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FOREST FIRE—Dimmitt City Manager Don Sheffy watches flames leap through the Forest, a wooded area south of Dimmitt where teenagers have congregated for years to party. The city voted to destroy the area this fall after two Dimmitt High School

students were killed in a one-vehicle automobile accident while returning to Dimmitt from a gathering at the Forest. On Monday morning, city workers used a weed burner to set the trees and brush on fire.

Photo by Chris Bradford

City starts 'Forest' fire

A longtime hangout for local teenagers is nothing more than ashes today after the City of Dimmitt started a "Forest" fire Monday morning.

The Forest, a wooded area south of Dimmitt where the old Flagg schoolhouse once stood, has been a gathering place for teenagers for many years, and alcoholic beverages have been consumed by the minors at the site.

On Monday, the area was destroyed in a controlled burn set by the city.

Efforts had been made by county residents in the past to have the wooded area destroyed, but no one was willing to take responsibility because ownership of the land couldn't be determined.

Residents pleaded with officials to destroy the Forest this summer after two Dimmitt High School students were killed and eight others were injured in a one-vehicle accident as they were returning to Dimmitt from the site.

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Nominations open for citizen honors

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is searching for the right individuals to be honored at the 2002 Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 19, 2002, and nominations for *Citizen of the Year* and *Citizen Through the Years* are currently being accepted.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber of Com-

merce Office at 115 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Jan. 3, 2002.

According to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava, the nomination form should be used to assure the basic areas of consideration are covered.

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Chamber Banquet is slated for Jan. 19

Dimmitt will honor its *Citizen of the Year*, *Citizen Through the Years*, *Chamber Member of the Year* and *Teacher of the Year* on Jan. 19, 2002, during the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The 54th annual banquet, which will feature the theme, *A Red, White and Blue Community*, will be held Jan. 19 at the Castro County Expo Building, beginning at 7 p.m.

This year's banquet will feature guest speaker Jon Randles, remembered by many who attended his August 2000 revival at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church. He also visited with students in the Dimmitt schools during that time.

Randles is an instructor at Wayland Baptist University and is a member of the board of trustees at Hardin-Simmons University. He is known nation-

ally as an evangelist and motivational speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The banquet opens with a steak dinner, although a few changes will be made.

"The menu for this year's banquet will change slightly," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "We're trying New York Strips this year—and homemade brownies for dessert. We think you'll enjoy it."

Tickets for the event will be mailed to Chamber members at the end of December and will be available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Office through Jan. 11, 2002.

"We've been asked to finalize our reservations by that date to give ample time to the people from the Methodist Church who will be catering the meal," Sava said.

Rob Kinkaid will run for 64th District judge

Rob Kinkaid, assistant district attorney for Hale and Swisher Counties, has announced his candidacy for judge of the 64th District Court.

Kinkaid will run as a Republican in the March 2002 primary election. The 64th District Court serves Hale, Swisher and Castro counties.

Kinkaid has been a prosecutor in the district attorney's office for over 15 years, and he says he

has "extensive courtroom experience in cases ranging from juvenile law and child welfare to capital felonies."

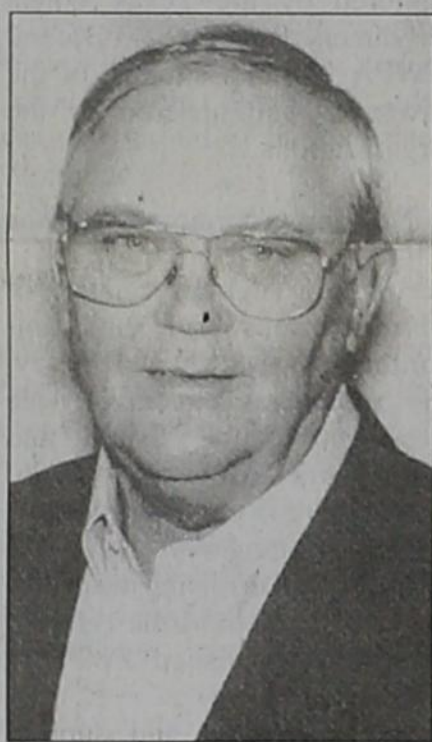
Kinkaid is experienced in the personal presentation of criminal cases before the highest appeals courts in Texas.

His other duties have included representing the Hale County Commissioners Court in civil law matters.

"My entire legal career has involved the trial and appeal of cases," Kinkaid said. "I feel that this type of experience is a necessary background one must have to sit as a district judge. I would like to state that I have very much enjoyed working for the public with many wonderful county and city employees during the last 15 years. If elected, I will work hard to effectively serve the citizens of this district."

Kinkaid, 42, was born in Lubbock and has lived in Hale County since 1960. He attended Plainview High School, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor of arts degree, and graduated from Texas Tech

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Dan Schmucker

Schmucker announces for Pct. 4 spot

Dan Schmucker has filed for re-election for Castro County Commissioner in Precinct 4, subject to the March 2002 Republican primary election.

Schmucker has served as Precinct 4 commissioner since November 1996.

"I have been honored to represent the people of Precinct 4 and Castro County, and hope that I can continue to work for them in the future," Schmucker said.

Teacher nominees are sought

Dimmitt's 2001 *Teacher of the Year* will be honored at the 54th annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 19, 2002, and nominations for the award are being sought now.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt and should be completed and returned to the Chamber by Jan. 3, 2002, for consideration.

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	47	22	
Friday	44	22	
Saturday	62	24	
Sunday	58	25	
Monday	46	19	
Tuesday	60	24	
Wednesday	65	20	

December Moisture . . . 0.16
2001 Moisture . . . 18.21

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



HOLIDAY TREATS—Richardson Elementary School first graders spoon cookie dough onto baking pans, then eagerly await for the sweet creations to bake. The students baked cookies, with the help of homemaking teacher Kelly

Taylor and her class, then delivered the baked goods and other holiday items to senior citizens for the holidays. Students from RES and Dimmitt Middle School also sang Christmas carols around town.

Photo by Sue Howell

Irene Miller will seek re-election

Castro County Judge Irene Miller has announced her candidacy for re-election subject to the March 2002 Democratic Primary Election.

Miller first took office on Jan. 1, 1995, and since that time she has attended seminars on laws concerning probate matters, guardianships, mental commitments, juvenile cases and Class A and B misdemeanor cases. She has also attended the seminar for elected officials on emergency management.

"I have served on the nominating committee for the West Texas Judges and Commissioners Association and the State Judges and Commissioners Association," Miller said. "I presently serve as vice president of the Panhandle Judges and Commissioners Association."

Prior to taking office in 1995, Miller worked in a private law office and in the district attorney's office.

"If re-elected, I will continue



Irene Miller

to serve all the people in a fair and impartial manner. Your consideration and vote would be greatly appreciated," Miller said.

Late holiday greetings listed

Several Castro County residents donated money to local charities sponsoring the community Christmas greeting cards in this week's issue of the *News*, but their donations came after the deadline and they weren't included on the Christmas lists.

Also wishing friends and neighbors a Merry Christmas from Dimmitt is:

Catherine Fuller McFarland

Hart residents who signed up too late to be included on their community greeting card are:
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Sanchez Jr. Abel, Claudia & Elijah Dominga Don & Colleen Newman Bill & Mamie Rich Wayne & Joyce Beavers Mr. & Mrs. Weldon H. Davis Mr. & Mrs. DeWayne Brown Don & Neoma Williams & Rachel Wall Irene Brooks Dan & Ethel Schmucker Laurence & Marguerite McLain



Rob Kinkaid

Wayland gives tips on prussic acid, nitrates and wheat fertility

By PAUL WAYLAND

Most producers believe that nitrate accumulation and prussic acid poisoning of cattle are one and the same, but this is not true.

Last year, the Texas High Plains area experienced extended periods of warm weather with very few sharp cold snaps which resulted in cattle having very few problems with nitrate and/or prussic acid. Several producers have questioned the use of nitrogen fertilizer on wheat pasture relative to the problems of prussic acid and nitrate.

Cattle on wheat pasture and baled hay grazer can be in danger of prussic acid and nitrate poisoning this winter.

The High Plains area is experiencing prolonged dry spells followed by moisture and big swings in temperature. Any environmental condition that hinders or stops plant growth will cause nitrate accumulation regardless of the amount of nitrogen fertilizer that has been applied.

Drought conditions followed by rainfall, snow-melt or heavy irrigation on wheat when the temperatures are above normal and allow wheat to grow rapidly is a set up for nitrate accumulation.

When these conditions are followed by a cold snap, the

nitrates are trapped in the plant tissue. Nitrate poisoning occurs when these excessive nitrates are consumed and converted to nitrite faster than the cattle can use it. The free nitrite in the animal's rumen is readily absorbed into the blood stream, where it destroys the blood's ability to absorb and carry oxygen.

Nitrate can accumulate in any plant that has the ability to utilize nitrogen efficiently and grow fast. Haygrazer, forage sorghums, sudan grass and johnson grass all fit the nitrate accumulation problem. Research data indicates that the nitrate problems in wheat fields are not related to the nitrogen fertility program except in extreme cases where 200-plus pounds of nitrogen is available to the plant at a given time. The nitrate problem is the result of the environmental conditions in which the plants are growing.

Prussic acid accumulation will occur when the plant growth rate is slowed by one or more environmental conditions. These conditions include drought, prolonged periods of cloudy days, abnormally high and low temperatures, especially sudden freezes, herbicide treatments, and low levels of available phosphate.

Prussic acid is accumulated in

the new plant growth of leaves and not in the stems like nitrates. Unlike nitrate poisoning, the curing or ensiling of forages, which contain prussic acid, greatly reduces or totally eliminates the danger, due to the fact that prussic acid volatilizes quickly after it is released.

Remember that nitrate and prussic acid-affected forage can be utilized with the right management.

When changing pastures to one that has not been grazed, make sure that the animals are full prior to field entry. It is very important to make sure that the cattle have enough good forage in their rumen to dilute the ingested nitrates from the new grazing.

If testing is considered for these potential problems, keep in mind that one plant may have the toxins built up while the plant beside it may not. To get accurate results a number of plants will need to be included in the sample.

A rule to follow is this: "If you think you may have a potential problem, have the tests run." The tests cost less than dead animals.

More about Teacher . . .

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Nominations may be made by letter, if one wishes, but should address the selection criteria specified on the nomination form.

Nominations are held three years for consideration, if a nominee is not selected.

The selection committee will consider four general areas in choosing the teacher to be honored: teaching awareness (involvement and performance), professional recognition (endeavors and/or growth), community pride (civic and church involvement) and ways in which the teacher makes a difference in students' lives.

"The nomination can be made rather easily, but it does take a few minutes," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Sava suggested that nominations be made by any adults or students and their parents.

"It's an excellent way to say thanks to a teacher who has done those extra things that we associate with an extraordinary educator," Sava said.



A HOLIDAY GREETING FROM RES—Richardson Elementary School students visited the residents at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, recently, presenting residents with homemade Christmas cards and

ornaments for their Christmas tree. When visiting elderly residents in the community, RES students have performed Christmas carols and delivered goodies, including cookies they baked themselves.

Photo by Sue Howell

Witkowski, Harman, Nelson honored by wheat growers

(Editor's Note: Information for this article was obtained from a Dec. 9 story in the *Amarillo Globe-News*, written by Kay Ledbetter. Portions of the story have been reprinted in *The Castro County News* at the request of the Texas Wheat Producers board).

Leo Witkowski of Hereford, Otis Harman of Tulia and D.G. "Bill" Nelson were among those honored by the Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA) during a recent reception in Amarillo.

In a first-time event, the trio and others were among those honored by the Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) and TWPA for their support of the programs administered by the organizations.

Nelson was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition and appreciation of his meritorious service and commitment to the wheat industry.

He served as executive vice president of the TWPB and TWPA for 30 years, two of which were in emeritus status. Nelson, along with others, was instrumental in raising the necessary funds to hold the referendum that established TWPB in 1971.

His leadership and support contributed to the development of improved wheat varieties, better production and marketing tools, increased domestic and export demand and changes in public and export policy.

Witkowski was one of six men

who helped charter the TWPA in 1950 and since then, he has helped to promote wheat domestically and abroad.

In appreciation of his work, Witkowski was named 2000 Wheat Man of the Year.

Witkowski served as president of TWPA from 1963 to 1975, and during that time he served as Texas' representative for the National Association of Wheat Growers.

Witkowski also was instrumental in forming TWPB in 1971 and served as its chairman from 1979 to 1981.

In 1980, Witkowski was involved in forming the US Wheat Associates by merging Great Plains Wheat Inc. and Western Wheat. He was a charter member of the Texas Agricultural Council.

Witkowski stepped down from the TWPB and TWPA in 1991, but continues to be involved in many of the programs administered by the organization.

Harman, a former TWPA president, was honored as the 2001 Wheat Man of the Year.

He was president of TWPA in 1978 and helped establish TWPB, serving as chairman from 1983-85. He served as a member of the Grain Growers Membership Insurance Trust Board for 13 years from 1983 to 1996.

Harman served on the board of TWPA and TWPB until his resignation in 1994.

Two Texas elevators also were honored for dedication to the wheat industry.

The elevator operators were recognized for their cooperation

and support of the statewide wheat checkoff program, which helps fund TWPB market development, research and education programs.

These elevators, along with others across Texas, assist with the collection of the TWPB's assessment from wheat producers, which is set at 1-1/2 cents per bushel.

Farmers Grain Co-op of Munday was recognized as the 2001 Elevator of the Year (under 1 million bushel capacity). The Munday Co-op was formed in 1967 and will celebrate 35 years of business in 2002.

With three facilities in Munday and one in Goree, Farmers Grain is the only grain cooperative in Knox County.

With a capacity of just under a million bushels, it handles primarily wheat and milo, although in past years it has handled corn, oats and soybeans.

Perryton Equity of Perryton was recognized as the 2001 Elevator of the Year (over 1 million bushel capacity).

Established by a small group of farmers in Ochiltree and Beaver, Okla., counties, it was founded in 1919 and incorporated in 1921.

Perryton Equity Exchange began by handling items such as coal, sugar, flour, apples, potatoes and livestock in addition to feed and grain.

Today, Perryton Equity consists of 23 elevators in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. It has a licensed storage capacity of 1.8 million bushels with sales of approximately \$55 million annually.

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- TX replaces this when it sets a new sales tax percentage (2 wds.)
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- "Red" ex-owner of San Antonio Spurs
- TXism: "size ___" (evaluate)
- sexual identity
- in Nolan Co. on 84
- Mexican party breakables filled with toys & candy
- ex-Cowboy RB Tony (init.)
- four-footed
- lake sediment
- TX rancher Koker quote: "The bigger ___"
- TX Cassidy "Lurch"
- TX Foreman lost title to him in '74
- in Falls Co. on 77
- Graham newspaper name once
- TXism: "___ well that ends well"
- TX rancher Koker quote: "The bigger ___"
- classic cowboy hats
- cow rounder upper
- TXism: "when ___ ain't hemming, he's hawing"
- ___ Campo, TX
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- big TX party
- TXism: "spare ___ (mid-drift bulge)"
- summer drink
- TX fire ant
- TXism: "a sight for ___ eyes"
- TX Dabney Coleman old series: "The Days and Nights of Molly ___"
- TXism: "howdy"
- TXism: "its like ugly on ___"
- TX Farrah raced coast-___ in "Cannonball Run"
- spurred horse
- Brooks ___ Force Base in San Antonio

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

A white Christmas, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, silver bells or a little baby in a manger that brought love into the world—these are the things that Christmas is made of.

I'm inviting you to come with me to our Christmas weekend with friends at Lubbock, church celebrations and Christmas happenings in general.

The Clinton Glens of Canyon (DHS Class of 1955), the E.M. Jones and V.C. and I, under the social directing of Betty Jones, met at a country steak house located near Lubbock, a few miles west on Fouth Street. Bill and Deanne Sowder joined us there for an early dinner.

From the steak house, we went directly to the Cactus Family Theater, located on Buddy Holly Street in south Lubbock. This is an old movie theater that's been converted to a live music play house featuring local talent. There was a full house for the Friday night performance.

There's a concession stand with popcorn and soda pops. We had just walked back into time ... circa 1950's.

Elvis the King performed first, Don Caldwell, a noted saxophone player, the Maines Brothers and the Cactus Kids helped to make up a cast of about 30 people.

The Hopsons and Sowders joined the Jones and Glens for breakfast in the hotel atrium, where they'd spent the night. Mrs. Sowder (Deanne) entered the atrium donned in Rudolph the red nose reindeer antlers on her head. She smiled and posed as several of the breakfast guests snapped pictures of "Rudolph."

V.C. and I continued on our way to visit several friends who once called Dimmitt home. Our first stop was the Hubert Edward's apartment at the MacKenzie assisted living complex. They moved there on Thursday. They seemed very happy. Willie Mae was enjoying the convenience of walking down the hall for meals and having friendly people to visit.

We made our way to Darrell and Nell Kenmore (DHS Class of 1949). Their grandson, Ryan of Grand Rapids, Mich., had just flown in for a holiday visit with

More about

Nominations . . .

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"Nominations may be made in letter form if the nominator prefers," Sava added.

The nomination form asks for "contributions to the community worthy of recognition, 'professional awards or achievements' and attributes which qualify the nominee as an outstanding citizen.

Sava said the same form may be used to nominate citizens for

the Kenmores and his mother, Paulette (DHS Class circa 1972).

Paulette was making preparations for a birthday party in Dimmitt Saturday night for Jerry Frazier and friends.

V.C. and I made our way to the cafeteria and a late lunch. Billy and Ruth Hackleman were also there. They'd been browsing through the mall and enjoyed the Christmas sights. I think visiting the mall two Saturdays before Christmas is like visiting a war zone.

On our way out of Lubbock we stopped at the University Medical Center to check on Charlie Wohlgenuth, who is recuperating from surgery that was required after a bad fall. Charlie's daughter-in-law, a Texas state representative, Arlene (DHS Class of 1965) of Burleson, was at her bedside. The ICU visiting hours were over and Arlene walked with me out to our car to visit with V.C. and to see the book *Grassroots Women* by Meg McKain Grier. This book is a memoir of the Texas Republic party.

Arlene's main goal for the state congressional session in 2002 is to stop a group of Congress people who are spending the Texas treasury dry with the intention of forcing a state income tax. We need to write letters!

The E.M. Jones family had their children for their annual holiday dinner on Sunday. Those present were Roger and Sherry (Cole) Jones and children, Shawn and Nicole, and grandchildren, Mattie and Gracie of Amarillo; Bill and Suzan Sanders and Kami; Debbie and Danny Underwood and David and Dennis; Connie and Coby Gilbreath and Chauncy, Cailee and Carly.

Other family members were E.M.'s brother, Loyd Jones, and his daughter, Lola, and Betty's nephew, Don Hunicutt, all of Lubbock.

The Bill Sowders attended Texas Tech graduation Saturday afternoon. Deanne's son, Jimmy Harris, graduated cum laude with a degree in substance abuse.

either award; however, the *Citizen of the Year* selection will emphasize recent contributions and accomplishments rather than lifetime achievements.

"We know a lot of people who are deserving of these awards, but we need for them to be nominated—and I cannot do it," Sava said.

For more information, call Sava at 647-2524.

Sunday afternoon the Session of the First Presbyterian of Dimmitt, Texas honored the late Rev. Ed Freeman, pastor emeritus and his wife, Betty, lady of the manse, for all they had done in Dimmitt as pastor and ministers to the congregation. People from all denominations were there. Renise Blair, Peter Freeman and Helen Braafladt sang specials and played the instruments. The Rev. Rich Schempp and pastor, Connie, led the worship service.

Betty Freeman was in the hospital and unable to attend, but they made a tape for her to enjoy later.

Jane and Loyd Vaughan were hosts for the annual Republican Women's Christmas party.

The Vaughan's house was decorated inside and out. Even the patio looked Christmasy. Each guest brought her favorite Christmas goodie and shared her recipe.

Karen Smith, president for the year 2001, led the installation service for the incoming officers for 2002. They are Patsy Franks, president; Robin Gonzales, vice-president; Carolyn Jones, secretary and Frances Duke, treasurer.

Nati and Olivia Ortiz, along with their son, Sal, and his son, Nicholas, drove to Amarillo where they met their son, Danny, and their daughter, Rosa. They all drove to Waco to see the Blanco Panthers play for the Class AA Division I State Championship. Blanco beat Van Allstyn, 16-0, to win the championship. Their son, former Dimmitt coach Gus Ortiz, is offensive coordinator for the Panthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ortiz' two daughters, Elize and Becky, and their spouses and family also went.

They all met for an after game celebration with Gus, his wife, Esmie, and their three boys. Gus was very proud of the his state championship!

The next day they all got together at the Golden Corral for breakfast and then they departed.

Tex and Norma Conard and daughter and son-in-law, Larry and Sharon Sadler, attended a Harden Simmons graduation ceremony in Abilene recently. Tex and Norma's daughter, Juanelle Winsor's son, Cory Winsor, graduated with a major in business management. His class was a record for a December class in the history of Harden Simmons University.

Pauline Hoyler and her daughter and son-in-law, Paula and



Sammy Fernandez (right) shows off his first deer of the season, The Mule Deer weights 319 pounds and grades 5 X 5. He harvested the deer in Gray County near Pampa. On the left is Ray Fernandez holding Malisa who doesn't seem to interested in touching the deer.

Tommy Portwood attended the Texas Tech graduation Saturday afternoon. Pauline's granddaughter, Kristina Harris, graduated cum laude with a communications degree in Agricultural Science.

Former Dimmitt resident, Stephan Villanueva, is presently serving in Afghanistan.

He recently wrote, "I am thankful to have come from a community such as ours and also thankful for their support in our time of need. I hope they have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The holidays are a lonely time for Stephan to be so far away from his family and friends. Letters from home could help. His mailing address is:

Stephan Villanueva
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The former Dimmitt people who now reside in Lubbock and have regular luncheon get-togethers, enjoyed a holiday lunch at a little tea room on 50th Street. Some of those present were Linda Miers, Dickie (Holcomb) Jean Dulaney, Nell Kenmore, Deanne (Clark) Sowder and Bessie Elder.

When the Sowders were in the midst of wedding and reception preparations, they were also playing cupid. Deanne introduced Bessie Elder to A.W. Voight. Wedding bells are now in the near future for them.

Maybe we should name this

column On the Go by Dorothy Hopson and Deanne Sowder. She helps to create a lot of the news, is a good friend of many Dimmitt people and contributes frequently to this column. Deanne was also a regular contributor to the column when

Mary Edna Hendrix was writing it. I'm sure she appreciated the input as I do.

We'd like to know about your holiday happenings. Please call the number at the top! Merry Christmas!

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Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000	
REVENUES:					
Local and Intermediate Sources:					
	Investment Income	\$ 200,434	\$ 1,193	\$ 201,627	\$ 219,016
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	2,895,678	98,258	2,993,936	3,569,037
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	3,096,112	99,451	3,195,563	3,788,053
5800	State Program Revenues	4,531,568	360,220	4,891,788	4,985,816
5900	Federal Program Revenues	34,493	1,453,227	1,487,720	1,402,693
5020	Total Revenues	7,662,173	1,912,898	9,575,071	10,176,562
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	4,872,050	1,083,849	5,955,899	6,097,491
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	600,918	77,067	677,985	702,784
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	858,714	756,112	1,614,826	1,445,079
0040	Administrative Support Services	368,044	-	368,044	454,188
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	977,138	42,550	1,019,688	899,777
0060	Ancillary Services	14,463	22,853	37,316	16,904
0080	Capital Outlay	65,426	17,384	82,810	1,717,969
6030	Total Expenditures	7,756,753	1,999,815	9,756,568	11,334,192
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(94,580)	(86,917)	(181,497)	(1,157,630)
7020	Other Resources	-	39,547	39,547	68,835
8030	Other (Uses)	(39,547)	-	(39,547)	(68,834)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(134,127)	(47,370)	(181,497)	(1,157,629)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,532,155	47,370	2,579,525	3,737,155
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,398,028	\$ -	\$ 2,398,028	\$ 2,579,526

People



Students sing carols, make cookies, gifts

Students at Richardson Elementary School and Dimmitt Middle School have adopted a project of giving this holiday season, and it's all connected to this month's Character Counts theme of "Caring."

According to Sue Howell, the students have been visiting Dimmitt residents in their homes, and they've also spent time with residents at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home and the Dimmitt Senior Citizen Apartments.

When visiting the elderly residents of the community, Howell said the students sing Christmas carols and deliver homemade cookies, spiced tea and hot chocolate mix.

The students baked the cookies themselves, and some of these were delivered to the retired teachers.

Students also made ornaments for the tree at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home, and they made small wreaths to serve as tray favors at Plains Memorial Hospital, according to Howell.

Blood drive nets 16 units

The Castro Masonic Lodge sponsored a blood drive in Dimmitt on Nov. 27, and 16 units of blood were collected for the Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

"We appreciate all who turned out for the blood drive, even though the weather wasn't very cooperative," said a spokesperson for the Masons.

Free t-shirts were presented to all blood donors.



James Emiliano and Nichole Dobmeier

January wedding set

Neil and Susie Dobmeier of Odessa announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nichole, to James Emiliano of Andrews.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jimmie Schulte and Brigitta Dobmeier, both of Nazareth.

The couple are planning to marry on Jan. 5.

Miss Dobmeier is a graduate of A Beka Home School Program and Texas Bible Institute.

The prospective groom graduated from Andrews High School. He is a professional baseball player. He attended Odessa College and Florida International before being drafted by the Colorado Rockies baseball franchise in 1995.

The bride-to-be is currently employed at Odessa Christian Faith Center in Odessa, but she will be moving and traveling with her husband after the wedding.

Music event set Dec. 28

An authentic Christmas tradition will unfold again this year on the "Fourth Day of Christmas," which is Friday, Dec. 28, when Home Mercantile in Nazareth hosts its West Texas Christmas program.

Bright colors, candlelight and holiday decor will provide the backdrop for a family party to which everyone is invited.

A potluck meal will kick off the evening at 6 p.m., and special refreshments will be provided.

Music will be provided by The String Technicians, featuring guitarist Joe Gillis, fiddle Jean Warren and upright bass player Chet Calcote.

The trio will perform a unique collection of Christmas songs including some classics and rarely heard songs like *Christmas in the Trenches*, *West Texas Christmas* and Andy Wilkinson's *Tumbleweed Christmas Tree*.

After the show, local musicians will be invited to take the stage and lead a sing-along of holiday music and other favorites.

There is no admission charge, but those attending the meal are asked to bring a covered dish. Donations will be accepted to meet building expenses and fund future programs.

Doss and Ivy exchange vows Saturday in double-ring ceremony

Kristin Michelle Doss and Jonathon Keith Ivy were married Saturday in a formal, double-ring candlelight ceremony at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Kevin Wood officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Kenny and Renee Doss of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Ronald and Janice Ivy, also of Dimmitt.

A heart-shaped candelabra flanked by two spiral candelabra decorated the front of the church. The candelabra were accented with white tulle, ivory and burgundy roses and bows. The pews were marked with candelabra and bows along the bridal path.

Music was provided by pianist Christina Addison and guitarist David Mixson. Soloist Robin Gonzales sang *Parents' Prayer*, *I Could Not Ask for More*, and *When You Say Nothing At All*.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a full white ball gown of organza with soft blush satin roses on the off-the-shoulder sleeves. Satin roses also cascaded down around the hemline. Beautifully seeded pearls and sequined lace embellished the corset bodice of matte satin.

She wore a rhinestone and pearl tiara with a flowing cathedral veil edged in satin ribbon.

Her bouquet, made by Lea Lindeman, her cousin from Hondo, featured red roses, white star lilies, Christmas greenery and strands of pearls.

In keeping with tradition, the bride wore something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.

For "something blue," she wore a sapphire bracelet given to her by five very special people—Coby, Connie, Chauncey, Cailee and Carly Gilbreath. "Something old" was a linen handkerchief from Germany with a monogrammed "K"

which the bride received as a gift from her Aunt Pauletta on the day she was born. For "something borrowed," the bride wore a ring belonging to her mother. "Something new" was a drop pearl necklace and earrings given to the bride from her Nanny Patti.

Matron of honor was Martha Ibarra of Dimmitt, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Valerie Gonzales of Portales, N.M. and Allison Roberson of Amarillo, friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore two-piece gowns made of dark burgundy taffeta and they carried bouquets of white roses, Christmas berries and Christmas greenery.

Best man was Wesley Mays of Denton, friend of the groom. Groomsman were Chris Davis of Hart, friend of the groom; and Keenon Doss of Dimmitt, brother of the bride.

Lori Lindeman of Plainview, cousin of the bride; and Emily Roberson of Amarillo, friend of the bride, served as candle lighters.

Ring bearer was Andrew Zimmer of Amarillo, the groom's nephew.

Flower girl was Carolyn Carey of Amarillo, a special friend of the bride.

Guests were seated by Keevin Sanders and Raymond Powers, both of Dimmitt.



MRS. JONATHON KEITH IVY
... nee Kristin Michelle Doss

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Three, seven-foot pewter columns filled with white tulle, burgundy rose buds and twinkle lights were placed beside and behind the bride's table.

The centerpiece on the bride's table featured two mirrored swans and mirrored candle stands in different shapes and heights.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered white cake decorated with white ribbon and roses. Tall columns held the cake above a fountain. Rings of fresh red roses and Christmas greenery encircled the fountain and graced the top of the two octagon side cakes.

A silver urn of Christmas wassel completed the table decor.

The groom's table held a Christmas tree decorated with red, white and blue ornaments and lights with a flag topper.

The table held the groom's German chocolate cake and a large pewter candle stand with a crystal globe and floating candles.

Chamber's holiday drawing winners listed

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and its participating merchants held the final holiday drawings for Dimmitt Dollars and other prizes on Monday, and Josh Arguijo was the big Dimmitt Dollars winner, claiming the \$100 prize.

Arguijo registered at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

Dimmitt Dollars winners who received \$25 on Monday were J.R. Rials, who signed up at Alco; and Betty Birkenfeld, who registered at Bobcat Barber Shop.

Prizes worth \$10 in Dimmitt Dollars were presented to Christine Longoria, who signed up at Headhunters; Sam Raper Jr., who registered at Kittrell Electronics; Tami Nelson, who registered at Tots and Teens; Gloria Gonzales, who registered

dles. The food table was decorated with large shell pewter serving pieces with fruits and vegetables flowing from the pieces. Bread and meat trays were presented on large pewter trays.

Round tables covered with burgundy linen cloths were set up for guests, and each table held a different decoration of silk, pewter and floating candles.

Silk trees with white lights decorated the Fellowship Hall. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Angel Fire, N.M. after the wedding.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is a senior at West Texas A&M University Canyon, and she is majoring in elementary education. She is a member of Gamma Phi National Honor Society and Phi Eta Sigma.

The groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1997. He joined the US Marine Corps and is now a sergeant marksmanship instructor stationed at Camp Pendleton in California. In the past, he has served in Kuwait and Okinawa.

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A welcome addition



We're pleased to introduce Dr. Josefina Diaz-Vogt, our staff psychiatrist

Dr. Diaz-Vogt comes to us from El Paso, where she served her four-year specialist's residency in the Dept. of Neuropsychiatry at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She was named the Resident of the Year in 1998. A native of the Republic of Panama, she is a graduate of Canal Zone College and earned her M.D. degree from the University of Panama School of Medicine in 1983. She was a general practitioner in Panama 10 years before deciding to specialize in psychiatry. She is the staff psychiatrist for the Welch Home Place; is available for private appointments at the Medical Center of Dimmitt; and serves as a consulting psychiatrist for Plains Memorial Hospital. "The people here are very, very nice," she said. "That's the first thing I noticed when I came here to interview."

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MR. AND MRS. TERYLE JAY McEWEN
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Wooten and McEwen are married in October

Amy Lynn Wooten and Teryle Jay McEwen exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 13 at Dimmitt Municipal Airport with the Rev. John Hunter officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Darlene and Bob Walters and Rex and Jerrye Wooten, all of Dimmitt. The bride is the granddaughter of Ruby Wooten of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Dontie McEwen of Amarillo and Morris McEwen of San Antonio.

The bride was brought to the ceremony in a Robinson R-22 helicopter flown by her brother, Dudley Wooten. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an ivory matte satin gown and an ivory veil trimmed with pearls.

Maid of honor was Katie Bills of Canyon, niece of the bride. Bridesmaids were Halley Steinhilber of Arlington and

Nadine Latham of Beaumont, friends of the bride.

Shaileigh McEwen of Amarillo, niece of the groom, served as the flower girl.

Best man was Ken McEwen of Amarillo, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Brandon McEwen of Amarillo, brother of the groom; and Abel Vargas of Amarillo, friend of the groom.

Guests were seated by Jason Wooten of Dimmitt, Rusty Wooten of College Station, and Bruce Bills and Curt Bills, both of Earth, nephews of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Pro-Ag Inc. hangar, owned by Max and Delese Ellison of Nazareth.

Guests enjoyed dinner, dancing and a beautiful October sunset.

The newlyweds are home in Amarillo after enjoying a honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico.

Hart Band will present holiday show

The student bands from Hart Independent School District will present a Christmas concert tonight (Thursday) at 7 in the Hart Elementary School gym.

The fifth-grade band will perform first, followed by the sixth-grade band, the seventh-grade band and then the high school band, which includes students in the eighth through 12th grades.

Shot clinic set

Individuals who would like a pneumonia vaccine or a flu vaccine may receive the injections today (Thursday) at a special shot clinic at the Hart Independent School District's School-Based Health Clinic.

The Texas Dept. of Health has a limited number of pneumonia vaccines available, according to Retta Knox, director of the Hart clinic.

The pneumonia vaccine is available at no cost for those 60 years and older who have not received the vaccine in previous years.

Knox said one pneumonia vaccine is good for a lifetime.

Flu vaccines are still available and cost for this immunization is \$10.



RES FIRST GRADERS pose with Dimmitt resident Courtenay Armstrong after they visited her home, treating her to a private concert of Christmas carols recently. Students also have been making cookies, hot chocolate and spiced tea which they give to residents they visit during the holiday season.

Photo by Sue Howell

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County, Dimmitt, Hart see drop in sales tax rebates

Sales tax rebates jumped in Castro County and in the cities of Hart and Nazareth during December, but Dimmitt's rebate was down slightly.

Dimmitt's rebate for December was off 3.19%, from \$28,481.39 in December 2000 to \$27,571.81 this month. So far this year, Dimmitt has earned \$295,705.42 from its 1.5% sales tax. That's down 8.5% from the \$323,188.47 issued through December 2000.

Hart saw its rebate for November jump 55.05% from \$1,214.92 in December 2000 to \$1,883.80 this month. Hart collects a 1% tax rate that has earned the city \$19,009.09 so far this year. Through December 2000, Hart earned \$19,929.08, so this year's total is off 4.61%.

Nazareth has enjoyed an increase in its sales tax rebates so far this year, and December's payment almost doubled from

2000 totals.

This month's payment to Nazareth totaled \$2,030.94, a 93.08% jump from the \$1,051.83 issued to the city in 2000. That brings the city's yearly total to \$18,680.57, compared with \$16,005.91 paid through December of 2000 (an increase of 16.71%).

Castro County's rebate for December totaled \$12,700.94, up from the \$11,960.08 issued last year for the same period (a 6.9% increase).

The county has earned \$136,412.30 in sales tax rebates so far this year, compared with \$136,801.07 through December a year ago (a drop of 0.90%).

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Sports



Bobcats dunk Caprock, 61-39

Dimmitt turned up the heat defensively in the third quarter against Caprock Friday night, and their stifling defense enabled the Bobcats to break open a close game for an eventual 61-

39 victory. Leading by just eight at halftime, Dimmitt was about to outscore the Longhorns 12-3 in the third quarter, and Caprock never recovered.

Austin Sherman led Dimmitt in scoring with 17 points, despite being held to a single jumper in the first half. He came to life in the third, scoring six points in that stanza, before dominating in the fourth quarter with nine points.

Dimmitt had two others finish in double-digit scoring—Brent Josselet had 13 and Nicky Gauna chipped in 10. Rounding out the Bobcats' scoring were Matthew Gauna and Lee Brown with 5 apiece, Matthew Wright with 4, Brandon Furr with 3 and Patrick Hunter and Kenneth Worsham with 2 each.

Nicky Gauna dominated the paint in the first quarter, scoring eight of his 10 points as he picked up the slack when Sherman was cold from the field.

Behind Gauna's offensive play, Dimmitt jumped out to a 14-7 lead.

The Bobcats allowed the Longhorns only two field goals in that first quarter.

Caprock found a spark in the second quarter, getting scoring production from three individuals for 13 points, but Dimmitt was a point better in the stanza, and led 28-20 at the break.

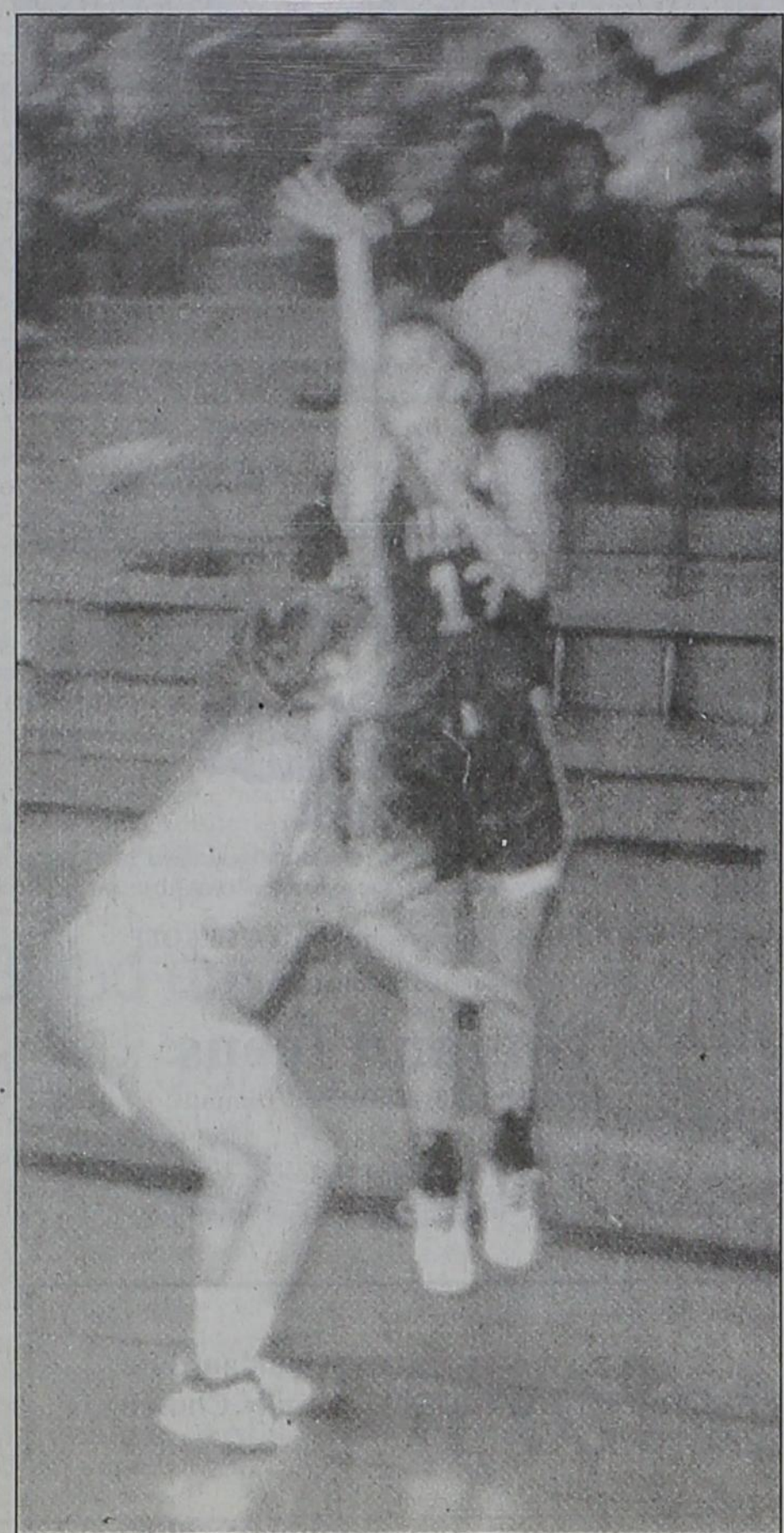
Josselet, Matthew Gauna and Furr each popped threes in the quarter while Lee Brown picked up his five points in the second.

The Bobcats took some high percentage shots in the third period, with Sherman finally locating his mark for six points. Wright added a pair of jumpers and Josselet connected on one for a 40-23 lead.

Josselet and Sherman put the game on ice in the fourth quarter, scoring 15 of Dimmitt's 21 points as the Bobcats rolled to victory.

Dimmitt attempted just six free throws in the game, and the Bobcats connected on four of the attempts. Dimmitt shooters swished five treys in the game.

The Bobcats' record improved to 11-3 with the win.



Jenna Steinle (13) drains a three in action against River Road last Friday. The Bobbies lost a heart-breaker 53-49 after leading in the third quarter.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Second-half slump sinks Bobbies Friday

The Dimmitt Bobbies had a great first half against River Road Friday night, but the Bobbies faltered in the second half, allowing the Lady Cats to come back and claim the win.

River Road overcame a 21-24 halftime deficit for a 53-49 win in a see-saw battle at Caprock High School in Amarillo.

The Lady Cats won the game at the free throw line, hitting 16-of-25 charity tosses.

Dimmitt shooters stepped to the line 11 times and they cashed in on six of their free throws.

The Bobbies were paced by Caitlin Buckley and Sharla Kenworthy, who finished with 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Also contributing to the Bobbies' offensive attack were Jenna Steinle, who had eight points; Kelsey Welch, who had seven; Sally Stahl, who had six; and Lauren Waggoner and Lyndee Behrends, who had one apiece.

The bulk of River Road's scoring production came from three players—Jena Morrison, who had 17, Kylie Lyons, who finished with 16, and Brandee Davidson, who tallied 10.

The first quarter saw Dimmitt jump out to a 15-13 lead.

Kenworthy picked up a couple of jumpers and tacked on a free throw to one of the made shots to lead Dimmitt in the quarter. Steinle pumped in four points, Welch added a three-point play, Buckley sank a pair of free throws and Behrends made one of two charity tosses.

Dimmitt managed to maintain its lead at halftime, thanks to a defense that limited River Road to two field goals and four free throws in the second quarter.

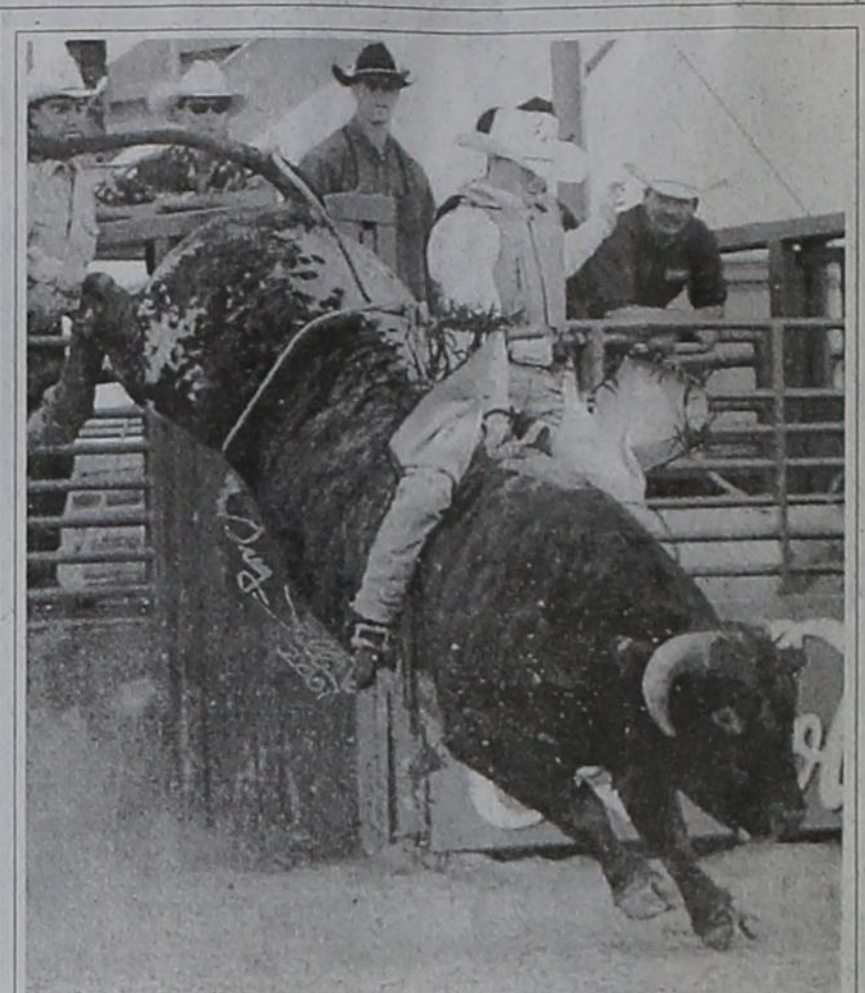
The Bobbies got a three-pointer from Stahl, four points from Buckley and another jumper by Steinle to take a 24-21 lead into the locker room at the break.

River Road battled back in the third quarter and managed to tie the game at 35.

Buckley scored seven of Dimmitt's 11 points in the stanza, counting a three-pointer among her shots, but Dimmitt couldn't hold onto its lead.

Davidson and Morrison were able to spark the Lady Cats in the third, picking up a combined 11 points.

River Road took the lead early in the fourth quarter and although the Bobbies fought back and tied the game, the couldn't regain their early lead.



GREG FULLER gets a good score while riding "Shooters" of Bad moon Rodeo company at the OHKAY Casino and Resort in San Juan Pueblo, N.M. recently. Armstrong has won the TCRA bull riding championship for the second year in a row.

Photo by Brent Armstrong

Greg Fuller defends TCRA bull riding championship

Dimmitt's Greg Fuller has defended his bull riding championship in the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association (TCRA), finishing the year with more than \$10,000 in prize money in the year-end standings.

This was the second straight year for Fuller to claim the bull riding crown, and he earned \$5,000 more in prize money than reserve champion, Layne McCaslin of Wheeler.

TCRA rodeos were held throughout Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas from May through October. The finals were held Nov. 23-25 at the Amarillo National Center.

In the finals, Fuller finished second in the second go-round and split third and fourth in the third round.

During 2002, Fuller will compete mainly in Professional Cowboy Rodeo Association (PRCA) and Professional Bull Riders (PBR) events across the United States. He is currently a card holder in the PRCA and is filing his permit in the PBR.

Bobbies and Bobcats tip off Dec. 27 in big Caprock Tournament

Lubbock's annual basketball marathon kicks off on Dec. 27 and the Dimmitt Bobbies and Bobcats will part of the 64-team melee.

The Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament features 32 girls' teams and 32 boys' teams, and games will be played at seven different Lubbock gyms—Frenship, Lubbock Coronado's big gym, Lubbock Coronado's auxiliary gym, Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock High, Lubbock Monterey's new gym and Lubbock Monterey's old box gym.

In first-round action next Thursday, Dec. 27, Dimmitt's Bobbies will play Trinity Christian at 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock High.

The Bobcats' first-round game will be against Panhandle at 4:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado.

Teams competing in the girls' tournament are Lorenzo, Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock Co-

per, Lubbock High, Sudan, Lamesa, Abernathy, Midland Lee, Frenship, Dalhart, Happy, Panhandle, Lubbock Monterey, Hereford, El Paso Americas, Lubbock Coronado, Goldthwaite, El Paso Franklin, Perryton, Centennial, Spearman, Odessa Permian, Trinity Christian, Dimmitt, Brownfield, Arlington, Shallowater, Amarillo Caprock, Borger and Friona.

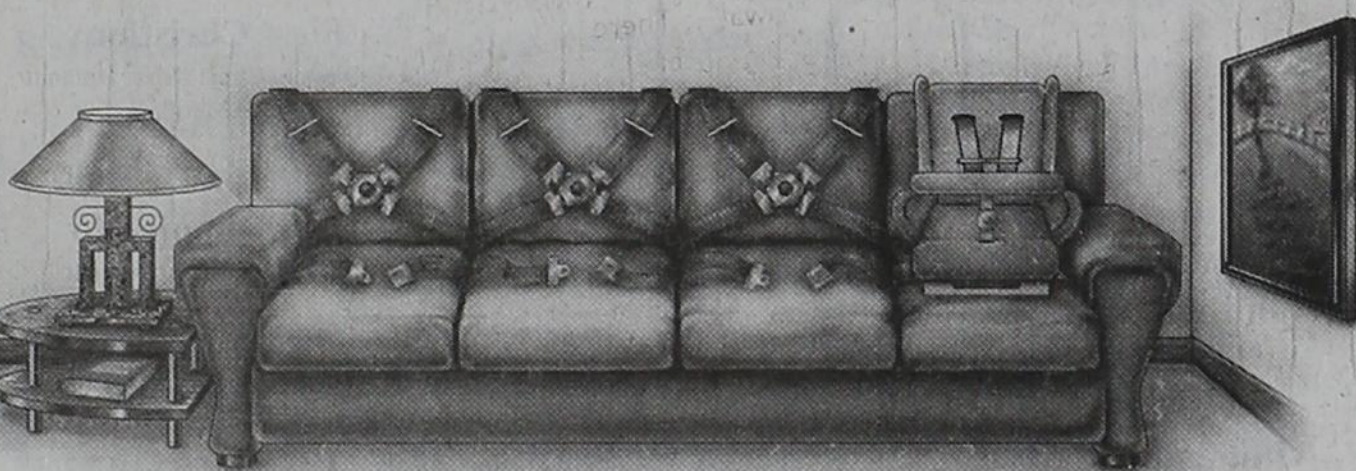
Boys' teams are Lubbock Monterey, Muleshoe, Happy, Lubbock Cooper, Lorenzo, Shallowater, Abernathy, Trinity Christian, Hereford, Abilene, St. Michael's, San Angelo Central, Panhandle, El Paso Bowie, Lubbock Estacado, Connally, El Paso Coronado, Caprock, Burkburnett, Borger, Seminole, Pampa, El Paso Montwood, Palo Duro, Frenship, Lubbock High, Arlington, Kermit, Dalhart, Lovelland and Lubbock Coronado.

The Bobbies will play either Brownfield or Arlington in second-round action, with the winners squaring off on Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado. Losers in the two first-round games will play Dec. 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado.

If the Bobcats beat Panhandle, they'll face the El Paso Bowie-Lubbock Estacado winner at 9 a.m. Dec. 28 at Frenship. The Dimmitt-Panhandle and Bowie-Estacado losers will square off at 12 noon on Dec. 28 at Frenship.

Teams could play as many as five games in the three-day tournament.

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Nicky Gauna (23) soars above everyone as he prepares to shoot in a recent game against Caprock High. Looking on are Patrick Hunter (24) and Mathew Wright (14). The Bobcats won 61-39. Photo by Chris Bradford



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Swifts will head to Fort Worth for Whataburger Tournament

The Nazareth Swifts will play Lake Worth at 9 p.m. next Thursday, Dec. 27, in a first-round game of the 2001 Whataburger Basketball Tournament in Fort Worth. Nazareth will be playing in the small school (Class AAA-Class AA-Class A) division of the annual holiday tournament, and the Swifts' games will be played at Haltom High School. If Nazareth beats Lake Worth, the Swifts will advance to the championship quarterfinals against the All Saints-Lipan winner at 2 p.m. on Dec. 28.

Losers in the two first-round matchups will square off at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 28. Other teams competing in the small school division are Italy, Brookeland, Ponder, Country Day, Harvest Christian, Farwell, Birdville, Alvarado, Azle, Kennard, Simms James Bowie and Trinity Valley. On Dec. 29, final-round action includes the consolation championship at 3 p.m., the fifth-place game at 4:30 p.m., the third-place game at 6 p.m. and the championship at 7:30 p.m.

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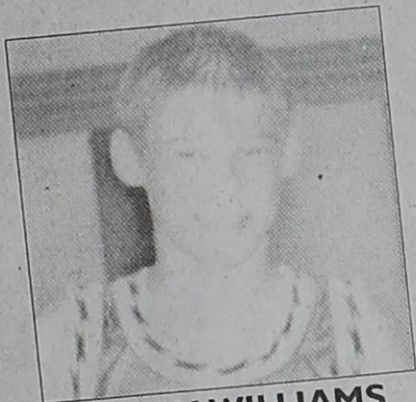
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Bobcats

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- 80, Clint 65
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- 77, Borger 62
- 62, Plainview 63
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Swifts are loaded with experience

The Nazareth Swifts have adopted some lofty goals for the 2001-02 season, but with an entire starting lineup and full slate of lettermen back from last year's state finalist team, their goals could be within reach.

At the top of the Swifts' list of goals is winning the state championship and the Texas Cup.

A year ago, Nazareth lost to Goodrich in the state finals. Only one player is missing from that team—graduated reserve post Wade Price.

"Last year we got a taste of it (playing in the state tournament). But to get there and lose like we did was a major disappointment. It's served as an incentive for us to get back to Austin and win it all this time," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough.

The Swifts got a late start on this year's basketball season because the majority of the team was still playing football. The Swifts' gridiron crew advanced to the regional semifinal round.

The Swifts have only been in the gym for three weeks, but they have posted some impressive wins, losing just one game in their first six—a one-point loss to Class AAA power Shallowater in the semifinals of

the I-27 Invitation. Nazareth finished third in that tournament.

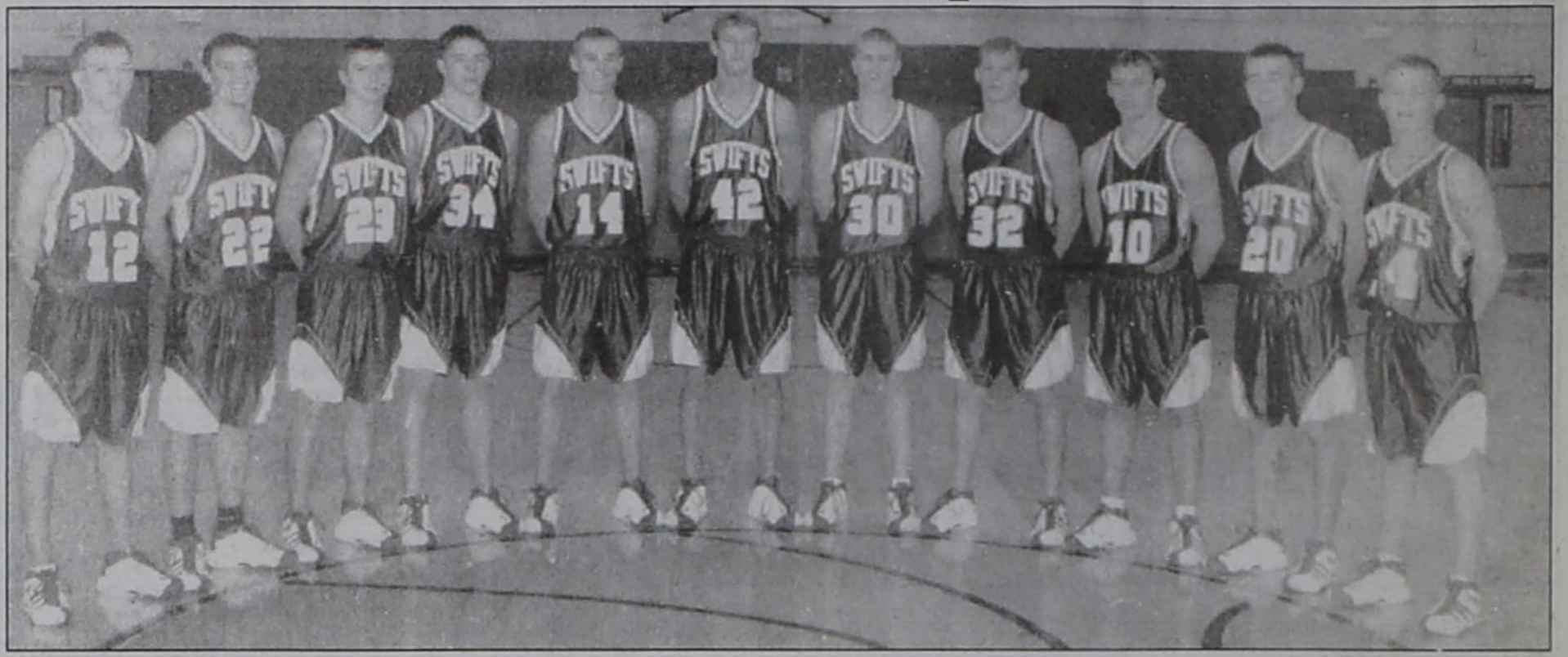
"Our short-term goals include trying to get into shape," Scarbrough said. "That's the main thing we're focused on. We've got a lot of experience returning and it's not like we're teaching new stuff. We just need to get our basketball legs under us."

Headlining the list of returnees are all-stars Kade Wilcox, a 5-10 senior guard; and Eric Schilling, a 6-4 junior post.

Other returning starters are Ky Wilcox, a 5-11 senior guard who has recovered from a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) knee injury he suffered last December in a holiday tournament; Blake Birkenfeld, a 5-10 senior point guard who is currently recuperating from a broken collar bone he suffered during football season; and Daryl Pohlmeier, a 6-0 senior post.

Trey Robb, a 5-10 sophomore guard, stepped into the starting lineup last year when Ky Wilcox suffered the season-ending knee injury.

Other lettermen returning are Justin Kleman, a 6-2 junior post; Tyler Ehly, a 6-2 junior post; Chase Schulte, a 5-6 junior post;



THE NAZARETH SWIFTS return almost their entire lineup from 2001 when they advanced to the state finals, and this year's group is aiming for that championship plateau again. Team

members are (from left) Chase Schulte, Kade Wilcox, Trey Robb, Jordy Rowland, Justin Kleman, Eric Schilling, Tyler Ehly, Daryl Pohlmeier, Ky Wilcox, Blake Birkenfeld and Brock Birkenfeld.

Photo by Anne Acker

and Brock Birkenfeld, a 5-7 sophomore point.

Joining the veterans this season will be newcomer Jordy Rowland, a 6-0 sophomore guard.

Since Blake Birkenfeld is out with his collar bone injury, his younger brother, Brock, has stepped into the starting lineup as point guard this season.

Scarbrough said he expects Blake Birkenfeld, who is a three-year starter, to return to action by the time district rolls around in January.

"Blake brings a lot of experience and court savvy. He's a great defensive player and he's a great leader. He's one of those guys that is the glue that holds the team together," Scarbrough said.

The Wilcox twins are both four-year starters.

Ky Wilcox saw his season come to an end just after Christmas last year when he tore his ACL in the Whataburger Tournament in Fort Worth. But a year of rehab has strengthened his knee and he's back in the starting lineup.

"We're glad to have Ky back," Scarbrough said. "He's a big scoring threat, he's a great jumper, a good athlete and a

good rebounder. He has a lot of experience."

"Kade is one of our main scorers. He's very quick and is a good defender. He handles the ball well," Scarbrough said.

Schilling has started since he was a freshman, and he gives the Swifts some much-needed size inside the paint, and he was virtually unstoppable through the playoffs last year.

"Eric's very talented. He can play inside and outside. His defense has improved this year. He's one of our main rebounders," Scarbrough said.

Pohlmeier, a four-year starter, is the "blue collar worker" of the bunch, according to Scarbrough.

"Daryl plays good defense and gets a lot of rebounds. He's a very physical player. I think, along with Blake, he's what helps bring our team together. You've got to have guys like Blake and Daryl."

Brock Birkenfeld and Schulte are filling in at the point guard while Blake Birkenfeld is recuperating.

Scarbrough said Brock Birkenfeld is very quick and is a good ballhandler who makes good decisions. He describes the sophomore as a "sparkplug who plays hard."

He said Schulte "is showing improvement and is playing with more confidence. He's got a good shot and is a good ballhandler."

Kleman is described by Scarbrough as a "great defender. He hustles. He's probably one of our most improved players. He's been scoring more on offense. He's playing good defense and he's rebounding."

Ehly brings quickness and good shooting skills to the team, and he's got decent height at 6-2. "Tyler's been doing a good job of rebounding this year. He's one of those kids that gives us good depth."

Robb saw a lot of playing time last year, especially when Ky Wilcox was injured.

"Trey is a great defender. He's a very aggressive player and he can score. His game is similar to Ky's. He goes to the basket hard and is aggressive on both ends of the court."

Scarbrough said Rowland is a good athlete and a good shooter. He's a newcomer to Nazareth,

but Scarbrough said he thinks once he adjusts to the system, he'll be a big asset.

The Swifts will be doing what they have done the past four years,

"We'll try and take advantage of our speed and our quickness. We'll play an up-tempo game and we'd like to score from our transition game."

"Defensively, we'll be man-to-man most of the time," Scarbrough said. "We'll play full-court man and be aggressive with trapping in the half-court."

Scarbrough said his team's strength is the experience of the starters and bench, and the depth he does have off the bench.

"This is probably the deepest team I've ever had," Scarbrough said.

That depth has been a big plus for the Swifts, especially with the injury last year to Ky Wilcox and this year's injury to Blake Birkenfeld.

Scarbrough hopes that experience and depth will lead his team to the Frank Erwin Center in March for another shot at the state crown.

Meet the Swifts

5—Brock Birkenfeld	5-7	Soph.	Point
10—Ky Wilcox	5-11	Senior	Guard
14—Justin Kleman	6-2	Junior	Post
15—Chase Schulte	5-6	Junior	Point
20—Blake Birkenfeld	5-10	Senior	Point
23—Trey Robb	5-10	Soph.	Guard
25—Kade Wilcox	5-10	Senior	Guard
30—Tyler Ehly	6-2	Junior	Post
32—Daryl Pohlmeier	6-0	Senior	Post
35—Jordy Rowland	6-0	Soph.	Guard
41—Eric Schilling	6-4	Junior	Post

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Swiftettes and Swifts
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KY WILCOX, Senior Guard

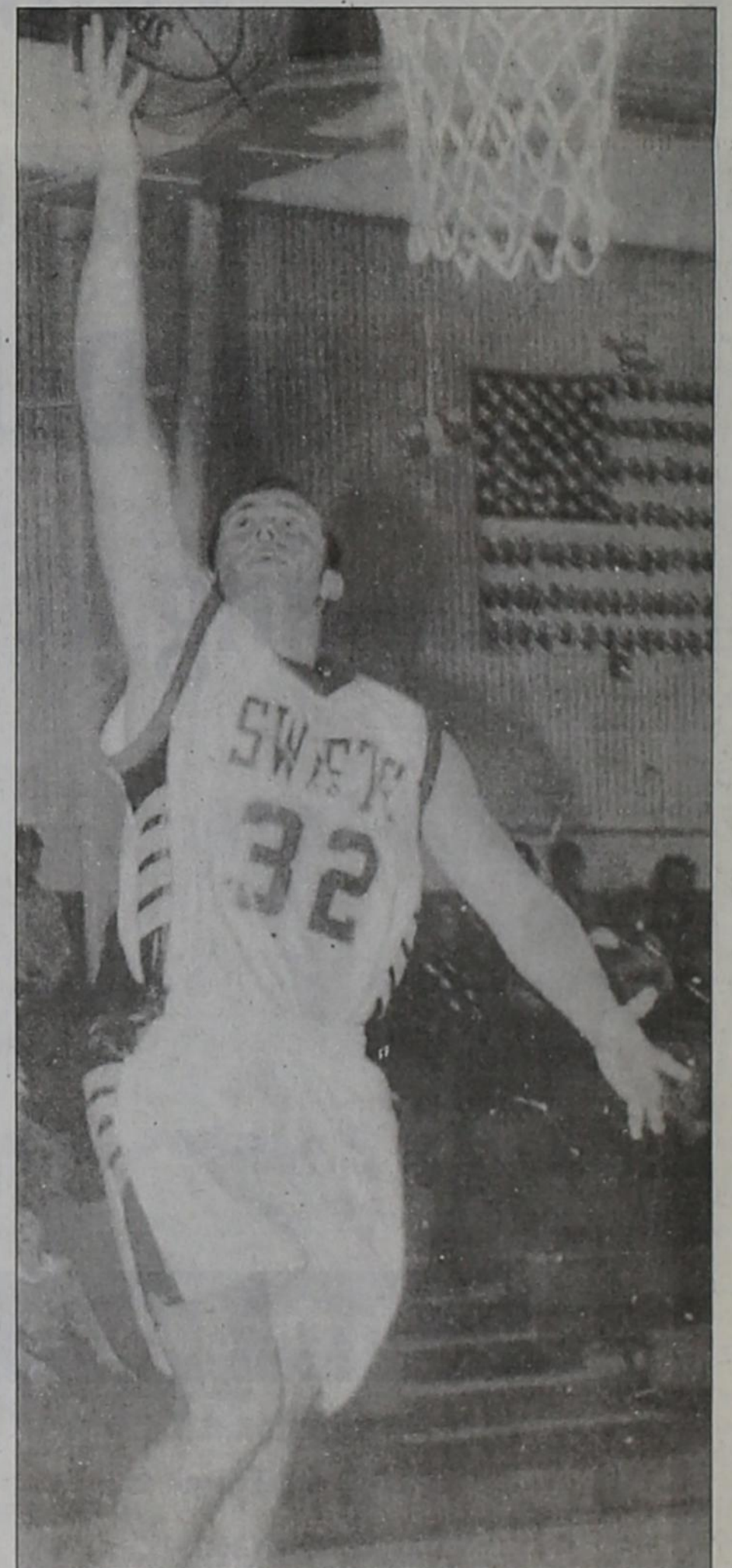


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EASY LAYUP—Nazareth ran the Vega Longhorns up and down the court Friday night, and Daryl Pohlmeier (32) was one of the Swifts who enjoyed several open fast break layups in the game. Pohlmeier led the Swifts with 14 points as they posted a 76-25 win at home.

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DRIVING INSIDE—Nazareth guard Wendy Black (30) penetrates and scores a short jumper during third-quarter action between the Swiftettes and Vega in Nazareth Friday night. The game was nip-and-tuck most of the way. The Swiftettes built a good lead in the third quarter, only to watch Vega chip away in the fourth quarter. Nazareth connected on free throws down the stretch to preserve the win, 56-48. Also pictured is Nazareth's Megan Schulte (40). Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swiftettes hold off feisty Vega squad

The top-ranked Nazareth Swiftettes had their hands full with an aggressive Vega squad Friday night, but the Swiftettes used patient ball control and accurate free throw shooting down the stretch to hold on for a 56-48 win.

The lead changed hands seven times in the game, but Nazareth finally took the lead for good when Stephanie Thiel stole a Vega inbound pass and popped a three from the baseline midway through the third quarter.

That play gave Nazareth a 36-33 lead and they never relinquished that lead, although Vega did pull within two with two minutes left in the game after Stacy Schenk hit three treys in the quarter.

The Lady Longhorns took the early 3-0 lead before Lesley Brockman tied the game for Nazareth when she hit a three from the baseline with 6:29 left.

Vega would take a 7-3 lead before Nazareth cut the gap and finally took its first lead on a Brockman three with 2:17 left in the quarter.

Brockman hit her third three of the quarter with 54 seconds left, giving Nazareth a 15-11 first-quarter lead.

The Swiftettes upped their lead to 24-11 early in the second quarter, using a three-point play and trey by Wendy Black and a long ball by Mandy Hoelting to open up action in the period.

Vega's Kelly Cleavinger pulled her team within three when she hit a three-pointer with 1:36 left in the first half, then she made it a one-point game after sinking a pair of free throws with 55 seconds.

Nazareth's one-point halftime lead, 29-28, was erased five seconds into the second half by Cleavinger, and Vega reeled off five points over the first two minutes of the quarter to take a 33-29 lead.

Nazareth didn't score a point in the third quarter until Megan Schulte executed a reverse layup on an inside post move with 3:38 left.

A pair of free throws by Black tied the game at 33, then Thiel hit a three, giving Nazareth the lead for good.

Schulte's layup started a 12-0 Nazareth run that was capped by a Black trey with 2:28 left. That gave Nazareth a 41-33 advantage.

The Swiftettes led by 10, 46-36, headed in the fourth quarter, but Vega methodically chipped away that lead behind Schenk's hot hand from beyond the arc.

After Schenk's last three pulled Vega within a bucket with two minutes left, Thiel put the game on ice with a penetration and left-handed layup, then

she made four free throws in the last 29 seconds to preserve the Swiftettes' lead.

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Swifts, Longhorns named all-district

The Nazareth Swifts and Hart Longhorns had several players named to the 2-A all-district team, which was released Monday.

Hart players named all-district are Keith Finch (6-0, 205-lb. senior), Jacob Reyna (5-9, 150-lb. senior), Salvador Velasquez (5-9, 140-lb. junior), Josh Finch (5-9, 150-lb. sophomore), Albert Velasquez (6-2, 175-lb. senior), Marcial Mendoza (6-0, 160-lb. senior), Rene Rincon (5-8, 145-lb. senior), Eric Gutierrez (5-11, 205-lb. senior) and Kenneth Wylie (5-11, 300-lb. junior).

Those making the all-district team from district runner-up and regional semifinalist Nazareth were Aaron Kern (5-10, 175-lb. senior), Eric Schilling (6-4, 174-lb. junior), Kade Wilcox (5-10, 160-lb. senior), Daryl Pohlmeier (6-0, 175-lb. senior), Blake Birkenfeld (5-10, 160-lb. senior) and Jase Merritt (6-0, 165-lb. senior).

The Swifts nailed down eight first-team positions while Hart had three first-team selections. On the second team, the Swifts placed three individuals while Hart had 11.

Headlining the list of county honorees were the following first-team selections:

Running Backs: Keith Finch of Hart and Aaron Kern of Nazareth.

Tight Ends: Eric Schilling of Nazareth.

Offensive Linemen: Daryl Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

Wide Receivers: Kade Wilcox of Nazareth and Jacob Reyna of Hart.

Linebackers: Aaron Kern of Nazareth.

Defensive Ends: Daryl Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

Defensive Backs: Kade Wilcox of Nazareth and Jacob Reyna of Hart.

Punter: Eric Schilling of Nazareth.

Those named to the all-district second team were:

Quarterbacks: Salvador

Velasquez of Hart and Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

Running Backs: Josh Finch of Hart.

Tight Ends: Albert Velasquez of Hart.

Offensive Linemen: Marcial Mendoza and Eric Gutierrez, both of Hart.

Center: Rene Rincon of Hart.

Defensive Linemen: Eric Gutierrez and Kenneth Wylie, both of Hart.

Linebackers: Leon Minjarez of Hart and Jase Merritt of Nazareth.

Defensive Ends: Albert Velasquez of Hart.

Defensive Backs: Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Keith Finch of Hart.

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Ortiz helps coach team to state title

Gus Ortiz, former Dimmitt High School assistant coach, helped lead Blanco's high school football team to the state championship in Class AA, Division I this season.

Ortiz is the offensive coordinator for the Blanco Panthers, a position he's held for the past three years.

A year ago, Blanco advanced to the state championship game before losing to Sonora.

This year the posted a 15-0 record enroute to the state championship.

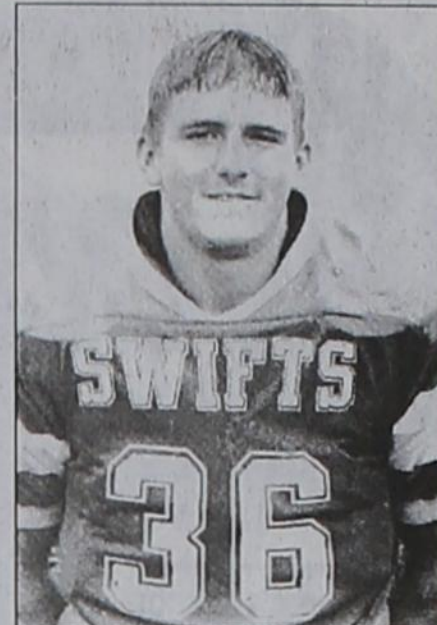
Ortiz is a Dimmitt High School graduate and he coached at DHS for eight years before moving to Blanco.

He is the son of Nati and Olivia Ortiz of Dimmitt.

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ALL-STATE QUARTERBACK ... Hart's Keith Finch



ALL-STATE LINEBACKER ... Nazareth's Aaron Kern

Aaron Kern, Keith Finch are selected as all-state

Two football standouts from Castro County have been selected to the Class A all-state team and another earned honorable mention honors.

The Associated Press released its all-state team for Class A on Monday, and Nazareth's Aaron Kern and Hart's Keith Finch earned second-team all-state honors at linebacker and quarterback, respectively.

Hart receiver Jacob Reyna and Kern, who was a running back on offense, earned honorable mention all-state honors.

Kern, a 5-10, 175-pound senior linebacker, recorded 168 tackles during the 2001 season, and that was tops for the Swifts, who advanced to the regional semifinals before falling to Pe-

tersburg. He also had one fumble recovery which he returned for a touchdown.

Kern has an honorable mention all-state selection at running back after he rushed for 1,474 yards and 16 touchdowns during the season. He also caught four passes for 48 yards.

Finch, a 6-0, 205-pound senior quarterback completed 29 of 59 passes for 439 yards and five touchdowns and he rushed 176 times for 1,579 yards and 18 TDs. He also caught five passes for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Reyna was one of Hart's leading receivers, and he hauled in 43 passes for 591 yards and eight touchdowns. He also carried the ball 27 times for 405 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

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Swifts' aggressive defense foils Vega

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midway through the quarter. By halftime, the Swifts had taken a commanding 42-15 lead.

Nazareth's defense continued to blanket the Longhorns, giving up just seven points in the third quarter and three in the fourth.

The Swifts were hot on the offensive end of the court, exploding with 34 second-half points for the victory.

Pohlmeier, who got the Swifts rolling in the first quarter, finished with 14 points to lead Nazareth while Kade Wilcox added 13.

Early deadlines are adopted for Dec. 27 issue

The *News* will be observing early deadlines next week because of the Christmas holiday.

The *News* will go to press with its Dec. 27 issue as usual on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Those with news they want to be included in the Dec. 27 issue should submit the information to the *News* staff as soon as possible, and the final deadline for that issue is Monday at 12 noon.

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HELP WANTED: Man wanted for sales, delivery and maintenance. Prefer person to live in Hart. Apply in person at Ed Harris Lumber Co. 20-38-ftc

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22—Notices

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Father in heaven, let me set aside my wants for just this one day. With genuine effort and caring, make it a better day for someone else. Amen

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank everyone who attended me during my illness: the Home Care, the physical therapist, my family, good neighbors and friends. I also appreciated everyone who called, sent cards or visited. Thanks and Merry Christmas. LOIS SCOTT 24-38-1tp

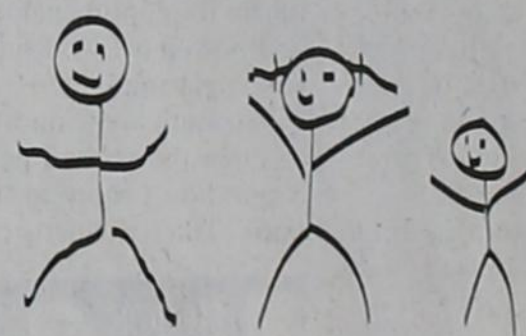
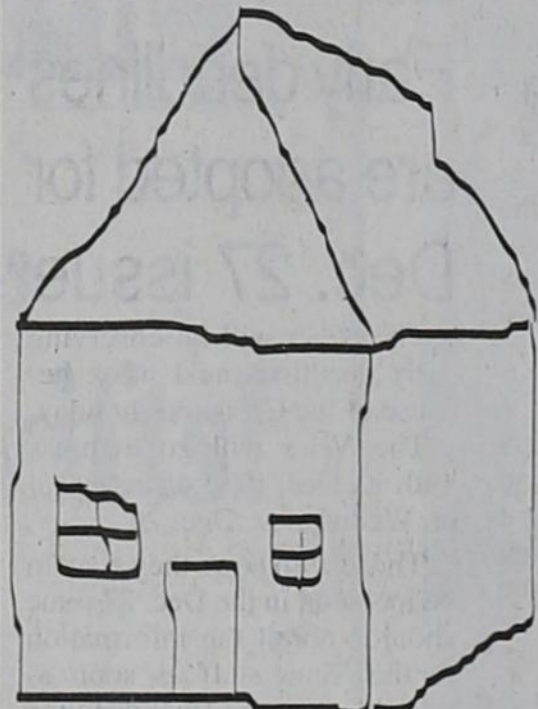
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Newly-elected Parish Council members for Holy Family Church are Clyde Schulte, Glenn Ehly, Ronnie Huseman, Ricky Backus, Norita Hoelting and Peggy Ramaekers. Our thanks to them for their willingness to be a part of this council.

A large number of people enjoyed the FCCLA's tour of homes Sunday afternoon.

Featured homes included Darryl and Rose Ball, Lee and Patti Elder and Rusty and Lydia Schacher.

Tour participants enjoyed each home. All were different and beautifully decorated.

The FCCLA girls and their advisor, Rita Huckert, had many poinsettias and home-baked goodies for sale.

Msgr. Bud Erpen of Tulia was honored on his 80th birthday Sunday evening, and a great number of people attended the pot luck supper and reception at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Several nuns from the "Prairie House" entertained with Christmas carols.

Fritz and Julene Gerber and Rusty and Lydia Schacher attended the graduation pinning ceremony at Amarillo College School of Nursing last Thursday, Dec. 13, for Cindy Gerber. Cindy, who is Stanley Gerber's wife, was presented with the

"Outstanding Major" award from a class of 52 students. She graduated in the top 10.

Also present for the ceremony were Stanley and other family members from Dumas.

Prayers are asked for Patricia Kern Butler, Robert Verkamp, Francis Wilhelm, John Schacher, Virgil Brockman, Anna Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Jerome Birkenfeld, Al Maurer, Father Richard Scully, Father Jose Gomez and Ellen Collins.

Marcus Brockman graduated Friday from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture business and economics.

A party was held in the American Legion Hall for his friends and family.

Scott Brockman and Dawn Reitan of Norman, Okla., also spent the weekend here with family.

Esther Braddock came from McKinney to help celebrate her sister, Mary Kleman's 70th birthday. On Saturday, all of her family had a birthday party for her and included Dean Johnson, who also was celebrating a birthday.

Esther's sons, Kenneth, Richard and Allen, and her grandsons, Wade and Matt Braddock, were here with seven more hunters from the Dallas area for a pheasant and goose hunt.



Jared Townsend

Jared Townsend is inducted into Golden Key Society

Jared Edward Townsend of Dimmitt has been inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society, and he was recently honored during a campus ceremony at Texas Tech University.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Jared be recognized by Golden Key," said Kali Boatright, Golden Key assistant executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Townsend is a member of Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies. He is also a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity. He is involved with numerous campus activities, including food drives and Habitat for Humanity. He has been on the dean's honor list at Texas Tech.

Townsend is a senior finance major in the College of Business Administration.

He is the son of Carter and Diane Townsend of Dimmitt. He is the grandson of Carroll and Waldine Webb of Dimmitt and Otis and Jimmie Townsend of Madison, Miss.

Golden Key International Honor Society is a non-profit academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

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LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT officers including (from second left) Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman, Office Santos Perez, and Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld, were presented with certificates of appreciation from Matt Schaefer (left) on behalf of US Sen. Phil Gramm Monday morning. Gramm's office honored local law enforcement officers for their efforts in curbing drunk driving.

Photo by Anne Acker

Law enforcement agencies honored by US Sen. Gramm

Matt Schaefer, regional director for US Sen. Phil Gramm, met with law enforcement officials in Dimmitt Monday to honor them for their efforts in reducing drunk driving in Castro County.

On behalf of Sen. Gramm, Schaefer presented a certificate to the Dimmitt Police Dept., represented by Chief Ray Aleman and Santos Perez; and to the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., represented by Sheriff CD Fitzgearld, in appreciation for their work.

"The holidays should be a time for families, not tragedies," Gramm said. "Drunk driving takes the lives not only of those doing the drinking, but also those of thousands of innocent people each year, and the societal costs are staggering.

"Thanks to the hard work of these law enforcement officers who are working every day to keep our streets safe, we're

stopping those who break the law, but more importantly, we're getting the message out: Don't drink and drive," Gramm said.

In the last year, Texas raised the bar on drunken driving, reducing the blood alcohol content at which someone is legally drunk to .08. The federal government awarded funds to

the state to help enforce the law.

"I am proud of the men and women who are working hard to enforce these laws, because they're making the streets safer for all of us," Gramm said. "I urge all Texans to join me in thanking these officers who do so much for so many."

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Dec. 20-21.

DIMMITT
Pre-K to 12th Grades
Grab-and-go breakfast
THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Blueberry muffin, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
Pre-K to 1st Grade
THURSDAY: Nachos with ground beef, frijoles refrito, apple slices with cinnamon and chocolate milk or white milk.
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, Mexipinto beans, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin, and chocolate milk or white milk.

2nd-12th Grades
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with ground beef, grilled, chopped steak or pigs in a blanket, Chinese-style vegetables, frijoles refrito or lyonnaise carrots; tossed salad, apple slices with cinnamon or fruit fantasy; hot cheese rolls, sliced bread or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchilada, fish burger or salmon casserole; tomato and okra, baked potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; Frito corn chips, crackers or Cowboy cookies; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART
Breakfast
THURSDAY: Waffles, variety of cereal, sausage, orange and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, sausage, assorted fruit juice, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or burrito, sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, brownie and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked

potatoes, salad, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: * Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, corn, applesauce, brownies and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Turkey sandwich or hamburger, potato chips, lettuce, vegetarian beans, orange, dessert and milk or juice.

(Items designated with an asterisk (*) will be served to elementary school students.)

More about Kinkaid . . .

(Continued from Page 1)
University School of Law in 1985.

He is licensed to practice law in Texas and in the federal court system, including the US Supreme Court.

Kinkaid is an elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Plainview. He is a former president of both the Hale County Bar Association and the Hale County Crisis Center Board, a member of the Plainview Rainbow Room Board, and a member of the Plainview Noon Lions Club.

Kinkaid and his wife, Teresa, have two children, 7-year-old Trent and 5-year-old Caroline.

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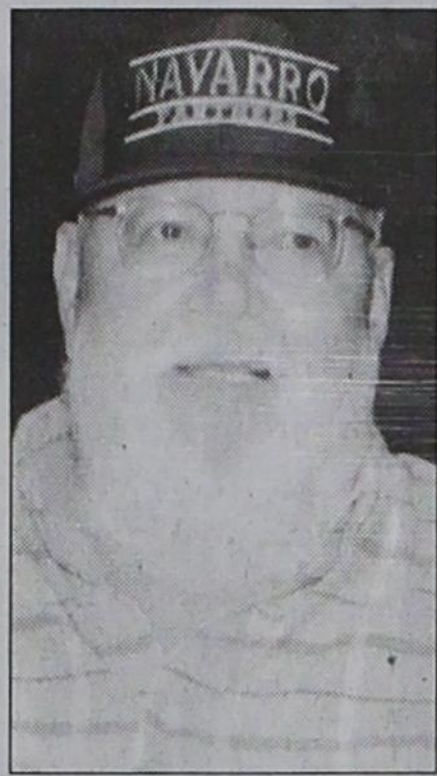
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Obituaries



James D. "Jim" Jowell

James D. "Jim" Jowell, 68, of Geronimo, former Dimmitt resident, died at 5:50 p.m. on Dec. 11 after a long battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 22 at Frieden's Church in Geronimo. Pennington Funeral Home of San Marcos will be handling the arrangements.

Mr. Jowell was born Dec. 15, 1932, in the Texas Panhandle. He attended school in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School. In high school, he played football and was an all-regional tackle for the Bobcats in 1950-51. He was on two DHS basketball teams that advanced to the regional finals in 1950 and 1951. He later played basketball at McMurry College.

Mr. Jowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Jowell owned and operated restaurants in Dimmitt and raised vegetables in the Dimmitt-Hereford area in the 1940s and 1950s.

He obtained his bachelor of science degree in math at McMurry College. During his first teaching assignment in Odessa, he met his future wife, Wanda Ann McCain.

He taught math and coached for several years in the El Paso area, then went into the new field of computer programming in the late 1950s. He served as a programmer, independent contractor and consultant to government agencies, the US Air Force and major Texas-based corporations, spending most of his career in the Houston area.

Jowell coached children in Little League and other sports. He and his wife were fans of the Cy-Fair Bobcats in the Houston area, where they raised their children. They supported high school sports wherever they were.

Jowell's job later took him to Burkburnett, where he and his wife became fans for the town's football team, the Bulldogs.

After his wife died, Jowell spent time in Colorado before settling in Geronimo, where he lived with his youngest daughter, Laurie. He became a fan of the Navarro Panthers and made it his personal goal to watch his grandson, James, play his senior year this fall.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a grandson, Michael Wyeth.

Survivors include his children and their spouses, Melissa and George Alexander of Leander, Jimmy Jowell of Geronimo, Derrol and Deborah Jowell of Millington, Tenn., and Laurie and Greg Gilcrease of Geronimo; and nine grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Hope Hospice of New Braunfels or the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation in care of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD in Houston.

Claudia Mae Cantrell

Claudia Mae Cantrell, 84, of Earth, died Dec. 13 in Olton.

Graveside services were held Monday at Sudan Cemetery in Sudan with the Rev. Bobby Broyles of Earth officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery under the direction Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.

Mrs. Cantrell was born May 1, 1917, in Lott County. She married Vearnie Earl "Dink" Cantrell in Lott County on Feb. 2, 1934. He died in January 1981.

She moved to Earth in 1950

from Sudan. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Earth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Roy Cantrell in 1946; a granddaughter, Georgia Ann Cantrell in 1979 and a sister, Melba Hayes.

Survivors include four sons, Rudy Cantrell of Bula, Gene Cantrell and James Cantrell, both of Earth, and Ronnie Cantrell of Tucumcari, N.M.; nine daughters, Louise Miller and Nancy Cantrell, both of Earth, Ruby Fulenwider of Springlake, Pansy Scott of Dallas, Patsy Gilmore of Tucson, Ariz., Gloria French of Grey, Renda Callaway of Midland, Linda Reaves of Dumas, Ark., and Peggy Alvarado of Georgetown; a sister, Betty Clawson of Richmond, Ver.; 34 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Running Water Draw Care Center, 1800 W. 13th, Olton 79064.

Nell Davis

Nell Davis, 92, of Dimmitt, died at 6:22 p.m. on Dec. 13 at Canterbury Villa nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, officiating. Graveside services were held at Dawson County Cemetery in Lamesa. Arrangements were handled by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Davis was born Feb. 21, 1909, in Alvarado. She married L.P. "Buster" Davis on Dec. 19, 1925, in Lamesa. He died in 1981.

She and her husband moved to Friona in 1947 where they farmed for several years. She later worked as a bookkeeper and secretary for Farm Bureau and Adams Drilling. She moved from Friona to Lamesa in 1989 and to Dimmitt in 1992. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bobby D'Wayne Davis; a daughter, Ola Marie Davis; a brother and four sisters.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Margo Wendt of Florence, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews including Alvin Frazier of Dimmitt.

Elizabeth Watson Huckabay

Elizabeth Watson Huckabay, 95, of Dimmitt, died at 4 p.m. last Wednesday, Dec. 12, in Dimmitt.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pas-

tor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

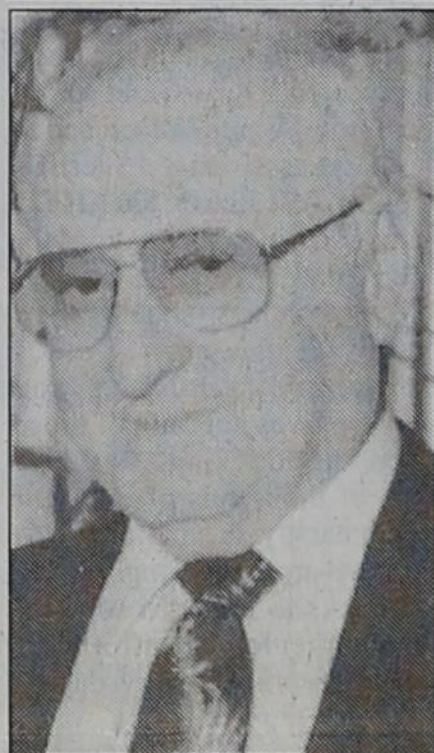
Mrs. Huckabay was born March 24, 1906, in Perry, Okla. She married Sid Huckabay in 1936. He died in 1943.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1932. She retired from the Dimmitt Schools after teaching for 20 years. She formerly worked as a secretary for the AAA Office and Federal Land Bank. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and she was a former Sunday school teacher and piano player. She was a former member of the Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, Professional Women's Business Club, Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Castro County Hospital District. She was an artist.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Nelson S. Stephenson; a stepson, Robert Huckabay; and two granddaughters.

Survivors include a son, Nelson W. "Bill" Stephenson of Dimmitt; a daughter, Harriett Goodwin of Dimmitt; eight grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Missions, 1201 Western Circle, Dimmitt 79027.



Everette Heller

Services for Everette Heller, 81, of Plainview, father of Jerry Heller of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday, Dec. 13, at the First Baptist Family Life Chapel with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

Mr. Heller died Monday at his home in Plainview.

He was born March 27, 1920, in Taylor County. He moved with his parents to Happy in 1929 and the family was engaged in farming. He graduated from Happy High School in 1939, and during his high school career he played football and basketball, and ran track.

He worked for Pinkney Packing from 1939 to Jan. 14, 1942. He joined the Army Air Force on Jan. 16, 1942, and was sent to England and Holland during World War II. He was honorably discharged from the service on Oct. 15, 1945, as a staff sergeant. After his discharge he went back to work for Pinkney Packing Company.

He married Betty Jean Stelplugh on April 13, 1946, in Amarillo. He moved to Lubbock in 1947. In 1949 he started farming northwest of Edmonson and continued doing so for three years. He then farmed east of Hart until 1980.

He moved to Plainview on Dec. 15, 1980. He worked as a crop adjuster from 1981 to 1989. From 1986 to 1996 he had a crop insurance agency. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a past deacon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jean Heller, on Feb. 25, 1999; by four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Heller of Plainview and Jerry Heller of Dimmitt; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

More about Forest...

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At a meeting following the accident, the Dimmitt City Council authorized City Manager Don Sheffy to proceed with demolition of the Forest.

"Last week we went in with a backhoe and pushed a lot of the trees and brush into a big pile," Sheffy said. "On Monday morning about 10 we used a weed burner to light it on fire."

Sheffy said huge flames ripped through the debris for several hours Monday, and he expects some of the bigger tree stumps to smolder all week.

"We'll go out there again and clean up some more until it's all cleared out," Sheffy said.

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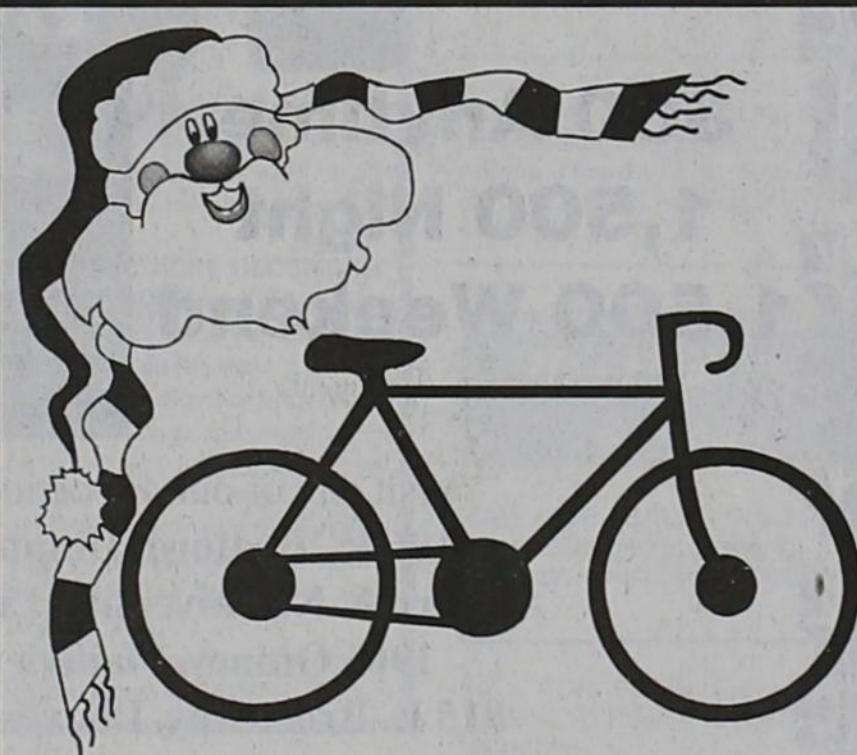
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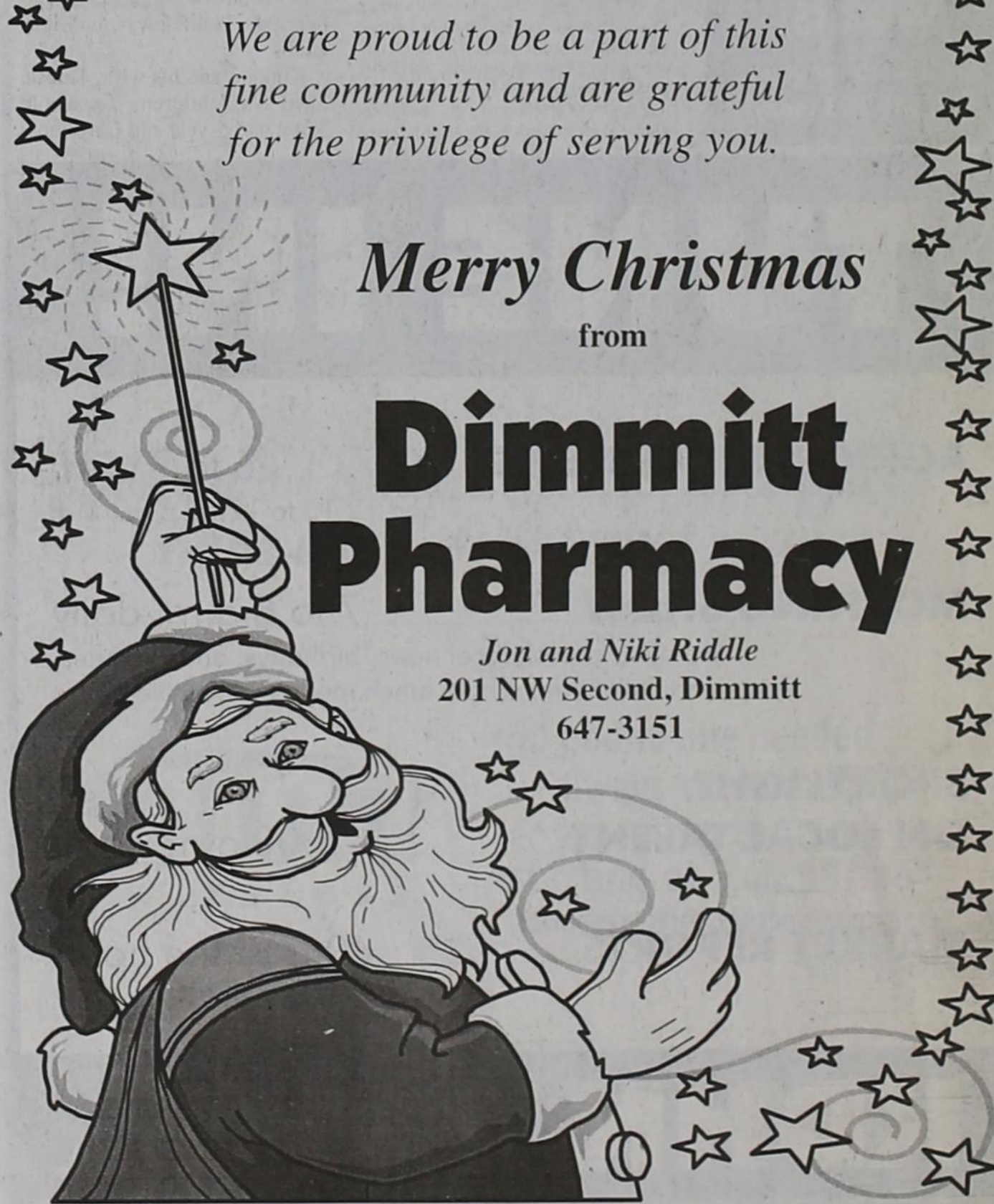
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- Rex & Jerrye Wooten
- Donald & Katy Wright
- Oscar & Doris Wylie



Dear Santa,

- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a babies toy, a flashlight, a watch, a book, basket of colors, a paper to write on and folder for all of my papers.
Evelyn Rascon
- Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. Here is what I want this year. A new monitor to match my computer. I also want a remote control cart to play with. I also want a new rifle.
Love,
Josiah Burzynski
- Dear Santa,
My name is Bridget. Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I want a play house becues I lik playing house with my sister and brother and cousins. I want a radyo and a trampoline. And I would like a play Stashan and a baby boll.
Love,
Bridget Ward
- Dear Santa,
I want a air plane that goes 100 feet. A car remote controll. I wont closs. I wont a telskope. I wont books.
Love,
Miguel Rodriguez
- Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Michelle Wait. Thank-you for all the presents that you gave me last-year.
I want a Kelly Club dolls.
I also want a barbie doll the same size as you. I want a stroller that has buttons on top of it when you bush the buttons it would make the babby talk.
I also want a barbie car.
I also want a babby elmo doll.
I also want a chuo chuo doll.
Love,
Michelle Wait
- Dear Santa,
My name is Will Malone.
This is what I want for Chirstmus. A red bike, Stereo, Mummy retnes, And Mummy Retnes play Statshon game.
Will Malone
- Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Candace I would like a Babie cash register because it is cool. I would also like a allowens maker so I could take my Uncle out of jail. I would also like to give some food to the people who donot have food to be nice. I would also like the ware to stop.
Love,
Candace Muñoz
- Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Michael. Thank you for all presents you gave me last year. This year can you give me some new ones. I want a Mummy Returnes a Rifle a game box a new mountain bike. And a Rumble Robot.
Michael
- Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. Here is what I want this year. A new monitor to match my computer. I also want a remote control cart to play with. I also want a new rifle.
Love,
Josiah Burzynski
- Dear Santa,
I would like scooter, power ranger, block suit, little soldiers, snow, tractors, mom.
Jas Villanueva
- Dear Santa,
I would like a rock polisher toy dolPhin, eames for my Gameboy and a nintendo and new Playdough and a snow sled.
Chase Summers
- Dear Santa,
I want a trampoleen for Christmas. Then I want a bike for Chistmas. Then I want some roller blades. Then I want some shoes. Then I want a helmet. Then I want a toy. Then I want a nother toy. \$10.00, go cart, Vcr, tv, jacket, radio, That is all I want please at least give me some of this. Thank you.
Cassandra Aguero
- Dear Santa,
I want a barbie watch, barbie clothes, and a barbie jacket. With a barbie brush. Five real butterflies. I've been acting good. Please bring a toy for Kauner to sleep with.
Kaymee Sue Howell
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a buzz lightyear. I want a Christmas tree and a tractor. My sister wants a barbie.
Matthew Perez
- Dear Santa,
I would like a black trailer. Brandon would like one too. My mom wants a dress and some shoes. I want a lot of chains for Chico my dog.
Jordan Chavez
- Dear Santa Claus
I have been good this week. I read to my grandmother about God in my book.
I want a nintendo. And my own room. With my computer. And xbox game. And play station. And G.I Joe And go-cart And monopoly game that you can by one House by give the bank some money pertened money. Olso 8 pet bull sand aint snd postens those bad frogs and cloes for school
Sincerely yours
Israel Rodriguez
- Dear Santa,
How have you been don't work so hard geting are are gifts. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Mrs. Rodriguez would like a Surburban. Mrs. Bradley would like some shoes and clothes. My mom would like a car and my dad would like shoes and clothes. I would like some toys and a bike. My brother and I would like some clothes. Mrs. Steinle would like for everyone to know Jesus that all I have.
Love,
Corina Mendoza
- Dear Santa,
How is your home in the north Pole? How is Rudolph the Reindeer? When you come to my house there will be cookies for you to eat and milk to drink. Can you give me someoney? I want to get my favorit truck - a ford 150 6 tires and I want the color white. Bring me a lot of gifts so I will be the only kid that gets a lot of gifts.
Your friend,
Steven Sastaita
- Dear Santa,
Before I tell you what I want for Christmas, I would like to ask you a few questions. I would like to know how cold it is at the North Pole? Have your elves make lots of toys? Now I would like to tell you what I want. I was hoping you could get me a remote control car. Also could you get food for the hungry people who live on the streets and money for the needy. I didn't ask for much because I really really want a remot control car, but you can bring me more stuff than I asked for. I have one more question for you. How can you deliver presents to all the children in the world in one night? Thats all I have to ask you. I hope everyone in the world gets what they want.
Your friend,
John Hazel
- Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and the elves? I wish that I could be your brother. I want a Play Station 2 with games and anything else you can bring me from the North Pole. Please bring my mam and grandma a suburban. I am going to leave some milk and cookies and some carrots for the reindeer.
Your friend,
Diego Rivera
- Dear Santa,
I am six years old. My name is Abby, and I have been gud this year. For christmas I want a hichair kelly, barbie house, a bike, and skate shoes. thank you,
luv
Abby Ojeda



We hope our friends both far and near enjoy a merry Christmas and a great New Year!

It's been our pleasure to serve each of you.

Happy Holidays from the

The Castro County News

Chris and Joye Bradford, Anne Acker and Paula Portwood

Merry Christmas! I have been good

Dear Santa,
I want a play station 2 and a game that is called Tony Hawk 3 game and a game boy color and a go-cart. Also, a computer in my room and x games skates. That's all!
Your friend,
Erik Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a computer with internet and Mario Party 3. Also, I want a Game Boy Advance with Monsters, Inc., and a Playstation with Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and a Virtual Paintball.
Your friend,
Jerry Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I would like a 4 wheeler and a playstation 2 and two games with my playstation 2 and a good grade on my report card.
Your friend,
Eric Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie, a barbie car, Summer from the Diva starz, money for the homeless, a pair of roller shoes, and clothes for the homeless and some forme.
Sincerely Your Friend
Lesli Cruz

Dear Santa,
I would like to ask you a few things. If that would be alright with you. One thing I would ask you to get for me is a gameboy advance. And a Mongoose Motor Scooter plus an orange huffy bike maybe if you could. I hope you can give me these things. How many elves do you have?
Sincerely,
M.T. Morrow

Dear Santa,
I hope you're coming soon. I wish I could see your reindeer when you come.
Landon and I will leave some cookies and milk for you and carrots to feed your reindeers.
I would like a Statue of Liberty Barbie, but if you can't make that, I would like an Easy Bake Oven.
Also, Santa could you bring my little brother Landon a new Buzz Lightyear. His old one has a broken leg.
I'll see you Christmas eve.
Love,
Lauren Carpenter
6 years

Dear Santa,
I want Clifford pajamas and a yoyo Monopoly set and a radio and computer.
Your friend,
Sarina Whitt

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike. And a basketball goal. And a playstation2. And the Monsters inc-move. And the Grinch Who Stole Christmas the movie. And a remote controls. I have been a good girl this year.
Your friend,
Danielle

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a toy truck. My favorite color is green. Please bring my nephew Tommy a red car. I also want a pair of new tennis shoes with lights on them. Say hello to the reindeer, especially to Rudolph. I have been a good boy this year.
Your friend,
Terence Hernandez

Dear Santa,
My name is Elida Bonilla and I would like to have a Puppy and a Barbie and I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you.
Elida Bonilla

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a Puppy and a big barbie doll and some Barbies. Some clothes and 2 baby dolls with a car with 2 sets and a bath tub fore them a macdonald set and some fake fons. And 3 bags.
Your friend,
Kimberly Dove

Dear Santa,
I have bin good. Please bring me a trampoline and a cd playr and cds. Im leving milk and cookies.
Luv
Maegan Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like you to get me a bike. Also, a trapper keeper and a blue scooter. Also I would like you to get me some pencils with lots of cats og them and I would like some roller skate shoes and also I would want some stickers of cats and a book of ponies also some lead pencils of dogs on them. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Karina Casas

Dear Santa,
I was a good little boy and I want a Computer, Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase the Movie, S Puppy's Dream Cast, The Grinch Movie, 1 Kitten, PSI, Harry Potter and the Soursrice Stone Game.
Your friend,
Alex Herrera

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a scooter, A red back pack with a reel skate bord, A sega dream cast with a boy game, A game boy advans, A play station 2, A picture of you, A calander, A u.s.a. flag. A big rad desk.
Your friend,
Andrew Estrada

Dear Santa,
The Super Scooter Shannon. The brakeable Lindsey doll. The miracle Moves Baby doll. A cotton candy maker. Some Beanie Bopper cloths
Lezie

Dear Santa,
I sure would like an easy bake, Shrinky Dinks, Rugrats All grown up cd rom, Rugrats Angelic or Suisi car Destinys child cd.
Your friend,
Danielle Sandoval

Dear Santa,
My name is Krista. Thank-you for the toys you gave me last year. I just wanted to say Hello. For Christmas I want a bike. I would also like a Barbie. I would also like a play dog. I would also like a play cat. I would like a Barbie Back pack. I would like a Kelly doll.
Love,
Krista

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy, and some chalk, and a pair of shoes and a Destiney's Child back pack, and the new Britney Spears C.D., and some roller skates, and a coloring book, and for my family to be together on Christmas Day. I would also like a scooter, and I want a baby rabbit.
Your friend,
Natasha Aguilar


Dear Santa,
This is my Christmas list. First I want a bio bug. Second, I want an Armor bot. Also I want a Play Station 2, Harry Potter Game, Spy Hunter Game, and the Harry Potter Movie.
Your friend,
Sergio Ibarra

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold up there? I hope not these are all the things I want for Christmas I want a playstation I want a griped skateborde I want a drumset I want a Harry Potte book part 5, I want a Gameboy I want some games for it I want the Phonics game.
Your friend
Kolby Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a cd player. How are you? You sure live far away and have a bunch of toys with you for the kids that are nice and helpful and minding. I can't wait to it is christmas because were going to have agood christmas. We are putting some christmas stuff up were putting are christmas tree up we decorate it too the only thing we have to do is pit up our christmas lights outside on the roof.
Your friend,
Charlene Calderon

Dear Santa,
I want A boots and shoes. Thank you!
Adriana Bojovquez

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is nacho D. I would like a game because I only have a few games. I also want a Play station. And a game called Mega Manx5 because it is cool I also want a bulldog it can chase cats. I also want bows and arrows they can hit things to them. I also want a baseball and a bat. The bat can hit the ball.
Love,
Nacho DeLaCruz



With warm wishes for a joyous Christmas to all the people we've had the pleasure to serve this year. Your friendship has meant a lot to us.

**Castro County
Abstract & Title Company**
Jack Edwards

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me some roller skates, some elbow pads, knee pads, hand pads and a helmet. A blue game boy with a Power Puff Girl game. A new little puppy with a red collar.
Thank you,
Payton Robb
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stuff you brought me last year. Please bring me a Leap Pad and some computer games. Please bring Hallie a doll.
Thank you,
Cole Kleman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I please have a brush? And can I please have some paints? And a C.D. player? And please can I have a bike? And a pooh bear teddy bear? And can I please have earrings? And can I please have clothes?
Your friend,
Ashley Howell

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents from last year. I want a remote motersickle beace it can do perficed stuns. I want a cobra snake beace I want to scare my little sister by making it go close to her. I want a remote bragantly beace if it tips over it will steel be on the wheel.
Tramaine

Dear Santa,
Roler blase and role pads and a trapling and a sled.
Love,
Logan Robb
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a rina where you chanac the stones. And some green skes
Elisa

Dear Santa,
I been very good can you please leave me a specil present. Also how are you? I want a picture of you and your rainders all together. How are your rainders? I want a teddy bear for December. I want a lot of presents and picture of you and your raindeers. Please leave me a specil present. Please leave me some books.
Love,
Cassandra Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
hi my name is Jeffery Almanza. I am writing to tell you what I would like for christmas. I would like a bike for Most of all. I also like a scooter. Something else I want is a dog and swimming pool. Thank-you for the presents you gave me last year.
Your friend,
Jeffery

Dear Santa,
I've been good for my mom and my daddy. Please bring me Edward, James, Gordon and Henry.
I Love You,
Brantley BlakePowers
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I wont an air plane control.
Alonso Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany. I would like to thank you for my toys you gave me last year. I would like a new Kelly Doll. Because I need a new doll. I would like a new bikes because I need one.
Love,
Brittany Lindley

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a bracelet and a CD player and gamboy pokemon.
Jorge

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bike and some skates. I like to have cars to play. I behaved and I miss you.
Jeromimo Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a box of hot wheels that say spider, fireball or a computer and a coloring Book of power rangers.
Mauricio

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of skates and Books to read.
Karla



a load of thanks

It's time to deliver our message of goodwill and gratitude to the many kind folks who have visited us this year. Have a very merry season!

RadioShack
Kittrell Electronics
101 E. Bedford, Dimmitt

Dear Santa,
I want a came puter with CDS of moovee of Dragboliz CDS. And a trock of remotcandro and a Netendo Sixde four weth games and I want skats the end.
Luis Martinez

Dear Santa,
The first gift I would like is a little bike. The second gift I would like is a scooter. The last gift I would like is a puppy. The reason I would like a bike so I can ride it after school with my brother. The reason I would like a scooter is so when my bike is flat I could ride it. The reason I would like a puppy is so I could play with it and sleep with it.
Thank you Santa and I love you.
Maricela

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy of Dragon Ball Z. I would like a computer. I want a bike. I want a casset of pokemon. I have been very good.
Juan Hernandez


Dear Santa,
I wanted to tell you if you would give me a bike and a scooter that glows in the dark, also a play station 2 Bird in a cage, a play morascl, lots of pants and shoes. I also wanted a swing set and tamponing. Thats all I want for X-mas.
Thank you your friend
Ricardo Alvidrez

Dear Santa,
I want hitclips and a cd player and a ginger nails shaker and a pair of shoe skates and a lep gloss maker and a braslet maker. And a star head ph9one, I want to have a power puff girls stuff. I want to have ring maker. I have been on purple 3 months.
Crystal Escamilla

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want peace on earth. And everyone to be happy. I also want a game that is called Driver 2. I want some new clothes. I want something for my Mom and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa.
Love,
Anthony Cisneras

Dear Santa,
I want to hav a motorcycle and a plane toy and all the collection of all the games of 64. Also all of the toys in the world.
Morroco

SADDLE UP
to a great season!



Thanks, pardners, for doing business with us this year.
Merry Christmas to all!

Cluck Feedyard

wishing you a noteworthy season

Hope it's filled with the sounds of harmony and laughter, throughout the holiday and after!

Thanks for visiting us this past year.

Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.

To Our Loyal Patrons at Christmas

There simply isn't a better season To let you know that you're the reason We have so much to celebrate 'Cause customers like you are great! Happy Holidays & Many Thanks!

Castro County Farm Bureau



THANKS A BUNCH!

All of us here are hoping that your holiday season really stacks up.

Mr. Burger



I'll bet your elfs are so buys!!

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the things that y have gave me and how I wont a shotgun o a frst aid kit and a rope.
Love,
C.J.

Dear Santa Claus:
For Christmas I want a golf bag, metal golf club, game boy. I think I have been good this year. I also want the new CD Dream Street, Oh Aaron CD. I also a new coat, new shoes.
Sincerely yours,
Carter Hill

Dear Santa,
I want is a barbie car, And a neck-lace, And a trampoline, And playmonet, I would like an NSYNCCD, And a girl moder-siceol.
Sincerely yours,
Brittany Enriquez

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a radio, I would also like to have some Junie B. Jones books. I want a CD player and some CD's. Destinys Child, Brittany Spears First and Second Aaron Carter First only. I also want a trampoline. I want some new roller skates, and a scooter. I also want some barbie clothes. I want a bigger barbie jewelry box. I want a computer with Internet.
Sincerely yours,
Carsyn Steffens

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Barbie Scooter. I want a Bike. I want a computer. I want a ruedeow. I want a micro-phone.
Sincerely yours,
Brian Prieto

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bicycle, a TV, toys. For my little brother I want some pants, lots of toys and a stroller.
Oscar

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner Gilbreath. Thank you fore the presents last year thes are the presents I want this year. I want pixer and Jam and draw and I also want Slithering Jake and a chanc ball.
Tanner Gilbreath

Dear Santa Claus:
What I want for Christmas is a parrot. I would also like three Nintendo games and the anme are Tony Hawks pro skater 2 also Tony Hawks pro skater 3 also pokemon stadium 2 I would also like a Tony Hawk remote control Guy
Sincerely yours,
Austin Cluck

Dear Santa,
What I wan't for Chrismtas is a remote control Dirt Bike with a ramp. And a parrot. And a game Boy advance game. And a Dog that is black and white. And a trampoline. And some sony playstation game. And a Ninendo game. And a pair of Rollin Runers.
Sincerely your's
Zachary Price

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a parrot and a barbie and a barbie scooter and a barbie that comes with a NSYNC CD and comes with cards and a Destinys Child CD. I want a CD of SPM. I want a Brittany spears CD.
Sincerely yours,
Alma Melendez



TIME TO GET CRACKING

As the holiday season approaches, we'd like to jump in with our best wishes for a season filled with sweetness and joy.

We thank you for your patronage and look forward to serving you again, soon.

Bobcat Car Wash

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new vacuum and six Silly Pens. Please bring Carolyn a microwave. Please bring Dad a new Pick-up. Please Bring mom a new car. Please bring me a new Fan. Please bring me a Pets Party movie.
Love,
Cody Collins

Dear Santa,
How are your elfes? Is Rudolph getting bigger? Is he stihell the head of the eight reindeer? Santa is it getting colder up at the North Pole? Santa is Mrs. Claus getting older. Can I have a Mustang and mufflers with fire coming out of it? My Mom wants have a good anniversary and a nice christmas.
Your friend,
Caleb Williams

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a Barbie Scooter and a plastic tea set and a Barbie radio and a Barbie microphone with the microphone. I would like a computer and the Barbi and the nutcracker Barbei doll, and a pair of hiehils, and a riding Book, and a Barbie-house.
Sincerely yours,
Stacy Ann Uvalle

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Barbie Scooter. I want a lots of close. I want a Bike. I want a staro. I want lots of Barbie. I want Books. I want a chock Bood. I want a cd. I want a micro-phone. I want a NSYNS tv. I want a Desk. I want pant. I want shorts. I want boots. I want a parrot. I want a churi. I want a box.
Sinerely
Clarissa Anes



BEST WISHES ARE ON THE WAY

Just in the "nick" of time, we're sending our regards to the many folks both far and near, whom we've had the privilege of doing business with this year.

Hope your holiday delivers an abundance of joy. Thanks!

Ag Supply, LTD
Flagg Intersection
647-2241

Dear Santa,
How was summer? I will get some milk and cookies for you. I have more special thing than that. I have a Christmas tree, a reindeer for the Christmas tree, some sheos, and some lights for the Christmas tree. What do you have for Christmas? I think you have fun stuff. I think you need work to do. Do you have work to do? So I bet I better leave you alone.
Your friend,
Elida Fabela

Dear Santa,
How was your year in the Nothpole? Is it cold up there? I hope I see you there?
If you can please give us gifts you are so nice. I wood like some gel pens and earring for my mom and my sister a baby and my dad a watch. And a game boy for my cusin a game boy and my cusin Arian a dog and my other cusin Arielle a teddy bear.
Your friend,
Devin Hernandez
I will leave you cookies and milk. I Love you santa.

Dear Santa,
I been good at school. For Christmas I wood like a trampoline with a net on it.
Sincerely yours,
Tori Addison

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a big rain set, a new bike. I would also like more small cars and trucks. I also want a baby doll for my sister.
Thanks,
Nathaniel Lopez

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Sabrina Nicole Vargas. I'm in Pre-K. My teacher, Mrs. Smith, is nice. Here are some of the things I want for Christmas. I want a Barbie doll with the car. I also want a new bike. I also want a computer. But, most of all I want to spend the holidays with my family and loved ones. Santa I would like to thank you for having time to read my Christmas list.

Dear Santa,
How have you been? How have the elves been? Tell Mrs. Claus I said Hi. How are the reindeer? How was your summer at the North Pole? Can I please have a computer of my own? Can you please give my mom some cloths? Could you give my dad some clothes and shoes? Can you give my a car, and my brother a radio? I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Nikki Lara

Dear Santa,
How are you? It must be cold in the North Pole. I need to ask you some questions. How are the reindeer? How are the elves? I am going to leave you some milk and cookies. Mrs. Rodriguez wants a white subar ban. I want to give food to the people on the streets, and I want some new clothes. I want some thing for every body.
Your friend,
Heloise Cillie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want the movie Grinch and Harry Potter toy.
Love,
Alex Torres

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Dragon Ball Z game. I want a Nintendo Playstation. I would like a computer. I have been good this year.
Gerardo Bojorquez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a Bike. I would like a nail file, clothes, shoe skates, lep gloss maker, and a braslet. Can I have a car when I gra juat. Also head phones, and power puff girls stuff would be nice. I have Been good for 3 months.
Yolandatto

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves doing at the North Poie? Are the reindeer ready for December 25? My mom would like a glass angel to put in her bedroom if the elves could handle it. Are the elves making a lot of stuff? My sister would like a new CD and a new basketball. Are the elves cleaning the sleigh? My dog would like a big, big, bg bone. All I weally want is a art set. I hope you have a grate Christmas..
Your friend,
Wendy Bradford

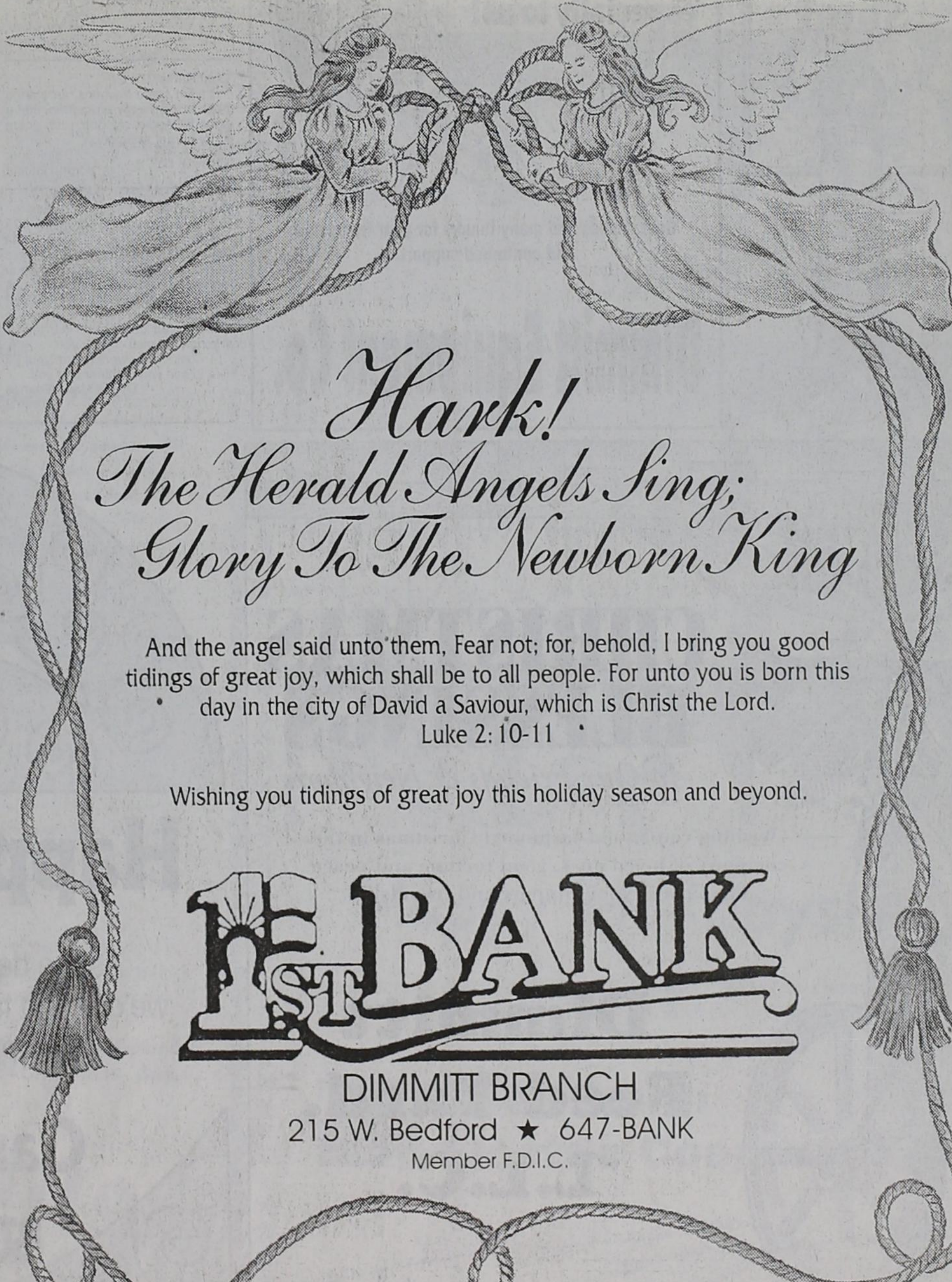
Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. How are your elves doing? I hope they are doing good. How are Mrs. Clause and your reindeer? I can't wait for your visit. I will leave you milk and cookies. Will Rudolph guide your sleigh? Here is a list that I want and some other stuff for other people. Will you please bring me this stuff? I want a puppy and a e-kare microphone. My sister wants a bire bird and a playstation 2. My teach, Mrs. Steinle, wants every one to know about Jesus Christ. My mom wants money. That's my list. Please bring me some other stuff too. Thank you! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Karina Abrego

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of Scats, a computer and Book's to reed. I would like clothes to dres up. Can I have some colors and a coloring Book? And the last one is my calendar
Velonica

Dear Santa,
Can I have a pair of skates? Also I want a pair of skechers skates and a computer. Can I have a ring? And a Board marker. Please?
Karen Guardiana

Dear Santa,
How are you? Well, I am fine. I have been good, haven't I? Well how are your elves, reindeer and Mrs. Claus? Can I please have a laptop and a phone. I want the one you take off the hook. It is a tiny phone that looks like a cellphone. Can my dog have a new dogbone and a new green frog? I will be sure to leave you and Mrs. Claus some cookies and milk. Oh! And I will leave you and Mrs. Claus some hot chocolate. Merry Christmas and thank you for the stuff you gave me last year. Oh! I almost forgot to ast you if my brother and I can have a sleigh for our Alaskan malumutes.
Your friend,
Makenzie Cornett

Dear Santa,
I am getting you a glass of milk and cookies. Can you please get all the people in my classroom a present for crismas every year. And the Teachers toon crismas year and Day o crismas
Your friend,
Michael Kirven



Hark!
The Herald Angels Sing;
Glory To The Newborn King

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2: 10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.


1ST BANK
DIMMITT BRANCH
215 W. Bedford ★ 647-BANK
Member F.D.I.C.

Dear Santa,
I would like a play Station 1, a four wheeler, a pair of Doc Martens, a drum set, and a new game for my game boy.
Thank you for the toys.
Matthew Ryan Johnson

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I will give you some milk and cookies. Well you give me a new bike and a playstation for my brother? For my other brother I want a catfish. Santa want a ear-rings for my mom and some shoes and clothes. Santa, I want a suburban, and a micrawave, and a truck that is a Ford.
Your friend,
Gary Gil

Dear Santa,
I would like an Aquariam with a lizard. Also a play rifle, and some Chaps. And a new pencil for school. Could you bring my Dad a new pair of boots.
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love
HNINoNI LUCAS

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How was your Summer? I will leave you four cookies and hot chocolate with five marshmallows. How cold is it in the North Pole? It snow today at shool. I might leave the reindeer some carrots. I would like a Crystal Version, a Pokemon Stadium 2 and a Rollercoater Tycoon computer game.
Love,
David Underwood



Silent Night

*In a season so serene and still,
We think of peace and of goodwill;
And in spite of the cold and frost and snow,
We're warmed by thoughts of the folks we know!*

Merry Christmas and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

DBG DeBruce Grain INC.

But maybe they can make me a laptop



Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wish I could get a Nintendo 64. And a game for playstation NFL Fever 2002. And some new shoes. And a remote control car. And my own trampoline. And a little corvete car. I wish for a computer to. And a Huffy bike.
Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Rudy Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like to ask for a car race track and a bike.
Eduardo

Dear Santa,
Do you like me? I need some toys for Christmas. I like superman stuff and computer games.
Love,
Christian Martinez
age 4

Dear Santa,
I want Christmas to come! I want a baby, a telephone, a puzzle, some candy, just everything!
Love,
Rebeckah Lynn Whitt
age 4

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, how was your Summer? How are your elves, and reindeer. Also how is Mrs. Claus? Santa, I would like an easy bake microwave. Also I would like a basketball with a goal. Santa I would also like a puppy for Christmas.
Your friend,
Victoria Hinolosa

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and a dollhouse. My sister Natalie wants one too. Pack me some cloths for my doll baby. I want a little car for that house. Find us at Maryneal at Ma & Pa's or at Tahoka-town at Me-Maw and Pappy's house, (they have a chimmeny). It would be nice to also have a rocking chair for my little house.
Love,
Shadaran

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation. I would like a bike. I want a motorcycle. And I want a go cart. I would like a car.
From: Jeremy Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. What I want for Christmas is some Hot wheels, bike, Twister, an orange Nintendo, computer, Blues clues toy, Nintindo games. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Gilbert Olivarez

Dear Santa,
I want a Diva Girl Doll, an electric scooter and please get my Daddy, Benny Schacher, one too. I would like to have a dog also because I don't have any. My mama needs a new frigerator too, please. I could use ome new clothes and mama needs some too. You can leave them at my Nana's house and I will leave you some milk and cookies. Have a HAPPY Christmas. That's all I want. Oh yes, may be a new lunch box.
Love Always
Kari Schacher
P.S. A New Barbie Doll!

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a culpul of presents, a little school stuff a dog. I want a pool for me, I wold like a picture for my mom and a computer a little doll a trumpling a little fishing pole, and a broun bear, a Davy crockett book A widows Broom book and a Fair mount Avenue Help I'm a dog.
Love
Emily Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a bike. And a swimming pool and a trampoline and some new clothes and some shoes and a computer and some socks and a helmet and some Junie B. Jones books and some toys and some Marvin Red post books and some peewee scouts books and some Bunnica books and some Boxcar children books and I want the book the hot and cold summer and a litlindo 64.
Brianda Aguero

Dear Santa,
I please want my size Barbie. My two cute twins and I want a carriage horse and a Nutcracker Barbie.
Dear Santa I love you.
Christy

Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is a playstation and a bream cast. I want a bee bee gun. I forgot to tell you that I want a laptop. I will not be at my house on christmas Eve. We are going to Las Vegas. I want shoes that have whits on the bottom. Santa I will not come back until December 31. I can't wait until I open my presents.
Love Santa
from Juan

Dear Santa,
I want my uncle to come for Christmas and a playstation two, with games a bike, a pair of rolland runners, and a dream cast.
Thanks
from Johnny Lopez
PS I will leave milk and cookies and cheese

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chrimas is roller sats shoes and a trampoline and a notebook and a glue stick and some tape. I would also like Family Doll House Bouncing on the Bed to go with my Dollhouse. I love Santa Claus. Happy Christmas, Santa Claus. Thank you for all my toys.
Love,
Mindy from Dimmitt
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Could I please have a blue car some power rangers and new shoes. Could you give my sisters Stephanie and Erika a teddy bear and a radio for my brother Adam. For my mom could you give her a new car. I hope I have been a good boy and thank you for reading my letter. Oh! You please bring Francisco some DVD's and the movie shrek
Thank you
Joshua L. Mendoza

Dear Santa,
Santa I have been good boy, ask my mom. So please I want a go-cart, a gl-Joe and a bike, a bear
Thank you
Aaron Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a unicorn with a stick so I can ride it. I would also like a Barbie telephone. How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer?
Love,
Stephanie Fuentes
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me some makeup, so I can play with my friends. I also want a barby and some new shoes, a new bicycle.
I want a big teddy bear so I can play and sleep with it every night. I want a play house very big & pink with 10 rooms. Bring me a lot of barby stickers. I also want a little automatic car.
I want a lot, los of toys like dolls, and many barby stuff. Please bring me all I asked.
Marisol Quintana

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie blanket, a Barbie Radio, a Barbie Pillow, a Barbie coloring book and a Barbie CD.
Love
Yesenia Herrera

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a locket and a notebook and a glue stick and some tape. I would also like Family Doll House Bouncing on the Bed to go with my Dollhouse. I love Santa Claus. Happy Christmas, Santa Claus. Thank you for all my toys.
Love,
Mindy from Dimmitt
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie cash register, Mary Kate and Ashley movie, some rings, a computer, and a pen set. Please bring my brother Justin a blue motorcycle, a football, and a Jersey with #5 on it.
Thank you,
Jessica Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want some toy guns, an orange bear, a train, a toy policeman, and a bone for Andie, my dog. I am going to try harder to be good.
Thank you,
Jordan Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you and your raindeer? I am fine. My name is Dyana Maria Beanes. For Christmas I would like a computer, clothes, jewelry, computer games, cds and a cellphone. It is ok if you don't bring me anything. But if you do I want to meet you. I want to know if you could send me letters through the mail. Thank you.
I would really want to see you. I'd like to see you raindeer and you.
Dyana Maria Beanes
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I hope you have happy Merry Christmas. I would like a game that is call unio. A house for baribe it is call the magic key house. I would want a car for a baribe. I would also like a new shirts, pants, and a new pair of shoes. And the movie Srek. The barbes Mark-Kate and Ashley. Polly the baribe. I would want a CD player. Happy Merry Christmas Santa.
Your Friend,
Meliss Gomez

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? I am. Are you getting your reighndeer ready? Is it tricky flying in snow? How many kids are in the world?
This I what I want for Christmas. I want a well trained little rotweiler puppy, and more right handed golf clubs. Have a merry Christmas, and keep those elves in line.
Your friend,
Zac Dunnam

Dear Santa,
I Want new clothes, Shoes, and a barbe doll, and a barbie car, Desteiny Child set. And 2 purple bicycles. And chapter books. And My Mom a new car.
Your friend,
Nikki Ward

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wish I could have a game called Need for speed porsch and a semort truck and a remort boet and a little pupu and a little cd player.
Love
Rodrigc Grado
And don't forget your raindeers

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toy's and CD's last year. How is Mrs. Clause? For list year I want a Telecape and britny's new album and old alba. And a Skooder.
You'r Friend,
Fharren Gresham

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a dirtbike please and for my little brother he wants a dinosaur toy. For my bigger brother will he wants a horse and for my cousin John he wants a gold paint ball gun. My other cousin Adrian he wants a new widow game and a water bed.
For my cousin Adrew well he wants a new widow game and a waterbed for his self.
Your friend,
Michael Ybarra
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I've been kind of a good girl so I was wandering if you could get me sonethings for Christmas. Could you try to get me some trolls and if you can, can you get me the new nsync celebrity cd and a gateway computer and a leopard cell phone and one more thing that's if you can I want my own room.
Yours truly,
Britney Rincon
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a slugbug purple plese, fib-finder. Mary Kate and Ashley bed, New Nintendo games, and some Mary Kate and Ashly clouts 3 shoes. And a compoter with the internet, purple phone or cellphone and a poket for the cellphone with an extra cover for my cellphone.
Your friend,
Cierra Ellison
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a doll, a computer, roller blades, and some new jeans. I am doing well in school. I love you, Santa.
Thank you,
Anna Macias

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, some new clothes, a bike, and a baby doll.
Thank you,
Elizabeth Mejia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer, Play Station games, a Game Boy, a bicycle, and a trampoline. I have been good this year.
Thank you,
Johnny Menchaca

Dear Santa,
I would like a Play Station, the Grinch movie, a remote control car, some new shoes, and an airplane. I am a good boy. I have learned a lot in school.
Thank you,
Andres Mendoza

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a fire truck, a helicopter, a tow truck, a train, and a front-end loader. I have been good this year.
Thank you,
Ramon Minjarez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie computer, some new clothes, some movies and one more Barbie. I have been good this year and working really hard in school.
Thank you,
Alejandra Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blue motorcycle, a black car, some goldfish, some army men, a truck and a jeep. I love you, Santa.
Thank you,
Ian Hightower

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Game Boy, a scooter, a CD player, a Winnie the Pooh watch and an ice cream maker. I love you, Santa.
Thank you,
Justine Jimenez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a Super Smash Brothers video game, Gremlins movie, a Grinch watch, Shrek the movie, and a robot. I am working hard in school and try not to get in trouble.
Thank you,
Phillip Libby

Dear Santa,
I want a big tractor, a four-wheeler, a scooter, a John Deere Hat, and some Nike shoes. I am trying to be good.
Thank you,
Elias Chavez

Dear Santa,
How do you get down the Chimney? I want a real cat, the movie Shrek, a sweater, and a TV and bike.
Love,
Chelsey Gonzales

Dear Santa,
May I have a CD walk man for Christmas please and may I have black and white guitar and a drum set.
Steven Hightower
Grade 3

Holiday Trimmings

We're all celebrating the season in style this year, thanks to great customers like you.

Happy Holidays!

Bobcat Barber Shop

He Knows You've Been Good... especially to us!

Best wishes and many thanks for your friendship and continued support.

Dimmitt Equipment Co.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
To Our Friends & Neighbors

Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the company of loved ones, good fortune and peace. Thanks for your support and friendship.

Dimmitt Feed Yard, L.L.C.

Happy Holidays

As the days until Christmas dash by, we'd like to take time out to thank all of you for stopping by our way this year.

Gary's Engine & Machine

How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer?



Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter that will go in the street and ditches. I would also like a monster truck that is a pick-up and is very cool. You can surprise me and my brother with other toys. My brother really likes game-boy games. We will leave you some chips and hot sauce and some ice tea on the table.
Love,
Coby Ross Venhaus
7 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy so far. For Christmas I would like a motorcycle toy, soccer ball and basketball. I would also like a Scooby-Doo tent. Please bring my brothers and sister something too even though they are bad. Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Benjamin A. Rodriguez
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a puppy dog and a jewelry box, and also a record player. I also would like you to bring my sisters some nice things too. Thank you very much.
Taylor Gresham

Dear Santa,
I want a GAME BOY ADVANCE a present for Christmas if I'm good. I want a bike, my mom has surprise for me, because I good grades in my report card. I want a scooter, those shoes that turn into handy rollers and a CD of dancing Queen. Thank you.
Raul Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64, Monopoly, a Little dog, some building blocks and a go car to ride around my farm.
Emilio Castaneda

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a playstation, and TV, and a guitar, piano, and my Brother Jesse ants a Big truck, and cars. Thank you Santa Clause.
Alexandria Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a big stereo with big speakers to it, also a TV for my room, and last I want a trampoline. That will be all Santa. Thank you Santa.
Ian Rivera

Dear Santa,
How do you make your reindeers fly? I want a toy motorcycle, a toy dog and a toy cat.
Love,
Isaiah Marquez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus feeling? I want a real cat, a barbie doll, and a poochie dog toy. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Erika Castillo

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a four wheeler, a digimon CD and I would like a Shrek CD and a skateboard.
Love,
Lance Myrick

Dear Santa,
I hope I will see you on Christmas Eve. I have been good. Please bring me a car, a doll, play make-up and a bike.
Thank you Santa
Diana Gonzales

Dear Santa,
My name is Abby. I being a girl. I would like a computer and I would like a T.v. and I would like a doll and I would like a cat and I would like a radio and I would like a neckless and I would like a ring and I would like a braceless and I would like a clock. Thank you Santa.
Abby Oliviero

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas, and a walking cat. I will leave you cookies and milk. (It will be in the refrigerator).
Love,
Lisa Marie DeLeon

Dear Santa,
How do you get on the roof? I want a TV. I want skates. I want a computer. I want a radio.
Love,
Dominic Cerventes

Dear Santa,
How do you get on the roof? I want a doll and a stuffed cat and a puzzle and a jacket and shoes.
Love,
Melyssa Lopez

Dear Santa,
What do you do when the elves are making toys? I want a computer. I want a bed. I want roller skates. I want a radio. I want a TV.
Love,
Moriah Lee

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I want a necklace, and a drum and a horse and a skateboard.
Love,
Pancho Maldonado

Dear Santa,
Who makes the toys? how do you get on the roof? I want pokemon cards and shoes. I want some skates and a car. Santa, how do you get up the chimney?
Love,
Edward Jalomo

Dear Santa,
How do you make your reindeer fly? I want shirts. I want the movie Shrek. I want a scooter. I want a playstation. I want roller skates.
Love,
Edgar Garcia

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? I want a bike, a stuffed cat, and a computer. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Alex Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and A Little computer and If you don't Bring that Bring a Cry BaBy
Love: Estefania

Dear Santa Claus,
I want A moder gocart. I hav been very very good this year. I have your randears and elfs are whell.
Sincerely yours,
Adam Reinart

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a playstaitoin 2 and a Xbox and toney Hock proscuter 3 and a C.D. player. And a papol in da trampoline and a remote control airplan.
Sincerely yours,
Clemente Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for christmas is a Nintendo 64, and a Mountain bike, then a G,I, Joe, after a Xbox, then a scotter, an a NSYNC, CD last I want a remote control car.
Sincirly yours,
Andres Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a C.D. and a scooter and a trampoline. I would like a stuffed dog and a Barbie with a bugy car. I would also like an NSYNC barbie fan and a new bike and a barbie cash register. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Sincerely yours,
Haley Bonilla

Dear Santa,
I have been a good guy. And I want a 4wheeler. Also I want a good grade on my Reportcard. And a pair of Rollerblades. Also I want another dog. And a pooltable. Also I want a HarryPotter game. And a cd player. Also I want a watch. And a trampoline.
Your friend,
Kade Riddle

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a bunny that has his name on it. I want a big present, a pair of pants, and I want my brother to be not so bossy. I want some shirts and I want my cousins to come on Christmas. I want some toys to play with and I want a jacket just like my sister. I want some cds and a clock and I want a computer two play games. I want some roller skates and a neck lace. Have a good Christmas!
Your friend,
Jessica Martinez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a dirt bike with cloc with it and a helmet. I want a sord, a race car trace and I wat my family together and my own room.
from
Joey Cortez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and I want a playstation game, and a watch, a remote controlled car, a cell phone and a radio, C.d player and liter scotter.
Your friend,
Ruben Robledo
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bear and a locket. I want a notepad with a pen. Please bring me some glue and tape. Baby Julie wants a baby stroller. Thank you. I love you.
Love,
Amy Smith
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are you I'm 4 yr old How old Are you. I would A Remote controll truck for Christmas. And a Game Boy And a Merry Christmas, And a Monster Car.
Love,
Robert B. Woolbright

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy. Will you give me a playstation2, donkey kong playstation game, Tony Hawk 1 playstation game, Shrek the movie, Mouse Trap the game, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone the movie, Harry Potter books, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone the playstation game, Monsters inc. playstation game, Bop it Extreme, Amazing Rainbow art set, remote control Motorcycle, Street Jets.
Your friend,
Kris Cline

Dear Santa,
I would like a New Bike, and a new Play Station 2 with a game of Tony Hawk, Monsters Inc, Game for a PlayStation2 and Pop it Extreme, Plus A new basketball goal, and a remote control race car And the movie how the Grinch Stole Christmas Plus some nice church and shcool clothes And Some Junie B Jones books and the Bailey School kids books. And don't forget a Go-cart or a 4x4 wheeler. And a new tv and DVD.
Your friend,
Joe Aguero

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a computer and a nsync c.d. and a Barbie cash register and a Barbie bake with me oven and a new bike and a microphone and a trampoline and a Barbie with a wagon and a nsync Barbie and a Barbie and the nutcracker move.
Sincerely yours,
Meranda Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new clothes and tennis shoes for christmas. I would also like a Barbie washing machine, a pink bike, and some roller skates. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Thank you,
Cindy Chavez

Dear Santa,
It looks like your working hard. I have been good stoodent in scool. Please bring me a Max Til and a blue watch and two Power Rangers and a moto sickle. I want a Max Til, a punching Max Til, and the two bad gise. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Jonathan Molina

Dear Santa,
I want two chairs for my dog and a bicycle for my sister. And a bike for my brother. Please bring me a train.
Dontra Ewing

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me some skate shoes, a Barbie, a Barbie car, a walkman that plays music and a toy Santa Claus.
Thank you,
Desearay Saucedo

Dear Santa,
Hi! I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a new play stashun game. It is called Harry Potter. Another thing I want a play stashun two. Have a grate Christmas!
Love,
Alberto Beanes

Deck The Halls!

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One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had - his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."

Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

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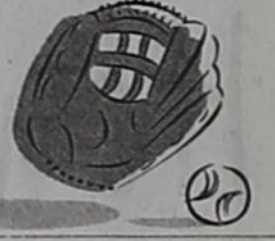
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A bike would be nice and a



Dear Santa,
How are your elves. Can you bring me some paintballs and I want a footall and a game boy game. I will like a nintendo game too. Can you get me a fish?
Love,
Chris Hanes

Dear Santa,
I want 2 games. I want 3 C.D.s. That means I will get 5 things. I want 7 toys. I have been good.
Love,
Luis Miguel

Dear Santa,
I want something for Christmas. I want a big toy. I want Pokemon cards. Paul wants Pokemon cards like me. Fabian wants a big motorcycle. Natalie wants a Barbie. I have been good.
Love,
Vicky

Dear Santa,
I bet you and the elves are working so hard. I would like a Make Nails because they will make me pretty. I would like a watch. I would like a Barbie Make Lip Gloss because it will make be beautiful. I would like CD's. I would also like Arther books because I like to read. I would like a bunch of movies so I can woch them in the car. I would like a Conton Candy maker because I love conton candy. Please can I have a cary occy mashen? I would like the doll named Kelly. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Mikala Sue Whitaker

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus feeling? Can you bring me a football and a dog and a bike and a kitten.
Love,
Adrian Morales

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you have a great Christmas. All the kids are ready for their toys. I've been good at school, home, and to my pearants. Anta I want glitter stick, Sponge Bob Square Pants game, body glitter and a coumputer game. Mary Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Erika Chavez Solis

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? I want a toy cat. I want a barbie jeep. I want a dog. I want a bracelet. I want a necklace. I want a trampoline. I want a bike. I want a computer. I want a TV. You are handsome.
Love,
Tamar Macias

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that makes noise and clothes for my Barbie. I want shoes for my Barbie and ear rings for my Barbie. I want make-up for painting nails. I am good.
Love,
Briana

Dear Santa,
My name is Vicky. I want a machine so that I can make ice cream by myself. I need bowls and spoons for the ice cream. My sisters want a Blues Clues. I have been good.
Love,
Vicky

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How do you feel? I want a puppy and a computer and a TV.
Love,
Selina Vega

Dear Santa,
Are you and Mrs. Clause doing good? I've been a good boy at school. Santa can you get me a Nentendo 64 and a game boy atvants? Can you also get me the game Spong Bob Squer Pants, and a bike, and a DVD player? Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Paul Anthony Martinez

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? I want a toy cat. I want a barbie jeep. I want a barbie. I want a bike. I want a scooter. I want a trampoline. I want barbie skates. I want a TV. I want a computer. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Teresa Rosas

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nutcracker Barbie for Christmas. I am a good girl.
Love,
Jade

Dear Santa,
I want three presents. I want a car, some colors and an airplane for Christmas. My brother wants three presents, too.
Love,
Natalie

Dear Santa,
I want a red car for Christmas. I want a toy. Chelsey wants a toy, too. I have been bad.
Love,
Mark

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I want the movie Monsters Inc because my family wants it. Please give me a Barbie bakery. I want some clothes and shoes. I want a Make Nails mashin. I want a Barbie cash redgischer. Please give me a CD player and a game boy. Please give me a caryocoy mashin because I wanted it for ever. I hope you come to my house.
Love,
Felicia Reyna

Dear Santa,
Have a merry Christmas this year. I have been a good girl for my grandma. Please bring me a cuputer, a Barbeie, a girl zone beed, and Spong Bob bring it around town game. I hope you have a safe merry Christmas.
Love,
Krysetta Scott

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus feeling? I want roller skates, a barbie doll, a barbie sweater, barbie shorts, and a computer.
Love,
Breann Isaguirre

Dear Santa,
I would like a little doll for Christmas. My brother wants a truck. My little sister wants a little doll like me. I am good.
Love,
Devin

Dear Santa,
I want a pink, yellow and orange ball for Christmas. I want something else, too. Megan wants a toy for Christmas. I have been good. Megan has been bad.
Love,
Abbie

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a Barbie telephone. I would also like a dress. Most of the time I am good.
Love,
Lucrecia

Dear Santa,
All the children in third grade love Santa Claus and they dream about Santa. I wish that my wish comes trou and my wish is a gepe and a bick and thats my wish that you bring my casens a present to and my Mom and dad and my sisters and my brothers and my sisters baby. And my grampall and gramall.
Sincerely,
Vanessa Dominguez
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Are you and Mrs. Claus having fun at the North Pole? I have been a good little girl at school and home. Please bring a gameboy, two games to go with it, a Barbie bakery, a TV with a remote and a computer so my sister could do her homework. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Alex Gonzales

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Dear Santa,
I want presents for my mom, my dad, and Sebastian and Briana.
Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you are in good spirits because I have a long Christmas list. Please feel free to share this list with my sisters, parents, in-laws and friends. First of all, I would really appreciate it if you could get me a maid for my husband and children. The next item on my list is plenty of knic knacs for my house and an unbreakable remote control for my son, John. I wouldn't mind world peace and some common sense thrown in.
Thank you,
Delia

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike from gost riders and a sleeping bag and a barbie mentle and some roller blades a size 6 in women and a cd now 7 and clothes from limited too. Some shoes. A lamp with real lava.
Jacy Black
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are you doing at the North Pole? I am a good little girl. I want a pet ginypig that is nice and a gameboy color that I can play by myself. I want a little cute puppy so I can walk the puppy. I want a computer so I can play games. I love Christmas and you.
Love,
Stephanie Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation. And I want a scooter. And I want a bike. I want a watch and a rabbit. I want a set of markers and want a set of map coloeurs, and hooks, and a remote control car. And I want a carpet for my room and I want the Harry Potter movie.
Your friend,
Ruben Martinez

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? I want a reindeer. I want a dog.
Love,
Arturo Mejia

Dear Santa,
Good morning. I would like a tractor and a dinosaur. My brother wants a nice car for Christmas. My sister wants a Barbie. I am a nice boy.
Love,
Victor

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. Santa can you come to all the houses? I want a Barbie house and a Barbie doll too. My brothers want a computer and reslers too. My mom wants same jowwly. My grandma wants some dresses. I bet you are a good Santa.
Love,
Lylybell Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and I also would like a video game and a Hot Wheel car with the police car. I also want the looped Hot Wheel that needs to have batteries with two fake guns to make the cars go and I also want a Hot wheel with two trucks in it. And I want the Harry potter movie.
Your friend,
Josue Quiroz

Dear Santa,
What I really want for Christmas is a Barbie Cashregster and a Aron Carter Cd. My mom said that she might give me a Britney Spears cd too. I am really exited because I'm going to spend Christmas at Mexico. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Yolanda Dominguez
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a big yellow bike for Christmas. My brother Chris wants a yellow bike just like me. Leslie and Beatrice want yellow bikes too. We have all been good.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I don't want that much. I like my family, cloths, bobet, some books, T.LC Cd, stuff bear, natendo 64, iny wase, How is Rudolph? Is he still giding the slay? Have a jolly Christmas and make sher Rudolph still has a shiny red nose.
Sincerely,
Ysenia Godino
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, a Barbie, a Harry Potter book with a Harry Potter doll, and, I want a pair of shoes.
Your friend,
Angel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a Monstertruck, cars, a Nintindo 64, and shoes. I want foot-ball close and a halmet. Please give me klose, socks, a Batman kite, fishing rod, a punching bag, a nicklace, watch, boots, and a hat. I also want a gun, a jacket, and Nike shoes, Nike pants, and a Nike hat. If you have room, I would like a soker game and ball.
Love,
Ismael Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a real big blue motorcycle for Christmas. Cassandra wants a Barbie. Isaiah wants a little blue motorcycle that he can ride. I am learning a lot at school. I will try to be good.
Love,
Ivvan

Merry Christmas

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Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, Soccerball, Basketball, Football, Baseball, Baseball bat, Bull dog piggy bank, Nerfgun, Labtop, rollingrunners, dirtbike, goalcar, swimming pool, healthy food and my last thing I want is to get my grades higher.
Salvador R.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a barbie scooter and a barbie whith NSYNC. I want a bike and a bottle that you can put some coke in it. I want a parrot and a cage. I want a play register. I want a G.I. Joe game. I also want a barbie radio anaa.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Fernandez

Dear Santa,
How do you get on the roof? How do your reindeer fly? I want a digivice and pokemon cards. I want a bike. I want a game boy. I want cassettes.
Love,
Rosario Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
Hi santal I hope you have a great time. Would you please bring me a Barbie car with a Barbie? I want new clothes and some boots that are Marry Kate and Ashily because my mom never got them for me. I hope you and your elfs have a great Christmas.
Love,
Beatrice Cedillo

Dear Santa,
I want a horse that's with a big Barbie and the one that the little kids go with the big one. I am good.
Love,
Jo Celyn

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I would like a ride-on tractor, a remote control airplane, a Jimmy Neutron toy, new shoes, and a wallet with some play money in it. I am a good boy.
Thank you,
Sammy Beanes

Dear Santa,
What are your elves doing? I want a dinosaur trailer and a T-Rex. I want an ultra dinosaur jeep. Have a good Christmas.
Love,
Ryan Diaz

Dear Santa,
Have a merry Christmas Mrs. And Mr. Claus. I want a football helmet because my uncles play football. I want a Play Station 2 and toy men. I want a toy gun so me and my freinds can play guns. I also want a gameboy and the movie Grinch. I hope you have a happy Christmas Mr. Santa.
Love,
Daylon Chavers

Dear Santa,
this year all I want for Christmas is lotts of clothes, toys and a Barbie doll battery-operated car.
Love
Yasmin

Dear Santa,
How do you get up the chimney? I want planet of the apes toys and I want a game boy and I want a spy kids movie and I want a white pet rabbit and a story book.
Love,
Miguel Morales

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus feeling? Please ring me a real cat. I want a real dog.
Love,
Brittany Chavez


Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! You must have been working hard. I have been a good boy. Santa Clause can I have these toys? I want a Megazord, a toy car, a tractor toy, a computer, a kite and a whotch. Keep up the hard work Santa Claus.
Love,
Nazario Maldonado

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus feeling? Please bring me a toy baby, a game boy, a computer, and swings and a cat.
Love,
Tara Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How do you get on the roof? I want a game boy and a watch and army toys and a robot and a computer.
Love,
Abiel Montemayor

Catch the Spirit
In a grand tradition, we offer our thanks and warm wishes for a joyous holiday season.

George Real Estate



Adults should consider safety when buying children's toys

You better watch out . . . you'd better not cry . . . it's time to start hitting the toy stores again in search of that perfect holiday present for that perfect little angel in your life.

Every toy shopping adult knows that finding just the right child's gift can be very time consuming.

"Hot" toys vary from season to season and age to age, but Dr. Linda Jouridine, a Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist, stresses that toys aren't always the best, or the safest gifts.

In fact, Jouridine recommends putting children's safety first all year long. Along with having young vehicle passengers ride in age-appropriate car seats and keeping children's immunizations up-to-date, giving children safe toys is vital.

Nowhere is this more critical than with that classic American holiday gift—the bicycle—and other riding toys.

According to figures from the Texas Dept. of Health's Product Safety Division, each year about 300 deaths and 400,000 injuries in children younger than 15 are associated with bicycles, Jouridine said.

Another hot item in recent years has been the razor scooter, another wheeled, riding toy designed for children.

"But we see 100,000 injuries annually associated with scooters," she said.

As far as the ever-popular inline skates and old-fashioned roller skates are concerned, injuries just naturally occur when wheels are put on kids' feet.

Many of those deaths and injuries can be prevented through the use of safety equip-

ment designed for these young riders, Jouridine said.

"What parents did was fail to heed the number one safety suggestion—when giving a wheeled present, make sure to give all the appropriate safety equipment, too."

For example, inline skaters should also be equipped with safety helmet as well as with wrist, elbow, knee and shin pads.

"Protective gear is not just a bid for manufacturers to try and get more money," she said. "It is an important part of safety."

Another vital aspect of safety in children's toys is age-appropriateness. While infants and toddlers aren't the best recipients for bicycles and inline skates, they do appreciate toys designed for children their ages. Adult shoppers should always keep age in mind when shopping for children.

"In general, make sure to read the warning labels on toys for age recommendations," Jouridine said. "Don't go by the child's level of intelligence, but by his or her age. A 2-year-old child really might be as smart as a 5-year-old, but he's still only 2 and he's still going to put buttons in his mouth."

Don't buy any items with cords or strings for children younger than 2, Jouridine said, because these cords can wrap around a child's neck and strangle him or her.

For these young children, Jouridine recommends toys that will stimulate the child's brain development and motor coordination through bright colors, sounds and activities.

"Make sure everything is large enough so it can't get lodged in

a baby's throat," she added. "In fact, never give children under age 5 toys with small parts like marbles, small balls and balloons. As colorful and festive as they are, balloons and these other items are still a choking hazard for children."

Jouridine recommends buying toys with sturdy construction and nothing (no small parts) that can come loose or come apart.

Keep these recommendations in mind even if the child receiving the gift is older, but has smaller siblings in the house.

Children who are older, up to about age 8, shouldn't receive any toys with sharp points or metal edges.

"If you buy arrows or darts, make sure they have protective tips or suction cups that stay secure," Jouridine said.

Toys that operate through electricity or that have heating elements, such as woodworking sets or ovens, are not recommended for children younger than 8.

Because of the current situation in this country and the world, Jouridine said parents and other adults should consider all the issues before deciding whether or not to purchase toy guns for their children.

Toy guns for children have been controversial for years, but now Jouridine says, "I am concerned that many law enforcement officials, operating under a heightened sense of security after Sept. 11, might mistake a toy gun for a real one."

The Texas Dept. of Health has issued a warning that toy cap pistols can damage a child's hearing.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. So can you please bring me a gameboy so I can play it. Can you also bring me a bike and a Nentendo 64? I would also like a computer. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Aaron Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a movie about Barbie. I want a computer. I want play money ad a cash register. I want paint, crayons and colors. I want scissors and glitter and paper. I want blocks. I want a lot of Barbies. I want a bed so I can go to sleep by myself. I want some pencils and I want make-up. I want a Barbie car and telephone. I want a pretty dress. I want some swings. I want some abc papers so I can show my family. I want a pretty jacket.
Love,
Mayra


Dear Santa,
I would like to have an air snare set, a Hot Wheels fireball, some Pokemon cards, Shark Attack, and Slithering Jake. I am being good.
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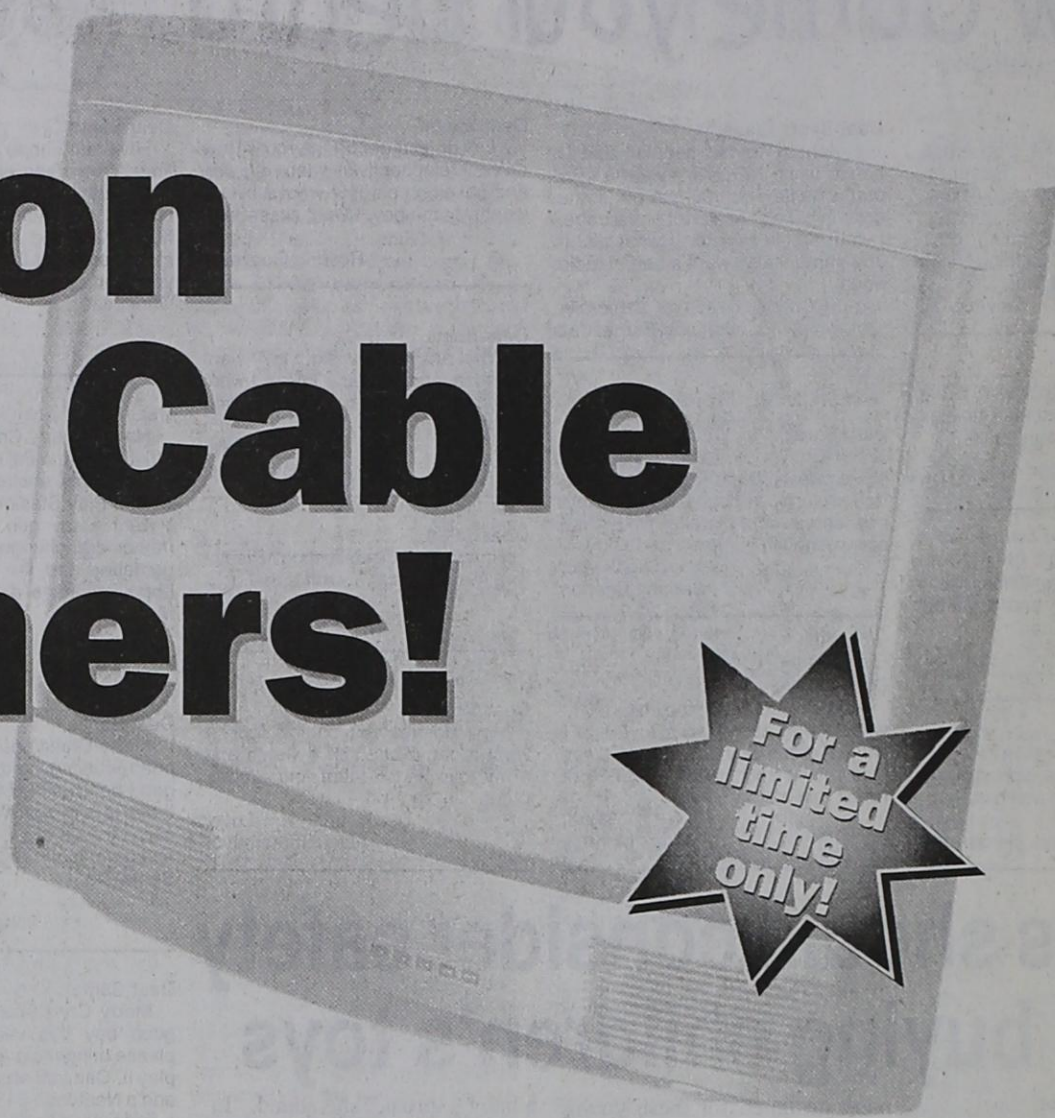
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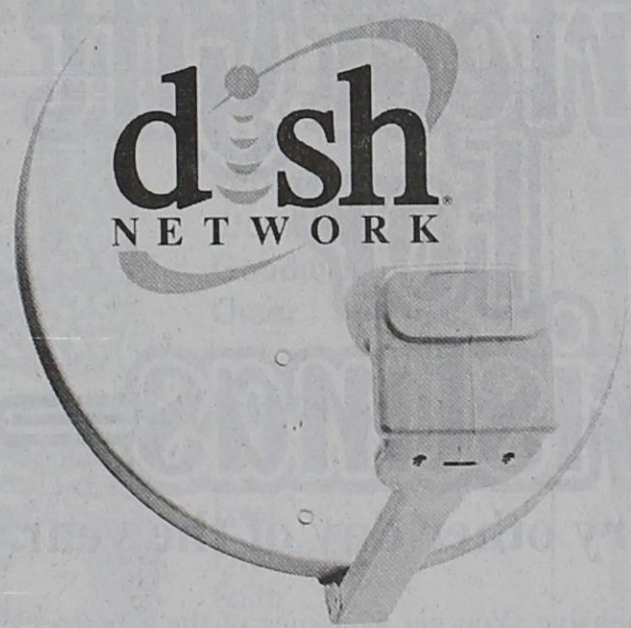
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SAY HI to Rudolph and the REINDEER

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a computer, a desk for my computer, some gameboy games, some CDs, some games for my computer, some movies called How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Cats and Dogs and See Spot Run and a teddy bear.
P.S. Have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Ashley Ramirez
4th

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy, coler, a comando boat, a computer, a new bike, a wwf ring with wwf reslers, and a remote control car.
Mario Fuentes
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I can't wait till Christmas. I want a Computer, a Jimmy Ntron Boy Genus game, Gameboy Advance.
Sincerely,
Valeia Rodriguez
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and I would like to have a Labtop and a four wheller and a new skouter. If you don't mind I would like a new house for me and my family. I want a Destiny's child and N, Sync C. d and a cell phone also a playstaishon.
Love,
Ebonie Montemayor
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy if you could get me a Kirby video game for Nintendo 65 I would also like a Gameboy Color with Pokemon Silver, Air Snare, Pokemon Cards, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone the book and Zoids Liger Zero the toy.
Your friend
Skylar Reyna
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
Here's what I want for Christmas: some movies called Shrek, the Tigger movie, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas, a computer, some body Glitter, and some cd's called N'SYNCE celebrity, The New Britney Spears, and a Barbie cash register and that's all I want for Christmas.
Best Friends
DeLisa Perez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and so has my family Gaby Mom, and my Dad. What I want for Christmas is first to see Rudolph. Santa I like the song that goes like this Rudolph the red nose reindeer had very shiny nose. Santa I would like to have skates, a bike, N-Sync celebrity, cash register, computer, and cell-phone. That's all I want. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, and a game boy Advanced.
Best friend,
Korina Portillo
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I would like some movies with are: Cats and Dogs, 102 Dalmations, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Toy Story 2. I would also like the big beanit baby Rrainbow. Hope you have a good Christmas.
Sincerely,
Kelli Carson
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
Santa, for Christmas I want my teeth fex And a kid tools for Christmas. And I want a Game boy Advanced.
Your friend,
Joel Beanes
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
There are 21 more days till Christmas. I want a gameboy Advanced, sled, train, music box that sings, Rudolph and The Island of misfit Toys, skotter, roller skates, and my family.
Love,
Adam Hart
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie, radio with CD, a kitchen set and barbie shoes.
Love,
Jayline Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a jolly olly Christmas. I am not wanting much for christmas. I just want four things and they are two gundams, two packs of pokemon cards and I've been a real good little boy.
Yours Truly,
Martin Rodriguez
in 4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want some presents for Christmas. I want a puppy and I want to ride on Rudolph. I want candy, playstahon, and a hors, gaot, and I hop my grandma comes visit me.
Love your friend,
Carmen Jalomo
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Gameboy and a gameboy advance with all the games and a segadreamcast and a playstation and a tony hawks game and a snowboard and pokemon cards and digimon cards and a nintendo 65 and dragonball z cards and a house and vedieos called monsters incorporated, shrek and Jimmy neutron the movie.
Your friend,
Junior Hernandez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed horse, a blanket, some more Hank the Cow Dog books. I would also like the movie The Land Before time (The Big Freeze) also I would like Lady and the Tramp Scomp's Adventure. Also I would like some earrings.
Your best friend,
Hayley Marie Clevenger
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a dog because my dog Max got poised, and I take it very hard. And a Laptop so I can look on the internet. I also want a cd player, can you bring these cd's please: Britney, N,Synd, and Lil 'bow Wow. Please. And a Diva doll. The brand new ones. Thank you.
P.S. Have a good Christmas.
Truly Yours,
Mayra Reyes
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I want rollskate and a compert and a gameboy advanced and I what a basketball gold because I can play basketball with my cousins and I want a lot of games to play with pese, Santa I want all this for Christmas.
Love,
Veronica Gamez
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some games for my computer and a labtop so I go to Huston or some where else. Also I would like a trampling and an essay bake, and the movie Shrenk or the Grinch, and the C.D. Dream Street and Lesle Corder CD, and the Mary Kate and Shley's new game for my computer, I want the move The Princes Diary, and I want a sorcerer, and I want a sorcerer, and I want a puppy, and a basketball Goal, and some spkers, and the book Harry Potter the sotes stone, and a game boy advance.
Love,
Lupito Vega
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Here's what I want for Christmas is a gameboy advance the game spyra season of ice, and Jimmy Nutron play station and a game cube and some games, a ballon chair that says game cube, the new cd nelly #1 and a real cold neckles that says nello, playstation games, crash wwf smack down two metal gear solid, spyro And three rings.
Christopher Devon Rodriguez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a 112 Par II or III. I also want a Gameboy Advanced. I want fairy godparents. I want the movie Rush Hour 2. I also want a Play Station 2 and a WWF Sega game.
Your main dude,
Brian Pantoja
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I wold like a gameboy Advanced and a pellet gun and a new Cd player. I hope Rudolph is okay. But what I really what is to see my family.
Your friend,
Christopher Davis
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like gameboy games, gameboy printer, gameboy conecter, fourweeler, Nintendo games, pet, car, room, digemon, pokemon, cards, digemon toys, seal phone, basketball, football, beogos, goutary, beebie gun, Monster ice, and shoes without lases. I can't wait for Christmas.
Have a Merry Christmas
Shane Hanes
4th

Dear Santa,
I want a VulcsWagon Beetle, a five dollar bill to get a dog, a Jamen Jean Babie, Jamin Jean Tour Bus, and Now 8 and Pokemon Cards.
Your Girl,
Abelina Avila
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a bike, game boy games, C.Ds, C.D player, roller skates. That's what I want for Christmas. So how are you over in the North Pole? Is Rudoph ok?
Truly Yours,
Jasmine Chavez
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me three games of Harry Potter, a bike, a swimming pool, a puzzle, a scooder, clothes, four books of Harry Potter, and a book of Arthur. I want all this stuff because I don't have them.
Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Karely Chavira

Dear Santa,
I want 112 cd and the movie Monsters Inc and I want 15 dollors so I can buy my mom a bracelet. I want some pokymon cards.
Your man,
Xavier Chavez
Grade 4

Dear Santa,
These are some of the things I would like for Christmas. I would like a cd player and a I would also like a computer. I would like clothes with real nice boots. And if you can a play station with barbie game.
Sincerely
Leslie Cedillo
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. I hope you have a great day. I want for Christmas a Barbie carrycey mushing so I can sing to my sister. The other thing I want for Christmas is a Barbie cash rejister so I can play store. I want Barbie close so I can play with my Barbies so I can dress them. I want a Barbie boy too.
Love,
Destany Delacruz

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we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support this past year.

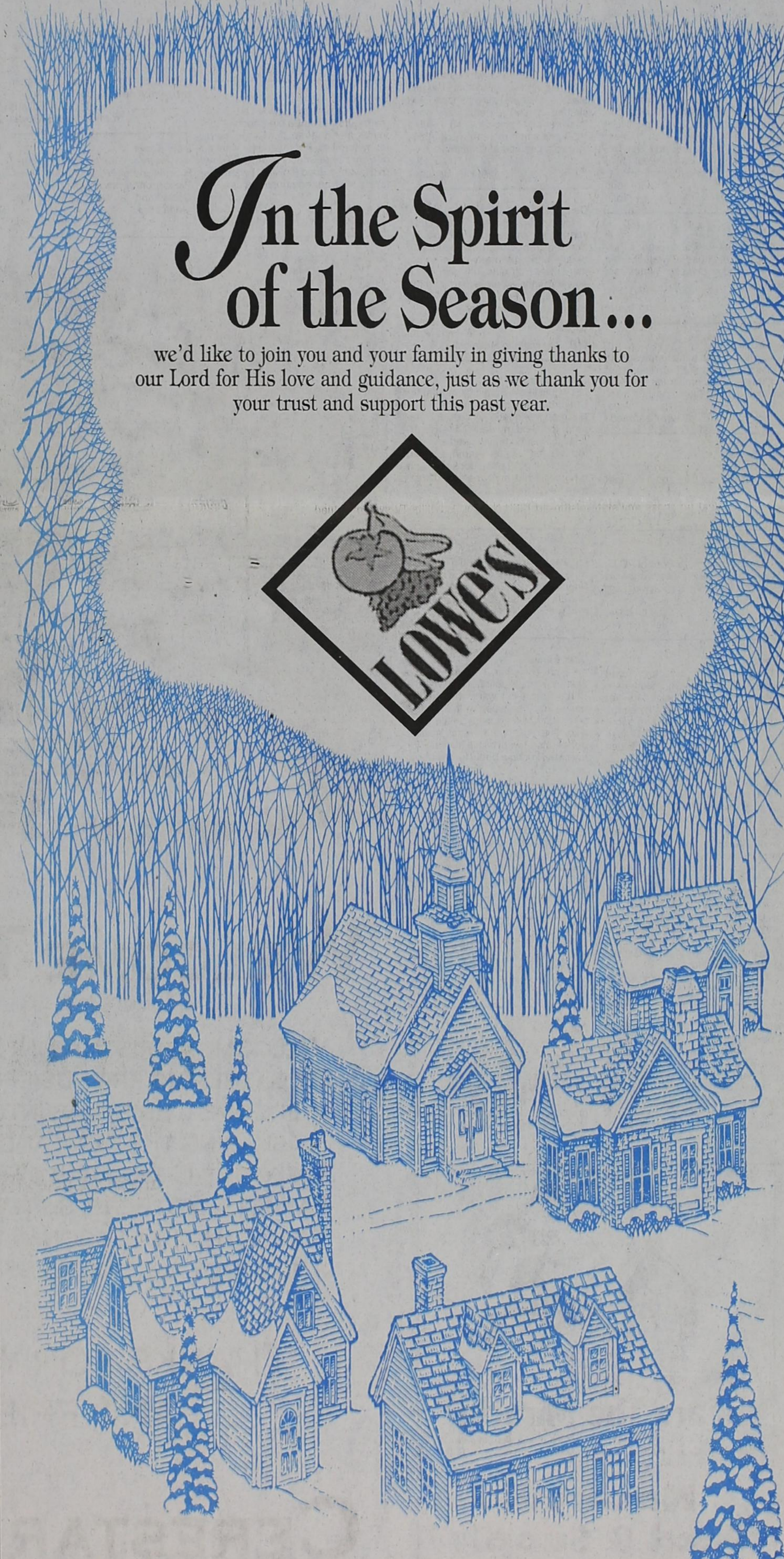


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I promise to go to bed early Santa



Dear Santa,
How are you? My brother and I have been very good this year. My name is Dyllyn and I am 3, my brother, Brant, is 10 months. I want a Power Wheels motorcycle and some Bob the Builder things. I also want some play dough. Brant would like some blocks and some toys that play music. I will have you some milk and cookies. I love you Santa.

Love,
Dyllyn and Brant Nelson

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Marissa If you can give a present for my brothers. Please give them a dream cast and a Sega Genesis. Please bring my parents a new bed. I would like a new computer, and a new doll. I want the movies The Mummy Returns and the Mummy. My baby brothers would like 2 bikes. I would like a bike to Thank you

Love,
Marissa

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Katrina Thank you for the presents you Gave me Lastyear. Can you pleas tell dasher and danser, pranser, vixn, comet, cupid roudof, Blixin, that I said hi I want a computer a candy Land Game some Swings and thats all. Don't Leave it at the Labor camp. Pleas Leave it at my dads hous

Katrina Barrios

Dear Santa,
Hi my name I Joshua I would like to Thank you for The Things you gave me last year. This is my list of Thing That I wannT for chrisTmas. This year. I wonT a remoT KenTrol airPhlan I wonT a JakeT I would also like a cameuter and a TramPalin.

Your Friend
Josh

Dear Santa,
My Name I Alex and I want a Play Stasion 2 because I want it. And some candy please. Waterproof shoes

Love,
Alex Ibarra

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Jet airplane for christmas and a high drills car for christmas and a christmas tree with elves and santa I want a white tree.

Love,
David Castaneda

Dear Santa,
I have being very good little girl. All I want is a real bike and a doll that talks.

Thank you
Mayra Hernandez

Dear Santa clause
Can you give me a Portable C.D. Player and jewelry. I also want a lot of clothes. I've Been a good girl. I am in first grade.

Love,
Arielle correa.

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter, some clothes and another nintendo game. I would also like a tonka Monster Truck game. I would like a bike too. I hope your elves are being good.

To Santa Clause
Love, Bruce

Dear Santa,
Please give me my wishes. I have got good grades all A's. Also I have not got any marks. Please congratulate me by filling my wishes. I want roller blade shoes, any thing of Harry Potter, anything of Mary Kate & Ashley. I want anything of Arron Carter. And an ElSara. I want Junie B Jones book. I want Magic Attic Club books. I want anything of Pooh for my Grandma. The movie Princess Diaries for my mom. A nintendo cube for my stepdad. I want any D.D. for my sister. I want any kinds of Barney thing for my brother.

Scincerly your's,
Bethany Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a Clifford the dog. A Barbie airplane Scooby doo eating pizza doll. A Baby Kitchen, A barbie computer ABC frog game. A Goofy car Easy bake cotton candy machine. McDonalds store machine. Angelica, Tommy, Chucka, Phil & Lil draws, A baby walker A baby eatery doll. A scooter A Hot wheels Barbie Jeep

From Angelita Rivera
Mrs Normans

Dear Santa,
I want you to make every little boy and girls wishes come true for this Christmas Holiday. And I want to ask for all those soldiers and their families to be united for Christmas, and I want to see my grandparents for Christmas because the last time I saw them was on April. And I want you to make happy all those children who lost their parents in New York, and these are some of the things that I want Santa,
1. Barbie Register
2. Scooter and Bike
3. Clothes

Beverly Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a toy jet with wheels, come little cars with a race track, some Monsters Inc. Toys (the one that glows and talks) and a Hungry Hippos game.

Than you,
Noah

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike for Christmas and a Megazord Poweranger toy. There's one more thing I would like and that is a dog named Skunkey.

Thank you,
Emilio Arce Jr.

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Ashley and this year for Christmas I want a new bed, a barbie and a doll house. I would also like some new shoes and clothes. Since I've been really good this year can I also have a TV with a VCR and some more movies. I think thats all, see you at Christmas.

Thank you,
Ashley Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My name is Brie-Anna and I'm 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas would you please bring me make-up, a horse, the Power Puff girls, my own TV, a power ranger, a barbie jeep, and the pink "Harley" Power Wheels. Thank you for reading my letter.

Love,
Brie-Anna Vidal
P.S. Say Hello to Rudolph

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Computer for Christmas. My brother needs a car. My mommy needs a Barbie Computer too. And my daddy needs earrings for my mommy. I need earrings too, Blues Clues earrings. And Power Puff girl. I need books too and a horse, a hat and I need a Christmas tree. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Stephanie Moctezuma

Dear Santa,
I want a pickup toy, and a Peterbilt truck, a little Mack truck like dads. A Frightliner truck, blue boots, clothes to work on Peterbilt! A big Christmas tree with lots of present.

Jose Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a stroller. I want a Barbie Jeep. I want a dollhouse. I want a Barbie register. I want an elephant house so I can sleep in it. I want a bike with basket. I want a little table with little chairs. I want a little refrigerator. I want a little suitcase for my baby. I need a bottle for my baby.

Sarah Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a family, family Christmas. Santa how are you. I love you. Santa can you bring me some presents. A computer, a baby and a real cookie maker. Santa can you bring my brother a remote control airplane.

Cynthia Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a game cube with games, one game of Bad. Fur Dlay for my Nintindow 64. And Love Johnny Marinolejo and one more thing somthings for my Baby Brother

Dear Santa,
I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas O.K. What I want for christmas O.K. lets see. I want a big house and a pool in the back for all my family like my mom and dad also my sister grandma and of course my grandpa. And I would also like some clothe I wear size 10 O.K.

Love
Beatrice

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a PlayStation for christmas. I also want a pair of boots with black dots like my tatas boots. I Love you santa.

Adam Quiroz Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas some cat house shoes and boots and also a shew shew baby and hello kitty pajamas.

P.S. Merry X-mas
Vanessa Marquez

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a remote control truck. I also want some new shoes and some clothes. And some pokemon toys. But, most of all I want for Christmas is to spend time with my family and loved ones.

Thank you,
Marcus

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bigfoot remote control truck. I also want a power wheels truck. Please send me a battery for it.

Thank you,
Jacob Lule

Dear Santa,
What I want is a bike shoe skates clothes foot/base ball gloue and bat

Thank you
Sergio Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. I want a CD for my brother. I want a big trapoline for my brother and me. A memery card for my brother. For my mom I want a ring that has Godon it. And for my dad I want a good job. And I want my family together on christmas eve.

Sincerly,
Liset Soto
p.s. I will leave milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good boy and what I want for Christmas is a Trampoline, shoes that for ninto roller blads, and tow trucks that go rielly fast, and a tickoe BC traler that does the moon walk, and Sum Walky talkys, and a ladtop, and those airplanes that go feety feet fare rill fasty and a plastashon 2, and a Jremkast, and a bee bee gun, and I will leive milk and cookies for you and a skooter

Love Santa
From Erik

Dear Santa,
My Name is Monica Paz Velasquez Yo quero ana computadora y un trampolin, uno's patines, nintendo, perfume, joyas, pantalone, camisetas, bestidos, sapatos, un pino, ropitas para las monas.

Te quero mucho Santa claus de parte do
Monica Paz

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Nintendo Game Cube. I would also pair of street jets. I also want games for my sega. I would like a bike.

From: Jonathon Casas

Dear Santa,
What I want for Cristmas is a bike, a trampoline, a pair of rolling runners, a dream cart, a playstation, a nintendo, a nintendo 64, a sega, a game cube with games, a playstation two, and a new watch.

To: Santa Claus
from: Alonso ByGoytia

Dear Santa,
How are you, and Mrs. Claus? How is rudolph? I've been good. Please bring me a Quantum Strata Cycle and a Quantasaurus Rex Mega zord.

from Gino Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How has Rudolph been. I want a fire truck, a playstation 2, a Rudolph toy.

Thank you
R.J. Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
My name is Katy and I believe in you. I want a doll bed. Cowgirl boots. And a tea set. It is really sweet of you to give toys to all the children.

♥ Katy Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you I am fine I will leave cookies and milk for you. I want a real dirt bike. I want a play station like Jr. Limas's. I would also like tubes that don't go flat for my bike. My mom want a new vaccumm cleaner. My sister would like a CD player with CD's. My dad would like a picture of a deer. I would like a pair of slip-on Tennis shoes. I hope you have a good christmas. Say hi to Mrs Claus and the elves. Keep warm as you deliver the presents.

Love
Kelly Joe Jackson

Dear Santa,
Hello, My name is Joe Angle Gonzales. I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a bike. I would also like some clothes for me and my two brothes and, also for my sister. Most of all I want is for me and my family for us to be together. Hopefully me and my family will spend one Christmas in Kansas. I hope you can make all my dreams come true.

Love,
Joe Angle Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, Barbie car, and a trampoline for christmas.

Thank you,
Jeniva Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a tractor. Also a four wheeler and monster truck. I also want my daddy to come home soon. Take care of my Bimbo and my baby sister Alexis.

Thank You
Dorian Lee Rosalez

Dear Santa,
1. A cotton candy machine.
2. I want a twist a Brake.
3. I want my Dad to take my skiing.
4. I want to play school.
5. Pet Vet
Santa how is Mrs. Clause doing. How is all of the rane dirs doing.

Taylor Bradley

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler. I want tall black boots for Christmas. I have been very good this year. Jacie has been good too. Please don't forget Remie.

Tyler Seward

Dear Santa,
I want a present please. I would like a shirt, a toy or a book. Please make it snow for Christmas. We will leave you milk and cookies. Thank you for Christmas and all that you do.

Thank you,
Roland Hollis, Jr.

Dear Santa,
My name is Colton. This Christmas I want a green Pokemon. That's all I want. Please bring my little brother, Kyler, a Scooby-Doo. Merry Christmas.

Colton Swimmer

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy advance, guitar, Sega Dream Cast, skateboard, remote control motorcycle. I've been a good boy this year. I hope I get my presents that I wished for.

Aaron Mendoza



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