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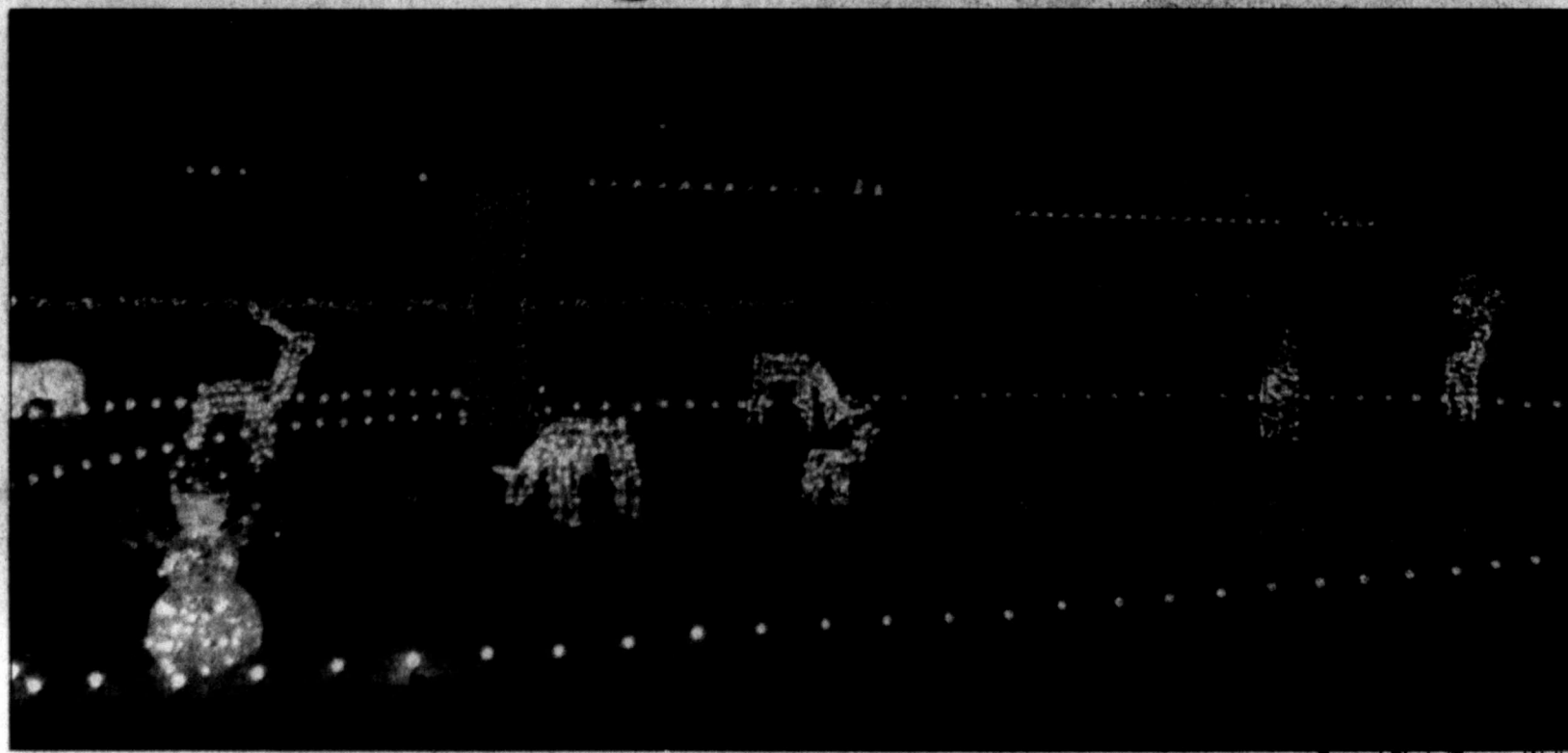
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Colorado City, Loraine & Westbrook

Happy in the Holidays



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is in full blossom throughout Colorado City as more than 100 homes have been adorned with lights and displays. Among the brightest are those belonging to Kate and Gary Matlock at 843 Elm (top) and Mark and Zula Cornutt at 1425 Dallas.

C-City residents light up the holidays with festive displays

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

The people at the hardware store know almost before everyone else the Christmas season has arrived when Mark Cornutt comes in and starts stocking up on breakers and fuses.

When that happens, everyone knows it's Zula time.

"Don't ask how many breakers and fuses we go through every year," Mark Cornutt said as he looks out on his wife's display that has approximately 10,000 lights, displays and moving figurines. "She really gets into this."

The Cornutts, like many residents of Colorado City, go all out in decking their houses in lights and colorful displays to brighten the

holidays. More than 100 homes in the county have Christmas lights on display.

For Zula Cornutt, the lights are almost an obsession.

"I'm a huge Christmas fanatic," she admits. "Ever since I was a kid my parents did this and I'm just keeping that tradition going. I admit

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Loraine folks put on big light shows, too

Carl Graham

Colorado City Record

Jennifer and Arthur Zuniga of Loraine have been married for more than 18 years, and each year they look forward to the Christmas season so they can celebrate the birth of Christ, as well as enjoy the opportunity to decorate the outside of their home with Christmas lights and ornaments.

"It all goes back to when we (Jennifer, Cindy, and Sherry) were young. It was one of our traditions to decorate the tree and the outside area," said Jennifer. "We used to start decorating the day after Thanksgiving. Arthur and I have kept that tradition going."

Zuniga believes the reason we should be

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Record Photo/
Carl Graham

A NATIVITY SCENE stands in the front yard of the home of Manuel and Anita Lopez, Sr. in Loraine. The scene, which is located at 508 W. Pacific, is one many displays in the town.

See the 'Show' for yourself

Below are listed some of the top Christmas displays in Colorado City.

- 925 E. 15th
- 1425 Dallas Street
- 859 14th Street
- 1017 Vine Street

- 705 Vine Street
- 776 East 6th
- 812 East 6th
- 843 Elm
- 627 Walnut
- 1335 Walnut

TXU says it will work through the plant issues

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

TXU Senior Vice President Richard Wistrand wasn't attempting to scare anyone last Friday afternoon when he was asked what impact the three letters of protest filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality might have on the company's proposed coal-fired power plant at Morgan Creek. He was simply giving his opinion.

Does "kill the deal" sound scary?

Speaking to members of the Colorado City Lions Club Wistrand assured local civic leaders that TXU was very committed to the multi-million dollar project, and that the company would be pushing forward with its plans to build an 850-megawatt plant ... although at a slower pace due to a pending TCEQ protest hearing and negotiations with Burlington Northern and Union Pacific on deals to ship Powder River Basin coal.

"Do I think the protests that were filed will stop the plant?" Wistrand said. "I don't think so. The draft permit that was issued says it will comply with all the laws and regulations the state requires. It also says no one will be harmed, but it will certainly slow things down."

EDITORIAL

TXU plant is good for our city, county

In Kevin Costner's movie "Field of Dreams," it was said "If you build it they will come." The same can be said for the TXU power plant and Colorado City.

If they build it, good things will come to everyone who lives in this city and county. Everyone will benefit.

First, all property owners in Mitchell County can expect an overall reduction in their taxes by as much as 25 percent from their current tax rate.

Secondly, wind energy developers who have spent time in Mitchell County recently have shown particular in-

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"Colorado City went from the top of the list to the bottom," said Wistrand, who was raised in Colorado City. "I had hoped we would have started construction next year, but now I think we'll be lucky to do it next year."

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Ware inmates file petition against proposed TXU plant

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Offenders at the Dick Ware Unit added their names to a small list of concerned Mitchell County residents contesting the construction of TXU's coal-fired power plant at Morgan Creek. In all, 48 offenders signed a petition that was submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Nov. 20 claiming they would be subject to "cruel and unusual" punishment by having the plant located nearby.

Tracy Edwards, a Dallas/Fort Worth area resident who is an offender who has been at the Ware Unit for approximately nine months, said he was concerned about the lead emissions and their effects on the health of the area.

"I'm out of West Dallas originally and, you know, the lead plant there is paying people off right now for lead poisoning. It's sickening."

"I have family members getting paid for that right now," he

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KCCB bonfire to be Dec. 21

Keep Colorado City Beautiful will be holding a Winter Solstice bonfire on Thursday, Dec. 21, east of town to celebrate the shortest day of the year. The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the south side intersection of Country Club Road and Interstate 20.

According to KCCB President

Carol Sue Dakan, the ceremonial bonfire pays tribute to Native American heritage. Native Americans annually celebrated the shortest day and longest night of the year with large fires that were intended to entice the sun to return.

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Around Town

Happy belated birthday Aurora Munoz (Dec. 19)... Congratulations Brennan Ross for earning a yellow belt in Tae Kwon Do... Happy 80th birthday Doris Henderson (Dec. 21)... Tyler Smith ready for the holidays... Bobbie and Russell Banks headed to California for the holidays... Santa Claus will arrive in Colorado City when all little boys and girls are asleep Christmas eve... Merry Christmas to all!!!

Obituaries

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Roy Scott, Colorado City
Thomas Womack, Midland
Margaret Mahon, Sherman
Bill Scarber, Duncan, OK

Answerline

Q: What is Santa Claus's phone number?
A: It's unlisted, but he did get a new cell phone from Lone Wolf Cellular here in Colorado City!

Briefs

Christmas Service

All Saints Episcopal Church will have a reception at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve, just before services begin at 10:30. Everyone is welcome.

Lions Club

The Colorado City Lions Club will not meet for the next two Fridays due to the holidays. The next meeting will be January 5, 2007 at the Civic Center.

LISD Schedule

Loraine students must report from Christmas break a day early, on Jan. 3 at regular time, due to a snow day taken in November.

WISD Schedule

January 12th has been changed from a regular school day to a Staff Development Day in Westbrook. Students do not need to attend school that day.

Lake Levels

(as of December 19, 2006)

Lake Colorado City...2064.58'

Full at 2070.3'

Down 5.72'

Lake Champion...2040.16'

Full at 2083'

Down 42.84'

Rain was still coming down at press time.
Levels courtesy of United States Geological Survey.

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Roy Scott 1936-2006

Mr. Roy Scott, age 70, of Colorado City, died Mon., Dec. 11, 2006, at his residence. Services were held Saturday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. H.H. Lee officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Scott was born Sept. 5, 1936, in Colorado City to Dave and Florence Liddy Scott and had been a lifelong resident of Colorado City. He met and later married Lurline Woods on Nov. 20, 1954, in Colorado City. She preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 2003. He was a farmer and a truck driver for Colorado City for 27 years. He was a member of King Solomon Baptist Church.

He is survived by six daughters, Elizabeth Jackson and Kathy Johnson, both of Colorado City; Joyce Scott of Bryan, Carolyn Lenford of Abilene; Shirley Scott of Lubbock; and Linda Duckert of Grand Prairie; a granddaughter, Tracy Scott of San Antonio that was raised like a daughter; a sister, Lorene Warren of Colorado City; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Brenda "Faye" Scott.

T. W. "Jack" Womack 1921-2006

Thomas Weldon Womack, of Midland, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2006.

He was born July 6, 1921 to Benonie W. Womack and Ina Valeria Smith Womack in Colorado City, Texas. Jack graduated from Colorado City High School in 1939. He proudly served his country during World War II with Patton's 3rd Army in the European Theater, and was also Desk Sgt. at Supreme HQ in Frankfurt, Germany.

After discharge, Jack continued his education at Texas Tech University receiving a BA in Advertising in 1950. On January 24, 1947 he married Mary Price in Colorado City. In 1952, he founded Womack Advertising Agency in Odessa, Texas. The firm grew for 40 years as Womack, Claypoole & Griffin, with offices in Odessa, Dallas and San Antonio. His memberships included the American Association of Advertising Agencies, Airborne Law Enforcement Association, and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He was active in the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club in Odessa, and was on the Board of Directors of Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, and Western National Bank. Jack was the recipient of the Silver Medal Award from the Permian Basin Ad Club. He was an accomplished artist as well as a pilot.

His church affiliations included the First Baptist Church in Odessa, Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, First Baptist Church in Richardson, Trinity Baptist Church in Kerrville, and St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. He served in numerous church capacities, including Deacon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Price Womack in 2006, son, Thomas Price Womack in 1991, brothers, Harold B. Womack in 1974, and Glen Lee Womack in 2002.

Jack is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Robert Kyle and Brenda Womack of Midland, TX; daughter-in-law, Cathy Womack of Odessa, TX; sisters, Elna Stell of Houston, TX; and Joann Meadows of San Angelo, TX; sister-in-law, Joyce Womack of Midland, TX; grandchildren, Amy Leigh Womack of Fort Lauderdale, FL; William Kyle Womack of Austin, TX; Rachel Lynn Womack of Plano, TX; and Thomas Ryan Womack of Lubbock, TX.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Thursday, December 21, 2006 between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Friday, December 22, 2006 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas 79701 (432) 683-5555. To place on-line condolences visit www.mclm.com.

Memorials may be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701 or Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, Texas 79705.

Margaret J. Mahon 1923-2006

Mrs. Margaret J. Mahon, age 83, of Sherman and formerly of Loraine, has won the race. A good and faithful servant entered into glory, Sun., Dec. 17, 2006, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Loraine. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.



Margaret was born Sept. 27, 1923, in Van Zandt County to Dock L. and Mary Isadora DuBose McWilliams. She married Royce W. Mahon on Nov. 1, 1942, in Loraine. She was a loving wife and helpmate to Royce for 64 years. She took great delight in her grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was also involved in her church and many community activities. She was the first woman to serve on the Loraine ISD School Board in the 1980s.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Royce Mahon of Sherman; son and daughter-in-law, James and Sandra Mahon of Sherman; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Rick Hill of Sherman; daughter, Cindy Mahon of Fort Worth; daughter, Barbara Cook of Burleson; a grandson and his wife, Jason and Amber Mahon; three granddaughters and their husbands, Michele and Kevin DeWolf, Angela and Grant Gassiot, Tiffany and Robert Ashford; the light of her eye were her four great-grandchildren, Alyson and Alaina DeWolf, Gracyson Gassiot and Tex Royce Mahon. Other survivors include a sister, Mary Schooling; in-laws, Gerry McWilliams, Nova Lee Mahon, Melba Rickman, Bryan and Marynell Mahon, Gordon and Melba Mahon; many friends; nieces; nephews; and for the past three years, new friends from the Renaissance Retirement Center in Sherman, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Norris McWilliams and Victor McWilliams; and a son-in-law, Charlie Cook.

The family requests any memorials be made as a donation to the First Methodist Church of Loraine or The Hospice of Grayson County, 505 Center St., Sherman, TX 75090. There are many happy memories to sustain us as she will be greatly missed. She was a strong and caring Christian woman who was faithful to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Paid Obituary

Bill Scarber 1929-2006

Mr. Bill Scarber, age 76, of Duncan, Oklahoma, and formerly of Loraine, died Sat., Dec. 16, 2006, in a Duncan hospital. Services will be held Thurs., Dec. 21, in the First Baptist Church in Loraine. Burial will follow in the Hamlin Cemetery, with Masonic graveside rites, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Scarber was born Dec. 22, 1929, in Jacksboro to Frank and Beulah Campsey Scarber and was a longtime resident of Loraine. He married Alice Faye Farmer on Nov. 28, 1954, in Abilene. She preceded him in death on July 4, 2003. He was a retired installer and construction inspector for Verizon Communications. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Loraine and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by a son, Gary and wife, Lisa Scarber of Duncan, OK; two daughters, Sharon and husband, Tommy Green of Loraine and Mabelle and husband, Chris Taylor of Ft. Riley, KS; a sister, Leta Scarber of Nocona; a brother, Ferrell Scarber of Bowie; eight grandchildren, Angel Bishop, Misty Britnell, Glenna Calk, Aaron Taylor, Jonathon Taylor, Kлары Scarber and Fynlan Green; six great-grandchildren, Jason Britnell, Jasmine Britnell, John Wesley Britnell, Campsey Leigh Morris, Logan Reed Bishop and Natalie Calk.

He is also preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Warren Scarber.

County schools to dismiss for holidays

The three Mitchell County schools will all be dismissing students this week for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Students will be out of school for up to two weeks in some cases before returning for the final half of the 2006-2007 school year in January.

In Westbrook, students were released Tuesday, Dec. 19, at noon for an 18-day break from their studies. Westbrook Independent School District students aren't scheduled to return to class until Jan. 8.

Colorado City and Loraine schools are slated to dismiss students Thursday, Dec. 21. Loraine Independent School District students return to class on Jan. 3, while Colorado ISD pupils will return a day later on Jan. 4. CISD teachers will have a staff development day on Jan. 3.

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Former Colorado City man indicted on charges of arson in Brownwood

Former Colorado City resident Michael Bazany was indicted last week by a Brown County grand jury on an arson charge in connection with a Nov. 4 fire at a Taco

Bell restaurant in Brownwood. At the time of the incident, Bazany was serving as the restaurant's general manager. According to the Brownwood Bulletin, the November session of the Brown County Grand Jury returned the indictment against the



Michael Bazany

38-year-old man. The newspaper said the information came from District Attorney Micheal Murray's office in Brown County.

Brownwood Fire Marshal Buddy Preston said in November he arrested Bazany a few hours after the fire had been reported to the fire department. Preston said Bazany reported the blaze on a cell

phone at 4:24 a.m.

The restaurant remains closed for repairs to its interior.

When charged in November, Preston said Bazany denied having started the fire.

Preston said Bazany denied starting the fire when he was arrested in November.

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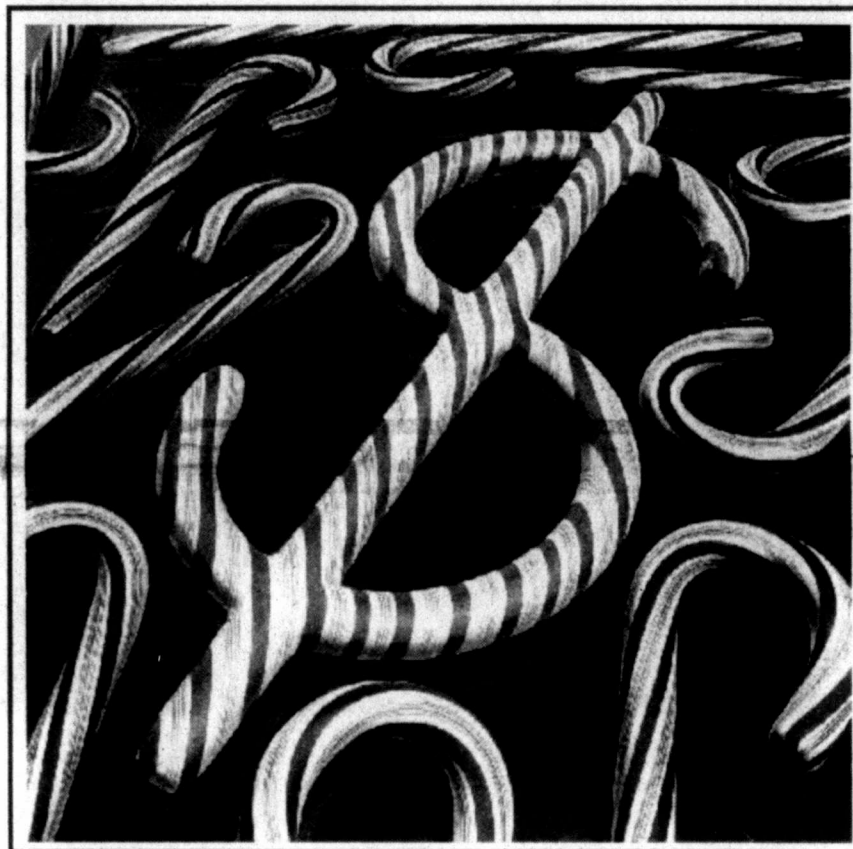
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LOCAL NEWS

Loraine to share nurse with Ira, Blackwell

Loraine Independent School District students will be gaining the services of a nurse under an agreement reached with the Ira, Hermleigh and Blackwell school districts.

Loraine school officials voted at the December meeting to investigate forming a co-op to share a nurse with the three other districts. The other school districts signed off on the deal recently.

"We're entering a four-district co-op to allow us to have a nurse a minimum of one day a week for the spring semester to make sure our state records are in order, and do anything that needs to be done for students," said Loraine Superintendent Eric Stoddard.

The nursing program will cost each district about \$3,500 for the semester.

"It was something the school board felt we should do. It's a one-semester deal and if it works out, it'll be something we'll look at doing again," said Stoddard.

The agreement will allow the nurse to rotate between the four campuses, with the cost associated with the nurse's position being shared equally by the districts.

Westbrook Independent School District was not part of the agreement. WISD has its own nurse in Colorado City's Sherry Terry.

USFW seeks projects for imperiled species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking proposals for conservation projects to benefit imperiled species on private lands through its Private Stewardship Grants Program. This program provides federal grants on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that help federally listed endangered or threatened species as well as proposed, candidate and other at-risk species.

The Private Stewardship Grant Program is just one of a variety of tools available under the Endangered Species Act that help landowners plan and implement projects to conserve species. These grants and cooperative agreements provide incentives to foster citizen participation in the stewardship of our nation's natural resources.

In 2006 the service awarded 80 grants totaling more than \$6.9 million to individuals and groups to undertake conservation projects for endangered, threatened and other at-risk species on private lands in 35 states. For example, Audubon of Kansas received a grant of \$83,000 last year to work with four ranchers to conserve black-tailed prairie dogs and restore habitat for the endangered black-footed ferret. Trout Unlimited in Lincoln County, Wyoming was awarded \$120,000 to return water flows to a portion of Grade Creek which enabled Bonneville cutthroat trout to return to their historic spawning grounds.

Landowners and their partners must submit their proposals to the appropriate Regional Offices of the Service by Feb. 14, 2007. For additional information regarding this grant opportunity and how and where to submit proposals, please visit the Service's Private Stewardship Grants website at: www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/private_stewardship/index.html.

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COLORADO CITY CITY MANAGER Paul Catoe presented City Secretary Donna Madrid with the 2006 Colorado City Employee of the Year plaque Tuesday.

Madrid named C-City's 'Employee of the Year'

The City of Colorado City honored one of its top employees earlier this week when secretary Donna Madrid was announced as the 2006 Colorado City Employee of the Year.

Madrid was presented a plaque by Colorado City Manager Paul Catoe.

"You know we have a lot of outstanding employees every year that deserve the award," said Catoe. "I can tell you it's

hard to make the decision of who gets the award. It has to go to someone who stands out and goes above and beyond."

Madrid does all of the above.

"She always goes above and beyond," he said. "She's always there to help in any way she can. I have to say she is as close to an ideal employee you could find anywhere."

Madrid has worked for the city for two years.

City's sales tax revenues remain above '05 totals

The economic outlook for Colorado City remained strong, according to the latest news from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts release. The final sales tax allotment of the 2006 calendar year shows Colorado City 13.9 percent ahead of the same amount received in 2005.

In all, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state collected \$1.73 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.4 percent compared to November 2005. The Comptroller sent local governments \$403.8 million in December sales tax allocations, up 8.4 percent compared to December 2005.

Locally, Colorado City received a return of \$39,655.27, a total that was 21.6 percent higher than the payment the municipality collected for the same month a year ago.

For the year, Colorado City has collected \$506,283.37. In 2005,

the city collected \$444,908.82.

The City of Loraine received a sales tax return of \$329.13 for November, which was almost \$100 dollars higher than the state's previous return. For the year Loraine's returns were more than 27 percent above their 2005 totals, climbing from \$6,654.58 in 2005 to \$8,478.95 in 2006.

Westbrook showed the largest increase in sales tax returns for the year. The City of Westbrook took in \$18,318.13 this year -- a total that is more than 57 percent higher than the \$11,665.98 the municipality received in 2005.

During the last return of this year, Westbrook collected \$1,986.99.

Mitchell County also fared well in return totals. For the year, the county's sales tax revenue increase 40.1 percent from \$170,579.93 in 2005 to \$239,020.12 this year.

Lions won't meet Dec. 22 or 29

The Colorado City Lions Club has announced it will not be holding its regular Friday luncheon for the next two weeks due to the Christmas and New Year's

holidays. The club will not meet on Dec. 22 or Dec. 29, President Paul Catoe said.

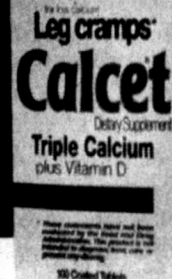
The Lions will meet again on Jan. 5 at noon in the civic center.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!"
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light,
Then he sighed and he said "It's really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

"My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,"
Then he sighed, "That a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."
My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam,'
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.

"I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.
I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother...
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
You family is waiting and I'll be all right."
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?"
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

Twass the day after illness...

Twass the day before Sunday and all
through the house
every kid was stirring, even the
spouse.

The celebrations were in full swing
In hopes Sick Dad wouldn't hear a
thing

The kids were all seated on the coffee
table with the TV turned up high
Visions of dunking on Shag dancing in
their heads
And She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-
Mad was shaking me bad
To Big Spring she was bound to check
on a sick dad.

Take care of the kids and house,
She said as she slammed the door,
Don't worry I groused,
Mr. Mom is on the floor.

When out of the living room there rose
such a clatter
I crawled from my bed to see what had
shattered
Even stepping on a sticker couldn't
making me fast
I made it to the couch and there I
gapsed.

The swoon of the flu dulled the sound
Gave the house an appearance of being
just so.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH...

By
TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



When, to my bleary eye did appear,
But O'Malley the cat leaping for the
Christmas tree.

With a flick of his tail, he leapt so
quick
I knew in a moment the tree had be-
come ...
More rapid than a jet, he came
I moaned and attempted to call him a
choice name

"Now darn it, you dad-blamed cat!
Don't move or I smack you with my
hat!"

To the top of the tree and off the wall,
O'Malley did make the tree, curtain
rod and window shade shutter and fall!

With death in my throat,
To repair the tree I did mope,
With great care I did
With a belly full of aspirin I did

And then, with a startled sound, I
heard Bob cry
"Oh Dad, you know that paint ball
gun your brother did buy?
Well, I think I might have shot Kayme's
back
And, Dad, she's about to attack!"

She was madder than an old wet hen,
Great piles of furniture and dirt she
did move,
She launched a full attack on the
youngest son,
Perhaps one day his pain will be done.

Before midnight had passed,
The Old Lady came home at last.
Nary a word did she speak,
As she crept into our little keep

In the end, the tree was had a new
top,
The angel was on top of the window,
propped
The furniture was askew,
As was everything else we knew.

Immediately the kids sprang to their
feet
Safety of a different room they did
seek.
What could I say to my sweet
But "I'm sick, sorry and beat."

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POLICE REORT

On Mon., Dec. 11th at 8:08 a.m., there was a report of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle in the 700 block of 8th St. The case is under investigation.

On Mon., Dec. 11th at 8:17 a.m., there was a report of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle in the 800 block of Austin. The case is under investigation.

On Mon., Dec. 11th at 10:09 a.m., two minors in the 1500 block of Lone Wolf Blvd. were charged with Disorderly Conduct for fighting in a public place. They were cited and released.

On Mon., Dec. 11th at 2:46 p.m., subjects in the 1500 block of Lone Wolf Blvd. were charged with Disorderly Conduct, cited and released.

On Mon., Dec. 11th at 6:44 p.m., a subject in the 1900 block of Vine reported damage to property. The case is under investigation.

On Tues., Dec. 12th at 7:30 a.m., a subject in the 400 block of Cedar reported Burglary of a Habitation. The case is under investigation.

On Tues., Dec. 12th, a subject in the 900 block of 7th St. reported Theft, valued between \$50 and \$500. The case is under investigation.

On Wed., Dec. 13th, a 28-year-old female was arrested following a routine traffic stop at the intersection of 2nd and Division for Possession of Marijuana and Driving While License Suspended.

On Wed., Dec. 13th, a subject in the 800 block of 9th St. advised that someone took money out of his vehicle.

On Wed., Dec. 13th at 11:39 a.m., a subject in the 900 block of Sheppard reported someone took items out of a vehicle without permission. The case is under investigation.

On Wed., Dec. 13th at 12:32 p.m., a subject in the 1100 block of Nicolasa reported that someone took items out of a vehicle without permission. Case is under investigation.

On Wed., Dec. 13th at 2:18 p.m., a 47-year-old female was arrested in the 2300 block of Hwy. 208 for Public Intoxication and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

On Wed., Dec. 13th, a subject in the 2300 block of Hwy. 208 reported an assault by a family member. The case is under investigation.

On Wed., Dec. 13th, a subject in the 1100 block of Nicolasa reported damage to their vehicle. The case is under investigation.

On Wed., Dec. 13th at 9:09 p.m., a 17-year-old male was arrested at the intersection of 12th and Locust for Minor in Possession of Alcohol/Tobacco and Minor in Consumption of Alcohol. The subject was transported to the MCSO.

On Wed., Dec. 13th at 9:44 p.m., a 28-year-old male was arrested at the intersection of 6th and Vine for Municipal Court Warrants and transported to the MCSO.

On Thurs., Dec. 14th at 7:36 p.m., a 45-year-old male was arrested on Hwy. 163 for Driving While License Invalid and was transported to the MCSO.

On Thurs., Dec. 14th at 6:09 p.m., a subject in the 1100 block of Nicolasa reported damage to her vehicle.

On Thurs., Dec. 14th at 6:53 p.m., a subject in the 1100 block of Nicolasa reported items stolen from her vehicle.

On Thurs., Dec. 14th at 10:13 p.m., a 15-year-old male juvenile was detained for curfew violation.

On Fri., Dec. 15th at 8:16 a.m., there was a report of Theft from the 300 block of E. 2nd St. The case is under investigation.

On Fri., Dec. 15th at 5:46 p.m., a 26-year-old male was arrested in the 1300 block of Westpoint for Possession of a Controlled Substance and transported to the MCSO.

On Fri., Dec. 15th, a 36-year-old male was arrested in the 400 block of Austin for DWI - 2nd and transported to the MCSO.

On Sat., Dec. 16th at 5:28 p.m., a 20-year-old male was arrested in the 2300 block of Hwy. 208 for Assault by Contact and transported to the MCSO.

On Sun., Dec. 17th at 9:15 p.m., a subject in the 1500 block of Austin reported damage done to a vehicle.

LOCAL NEWS

Hursh: People need to know 'hard facts'

Mackie Hursh isn't against growth in Mitchell County. That, as a local business owner, wouldn't be in his or anyone else's best interest.

Thus, when TXU announced its plans in April to construct an 850-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Mitchell County, he was intrigued. In fact, he remained interested ... even if he would rather wait for "hard facts" before leaping into the water.

That reason combined with the concerns for his two young children who would reside approximately two miles east of the proposed plant, spurred him and his wife, Mandy, to join two other Mitchell County couples in contesting the plant's construction with letters to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"I'm not against something just to be against it," he said. "I'm definitely for anything that would be good for Mitchell County, but I don't think TXU has answered my questions as far as what kind of pollutants will be emitted from the plant. All they say is it's the newest and best technology and not give anyone any hard figures to base a decision on."

Hursh, who has lived in Mitchell County for nine years, said his biggest concerns were the amount of mercury that may be emitted from the plant, and the impact the plant

could have on the long-term health of the county.

"I like living here," he said. "I like the people here. If I didn't, I wouldn't live here. I just don't want to do something that might hurt us all in the long run. I think they (TXU) are trying to railroad their way through this. We need to step back and say to ourselves, 'yeah the money is great, but how good is it going to be 10, 15 or 20 years from now?'"

"I think we need to take a closer look," he added. "All we have heard is the good side of the picture from TXU. If the people in Dallas are against it and wanting to shove it out here on us in West Texas, there might be something not right about it."

Hursh said TXU officials should give Mitchell County residents hard data about the emissions that will come from the plant before moving forward.

"They know what will come out of that smokestack," he said. "They should give people those hard facts and let them decide."

"If they can give us some good, hard facts, I wouldn't be against anything that is good for Mitchell County or Colorado City," he said. "I would just hate to see us have to live with a bad decision down the road."

WARE

added.

In their petition, inmates wrote they would have "cruel and unusual punishment inflicted" because they are "housed in a facility of correction and can not be moved from the harmful types of toxic emissions discharged in the air."

TXU officials have said emission levels will not reach harmful levels. The company, which is proposing to build up to 10 coal-fired plants to help the state meet a growing energy demand, has said it would cut its current emission levels dramatically by using new and more-advanced technology.

Ware Unit Warden J.V. Young said he respected the offenders' right to sign the petition, but warned that most were relying on word-of-mouth information from fellow inmates in making their decisions.

"I think they have a right to have their concerns considered," said Young. "I'm not sure many of their concerns will be valid when it is all said and done because they haven't had the opportunity to attend any of the town meetings and see the information TXU has presented."

"Because they are here, most of the information they have comes from the other inmates," he added. "I'm not sure how the elements of their petition of cruel and unusual punishment will be met by the offenders. I think if they had all the information TXU shared with the public, they wouldn't have any concerns."

Ware offender Jeff Gaston agreed, saying he was opposed to the possible construction of the plant based on the information he had heard.

"I was told they were going to be burning coal and that it wasn't good to breath at all," said Gaston, 30. "That's coming from another

"I'm not sure many of their concerns will be valid when it is all said and done because they haven't had the opportunity to attend any of the town meetings and see the information TXU has presented."

J.V. Young
Warden

inmate who might not know that, but that is what I told. Based on the information I had, sure, I'm

going to sign it."

Young said most of the inmates signed the petition in that regard based on the limited information they had.

"For the most part, many of the offenders signed it to support one or two other offenders' family members that had started the petition."

According to inmates, the petition was started when the relative of a former offender urged the inmates to forward a petition to TCEQ showing their opposition to the plant. The petition was circulated through the prison for signatures which were then forwarded to Austin.

While Edwards and Gaston said they had health-related concerns, some of the inmates signed the petition without much information about the project.

"I didn't really understand the guy who brought this up," said Jose Zuniga, who has been at the

facility for 14 months and could be moved in a matter of months. "He said it was bad for the environment and stuff like that. He was trying to make up some petitions and stuff."

"I never even thought about it with me moving. A whole bunch of us decided 'what harm can it do,' so that's about the only reason I signed it."

Zuniga said his only knowledge of the project came from information he had heard from other inmates, including that it would damage the environment.

Young said he was disappointed the petition had been sent to TCEQ officials, saying he would hate to see the offenders' lack of information be a burden to the project.

"I'm disappointed that anyone would have filed a request for a contested hearing in that it might delay the process of permitting the plant," he said.

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LOCAL NEWS

PLAN

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TXU's plans to begin construction on the plant were delayed in November when three Mitchell County couples filed letters on protest with TCEQ's office in Austin. Among those voicing concerns over health and economic issues were Wes D. and Rebecca Seibold, Mackie and Mandy Hursh and Rick and Patricia Perkin.

Wistrand, saying he understood people's concerns, said the impact on the local environment would be minimal, while adding a significant boost to the local economy.

"It's frustrating to have it delayed because I know what it can do for your schools and every business here," he said. "Is it completely clean? No, but neither is having one or two cars," he said. "What I can tell you is it will be cleaner than anything we have right now. We currently have 6,000 megawatts of coal generation. If you just look at the nitrogen oxide levels we're at 42 particles per billion. What we're going to do is add to our total and cut our release to 34."

"We're committed to being clean. There is no plant in the world that will have what this one will have. It will have the latest and most advanced technology we have," he added.

"Right now, if someone went to one of our existing coal-powered plants, you wouldn't see anything coming out of the stack and these don't have the newest technology that we'll have here."

Wistrand said even if those parties that submitted their letters of concern to TCEQ were to remove their objections, it might not move the proposal back to the top of the construction list.

"I don't know if it would get it back to the top," he said. "It would help a lot, but the fact is this has slowed the project down. SOAH (the State Office of Administrative Hearings) will take four, five or six weeks to have a hearing. When they do, if no one comes forward, that will speed things up."

TCEQ officials on Monday, Dec. 18 said commissioners will address the issues raised in the three letters of protest in the coming months. No specific date has been set for the hearing, but contested hearings are normally held in Austin with all concerned parties attending the meeting. At the meeting, the individuals will be required to testify in front of TCEQ commissioners.

The letters opposing the plant may not be the biggest obstacle standing in the path of Mitchell County breaking ground on the plant. Wistrand said TXU is in the midst of working out a deal with Burlington Northern and Union Pacific to bring coal from Wyoming. That deal, he said, could determine if the proposed plan moves forward and gets



Record Photo/Tommy Wells

TXU SENIOR VP Richard Wistrand speaks to members of the Colorado City Lions Club about the company's proposed power plant. Wistrand met with the club on Friday.

EDITORIAL

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Interest in our area because of the new power plant and its proximity to the transmission lines. They are aware of TXU's positive attitude toward wind energy and believe the proximity to the plant and their relationship with Mitchell County present them a unique opportunity. TXU expects to be a big player in the wind energy industry.

Make no mistake wind energy developers are watching with interest. Build the plant and we suspect even more will come.

Consider this; even two additional wind projects in the county could further decrease taxes by as much as 20 percent more.

How do reduced taxes affect those that don't own property.

shelved.

"Quite honestly, if we can't get BN or UP to give us a reasonable price, it could kill the deal," he said. "If this stays in litigation for a while, it could kill the deal. I don't think either one will at this point. I think we'll be able to work through this and get this built."

Dealing with the railroads will be the key, he said.

"The railroad is the real big issue," he said. "They are monopolistic in a lot of ways. They are very controlling. Union Pacific may not want to negotiate with us or ask for an outrageous price to get the coal here."

Wistrand said he was confident TXU would be able to work with Burlington Northern and Union Pacific. That cooperation could also help the company in other ways, making it easier for the company to develop alternative spur lines to bring approximately a trainload of Powder River Basin Coal to the plant each day.

"If UP is realistic and willing to work with us, we may not have to build a route," he said. "At this point we just don't know yet. We're working very hard to get it done so it will have the least impact on everyone."

Wistrand said the Morgan Creek plant is part of a statewide project aimed at helping the state meet an expected growth in demand over the next decade, and to enable the company - and

It only stands to reason, lower taxes means property owners won't have to charge as much for rent and other items.

The fact is Mitchell County is at a crossroads in its history. The impending growth will add to the county's sales tax base and decrease property tax rates. The projects will allow our county, school and hospital taxes to decline while adding growth and an immeasurable amount to our quality of life.

We realize the TXU power plant and the wind energy projects alone won't solve all of our problems, but they are a step in the right direction. They're a step toward making our county an even better place to call home.

state - to reduce its dependence on natural gas. A majority of Texas' power is generated using natural gas, a resource that has doubled in price over the past few years.

"It will be a huge benefit for Texas to get away from our dependence on natural gas," he said. "It's important to have a diverse supply. Over time gas prices will change and coal prices will change. If we, as a company, can have a diverse base it will only help our customers."

The delay in getting the new plants on line could have an adverse affect on West Texas as well as the rest of the state, he said. The state's growing demand for power will likely result in more frequent "brown outs" in high-usage periods due to a lack of generation output.

"Right now, there's not enough generation for 2008, 2009 and 2010," he said. "If you remember this past summer, we had some plants down and because of that we had some rolling brown outs. That could become more and more frequent by 2008 and 2009 if we don't have the power the state needs."

Locally, Wistrand said the new plant would have an immediate impact on Mitchell County as approximately 2,000 jobs would be created due to the construction demands. Additionally, about 100 full-time jobs would be added to the county's totals

Opry to host free Christmas show Thursday

Local bandleader and C-City Opry organizer Shady Mitchell has announced there will be a free Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 21, beginning at 6 p.m.

There will not be a band to accompany those performing, but

Shady's wife, Debbie, will have her keyboards set up. Those who want to perform in the concert need to Mitchell at 737-2163.

"If you want to sing this Thursday give us a call so we can get the order of the show completed

as well as seeing if we have background music in case someone doesn't have their own," said Debbie. "I will be running the sound and lighting so I will not be able to play keyboards until the very last."

Mitchell said he realizes this was a little late in trying to get the show together, but a lot of people thought it would be nice to keep the Christmas tradition going.

"We know that this is coming awful close to Christmas, but with the other program last week and the week before it didn't leave us much time. We hope everyone will come out and support it with their presence. It's a way of us wishing everyone a Merry Christmas."

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it, though, I like to do it. I decorate the inside and outside of the house. It's fun and the children really seem to like it."

It's not just the couple's three children -- Nolan, Mitch and Sam -- that get a kick out of the display, it seems. Mark Cornutt said more than 50 cars a night drive past his wife's display al-

most every day, some even stop and take a longer look.

Which is just fine by Zula Cornutt.

"Really, this is for the kids," she said. "When I was a young girl growing up in Houston, my parents used to take me every Christmas and drive around showing me how people decorated their houses. I'm glad to see other parents do it for their kids."

"Christmas is my favorite time of the year," she said.

For Cornutt, the Christmas season begins immediately after Thanksgiving. Once the turkey is put away, she begins designing her holiday lights display -- with the goal of making it different each year with at least one new item.

"It usually takes me about two days to do," she said, noting her husband usually plays the good elf and strings the lights on the roof.

"I have to, she's She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad II," he laughed. But, it's worth it."

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celebrating this time of the year is to pay homage to Jesus.

"Too many people get caught up into buying Christmas presents instead of remembering that Jesus is the reason for the season," she said. "To me, Christmas is the day that he was born so we like to use a nativity scene and a cross to symbolize the birth and death of the Lord."

Loraine's Virgil and Gerrie Stone have been married for more than 60 years and, like the Zunigas, they have done some decorating -- even during the harsh days of the depression.

"The first year Virgil and I were married times were hard, but we lit two candles and placed them in the window," said Gerrie. "As the Lord blessed us we began to decorate a little more each year. He has certainly blessed us over the years and we take this time to show our appreciation."

Another tradition the Stones have done over the years is for the members of the family to gather at their house and before the Christmas dinner is served, each tells how they have been blessed over the past year.

"We just start and go around the circle with each telling how the Lord has blessed them," said Gerrie. "This year, it will be different as this past year we lost our son-in-law so instead of everyone coming here we will be going there."

Like the Zunigas, the Stones believe Christ should be the center of all Christmas celebrations.

"We have always tried to have a nativity scene because that symbolizes the birth of Jesus," said Stone. "A lot of people decorate their lawns with reindeer and Santa Claus which is fine, but it only symbolizes what Christmas is to the children, not about the celebration of the newborn King."

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Dakan said county residents would be able to participate in the bonfire. People interested in contributing a special log to the fire will be able to do so.

Members of the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department will light and tend the fire. CCVFD's Tex Blankenship will be on hand to grill hamburgers.

For more information about the "Community Ceremonial Bonfire" call (325) 728-3766, (325) 728-8624 or (325) 728-2553.

THANK YOU

The Randle Family would like to thank everyone for their condolences, kind words of encouragement and heart felt prayers. We apologize for the delay in this Thank You note. Charge it to our minds and never our hearts. This has been a difficult year and we pray that you continue to pray for us. The family would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,
The Randle Family

THANK YOU

The Bracy family wants to sincerely thank everyone for their condolences, warm words of encouragement and many gifts during our time of bereavement. All of your prayers, gifts and support are truly honored and greatly cherished. We ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers. Once again, thank you for everything and may God continue to bless each of you. We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,
The Bracy Family

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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn,
Loraine Correspondent

Ho! Ho! Ho! And Tra, la, la, la, la, la, la, la! Only a few shopping days left. If the reindeer show up late at your house this year, call Billie Powell at Critter Casa.

Someone thought they saw Prancer, Dancer and Elvis eating some of the ground squirrel's nuts and seeds out there.

Larry and Susan Farr hosted a birthday party for Doris Henderson over the weekend at Colorado City. Doris's children, Brad and Penny Henderson, Morgan Henderson, all of Midland and Jay Henderson of Loraine, also attended.

Doris will be a young 80 years old on Dec. 21st. We wish her a very happy birthday.

Providing special music at the Methodist Church last Sunday was Sara Petty. She sang a nice Christmas carol, *Silent Night*, prior to the morning message.

Some of the locals also enjoyed attending "Christmas in the Country" which was a candlelight service in Dorn. Special music and singing took place. Bro. Kiefer Cauble is also pastor at Dorn.

We are saddened to report that Bill Scarber passed away over the weekend. He had been residing in an assisted care facility for several months.

His wife preceded him in death some years earlier. Our condolences go to the family and friends of Bill.

Jan Millering tells me she has been busy working on her computer, making menus and signs for her sister-in-law's new pastry shop. The shop is called the Pastry Palace, located on the corner of Austin and Westpoint in Colorado City. It will be opening Monday, Dec. 19th and will have lots of sweets, Jan says.

Millie Rose attended a birthday party Saturday in Colorado City for her friend, Ola Mae Johnson, hosted by her daughters. Millie said there was a big crowd and she got to see a lot of old friends there.

On Sunday, Dec. 18th, Millie attended the 126th year anniversary meeting of the Methodist Church in Colorado City and enjoyed it very much.

We send a get well wish for Gerrie Wooddell's brother, Sonny Hubert of Colorado City, as he had heart by-pass surgery in a hospital in Abilene on Monday.

At the Senior Center Monday, toes were really tapping to a larger Aubrey Wilson western band than usual. Providing seniors and their guests with music Monday were: Frank Herrage, Warren Badger, Don Johnson, Henry Holly, Charles Dunn, Durwood McAdams and Aubrey Wilson.

Reports were very complimentary about their music.

I was surprised Monday with a visit from a man in a red suit and a long, white beard. Had his wife not been with him I wouldn't have known it was Hank Millering. He really made a good Santa.

Santa didn't say if he was planning to leave anything here on Christmas but I've been good most of the time!

Mitchell CEA spoke to the Loraine Senior Citizens last week. Her nutritional report this month was *What's Missing in your Pantry?* These are some things that may be lacking in older folks' diets:

- Protein – For immune function, wound healing and fluid balance. Found in meats, skim milk, egg whites.
- Calcium – For strong bones and to prevent osteoporosis.
- Vitamin B12 – For nerves and cognitive function, blood cells.

• Folic Acid – For growth, body tissue repair. Found in grains, orange juice, dark green vegetables.

• Zinc – For wound healing. Found in beef and grains.

• Water – Helps regulate temperature and transportation of oxygen, nutrients and medications to the cells of the body.

Thanks to the cooks, Rachel and Rosa. The enchilada meal was very enjoyable last Friday, Dec. 15th.

The McAdams provided a musical program for the seniors on Dec. 13th. The Aubrey Wilson band of Snyder is scheduled for Dec. 18th and bingo will be played Dec. 20th.

The center will be closed Mon., Dec. 25th and will open again for lunch on Wed., Dec. 27th.

Please patronize the local senior center and join the senior citizens for lunch when you can. It will be good for you to socialize and not stay home so much and will benefit the center as well.

December birthdays belong to Ray Harmon, Peggy Harmon, Jack Strain, Alta Nation, Dorothy Norwood, Jamie Wright, Aubrey Cauble, Doris Henderson and Tommy Wright.

Sara Petty provided some special music last Sunday at Loraine Methodist Church. She sang *Silent Night* before the morning message by Bro. Kiefer Cauble.

I received word Sunday that Margaret Mahon passed away over the weekend. Margaret and her husband, Royce Mahon, were longtime Loraine residents. They moved to Sherman a few years ago.

We, in the community, send our condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Mahon. She leaves many friends.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all our readers. We hope you and yours will have a joyous season.

CHAMBER CHATTER

By Sue Lowrance,
Chamber Manager

This year is drawing to a close once again. We had a successful year at the Chamber of Commerce and look forward to the coming year when good things will be happening.

The Railheads are always good, the other events are fun and we had the biggest hunter's dinner ever. The Christmas activities were exceptional. There were 35 trees, the attendance was great and the schools supported the Festival of Trees in a big way. We had perfect weather for a chilly Christmas parade then topped it off with Santa and chili. Everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities.

2007 will be an exciting year. We will see new faces, new businesses and more activity for our established businesses as we move forward with the help of TXU. We must take advantage of what TXU is offering in order for our communities to survive. We have a promising future but everyone must do their part to make it happen.

The Board, Carla and I thank you for your support throughout the last year. The volunteers and ambassadors are the best of the bunch, their giving attitudes benefit all of us. Our priority for the coming year is to help our business people any way we can. The door is always open and we welcome you and your suggestions.

Our wish for you is a blessed holiday season and a new year filled with happiness.

SOCIETY

Stirls to celebrate 66 years of marriage

Walter and Viola Stirl will celebrate 66 years of marriage Fri., Dec. 22, 2006.

Walter met Viola Schwartz at a house dance in 1938 while in west Texas picking cotton. Viola graduated from Pyron in May and they married on Dec. 22, 1940. God brought Mary P. Ebie into their life and she rented them their first farm, 320 acres, which they later inherited upon her death.

Walter remembers Mrs. Ebie telling him he was "rich." After he responded, "I owe for a new tractor," she went on to say, "It doesn't take money to be rich." Walter stood proud as he let her hold his young daughter in her arms.

The Stirls were community people being involved in 4-H, serving on many different boards, faithful in their church and always helping others in need. They are still at home today on the same farm, nine miles north of Loraine on FM 644. They were blessed with four children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note...

We have received several more Letters to the Editor pertaining to the proposed TXU power plant and plan to run them in the following weeks.

Letter to the Editor:

I recently completed a research paper on Coal Mine Safety for my class in Public Administration at MWSU. I offer some of the statistics I ran across to the citizens of Mitchell County for the purpose of clarifying the risks associated with the building of a coal-powered electrical plant here:

- The Environmental Protection Agency states that coal and oil combustion (nonresidential) contribute only 1% of the total sources of air pollution in America. By contrast motor vehicles contribute 56%.

- The U.S. Dept of Energy states that coal produces 52% of the energy requirements of the U.S.

- We have more coal reserves in the United States than Saudi Arabia has oil.

The conclusions I draw from those statistics are that:

- If our primary concern is air pollution, then it makes more sense to reduce the number of cars on the road or trips we make than to forbid coal energy due to the emission factor.

- If we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil by using our own natural resources efficiently, that is what we should do.

- If the cost-to-benefit ratio is 52% (energy production) to 1% (pollution), those are good odds.

- If the risk assessment is 56% (auto emissions) to 1% (coal emissions), those also favor coal energy production.

It is a sobering thought that consumers contribute more to air pollution than industry does. In fact my textbook states that there has been a 29% reduction in principal air pollutants over the past 30 years, and credit is given to the industries, such as the energy industry, that have participated in the Clean Air Act of 1970.

Agreeing with the benefits to the country is not the same as wanting it in our backyard, but given our reliable southwest wind, it seems that Mitchell County would be the ideal location for such a plant to ensure that dispersal of the elements not already being controlled by emission standards would occur naturally, minimizing the risks to everyone. I think we are just beginning to see what a resource the wind can be for Mitchell County.

Katherine Hammond

Dear Editor:

In order to show our support for

the building of the proposed TXU Project called the Morgan Creek Steam Electric Station, we are writing this letter.

This plant offers so much to Mitchell County: customer savings, new local jobs, economic development, adding millions of dollars to the county tax rolls. This plant will improve our air quality, while providing a secure and stable power source for years to come.

By all accounts, TXU has met all requirements to obtain the necessary permits to build this plant. It would be unfortunate if we miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to benefit our county.

Sincerely,
Patricia and Kenney Gillespie
1124 LCR 248
Colorado City

Dear Editor,

I, like many, was disappointed to read about the three letters sent to TCEQ in reference to the proposed TXU coal-fired plant. The ball has been dropped... and the door could now be closing on a great venture for Mitchell County, due to a few misinformed individuals. Any sane person would initially question the safety of the plant, for many of us are raising kids also. My wife and I have three and we would fight like "rabid dogs" to protect them. That's a no-brainer. There is absolutely nothing to indicate that this plant won't be the safest possible, due to the latest technology and TXU's willingness to go "above and beyond" to exceed safety requirements set by TCEQ.

As a Game Warden stationed here 18 years ago, I too was a little suspicious of plant operations and the health/environmental issues due to the impact it might have on the fish and wildlife. After almost two decades, I've learned two things. TXU strives to operate the safest plant possible for its employees and exceeded all my expectations in keeping the environment clean and safe. I also learned that there was always an "open door" policy at the plant and that I could stop in at any time to discuss anything of concern. This goes back to when Bruce Moore was plant manager and continues now with Tim Warren. They've nothing to hide. They're good neighbors and a friend to Tx. Parks & Wildlife.

I had to chuckle when I read about the proximity of the railroad behind a

residence, 1200 feet away. (Isn't that four football fields?) Are you kidding me? I bet there's plenty of folks who live in town who don't have that big of a cushion from the existing rail. After those cars come all the way down from Wyoming, you would have a tough time finding anything loose to blow off of them. I have ownership in 29 acres just south of the complainants property and the railroad is more than welcome to use it. If they don't, I may just build our next home there. It's only a 1/2 mile from the proposed plant.

I, for one, fully support TXU and appreciate all they have done for this community, providing jobs, providing land for the state park and creating two lakes for all to enjoy.

Face it... the sky is not falling, but this project may be!

Randy Bullard
Game Warden, Lake Colorado City State Park

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my personal support and the support of the CISD Board of Trustees for the proposed TXU project at the Morgan Creek Plant. The Board and I see this entire project as a very big deal for our school district, our city, our county and a good portion of west Texas. This project will result in a very large boost to the taxable values of property within many of our local taxing entities, one of which is, of course, Colorado Independent School District.

While I am concerned about the welfare of our city and county, to be sure, my first concern is with the children of our school district. For years CISD has done a remarkable job educating kids and preparing them for the next step in their lives with many facilities which are very old. This was being done long before I arrived and is continuing on now not because I am here but because we have dedicated and committed teachers, administrators and auxiliary members of our staff. The employees of our district have operated on a shoestring budget now for several years. They spend their money wisely and efficiently making the most out of every single dollar that they have available to them.

Past and present boards and personnel have done a wonderful job of maintaining older district facilities and extending their useful lives much longer than any other school district with which I am familiar. I can safely

say that we are behind where we need to be in the area of some bigger, yet routine-type maintenance projects for school properties. It would be nice to recognize a problem area and just be able to fix it right away without having to worry about where the money is going to have to come from. We are in the position right now (and have been for a few years now) that when something unexpected breaks down, we are going to repair it, but the money we are going to use to do it with is money that has to be taken away from some other area. You might recognize that as a kind of "robbing Peter to pay Paul" type of deal.

While the TXU project certainly will not allow us to have limitless funds at our disposal, it would improve our ability to do some things that we have needed to do for some time now. And, every single one of these things comes with the best interests of our students' safety and/or benefit first and foremost in mind.

All this combined with the facts that we would wind up with more energy for more people, this energy would be cleaner energy, this energy would be cheaper energy, and more jobs would result for more people from our city and our area, make our decision to wholeheartedly support this TXU project a very easy one. We are behind it 100%.

Jim White,
CISD Superintendent

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of the construction of the TXU plant in Colorado City. I do so from a background of having been on both sides of the environmental issues connected to the building of facilities in the Texas Panhandle and Central Texas. As a past president of the Panhandle Chapter of the Sierra Club, I worked to close the Asarco Lead Smelter because our research showed that the lead, mercury and other pollutants, caused by the plant, and poured into the air and soil around the plant had caused contamination hundreds of times beyond safe limits, in areas where people had lived for decades. Health problems were also very evident in this same area.

I left the Sierra Club when it came out against building the coal fired plant outside of Amarillo, Texas. It is not as clean as the Colorado City plant will be by a factor of about 3, and I left the Sierra Club because the

facts just did not support their contentions that health issues would be a risk because of the plant. The air quality will be greatly improved in Texas by this facility because when it and sister plants come on line, others that are not as efficient can be taken off-line and retrofit for cleaner burning of fossil fuel in the production of power for the people of Texas (and Colorado City).

I have researched this type of plant and know that at the present time it is one of the cleanest types of power plants in existence, far cleaner than the plant that was closed years ago in Colorado City. New technologies are on the horizon but they are totally unproven on the scale and cost needed for today's power production. When they are proven to be the best way, I will be working to see that they are the next retrofit for today's plants. To wait for the 15 to 20 years of research needed would be folly because the continued need for power will not lessen and those plants that are still on line will continue to pour unacceptable amounts of pollution into our air.

This plant is needed in Texas and in our area for the benefit of our people. I am wholly for building this plant, sooner rather than later.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. James Edwards
First United Methodist Church,
Colorado City

Letter to the Editor:

I am owner and operator of Mitchell County Utility Company, a local water and natural gas utility company. My company serves approximately 1,000 customers on two lakes, the City of Westbrook and the surrounding area. Please know that I am 100% in favor of the construction of the proposed new TXU Coal Plant being built in Mitchell County on Lake Colorado City. Not only will it be a great economic boom for our county, it will insure the future electrical needs of Texas as well. We need it and again, I am completely in favor of it and support it.

Sincerely,
Mike Hemphill
President, Mitchell County Utility

Letter to the Editor:

I have to admit to a certain amount of bias. My Dad worked for Texas Electric for most of his adult life. This company had and has a track-record

of treating their workers decently even into their retirement years. Our churches, schools, clubs and civic groups have been better for having them present.

Mitchell County is on the verge of an exciting opportunity to have industry and jobs for the first time in a very long time. As the Administrator at Mitchell County Hospital I am aware of how many people in our county live below the poverty level. There have been so few job opportunities and our young people have chosen to work and live elsewhere. It would be wonderful to give them employment opportunities in this community.

I know that those families who are moving from homes they have occupied for many years are finding this transition difficult. I have been told that TXU has offered decent compensation offers on those properties that would be in the path of progress. I can only imagine how difficult this must be and I don't know how I would react if my home was one of those which would have to go. I haven't heard that there has been a definite decision as to the path that the train track would follow. I would hope that we could take the long view and see that this is, indeed, a positive thing for many people.

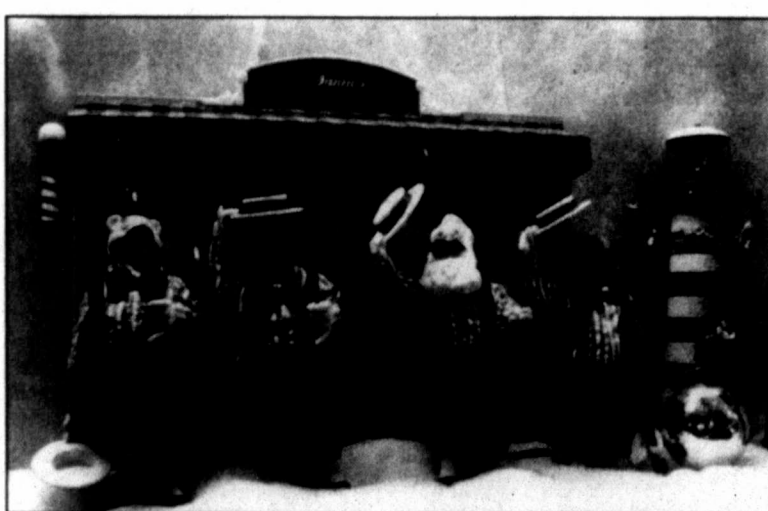
As a lifelong asthmatic, I can understand that people would like to know the environmental impact this plant could have. It is not really fair to compare this plant with its proposed state of the art technology to coal-burning plants which are much older and do not have the benefit of the newest innovations. TCEQ standards will be the benchmark to measure the environmental impact and I sincerely doubt that they would approve a project that would be detrimental to the health of people in our communities.

I know that having new businesses in town will have a positive impact in so many ways on the financial well-being of our county. I am certain that the financial viability of the hospital district would receive quite a boost. I hope that we can deal with our differing opinions in a kind, caring and fair manner. We are all neighbors in one sense or another and I really hope that we do not let our different opinions create rifts between us.

Sincerely,
Linda Mize, RN, CEO
Mitchell County Hospital District

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SCHOOL NEWS



THESE CMS STUDENTS earned first place medals at the UIL academic competition held Sat., Dec. 7th in Stanton. First place honors went to: (back row, l-r) Deanna Turner, Erin Graham, Adriana Garcia, Alyssa Bonner, and Nick Reyna; (front row) Jason Rodriguez, Ashli Cooper, Taylor Harris, Jake Johnson and Kristi Barnett.



SECOND PLACE HONORS went to these Colorado Middle School students who earned the awards at a UIL academic competition held in Stanton recently. They are: (back row, l-r) Megan Bullard, Erin Graham, Nick Reyna, Rebecca Perez and Raegan Costabile; (front row) Jason Rodriguez, Kristi Barnett, Jake Johnson and Derek Gainey.

CMS takes second at UIL meet Dec. 7

Colorado Middle School students traveled to Stanton on Thurs., Dec. 7th to compete in the UIL Academic Competition. Overall, CMS took 2nd place and came in only 15.5 points behind the leader. Results are as follows:

Ready Writing 6: Kristin Sundry, 3rd place.

Ready Writing 7: K'Leigh Wallis, 3rd place.

Ready Writing 8: Deanna Turner, 3rd; Nick Reyna, 4th; Brooke Bruington, 5th.

Math 6: Olivia Luera, 6th.

Math 7: Alyssa Bonner, 1st; Jason Rodriguez, 2nd; Luran Meeks, 4th.

Math 8: Daniel Hammond, 5th; Jaci Wulfjen, 6th.

Music Memory 6: Brittany Vasquez, 6th.

Social Studies 6: Jake Johnson, 2nd; Jordan Leija, 4th; Sean Williamson, 4th.

Social Studies 7: Tucker French, 6th.

Social Studies 8: Erin Graham, 1st; Nick Reyna, 2nd; Amanda Arispe, 5th.

Spelling 6: Brittany Vasquez, 3rd; Thea Guaza, 5th; Kristina Sundry, 6th.

Spelling 7: Emily Rivera, 4th.

Calculator 6: Raegan Costabile, 2nd; Corbin Castillo, 3rd; Alyssa Leverton, 6th.

Calculator 7: Alyssa Bonner, 1st; Derek Gainey, 2nd; Jason Rodriguez, 3rd.

Calculator 8: Rebecca Perez, 2nd; Erin Graham, 3rd; J.C. Johnson, 4th.

Editorial Writing 7: Alyssa Bonner, 1st; Ashli Cooper, 3rd.

Editorial Writing 8: Deanna Turner, 1st; Erin Graham, 6th.

Number Sense 6: Jake Johnson, 1st; Sean Williamson, 3rd.

Number Sense 7: Jason Rodriguez, 1st; Derek Gainey, 2nd; Alyssa Bonner, 3rd.

Number Sense 8: Erin Graham, 1st; Rebecca Perez, 4th; Jaci Wulfjen, 5th.

Science 7: Jessica Hampton, 6th.

Science 8: Courtney Sutton, 4th; Emily Hicks, 5th; Rebecca Perez, 6th.

Art 6: Daniel Dillon, 3rd; Kristina Sundry, 4th; Thea Guaza, 5th.

Art 7: Taylor Harris, 1st; Megan Bullard, 2nd.

Art 8: Andrew Munoz, 5th; Emily Hicks, 6th.

Maps, Graphs & Charts 6: Sean Williamson, 5th.

Maps, Graphs & Charts 7: Tucker French, 2nd; Jessica Hampton, 3rd.

Maps, Graphs & Charts 8: Nick Reyna, 1st; Erin Graham, 2nd.

Listening 6: Jake Johnson, 1st; Alyssa Leverton, 3rd; Micah Minkina, 4th.

Listening 7: Kristi Barnett, 2nd.

Listening 8: Valerie Vera, 6th.

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Messick, 4th; Alyssa Leverton, 5th.

Dictionary Skills 7: Alyssa Bonner, 4th; Miranda Reyna, 5th.

Dictionary Skills 8: Nick Reyna, 3rd.

Oral Reading 6: Marinna Lopez, 3rd; Huntyn Messick, 4th.

Oral Reading 7: Ashli Cooper, 1st; Kristi Barnett, 4th.

Oral Reading 8: Sarah Beddingfield, 3rd; Jaci Wulfjen, 5th.

Modern Oratory: Kristi Barnett, 1st; Tara Higgins, 4th.

Modern Oratory 8: Jaci Wulfjen, 3rd.

Impromptu 7: Dylan Billingsley, 1st; Ashli Cooper, 4th.

Impromptu 8: Adriana Garcia, 1st; Ann Marie Morrison, 3rd; A.J. Coronado, 4th.



COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL placed second overall at the UIL academic contest held in Stanton recently. The students pictured above took third place honors in at least one area of competition. They are: (back row, l-r) Alyssa Leverton, K'Leigh Wallis, Jaci Wulfjen, Deanna Turner, Erin Graham, Nick Reyna, Jessica Hampton, Ann Marie Morrison and Daniel Dillon; (front row) Jason Rodriguez, Brittany Vasquez, Marinna Lopez, Ashli Cooper, Corbin Castillo and Sean Williamson.



KAMRON MARTIN GAVE his best Santa impression during the Christmas parade which kicked off the holiday season with flare. Martin is a CMS band student.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the week named at Hutchinson

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Bianca Palmer, Casey Hammond, Jonathan Martinez and Ana Ramirez.

Bianca, daughter of Tabitha Palmer and Richard Palmer, is a third grader in Mrs. Geiger's class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Balou. Math is her favorite subject and P.E. is her favorite thing about her school.

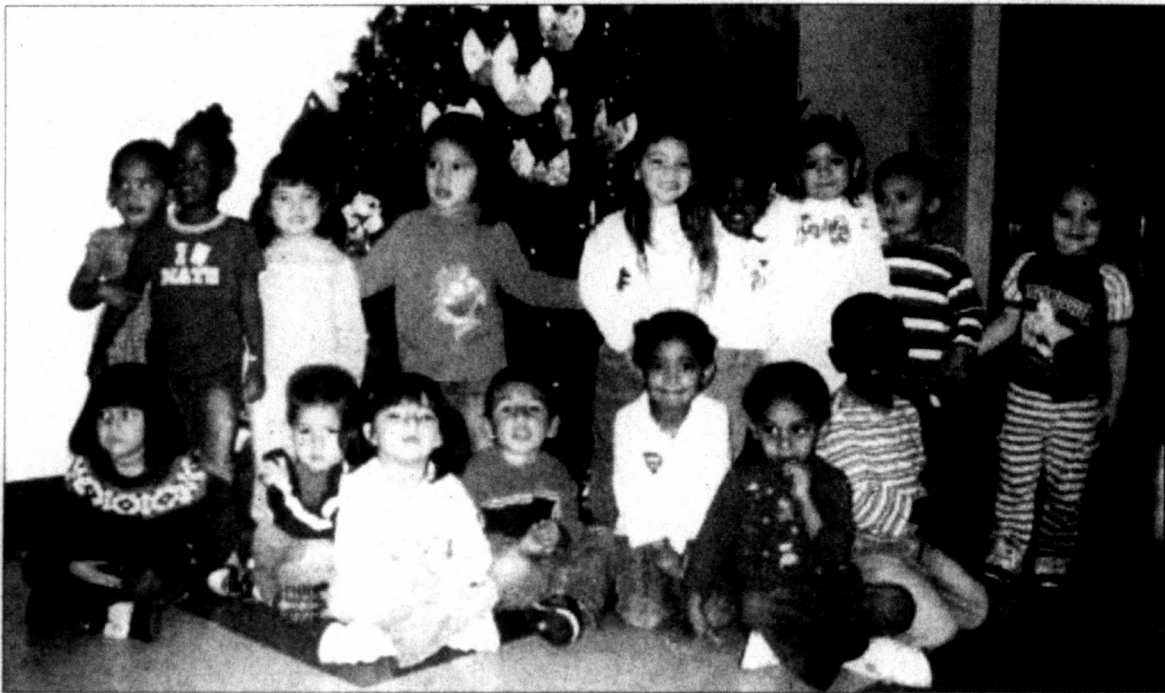
Casey, a third grader in Mrs. Free's class, is the son of Blake and Brenda Hammond. Playing video games is his hobby, and math is his favorite subject. His favorite thing about Hutchinson is "doing math and seeing my friends."

Jonathan, son of Delia Barrera and Bobby Arispe, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class. He likes spending time with his dog, Bruno, and P.E. is his favorite subject. Recess is his favorite thing about his school.

Ana, a fifth grader in Mrs. Dea's class, is the daughter of Ana and Victor Ramirez. She likes spending time with her dog, Cookie, and math is her favorite subject. When asked about her favorite thing, she said, "I like the teachers because they are nice."



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are (l-r): Casey Hammond, Bianca Palmer, Jonathan Martinez and Ana Ramirez.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Morgan's Head Start class is ready for Christmas. Students in the class are: Kynzie Avalos, Navy Boone, Aleesha Brooks, Claudia Cabrera, Sherry Campbell, Danakia Espinoza, Geordan Flores, Jynia Garrus, Caitlynn Garza, Shemar Green, Nariah Hawthorne, Jayden Ketner, Aranza Ramirez, Lourdes Ross, Meledine Ruiz, Ricky Silva and Audie Vasquez.



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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Robert Lee sweeps two from WHS

The visiting Robert Lee Lady Steers swept both the Westbrook varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams in action played last Friday night. The girls opened the night with a 60-59 loss despite Allison Bray scorching the nets for 35 points.

Caitlin Colaw added eight in the loss.

In the boys' game, Robert Lee edged the Wildcats 45-43.

Tate Burleson led the team with 15 points, while Michael Morton added 13. Jordan Truelove just missed double figures with nine points.

CMS Lady Wolves down Haskell, 27-17

The Colorado Middle School eighth grade "A" team defeated Haskell by a score of 27-17 in action played at Rochester Monday night. The "B" team, however, fell, 10-6.

In the "A" game, CMS closed out the first quarter leading 6-4 before carrying a 13-10 lead into the lockers at the half.

The Lady Wolves continued to build a lead with a 6-0 run in the third quarter. They took a 25-14 lead into the final frame.

Emily Hicks scored 10 to lead the team offensively, while Courtney Sutton put up seven.

The win puts the Lady Wolves junior high squad record to 2-2 in district play.

Ashley Coronado put in four points and Katherine Hickson added the other two points in the "B" team loss.

The Lady Indians were ahead 4-3 at the half before they outscored Colorado City 6-3 in the second half.

The "B" team is now 1-1 on the early season.

"The girls played really well," said coach Gail Keeton. "I was proud of their hustle on the press. We are coming along great, and the girls are building more confidence in their game."

CMS seventh graders scalp Haskell, 31-29

The Colorado Middle School seventh grade girls' basketball team pushed its season record to 3-1 with a close 31-29 win over the Haskell Lady Indians Monday night in Rochester.

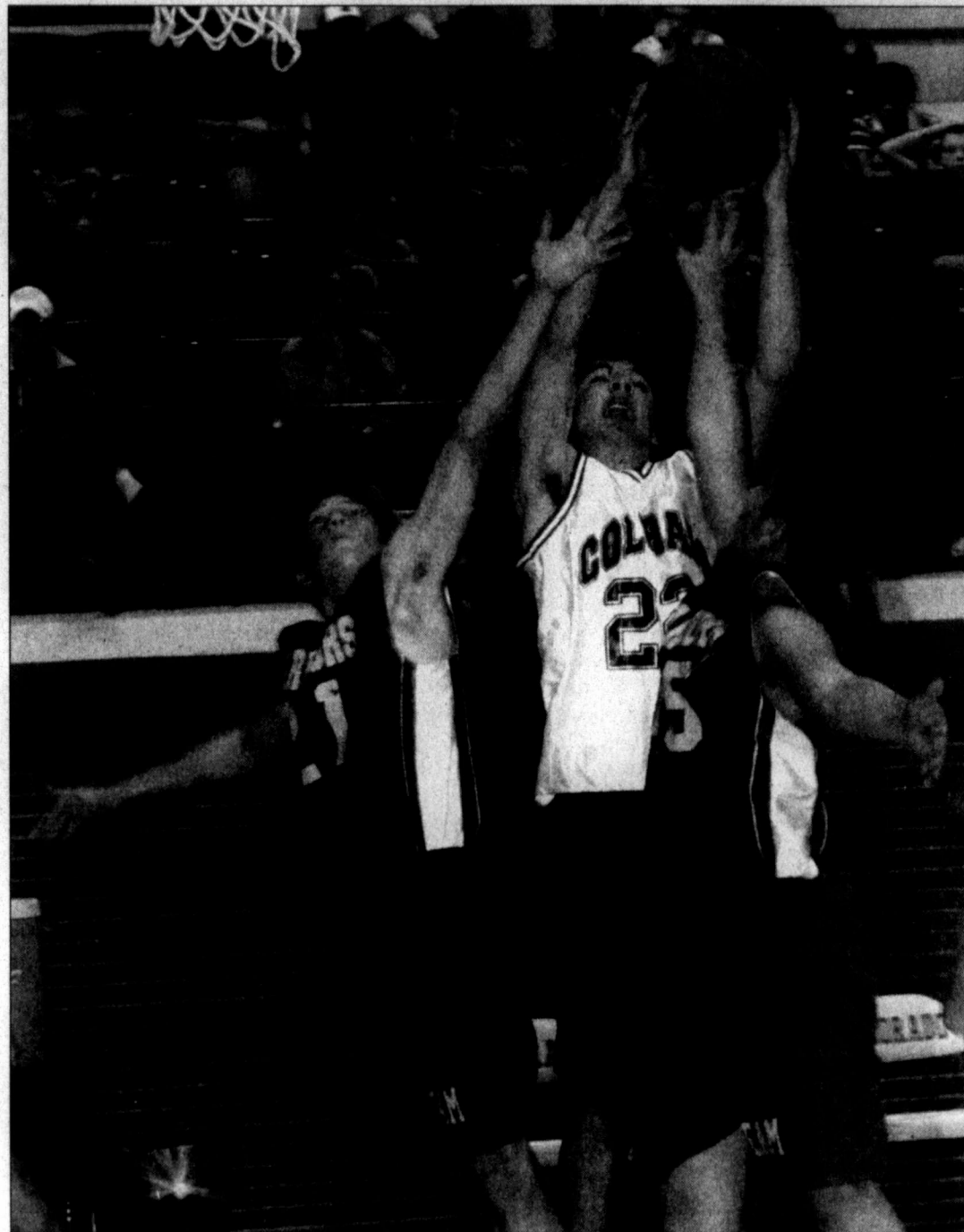
Miranda Reyna led the team with 11 points, while Megan Bullard pumped in 10.

The ladies led 22-18 at the end of the first half. Both teams tallied 17 points in the final two periods of play.

"That was a very impressive win for our girls," said coach Krissy Morris. "They were in a tiny gymnasium with tough officiating, but held their composure very well. I'm very proud of them. They are learning to play as a team and that in itself looks very promising for building on in the future."

In the "B" game, the visitors from Colorado City lost a 20-10 game.

"The girls played very well considering how out sized they were against Haskell," said coach Morris. "I am very proud of them for hanging in there and not giving up."



Record Photo/Tommy Wells
CMS 8TH GRADER J.C. JOHNSON grabs a rebound over two defenders during the team's 40-15 drubbing of the Haskell Junior High School Warriors Monday night. Johnson had 13 points in the game while teammate Blaze Clark put in 10.

Late run enables Stanton to slip past Lady Wolves, 45-39

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves lost a heartbreaking 45-39 decision to the Stanton Lady Buffaloes Tuesday night at "The Pit," but not before giving Stanton a run for its money.

Stanton led 9-5 at the end of the first quarter, but a 13-11 second quarter run by the Lady Wolves closed the gap to 20-18 at the end of the half.

The third quarter belonged to the Lady Wolves. Colorado City outscored Stanton by a 16-10 clip in the period and took the lead for the first time with 1:43 left in the third quarter on a Latesha Johnson lay-up.

That lead held up until midway through the final quarter when Stanton retook the lead, at 37-36, on a three-point shot.

Johnson fouled out of the game with just less than three minutes in the contest after she had tied the game with 3:38 remaining at 38-38.

Johnson had 14 points to lead the Lady Wolves. Brittany Hill and Latesha McDuffie just missed double figures, finishing with nine points apiece.

Lady Wolves' head coach Darin Leverton said he did not think his team was ready to play and not focused on the game.

"I was very disappointed in our girls tonight because I didn't think they were ready to play," said Leverton. "I told the girls after the game 'when you take a four-point lead into the final quarter you should win.' I am tired of hearing about how bad we were last year; this is a new

season and a new era. I think we should go into each game believing that we can win."

"While I felt they did play hard, I just thought we weren't completely focused on winning the game," he added.

The varsity girls' next action will be over the Christmas holiday when they compete in the Ropes tournament on Dec. 28-30.

Lady Cats' steamroll Veribest

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Westbrook Lady Cats took no prisoners when it came to their game with the Veribest Lady Falcons Tuesday evening.

Three Lady Wildcats were in double figures when the dust had settled on Westbrook's commanding 78-29 victory over Veribest - despite the fact most of the starters sat out the final quarter.

Westbrook left no doubt they were the superior team from the start. The Lady Cats jumped off to a 21-5 first quarter lead before taking a 47-14 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Westbrook increased its lead to 68-22 at which time Lady Cats' coach Cassie Short emptied her bench.

Even with the starters out, Westbrook was able to close out the final period on a 10-7 run.

Bray ended the game with 30 points, while teammate Caitlin Colaw and Keesha Krapf pushed in 15 and 14, respectively.

"We played good basketball," said Short. "We made good decisions when we had the ball, and the girls played good defense."

Senior Lauren Johnson did not play due to an ankle sprain, but should return after the Christmas break.

Bulldogs land 9 on District 4 postseason squad

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Loraine Bulldogs may have placed third in the District 4, Division II race behind Jayton and Borden County, but when post-season accolades were released earlier this week they got more than their share of awards.

No less than six Loraine players were named to either the first- or second-team with several players getting multiple awards.

Among those honored by District 4 coaches were junior Kenny Esquivel, who was named first-team all-district receiver and first-team utility player. He also grabbed second-team honors at linebacker.

Four-year letterman Miguel Acevedo grabbed first-team honors at center as well as first-team utility player on defense.

Junior Derek Martinez was the District 4 first-team punter as well as a second-team selection at receiver, running back and utility back.

Junior Stefan Limones, an all-district selection at safety the year before at Trent, was named

to the second-team defense at safety. He also was a second-team selection at running back and on special team.

Senior Jimmy Gris-sam was named to the second-team as a defensive lineman, while sophomore Jacob Sanchez earned second-team honors at quarterback.

Three Loraine players were named the District 4 honorable-mention squad. See DISTRICT, Page 13A



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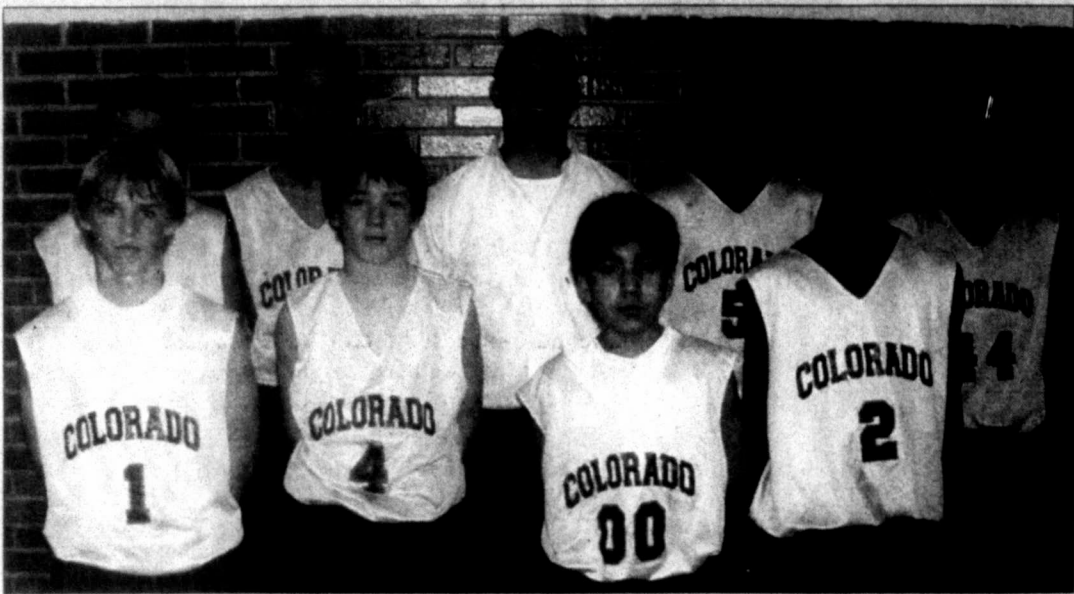
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

On December 29, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. the Board of Commissioners for the Colorado City Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five-year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place in room "Community Room" located 439 Oak Street.

The draft Plans and all supporting documentation are available for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 439 Oak Street on weekdays during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SPORTS



MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL 7th GRADE BASKETBALL team are (bottom row, left to right) Derek Gainey, Tylor Lorenz, Jason Rodriguez, and Xavier Lenard. (Back row) Matt Potter, Benny Jones, Coach Brent Paris, Tyler Hammond, and Ryan Rivera.

CMS seventh graders roll past Warriors, remain unbeaten

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Middle School seventh grade basketball team remained undefeated with a 22-16 win over the Haskell Junior High School Warriors Monday night at "The Pit."

With the victory, the CMS Wolves improved their season record to 3-0.

Coach Brent Paris, though pleased with the win, was disappointed that his kids allowed Haskell to get back in the game after they had them down at half by a 14-4 margin.

"We played a great first half, but in the third quarter we were outscored 8-2 and allowed Haskell to cut the lead to

16-12."

Colorado City came back to cement the win by outscoring Haskell 6-4 in the final quarter.

The high-point scorer for CMS was Derek Gainey, who finished with 10 points. Xavier Lenard put up six.

Bulldogs dump Cornerstone, get first win of '06

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Loraine High School Bulldogs have played a gruesome non-district schedule which has included three state-ranked opponents. Their record showed proof of it, too.

After suffering through an 0-8 start, Loraine began making things right last Friday by

pounding out a 66-52 victory over San Angelo Cornerstone.

"Our team is finally beginning to gel," said coach Steve Komppa. "We have played a tough non-district schedule this year to better prepare our team. We continue to improve and we hope to make a run at the playoffs when district begins."

Most of the games this season

have been very close contests with many of the losses being less than 10 points, Komppa said.

After fighting its way to a 15-15 tie in the opening eight minutes against Cornerstone, the Bulldogs took a 26-21 lead at the end of the first half.

At the end of three quarters of play, Loraine raced to a 39-30 lead.

Westbrook rolls past Lueders-Avoca

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Both the Westbrook High School girls and boys basketball teams defeated the Lueders-Avoca High School Raiders in action played Tuesday night in the Sonny Hollis Gym. The WHS Lady Cats defeated Lueders-Avoca by a 64-40 margin while the boys handed the Raiders a 69-31 setback.

Allison Bray scored 17 points in the Lady Cats' win. The Westbrook standout also picked up

CMS eighth graders thump Haskell

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Middle School eighth grade "A" team basketball boys took it to Haskell Monday night, 40-15, and evened its record at 1-1 in district play.

"We had an admirable performance fueled by intense pressure defense," said coach Clay White. These boys played hard, and gave 100 percent on the court. They are fun to coach and fun to watch."

CMS rolled to a 10-3 first quarter lead before taking a 22-6

solid support from Keesha Krapf and Cassie Holbrook who each canned 10 points each.

The Lady Wildcats took each quarter except the final one when they were outscored by a 17-9 margin. Westbrook outscored Lueders-Avoca in every other frame, including a 19-6 run in the second period.

The Lady Cats held a 15-13 lead after the first eight minutes.

In boys' action, Westbrook sophomore Michael Morton canned 18 points to lead the

lead into the lockers. The Wolves outscored Haskell 18-9 in the final two quarters.

J.C. Johnson had 13 points to lead the Wolves, while Blaze Clark contributed 10 to also hit double digits.

Wildcats to an easy victory. Morton had help from Jordan Truelove, who netted 12; and Tate Burleson, who pushed home 10.

Hitting treys were Burleson with two, Morton with one, Josh Solko with one, Drake Thurman with one, and Truelove with one.

The Wildcats built a commanding 17-3 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Westbrook outscored Lueders by a 17-13 clip in the second and rolled into the half holding a 34-16 cushion.

The third quarter was all Wildcats as they all but iced the game with a 22-5 run.

Westbrook closed out the final quarter by outscoring Lueders by a 13-10.

The win pushed the Wildcats record to 7-3.

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Garden City 39, Loraine 31
Loraine.....7 5 10 9 - 31
Garden City.....6 9 12 12 - 39
LORAINÉ - Kenny Esquivel 12, Jimmy Grissam 10, Derek Martinez 3, Bivian Hermasillo 2, Stephan Limones, Zach Gibson 2.
Note: Esquivel hit two three-point shots in the game for the Bulldogs. The team hit 5-of-11 attempts from the free throw line.

Loraine 66, Visitors 52
Cornerstone.....15 6 9 22 - 52
Loraine.....15 11 13 27 - 66
LORAINÉ - Jimmy Grissam 21, Kenny Esquivel 13, Miguel Acevedo 11, Bivian Hermasillo 10, Derek Martinez 7, Sante Smith 3, Stefan Limones 1.

Note: Loraine sank five three-point shots in the game, including three by Esquivel and one apiece by Martinez and Smith. The win was Loraine's first of the year.

Westbrook 69, Lueders-Avoca 31
Lueders.....3 13 5 10 - 31
Westbrook.....17 17 22 13 - 69
WESTBROOK - Michael Morton 18, Jordan Truelove 12, Tate Burleson 10, Drake Thurman 7, Colton Nobles 7, Josh Solko 7, Kingsley King 3, Colton Rich 3, Eli Farrell 2.

Note: The win improved Westbrook's season record to 7-3. The Wildcats hit six 3-pointers in the game, including two by Burleson. Morton, Solko, Thurman and Truelove also buried threes. Nobles led all WHS rebounders with 4.

Westbrook 68, Lueders-Avoca 32
Westbrook.....- - - - - 68
Lueders.....- - - - - 32

WESTBROOK - Tate Burleson 23, Michael Morton 16, Colton Nobles 8, Justin Cantu 6, Josh Solko 4, Colton Rich 4, Eli Farrell 4, Drake Thurman 2, Jordan Truelove 1.
Note: Game was played Dec. 5. Cantu led all rebounders with a season-high 16 boards. Burleson added 11, while Truelove, Thurman and Rich all had seven.

Robert Lee 45, Westbrook 43
Robert Lee.....- - - - - 45
Westbrook.....- - - - - 43
WESTBROOK - Tate Burleson 15, Michael Morton 13, Jordan Truelove 9, Colton Nobles 4, Justin Cantu 2.

Note: Game was played Dec. 15. Truelove had 13 rebounds in the game. Burleson had six boards. Overall, Westbrook's season record fell to 7-4.

GIRLS

Garden City 61, Loraine 15
Loraine.....0 5 8 - 15
Garden City.....10 14 16 - 61
LORAINÉ - Lindsey Martin 6, Felicia Gibson 5, Whitney Martin 2, Jamie Delgado 2.

Westbrook 64, Lueders-Avoca 40
Westbrook.....- - - - - 64
Lueders.....- - - - - 40
WESTBROOK - Allison Bray 17, Cassie Holbrook 10, Keesha Krapf 10.

Note: Westbrook improved to 6-5 for the season with the victory.

Westbrook 81, Lueders-Avoca 32
Westbrook.....- - - - - 81
Lueders.....- - - - - 32

WESTBROOK - Allison Bray 28, Caitlyn Colaw 12, Keesha Krapf 10, Lauren Johnson 7.
Note: Game was played Dec. 6 in Lueders. White and Allison Bray both registered double-digits in rebounds with 12 and 10, respectively.

tively. White also had a team-high 4 steals. Brittany Clowers had two 3-point shots in the game.

Robert Lee 60, Westbrook 59
Robert Lee.....- - - - - 60
Westbrook.....- - - - - 59
WESTBROOK - Allison Bray 35, Caitlyn Colaw 8.

Note: Bray led the team in steals with three. Westbrook is 6-6 for the year.

Stanton 45, Colorado City 39
Stanton.....9 11 10 15 - 45
Colorado City.....13 16 5 - 39
C-CITY - Lachesha Johnson 14, Brittany Hill 9, L. McDuffie 7, Crystal Stewart 5, Janna Guerra 3.

Note: McDuffie went 5-of-6 from the free-throw line.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS

Colorado City 8th 40, Haskell 15
Colorado City.....12 10 8 - 40
Haskell.....3 3 2 7 - 15
C-CITY - J.C. Johnson 13, Blaze Clark 10, Ronald Aoyama, Nick Reyna 4, Tracy Russel 4, Jonathan Luera 2.

Note: C-City improved to 1-1 with the victory. Johnson led the team in scoring (13 points), rebounds (10) and assists (4). The Wolves forced 23 turnovers. Tracy Russell led the team with six steals.

Colorado City 7A 22, Haskell 16
Haskell.....2 2 8 4 - 16
Colorado City.....10 4 2 6 - 22
C-CITY - Derek Gainey 10, Xavi- an Lenard 6, Benny Jones 4, Jason Rodriguez 2.

Note: The win improved Colorado City to 3-0 for the season.

Ira 62, Westbrook 16
Westbrook.....- - - - - 16
Ira.....- - - - - 62
WESTBROOK - Michael Bray 8, Justin Morton 6, Hardy Berber 2.

Note: Game was played Dec. 11 in Ira. Westbrook fell to 0-5 for the year.

GIRLS

Colorado City 8A 27, Haskell 17
Haskell.....4 6 0 7 - 17
Colorado City.....7 6 8 - 27
C-CITY - Emily Hicks 10, Courtney Sutton 7, Brooke Bruntington 4, Ava Macedo 4, Amanda Arispe 2.

Note: The team improved to 2-2.

Haskell 8B 10, Colorado City 8B 6
Colorado City.....0 1 2 - 6
Haskell.....0 4 2 4 - 10
C-CITY - Ashley Coronado 4, Katherine Hickson 2.

Note: With the loss, C-City fell to 1-1 for the year.

Colorado City 7B 20, Haskell 10
Colorado City.....6 2 4 - 20
Haskell.....2 2 2 4 - 10
C-CITY - Tara Higgins 6, Adriana Gomez 2, Jessica Hampton 2.

Note: With the win, the CMS girls improved to 1-1 for the year.

Colorado City 7A 31, Haskell 29
Colorado City.....6 13 4 - 31
Haskell.....6 6 7 10 - 29
C-CITY - Miranda Reyna 11, Megan Bullard 10, Alyssa Bonner 4, Alexia Espinoza 2, Kaley Molina 2, Lauran Meeks 2.

Note: The win was Colorado City's third victory in their first four games.

Ira 35, Westbrook 7
Westbrook.....- - - - - 7
Ira.....- - - - - 35
WESTBROOK - Kenzie Morris 3, Chelsea Martinez 2, Kelsy Whitesides 2.

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SPORTS

Romo, Cowboys clinch berth in NFL playoffs

Greetings everyone!
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The Dallas Cowboys continue to look pretty darn good. They returned to form on Sunday when Romo and Company held off a determined Atlanta Falcons football team that had its backs

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SPORTS EDITOR



against the wall.
The team that defeated the Cowboys a week earlier, the New

Orleans Saints, lost to Washington Sunday in a strange twist of events.

Anyway, the Cowboys have sealed up a postseason spot in the playoffs with the win over the Falcons.

The Tennessee Titans, who up until recently had been talking about making the playoffs next season, have put some folks on notice that the future could be the present. The Titans, under the leadership of rookie quarterback Vince Young, are playing very good. With a record of 7-7, and on a five-game winning streak, anything can happen with two games left on their schedule.

I talked with McMurry track star Hann Ollison recently and he said he is ready for the spring track meets. The former Colorado High School star looked very good in meets during the fall semester. He is currently a sophomore at the Abilene school.

I heard over the weekend that former all-state pole vaulter Amanda Guerra had tried out for and made a semipro football team in Austin. I certainly wish her a lot of luck in her new endeavor in the women's professional football league.

Have a great week, and remember, be a good sport in everything you do.

Westbrook junior high basketball teams fall to Ira

Carl Graham

Colorado City Record

Both Westbrook junior high basketball teams took one on the chin last Monday night to the Ira Bulldogs.

In the girls' game, Westbrook lost by a score of 35-7 as Ira dominated from opening tip to the buzzer.

Kinsey Morris had three

Roundballers' season to start in January

The Mitchell County Roundballers Youth Basketball League season will start in January.

According to information from the league, the area youngsters

points, while Chelsea Martinez and Clancy Whitesides each had a two-point bucket.

In the boys' game, the junior high Wildcats lost 62-16.

Michael Bray led all WJHS scorers by pumping in eight points. Justin Morton added six while teammate Hardy Berber added two.

in grades Pre-K through 6 will begin play in the second week of January.

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A SEVEN-POINT buck was shot by Darian Lendermon on Dec. 17th in Sterling County on the McEntire Ranch. Darian is the daughter of Sam and Misty Lendermon of Colorado City.

DISTRICT

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including senior Bivian Hermosilla, Carlton Johnston and Zachary Gibson.

Hermosilla was named to the honorable mention team as a kicker and at defensive lineman.

Johnston, a sophomore, received honorable mention accolades as a defensive

lineman.

Gibson, who missed several games during his senior season due to injury, received enough recognition to be named honorable mention as a running back.

"I was totally surprised at the number of players we had receiving first- and second-team honors," said head coach Jeffrey Stockton. "That's unusual when you finish third behind teams like Jayton and Borden County. They had a tough year, but the selections were all well deserved."

Jayton closed out the 2006 season last Saturday with a 60-41 loss to the Vernon Northside Indians in the Division II state championship game. Borden County advanced to the state quarterfinals before falling.

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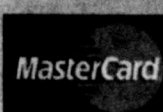
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Cause #13247
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Fruitcake: the fruit that keeps on giving

By Stephen Geez
Taken from the Internet

I never cared for the taste of fruitcake, but I've been saving one for years.

It's the last of those I used to get every Christmas from Elizabeth, my friend Paul's mom. She always cooked up what seemed like hundreds for family and friends, wrapping them in plastic, and tying them with red and green ribbons.

Fruitcakes are known to take on lives of their own, passing from one person to the next, sometimes lingering long enough to carbon-date. Cut one open, if you dare, and divine its age like you'd count the rings of some ancient tree.

Though we pretended to like them Elizabeth never pressed us for reports on their flavor, probably sensing that many simply became souvenirs – if not albatrosses – not that it seemed to matter. Still, everybody got one, delivered with a proud smile and wrapped in love, a present from the women who used her recipes to nourish our souls as much as our bodies.

The tradition was passed down by Elizabeth's mom, who learned it from her own aunt. With nobody sure how many generations back it goes, I wouldn't be surprised to learn an early version of the recipe, scripted on papyrus and stored in an urn, has been unearthed during some distant archaeological dig.

Paul's father lost his hearing some years back, and got to where he couldn't see very well. Then Elizabeth's diabetes eventually put her in a wheelchair and robbed her of sight, so Paul moved back home that fall to

help care for them.

As Christmas approached, Elizabeth kept mentioning how much she wished she could hand out those fruitcakes again. Saddened by having to break the tradition, she reminisced about helping Grandma when she was a little girl. Tears welled in her eyes as she talked about her fruitcakes, admitting that eating them isn't what matters, that it's cooking up some love and sharing it with people who mean the most to her.

During her nap that afternoon, Paul searched through two boxes stuffed with hundreds of recipes filed in no particular order. He finally found it, flour-crusted, yellow with age, and difficult to read. He went out and bought the ingredients, then set about mixing, determined to make her a batch to give away. Paul's not known for his culinary finesse, and most family recipes require a dollop of magic beyond what's actually written down, so he finally had to wake her, confessing his plan and asking her to help.

They spent the rest of the afternoon making fruitcakes. She took charge, while Paul served as her eyes and hands. They didn't need that old recipe card; Elizabeth knew this one by heart. She glowed with pride as she handed them out, accepting kisses and thanks, hugging back with

from the familiar aromas of her kitchen, Paul lost his mother, and we all lost a friend.

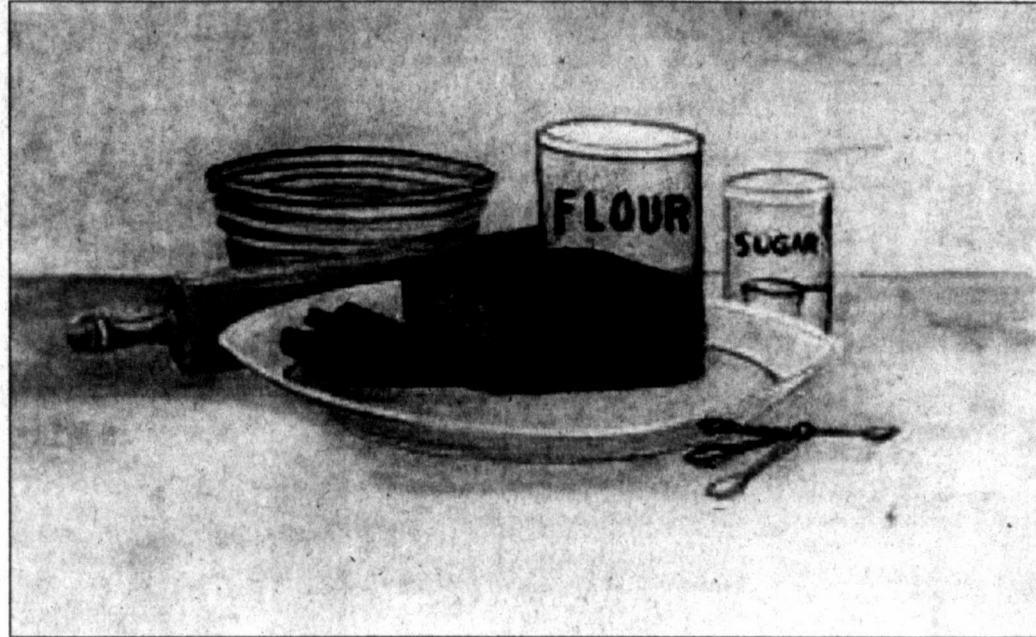
Gathered at the house after the funeral, Paul and his siblings carefully copied her fruitcake recipe, all vowing to carry on the custom. Several of them did, too – for a

couple of years. Busy with their own lives and still discovering their own unique ways to celebrate, they gradually let the fruitcake tradition slip away.

Some things will never leave us, though. Elizabeth's children, like all of us she touched, will always carry on with a more important tradition: living the way she taught. Devotion to our families, integrity, loyalty and love for year other ... these are what I see being passed on to the next generation. These are truly Elizabeth's recipe for life.

I still have that fruitcake somewhere, the one she and my friend made together. When I look at it, I can see her face lighting up as she presented it to me.

It is, after all, just a fruitcake. I still don't care for the taste. And I can't say how long I'll manage to hang on to this odd thing, a souvenir wrapped in plastic and tied with red and green ribbons ... A family recipe, the reminder of those last precious moments my friend spent with his mom, a Christmas gift from the heart.



newfound strength despite her frail condition. She'd probably felt that way every year, but this marked the first time we really noticed.

Several days after Christmas, Elizabeth required hospitalization, but there was little that could be done, and she took a turn for the worse. In a stark, antiseptic room far

A special thank you to the residents of Mitchell County for your support in 2006!

We're probably not on your Christmaslist. Most people might prefer not to think of a hospital over the holidays. But some will have to. There will be injuries and illnesses and babies will be born. And at this hospital, over the 24 hours of Christmas Day, some people will be doing just what we do every day, in case you need us. Some will celebrate Christmas with our own families early, some late, so we will be here if you need us. Most of you won't think about us at all, because you'll just know we're here. And that makes us very proud.

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Dear Santa,
Rudolph is nice. I've been good. Could you bring me a go cart, dirt bike and moon sand? I like Santa. Santa is my friend. Bring bubba and sissy lots of presents. Bring mom and dad some presents. Bring mom and dad some presents. Bring Papaw and Grandma a lot of presents. Bring Ms. Hanshew a lot of presents. Bring Grandpa and Grandma a lot of presents too. Love you.
Tyler Martin, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeer. I really love Rudolph. I love Mr. Nick and Mr. Kenny. Please bring them lots of presents. Can you bring lot of presents to Mr. Ware, Mr. Bray, Mr. Ruben and Mrs. Jackie? They are really nice. What favorite color do you like? I wish I could see you. Do you live with Mrs. Claus? I love her. I like my baby thing I already have. Can you bring me a puppy? And I'll tell you what else. A kitty toy. I've been good. Just ask Ms. Hanshew and Mr. Nick. Do you know Mr. Nick? He's nice and he gives me \$1 when I'm good. Please bring me lots of toys. I love you very much.
Wanda Groehl, Age 5

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph? Is Rudolph sick or what? Santa, I love Rudolph. And I hope Rudolph can fly like he used to. And, I hope the other reindeer are the same as Rudolph. I've been kinda good. Please bring me a ballerina pop star, a cheerleader dancing thing, a moon stand, moon shoes and a princess and I want a toy dolphin. I want a Ariel that really swims when you let her go. Call Ms. Hanshew and mom and dad to see how good I've been. Bring sister a book about PA's. Bring bubba a pretty girl-friend. Can you bring momma a lot of presents and Daddy too? Oh, can you bring Kasey Kahne to Ms. Hanshew too? That's all I need. I love you Santa.
Hadley Redwine, Age 6

Dear Santa,
I go to church like a good girl. When am I gonna take a test on a book? Ms. Hanshew knows. Mommy is nice and daddy is Mr. Rowell's helper. Mr. Rowell calls me a rug rat. But I'm really not one. My friends call me Little B. You can put all my presents To: Little B. I want you to bring me a princess Kristen, clothes, a ballerina, lots of surprises. My brothers both have been bad. Nana has been nice. That's all. I love you. Hug Rudolph for me.
Belinda Brown
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I've been a real good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a puppy and a house for my puppy, a tractor and a truck.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Regal Silva

Dear Santa,
I really have been a good girl. All I want for Christmas is a boat and a cutter thing. And toys and a motorcycle.
Love,
Shelbie Sumruld

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want something for Christmas. A jack in the box. Could you bring me a play x-ray? Lava Lamp. Skateboard Guitar with a heart on it to play for mommy and dad. My brother's movie he's trying to learn to do the guitar so I have to watch it too. Clock please. I've been good for the rest of the day. Wesley has been rotten. Bring him a pickup. He's a good big brother. Help mom make a lot of money at her shop. Bring daddy a cool motorcycle. For my mom you should buy her a cool base. And for me a motorcycle with a flower on it. I've been good.
Miranda Goswick, Age 5

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph? I've been good. I hope that Daddy's blood sugar goes down. Mommy works at the prison now. Aunt Kathy and Coco are fun. BB is too. Ms. Hanshew is nice. From you I want moon sand, toys, clothes, puzzles. You can spoil me. I don't care. We like Nascar a lot. Daddy likes Mommy. He likes Junior in Nascar. Jimmie Johnson is a sissy. Ms. Hanshew likes Tony Stewart. That's all. Drive careful coming to Westbrook. I love you.
Taylor Parsons, Age 5

Dear Santa,
How are you? What I would like for Christmas is presents. I want a bike, a playing piano, a play kitchen like ours at school. That's all. I have been good this year. I have been nice to my friends. I have been good for Ms. Hanshew. And I don't know so bye now. I love Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.
Kendall Lastly
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy. The Barbie house and Bratz dolls, a toy phone and clothes. I've been good! I would also like some balloons.
Selena Gonzales
Age 6

Dear Santa,
Ian told me that when he gets older he would let me have his Nintendo, or if he gets a video game that he wants. I think it is Star Wars. I would also like to get Ian something for his birthday maybe the Lego Star Wars 2 video game. I have been good this year.
Bri Hale
Age 5

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph? He is sick. Or is he? I want a horse, a train, a car and a truck. (fire truck) I have been good.
Jonathan Falzone
Age 5

Dear Santa,
How's your reindeer? I've been very good. I got all happy faces in my folder. I want a ballerina and a new bike. Will you get me a castle? I want a candle, grape please. And I want stickers. That's all. Please bring it to Canada cause that's where I'm going for Christmas. I'll leave you a note to remind you. I love you.
Adi Hale
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a princess, a horse with two princesses, a Barbie, strawberry shortcake, a my little pony, my little mermaid, Dora, chalk, purse, a toy dog, a monkey, a lion, a computer & bananas. I want a tree that is small, letters, a penguin, a basketball, a house, a Bratz, clothes and shoes, CD's, trampoline, swimming pool, a Big Box, coloring paper, water and sand, a chair, stars, starfish, wall numbers, decorations, a puppy bone for my puppies, prizes,

chalkboard, pens, markers, toy cat and a train.
Erica Gutierrez, Age 5

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph? I would like a whole stack of books, a play chalkboard, a Barbie house, a little Barbie car, a bike, a computer, dress up clothes, Barbie clothes, high heels, make up, play house, fly-spinner barbies, and some jewelry, a notebook, cabbage patch that you can put colorful stuff in their hair, play flags, a fish, a puppy, a cat, a new rabbit, fingernail polish, snow globe, a teddy bear, a TV, a swing set, love cup, cd player, a purse, a trampoline, shell collections, cd's, a coloring book, more pants, moon sand, play signs, hand-cuffs, stamps, a cowgirl suit, boots.
Skylar Jones, Age 5

Dear Santa,
What is Rudolph doing? How many toys do you got? I've been a good boy all year. Ms. Hanshew is very proud of me. I've been nice to all my friends. I want you to bring me a four wheeler. Tell mommy and daddy that I don't need a spanking. I don't know what else you can bring me. You can bring me a toy but no girl toys. Baby dolls are yucky! See you in 13 days. I love you!
Ty Ty Rivera
Age 6

Dear Santa,
Bring me a cook, a TV, a puzzle, a computer, books, shoes, balloons, a clock, a calendar, crayons, markers, clothes, a desk, a chair, a box, a motorcycle that is red, a skateboard, a snake, chalk, a camera, a snowman, a new towel, a new Christmas tree that is bigger, a new table, a train, a new room, cabinets, a new stockings or three, a rabbit, a bear, a pencil, new books, a bag, a projector screen, a speaker, walkie talkies, santa claus paper, cd's and a cd player, a blanket, a new bed, a football, basketball, tennis ball, soccer ball, a gun, a b-b gun, a paper clip, a grocery cart, a xylophone, guitar, gum, a new place mat, a sink, a wall, a pen, a fire truck, ambulance, a candle, pencils, a center, microwave and a bathroom.
Mark Denison
Age 5

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How is the weather up there? It has been cold down here. I have been very good, because I help people all over town. Also I play with people if they need someone to play with. I want a Bratz doll, a horse and a train. Thank you for watching me.
Love,
Lora Shults

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Does Mrs. Claus help the Reindeer practice to fly. Are the elves making toys for the children? Is Rudolph being good? Is Mrs. Claus busy Are the elves busy making toys? Are the reindeer doing ok? I want a present. I just want one present. I want a dog.
Love
Jazzlyn Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? How are reindeer? I have been very good this year. because I have been good to my Mom and My Mena. Here are two things I would like to have this year. 1. A Big Baby Bratz Diamonds 2. A Big Baby Hair Flare. I was thankful for the presents last year.
Love,
Marion Mayo Tanyosh

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been good, because I play with people

when they have no one to play with. I want a horse set with horses, cows, pigs, dog and little fence.
Love,
Adrian Arguio

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elves? I've been good this year. I can't wait until Christmas. I want a MP3 player for Christmas.
Love,
Bianca

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is the weather OK up there at the North Pole. Because it's cold in the morning and warm for the rest of the day here. I've been OK this year. I've been a little mean to my brother and sister. I've argued this year also. There are only a few things I would like to have. They are one of those bikes that look like a dirt bike, th GameBoy game Mario Brothers 3, and a roping dummy. Thank you for all the other toys from every other Christmas.
Love,
Keifer Holman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I think I've been good because I've been helping other people. I've been wanting a fiddle and for Brittany to be home for Christmas. I also want some new army men.
Love,
Seth

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? How is Rudolph? He is my favorite. I've been good all year. If someone needs help I help them. For Christmas I want a Game Boy - Micro and a bike.
Love,
Matthew

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May good fortune follow wherever you go this holiday season. Thanks for including us in your travels this year.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
How is it in the North Pole? How is the weather at the North Pole? It is very cold here. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? How are the reindeer this year? How are you this year Santa? I've been good this year, because I helped my cousin Brandon take off stickers on his jacket. For Christmas I want a new bike. Thank you for all those toys last year.
Love,
Tony

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer? How are the elves? I've been good this year, because on December 4 my mom locked the key in her restaurant so I had to get in the window. That was good I did that. I want a Bratz Diamond doll. There will be some milk and cookies on the table. Thank you.
Love, Brittany Rivera

Dear Santa,
How are you? What I want for Christmas is Flom and Nike shoes and a horse. How are the elves? I will have cookies and milk for you on the table. How are reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you have a merry Christmas. My brother got my grandma angel for Christmas and a happy new year. Have a great day!
Love,
Veronica Ventura

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer doing? How is Rudolph doing? I have been good because when my mom tells me to go watch my brothers. I want a real timer and a real phone. Oh yeah! And a house.
Love,
Staehia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? Santa I have been good, because I didn't get any marks and I help people. Santa, I loved the presents you gave me last year. I loved them so much. Thank you, Santa, what I would like for Christmas is a swimming pool, some jewelry and a bike. Thank you Santa for the gifts last year. Thank you.
Love, Romie

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Have they made a lot of toys this year? I been very good this year, because I have been obeying my parents. I want Ice Age the Meltdown and a Game Boy and a I do and to show my thanks there will be milk and cookies on the fireplace.
Love,
McKenzie

Dear Santa,
Santa what I want for Christmas is a bike that doesn't go flat. I want a Rascal Flats C.D., and a room all by myself. Not with my brothers. So go dear hunting with my dad. I want a game boy and games. I want to have a good time. Can you give my mom a doosin roses with a letter on it? So give my dad a good dear hunt. Give my stepmom a lots of mandm's. I also want a laptop.
Love,
Freyja Griffin

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas because, it's a Holiday. I want to say HoHoHo Merry Christmas to you Santa because, I Love you. I want to say have a good year santa because you have a long long ride ok santa because I dont want you to get hurt santa because, I Love you Santa. My Address is 1111 Nickalossa. My phone number is 242-2699.
By Jameela Garrus

Dear Santa,
How are you how are the elves O.K. heres my list. Would you give me a game

samek down verses Raw 2007, and a Robot from Mars and a transformer and a trampulen. My uncle a Netendo Wii. My brother wants a playstation portable. My sister clothes and a tricycle. Oh yah hear's my street I live on college Ave.
Brandon Gonzales.

Dear Santa,
I want an X-box 360 and a eye pod a CD player, a soks and clothes. Happy Christmas Santa I hope you are doing Fine at the North Pole. Santa oh I forgot I live in Colorado Street and that's all.
Love,
Jacob King

Dear Santa,
Mery Christmas! I kinda been a good girl. So how have you been? I'm very excited for Christmas this year. Well I think I better stop talking and tell you what I want for Christmas. Well here it goes. I want a little motorcle, a bouble gum machine oh I want a little car! My address is 604 Looby Street. My phone number is 242-0784. My Grandma Kay would want some key chains. Oh my Grandpa Barney would like some John Wayne stuff. Hohoho
Love,
Selena Barnett

Dear Santa,
I want Jesus, my dad and my god father. To have a special birthday. I want 12 bags of red velvet with sprinkles of hope, joy and faith inside the bag. I also want a real laptop. Santa will you try to figure out what my mom and dad want for Christmas. Merry Chrismas! Santa I was wondering what my 10 cousins want for Christmas. Santa I would also like teacher stuff. Will you also give me a 22250 this is a kind of gun. Will you give me some bullets to go with the gun?
Love,
Brittany Munoz

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox 360. I will also like a Nintendo DS. I would like a play station 3 and all the Ben ten toys. Would you bring me a phone and a I poid? Would you bring me a Mp3 player and a chat now? I will also like a Mp4 player and a computer.
Love,
Alex Trujillo

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I was wandering if you. Could. Please give me you're phone number! I could call you on Christmas night and tell you good night santa and merry Christmas! Good luck. Please give mis. Partin you're phone number. P.S. could you give mis. Partin. This note thank you. And remember to give me anything I don't care.
You're friend
Love Layton Holsey

Dear Santa,

I what a x box 306. And I what you to have mary Christmas. I what a morkrol dog. My address 781 and my phone number is 728-8302.

Love,
Jasmin Mendoza
P.S. I hop you have a wish Chistmas.

Love,
Jasmin Mendoza

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are you doing tell the elfs I said hi what I won't for Christmas is a Jumperline. And a laptop that would be nice. And a fish, and a radio and a puppy. My address is East 10th Street my phone number is-242-1480 a gold fish, and a pingwin How is roudoff? And you want't to no wot my faviorote thing is about Christmas it is the presents and the snow. Have a fun trip.
Love,
Haven Campbell

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. If you where here I would hug you. And my address is 515. And my phone number is 72893. could you give my mom a ring that has a merry Christmas mom. And my dad a car that he likes. And this is what I want I want a Xboy, a tamerocon and a Nintendo Ds. And I want't my brother to have a great day and I want't your phone number and I love you Santa.
Love,
Daneil Ventura

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a cd player with headphones. A cell phone, and a new easy bake oven. Some earrings and a dolphin stuffed animal, and anything else. My sister would like a new Dora clock because her other one broke. My brother would like a new backpack. My cousin would like a 4 square ball. My mother would like some more work clothes. My dad would like a new belt. My dog, Roxie, would love some dog treats. My Grandma would like for you to heal her foot, and my Grammy and Grandpa would like anything. Well that's all.
Love, Marissa P.

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I have been good this year. This year I want a x-box, a toy racecar, a remote car with springs, and pokemon cards. That's all I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Kyler Wood

Dear Santa,
I want a x box 360, with the game viva pinyata and the 24 figures of Pokemon and the munchlax game and Will want's everything and same want's lightning mcQueen the race car. And a toy robot. And a nother Christmas tree. And heres one thing they really want to know how to draw like there

big brother.

Love,
Ethan Camp

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want Bratz dolls, toys for my dog, and a students loft bed.

Your friend,
Allison Torre
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa Clausa. Can I ask you a question. What is it like in the North Pole? Do you need five hundred elf to make toyd for everyone like us. Merry Christmas New York, Snyder, and Africa. Can you five Z and Zalan. A gift to them Stanta. Can I have a Diamen Brat Doll, and a X Box 360 Santa Closa. Thank you Santa Clausa. Merry Christmas everyone. Hol Hol! My address is 125 Wood St.
Love,
Lakrecia Lane

Dear Santa,
How do you get around the world in 24 hours? I had a good year. Merry Christmas Santa you are my best friend. What I want for Christmas is A pair of Barie slip on hitehills size 1, and a brats styling head, and a brat Diary. By Santa.
P.S. my mommy said that I'm a good little girl. Oh I also want a robo pup.
Love,
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I would like a Play Station 3. But if you can't get it, that's o.k. I would like a remote control Mustang 2006. That's all I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Tristan Alvarez

Queirido Santa Clos,
Como esta alla arriba. Lo quiero una moto que tenga 4 llantas tan mi en quiero 10 dolares y tambien 100 dolares si no tienes no no los des tanvien quiero una computadora la que cuerte mas volata.
Ezequiel Vega Sorano

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeers and elfs? How are you? This year I want a Barbie that is brown or black headed. I also want new pencils for school. I also want a lot of presents. I also want 2 adult cats and adless 2 or 4 kittens. I also want 4 outfits, 2 pair of new shoes. I also want to go to San An-

tonio to go see my aunts, uncle and my cousins. I also want a sewing machine that is blue. I also want the charmed collection.

Your friend,
Katelynn Polanco

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How is Mrs. Claus? Is she having a good time? Is Rudolph the red nose reindeer having a good time? Is he playing with his friends? I wish I had a puppy for Christmas and a mp3 player and a laptop computer and a iPod.

Your friend,
Alexis Munoz

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeers? I want an NP4, Brat doll and a computer. How is Rudolph the reindeer? I want The

Suite Life of Zack and Cody the movie. I want all of the Junie B. Jones books for Christmas. I hope you have a safe Christmas. P.S. Some people think you are not real. But I think you are real.
Your friend, Andrea Ramirez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want Bratz dolls, toys for my dog, and a students loft bed.
Your friend,, Allison Torres

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I have been good this year. This year I want a x-box, a toy racecar, a remote car with springs, and pokemon cards. That's all I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Kyler Wood



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Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Is Rudolph doing good? I have not been that good this year. But I want a toy laser gun and a Play Station 2 and a lot of games. I will name some, Gears of War, NFL Football '07, Grand Theft Auto and Need for Speed. I want the movie Cars. Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Sabastian Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been? I've been great. I hope you've been OK. I've been a little good this year. And when you go to our house, I hope you like the cookies and milk. I'm going to go ahead and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bike with a basket on it. Also I'd like a Bratz Diamond Head with glitter. If you can't get me that it will be OK. Next, my sister and I want a Bratz bed for our room. Next, I would like Bratz Genie Magic Dolls that come with their own room. That's all I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Anna Rodriguez
P.S. Merry Christmas!!

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer and the elf? How are Mrs. Claus and you doing? For Christmas I want a new game for my Gameboy and the Video Now, the Chris Brown CD, "Oh" and an i-pod, Bratz Diamond CD player, MP3 player, a new TV, a Bratz bed and a v-migo. Have a very safe Christmas. Well good by for now.
Your friend,
Iris Vasquez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm good. What I would like for Christmas is a cb radio. And a starter for a 1960 elorado cadillac. And 4 white wall tiers. Not Firestone tiers only Good year tiers. I think I should have those things because when my dad tells me don't mess with the Cadillac I don't do it.
Your friend,
Corbin B. Aufill
P.S. I'm in the 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer, Mrs. Claus and you? I have been a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is Bratz Diamonds doll Cloe, Bratz ice skate dolls, Cloe, Yasmin, Jade, Roxi, Bratz Kidz.
Yasmin, Bratz airplane, Bratz babyz doll Jade, Bratz clothes, Bratz laptop, soda pop girls all of them, Nintendo DS color pink, Bratz sking Yasmin and Cloe, Bratz pillows, Bratz cover, Bratz chairs, Pink TV with a build in Dvd player.
Your friend,
Sierra Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is o.k. What I want to tell you is what I want for Christmas. I want a green 4 wheeler and a camo cape for it and a camo bag to carry the cape in. I want a gun cage too.
P.S. Love your suit!
Your friend,
Leslie Ventura

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I want a Bratz jeany magic, Baby born, a hamster, a teddy bear, a longhorn lamp and a Rudolph toy too.
P.S. Love your suit!
Your friend,
Hailey Hulme

Dear Santa,
How are you're reindeer? How are you, and Mrs. Claus? How are you're elves? What I want for Christmas is a Dragon Ballz trunks with a sword and a bad buy for trunks to fight and two submarines and two armys of Navy men if you can't get the stuff it's fine.
Your friend,
Hunter Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer doing? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope your doing ok. I've been good. My brothers and sisters have been picking on me but I don't care. I want a real

puppy and a robot and a real play house and some multiply cards and a motorcycle that goes really really fast and a magic wand. And I want a 4 square ball that is 30 feet long. How is Rudolph doing? How are your elfs doing? And a 100 chapter book and a note from Santa Claus. And a calendar. I want every bog toy.
Your friend,
Joseph Griffin

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How are you? How is your wife? I have been a little bit good so has my sister. For my mom for christmas she would like a jewelry box. For me I would like a lap tope and a PlayStation three and a Wi.
Your friend,
Brendon Gollnick

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm good. What I would like for Christmas is a cb radio. And a starter for a 1960 elorado cadillac. And 4 white wall tiers. Not Firestone tiers only Good year tiers. I think I should have those things because when my dad tells me don't mess with the Cadillac I don't do it.
Your friend,
Corbin B. Aufill
P.S. I'm in the 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. Some clothes. I want some swing set. I want my Mom and Dad to bak to gether.
Love,
Kimberly Clark

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been a good little boy. I want the new Lego Star Wars 2 the video game. I want every Attackix in the war. I want an army video game for my computer. I want a Play Station 3.
Your friend,
Casey Hammond

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm good is Mrs. Cluse doing good. Is Rudoffs nose still shining? I hope it dose. I would like to have for Christmas is a camera phone, skateboard and a laptop. I think I should have these things because I've been good.
Your friend,
Andreanna

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? Are you doing good? Will you please bring me a ring for my wonderful teacher, Super Dragon Ballz and Smackdown vs. Raw 2007.
Your friend,
Andrew Burrola

Dear Santa,

How are you? Are the reindeer ready? What I want for Christmas is a cell phone. I will not forget the cookies and milk.
Sincerely,
Madie Gutierrez
Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Clause what about Rudolph I hope he's ben good well what I wan't for Christmas is a gocar, four willer and a PSP. I don't care what cind of games you can choose and a lote of pyrite legos and Kingdom knits. Well I'll let you go. Bye.
Sincerely,
Brandon Z. Thomas

Dear Santa,
Are you excited about Christmas? So what have you been doing? I've been so excited! Hope you have a very nice Christmas! What I would like is a pet puppy, and a bike. I really, really, really want these things.
Yours sincerely,
Shania Maberry

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how is Mrs. Claus and the elfs and are the reindeer ready? What I would like for Christmas is a reall puppy, and some new close, and if I get the puppy I would like some puppy close. I think I should get these things because I really like these things and I love anamels. Well I better let you go because you have to read the other letters.
Sincerely, Jolei Morris

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa this is so cool writing to you my first time, but I wanted to ask you a question so here it goes, how do you go around the world in 12 hours? I would like new close, a brat doll and a baby sister. I don't really need the third one. But I want these because I need these. Well you have to read other letters bye.
Sincerely,
Devon Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a computer, a Christmas dvd, and a dvd player. I miss you so much. I've been good this year. Its cold over here in Colorado City. Is it cold at the North Pole. 1705 Locust, Colorado City, TX 79512
Sincerely,
Hannah Sosa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this December? What I really want is 3 things. It is a dirtbike, a Xbox and a 2250, it is a game. I think I shuld have those things because there is nothing I can do atmy house. Well good by.
Your friend,
Mark Munoz

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope the reindeer aren't to cold? When you drop my presents off I hope you think my tree is pretty. My 3 favorit things I want are a gocar, more boxers and a box of coulone.
Love,
Zach Fallin

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope your fine. How is Mrs. Claus? Tell her I said hi. I wanta Cabich pat doll and a good Christmas of everybody. I think I should have this because I love you.
Your friend,
Danielle

Dear Santa,
How is Rudoph doing? I won't forget the cookies and I would want a gun, game and a controller. Have a good Christmas.
Sincerely,
Erik Flores

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? It seems like it's only been a couple of months since last Christmas. I'm going to say what I want for Christmas now. A Dell laptop and pencils. The reason I should have this stuff is because I've been doing good in school. Keep your reindeer going.
Your friend,
Talyn

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are all the reindeer read? How are the elfs? Are they doing a good job? How is Mrs. Claus? Now what I want for Christmas is an American Girl, Sii and a Nintendo d.s. I think I should have these because I really like them and I know I have got in fight but can you get these for me please
Sincerely,
Mikayla Dillon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and are your reindeer. I hope there doing fine. What I won't for Christmas is a See Dee Player, Brat Doll, Nikes. I guess I'll let you go now.
Your friend,
Mortayle Green

Dear Santa,
How are you doing could I have a cell phone and a go cart I think I should have these things because I've been good all year

Love,
Molik Boone

Dear Santa
I would like a skateboard some race cars.
Love,
Drayson McGee

Dear Santa
I love socks. I like lights and candles. I want strawberries, a banana, a cupcake and chocolate. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Collin Lane

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll and some Barbies. I will leave you some Christmas cookies. I will leave Rudolf a cookie, too. I will leave Mrs. Claus one, too!

Love,
Harlee Haag

Dear Santa,

I would like a scooter and some clothes. I want from Santa some coloring chalk. I would like a coloring book and some crayons.

Love,
Michael Huff

Dear Santa,
I want a PSP game and a PS2. I would like a Nintendo DS. I would like to pet the reindeer. That's all.

Love,
Josiah Silva

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus is coming to town and he is bringing presents.

Love,
Ray Flores

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring Ninja turtles. And bring an Army set, please.

Love,
Nathan Morgan

Warm Wishes at the Holidays



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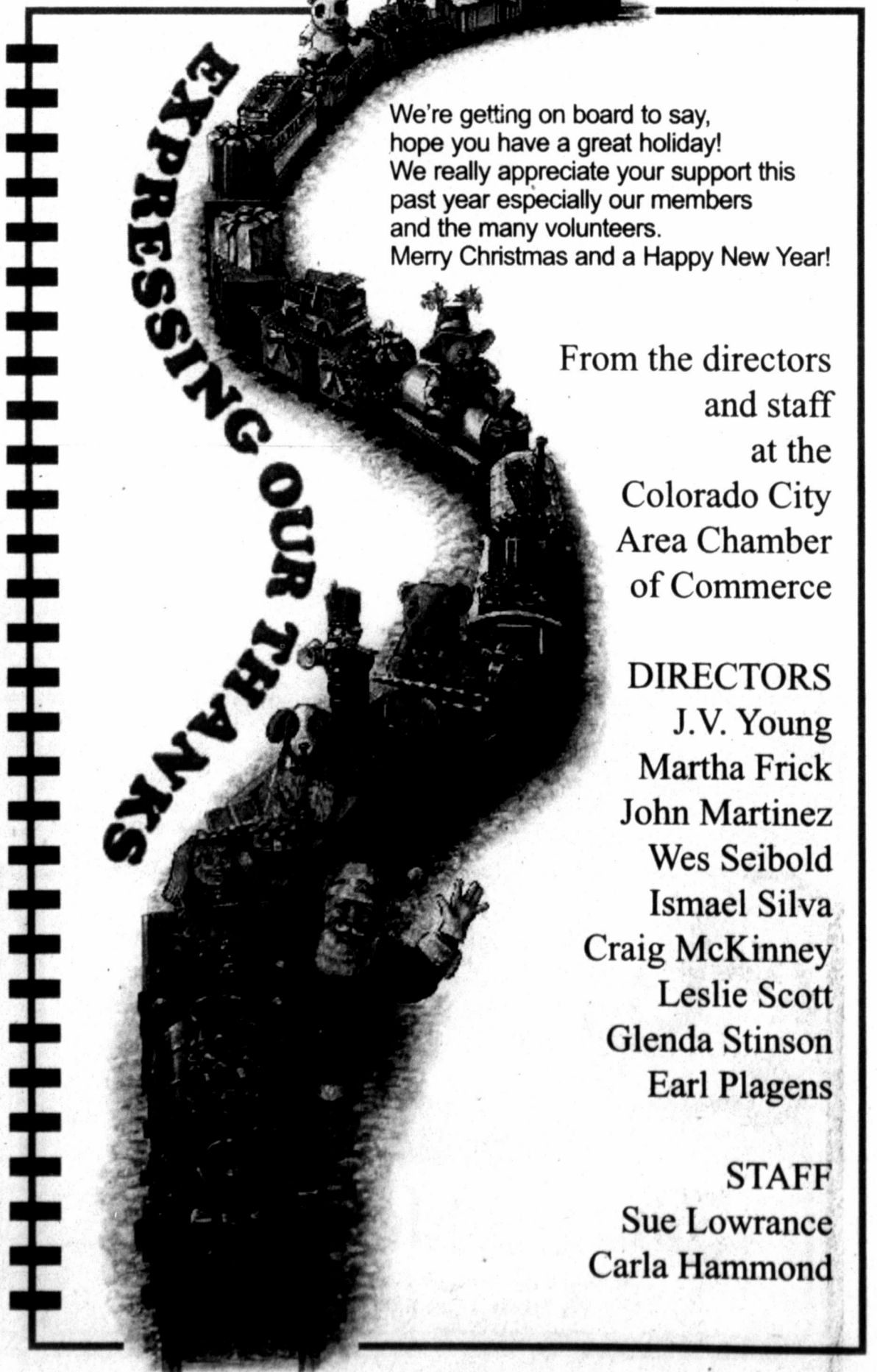
GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

Signs of the season are in the air,
With boughs of holly everywhere;
Sprigs of mistletoe hang in waiting,
And everyone's anticipating
A season filled with joy and laughter
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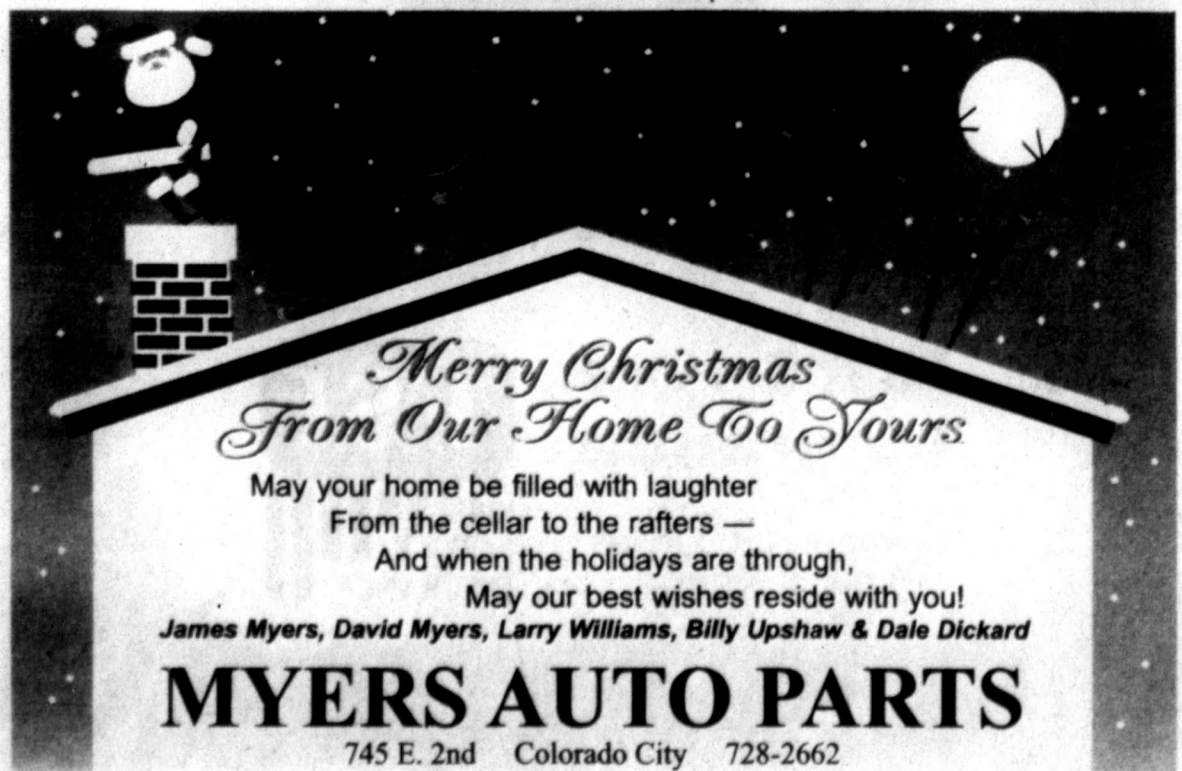
EXPRESSING OUR THANKS

We're getting on board to say, hope you have a great holiday! We really appreciate your support this past year especially our members and the many volunteers. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From the directors and staff at the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Give me some presents. Don't cry.
Santa, Santa, I have been a good girl.

Love
Felicia Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I love my mom. I love my grandma.
Please bring us some presents. I have been a good girl.

Love
Brianna Towery

Dear Santa,
May I give you some cookies and some milk? Please bring me a dirt bike with training wheels. May I give you an apple for the reindeer? I have been a good boy.

Love
Christian Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I would like a talking salon and some perfume. I would like some new clothes. I have been a good girl. And I would like some shoes.

Love
Nia Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like a hula hoop and an ammo worker - it has tools. Tell the reindeer hello. I have been a really good girl.

Love
Taylor Wood

Dear Santa,
I would like some make-up, please. I want a jump-rope and I want a Little Mermaid movie. I want a Santa hat and a Merry Christmas shirt and Merry Christmas pants and that's all.

Love
Janci Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy. I have been a good boy.

Love
Dylan Rutherford

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora Talking Kitchen and a Dora phone and a Dora mat you color on. I want an Ariel stereo. I want a jeep and glasses and helmet and some make up.

Love
Sera Stephens

Dear Santa,
I like you red suit and hat a black belt. Please bring some presents to our house. I have been a good girl.

Love
Courtney Wooddell

Dear Santa,
I would like a cake with a star on it. I would like a bicycle.

Love
Rico Santana

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a happy Christmas, and you have a safe time back. Tell the reindeer hello. I would like a monkey video game. Thank you.

Love
Savannah Schiller

Dear Santa,
I want chocolate cookies and milk and some presents. I want a star on my Christmas tree.

Love
Destiny Sheffield

Dear Santa,
Are you still? I have been good, could you bring me a slushmaker, a phone and a Power Ranger airplane. I love you.

Love
Paxton McClintock

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the randre? Are you good? how is roodoff? I have been nice? I would like a soldier man vehicle, soldier game, slush maker, en a game kube remote. Have a safe trip!

Your friend,
Anthony Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
How are the toys? I have been good? I would like a rocket, a super man that shoots in the air, and lightning McQueen that talks. Thank you.

Zachary Casares

Dear Santa
How is Roodlf? I have bene nise to my sister. Coud you breeg me a cell phone. I wont a Brats Baby. I wont a babe alive. And a hors. I will live cookes for you. I was wondering how you fit in the cimny.

I love you Santa.
Taylor Epperson

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you ok? How is mrs. Claus? I have been good. Please bring me a Bratz dance mat, an Easy Bake, and a slush maker. I will leave cookes. I was wondering if you are ok. I love you.

Your friend,
Tamren Pierce

Dear Santa Claus,
How is roodof. I have been good to my sestr. I would like a baby alive. I would like a hors. Her name is budrscoch. I was wondering wat you feed the randdeer. I love you.

Tabitha Matlock

Dear Santa,
Are you hrs? I have been nice? Could you bring me a boomerang. And a Megazord. And also the Happy feet movie! I will lef ctes for you. I was wondering wut airs eat. I love you!

Your frined,
Nicolas Macedo

Hello Santa,
How is roodoff? I have been doing my homwrk. I wnt a spiderman, batman and a blue Ninja. I was wondering if you will bring preses. I love you.

Moises Leanos

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a phone. I wan an oven, and a Bratz Baby. I will leave the light on. I was wondering what Mrs. Claus is doing. Hav a saft trip. I love you!

Your friend,
Misty Zimmerlee

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the randis? I have been nice. Could you bring me presins? I want Bratz babies, easy bake oven, and Baby Alive. I will lev you sume cookes for you. I love you!

Jalessa Williams

Hello Santa
How are you? I-been good. I want a game and a bell and a ball. I will leev some milk for yall. I love you!

Your friend
Jacob Morrow

Dear Santa,
Are you cuming to my house? I have ben good. I want xman, spider men, and a slush maker. I will leef the lite on

for you. I love you!
Dylan Rasberry

Dear Santa
How are you? I will leave something. I want a teddy bear. I want a toy squirrel. How are the reindeer. How is mrs. Claus? I am going to leave milk. I have been good and nice. Sometimes I wear green and red. Are you coming to my house? How are the toys doing?

Love
Clancy White

Dear Santa
How is Miss Claus? How are you? I would like Easy bace oven and a Baby Alve and a son cone maker. I will put out sume cookes for you. Have a safe trip!

Chloe Castillo

Dear Santa,
How are the randre? I have been nise and gud. I want brats babies and easy bake and a snocone maker. I will leev coocoes for you. Have a safe trip.

Love
Chealsey Gee

Dear Santa Claus
I will make cookes for you.
Chance Limones

Dear santa claus.
How is mrs claus. I have been good. I want a Playstation sponge Bob Squarepants game. My sister wants Barbie toy. I wish you could fix my dads arm. I want my mom to have a green truck.

Avian Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please give me a BB gun. I want a cowboy hat. I want some race cars. I want some work boots. I want a snowboarding game. I want a Christmas hat. Thank you.

Love
Keegan Eades

Dear Santa,
I wish that I could have a telescope so I can see the stars and the moon. I wish that I could have a dollhouse. And I want a doll for my dollhouse. That's all. Thank you.

Love
Kimberly Santana

Dear Santa,
I want that Big Spiderman. And a race car and Ice Age - the movie. Thank you.

Love
Johnathan Sosa

Dear Santa,
I want a Pogo stock. I want a poodle puppy. I like poodles. I want a telescope so I can look at the stars. And a CD

player with Cinderella and Barbie CD's. I want the Bratz Catz that has the but-ton the bottom. Thank you.

Love
Nadia Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Santa, will you please bring me a dollhouse? Santa, will you please bring me a telescope because I want to look at the stars. Santa, can you please bring me some clothes - pajamas and jeans. Thank you.

Love
Kristina Parker

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want to make you some cookies and milk. I want a go-cart for my brother. I want all different kinds of cars because Brandon won't let me play with his. I want a little tea set. Thank you.

Love
Alexis Lara

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a train? Please can I have a red pen? Please can I have jingle bells? Thank you.

Love
Lyndon Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a Polar Express Train and it has a train track. I want a bell and a tool set. I want The Hulk. Thank you.

Love
Timothy Braden

Dear Santa,
I want Baby Alive and a new Teddy Bear. I want a Princess Jenabee necklace. I love Santa Claus. Thank you!

Love, Victoria Melendez

Dear Santa,
Please give me a real horse. Please give me a cat. Please give me a Chihuahua dog. Please give me a fake bear. Thank you.

Love, Destiny Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a play toy remote control dirt bike and a remote control car. I want some push cars. I want a necklace with money on it like my cousin got. How are your reindeers?

Love,
Jarayel Hill



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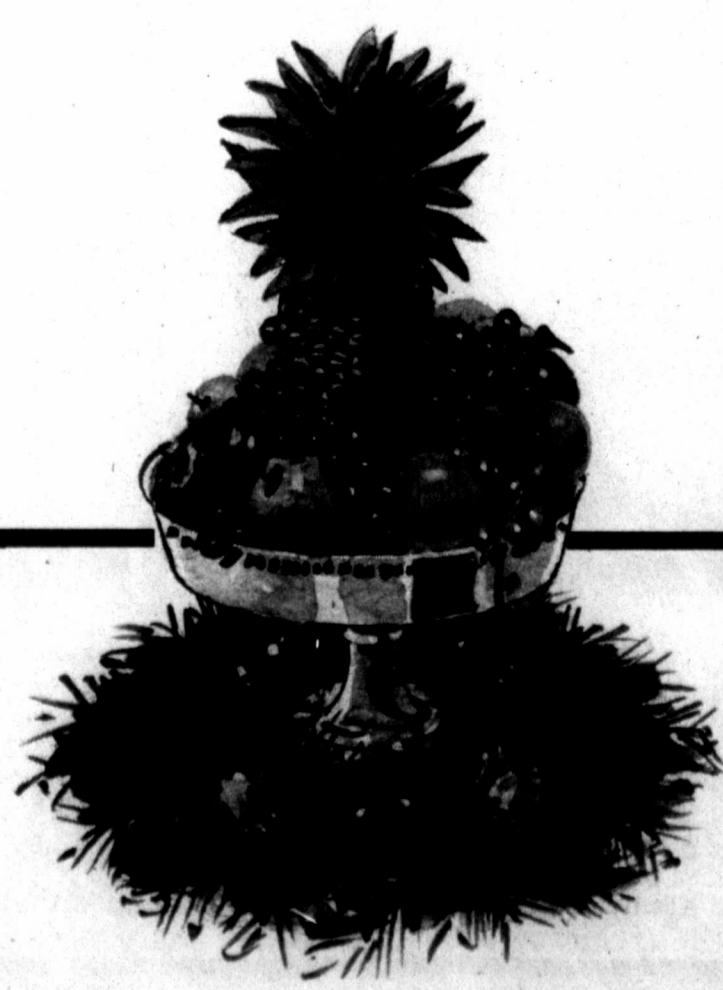
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want a real rabbit. I want a real Chihuahua. I want a toy house. I want a robot dog. I want a robot dinosaur. Thank you.

Love,
Bailey Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a blue Power Ranger? Can you please bring me a blue motorcycle? Can you please bring me a Doodle Bear? Thank you.

Love,
Zachary Ashby

Dear Santa,
Satna, can you give me a guitar? Bicycle - I want it. Santa, please give me a dumptruck. I want a game machine. I want a real animal - a dog. Thank you.

Love,
Joshua Wagner

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good day. For Christmas, I would like a 10 in 1 game table. And for my little sister, can you bring her a lil quad 4-wheeler please. On Christmas Eve, we will leave you chocolate chip cookies with milk and my Dad has corn for your reindeer. And under our Christmas tree, I will leave a gift for you.

Your friends, Kyle and Kaci Rivera

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring a motorcycle and a real horse.

Love,
Sara Barrera

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I like lots of stuff. You can bring me whatever you want me to have.

Love,
Taylor Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a motorcycle and a helmet.

Love,
Frederick Ausbie

Dear Santa,
I want a big screen TV and a Dora playset. I have been a good girl this year. Could you also give me my own purse and dolls?

Love,
Lilly Parras

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bratz Rock Angel and a Bratz boy for Christmas. I have been good.

Love,
Autumn Salazar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Could I have a truck and a Diego toy for Christmas? I would also like boots and a guitar.

Love,
Angel Solis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a motorcycle, lucky nickel, new top, a map and a hot wheels racing car.

Love,
Seth Linam

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a map, motorcycle, Leggos, and clip for Christmas this year.

Love,
Mason

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a bike, a power ranger, spider-man toy and a Hummer toy truck.

Love,
Luke Blake

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a bike for Christmas.

Love,
Anastasia Espinoza

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a motorcycle for Christmas this year.

Love,
Taylor Burnett

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a bike, a Barbie car, a carebear and Autumn to come to my house.

Love,
Malishia Payne

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a skateboard, a big screen TV and a cell phone.

Love,
Zackary Gomez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Power Ranger video games and Scooby-Doo games. Also I would like a football.

Love,
Jordan Lawson

Dear Santa,
I want a jack-in-the-box, a teddy bear and a puppy. Also, I would like some blocks and a coloring book. I have been a good boy this year.

Love,
Dillon Adkins

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a football, baseball, drawing pad, paper and another football.

Love,
Eli Silva

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me my own jeep and my own umbrella.

Love,
Garren Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse book with horse things. I want a doll with horses with a wagon.

Love,
Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I want a speed bike, motorcycle, a x-wing The millenFalcon. Please put them in the backyard 8 year old Short for his age. Can you make it real.

Love,
Jonah Wiss

Dear Santa,
I would like a 10-and-1 game table. Thank you. I have been very good. I hope you are having a good Christmas every year. So my sister wants, a actually, I do not know what my sister wants.

Love,,
Kyle Rivera

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year can I have a motorcycle and a pet newt a guppy an arrow and a cartridge.

Love,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I want a motorcycle for Christmas.

Love,
Jacob Wiss



SLIM FAST SANTA made an appearance at the CCVFD banquet earlier this month, courtesy of John Chaney.

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. I want a chapter book.

Love,
Jessica
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year I want a x box 360 and a game calld in Army and the game called scarface.

Love,
Armando

Dear Santa,
I have been bad but I want you to forgive me and make my family and friends happy. And I want a X-Box 360.

Love,
Marc

Dear Santa,
Chasity wants Magic Dora, Tony wants tools, Xavier wants a shark, Adam wants dinosaurs, Daniel wants a kite and boots, Gabriel wants Superman toys, Julian wants a Spiderman toy, Oscar wants a toy, spiderman toy, Harlee wants a guitar, Kinley wants Star Wars Game, Sonia wants a Dora doll and boots, Colby wants fish, Dalila wants a basketball, Maria wants a puppy, Bre-shannon wants a Bratz doll.

Thank you,m Lorraine kids



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want to see your reindeer and ride them. I want a bike. Thank you.

Love
Kamryn Bell

Dear Santa,
What do you eat besides cookies? I want two games: Billy and Mandy and Monster House. How do your reindeer fly? Thank you.

Love
Adon Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a Kruger CD and a 4 wheeler. I also want a toy snake in a cage and a toy truck.

Love,
Haydon

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed dog, play dough and some new clothes.

Love
Shelby

Dear Santa
I want little dirt bikes, a swimming pool with a diving board, a football and a bouncing ball.

Love
Brayden

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar, a computer game, a puppet. I also want a toy car and a Play Station to play on TV.

Love
Johnathan

Dear Santa
I want a Play Station 3 and an X-box 360. I also want a new football, and a new bigger toy box. And a mustang car.

Love
Leonard

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a Play Station 3 and a Robert Johnson Tech shirt. I also want a Shannon Woods shirt with his number 2 on it. And a toy four wheeler drive.

Love,
Jett

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a skateboard, an X-box 3 and some Hot Wheels.

Love
Nathan

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy, an arena for horses to around in.

Love
Brylenn

Dear Santa
I want a Sponge Bob game, a toy computer and a stuffed animal giraffe.

Love
Lauren

Dear Santa
I want a kitchen set, a Hermit Crab and a stuffy animal.

Love
Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a toy unicorn and a furry cat and a Teddy Bear that lights up. I also want a Cinderella Barbie.

Love
Ivie

Dear Santa
I want a video game, and a skateboard game.

Love
Logan

Dear Santa
I want a Scooby Doo game, a motorcycle toy, a Fantastic Four toy and a carnival truck.

Love
Tracy

Dear Santa,
I want a big toy race car, a Superman shirt with a big S on it. I also want a toy bus with ABC's on it.

Love
Omar

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Game Boy and roller skates.

Love
Michael

Dear Santa
I want a guitar, some dolls and a girl car.

Love
Kasey

Dear Santa
Please bring me a toy robot, a toy wrestler and some legos.

Love
Joshua

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. I want a Star War toy and an Alien man. Also, please bring me a football.

Love
Keelan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please, get me a real baby rabbit, Doodle Bear and a Butter Scotch Horse. Thank you!

Love
Samaria

Dear Santa
How are you today? Can I please have a camera phone, purse, and jewelry and some sun glasses.

Your friend
Rebekah Diaz

Dear Santa
I want a ipod and a camraphone and a new bike and a stuffed animal of rud-phof and I want lots of makeup and some sunglassis and Jewelry and a new purse and I'll leav some cookies under the chistmas tree.

Love
Kaedan Molina

Dear Santa
I want a kid motorcycle ant a guatiar, and a mp3 player and a xbox 360, and a sell phone, and a wide screen t.v. and a four wheeler.

Love
Robert Parras

Dear Santa
I want a llo PlayPoke balls, a Poke belt, Poke cards and a real timer a pikachu coll, a pikachu postr, all Poke Postr

Love
Jay Shults

Dear Santa,
I want a PlayStashin 3 and a PSP and a real dirt bike and a real 4 willer and a real 3 willer and a real mustag and a real hores, and a bell from the sleigh and a real sleigh.

Love
Zachary K. Potter

Dear Santa
I want a Lightin MaQueen the car I want a swimmpool, a scooder a new bike a goat kart 9 little car eny car. I want a seltoon I want a granthar toghto game, scare face the game please Merry Christmas Santas elf and Santa.

Brandon Lara

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed horse. Please can you bring me a Nintendo DS game can you make the DS game a horse game. Please can you bring me puppy please please! Ca you bring me a picthor of Comet please! Can you bring me a cell phone.

Love
Baylie

Dear Santa,
I want some dolls. And a skate bord. And a desk. And some candy in my stockan. And a bike. And some new shoes. And a hores. And a doll house.

Love
Kearra Ausbie

Dear Santa
I want a mokotroll truck and I want a game boy and I want the games to my gamboy and I want a play stachen three and I want a star wars movie one, and I want a Stam Locher and I want a mokintroll air plain and I want a Mokintroll boat and a Iwant a mokintroll rocket and I want the hot wheel t-Rex.

Koby Miller

Dear Santa,
I want all 10 pokie balls. I want a Ntindo DS. I want a liking Mcqwee game. I want pikachu postrs and a bole all the pok'e. a little chrasma tree. I will see you on chrasma bye.

Randall Dixon

Dear Santa
How are you? Can I have a Playsta-tion game called the Legend of Spiral.

Love
Anthony Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I want a t-rex toy. I want a cruse. I want a deer hunt. I want a picther of rudof. I will make cookie for you. I love sant for bring gifts for me. I will leve rader food outside.

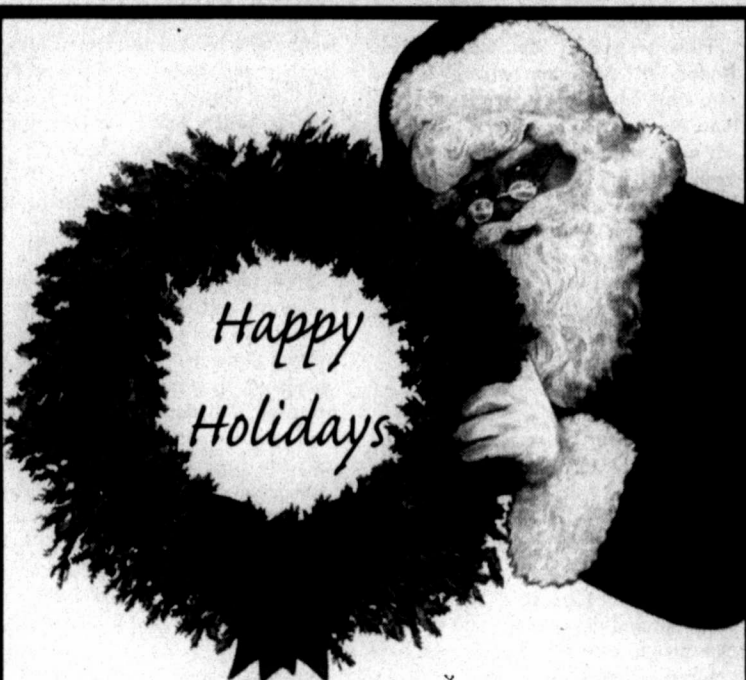
Love
Jonathan Casars

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer? I'm going to leave you milk and chocolate chip cookies. I thing my Sister wants a new CD player. And some new clothes. But I don't know what else. I think my mom wants some new pajamas for winter. And I think my dad wants a new Striper. And a new place to put all of his work. My Grandma wants a couch and chair that are shiny red. I think a new Christmas Tree to. I have been trying to be good. For Christmas I want a gameboy with two games One with a mermaid game, and another game with a Princess. I don't care what you make the mermaid and the princess run away from. And I also want some new clothes. Thank you very much!

By M'Leah Alexander

Dear Santa
How are you? I Mrs. Cuons OK. I Rodof OK? My mom want's a dim-min ring. My siser want's some shoes. And my brother have been good too. My mom want's move in a house. I have been good and I want a Bratz and some Nike Shokes and som Chloes and my room paintd. And a itido. And little brother want's some clohes and boots. I will leave you some cookees and milk and Merry Christmas HoHoHoHo

Love,
Autumn Green

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope Mrs. Santa is are right. Are the Elfs doing are right? My brother wants a psp game for Christmas and he wants a wii because he does not want to be bord. My mom wants a new t.v for Christmas and my dad wants a new bicicle for Christsmas and I want a big room and new new t.v and I want a new bicicle and a new house and have a Merry Christmas! Ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho! Happy new years Santa Clause I hope you bring us a lot of presents I really want a new room and I really want a new house.

Love,
Nana Silva

Dear Santa,
Is is cold at the North Pole? I hope Mrs. Clause is doing great. Would you bring my mom a diamond ring? My Dad well like A trakter for the gorden and my sisters Isabel well like a car it well be black mustsing my littel sister Kimberly well like a new bike it well be pink and my bother well like a motoosi-col and I, Jisell, well like a motoosi-col

Love,
Jisell ventura

Dear Santa
How are you doing? How is the reindeer? And how is Mrs. Claus? Is it cold in the North? My Mom wants a ring? My dad wants a dvd? My brother wants a gameboy. I want a gameboy with 2 games. My big ole brother wants a xbox. My suster wants a game.

Merry Christmas,
Brandon Adkins

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is Rudoff doing ok? My borther wants a xbox. My Mom wants a ring of my famiale. My Sisters want a ps3. My Dad wants a chansall I want a xbox360. All of my famle wants is a gamecube and games. I'm going to leave you milk and cookies. Ho is missis. claus? Don't let the Elfs be main to you santa? You are nice. I hope you are going to bring all of use presents.

Love,
Conner Hickson

Dear Santa,
Are you doing good at the north pole? Is it cold at the north pole? How is missis cios doing? Is the rindeer doing is the elfs doing? My dad want a new per uv boots my bruther wants a new game

for his xbox and I wont a new controller for my xbox and a new 4_10 shorgun and a xbox 306 and new gams for it and a wiendtow and gams for it and a per uv boots and I hop you hav a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Cutter Williams

Dear Santa
How are you? I want a race car. I want a red Power Ranger. I want 5 Hotwheels. My and me want a Playsta-tion 2. Mom wants a dress. I am nice. Grandma is going to make cookies and milk.

Love,
Donndric Fowler-Jones

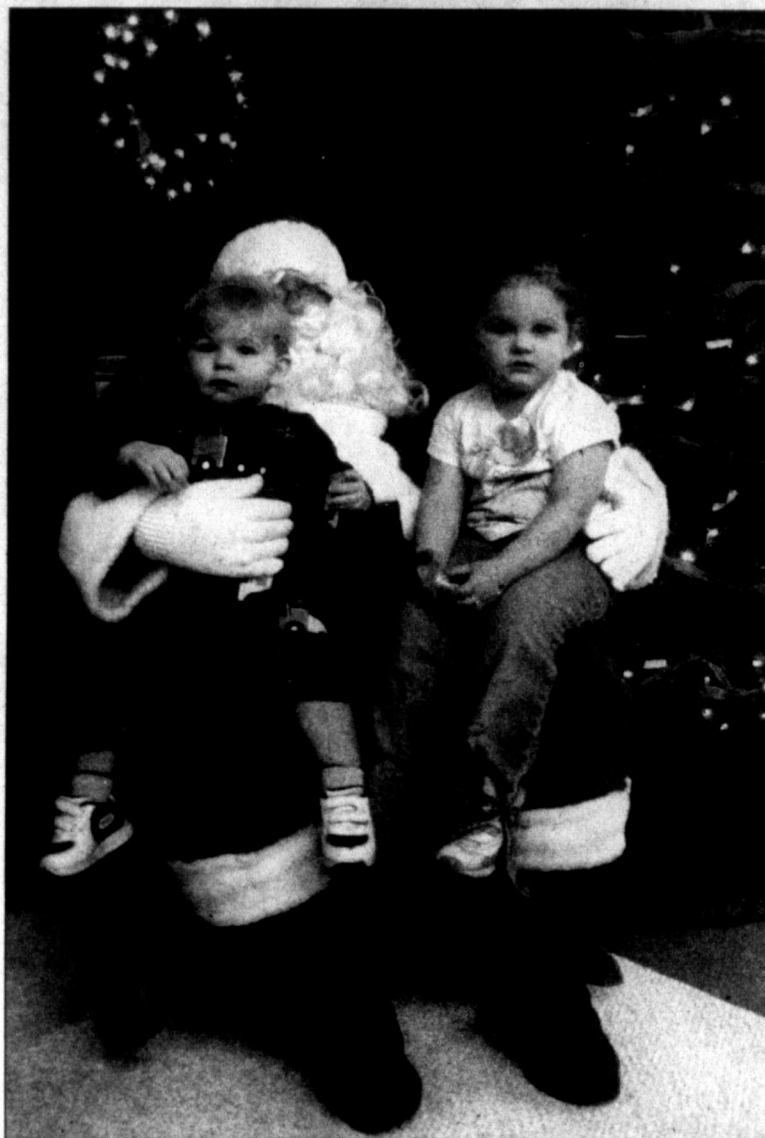
Dear Santa,
How is rodof I hoop hes fine to gide your slay Hows Mrs. Cloos I cant wate for crismas. Sory have to go Hold on I want a new bicikol and lots of toys. My brothers and sisters lots and lots of toys. P.S. Love Tommy PSS. I love you Santa PSSS. I want a WWE fighting ring and peopol that go with it The End.

Love,
Tommy James at Kelley Elementary

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Is Rudoff and the reindeer ok and the Elfs? Santa can you please get my little brother some Hotwheels and my little sister some little pony toys. And can you bring my dad some new Huting boots. And can you bring my mom some cook-i-en pans. And can you bring me a Texas Tech jersey and some dinosaur yugiho cards. And a ncaa football game for xbox and a Texas Tech football helmet and some pokemon cards and a poke-mon game boy game and a mocintroe air plane. And merry Christmas.

Love,
Colton

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Ruldoulph? Is Mis Close good or bad? But are the Reindeers, oh are they Oh caye? My dad wants some LongHorns stuff and a poke-mon game boy game and a Nintendo ds. I want a four weler and a little baby dog.



Record Photo

GETTING THE CHANCE to visit with Santa was one of the highlights of the Festival of Trees" event for many children.

And I wish I could see my little cousin again. Please Let my dad off work please On Christmas. And I wish I son't have to go to school.

Love,
Brianna Martinez

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer doing? My dad needs the car fixed. My Gandma needs

medicine because she gets sick some-time. My Granpa needs a new movies to woch with Gandma. My cousin Aaron needs a new game to play everyday. My Anut needs a new bed for Aaron to sleep. My anut's dog needs a beautiful doghouse. My little cousin needs a bed for Chrismas. I want a doll and Bratz doll.

Love, Jazmin Mendoza

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
How are those reindeer doing? What do they eat? Please bring me a Dora Kitchen and a baby doll and a bicycle and a blanket. Thank you a lot!

Love,
Britney Ruth

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. My sister Destyni love Santa too. I would like the little baby that talks and a Barbie, a Barbie house and one of those little Cabbage Bears. Thank you very much.

Love,
Syria Tenorio

Dear Santa,
I would like a 4-wheeler for Christmas and a hand air punch toy. I also want a suitcase. I would like aw Santa Claus movie. How's Rudolph doing? Thank you a lot!

Love,
Braydon Underwood

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle and a race car track and a choo-choo train track. Say hello to the reindeer. I love you Santa. Thanks very much.

Love,
Marcos Vasquez, Jr.

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph doing? I want a zoom box, a polly-pocket set and a polly pocket ship. I would like my own little Christmas tree. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Taylor Wagner

Dear Santa,
I would like an action figure of a hero. I would like a Spiderman because it has red and blue and a hot wheel car. Thank you a lot!

Love,
Cadon Walshall

Dear Santa,
I would like a big truck for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Talon Raley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nemo game for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Talon Camp

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll house with stuff in it for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Shyanne Gollnick

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ariel doll for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Khyla Bell

Dear Santa,
I would like a dollhouse for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Shea Matos

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie bed for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Halley Mann

Dear Santa,
I would like a car with a remote control for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Noah Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ariel kitchen for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Lilianna Cavazos

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bratz bed for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
KeAndrea Emerson

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ariel kitchen for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Aaliyah Espinoza

Dear Santa,
I would like a Superman for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Alex Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Audrey Beltran

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie bicycle for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Ashlin Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie guitar for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Calista Graham

Dear Santa,
I would like a Mega Zord power Ranger for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Dante Cantu

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dora bike for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Esmeralda Carlos

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Estrella Carrillo

Dear Santa,
I would like a Snow Monster for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Joshua Hawthorne

Dear Santa,
I would like a waterbed toy with Barbies and Legos in it for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Judson Wright

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Are you OK? How is Dasher? I have been good. Could you bring me a game boy, a skateboard, and my own cles. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I was wondering if you would bring my momma a pretty necklace. I love you!

Your friend,
Nate Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer? Are you working hard? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. Could you bring me a school set, a make up set, and a baby alive? I will make a present for you. I was wondering if you could bring my cousin Karson dolls of a family. I love you!

Your friend,
Jadyn Lee Griffith

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are you getting ready for Christmas? I have been good. Could you bring me a Bratz computer? I will leave milk and cookies. I love you!

Your friend,
Chelsea Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Are you working hard? How is Mrs. Claws? I have been good. I want a game boy with a Superman game and a Scooby Doo game. I will make cookies for you. I love you!

Your friend,
Xavier Sosa

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you fine? How is Rudolph? I have been good. I want a game boy, a Superman game for my game boy and a remote control superman. I was wondering how you fit in a chimney. Have a safe trip!

Your friend,
T.W. Jondle

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer? Are you happy? How is Rudolph? I have been good. Could you bring me a blue modersicle? I will make a present for you. I was wondering if you could bring my brother a dirt bike. I love you!

Sincerely,
Jordan Morgan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the elves? Are you ok? How is Dasher? I have been nice. Could you bring me a game boy and a remote control car? I will make cookies for you. I was wondering if you could get my mom a dimen ring. I love you!

Your friend,
Victor Acosta

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Are you making toys? How is Rudolph? I have been nice. Could you bring me a Ezy Bake Oven, a Ice Skating Bratz, and a Dora Kitchen? I will leave milk and cookies for you. I was wondering if you can bring a bracelet with dimens on it for my mommy. I love you!

Your friend,
Kyria Emerson

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the elves? Are you working hard? How is Mrs. Claws? I have been nice. I would like a game boy, some game boy games and a car where the front wheels spin around and the back wheels just go straight (I saw this at K-mart). I was wondering if you can bring my mom pink glass duck. I love you!

Your friend,
Bradon Limones

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer? Are you grat? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. Could you bring me a baby doll, a little one, and all kinds of stuff to play school with? I will make cookies for you. I was wondering if you can breeng my mommy a dimen ring. I love you!

Your friend,
Deanna Wooddell

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are you mak-

ing toys? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. Could you bring me a remote control hummer, a game boy and an Ipod? I will leave milk and cookies for you. I was wondering if you can bring my mom a dimen ring. Have a safe trip!

Your friend,
Brayden Coronado

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer? Are you OK? How is Dasher?

I have been perfickt. Could you bring me a I dog, some baby dolls and a barbee jeep? I will leave a present for you. I was wondering if you can bring my mom a neckles. I love you!

Your friend,
Anessa Hulme

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Are you OK? How is Dasher? I have been perfickt. Could you bring me a Ipod, a purse of an IDog, and a surprise. I will give you milk and cookies. I was wondering if you could bring my dad some golf balls. I love you!

Your friend,
Sara Roach

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you OK? How is Rudolph? I have been good. I would like a Nintendo and some games for it. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I was wondering if you could give my mom a ring. I love you!

Sincerely,
Ryder Barr

Hello Santa,
How are you? Are you making toys? How is Rudolph? I have been nice. Could you bring me a Barbee jeep, a teddy bear and a baby doll? I will make a present for you. I was wondering in you could bring my mom and dad a present. I love you!

Sincerely,
Jordan Grimes

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want X-box 360, moonsand, cell phone, skate board, lab set, new shoes, Nintendods, play station 3, goggles, Mugis monsters.

Love,
Marcus Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want earrings, and I want cute little baby dolls, I want a cheerleader sute, with a cute bow and a pompom.

Love,
Alexus Haag

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Bratz skatboards, play cell phone and Videoc head heldd game and a computer and a chockboard and Bratz dolls hose and Bratz car and kichen Bratz.

Love,
Kaci Phariss

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a diamond ring, puppy, play station 3.

Love, Amber Garcia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want moonshoes, Ben 10 labset, cell phones, moon sand, bike, computer, x-box 360, T.V. X-box, Lava lamp, puppy, Nintendo ds, snowboard, pokemon cards, yugio yo cards.

Love,
Sean Dolan



Welcome Christmas into your heart

Let faith and family play a part;

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? My dad wants a gold watch. Please get my mom and sister something nice. Can I please have a motor scooter? Will you please get my pets some toys too?
From Rion Maxwell

Dear Santa,
How is Bif? How is ms. Claus? My mom wants LongHorns stuff. My dad wants Alanta Braves stuff. My sister wants fairy dora. How is bonnie? How is Rudolph? Has Rudolph played any reindeer games? I want to the superman laptop please. Me and my sister want that play laptop with the mouse. Me and my sister like you a lot. You are a good man I can tell you are nice because you make a sign that is the presents from you.

Love,
Darian Espinoza

Dear Santa, I have been good to my brother. We play a lot and we play games sometime, but I like to play with him. So have you and Miss Claus went on a vacation yet? And I want a toy or a Bratz toy, okay Santa. And clothes and shoes okay. And a necklace for Christmas. And that's all.

Love Audrey

Dear Santa,
I been good to my bother we play a lot and, we play game sometime but I like play with him. So have you and Mis. Claus went, on a vacashan yet. And I want a toy a Bratz toy okay Santa. And clothe and shoes okay. And a Neckelis for Christmas. And that all.

Love
Audrey

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have nefurspeed most wanted.

Love
Johnathan

Dear Santa,
Have you and Mrs. Claus gon on a vakachan. And I want a Doll and a pretty Dress. And som clothes.

Love,
Maryetta
Dear Santa,
How ar the raindeer is rodoff doing whalle. If He ant trill the elfs to pot hem to sleep. And I hop you have a grat Christmas.

Sebastian

Dear santa,
I want a ps3 and some Games to and a gram herel hersuy and NCAA of the Game and ears the vido game and Hot wheels track and the poler expsres. The game and dvd. And I want a raser phone that is blach.

Love
Seh

Dear Santa clows,
I won't a ps3 and a psp and twist-ed metal head on rated T for Teen Shot Gun bee be gun Xbox360 new xbox cords over the hedge deth jam fight for New Youk or tal Kobats how is rudoff doing

Love
Canden Jones

Dear Santa,
I like to read books. I would like some books and an X-box for Christmas. Bring my sister some perfume and my brother a game. We've all been good. Santa, what are rein-

deers? I would like to see them.

Love
Aaron

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo DS and a Brian tz tint and Brantz Lab top.

Love
Faline

Dear Santa,
What I won't for Chirstmas is a Xbox 360 and a ps2 and a ps1 swimming pool and a trampulen and a new bike it is could a sting ray and games for The Xbox 360.

Love,
Christian

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers doing are they okay I won't a psp, doll, brats, ps2, Nintendo ds xbox36, and brat movies and brats laptop.

Love
Ana

Dear Santa,
I hop you hava good year. I have cindov bin good. I wanderd if you will give me a holahop and a bike. I like your elvs and rudof to I Love you.

Love
Alliyah Adcock

Dear Santa
Hi. My is Caleb. I have been a good boy so for Chrismas I would like a computer, a DvD live R, for my T.V., aNd a baby toy for my litte sister.

Love,
Caleb

Dear Santa,
My name is Kevin Dolan. I have been a pretty good boy. For Christmas I would like a clock, a stocking, cars, Christmas music, music with old macdonald and sand. I will leave you cookies and a glass of milk next to the Christmas Tree.

Kevin

Dear Santa
I what a Crepe Crolers. And a canda tadre and a bin ten. Ladorre and a magnetics and a megmax.

Zachary

Dear Santa
I want a xbox 360 with 4 remote control and a play stasin 2 a new Tv and a cool remote control car. I want a swimming pool a water slide and I even want 20000\$ and I want 3 fishse. I will try to safe you sum coockes.

By Javon

Dear Santa
I've been good most of time. I really want a mp3 player. Also I want a bratz Cloe doll. Satnat I want you to bring my mom a gold necklace and a silver watch for my dady. Santa I hope you have a safe trip to CCity. Thank you, Santa.

Love
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I want a waterslid, a phone, a nitendo DS. Also a necklace, and something for Miss. Lujan too, please Satna. And something else, I want to see you and the Elves

Love, Amor

Dear Santa
I want a patryit pants halmint and jersey with tom brady on the back

From

Tye

Dear Santa

I've been good this year. For Christmas I won't a Nintendo DS. And I want new toys for Christmas. I won't a sulphone for me and my family. I want a present for mrs. Sowa. And I want a Nintendo DS for my brother. And something for my family like a for willer for my dad.

From Luis

Dear Santa

I have been good this year for Crismas. I want a rodeo top with a pocket knife for my Dad. And I a Nintendo Wii nentendo Ds xbox. With a game calld nfl street.

Juanito

Dear Santa

Me and my Dad realy want a computr and I want to give him some boots for Christmas I want a phone, Nintendo DS light and for my mom I want to get her a necklace on Friday I sall santa's 3 and I wish you a Marry Chistmas

Love
Magaly

Dear Santa

I would like a ladybug lamp, a ladybug table, a ladybug model, a g-o, a phone, a computer, a bratz baby, a spy kit, a ladybug shelf, a ladybug necklace and ring, a big trampoline, a technology kit, a sellphone, a ipod, a little bratz pony, a horse barn, some my little ponys, a horse coloring book. Thank you Santa.

Love
Jordan

Dear Santa,

I've been good all year I thank. Can you get me Digi makeover? How do you get all the toy to the houses.

(your friend)
Avery

Dear Santa

I have been good this year for Christmas I want a bratz, a play horse, pokemon cards 50 of them, a cell phone and a house phone.

Love
Skyler

Dear Santa

Can you get some tools for my daddy I gest want a Nintendo-ds Bianca want's a cabbage patch doll tabby want's a computer and Mrs. Sowa a limen squishers Mrs. Lujan want's some hire stuff.

Love
Brice

Dear Santa,

Can I have these things that I listed. I want to have a PSP, Playstation 3, Nintendo SII, Xbox 360, Xbox, Game cube, Gameboy Sp, Gameboy Advance, Gameboy Micro, New toys, Mp3 player, Mini Ipod, New underwears, New socks, New Pants, New Shirts and one more thing pokemon stuff.

Don

Dear Santa

I have been good this year so I want nitendo DS, a playstion 2, ant ten T Shirts.

Love
Javier

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Also how is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. I Rudolph you favorite reindeer? This Christmas I would like a Playstation portable. Also I want a new pair of basketball shoes also I would like dirtbik with all the clothes.

Sincerely,
James David Hampton

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Also how is Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer? This Christmas I would like a MARTINS sweater. I would also like a John Cena shirt. Last but not least I would like a new pair of shoes.

Thank you Santa
Your friend, Albert Campos

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Also how are every body else. This Christmas I would like a Playstation 3, a I pod, Mp3 player and Nitendo ds please. When you come to Colorado City and tell you reindeer to be careful.

Your friend
Christina Santana

Dear Santa,

How is everyone doing? This year for Christmas I would like a gamecube game. Also a Baby Brat. Finally I would like a pet Bunny. Have a safe trip.

Sincerely,
Ellie Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I hope I am not disturbing you. How are all of yall doing? This Christmas I would like a pixlechix care. I would also like yoshi's island adventure DS game. Last but not least a Dige Makeover. I hope you have a safe travel around the world.

Your friend,
Nadia Davila

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Also how is Cupid, Mrs. Claus the elves and reindeer. I hope they're working hard. This Christmas I would like a new pair of snow boots. Also I would like a bracelet with my name on it. One more thing I want for you to have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely
Ramsey Alvarez 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Also how is Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer? This Christmas I would like a pair of earrings. I would also like a DS. Last but not least a remote control car. Thank you.

With love
Sharon Hinds

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the blessings
Of peace, joy and
good cheer
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from all of us at
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(left to right)

Pat Cawthron
Gloria Lujan
Margo Connell
Helen Edwards



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Mitchell County Branch

2135 Hickory Colorado City 728-3445



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I hope I am not disturbing you. How are all of yall doing? This Christmas I would like a pixlechix care. I would also like yoshi's island adventure DS game. Last but not least a Dige Makeover. I hope you have a safe travel around the world.

Your friend,
Nadia Davila
3rd grade

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With love
Sharon Hinds
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Also how is Mrs. Claus, and the reindeer? This Christmas I would like some wii games. I would also like a Jersey and a frog shirt. Last but not least I would like some wolves pants. Be safe as you come travel to Colorado City.

Sincerely,
Alexis Mendoza
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Dasher, dancer, comer, cupid and Rudolph. This Christmas I would like a psp. I would like a new gam for my Game Cube. Finall would like my family to be safe good, and happy for this year and my class.

With love
Jake Rivera
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer? I hope Rudolph still has his shiny nose and I also hope you can get me an mp3 player. I would also like a DS for Christmas too. A DS is my favorite, my friend Nadia Davila has one. I always play with it when I come over but my Mom said that I cant have a DS because I already have a Game Boy. I would also like to have a new Barbie Mansion because my other Barbie house is small and it doesn't work well. That's all Santa. PS. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Mary Bullard
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Also how is Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer especially Rudolph? This Christmas I would like a playstation 2. Finally I would like a ride on Rudolph. The game I would like is Dragon Ball Z Butigt Tincieg.

With Love,
Zechariah Luera
Dear Santa,

My name is Marshayla. I'm a 10 year old. Santa, I have been nice. So I want toys, Barbie dolls, a bike, a computer and a watch. I hope you receive my Santa letter and make my wishes come true.

Sincerely,
Marshayla Session
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
We would like a good Christmas this

yeir lik alwas. For Christmas I would like 3 things in my stoking. I would like to have a new baby born. I would also like a carset to cary it in. I would like a stroller to push it in. Finally I wold love if you brought this and if that stuff can not fit put it on the floor please.

Sincerely,
Madison Davis
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Also how is Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer plus Rudolff? This Christmas I wold like a bunch of horse books. I would also like fancy leather boots. Be safe as you come to Colorado City.

With love,
Morgan Hunter
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph and the other reindeer? This Christmas I would like an Ipod, a toy squrtl, a toy hair cross, a toy charmander, a toy Absol.

Your friend,
Haden Peaslee
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is everyone doing? This Christmas I would like some new sea shells. I would also like a mp3 player. Last but not least I would also want some great clothes.

Your friend,
Delaney Hernandez
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wolde like to have a flufe dog, Sencirle, Tyler Calecas
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How's you're family and how's the elf and reindeer. I hope good and this Christmas I would like a bike and I'll like it because I love Christmas.

Alfonso Mercado
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Clase? Well, I'll get started with my wishlist. First I want the Lego Star Wars Star Destroyer. Second I want the Avatar Fire nation ship. Third I want Luke's pop up lightsaber. Well, I think that's all I want!

Your friend,
Brenna Ress
3rd grade

Dear Santa House,
How are you? I would like a Barbie house, fairy tale movie, and a computer for Christmas.

Love,
Erin

Dear Sannta,
How are you? I would like a care bear for and a computer for Christmas

Love,
Nancy

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a game x-box 360 and a King game for Christmas.

Love,
William

Dear Santa,
My name is Angel. I am 8 years old. I want a race car, sword, bike, cat, train. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Angel

Dear Santa,

I was a good girl this year. I want a real kitten. POlease I want a Bratz phone real one, stickers of kitten bratz, a scooter, wallcs around Teddy Bear.

From,
Reann

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy this year. Batman, Pacman, soldier Clittleones, remote control insect, V.smile games, Batman Blanket, little cars for racing, box of motorcycles, Play Station 2.

Love,
Michael

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl this year. Gems Braider, Superman puncher, letter cards, book for drawing animals, pet hamster, Dancing Bear, Operation, a real kitten

Love,
Mickinna
Dear Santa,

I was a good boy this year. I want a crane, gerbil, bike.

Love,
Bryson

Dear Santa,
I want a real kitten and I want a Barbie car and I want stickers. I've been a good girl.

Love,
Alexa

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy. Game Cube please, x-box 360, Spidman puncher, new shoes, car- little one, Batman blanke, Batman scooter, Highball Nintendo DS.

I love Santa,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy this year. Santa I want a superman puncher with sounds. I love the reindeer. I especially love you but how are you doing? I have one more. I meant two more. Trampolines and a drum set.

Love,
Mason

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy. Dirt bike, Nintendo Ds, phone to play games and a real one. I love you. Has Rudolph bin good? Real or no deal please.

I love you.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a computer, trampoline, and a swimming pool for Christmas.

Love,

Nadia

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a superman, Batman for Christmas.

Love,
Isaiah

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily Henderson. I want for Christmas a Barbie doll, a backpack, a book and I would like a pair of cowboy boots and a hat.

Thank you Santa. I am 3 going 4 years old.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are the elves working at their jobs? I would like a little remote control bike and a bucking-bull machine and a football game noise-maker.

Thank you a lot.
Love,
Reid Harris

Dear Santa,
How are those reindeer doing? What do they eat? Please bring me a Dora Kitchen and a baby doll and a bicycle and a blanket. Thank you a lot!

Love,
Britney Ruth

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. My sister Destyni love Santa too. I would like the little baby that talks and a Barbie, a Barbie house and one of those little Cabbage Bears. Thank you very much.

Love,
Syria Tenorio

Dear Santa,
I would like a 4-wheeler for Christmas and a hand air punch toy. I also want a suitcase. I would like aw Santa Claus movie. How's Rudolph doing? Thank you a lot!

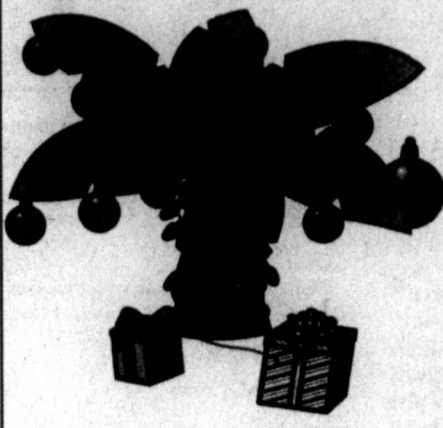
Love,
Braydon Underwood

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle and a race car track and a choo-choo train track. Say hello to the reindeer. I love you Santa. Thanks very much.

Love,
Marcos Vasquez, Jr.

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph doing? I want a zoom box, a polly-pocket set and a polly pocket ship. I would like my own little Christmas tree. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Taylor Wagner



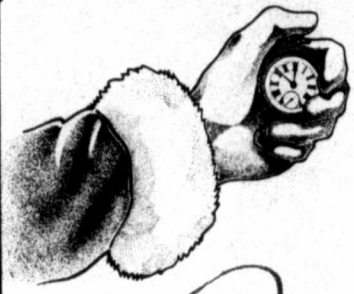
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Mitchell County Farm Bureau
Dan Morgan & Tony Turner
728-3408 Colorado City

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

DELIVERING OUR BEST WISHES

Everyone here is ho...ho...hoping that all your news is good news this beautiful holiday season. We really appreciate your loyal readership.

Merry Christmas to all!

Earl Plagens
Sheila Plagens
Tommy Wells
Stephanie Perez
Carl Graham
Cynthia Richardson
Bessie Ann Vaughn
Eddie Gregory
Lura Ferro
Ann Anderson

Colorado City Record
257 E. 2nd Street
Colorado City
728-3413



LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl and I stopped pulling hair. I want a doll, phone, and rocking horse.

Thank you Santa,
Lili Henderson
21 months olds.

Dear Santa,
I want a jungle monkey, a baby Bratz doll and for my two sisters. Emily want's a Barbie doll and Lili want a play phone and a doll. PS. I want some boots and a hat and my little cousin wants some clothes and some shoes. I am 8 years old and please give my Mom some pretty earrings and a pretty necklace and pretty shoes because I love her very very much. P.S. We have been good in our family.

Thank you Santa,
Georgi Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a little pink motorcycle, some glitter, and I want a diamond ring for my Mom. I want to give my brother an X-box. For my Dad, I want some real tools.

Love,
Kimberly Ventura

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, some markers, and some books that I can color. I want some paints so I can paint and a Christmas tree.

Love,
Viviana Caballero

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora present, some clothes, candy cane, and a note from you.

Love,
Sionni Emerson

Dear Santa,
I want a powerwheel and a race car toy and also an X-box 360 and some games to go with the X-boxes. And also an army game and for my Dad please bring him what he wants. And for my Mom a very pretty dress. Oh yes a Mountaingame for my X-box.

Love,
Cotton Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a computer with Barbie games and some make-up little girls make-up. Some color bowls to eat from them and the cups to go with them. And also a jacket, a pretty backpack. I been a very good girl. P.S. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
McKaila Davidson

Dear Santa,
I want a new backpack, and a game cube, a X-box 360 and some games to go with it. And a bell for teacher so she can use in the classroom. And a powerwheel truck. And a new folder and a real dog.

Love,
Dominique Acosta

Dear Santa,
I want a powerwheel jeep and a pretty purse.

Love,
Azmen Gardner

Dear Santa,
I want some toys, and a computer and some games to go with it. And an army jeep. I have been very nice at home and at school.

Love,
Omar Carrillo

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a powerwanger and a fox toy. And a gingerbread boy toy.

Love,
Zeke Beltran

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas lots of toy cars. One more thing a tractor. I been a very nice boy.

Love,
Hunter Holman

Dear Santa,
I want a fake Christmas tree please. I want a pretty Barbie doll and a candy cane. I want a computer and an apple and a bear. And seven candy canes.

Love,
Madison Morris

Dear Santa,
Please, can I have a teddy bear, some new shoes, and a new blanket.

Love,
Lexi Williamson

Dear Santa,
May I please have some new markers, new cars, a new X-box, and new tools. I want a new computer too.

Love,
Jonathan Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo for my brother. We need the blue team game. I want a Power Ranger game for me.

Love,
Brian Nava

Dear Santa,
I want a Play Station 3, a Nintendo, and a teddy bear. I want a bunny.

Love,
Justin Bolt

Dear Santa,

I want a race car and a Play Station. I want a tractor and a Winnie-the-Pooh.

Love,
Antonio Rubio

Dear Santa,
Please, Santa, I want a Play Station 2 and a pedal car. Please, Santa, I want a big toy monkey.

Love,
Patrick McComb

Dear Santa,
I LOVE YOU SANTA. YOU ARE sweet. Tell Mess Claus How is the rainier. When are you coming to Town? I miss you. My Mother once a ring for Christmas and my Father once a saut of pjomies for Christmas and my Papa once a new de-reser for Christmas and my Mana once a odermet for Christmas. And my sister once a Dall for Christmas and my uther sister once a dall too and I wat a dall and I want a nather dall?

Love,
Cameron Davidson

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop and a chanperling and pink raser phone for crismas and 2 Beratzs and kick ball and a water slide. That's of for me.

Love,
Hazel

Dear Santa,
I want a X-Box 360 and a pealit gun and a new bike and a moldersickelle. What is your elfs name.

Love,
Brian

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and Teddy bear and a laptop and a pony and a pound puppy.

Love,
Carrie

Dear Santa,
I want hamster and a horse and a doll house and a baby. Thank you.

Love,
Carrie

Dear Sant,
Please bring me a bratz baby and the rest of the v-smile gams. I have been good.

Love,
Kaitlee Moore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a D.S. game this year. I help my Mom.

Love,
Jay Patel

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I would like some toy letters and books. I would also like a red teddy bear and a brown one. And a little white teddy bear.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Destyni Espinoza

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ok? I would like shoulder and knee pads and football pants (Dallas Cowboy ones).

Thank you a lot.
Love,
Jacob Munoz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a game boy charger. I have been a good boy, I have helped my Mom.

Love,
Tyler Huff

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a X-box 360. I been a good boy with and I have helped my Mom and Dad.

Love,
Austin Sosa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gameboy eves and a mokhracar and I have been good. This year is goig to be grate. I have helped my Mom and Dad.

Love,
Alejandro Chavez

Dear Santa,
Please bring some mtus and a X-box 360 and a game boy. I hav helped my Mom and Dad.

Love,
Demetrio Davila

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Xbx 306 and please bring pumper and scooter and a spider-man ball. Oh I have been good and helped my Dad with his truck and I helped Mom set the supper table.

Love,
David Anrade

Dear Santa,
Xahoes, a bratz doll, a bike and a baby doll. I have been good so I can get toys.

Love,
Kiala Diaz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football and a game-boyves. I have been good this year. I helped my Mom and Dad.

Love,
Gabriel Salazar

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Rauvssmack Down. I have been kind and I have helped my Mom and Dad.

Love,
Erick Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I would like a Christmas tree for my room. Please bring me a toy starfish.

Thank you.
Love, Karen Barrera

Dear Santa,
Is it really cold? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a Battleship game and a new Bible and a telescope.

Thank you,
Love, Adam Clifton

Dear Santa,
I'm going to leave you some cookies and reindeer food. I would like a big teddy bear and a treasure box.

Thank you a lot!
Love,
Natalie Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like an action figure of a hero. I would like a Spiderman because it has red and blue and a hot wheel car. Thank you a lot!

Love,
Cadon Walthall

Dear Santa,
I would like a big truck for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Talon Raley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nemo game for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Talon Camp

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll house with stuff in it for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Shyanne Gollnick

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ariel doll for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Khyla Bell

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Please bring me a hand pop toy and some food - pancakes and cereal. I would like some paper to draw on, some cookies and some markers and som balls and a Christmas tree. Thank you a lot!

Love,
Jarell Owens

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Brian Duenez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cup with a kool-aid drink in it and one of those insects that's remote-control. I would like some more hot wheels, too. Thank you a lot!

Love,
Isiah Quiroz

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I will have some food for the reindeer. Would you please bring me a suitcase, a house with Barbie and some jewelry. Thank you very much.

Love,
Marissa Reyna



To Our Patients and Friends

Once again the Happy Holidays with all the joys, happiness, special love and appreciation are upon us. It is a time when we give thanks in a particular way for all the blessings that are ours. Our hearts bespeak the gratitude in abundance for the privilege of serving sick and suffering humanity through the medium of this great science, chiropractic, which has been, and is, a blessing to millions around the world.

May the joys, happiness, good fortune and opportunities be exceeded only by an extra abundance of good health throughout the coming year.

Dr. Don R. Benett, D.C.
and Staff



WITH OUR GRATITUDE AT THE HOLIDAYS

Wherever you live, may the spirit of Christmas reside in your heart this holiday season.

We know our hearts are warmed by memories of all the people we've had the privilege to work with and serve this year.

Heta Lewis Real Estate
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We'd like to deliver a load of best wishes to our friends and customers, along with a bundle of thanks. Thanks for all your support!

Merry Christmas from the Smith Family

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Colorado City

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Very, Very, Very, Very,
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Very, Very, Very, Very
Merry Christmas!

We want to say "Thanks" to all of our customers for a great year. Your continued patronage is a blessing to our lives. We wish you all the best this holiday season. May the Lord Bless you and yours in the coming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
The Barron Family

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Colorado City, Texas

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I would like a dollhouse for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Shea Matos

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie bed for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Halley Mann

Dear Santa,
I would like a car with a remote control for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Noah Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ariel kitchen for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Lilianna Cavazos

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bratz bed for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
KeAndrea Emerson

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ariel kitchen for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Aaliyah Espinoza

Dear Santa,
I would like a Superman for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Alex Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Audrey Beltran

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie bicycle for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Love,
Ashlin Alvarez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want goggles, pony, cell phone, computer, polly pocket, Barbie, Punky, Booster Movie, moon sand, Floam, Mugs Brats, skate board, snowboard, Bratz babies.

Love,
Ashlei Rivera Burrola

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a cell phone, diamond ring, a doll house, a tea cup set, a snow globe, Hello Polly, a play station, moon sand, a computer.

Love,
Constance Breannan Bolt

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want puppy too, puppy, x-box, t.v., cell phone, new shoes, labset, mug's monsters, skateboard, yugio, snow board, Frosty Returns Movie, and a belles wish.

Love,
Exzander Boone

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a moon sand. I want Nintendo's, I want a va lamp. I want a puppy. I want a skateboard. I want a cell phone. I want goggles.

I love Santa.
Love,
Gavino Silva

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a hold dolly, mulan movie, diamond ring, Bar-

bie, cell phone, prenis.

Love,
Brac Boedeker

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, x-box 360, hand helds, cell phone, lab set, Mugs monster, pokemon cards, horse.

Love,
Ted Rich

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a x-box 360, a cell phone, skates, snowboard, play station 3, drums, pokemon cards, yu gui yo cards, new moon shoes, a bike, puppy, t.v., football, yoonfar.

Love,
Daniel Meguile

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want t.v., computer, Bratz, puppy, polly, moon sand, skateboard, labset, Barbie, goggles, cellphone. I love Santa.

Love,
Bethany Barnett

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want cell phone, play station, x-box, puppy, moon sand, pool table.

Love,
Greg Guona

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a hello Polly, moonshoes, puppy, mugs bratz, goggles, play station2, tent, diamond ring.

Love,
Ramzi Martinez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Baton and a computer.

Love,
Alyssa Iglesias

Dear Santa,
I want some Dora stuff. Some shorts that have Dora and a hat that has Dora too. Oh, and a Dora shirt too.

Love,
Caitlynn Garza
Age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pretend dog for Christmas. I want a pretend real baby. I saw one at the store. Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love,
Navy Boone
Age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring a present, a princess, some candy. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Sherry Campbell
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a cat for Christmas. Please bring Mama candy for Christmas.

Love,
Shemar Green
Age 3

Dear Santa,
Please send me a baby doll, coloring book and a book. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Aranza Ramirez
Age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a present, some candy, a Dora and a Barney. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Aleesha Brooks
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora, a truck and some boots. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Ricky Silva
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a toy, and some gam. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Nariah Hawthorne
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a present, candy. Please bring a Dora. I want play drums. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Laurdes Ross
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora toy, some blocks, and paint. Bring my Mama a toy and my Dad a toy. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Claudia Cabarra
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a toy, a dinosaur, a bell. Bring Mama and Daddy a present. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Geordan Flores, Age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll and a stroller. I want something for my grandma and 2 John Deere things. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Meledine Ruiz
Age 4

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a rubber ducky and a doll. Bring Mama a teddy bear. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Danakia Espinoza
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a hot wheel gun and a hunting game. Bring some presents for my family. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jayden Ketner
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep and a ring. Bring Mason a blue ring that has Spiderman on it. Bring Mama a kitchen table and chairs. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Kynzie Avalos
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want Spiderman, a star for Mom and some earrings and 3 apples. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jynia Garrus
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I have been good at home. I want a doll house with 10 baby girls.

Love,
Kalysha Boone

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Would you please give me a race car. This is all I want for Christmas.

Love,
Robert Braden

Dear Santa,
I've been good bring me toys.

Love,
Dusty Campbell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Will you bring me some presents to put under the tree?

Love,

Darron Emerson

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good good girl. I don't know what I want for Christmas just bring me something like a jeep. A toy jeep not a real big people jeep. And I'll think of more stuff later before Christmas.

Love,
Morgan Forbes

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me Dora, boots, and a brown dog. And a Dora watch, some paint and an ice cream and I want a Dora chair and sink. And some pencils.

Love,
Bailey Garcia

Dear Santa,
I've been a big boy. All I want for Christmas is toys, a train, and some candy.

Love,
Christopher Green

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Bring me some toys.

Love,
T'Liyah Harrison

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Will you bring me presents and a turkey to eat with some cheese.

Love,
Jaclynn Moore

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Will you bring me a play kitchen with some play food and dishes. And I need some soap to wash the dishes. And some sauce to cook with. And I also need gloves to wash the dishes. I'm going to need a microwave for my kitchen.

Love,
Poonam Patel

Dear Santa,
I've been good all most all year. What I want for Christmas is Barbie, Dora, and Bratz.

Love,
Angelica Pena

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Will you bring me a truck.

Love,
Ezekiel Randle

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Can you please bring me some red lip-stick and some glitter lip stick and white lip stick. And a present for my daddy.

Love,
Rose Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a spiderman.

Love,
Rosendo Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been kinda good this year. I have tried real hard to be good. So will you please bring me a white toy truck and some little soldier men.

Love,
Leonardo Rubio

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. When you come to my house for Christmas bring me a Barbie car and a big play house for Barbie. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you. One more thing I want some glasses.

Love,
Lexi Santana

Dear Santa,
I've been good at my grandpa's house. Will you bring me lots of toys. If you bring me lots of toys. If

you bring me a bike I will leave you some cookies and milk with some chocolate. And I'll leave you some cheese chips.

Love,
Alex Tenorio

Dear Santa,
I've been a really really good boy this year. Will you bring me a race truck, blocks and a big green truck, puzzles, and more blocks. And tools for my dad.

Thank you Santa.
Love,
Eric Vega



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May your holiday come alive with beautiful moments and memories. We really appreciate your making this past year a truly memorable one for us.

Merry Christmas!

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102 Oak Street Colorado City
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Restaurant on Lake Colorado City 728-5324



May this holy time of year renew your spirits and deliver an abundance of peace, joy and prosperity to you and yours. For your friendship and support, we feel truly blessed. Thanks!

As we celebrate this wondrous Christmas season with song and prayer, please accept my best wishes for a happy holiday. Season's Greetings from
Attorney Frank Conard
 Sweetwater

Special Merry Christmas Wishes to each and everyone of you in Colorado City and Mitchell County!
Marian Craddock
 Lubbock, Texas

In the true spirit of the Christmas season, may goodness and peace prevail for all on this precious earth.
Dee, Margaret, Riley and Sarah Roach

Let us keep Christmas close to our hearts... The warmth of Christmas never ends, When we remember our many good friends. Have a Very Merry Season & A Great New Year!
Tom and Debby Carlock

May your stocking be stuffed with joy, your home overflowing with laughter, your table stocked with great food, and your heart filled with contentment this holiday season.
 Happy Holidays from
Larry & Cheryl Johnson

May the beauty of the season surround you, and may your holiday contain all the trimmings of love, health, wealth and success. Merry Christmas and many thanks for making our year sparkle.
 Merry Christmas
Bobby & Jan Lemons

May all the love, joy, laughter and friendship that is special to this special holiday be yours! Happy Holidays to everyone in Mitchell County!
 Mrs. Charles C. Thompson

May the timeless spirit of Christmas warm your hearts this season and always.
Earl, Shella & Tyler Plagens

Christmas is here ... a time for joy, love and togetherness--and the perfect chance for us to say we wish all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Faye & George Lee

Wishing all our friends and neighbors a never-ending supply of peace and joy this holiday season.
Woody & Susan Anderson

May the light and love of His blessings shine upon your home this holy season and beyond.
 Merry Christmas
 Justice of the Peace
Kay Richmond

May faith and hope guide you throughout this holy season and may His love follow you wherever you go.
Bob & Charlene Reilly

May Christmas bring you the blessings of Peace, Hope & Love!
 Happy Holidays from
Ann Hallmark

May all your hopes and dreams come true for you and yours, this season and beyond.
 Patrick, Lorianne, Brian & Bethany Toombs

Here's hoping your holiday is trimmed with love, joy and good things!
 Best wishes for the coming year!
Carolyn & Steve Smith

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