Panhandle; three daughters, Jeri Lon Montgomery of Memphis, Jana Kay Tippett and husband Clif of Memphis, Angela Lane and husband Jason of Childress; three brothers, Jack Montgomery, Mike Montgomery and wife Velma, and Lacy Montgomery and wife Nancy all of Memphis; 10 grandchildren, Amanda, Rebecca, Jason, Kayla, K.C., Kami Ann, Ashley, Sarah, Creed, and Carson; three great grandchildren, Hadley, Jayleigh, and Jasmyne.

Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Burrow was born Febru-George Byron and Eunice Magnolia Ross Hiett. Spangler Winkle.

July 26, 1950, in Texarkana, Arkangardening, and also was a talented of Vernon; three brothers, Wendol and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, in 2006; two brothers and two sisters.

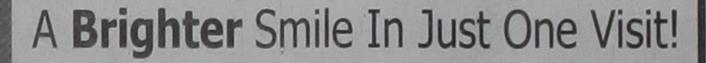
She is survived by three sons, Cecil Burrow of Clarendon, Calvin Burrow and wife Beverly of Clarendon, Lloyd Burrow and wife Karla of Midland; a daughter, Nelda Lunsford of Clarendon; a brother, R.J. Winkle; two sisters, Linnie Pitchford of Snyder and Winnie Lynch of Tobar; 11 grandchildren, Jake, Kate, Audrey, Paige, Sabrina Dickerson, Catrina Leeper and husband Neil, Byron Burrow and wife Mandy, Nicholas Burrow, Randy Burrow, Gabrielle Smith, and Matthew Lunsford; seven great

arrangement of Robertson Funeral Vernon for 25 years. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by ary 6, 1932, in Red River County to her parents; and a grandson, Jeffrey

She is survived by a son, Randy She married Ben Burrow on O'Hair of Wellington; two daughters, Wauleen Hiett and husband Gary of sas. She enjoyed cooking, canning, Wellington and Patricia Kay Kenyon seamstress. She was a homemaker Miller and wife Shirley, Eddie Miller and wife Toby, and Donnie Miller

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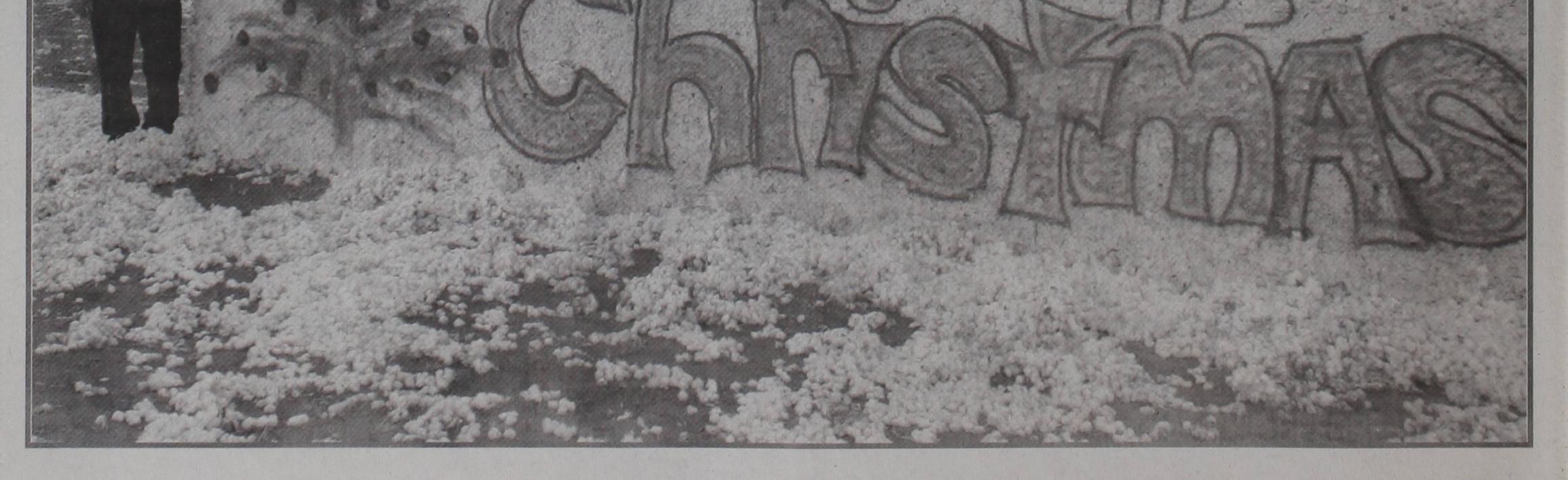
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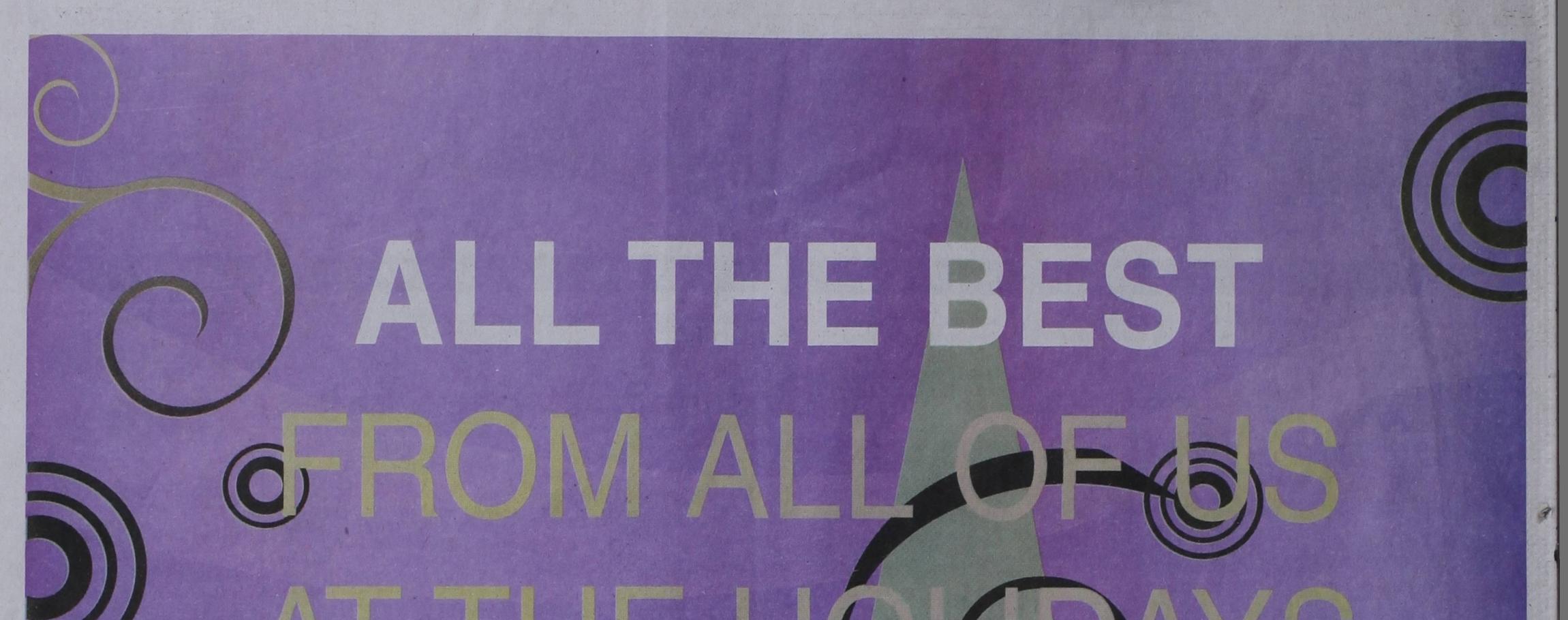




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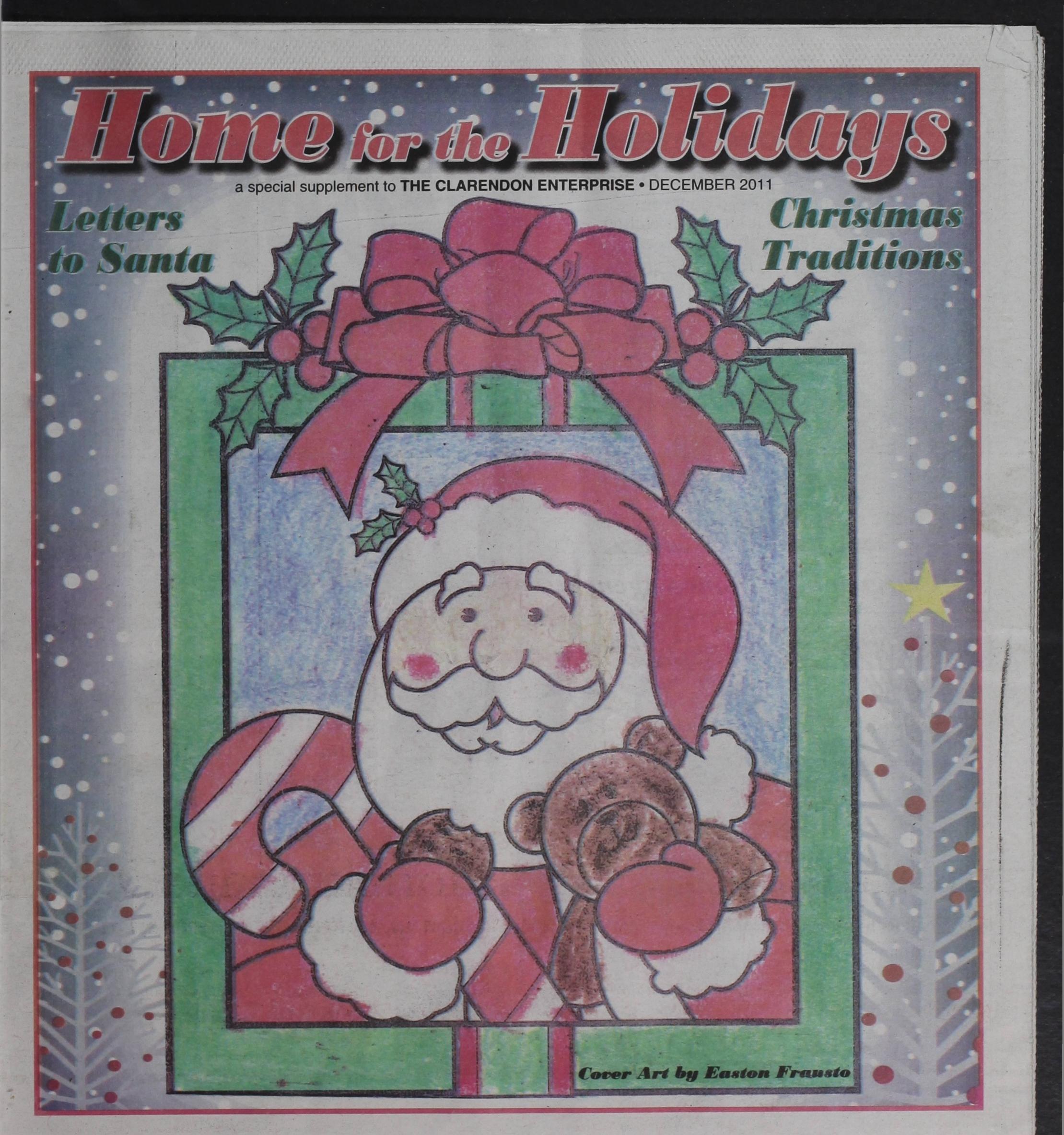
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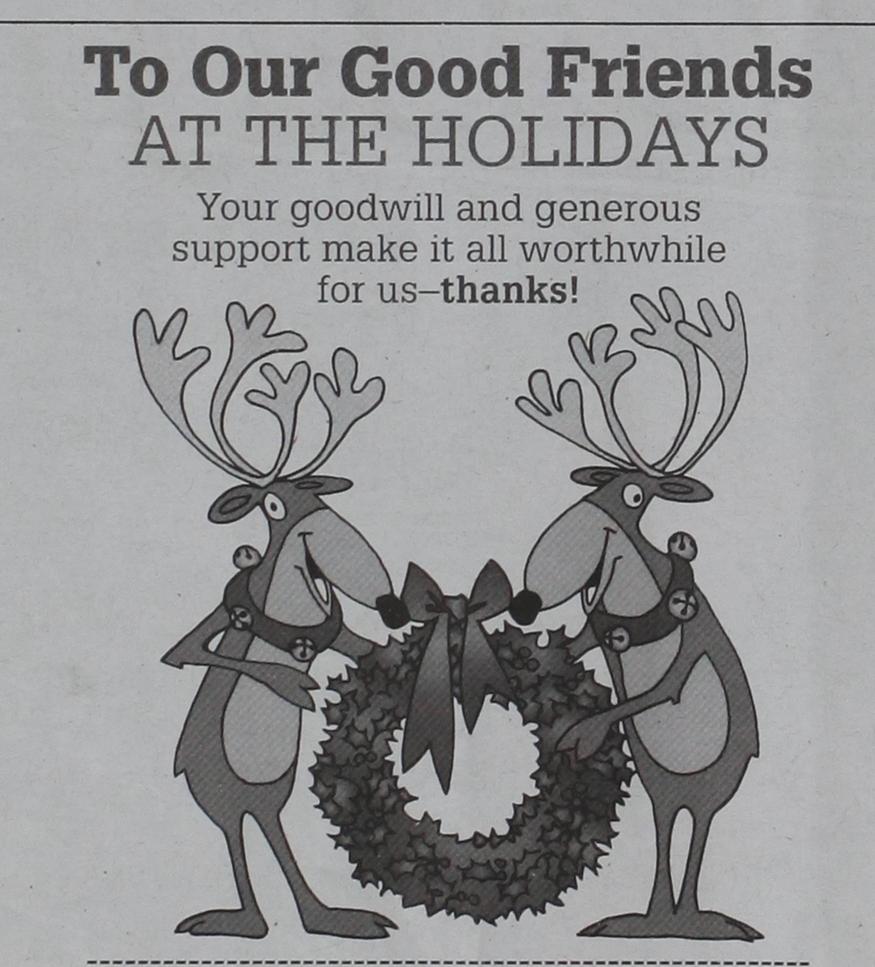
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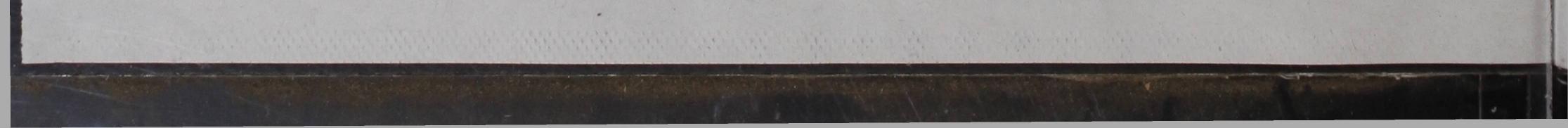
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#### Home for the Holidays

## Staple of Holiday Décor Has a Deep History

C hances are, holiday revelers will find themselves underneath the mistletoe at least once this holiday season. While they might know what to do when that time comes, they might not know the history of that plant above their heads.

Especially sacred to Celtic Druids,

mistletoe was believed to bestow life and fertility, while also protecting against poison and serving as an aphrodisiac.

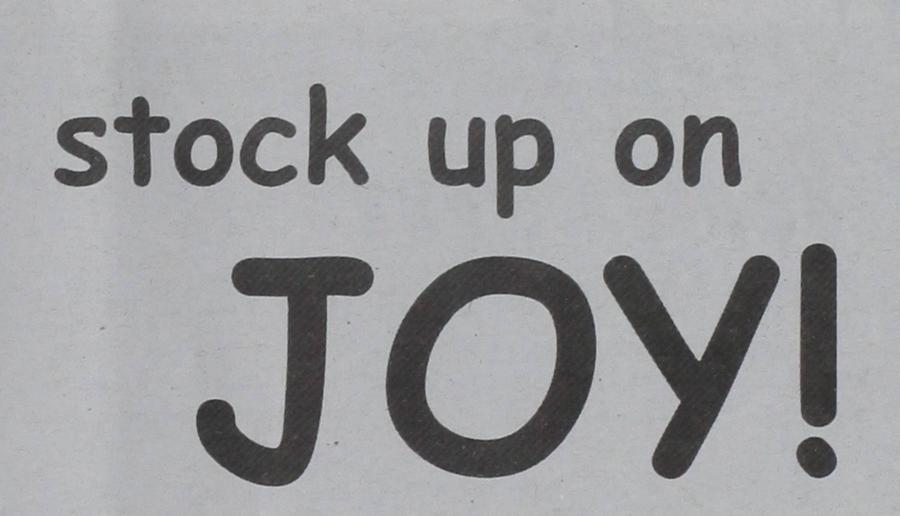
Mistletoe would later take on a more political meaning, as the ritual of cutting the mistletoe came to symbolize the emasculation of the old king by his successor.

Nowadays, mistletoe is typically hung in doorways centuries to the Middle Ages. During the Middle Ages, branches of mistletoe were hung from ceilings to ward off evil spirits. Throughout Europe, mistletoe was placed over doorways in the house as well as the stables as a means to preventing the entrance of witches.

The tradition of kissing underneath the mistletoe likely stems from the belief that mistletoe bestows fertility and is often associated with the Roman festival of Saturnalia, a period of merrymaking that pre-dated Christmas. In 18th century England, a young lady standing underneath the mistletoe could not refuse to be kissed. Once kissed, the kiss would signify deep romance or eternal friendship.

History also suggests that mistletoe was a symbol of peace. In Scandinavia, mistletoe was considered a plant of peace. When standing underneath the mistletoe, enemies could declare a truce and spouses could end any marital turmoil with a kiss.





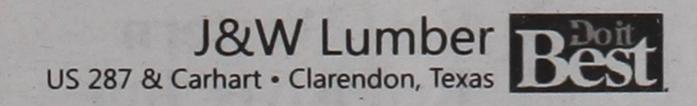
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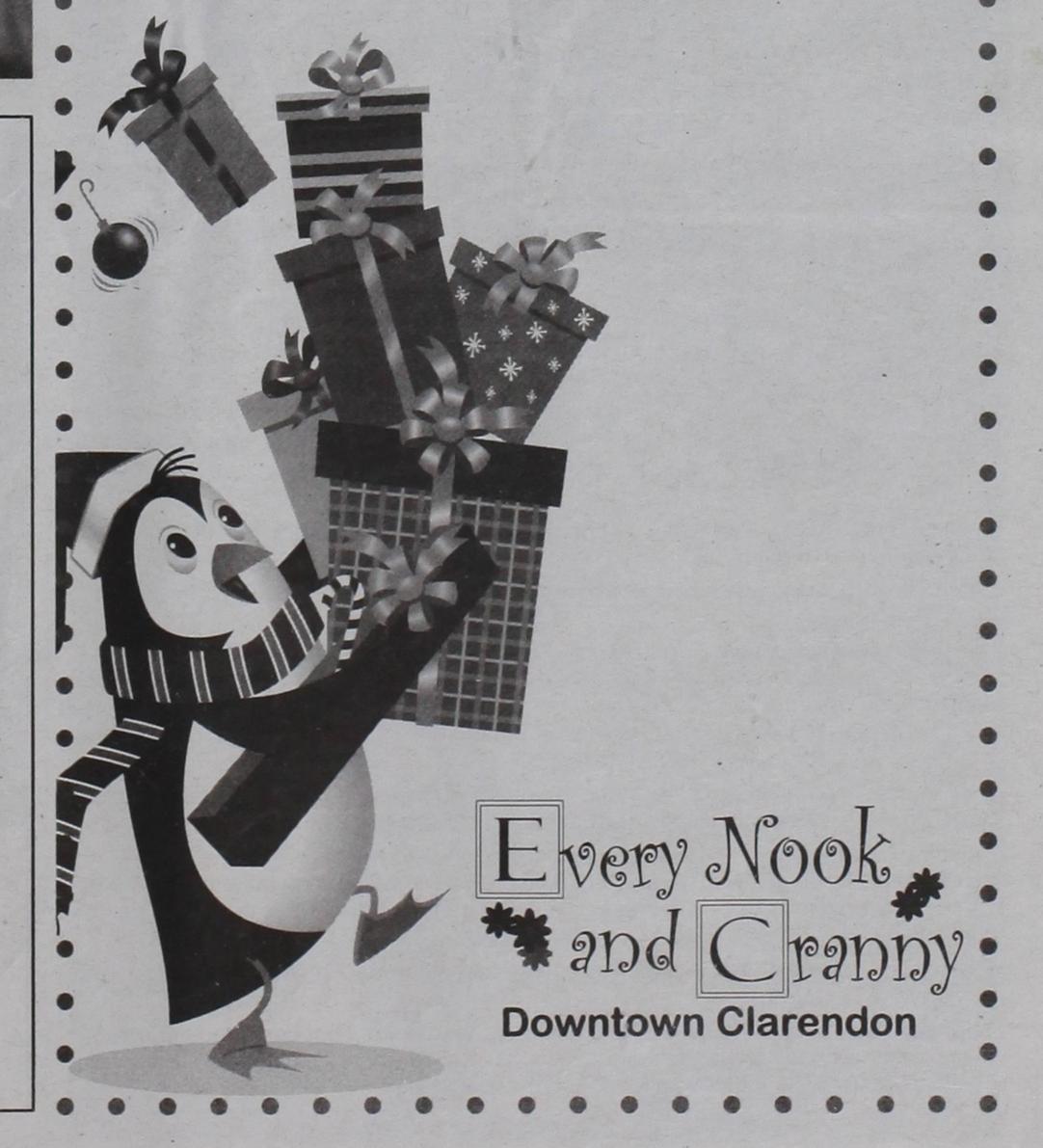
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or entryways from one room to another. This tradition can also trace itself back several

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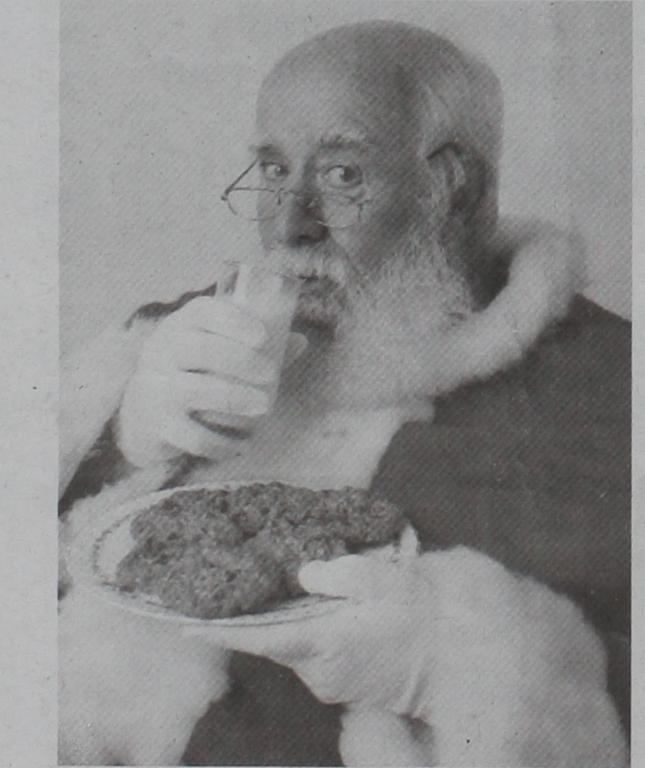




## Cookies and Christmas A Match Made in Holiday Heaven

There's a good reason fitness club memberships tend to spike come January. After a holiday season spent party-hopping and letting their diets fall by the wayside, many people look to the gym as the means to helping shed those inevitable holiday pounds.

Perhaps no food is more popular around the holidays than cookies. Cookies are as much a part of the holiday season as Christmas trees, long lines at the mall and kids searching the house for presents. For those with guests to entertain this holiday season, the following recipe for "Kitchen-Sink Chocolate Chip Cookies" from Elinor Klivans' "The Essential Chocolate Chip Cookbook" (Chronicle Books) is sure to please.



#### Kitchen-Sink Chocolate Chips Makes About 36 Cookies

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour

## HOUDAY WORD FIND

Find the holiday-related words hidden throughout the puzzle.

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3/4 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon salt

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar 6 tablespoons granulated sugar 1 large egg

1½ teaspoons vanilla extract3 cups semisweet chocolate chips

- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 cup walnut halves or large pieces
- 1 cup blanched whole almonds, toasted and chopped roughly in half

Position a rack in the middle of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two or three baking sheets with parchment paper.

Sift the flour, baking soda, and salt into a medium bowl and set aside.

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until smoothly blended, about 1 minute. Stop the mixer and scrape the sides of the bowl as needed during mixing. Add the egg and vanilla and mix until blended, about 1 minute. The mixture may look slightly curdled. On low speed, add the flour mixture, mixing just until it is incorporated. Mix in the chocolate chips, pecans, walnuts, and almonds until evenly distributed.

Use a tablespoon to drop well-rounded tablespoonfulls of dough (about 2 tablespoons each) onto the prepared baking sheets, spacing the cookies 2 inches apart.

Bake the cookies one sheet at a time until the edges are lightly browned and the centers are slightly colored, about 14 minutes. Cool the cookies on the baking sheets for 10 minutes, then use a wide metal spatula to transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

The cookies can be stored in a tightly covered container at room temperature for up to four days.

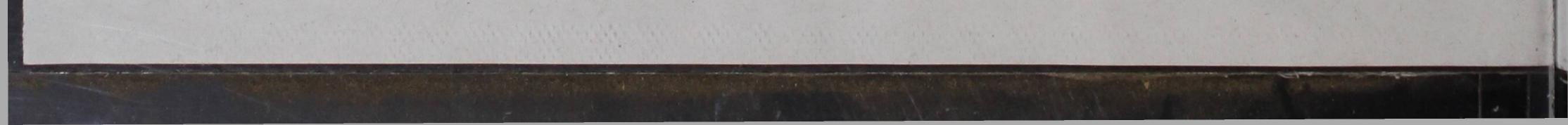
Choices: You can add 1 cup of raisins, dried cranberries, or chopped dried apricots to the dough with the chips and nuts. White, bittersweet, or milk chocolate chips, or a combination, can be substituted for the semisweet chips.

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With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

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## Sweet Facts

Candy canes are very popular holiday treats and are often used to decorate Christmas trees. That hooked shape certainly makes them whimsical and able to hang on tree boughs. But candy canes weren't always the curved and colorful treats they are today. In the 1700s, candy canes were nothing more than straight white sticks of sugar candy used to decorate Christmas trees.

A choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral decided that having the ends bent to depict a shepherd's crook and passing them out during church services would help keep children quiet. It was not until roughly the 20th century

hallelujah



that candy canes acquired their red stripes.

Some surmise that the candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's crook to represent Jesus Christ, who tended to his flock of supporters. Others say that it's a "J" for Jesus. Regardless of their shape, hundreds of thousands of candy canes are now manufactured and shipped for the holiday season each year. Phil & Jeannine Shirley & the entire Clarendon College family wish you & yours a

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May you and your loved ones rejoice in the Miracle of Christmas, and may your home be blessed by His many good graces throughout the holiday season and beyond. **Noel!** 





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Even though the first decade of the 21st century witnessed a change in how nearly everyone acquires and listens to music, some things about music -especially holiday music -- may never change. That includes the songs we listen to throughout the holiday season. This holiday season, consider the following songs to amp up holiday cheer around your house.

- Most Popular Holiday Songs of the Last Decade 1. Winter Wonderland Written by: Felix Bernard, Richard B. Smith Performed by: Eurythmics
- 2. The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) Written by: Mel Tormé, Robert Wells Performed by: Nat "King" Cole
- 3. Sleigh Ride Written by: Leroy Anderson, Mitchell Parish Performed by: The Ronettes
- 4. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas Written by: Ralph Blane, Hugh Martin Performed by: The Pretenders
- 5. Santa Claus is

- 9. Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer Written by: Johnny Marks Performed by: Gene Autry
- 10. Little Drummer Boy Written by: Katherine K. Davis, Henry V. Onorati, Harry Simeone Performed by: The Harry Simeone Chorale & Orchestra
- 11. It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year Written by: Edward Pola, George Wyle Performed by: Andy Williams
- 12. I'll Be Home For Christmas Written by: Walter Kent, Kim Gannon, Buck Ram Performed by: Josh Groban

- 17. A Holly Jolly Christmas Written by: Johnny Marks Performed by: Burl Ives
- 18. Blue Christmas Written by: Billy Hayes, Jay W. Johnson Performed by: Elvis Presley
- 19. It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas Written by: Meredith Willson Performed by: Johnny Mathis
- 20. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus Written by: Tommie Connor (PRS)

Performed by: John Mellencamp

21. Here Comes Santa Claus (Right Down Santa Claus Lane)

Coming To Town Written by: Ralph Blane, Hugh Martin Performed by: The Pretenders

6. White Christmas Written by: Irving Berlin Performed by: Bing Crosby

#### 7. Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Written by: Sammy Cahn, Jule Styne Performed by: Michael Bublé

#### 8. Jingle Bell Rock

Written by: Joseph Carleton Beal, James Ross Boothe Performed by: Daryl Hall & John Oates

#### 13. Rockin' Around The **Christmas Tree** Written by: Johnny Marks Performed by: Brenda Lee

- 14. Silver Bells Written by: Jay Livingston, Ray Evans Performed by: Anne Murray
- 15. Feliz Navidad Written and Preformed by: José Feliciano
- 16. Frosty The Snowman Written by: Steve Nelson, Walter E. Rollins Performed by: The Beach Boys

Written by: Gene Autry, Oakley Haldeman Performed by: Gene Autry

- 22. (There's No Place Like) Home For The Holidays Written by: Bob Allen, Al Stillman Performed by: Perry Como
- 23. Carol Of The Bells Written by: Peter J. Wilhousk Mykola Leontovich Performed by: David Foster (instrumental)
- 24. Wonderful Christmastime Written and Preformed by: Paul McCartney (PRS)

25. Do They Know It's Christmas (Feed the World) Written by in a mange Performed by: BabdAid -Midge Ure (PRS), Bob Geldot (PRS)

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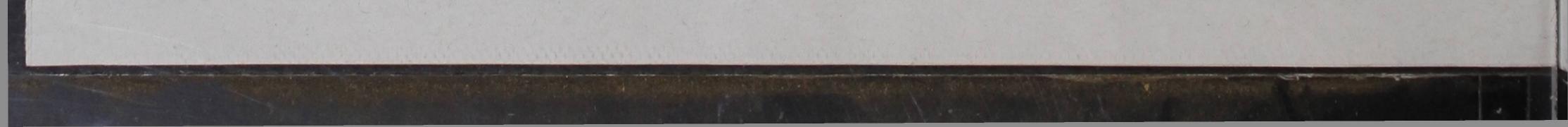
Many Christmas traditions are older than some celebrants might think. The tradition of lighting up a Christmas tree, for example, dates back to the days before Christmas lights. Before electric-powered twinkle lights were invented and even before electricity was discovered, people used actual candles to adorn the Christmas tree. As one can imagine, having an open flame next to a dried-out tree made for some fast fires. That's why it was customary to keep a bucket of water next to the tree as well.

## At This Season Of Giving

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Best Holiday Wishes To All

## **Ornaments** a Treat for the Holidays

nce the perfect tree has been selected and placed in the home, the next task is to take out all of the omaments collected over the years and hang them on the tree.

Part of what makes decorating the tree so memorable is the ornaments that have been collected over time — many of them handmade treasures. Looking through them is a trip down memory lane, bringing to mind the happy times these ornaments recall.

Today in a hurried society, it may seem easier to simply head to the store and purchase a box full of ornaments for the tree. But spending time creating your own can be a family event that's a fun way to spend time together. Here are a few ideas.

#### "Tie-Dyed" Balls

Create ornaments that have the impression of being tie-dyed. Simply buy a box of clear glass ornaments from a craft store. Pop off the metal top and squirt one or two different colors of acrylic paint into the center of the ball. Replace the top and twirl the ball around until the paint coats the inside in a marbled pattern. Place on a surface where the balls won't roll, such as an empty egg carton, and let dry.

#### Wire Ornaments

Purchase thin craft wire and small beads of various colors. Bend the wire into holiday shapes, such as candy canes and stars. This can be achieved by wrapping the wire around cookie cutters as templates. Thread the beads onto the wire shape until it is completely covered with beads. Use a needle-nose pliers to twist together the two open ends to seal the ornament shut.

#### **Popsicle Stick Treasures**

Craft sticks, popsicle sticks, whatever you call them, these wooden items can be glued and painted to create a number of ornaments for the tree. Fashion them into a triangular shape and paint green for a Christmas tree. Glue a handful together and paint white for a snowflake. Dust these ornaments with glitter for even more sparkle on the tree.

#### **Craft Foam Creations**

Pop into any craft store or even toy store and you will likely find packages or loose sheets of thin colored foam that can be cut and designed into everything from sun visors to doorknob signs to fun ornaments for the tree.



Wishing you and yours peace, love, and much good cheer throughout this wonderful season. Thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their loyal support. Our door is always open to you!

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# Christmas Traditions

amilies across the globe cherish their Christmas traditions. Customs may be unique to every family, but many countries boast their own unique traditions as well.

AUSTRALIA: Many Australians celebrate

gether at night to sing carols outside. That's not as chilly as it might sound, as Christmas in Australia actually falls during summer vacation. In fact, many of the country's most popular Christmas traditions occur outside.

Around the Globe to Australia, England's weather Christmastime is much colder. Many of England's traditions resemble those popular in North America, including wrapping gifts, hanging stockings over the fireplace and gathering around the Christmas tree. Kids in England write a letter with their wishes to Father Christmas, but unlike mailing those letters like many North American children do, English children toss their letters into a fire so their Christmas wishes can go up the chimney.

around fore December 25, but Christmas Eve is most special to many natives wreath each Sunday. of France. On Christmas Eve, church bells ring as .\* MEXICO: Families people sing noels, or car- in Mexico celebrate ols. The following day, a feast is enjoyed upon returning home from church.

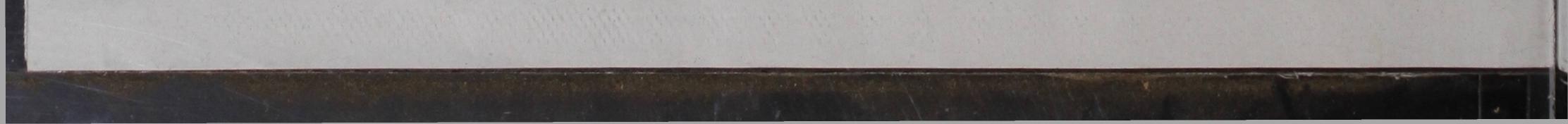
> \* GERMANY: In Germany, the weather is cold during the Christmas season, and in the weeks leading up to Christmas families bake sweet bread, cakes with candied fruits and spicy cookies. Advent wreaths are popular in Germany and are pur- western US have adopted

> begin several weeks be- The wreaths have places for four candles, and families light a candle on the

> > Christmas by decorating their homes with lilies or evergreens. Because the weather is warm, many also cut designs into brown paper bags before inserting a candle and then setting the designs, called farolitos, along the sidewalk, on windowsills, on rooftops, and along outdoor walls. Many communities in the south-

FRANCE: Christmas chased four Sundays this tradition, which they Christmas by coming to- \* ENGLAND: Contrary celebrations in France before Christmas begins. often refer to as luminaria.





## Accommodating Holiday Guests

Thousands of people travel far and wide to visit family and friends for the holidays. Chances are many holiday hosts and hostesses will open their homes to overnight guests. Although visions

of Cousin Eddy from "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" and his band of misfit family members come to mind, most holiday guests are more of a pleasure to have around. It might be mildly inconvenient to host guests for a day or two, but preparation can help alleviate such inconveniences. There are a number of ways to get ready for holiday guests. Keep these tips in mind as you prepare your home. \* Set aside space. Not every household has a spare quest room available, but there are ways to make guests feel like they have their own private area. There's the possibility of giving up your own room for the night or set up a space in an out-of-the-way den or a child's bedroom for the time being. People who live in the house may be more comfortable bunking with another than an outside guest.



be more convenient for guests and might help them feel more comfortable and less burdensome staying in your home.

\* Accommodate guests' needs. Some guests may be allergic to certain foods, while

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\* Offer individual linens. A fresh set of sheets and towels contributes to a hotel's comfort level. Welcome guests with a set of fresh sheets and soft towels.

\* Stock extra toiletries. The holiday season is a busy time, and it's easy for travelers to forget a thing or two. Keep an extra toothbrush and some spare mouthwash at the ready. Travelsized soaps and shampoos may others may prefer to watch the late-night news before bed. Find out their preferences beforehand so you can do your best to make them feel comfortable.

\* Have laundry services available. Give guests their own laundry bag so they can wash clothes if they'll be staying for an extended period of time. Fresh clothes make anyone feel better.

\* Invest in an air mattress. Having extra places for guests to sleep often comes in handy. Air mattresses are easy to inflate at a moment's notice for an unexpected guest and can be quickly deflated and stored in a closet or under a bed.

\* Bend house rules. While certain rules may be set in stone, bed times or meal times may have to be changed to accommodate guests who aren't used to the goings-on of the household.

It can be fun or frustrating to have a guest stay over for the holidays. But being prepared can make the time go by much more smoothly. It's been a pleasure serving you this past year...thanks!



## STRAIGHT FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG

In the spirit of the season, we're pleased to share these heartwarming letters from Santa's youngest fans.

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Polar Express train and a Cars 2 movie. I would also like movies and games. I've been good. I would really like to help feed your reindeer. I want a mote control Mack with a Lighting McQueen that goes inside and can have a mote control too. That's all.

> Merry Christmas, Ben Estlack, 5 years old

#### Dear Santa,

mr. Santa Clay North Pole

I want a puppy dog I'll name Lovie, an I-Pod, paint, and a lot of pway-doh, My baby sister, Addie, wants an alligator and a toy horsy. My daddy wants a play spider. I've been good, I play, help with Addie, and play mom and dad with Kyndall.

> Love, Kallie & Addie, Age 4 and 11 months

#### Dear Santa,

I hope I have been good this year. I want \$1,000,000,000 to give some to other people that doesn't have much and a laptop.

> Love. Gaven Nazario 2nd grade

> > Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. I am doing good in school and I always help my mom and dad around the house. I would like some barbies, lalaloopsies, and a leap pad. Thank you so much Santa. Please bring Rudolph with you Love, when you come to my house. I will leave you and the reindeer something good to eat. Love you Santa. **Riley Jantz** Age 4

This year I really want a tractor, a big green one! I also want a gun like my daddy's! Thanks Santa! I will leave you milk and cookies. And, please don't take it personal that I am scared of you! Don't forget my sister and all my cousins!

> Love. Kreed Robinson

#### Dear Christmas Santa,

I've been a good girl. I want a Cinderella dress, Cinderella Barbie, makeup table vanity (it is Rapunzel) and Fancy Nancy books. Snow White, Belle and Beauty (all those Barbies). I want a Santa and reindeers and a sack you put toys in. Please bring my Bubba a truck, my daddy shoes and my momma slippers. I want lipstick for me and earrings and bracelets and cheek makeup. I will leave you white milk and chocket chip cookies. I love you Santa, Princess Ella Estlack, 3 years old

#### Dear Santa,

I've been a very good girl this year. Thank you for sending JoJo the elf to me. Please bring me some presents. I want an airplane, a red angry bird, a green pig, a xylophone, a washboard, some barbie dolls, mermaid clothes, and boogie wipes. Or just something special.

> Thank you, Zane Ashley Cruse, 3 years

#### Dear Santa,

This is my first Christmas and I am so excited! Sorry I cried when I met you, I hope you will still come visit me at my grandma and grandpa's house on Christmas Eve. I really want a racetrack with cars and a stuffed animal that is also a ball pit. The lion is my favorite. I promise to leave you milk, cookies, and hot chocolate because my daddy says it is your favorite.

> Love, Gage Aaron Kidd, 9 months old

#### Dear Santa Clause,

For presents I would like music, and bicycle, and race car, and monsters, and teddy bear, and tractor like Daddys.

I am good boy. Merry Christmas!

Love, Hagen Newman, Age 2

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a tweasure map, monies, a dollar, paint, and that's enough. Love your fes fren, Kyndall

#### Dear Santa,

I want a rifle, rudolf, and toy guns. I have been good.

> Love, Tristan Aguilar 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

How has your reindeer been? This year I have been good! This year I would like a snow globe and a Santa toy.

> Love, Ashleigh Hatfield 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa

Merry Christmas, how is miss clause? I want a xbox 360 kinekt, an American Doll, and a leg lamp.

> Love, Marlee Barbee 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want a psp, Nintendo 3DS. Falalalalalalalalalal Love, Josiah Howard 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

How have your reindeer doing? I want a reindeer and an elf and a dog.

> **Calder Havens** 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa I hope you don't get stuck in the chimney

because I want presents from you. You're the best and I want a blizzard maker and jewelry and an ipod touch!

> Lilly Shadle 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want Just Dance 3, Nintendo DS and a whistle. How are you doing? I love you!

Love, Kaylee Bruce 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is Doner, Rudolf, and Doner's wife? What I want for Christmas is white high hills, new black high hills, and red high hills with fuzz.

> Love, Mycah Woodard 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and how's rudolf? For Christmas I want a Nintendo Dsi and big girl dress up and a color me purse that says love.

> Love, Alana Moffett 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

You rock Santa, I love you! Can you bring me toys? Have I been bad or good? I want roller shoes and paint gun and football.

> Love, Jesse Burrow 2nd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I am a boy who is 2 years old. I have tried being good this year. Sometimes it's pretty hard though.

#### Dear Santa,

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I have really tried to be good this year. I only fight with my big sister half of the time. I have learned that biting really does hurt and now I give kisses instead. I would like you to bring me some Minnie Mouse toys and a Jessie Doll. We will make sure the chimney is ready for you to come down. Thank you Santa.

> Alexis Jantz Age 1

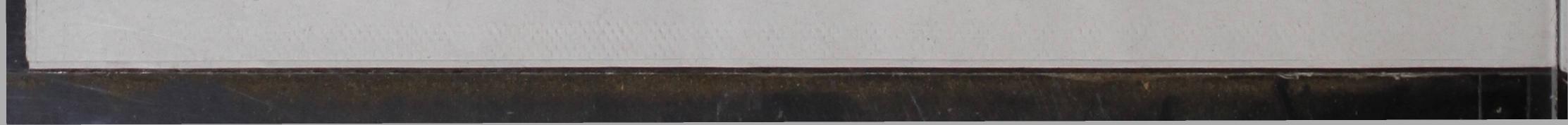
#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like a new Hello Kitty blanket. I would like some new clothes, a flashlight, a new jacket and a scarf. I also want an ipod so I can listen to music. I want some new square toe boots. (I wear a size 12.) I would like some barbies and barbie stuff. Zippy will tell you that I've been good. I love you Santa!!! Avery Sawyer Age: 6

#### Dear Santa,

I want a butterfly blanket, a flashlight, & some paint stuff. I want some new hair bows, a necklace, and some barbie stuff. I really want a Strawberry Shortcake toy because I don't have one. I also want some new boots like my sister. I want some new story books, and new jammies. I'm sorry for biting Hunter, I won't bite him anymore. I love you!

Emmarie Holland, Age: 4



Love.

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Kennadie and I am 5 years old. We have a fireplace at prekinder so you can come down the chimney. When is your birthday? I have been good this year. I want a blue nintendo with a pen and case. That has games in it. I would also like a Leap Pad, Wii games, and Christmas blowups. How are the reindeer. I Love You Santa. Kennadie Cummins

#### Dear Santa,

I love you. My name is Tandie and I am 5 years old. We have a chimney and fireplace @ pre k made out of paper. We painted the inside of the chimney black. I want a nintendo with a case and pen. I want it blue. I also want a leap pad, wii games, and blowups christmas. I love your elves. Tandie Cummins

Age 5 Pre-k

#### Dear Santa,

This is Jake. How is Rudolph, and the other reindeer? I want a water gun that shoots tiny water bullets, Operation Mater, and a brown and black shot gun. How do you get into the house when there is no chimney? Also how do you deliver the presents in one night? How cold is it in the North Pole?

> Your friend, Jake Christopher 5 yrs old

#### a big butterfly tent. Maybe a baby puppy, and an awesome trampoline. Because I lick my lips I want some chap stick. How is Rudolph? I'm going to make you ginger bread cookies with pink icing on it with some sparkles, and someday I want to be a princess. Please bring me some sparkle lip gloss. Thank you Santa, From: Taylee Ehlert 5 yrs old

#### Age 5 Dear Santa, Pre-k

My name is Toby. How many Reindeer do you have? Can I have Bumblebee and a hunting set, also a German man plane to fight? And a WWII aircraft carrier, a brand new P.51 British plane, also a new Jap Mig and a Jap Zero, a Junger -87 fighter. I would love all of these toys. I have been a really good boy! Thank you Santa

> Toby Leeper 6 years old

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Javier Valles, Do you feed your Reindeer grass? Can I feed them? Do you like cookies? I want a swimming pool, and a spider man bicycle, also a bunny, I also want two T-rex dinasour toys, and a trampoline. How do you get down the chimney? I also want a lot of coloring books, marshmallows, and one skateboard. I am so excited, I can hardly wait for Christmas!

> Thank you Santa, 5 years old

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Daze. Can I have some yarn for Christmas, and a cool bicycle and a kite? Can you tell me about Rudolph? Santa, what do you-did in the summer time? I would also like some Star

Wars toys, and maybe a puppy. That is all the stuff I want for Christmas.

P.S. What kind of cookies do you like?

Love, Daze 4 years old

#### Dear Santa,

I want to know why you go up and down the chimney all the time? I want a singing baby and a small Drivable Car with four wheels I would also like a Barbie and a new bike with two wheels. I love you Santa.

P.S. Please don't forget my sisters! Your favorite little girl, Danielle McCann 5 years old

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Danika. Is Rudolph good? I would like a teddy bear with sparkles, a singing baby, easy bake oven, new earnings shaped like Christmas trees, perfume, lip gloss, a big play horse, pajamas, and a minature pony. Also some star earnings. How is Mrs. Clause doing? Do you like cookies and milk? Also a stuffed stuffed zebra, and a leopard printed bear. I will leave you some milk and cookies by the tree! I can't hardly wait!

> Thank you Santa, Love Danika 6 years old Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? My name is Miguel, and I am so excited that it is almost Christmas. It is my favorite time of the year, but a very busy one for you! I know you can handle delivering toys to all on you. the boys and girls. I have tried very hard to be a

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good boy, so I hope I am on your good list. For Christmas this year I would love for you to bring you to bring me a remote control helicopter that goes really high. I would love to have some play guns for me and my brother. What would really like the most is a real computer of my very own! Please remember all the other boys and girls this Christmas. I will have you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree.

Love you Santa!

From Miguel Guzman 6 years old Hedley Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year, and I would like a semi with a trailor on it. I would also like a brand new police car. I will leave you some chocolate cookies with milk, and even a present for you of something you have always wanted. Love, JaKoby Dunham, age 7

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year and I have been waiting for you all year. This year I want a drum set, a pointer so I can play school, some new Barbie dolls, and some new dress up clothes. When you come to my house I will have for you icing sugar cookies and a big glass of milk.

Love, Brooklyn Williams, age 6

#### Dear Santa,

I have been the best 6 year old, and this year I want a Nintendo DSI and some games to go with it. I also want some new movies for my DVD player, and would you also bring me some pretty jewelery. I will have some cookies and milk waiting

#### Dear Santa,

**Javier Valles** 

My name is Taylee. If you can get me a bike, I want it to look like a Princess one. I also want

Love, Ashley Yankie, age 6

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#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year and I have minded my mom and dad. This year I want a transformer and a green racecar. I would also love to get a new bike, too! There will be cookies waiting for you.

Love, Aidan Kennedy, age 6

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a brown cat and I am going to name it Claire Cat. I would also like some barbies to play with. And could you bring me a new skateboard and some skates too. I will have cookies and milk for you.

Love , Breanna Williamson, age 7

#### Dear Santa,

This year I want a monster jam, a nerf gun, and a toy race car. I have been super good this year. I also want a water gun so I can soak my brother, sister and Angel.

We will have cookies and milk for you at my house.

Love, James Robinson, age 7

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very very good this year. This year I want a TV for my bedroom, an IPOD to put my music on, and a new cd case. I will have some surprise cookies and milk waiting for you on Christmas Eve.

Love, Piper Chambless, age 7

#### Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like an uncharted 3 game, a new racecar that has a remote control, and also want a new BenTen game. Please come to my house so you can eat my chocolate chip cookies and drink a big glass of milk. submarine ship because it is fun to play with. I would like a spider man toy because I have never had one before. And I want a play station3 and x box360 and spider-man and batman games to go with it because they are awesome. And I want a real phone because I can call my Mom, Dad and Elijah and play angry birds and black ops on my phone.

> Your best friend, Tyler Cox Age 7, Hedley School

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Cooper I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want bull riding leggings. I want them so I can ride the calf. I also want a 3D DS so I can play more games, and a football so we play catch. I also want a football game that goes to the Play station 2 so I have another game to play. I want the 2010 game. I also want a Play station 3 so I can play 2 player, a drawing book so I can draw in it . I also want a DS I so my brother can . get the DS. I would really like a roping saddle and a bunch of ropes so I can rope stuff. I also would like to have cowboy leggings that are blue and my brand Rocking CM. Also a bull riding helment with a cross on both sides. I also would like a X BOX 360.

Thank you Santa and have a great Christmas. From,

> Cooper McCleskey Age 7, Hedley school second grade

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Heather I am eight years old and live in Hedley, Texas. I've been a very good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is a DS game called Championship Pony because I like horses.

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

#### To You & Your Flock

We really enjoyed your visits this past year and are blessed to have your continued friendship and support. **Thanks!** 



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Love, Davin Mays, age 7

#### Dear Santa,

I have been super good this year. I want a leap pad with games, a new purple dress, and some new clothes. We are going to bake chocolate chip cookies for you and have a big glass of milk. Love, Aliyah Zarate, age 6

#### Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a PS2 with games, a DSI, and a new bike. I also would like to have a cell phone so that I can talk to my friends. I am going to bake you some cookies and have you a glass of milk.

Love, Jmaury Davis, age 8

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good all year long and fo Christmas this year I am wanting an IPOD, laptop, a babydoll. When you get to my house you will have warm cookies and a glass of milk waiting on you.

Love, Emily Gonzalez, age 7

#### Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I want a new baby kitten that I am going to name Ethan Jr. I also am wanting a power wheels jeep that I can get in and drive. My brothers and I will bake you some, cookies for you to eat when you come to my house.

Love, Ethan Harden, age 7

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Tyler. I want a Nintendo DS because it is going to be my birthday. And I also want a Lego batman with the

I will play it on my DS every chance I get. I also want a Go Go walking puppy because it's going to be so cold outside and I don't want to go outside to walk my dog. I will walk my puppy in my room because he probably won't chew everything up. I want a toy horse and a rider to go with it because I want to add it to my collection of horses I already have. I like playing with my horses and I would like a new one to play with. I would also like a furry cuddly rabbit because they're soft, cute, and cuddly. They are also fun to play with when you teach them tricks. I want a fish for Christmas because my other fish died. I will feed it every other day like I did with my other fish. I want a pool so in the summer I can go swimming with my family and have my friends over to swim. Last but not least I want a guitar so I can play it because I like the sound it makes when I hear one. I will make you chocolate chip cookies and painted cookies with milk so you have a snack for the ride home with your reindeers. I also might put reindeer food out for your reindeers, Dancer, Dasher, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Dixon, Prancer, Blitzen, and my favorite Rudolph.

#### Love,

Heather Hough Age:8, Second Grade, Hedley ISD

#### Dear, Santa

My name is Ashara and I have been a really good girl this year. What I would like for Christmas is a fur real friend which is a white cat, and a brown dog. The next thing I would like is a purple I- pod to listen to music to. Then I would like to have Spooky Buddies, that way I can watch it on Halloween, and last I want a Nintendo 3-DS, and a whole bunch of games. The most important thing I would like for Christmas is to celebrate Jesus's birthday. I will leave milk and cookies for you when you visit my house. Love,

> Ashara Arguello 8 years old, Hedley School, 2nd grade

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#### Dear Santa,

My name is Elijah. I want a fake gun for Christmas and a 3ds Nintendo with games. I like Nintendo 3ds cause they are very cool. I want a real phone for Christmas. I know how to use one. I like games on the phone. I want playstation3, I like star wars games. I also like batman legos. I really want black ops for Christmas, and also a needle, I want a shotgun so can shoot a deer and a rabbit. Your friend.

Elijah Booth Age 7, Hedley School

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Kylie, and I have been a very good girl this year!!! For Christmas this year I would love to have a fish because I like fish, a rabbit because I love to pet their soft fur, a heavy coat so I can stay warm during the winter, a pony with rider so I can play with it I would love to also have a DS pony champions, and a camera so I can take lots of cool pictures!!!I'll leave you some chocolate chip cookies and some milk!!!

Kylie McCann, 2nd grade, Age 7

Love.

Love,

#### Dear Santa,

I hear that you are coming to town and bringing presents! I've been very good this year. I would really like a red remote-controlled monster truck. My brother, Nathan, has also been good. He would really like the Kung Fu Panda 2 movie. We will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Thank you, Daniel Estlack - 4 years old

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Keiden Moody. I was only born in June, but since then, I have been a very good boy. For Christmas I would like some books, some sports balls, a Blues Clues toy, and a toy box for everything that my Grandma's get for me! I would also love some tootsie rolls and suckers in my stocking. I will leave some treats for you and your reindeer. Thank You Santa!

Keiden Moody

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I want a play horse that I can ride on, a microphone that I can sing and dance with. I love babies so that would be nice too. Please remember my big brother Kasen. We will have cookies for you and carrots for the reindeers.

> Love, **Kinslee Hatley** Age 3

#### Dear Santa,

I see you on my Christmas tree! I would like a purse, a bag, a coloring book with birds in it, some baby pacifiers and bottles for my little baby doll, a princess pen, and a pair of princess shoes. Thank You!

> Love, Aubrey Mae Stidham

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Braylon Rice and I'm 2 years old. I've tried really hard to be good this year. Please bring me a jeep, something to write on and baseball stuff. Please bring something for my Bubba and my nephew, Baby Tayden, he likes music and lights. I will leave you some coke and candy.

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wishes for the very best holiday season ever!

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#### Dear Santa,

I have been good. For Christmas, I want Kung Fu Panda 2 (the movie). Please bring me it! I will leave you milk and cookies. I know that you fed the reindeer at home, but I will also leave them a snack of oatmeal. (Mom told me that's what they like!)

Nathan Estlack - 7 years old

#### Dear Santa,

I want a DS-3D, under armour shirt, camo coat and binoculars and monster truck. I love you Santa Claus. I want my brother Parker to get a Leapster and momma an IPad.

> Love, Grant Haynes, Age 5

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year ! would like a new baby doll that talks and moves, a barbie doll, barbie Christmas movie, Dora play set, a Dora book and a bike.

> Love, Hannah Curtis, Age 2

#### Dear Santa,

I hope your sleigh works. I watched Rudolf the movie and it was a cute movie, and I liked it. For Christmas I want a battery powered 4-wheeler and BB gun. And I want a big toy set that comes with barbies and Barbie clothes. I want a Dora scooter that is just like the one I shared with Mattie. I want a real pet puppy and cat. I want a Hello Kitty jewelry box and Hello Kitty clock. I would like a swingset, trampoline and slide also. I will need a dog collar, dog leash, and dog house for my puppy. Can I also have a battery powered jeep and some books? And some make-up, perfume, and fingernail polish, and jewelry.

> I love you Santa, Leighanna Youngblood Age 5

Thanks, Braylon

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Tayden Guinn and I am 4 months old. I have been a very good boy this year. Please bring me a musical gym and anything that plays music and lights up. I would also like some rattles and a toy that goes on my car seat so I can play in the car. I will leave you a Dr. Pepper and a candy bar on the fireplace.

P.S. Don't forget about my Uncle Braylon and Uncle Dusto

Thanks, Tayden

#### Dear St. Nick,

I like you St. Nick. I want a baby that swims, new boots, a swing set and a trampoline. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. Your friend, Jami

#### Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. How are your reindeer, you better give them rest or they'll be lazy during the sleigh ride. I will leave Christmas tree cookies for you. May you please bring me an I-Pod tough, roller skates, dress-up stuff. Would you please remember my I-Pod touch.

Sincerely, Emeri

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas and hello! Santa I will leave some cookies for You. Ah! Ha! I want a X-box 360 and a Zoomda game.

> Yours truly, Matthew Gorge Jaramillo

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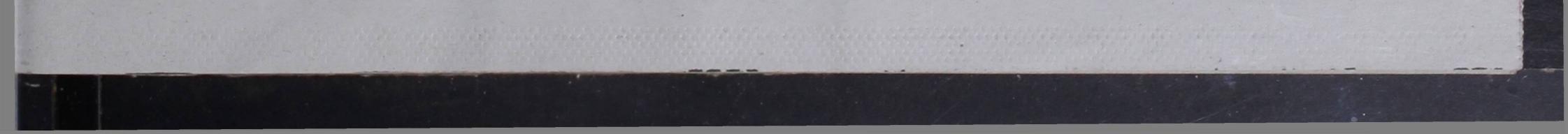
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#### Dear St. Nick,

How are you and your elfves? All I want for Christmas is a trampoline, a nerf long shot, a Santa suit with a Santa hat and a elf hat, a PS3. I hope you enjoy my good vanilla cookies. Just one more thing, Merry Christmas!

> Your truly, Coltyn Morrow

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the Noth pole. I only want one thing this year. Okay? Here it goes I want really bad. The Magick Gravity Ball.

> Sincerely, Kami Duncan

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa Claus! How are your Reindeer and elves? I hope that I am on the good list. For Cristmas I would like a, playmobile doll house, a Dairy Queen maker, and a LaLa Loopsy doll. I would also like a Bratz color hair play toy. I will leave some yummy cookies for you and some milk. I hope you will like your cookies we made you.

> Yours truly, Kaitlyn Davis

#### Dear Santa Claus,

How are you santa? I have been so good. I love you. Santa I wish I could see you in real life. Santa HoHoHo Merry Christmas. How is it at the North pole. How are the elfs doing with all of the toys? Your friend, Jordan Herndon

Dear Casta

Christmas is a stroller, Loley upsy doll, dentist playdough, and an Indian doll. Merry Christmas. Sincerely Your Friend, Joslyn Burton

#### Dear Santa,

Hello, how is your reindeer and your eves. Are you always happy evey December? How is the sleigh I would like to know how doz the reindeer fly with a lot of presents and toys? I would like a toy puppy and a toy water car for Christmas.

> Sincerely, Matthew Powell

#### Dear Stana,

How are your reindeer? Stanta would you bring these things for me a stocktrailers and pbs brokon ridin gen, bull riding, a red truck, and a trailer without a cover with bars. I will give you M&Ms cookies to eat.

> Your friend, Jodee Pigg

#### Dear, Santa Claus

Santa, I have tried to be goot this year. I would like a play station and a Santa suit, a tech helmet, and a rope. I wish you and Mrs. Claus a Merry Christmas. How are your raindeer?

> Sincerely, Brock Hatley

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Hello, Santa! How are your elves? I have been very good. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a puppy for Christmas. I want a go go dog, a horse, and a baby alive. I will leave you milk and cookies. I will leave Mrs. Claus cookies and milk, too. Merry

#### Dear Santa,

I hope your reindeer are doing good so you can bring us presents. I want a cattle truck, a hay truck, a X-Box 360.

P.S. I have been nice. I love you, Santa! Your friend,

Koyt Tucek

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Polar Express toy train. We watched it on a movie. And I want a rocket, a motorcycle, and some new books. And I want a Jack-in-the-Box.

> Love, Riley Wade, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a Cars 2 Lighting McQueen. I would like a Mater with at 95. He's a tow truck. And I want a double decker bus on Cars 2. I would also like a Polar Express train that is a toy.

> From, Reagan Wade, Kingergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I would like one of those things that plays games – with a phone. I want Uncharted 3. It's a game where you battle guys with a gun and you get to fight them. I want a dirt bike too.

> I love you, Santa! From: Warren Mays, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

What are your reindeers' names? I want a laptop with music on it. What is your elf's name?

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#### Dear Santa,

I would like a rocket set. Will you get my sister a hair salon? Does Jack come to you at night? Merry Christmas!

From: Easton Frausto, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I want a robot. Merry Christmas! From: Jaxan McAnear, Kindergarten P.S. How does Rudolph's nose glow?

#### Dear Santa,

I love you! You are nice. You give us presents every year.-I would like a go-go dog from Kids R Us. Also a pop-pig. You give him too many hamburgers and he just pops!

> Love, Haleigh Schlegelmilch, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a dirt bike and a bike. I like bikes! I ride them all the time. I want a transformer too. Merry Christmas!

From: Zach Harden, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I want a playdoh making food thingy. There's a toy that looks like an ice cream cone and you make the chocolate on top out of play-doh. Merry Christmas!

> Love, Marie Cash, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

There's a doctor playdoh toy that I want. There's a vanity that I want. It's a girl one and it's real. I want a walking baby doll too. I'll put some cookies on a plate for you and

#### Dear Santa,

Hellow Santa! Is Rudolph practing his jumps? Im doing good in 2nd grade. What I want for Christmas Santa Claus!

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Sincerely, Shania Brown Merry Christmas! From: Shelby Bowman, Kindergarten



Glad Tidings to You!

May the coming season bring peace, joy and harmony wherever you are.





May the many blessings of the season be yours to have and hold this Christmas.

Clarendon Family Medical Center



#### we'll give you some hot chocolate. Merry Christmas! Love, Emma Roys, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I hope I get some presents. I would like a bacugun and a lapton. Merry Christmas! From: Lyric Smith, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike, a cooking deal and a Spiderman bed. And my sister wants a computer. Merry Christmas!

From: Ray Curry, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I want a toy cat-Bitty. And I want a Scooby dog, and a toy turtle. From: Rosa Olivas, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I'want a PS, a pogo stick and some new legos. Also a painting easel. Merry Christmas! Can you please bring my brother Hudson a tractor and truck.

From: Harrison Howard, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I want an I-Pod touch. I love you! From: Graci Smith, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

Santa, I like you. I want one of those little four wheelers, not a real one.

Love,

for my room, two little cats with the colors gray, and black , and five little dogs with the colors brown, white, and black. Santa, I will give you milk, cookies, and a cake when you visit me. Thank you!

> Sincerely, Giselle, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? I can't wait til Christmas Santa, because we get to open presents! What I want for Christmas is a Rip Stix. It is like a skateboard but with two wheels. I want a Playstation 3. It's a game system that you can play video games on.

> Love always, Collin Butler, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

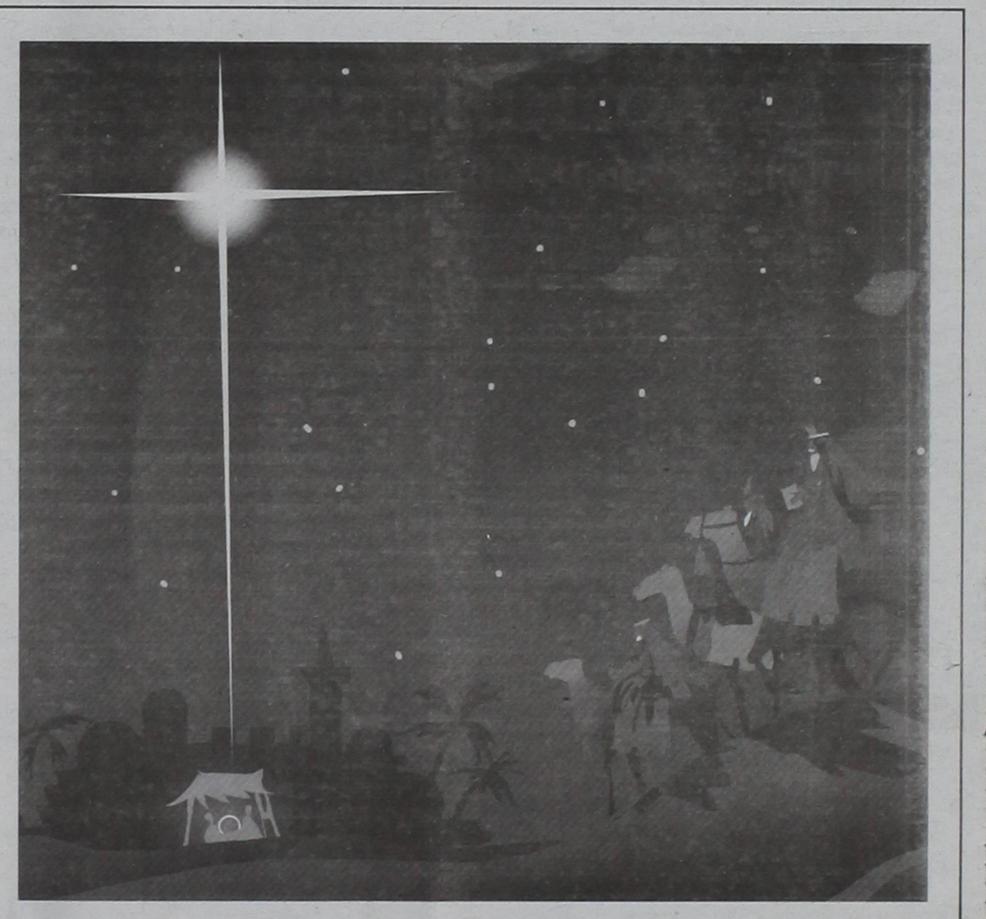
Christmas is a special time of the year. We get to open presents, celebrate Jesus's Birthday, and drink eggnog. How is Rudolph this year? Is his nose still bright colored red or is it a forest green? But, let's move on now. For Christmas, I want an I-Phone that has a light blue and pink cover, and I want an I-Pad 2 for Christmas with a red cover on if. That is all I want for Christmas. So "Merry Christmas to all and all a good night."

> Your Elf, Kira Weatherton, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Why is Rudolph's nose so bright? How do you eat all those cookies in one night? What I would like for Christmas is the best birthday ever and you visit my friends and family. You may ask what kind of presents I want, too. I would like a touch phone, iPod touch, and some play school stuff. 6 - 4 55 A. 5

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Zackary Franklin, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo DS. And I want Cookie. He's a dog that plays with you. I want some clothes. Merry Christmas!

> Love, Mya Edwards, Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

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I want Wii games and Xbox games. Can you get a toy for my cat? How is Mrs. Clause? Thank you for all the presents you have brought me.

Kyler Lamberson, Hedley 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

Will you please get me monster high game please? I want the game, because I was good this year, so can I have my Dad home for Christmas? That's all I want for Christmas, but you can get me more presents if you want? PS: How's Rudolph, Comet, Donner, Blitzen and the other reindeer? How are the elves? How do you get around the world in one day?

> Sincerely, Autumn, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I hope I have been good this year. You are the best. Have you shaved your beard? That's ok if you still have it, you're still my buddy. I will tell you my Christmas list if that's ok. I would like a dog, a bird, a FBI kit, a zombie lab kit, a lizard and a touch screen phone.

> Sincerely, Keeton, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is an I-pod, bike, clothes, shoes, stuff for my hair, jackets, and supplies for school. I also would like decorations Sincerely Yours, Braylee, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

You may ask what I want for Christmas. I want a new dirt bike, a dog, and for you to come visit us all down in Clarendon, Tx. How are your reindeer, and the North Pole? How is the weather?

> Sincerely, Trevor H., 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

Ho! Ho! Ho! I have been wanting tell you something. Christmas in not about getting presents. It is about celebrating Jesus' birthday. Some people think it is about presents. But, really, what I want for Christmas is a bible.

> Love, Christinia, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is your reindeer and what do they eat? When are you coming to town? I really want an operation game, kitchen set, and a Baby Alive. I really want to thank you for delivering presents before Christmas and before Christmas Eve. This day is also for celebrating Jesus' birth the day he came to the world. There is one more question I would like to ask. What is the North Pole like? Your Best Friend,

Makayla Danielle Brown, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly high up in the sky? Why do you just let me see you, face to face and talk? Why don't you live in North America?

Can you get me a mansion, all of the cars in the whole world, and an air soft shot gun? What I have begged for this past year is a Red Dead Revolver and Red Dead Redemption. I also want a new Gun for PS2.

Chad John Dale Voyles, 4th Grade

## Celebrate The Miracle!

As we watch the holiday season unfold, We recall the greatest story ever told; And join our friends in adulation Marked by joy and celebration As we honor our Savior's birth, We send this prayer for peace on earth And pray that every one of you Receive His many blessings, too!

#### With heartfelt thanks for your valued business this past year.

## City of Howardwick

Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Hubbard Council Members: Tim Gallagher, Gene Rogers, and Tanis McMorries City Employees, City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department, and all the volunteers



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#### Dear Santa,

You may be asking what I want for Christmas. Well here you go, I want a dirt bike, a puppy, to see if you are real, and to give me a visitation from you, in Clarendon, Tx. Here are some more presents, a car with a remote control, an air plane, and a ripstick. Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas and thank vou!

> Sincerely, Jamal, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

Christmas is a time of giving, not receiving. What do you want for Christmas? Do you want reindeer food, milk and cookies, chocolate, or toys? You give us presents every Christmas, but you never ask for anything in return. Why do you come at night when we can not say thank you then?

Your friend, Tanner, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa

This year is a different Christmas, because my dad is not here. I would like a touch screen phone and a rip stick. I would also like to know how you are doing. How are you, the reindeer and Mrs. Clause? Santa, most of all. I want my family together, so we can take a picture to send to my Dad. I hope you have a good Christmas!

> Sincerely, Eboni Butler, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I hope that you have everything ready for your trip and don't get cold. Try to stay warm. Now, all I want is a phone at my dad's home so I could call my family, an air soft sniper rifle with a red laser.

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a 4G phone. Also, I would like an Ipod touch with a green, blue, or black ease that comes with the ipod touch. All I want is to meet you and your reindeer, and a blizzard maker. Also, I would like 3 games. Black Eyed Peas for the kinect, and Just Dance 2, and 3. That is all for me. Have a good holiday!

Sincirely Your Friend, Raynee N., 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a MP5 airsoft gun, a sniper rifle, plus, another shotgun that comes with a pistol, but all airsoft. Another thing that I want is the Zelda game for the Wii. When I use the airsoft equipment I will need ten thousand BB's, and a night vision laser with a red light for the sniper rifle.

> Sincerely Yours, Kenny, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? I hope they are doing good, because they might be delivering lots of toys for little kids. I would like a blizzard maker, a hose, a phone and an ice cream maker.

Sincerely yours, Nori Buckhaults, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is it up in the North pole? Are all the reindeer all right? Have you shaved your beard? Santa, I would like a blue dirt bike. Can I have a bunk bed and a PS3, because me and my two brothers don't have one? I want some new clothes. Can you come get me for Christmas and take me to the North Pole?

With A Round Of Thanks

Hoping your

Clarendon

#### Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? I hope they are doing well. Surely the kids have been good. I would like some Army clothes to hide from my brother. The Elves have probably made bunch of toys this year. Try not to brake anything, and be careful. I am going to give you milk and cookies this year for a snack. Is Santa Mouse coming with you again? If he is I will get a snack for him too. This is going to be the best Christmas have ever had.

> Sincerely your friend, Trent Smith, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I do not want a lot of toys. All I want is a bed set, because I could use it every night for a long time. Will you make it black and white with a peace sign on it? Thank you for all you do.

> Your friend, Samara, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

Christmas is my favorite time of the year! Santa, I would like a TV for my room. I would also like the Smurfs Wii game, because it looks like a fun game. The last thing I want is the Smurfs movie, because if I get a TV I can watch it. Has Rudolph's nose got any brighter?

> Sincerely, Darcie, 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? All I want for Christmas is a bible and some soft blanckets, one with zebra print, and one with crosses. That is it, Marry Christmas Santa!

#### Dear Santa,

I want a re-mote con-trol mon-ster truck, a leap pad to help me learn, and a laptop. The rein-deer get an apple. Don't tell them it is sour. I will leave you carrot cookies because Mrs. Claus said that is your favorite.

> Love, Kaleb, 1st Grade

#### Dear Santa,

Please give me a laptop computer. I want a LaLa Lindsey doll: I want a play jeep and roller skates. I will put Christmas cookies and milk on my grandmother's table.

> Love, Kylie Monroe, 1st Grade

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a re-mote control air-plane and a re-mote con-trol Mater that sings. I will leave you some cho-co-late chip cookies on the ta-ble.

> Love, Lane Hinton, 1st Grade

#### Dear Santa,

Please send me a lap-top com-pu-ter and I want a fly-ing re-mote air-plane and I want a pair of purple hanna montanna socks. I will leave peanut butter cookies on the little brown thing by the Christmas tree in the living room. That will be it.

Love, Ashlee, 1st Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. What I want for Christmas is a mini laptop, some jearwe, an iPod

Sincerely, Clay, 4th Grade

Your friend, Logan, 4th Grade

Sincerely, Erykah, 4th Grade

touch, and some clothes. I would also like a pup. ! would like a new TV for my room and a touch



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We'd like to give you our best wishes for a happy, healthy and harmonious holiday. For your goodwill, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Don Stone Signs



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screen phone. I think I should have this because I have been good this year. Gracee Shadle, Age 9, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a playstation with call of duty black ops. I would also like a Jreplen, more toys, and a hores. Iwould also like a rabbit, a skatebord, and a snowbord. I would also like a dog house with a bulldog, a remont cantrow car, and toy car with air plane. I would also like a paint boll gun, a merker bord, and a foot ball. I would like a foot ball player collition a new bike and a new bike and a new basket ball for Christmas. Ivan Gonzalez, Age 9, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

If I been good I would like a DS, an iPod, clothers, and a barbie doll. I would also like a toy kitty, a toy dog, and a baby doll that speaks. I would also like a DS with games, some books, and a play oven. I would also like a dollhouse with a elovater, a remoo cantroll car, and a purse that holds DS games. You have a happy Christmas. I want pink, red, purple, brown, and whrite rollor skates, a toy Santa with it Say ho,ho,ho,ho,ho merry Christmas, and a big toy horse. I want a bling, bling ring, toy jewels, and some shrts. I want a rocket and cece v.i.p dolls.

Stephenie Kennedy, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want an natando D's and I also hope God bless me with one I wunt the marey-o game with it and I want it to be white I want a camera with it and some song's. Please I believe you and God and I think yall can make it happen. Shyra Harris, Age 10, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

This Cristmas I would like something for all of my three horses to be warm from all of this weather. I would like a cat for Christmas. I would also like a dog collar for Marley. How do you do all your work in one night? I would like this because I am working hard in school. Aubrey Jaramillo, Age 8, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I wold like a Barbie and a mermad tail. Ive been good this yere. How is Mrs. Clus doing? Wers your work shop? I wonder how the elves are. I want to meet rudogh. How red is his nose? Are ther any kids at the north pole? I want a papper James gatar and mikerphone, becus I've been good. I want these things.

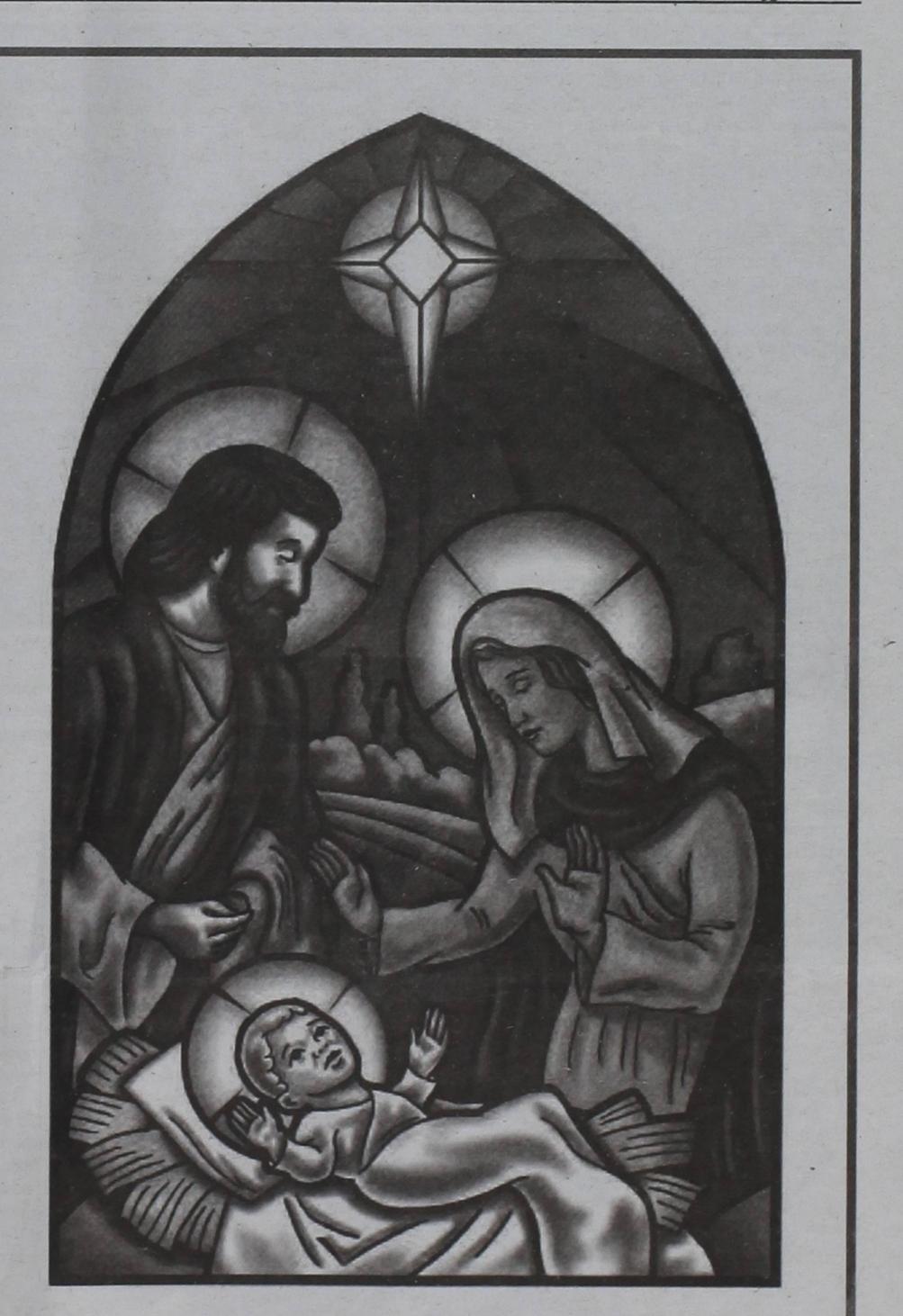
Armani Jackson, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a TCU room redo. I would like a TCU sweatshirt and a matching TCU swet pants. I would like a horndfrog shaped pillow. I would like TCU socks. I would like a TCU cheerleading outfit. I should get theas thangs becase I was good. Izzy Craft, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a bran new touch screen phon, a new tv for my room, and a pupy. I also would like a bed spred, some money, and a pink wig. I would also like a warm and cozy jaket, and some clothes I do chours for my mom and dad. Amnesty Oatman, Age 9, 3rd Grade



Dear Santa, I bet you are very bissie! I have been good and bad, but mostly good! I'm so glad Christmas

## THANK YOU \_-

- For including us in your travels this year! We look forward to seeing you again soon.

## **Osburn** Appliance

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO**

WITH HIGHEST PRAISE TO THE LORD AT THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR, AND MANY THANKS TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR YOUR GOODWILL DURING THIS PAST YEAR. WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY WE BID YOU AND YOURS A VERY JOYOUS YULETIDE SEASON, FOLLOWED BY A MOST MEMORABLE NEW YEAR.

## Security Abstract Co.



is a Holiday. I meen like ... who would whant to miss the birth of our savour! I would realy like these things! A miniature bake maker, a dog, and balerenu slippers, and snow. And you can't make this happen, but for my daddy, to give himself to God. Thank you so much!

Jacie Kysar, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like some chapter books I would also like some new crayons, markers, & colored pincles. I would like some Andies mints in the bottom of my stocking. I would like a toy to give to my dog. I want some new books of music to play on my piano. I deserve this stuff because I have been making good grades & I have been good.

Kailee Osburn, Age 9, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a pellet gun, shoes, steeler blanket, steeler pillow case, steeler sheet, steeler football jersy, steeler poster, steeler movies, steeler hat steeler folder, steeler gloves, nfl football games, steeler, back pack, texas tech poster, crayon maker, steeler football, steeler book cover, steeler cup, steeler key chane for my dad, steeler-binder, steeler crayon box, steeler pencil, and a randy ortan toy. Sants I have been good. Antwan Bassett, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I'v ben a good boy this year. I'v ben waiting all year. What I won't most is a ipod like my cousins. It's shaped like a square. And it is little and a touch screen. I want this because my ipod is broken. Next I want a zoo York flat bill. I want it because I like that brand of cap. Next a nerf gun. So I can shoot my cats. The na hex bug. One of the spider ones. And a hex bug nano. Four of them please. And a track to go whith it to. And that's it. If you can drop that stuff at my nana's house. Cuse I'll be there.

#### Dear Santa,

I don't want anything for Chrismas. I arred had my present. It is denver so. I want a lego star wars. The one that has a \$119. I was good for music. Tyler Paul, Age 9, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want a laptop, and a camra, and a wii set, for Christmas. I have ben a god girl, you are my favret, How are you doing. How is your wife. It is cool how you fly around the world.

Brooke Duncan, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I wonder what your work shop looks like. I cant whate till Christmas. Last year I got a dollhouse with an elovater, but I just had my birthday. I got lots of stuff for my birthday, and it was quit nice. And I want to ask you for some stuff for Christmas. Here it is. It is lots of stuff, a purple DS with a Maryo Ds game. And new roller skates. I want them purple. My favorite color is purple. And I want a new bling-bling belt. With lots of rinstones on it. I want a purple boomrang. It is a frispy whin you throw it. It comes back to you well I thank this is enuff for Christmas. Thank you for bringing all these gifts to me win I ask.

Love you Santa by, Jade Benson, Age 9, 3rd Grade P.S. Al put milk and cookies on the fire place for you.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for all you brought me last year. Here are the toys I want this year. Mega Trex, Dallas Cowboy Uniform including a Dallas

#### Dear Santa,

I want a doll house for Christmas and a IPod touch. I want just dance 3. Did you feed the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Is she doing good? Tell her I said hi. I want you to get something for my dog Kippi. My mom to. My dad and brother to.

Love, Leandra Mestas, 3rd grade P.S. Have a Merry Christmas!

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I would love these things for Christmas. First of all I would like a dog for my Moma! Next of all I would like Just Dance 3 for my sisters. Then I want a chew toy for my dog. After that I would like a pocket knife for my daddy. Then for me I would like a DSI for Christmas, O yah tell Comet, Dasher, Prancer, Doner, Dancer, Blitzen, Vixen, Cupid, Rudolf, and Mrs. Claus that I said hello.

> From your friend, Zachary Wells

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. My mommy and daddy say I am getting to be such a BIG girl!!! I hope you and the reindeer are all ready for your big trip. My brothers say I can ask you for anything at all. HMMMM. I really like everything I see on the TV these days so it is so hard to choose. A big girl bike just like My brothers would be great so I could ride around with them and not just have to run after them. I also would like a house for my barbies cause they sure would like a place to go nite nite. Oh and

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an earlier birthday? That's all I want for Christmas on this list.

> Sincerely, Lee Huffman

#### Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? I'm planning to leave those cookies and milk for you and feed for the reindeer in the front yard. Now I'm not asking for much-just four small things. That is, a sheep farm with three ewes and one ram, and a Dell laptop with Windows 7 as the operating system and a computer game. Now just this one last thing-a book called Mature Livestock. Thank you.

> Your friend, **Brenden Hough** 5th grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is the wife? She is not the only one who works, you know. What I want for Christmas is a PS3, a laptop, PS2, D.S.I., Lego Pirates of the Caribbean, and a printer.

> Sincerely, Joshua Fish 5th grade

#### Dear Santa,

How much do you weigh? All I want for Christmas is a M1-grand rifle, and eight chests of soldiers. That's all.

> Thank you, Isaac Booth

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Ethan Babcock, Age 9, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have ben good this year. I want a ipod touch, a phon, and a englis pitbull puppy. When I git her she I want her to be one. I want thes sea monches in my stocking. I want a happy Christmas. I want a gater a counchrergater. I want thes things becous If ben good. I help with the chors, and If ben good to my sister.

Ashlynn Newsome, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a par of boots, a food ball, a baskitball, a army helment, a toy motercle, and a hours. We don't have a hours. I wunder wat your shop looks like. I can't wat tell Christmas. We selabrat Jesus too.

> Love, Levi Eytcheson, Age 10, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

I think Christmas is inportint to the world, because it's the brithday of Jesus. All I want for Christmas is a golf cart, black boots, and cute close to. And the relly thing i want is a golf cart and close. So santa please santa please. I one more thing I want is a dog.

Brooklyne Lambright, Age 8, 3rd Grade

#### Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a bike, a spiderman action figure, and a monster vs. alians toy. Santa you are nice. I want theas things because I have been good. I have been making good grades. I have been good in school. Santa you are good. Santa you are the best for bringing people presents.

Cowboy helmet, 3DS and DS games.

Love Shawn Metcalf Hedley age 7

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a 3DS and different nintendo games. Thank you for everything I have gotten before! I would really enjoy a good book. Something I want is a real kid sewing machine. I woul also enjoy a set of sewing items like thimbles, spools of thread and anything else you need. I would like an American Doll and American girl gooks. Please enjoy the cookies and milk. We will hopefully have carrots for the reindeer and can you write a note to us and put it by the plate? Love Esther Metcalf Hedley age 10

#### Dear Santa,

What I really want for Christmas is a bike it would really be nice if you would give me that. Any way I've been really good this year. Oh, and how is Mrs. Clause? Have you fed the reindeer? So any way I hope you get some sleep after your flight. What I want for my brother is a Nintendo DS and my parents want to get that sewer fixed so that is what I want for Christmas.

Love,

Jade Fish, 3rd grade PS. Have a Merry Christmas

#### Dear Santa,

It's almost Christmas time and this is what I want. I would like some new boots and a cowgirl hat, next I would like a new dog, then I would like a brand new saddle, next I want some new clothes, could you get a necklace for my mom? Then I would like just dance 3, next I would like some jewelry, then I would like some makeup. How are the reindeer? How's Mrs. Claus? Are you feeding Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Did you wash the sleigh? Tell the reindeer I said hi!

> Love, Kadee Lockeby

P.S Merry Christmas!!

some more barbies too cause I sure do love them. My baby dolls would like a crib and a high chair as well.

I hope you know I have the best big brothers in the world they always help me do lots of stuff, so don't forget to bring them presents too. I don't really know what they want though cause they can't seem to make up their minds. Well I am off to paint so I am going to say bye. I will leave out some milk and cookies just hope

my dad doesn't eat it before you get to my house.

Love, Addy Havens, Age 2

#### Dear Santa,

This year I would like for you to bring me a robot. Also, I would like a bounce house. There is a motorcycle with army men that I would like you to bring so I can play with them. I have done my best to be good so I can be on the Nice list. Remember to come down my chimney at my house because I will have milk and cookies waiting for you and I want you to see my Christmas tree. Also, I have a singing and dancing Santa that looks just like you!! Tell Rudolf I said Hi.

Aiden Word, Age 4

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I would like a video camera, a zebra printed comforter, boots with fur, a makeup caboodle, an art kit, Someday by Justin Bieber perfume, Justin Bieber Under the Mistletoe CD, and a phone! Thank you.

> Sincerely, Jasmine Lockeby 5th grade

#### Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? Can you get me a game called LittleBIGPlanet 2? How is your reindeer doing? I bet he's doing fine. If you can't find my house, it's on 1st and Blair Streets. Can I also have a game called Bioshock 2? Can I also have

How is Rudolph? I am in the 5th grade. All I want for Christmas is a laptop!

> Thank you, Kasie Hinton

#### Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I can't wait till Christmas! I love in the morning when you wake up and you see a bunch of presents. I wonder how the elves are doing. I guess Rudolph is doing well. My mom is getting me stuff from Justice, hopefully. I want a new dog-maybe a cowdog. Can you get me all Texas Tech bed covers? Maybe a zebra pillow. pet, and a fuzzy pillow with my name on it? I want a MACbook Pro laptop, and a new Justin Bieber CD. I want some hoodies. Can I get some jewelry and some friendship bracelets for my friends? Please, can I get a DSI, please? Thank you!!!!!

Sincerely, McKay Shelp 5th grade

#### Dear Santa,

My mommy says that considering I have been going through my terrible twos this year, I have been a pretty good little girl. I didn't mean to pour all of my mommy's laundry detergent in the washer, I was just trying to help out with the laundry. Also, I am very sorry about throwing that huge fit in Hobby Lobby...All of the breakable items in the store get me sooo excited. I know I shouldn't, but I just want to touch everything. If I am on the nice list, I would really like the Loving Family Doll House, a Baby Alive, and some play dishes to go with the kitchen you got me last year. I'll be sure to sprinkle the reindeer food over the front yard so that they will know where to land. And I hope you will enjoy the cookies and milk I'll leave for you inside. I'll leave extra cookies on the table just in case you would like to take some back to the North Pole for Mrs. Claus.

Love.

Lindley McKinley, 2 years old P.S. My mommy has been good this year, too.

Dakota Harden, Age 8, 3rd Grade



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#### Dear Santa,

I want a new baby doll and a Hello Kitty blanket. Thank you and see ya later!

> Love, Skylar Williams, age 17 months

#### Dear Santa,

I been good. Will you please bring me a new bicycle for Christmas?

And bring my new cousin Kennadi Brooke something too.

I wuv you Santa.

Jayla Woodard

#### Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy this year but at 3 that can be hard. I would really like a train set, some cars, and blocks so I can build stuff. Please don't forget about my Brooklyn, Zack, and Whitney. We will leave cookies and milk out for you. Please be safe.

Eli Martin, Age: 3

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Addie Roberts, I'm 2 ½ years old. I have been a good girl this year. I love tinkerbell and hello kitty. I would also like to have some princess dress up clothes like my friend Maloree. I will leave you cookies and milk.

> Love, Addie Roberts

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Kortni Davis, and I am 2 yrs old. I have been a very good girl this year. I can't wait for you and your reindeer to come to my house. I am having a really hard time staying out of the presents that are already under the tree, and would just like to go ahead and rip into them.... so hurry up Christmas! This year for Christmas I would like to have a Dora the Explorer 4 wheeler, a vanity set, and I would also like to have a new baby. Also I would like to have an Olivia dollhouse. Please don't forget about my sisters.... they have been good also. Also please bring Charly something so he will quit chewing my barbies hands off. We will make cookies for you. Me, my Gran-Gran and my sisters will leave oats and hay with some glitter in it so your reindeer can see it sparkle from the sky. Merry Christmas and I love you Santa.

> Love, Kortni Davis

#### Dear Santa,

I am trying really hard to be nice to my sister. I really want a red truck like my dad's and tractors too. I need new pants and big pink boots like my uncle Chris.

> Love, Hayden Moore 3 years old

#### Dear Santa,

I want a sparkley new dress, a princess ball you hang on to and bounce. I want new barbies for my dollhouse. I really need a helmet for my bicycle, too. I promise to be good and leave cookies and chocolate milk for you.

> Love, Berkley Moore 4 years old

#### Dear Santa,

I'm only 2, but I want lots of babies and babies bottles. I want colors so I can color with my big sister. I'm trying to be extra good. Love,

## Merry Christmas!

With gratitude and best wishes for a jolly good season to all.

Kaitin Elhert, 2 years old

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#### Dear Santa,

Can I have a razor eletrik Scooter also a X Box 360? Can I have Just Dance 2 and 3? Can I also have a Rainbow bike laloopsy dalls, and stoppy slippery? Can I have Green Fisitdog? Can I have a real baby puppy and kitten? Please also can I have zebra stuiped zip up pejas? Can I also have a little bord pleasz. Can I also have the thing where you drawl Something and when you Shake it, it changes like upsidedown? Can I also have one of my own Christmas trees that are little please? The last three things I want are rainbow pajamas, some candy, and some very very fun games and a chalk scooter? Please Santa and I Pod touch Please.

> Hannah, age 8 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a few pink long dreses. I would like an Easy Bake Oven. Then I would like a orbies spa. I would like a few pares of pink dress shoes. Two More things I would like a blue dirt bike with traning wheels one more thing. In my stoking put a milk chaclate coal candy. You can get them at Lows but wear a discice so no one will no it is you Santa oh one more thing Stompies.

> Megan, age nine 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a Blue and white skate Borde. I would also like a Blue griffti skoder and a remote control car that is Black. I would also like a Black and gold steelers footBall and a Blue elchrik skoder. Also some roller Blades that are Black and yellow.

Book's named Flat standly, a Clock and Ben 10 toys. Also a nerf gun, a BasketBall, cloth, shoes, pants, Drums, gutar, and a Blue paper Jame Gutar.

> Gavin, age 8 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a silver Electric Scooter. Then may I have a rabit?

Angelina, age 9 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want a black mustang a goat car, and a dirt bike. I want lagos and a xbox 360, I also want a football that glos.

Then I want a air sof gun, forwiller, flat sceen tv. I want the Game Battle Fild 3for the xbox360, and I wood like silver war toys.

> Robert, age 9 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Dry Erase Board. May I have some Dry Erase marks, blue green, black, and red. A Nintindo DS with pink and blue strips. Can I have a Figit Friend a purple one? A x-box knekt. Some pink boots. Some Jeans a lot of them. A Huge gigntick Teddy Bear. A New Moon Boot and a Twilitght Book for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa.

> Love, Jordan Johnson, age 9 3rd grade

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#### Dear Santa,

I want a pink electric Scooter. The second thang I want is a pillow pot. I want it to be a Zebra. The third thang is a bike. A purple bike. The next thang I want is a phone. The last thang I want is a gack in the box.

> Kaylin, age 8 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want a pink small electrace scooter, and I also want a Fijit Friend. The third thing I want is a kitten. I also want a DSI dog. I also want a Zebra striped Jacket. And I also want a new Wii game called supur Mario Galaxy 2, and another Wii game called Just Dance 3.

Jordan Thomas, age 8, 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want a blue Mustang and my sister can not toch it. Then a Texas Tech glow in the dark foot ball. The verey last thing is a real foot ball helmet. Travis, age 10 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Hello I think your awesome. All I want for Christmas is a pink X-box 360. And will you do me a couple favor's and try to make a cure for type one diabitie's? Will you also let me have a good day with my family?

Sophia, age 9, 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I love you so much! For Christmas I want a DS charger and a BFF Braslit Maker and please make the Poler Expres come to life and can it stop at my house?

#### Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you doing? For Christmas I want two games- Mortal Kombat and a dirt bike game. I also want a skate board. I will have milk and cookies waiting for you. I love you Santa. Mason Sims, age 4

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a super little girl this year. For Christmas I want a chipmunk family and a castle that comes with it. I also want a real dip-n-dot machine so I can eat dip-n-dots with my friends. And the last thing I want is three princesses named Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Belle, and princess and the frog. I would like the castle that goes with it. On Christmas Eve, I will have Christmas cookies and a glass of milk waiting for you on the kitchen table. Thank you for Everything you bring to me this year, including my Uncle Will. Maloree Wann, age 4

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to have a remote control mototcycle and some games for my Wii. Also I will have some cookies and milk waiting for you when you get here.

Your Friend, Aiden Jaramillo, age 5

Dear Santa, Trucks, Cars, Bike , Horses, Cow.

John Wayne Anderson, age 6

#### Dear Santa,

I was wondering if I could have a B.B. Gun, A leap Pad, A pocketknife, and a new Saddle Blanket?

Jordan E., age 8 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I hope this time I get to leave cookies for you too see if you really come in to town. Oh But By the way I'm Just going to start of by saying what I want for Christmas. I would like a wii whith Michel Jackson games. I would like a Berbies with the house to go with it. I would like a dry eraser board, and I would like a charger Jeep.

> Zhala, age 9 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I want some cute puuppise for Christmas and I want a pink eletrick Scrooter and I want some shoses and closes.

> Charlie, age 10 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

The first thing I would like is a purple modpod. The next thing I would like is a Barbie van. Then I would like a Happy Birthday Baby alive. Would you do me a faver? Let all my family be safe on Christmas. May I have a Figit Friend that is a pink one. Also can you give me a apple head chewawa, that is a wight one and a girl. Can I ask you something for my dogs and cat? Sprinkles would like a bowl of cat nip and My dog Doodlebug would like a soeaky bone and my dog Tazz would like a chew bone. And Snuggie would like a potty patch. That's all I want for Christmas. Shyann, age 9 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

Can I pleas Have a Netendo DS3 and a Mario 3D Land the Game? I allso want a oglo Football a SpongeBob Game. I want a Joy Buser a Jumdo pencil, a Happy napper. I allso want a move

#### Dear Santa,

I want a red and black laser blade scooter. I also want 2 Ds's. One blue and one orange. Also a black cds. I want a treehouse with a dog room, another dog and an X bos 360.

Carl Lewis Thornton, age 8 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a White Nintendo 3DS. I also want a X-Box 360 with Kinect for Christmas. Also'I want a kindle with Twilight Books. Also, I want Cable in my room, and I want Fuzzy Boots. also want a new Turqoise Bike. I want some new blue Tennis Shoes. Thankyou...

> Your Friend, Shylee, age 9 3rd grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have tried to be relly good this year and I now you are relly bissy. I want a gient Octemes Prime with traler. Next is a gient Senchedle Prime. Next is a big Nerf gun that shootes disk bullets. And last is a packeg of nerf disk bullets. Have a mery Christmas.

> Thank you, Aaron Roys, age 9 3rd grade

P.S What I want in my stocking is a chockolot coins.

#### Dear Santa,

Can I see Rudofe? Ant I want to have a blue small electric scooter. And a Fijet Friend that is blue. And can you make sure that my family is safe on Christmas when my family is a sleep? And can you give my cat Precious a new bed and my dog Rolo a Christmas sweater that lights up? I hope you have a great Christmas!!! Merry Christmas!!!!

> Roxana, age 8 3rd grade

Love, Malerie Simpson, age 8

3rd grade

Thanks, Levi Gates, age 5

## WITH BEST WISHES & GRATITUDE

Hoping you have a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



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#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a big stocking so Morgen and I can fit in it, a play Kitchen with play food, and a big Barbie doll house. My baby brother Jayton has been good. Please bring him a Superman 4- wheeler. Kylie wants a new pair of boots. Mom needs a new diamond ring.

> Love, Kynna, age 5 Mrs. White's Class

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like to have a bike, a bow and arrow, a b.b. gun, a John Deer Tractor, and a stereo. Also please bring my puppy Scooby, a new doggie bed and sweaters. Thank you and hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Love, Robert Powell, age 5

#### Dear Santa,

I really want you to bring me a pink and purple doll house with barbe dolls because I don't have one doll house and me and my cousin can play with it also I really really need some brand new clothes. Please don't for get my cousins because thay live here with me. Love you Santa.

Aways and forever, Ashlee Curry, age 5

P.S. cant wait till Christmas

#### Dear Santa,

I've Been really really good. I would like for you to Bring me Baby Doll and a carseat a jump rope and last some shoes. I will have you cookies and milk waiting for you.

#### Dear Santa,

I love you very much and I've been a very good girl this year. Would you please bring me a new computer and a new tent. I have a new little sister and I think she would like a new toy with lights. Shes been a good girl too this year. I can't wait to see what you leave use and thank you very much. Love.

Bayleigh Bruce, age 5

#### Dear Santa,

I been a good boy this year. I would like a cop car power wheel. A new TV for my room. I would like a wood playground like Gage has. And you can get my baby sissy a doll. And you can get my big sissy a car so she can come see me more. She coming for my birthday and my daddy needs a bike. We will have cookies for you.

> Love, Jacob Murillo, age 5

#### Dear Santa,

I want a golden power ranger phone and skeleton human motorcycle and a Iron man and the green lantern gun and Lighting Mc Queen laptop and Spiderman car Thank You Santa Jayson Kidd, age 6

#### Dear Santa,

How are the Reindeer, elves, and you? For Christmas I would like a green bike, with black flames, remote control air plane and helecoptor, a laptop, water melon, Xbox Kinect. I hope you have a safe trip to the North Pole. I will leave you some milk. Merry Christmas.



Merry Christmas to you, To you and your kin --And many thanks for dropping in For one thing that we know is true, It just wouldn't be Christmas without all of you!



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Love, Aubryanna Weatherton, age 5

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a really good boy this year. I want a game on the Xbox, cowboy boots, cowboy belt and a baby sister. I will leave food out for the reindeer. Hope you have a good trip Santa!

Kade Nickell, age 6

Love.

#### Dear Santa,

I want a remote control tarantula, a Razor Scooter, a 3D DS, and a BB gun. I hope you have a good trip to my house. Please don't forget my little sister Kinslee. I love you.

#### From, Kasen Hatley, age 5

P.S. I hope you get your milk and cookies

#### Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is an Ipod, PSP, a toy car, a horse, toy cowboys, a Go-Kart, and a drumset. I'll leave out cookies and milk. I tried to stay on my best behavior! Hope to see you soon! Anthony Ceniceros, age 5

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a really good girl this year. I can't wait to see you on the Polar Express. Will you bring me and art easel for Christmas? I want to paint on one side and play with chalk on the other side. My brother has been pretty good too. Please bring him a girlfriend that I can play with. I love you,

Morgan Johnston, age 5

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want one gun with bullets. This is a pretend gun. I want a toy fishing pole with toy fish. I like reindeer. We are going to leave you milk and cookies. I really want a toy alligator. Steven Mills, age 6

Love Your Friend Christain Watt, Hedley 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? Are the Elves werking harde? How's the reindeer? For Christmas I would like a DS, and X box 360, a hand gun bb gun, and a brown gitar. Have a good trip. Cookes will be waiting for you you with milk. Love,

Logan Cox

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? Are the reindeer ready to go? I cannot wait for Christmas. I would like a dog, blue snow boots, and a doctors kit, and a DSI for Christmas. I hope you like the cooks and egg nog I put out for you.

> Love, Kari O'Dell, Hedley 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North Pole? I hope you are because every body's counting on you. Do you like egg nog? I would like a train set, Wii Donkey Kong, a fully metal air soft tommy gun, and a DSI. Have a safe trip santa. I will leave you some Egg Nog and cookies.

> Your friend, Wesley Patton Hedley, 4th grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is the north pole? For Christmas I would like another nunchuck for my Wii, and pirates for the Caribbean the game for my DSI. That's all and I hope you have a holly jolly Christmas this year. Love Collin Monroe, Hedley 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How do you get the presents all over the earth in one night? How do you get in the house if there is no chimney? I have been really good this year.

Autos

## **Barber Shop**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Greenbelt Peanut Company



For Christmas I would like a xbox 360 kinect. I would like a Dsi please. I would like a Barbie doll. The last thing I would like is for every body to have a goos Christmas. Have a good Christmas. Have a good trip. I left you some milk and cookies for you.

Merry Christmas,

Love, Abigail Tolbert, Hedley 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? I've heard that it is really cold in the North Pole at this time of year. For Christmas I would like a lpad or lpod touch, a new phone, and a DSI. Be careful on your way to give out presents. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Hope you like the cookies. Hopefully I get a lot of presents from you Santa. For Christmas we get out for two weeks. Are the Reindeer ready to go I bet they are. Is Rudolph guiding the slay? Santa are the Elves wrapping the presents for you?

> Love. Elayna Smith, Hedley 4th Grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? How is North Pole is it really cold or warm? How are the Reindeer are you feeding them a lot because December 25 is the big night because all the flying. How is miss Claus is she okay? How are the elves are they working hard. For Christmas I would like a black laptop and two dalmation baby puppies and two calico baby kittens.

> Your friend. Brysan Mestas, Hedley 4th Grade

Merris

(Cheaper baby that it's nose lights up.), teddy bear, Barbie with long hair, books, books, books, movies, movies, square?

> Love. MimRosz K Hall, age 3, Headstart

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Woody Doll with a gun and horsey. I also want a Bullseye. I've been a good boy.

Love,

Patrick Dickerson, age 3, Headstart

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. And this is what I want for my Christmas please! A Barbie, baby doll, purse, lots of makeup, and a Hello Kitty Jacket. Because my mommy told me it's going to be cold this Christmas.

Love, Melanie Mellado, age 4, Headstart

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a very Big and fast hot wheels car with flames, a spongebob pillow, a big fishing pole, some fish to catch, hotwheels Book bag, a huge cupcake, a big bear, a brother, and a black puppy and toy santa.

Love,

Casey Curtis, age 4, Headstart

#### Dear Santa,

I would like real dog for Christmas. A lot of baby puppies. And a dollhouse. Thank You Santa! Love,

Autumn Beall, age 3, Headstart

in. A New House for all my Family to live in. And a Toy Motorcycle and Cars 2 Toys. Love, Kadin Tovar, age 4 Headstart

#### Dear Santa

Barbie house, Barbie girl and guy dolls. Shoe heel shoes slippers, angel bear, a purple fire truck.

Brooklynn Moore, age 4, Headstart

#### Dear Santa;

I want a horse with a doll on it, clown, ciothes, shoes. Doll clothes, Barbie playhouse, T.V., that is real, pony and a mermaid that talks real, Fish with water swimming, and I want a Santa!

Jaymi Mitchell, age 5, Headstart

#### Dear Santa,

I want a remote control dirt bike, and a helicopter. Army Lego set, a man on a dirt bike, an Indiana Dr. Jones Lego set. I would like to have some boots. I have tried to be good this year. Thank You!

Love, Wrangler Tuff, age 5, Headstart

#### Dear Santa,

I want some horses and cows, cars, trucks, trailers, games for my mobigo and anything else you see on T.V. I'll have cookies for you.

Love, Coulter Wortham

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#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would really like the new batman cave and bat mobile. Don't forget to eat your cookies at my house I am going to make them just for you.

Love.

Mason Allred, age 5, Pre-K

#### Dear Santa,

Love,

Love,

I wish for Christmas... A big teddy bear and some new stings for my guitar. Also, a dress and a skirt. Some new Strawberry Shortcake tennie shoes Please. I like Santa. Thank you Dear Santa. Love.

Savanna Wright, age 4

#### Dear Santa,

I like your reindeer. I want a computer. I like your sled. I want a star for Christmas too. I like you, Santa. I love you and mama.

> Love, **Evelyn Mills**

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a Wii. I would like an Ipod. I would like a jukebox. I would like a hat. I would like a bunny. I would like a turtle.

> Love, Adriana Araujo

#### Dear Santa,

I want a remote control racing car and a remote control helicopter and a remote control airplane and a computer and a toy gun. That's all.

Love,

Jacquaviyon Brown

#### Dear Santa,

Have a safe trip!

Big Cinderella, little Cinderella, Princess and the frog, Princess Race car, Dolly that Pee's

#### Dear Santa,

I want to get my uncle Jay Jay out of Prison and I want a Big truck with remote. I want a Bunch of Hot Wheels Cars and a case to carry them all

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Dear Santa,

I want an x box 360, PSP, Laptop, telescope, a switch bike, MP3 player that can down load songs. Love, Dear Santa, Cars, Trucks, That is it. Thank you. Love, Roo Johnsen, age 4, Headstart

Gaven Nazario

# Hape It's Merry!

We know we're filled with joy as we recall the good times we've had serving our friends and neighbors this year. Thanks folks!

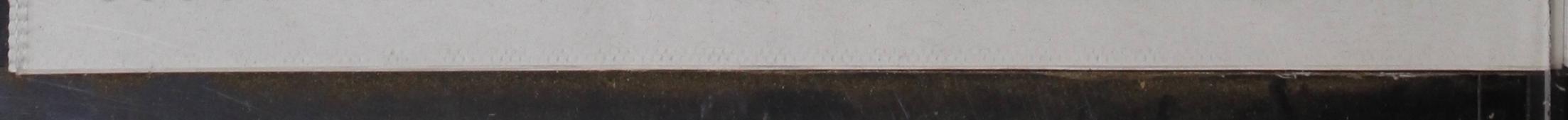
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## We're Rounding Up Our **Heartfelt Thanks!**

We're corraling our gratitude and best wishes to thank all our friends and neighbors for being the best bunch of pard'ners anyone could ask for!

> We couldn't have done it without your support, and we hope you enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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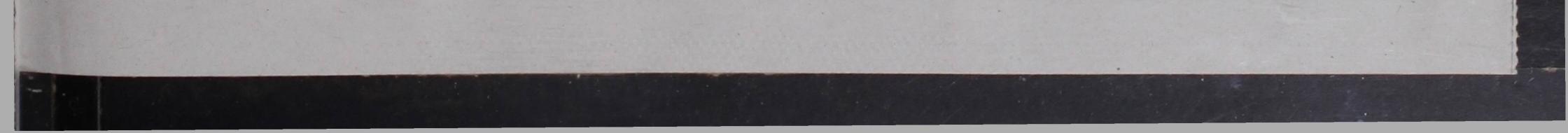


#### HOURTHANKS YOURE

No matter how you get your news, we hope the holiday season delivers an abundance of glad tidings to your doorstep. We appreciate your loyal support and look forward to your continued readership. Roger Ashlee

## Enterprise

Anndria Tara



#### Dear Santa,

I would like a guitar. I would like a Justin Beiber shirt. I would like a fake Taylor Swift phone and a puppy named Saint and a job when I get older. I would also like a Taylor Swift book and a Salina Gomez shirt and a purple necklace and a fake angel and a real camera and a real phone and a new journal and a pet ladybug and that's all I want. Love,

Finley Cunningham

#### Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas and for Christmas I want a Hello Kitty necklace and flip flops and a ring and that's it.

> Love, Kinleigh Dunham

#### Dear Santa,

I love you, Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause, and thank you for giving us presents and I like your elves and your reindeers. I like my students in my class and my teacher and Braxton and I like snow and I like Kenny and Wyatt. I want a remote control jeep and I want a remote control dirt bike and a remote control jet and a remote control tank. I want an army set with an army airplane and tank and some fake army guys and I want a car carpet and a lot of cars to drive on it. I want some more presents. I want a cowboy hat because I don't have one and some boots and a coloring book with some markers and I want a writing tablet to write pictures in it. And a white and black tablet, kinda rectangle tablet. That's it.

Dear Santa, I would like a pink knife and a kite. That's all. Love. Brandon

#### Dear Santa,

I want a hot wheel with cars where it goes through a circle and comes back out where it has pretend fire. I want Mario games on a DS, Mario Cart 7, and some rollerskates . I want a new baseball bat with stripes on it and some power ranger toys. That's it.

> Love, Damien Jaramillo

#### Dear Santa,

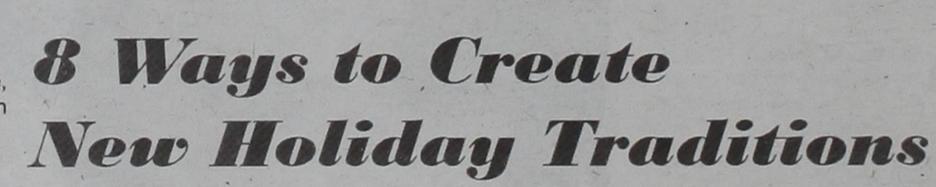
This is a letter that I am giving to you, so I can get the presents I want. And the presents I want is a Barbie doll for the dollhouse and I want some new shoes and new dresses and then I want a costume for next Halloween. I want a little cat and I want a little puppy and a little coloring book of Hello Kitty and some new colors and some new plants and then I want a little stocking. That's all I want for Christmas.

Love, Angelica Martin

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a motorcycle and a jump rope and a bumblebee costume and an Optimus Prime costume and a real candy cane and a camera and a coloring book and that is it.

> Love, **Cordell Moore**



A uch of what makes the holiday season V so special is the traditions that people hold dear. While families have traditions that stretch back decades, there is plenty of opportunity to embrace new means of

that tells an uplifting holiday tale. Use this as a method of counting down until Christmas. On the night prior, reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas" should suffice.



Holiday traditions are fun. This year it may be time to begin some new ones to add more enjoyment.

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#### Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho! Give me a good present.

> Love, April Franklin

Rowdy Eytcheson

#### Dear Santa,

Can I have a pink knife and a pink BB gun and a skip-it? Can I have a talking penguin off of Happy Feet 2?

> Love, Laney Gates

Love,

#### Dear Santa,

I love you, Santa. For Christmas, I want a jeep and a doll and a new pencil and a picture frame. That's it.

> Love, Ta'Niah Gibson

#### Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! Christmas is pretty. I love you, Santa. Santa loves kids. Santa loves everybody. Santa is the best. Santa passes out presents. Santa is cute. Santa is my best friend. I want an Ipod and a Dora Explorer game and a laptop, and babies, and a dog. I also want a new controller for my game. That's it.

#### Love, **Emberly Gonzalez**

#### Dear Santa,

I want an MP3 player and a Just Dance 3 for the Wii and a Justin Beiber set. I also want a Laguna Blue doll off of Monster High and a Barbie microphone. I also want a snowman calendar and bible study book and a new star for our Christmas tree. That's all.

> Love, Jayde Gribble

#### Dear Santa,

I want a toy for Christmas. You know when we are awake and we are supposed to be good. Love,

Martin Hall

#### Dear Santa

I would like some new clothes and I would like an Ipod, so I can listen to music and I would like some new square toe boots. I wear a size 12. I would like some new jewelry and I would like a new bicycle and I would like a new video game. would like a new Barbie car and some new tennis shoes. That's it.

> Love, Avery Sawyer

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good. This year, I want a jeep and an Ipod and a Singamajig and a play phone and a dry erase marker board. I want some clothes and some shoes and a t.v. in my room and a play doll and some markers and crayons and a coloring book.

> Love, Makenna Shadle

#### Dear Santa,

I would like an Ipod and a phone and another dog and a Nintendo DS and dry erase markers and a board, so I can play. I also want some new clothes and new flipflops because all of mine are broke. That's all.

> Love, Samantha Wright

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Zhu Zhu pet for Christmas . I love you, Santa. You are very nice and you give presents to everybody that is nice. And that's it.

Love, Corina Wyrick

#### Dear Santa,

I want a leap pad and a Laguna Blue doll and a jeep and a phone. I also want some new clothes and some new shoes and a Wii and a computer.

> Love, Aleyah Zarate

celebration to breathe new life into Christmas, Chanukkah or the season's other holidays.

Chances are you're already hanging stockings or going caroling this year. You can add some of these and modify as they fit for your family.

1. Feed the wildlife. During the cold days of winter, birds and small animals that don't hibernate may find it difficult to forage for food. By trimming an outdoor pine tree in edible snacks you'll have a beautiful tree and one that benefits the wildlife as well. String peanuts and other nuts for the squirrels. Make little ornaments out of suet and string for the birds. Berries and corn can be enjoyed by all. Be sure to choose a tree that is far enough away from the home, so you don't have too many scavengers hunting and pecking around the house.

2. Create a photo Advent calendar. Make your own Advent calendar that has small doors that open up to photos of different family members. Or use a collection of children's pictures that showcase how they've changed as they've grown older.

3. "Adopt" a child for holiday gifts. Each year you can bring a smile to a child in need by purchasing a present for an underprivileged kid. Some post offices sponsor "Letters from Santa" events where participants can respond to one of the thousands of letters mailed to The North Pole. Or work with a local charity that organizes events to bring gifts to children in hospitals or in foster care.

4. Holiday story countdown. Every night in December watch a movie or read a story

5. Remember someone who has passed on. The holiday season is one made beautiful by lit candles and twinkling lights. Remember a loved one or a friend who has passed away by lighting a remembrance candle in his or her honor. It's a way this person can still be part of the festivities.

6. Have a holiday sing-a-long. Sure it may be tradition to go around the neighborhood singing carols, but it's just as fun indoors. Have a singing party where guests are given lyrics to popular tunes they can sing around the piano or karaoke machine.

7. Bring some joy to a public servant. Police officers, firefighters, military personnel ... many of these workers do not get off for the holidays. There are a certain number of public servants who must remain on call in the event of an emergency. Treat these people to something enjoyable when they may be missing their own festivities. Cook or cater a meal for a fire house, deliver cookies to the police station or put together care packages for people living on a military base.

8. Banish the holiday blues. When the holidays are set to go for another year, many people find they become a little down. After all, a home that was once filled with merry trinkets may now go back to the bare essentials. Create a tradition where everyone in the family receives one more gift -- a personalized ornament that can be packed away for use next year -- that's given in January before the decorations are packed away. It's another opportunity to open a present, and it symbolizes looking forward to the joy of next year.



## Origins of a holiday staple

The thick, spiced drink we know as eggnog has become synonymous with the holidays. It is so linked with the Christmas season that a person may be hard-pressed to find it sold in the supermarket any other time of the year. But eggnog wasn't always the holiday beverage it has become.

Eggnog is believed to have originated in 17th century Europe, primarily as a drink for the elite, since the ingredients in the beverage were hard to come by and thusly relegated to the very rich.

There are different theories on the origins of the word eggnog itself. Some believe it has gotten its name from the Old English word "nog," which meant "strong beer." The "egg" refers to one of the ingredients in the beverage, fresh eggs. Others surmise that it comes from the word "noggin," which was a vessel for serving drinks in taverns. The drink was called "egg in a noggin," which was shortened to "eggnog." Still, there are others who say its name is derived from the term "grog," which was another term for booze. "Egg n' grog" was eventually abbreviated to "eggnog."



it can easily chase away winter's chill. This is how it may have come to be enjoyed primarily during the holidays.

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Although there is little certainty to the origins of the name, the recipe for eggnog has essentially remained unchanged throughout the centuries. It consists of beaten eggs, cream or milk and sugar mixed with some sort of alcoholic spirit. The Old English were believed to mix it with wine, though once the drink was brought to the New World, colonists substituted rum for the wine. Rum was readily available through tradesman running between the Americas and the Caribbean and therefore less expensive than another spirit. As America grew and eggnog was enjoyed in different parts of the country, the rum was replaced with regional spirits, including bourbon or grain alcohol. Other ingredients were also added to give it a customized flavor. However, the use of nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves has become traditional flavors for the holiday brew.

Although eggnog is widely enjoyed throughout the holiday season, in the past it was served at special events and social occasions. As a warmed beverage Love it or hate it, eggnog is a drink that can evoke strong feelings of the holidays within minutes. There are variations of eggnog sold commercially, but many people swear by homemade versions for their taste and authenticity. Try your own homemade eggnog with this recipe, courtesy of Cooks.com.

> Holiday Eggnog (Spirited)

1 dozen eggs

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup vanilla

8 cups evaporated milk

3 cups water

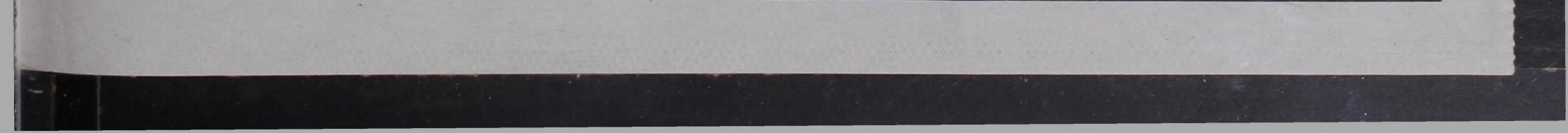
1 quart spiced rum

#### Nutmeg, to garnish

Beat eggs until light in color, gradually add sugar, salt and vanilla. Then add milk and water. Stir in rum (brandy, bourbon or rye may also be used). Cover the nog and ripen for 24 hours in the refrigerator. Stir again and serve sprinkled with nutmeg. INTERIOR OF THE JOY YOUR Friendship has brought us we are sincerely

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