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Dear Borden County School Community

Our school was listed as not complying with a safety audit on a Dec. 17th news broadcast and in the Dec. 18th issue of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal. The last time we conducted a safety audit, the auditor told me that our school was one of the safest schools he had seen in the region and area. As you all know, we have been involved in a major construction project. The last time we were supposed to conduct a safety audit, I knew there was no way that our district could conduct this survey properly with doors unsecured, demolition of buildings taking

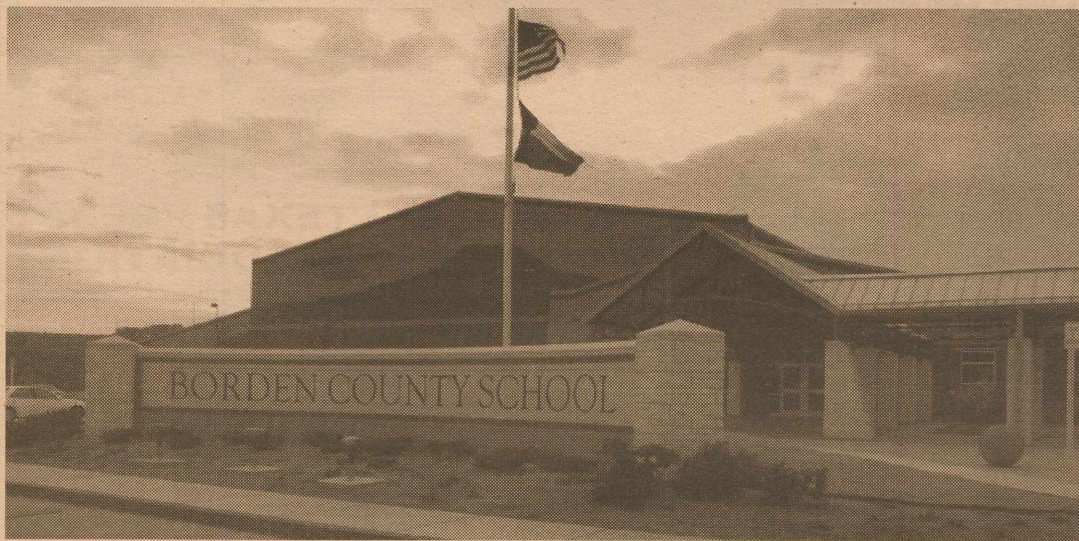
place, construction taking place, and buildings being joined together through a major building program. I am confident that the Borden County School District meets or exceeds current state of the art safety standards as a result of the building program that is coming to a conclusion. Our school now has several additional safety devices and procedures in place than we did in the past (cameras at all entries, monitors in administrative offices, automatic locking doors, an emergency public address system, sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, and burglar alarm systems). Please

be assured that the Borden County Independent School District Administration and Staff considers the safety of our children a top priority, and we will continue to provide a safe environment and outstanding educational program for our students. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need any additional information or have additional questions pertaining to this matter.

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Sincerely,
Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent

Borden County ISD



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Getting Started is Only the Beginning

Making any change takes determination as well as effort. Just getting started often feels like the most difficult step. It's easy to keep putting off beginning. Starting tomorrow is always appealing since it means you don't have to deal with the stress of changing today. The trap is that the tomorrows add up until you wind up never starting at all.

Maintaining a pattern of behavior is much easier than beginning one. That's how habits become engrained. Getting started with new behavior usually means leaving a familiar comfort zone. The path of least resistance is always appealing.

Fear of failure is a power-

ful paralyzing force that makes it hard to get started. If you never attempt making a change, there is no chance of failure.

Taking the first step is the only way to enter that path of change. But to continue on track each step has to be followed by another until your desired results are realized. Unfortunately, a lot of people give up after taking only one or two steps.

This is due to impatience and the desire for instant feedback that our efforts are paying off. We are too quick to declare something a failure. Another limiting factor is our own self-doubt that we will be

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EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday, December 21st, school will be dismissed for the holidays at 12:30 p.m. and the buses will run at that time.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 7th at 8:00 a.m.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Coyotes Defeat the Blackwell Hornets

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyotes finished up the non-district season with another victory defeating the Blackwell Hornets 60-23. The Coyotes are now 8-2 on the season.

The Coyotes hit the court running fast scoring 16 first quarter points. Plus they added some tenacious defense allowing only four points in the opening quarter. Borden outscored the Hornets 12-9 in the second quarter to take a 15 point advantage at the half. Again the Coyotes started fast in the third quarter with both a great offensive and defensive effort outscoring Blackwell 19-4 and increasing their lead

47-17 after three quarters of play. Borden increased the margin winning the fourth quarter as well 13-6.

Tanner Richey led all scorers with 24 points. Richey also added 12 rebounds and five assists. Kurt Shafer had an impressive night scoring 14 points plus adding 14 boards in the contest. Helio Rosales scored nine points, plus pulled down nine rebounds and added 6 steals. Sean Tucker scored five points followed by Jared Smith and Matt Proulx with three points. Frank Banman chipped in 2 points for the Coyotes.



Borden County Pup, Trace Richey reaches high to score another basket for the Pups in last weeks game against Wellman-Union.

JV Lady Coyotes Continue Growth at Grady

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Lady Coyotes travelled to Grady last Friday to play the Lady Wildcats. The Grady Lady Cats have traditionally been strong in the past and this year was no different.

The Lady Cats came out firing on all cylinders and were able to gain a quick advantage on the Lady Coyotes. The home court advantage was in full effect on this night as it seemed that every shot the

Lady Cats put up would find the bottom of the basket. The Lady Coyotes fought hard to the end and continued to show improvement in all facets of the game.

Scoring in this game were: Zoie Key 12, Mallory McMeans 4, Bailey Robinson and Mollie McMeans had 2 points each. I am very proud of these young ladies for their continued growth and improvement.

Pups Continue Winning Streak Defeating Wellman

By Coach Edwards

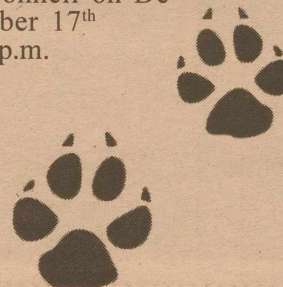
The Borden County Junior High squad continued their winning ways defeating the Wellman-Union Wildcats 58-9.

The Coyotes quickly jumped out to a 20-0 first quarter lead and never looked back. Borden extended their lead 34-7 at the half. The Coyotes defense only allowed two points the entire second half.

Leading scorers were Trace Richey with 14 points. Hunter Jones and Korbin Sumners each added 12 points followed by Diego Bernal with 6 points. Kale Yarbro knocked in four

points while Ryan Willborn, Kase Lott, Jayton Lewis, Nick Proulx and Dylan Murphy scored 2 points.

The Coyotes improve to 4-0 on the season and will continue district play at O'Donnell on December 17th at 7 p.m.



School Lunch Menu

Jan. 7-11, 2013

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Cheese Chalupas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Country Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Savory Green Beans, Roll and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Charro Benas, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles, Salsa, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

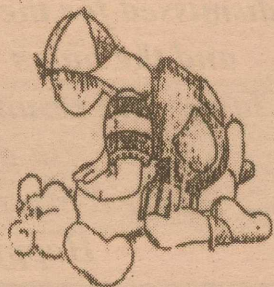
Thursday - Breakfast: Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish Tacos, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Salsa, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

Friday: No School

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Lady Coyotes Win District Opener Against Wellman-Union

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes opened up district 6A play against the Wellman-Union Lady Wildcats Tuesday night at Borden County.

Kylie Voss lead the charge scoring 12 of the teams 19 first quarter points, and the Lady Coyotes were up 19-7 after the first. The pressure of the Lady

Coyotes on defense lead to turnovers that they transitioned to points and at the half the Lady Coyotes were up 32-17.

The Lady Coyotes came out hitting from the outside to start the third hitting two threes. These shots sparked another 18 point quarter while on the defensive end they allowed only

10. The final Lady Coyotes 63 Wellman 33 was an all-around effort on both sides of the court.

Scores:
Voss 25, Gass 14, Basquez 11, Shafer 4, Campbell 3, Richey, Peterson 2 and Dean 2.

Coyote JV Defeat the Hornets 40-11

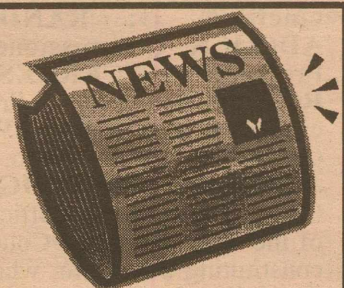
By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Junior Varsity won their second game in a row defeating the Blackwell Hornets 40-11.

The Coyotes jumped out to a 11-4 lead after the first quarter of play. The Coyote defense became stingy in the second quarter by not allowing the Hornets to score. Borden County scored 10 points of their own to take a 21-4 lead at

the half. The Coyotes won the next two quarters as well by a score of 19-7 to secure the victory.

Riley Herridge lead the Coyotes in scoring with 15 points. Tristen Benavidez added eight points followed by Matt Ham with seven points. Jordan Martinez chipped in six points and Colby Pennell contributed four points.



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Lady Coyote, McKenna Campbell stops a Lady Wildcat in her tracks during last weeks match against Wellman-Union.



Coyotes and Lady Coyotes Basketball 2012-2013

Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Teams
27-Oct-12	Roscoe	1:00	There	JVG/VG
TBA	Post/Lamesa	TBA	There	JVG/VG
6-Nov-12	Spur	5:00	There	JVG/VG
9-Nov-12	Roby	6:00	There	JVG/VG
13-Nov-12	Ropes	4:00	Home	ALL
16-Nov-12	Jra	4:00	Home	ALL
20-Nov-12	Garden City	4:00	There	ALL
27-Nov-12	Seagraves	4:00	There	ALL
Nov 29-Dec 1	Post Tourney	TBA	There	VG/VB
Dec 6-8	BC Tourney	TBA	Home	VG/VB
11-Dec-12	Wellman*	4:00	Home	JVG/VG
11-Dec-12	Hamlin	5:00	Home	JVB/VB
14-Dec-13	Grady*	4:00	There	JVG/VG
14-Dec-13	Blackwell	5:00	There	JVB/VB
18-Dec-12	Loop*	4:00	There	ALL
21-Dec-12	Klondike*	4:00	Home	ALL
Dec 27-29	Jayton Tourney	TBA	There	VG/VB
Jan 3,5	Forsan JV Tourney	TBA	There	JVG/JVB
4-Jan-13	Dawson*	4:00	There	ALL
8-Jan-13	O'Donnell*	4:00	Home	ALL
11-Jan-13	Sands*	4:00	There	ALL
15-Jan-13	Wellman*	4:00	There	ALL
18-Jan-13	Grady*	4:00	Home	ALL
22-Jan-13	Loop*	4:00	Home	ALL
25-Jan-13	Klondike*	4:00	There	ALL
29-Jan-13	Dawson*	4:00	Home	ALL
1-Feb-13	O'Donnell*	4:00	There	ALL
5-Feb-13	Sands*	4:00	Home	ALL
8-Feb-13	Wellman*	4:00	Home	JVB/VB
12-Feb-13	Grady*	4:00	There	JVB/VB

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Mrs. Mayes's 6th Grade



With a grateful heart for the health and safety of these little elves.
Mrs. Mayes and the Sixth Graders

With a stressed out heart, Lord give me patience!



Public Notice

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Borden County; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th of December, 2012, the Commissioners Court of Borden County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Borden County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Borden County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Borden County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite or in anyway use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part, 173,100 (r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrock-

ets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Borden County.

B. This Order does not prohibit;

1. Common Fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans (Tex. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED ON THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012 BY THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Ross Sharp
County Judge
Joyce Herridge
County Clerk

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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 11th day of December, 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; JOYCE HERRIDGE County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers present: Ben Smith, County Attorney and Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the December 11, 2012 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order at 8:42 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of November 27, 2012 were read.

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2013 COUNTY RETIREMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to renew the retirement plan for Borden County Employees with Texas County and District Retirement System. No changes are to be made. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPUTY BONDS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to purchase bonds for Elected Officials and Deputies for 2013. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

PREDATORY CONTROL

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the 2013 agreement between the Texas Wildlife Services Program and Borden County for the management of the Predator Control Program with an increase of \$300.00 per month for support. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RABIES CONTROL OFFICER

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to appoint Sheriff-Elect Benny Allison as the 2013 officer of the Rabies Control Authority for Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

No action taken on Burn Ban.

FIREWORKS BAN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adopt order prohibiting sale or use of certain Fireworks in unincorporated areas of Borden County during the upcoming December holiday season, due to the danger of fire because of dry vegetation. Motion was seconded

by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS

The Annual Road Reports were submitted by the Commissioners. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Annual Road Reports and Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOKS

A discussion was held concerning the Employee Handbook. No action was taken.

ROAD

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications for Road Construction/Maintenance were received.

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CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications for Soil Construction were received.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the Application for Materials on Hand offered by the Texas Department of Transportation. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said accounts and Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Consider County Surplus Items and Water System.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 18th day of December 2012.

Last Issue for 2012

This will be the last issue of the
Borden Star for 2012.
We will be back on Jan. 9th, 2013



Have a Merry Christmas
and a Safe and Happy New Year!
From the Borden Star



Happy
Holidays!

19th Annual Lights for Gail

The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights:

Nov. 23 - In Memory of: **Delmo, Martha & Karen Pearce**

By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 24 - In Honor of: **Our Grandchildren**

By Larry & Nan Martin

Nov. 24 - In Memory of: **Brooke Claire**

By Nana & Grandpa Brooks

Nov. 25 - In Memory of: **Joe & Freda Clayton**

By Larry & Nan Martin

Nov. 25 - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Newton Wilson**

By Tim & Carol Wilson

Nov. 26 - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Mardes Clayton**

By Tim & Carol Wilson

Nov. 27 - In Memory of: **Norman Sneed**

By Gladys Sneed

Nov. 28 & 29 - In Memory of: **W.C. Hubbard**

By Ox Bow Ranch

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 - In memory of: **Jere Clayton Hubbard**

By Ox Bow Ranch

Dec. 2 - In Memory of: **Fagan (W.F.) & Flora Johnson**

By Carroll & Jane Stone

Dec. 3-6 - In memory of: **Wayne Key**

By Musselwhite Trucking

Co (Phyllis Key)

Dec. 5 - In Memory of: **Binie & Nell White**

By Binie L. & Edna White

Dec. 6 - In Memory of the **J.W.C. Mullins Family**

By Mrs. N.A. Billingsley

Dec. 7 - In Memory of: **Don A. Jones**

By Randy & Donelle Hensley

Dec. 7 - In Memory of: **Our loving Mothers - Lynda Beaver & Patsy Westbrook**

By Steve & Becky Beaver

Dec. 8 - In Memory of: **Pat & Jo Hensley**

By Randy & Donelle Hensley

Dec. 9 - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**

By Ross & Sarah Sharp

Dec. 10 - In Memory of: **Beno & Donna Hendricks**

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 11 - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

By Jibber & Cindy Herridge

Dec. 12 - In Memory of: **Bert & Dorothy Dennis**

By Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis

Dec. 13 - In Honor of: **Kenneth & Shirley Bennett**

By Nancy Pearce

Dec. 14 - In Honor of: **The Pearce Family**

By Nancy Pearce

Dec. 15 - In Thanksgiving for our family

By Barbara & Rich Anderson

Dec. 20 - In Memory of: **O.D. & Jessie B Jackson**

By Royale & Carol Lewis

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **Arvil (Babe) Brewer, S.C. (Buddy) Sharp and Beno & Donna Hendricks**

By Ross & Sarah Sharp

Dec. 24 - In loving memory of all our loved ones and friends

By The Ralph Miller Family

Dec. 25 - In Honor of: **Mrs. Claus for 15 years of precious memories**

By the Citizens of Borden County and Lights for Gail

Committee Members

Dec. 25 - In honor of: **Our family**

By Doyle & Shirley Newton

Dec. 25 - In Memory of: **Mildred Sevey**

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 25 - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Denver Dunn**

By Quail Trace Ranch

Dec. 25 - In Memory of: **Clint O'Brien**

By Barry & Susan O'Brien

Dec. 26 - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

By Mack & Jane Terry

Dec. 27 - In Memory of: **Skeet & Lela Porter**

By Bob & Cookie Dyess

Dec. 31 - In Honor of: **Brian & Sharon Jones & Robyn**

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 31 - In Memory of: **Clint O'Brien**

By Dub & Debra Holly

Jan. 1 - In Memory of: **John Harding**

By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay Harding

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Preston & Ella Sharp

Tom & Ann Nelms

Marvin D. (Chief) Brewer

Barbara Sharp

Bill Gilleland

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Garland Doyle

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By Bob and Teri Buchanan

John Brummett

John Harding

Don Jones

Dan Copeland

By Barry & Susan O'Brien

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Margaret Sharp

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Jibber Herridge

Jana Underwood

RayDon Underwood

Cody Nowlain

Emily Nowlain

Raylea Underwood

By Mack & Jane Terry

Bentley Smith

Guy Maddox Miller

Gage Miller

By Nana & Grandpa Brooks

Carol & R.D. Lewis

By Lovinda Beal & Jeffrey Blohm

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Gerry & Julie Smith

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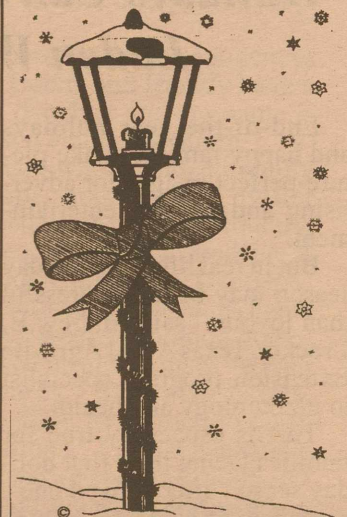
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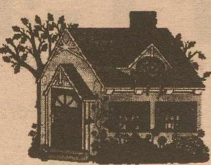
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We wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences



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Holidays Can Be Joyful...And Laden With Stress

End-of-the-year holidays and happy families make picture-perfect images for advertising and popular entertainment.

But in real life, "the holiday season may be more stressful than joyous," said Andrew B. Crocker, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension program specialist in gerontology and health.

This is especially true for families facing their first holiday season after a loved one's diagnosis of dementia (which can include such conditions as Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's) or move to a live-in care facility such as a nursing home.

These major changes in a loved one's life may leave family members concerned about the best ways to celebrate, he said.

"Many families struggle with the question of whether or not to take their loved one out of the facility to celebrate together. While it might be fine for some patients, for others it could be a very traumatic experience."

To help make these decisions a little less stressful, Crocker offered the following suggestions:

- If a family member has recently been placed in a live-in care facility, consider how well he or she is adjusting to the new surroundings. How much does he or she miss living in old familiar surroundings?

"Talk to the facility staff to see how they feel your loved one has adjusted to the new surroundings," Crocker said.

"Also, trust your instincts. Do not put yourself, your family or your loved one into an uncomfortable situation."

- Check out other options to celebrate the holiday season. Will the care facility celebrate the holidays with special events, and if so, can non-resi-

dent family members participate?

"Most places tend to be accommodating to family members, especially during the holidays," Crocker said.

- Discuss the situation with the family member to make clear what is happening. Make sure it's understood that a visit to the family home will be just that? a visit? and not a chance to move back.

- If the loved one has some form of dementia, keep to a familiar routine.

"Predictability is a very important aspect in the life of a person with dementia," Crocker said. "You and your family should try to adjust your schedules so that you all may celebrate together but still preserve your loved one's schedule."

- Plan family events for daytime hours.

"In dementia, confusion often occurs as the day goes on? a condition known as 'sundowning'," Crocker said. "For this reason, you may want to plan your holiday celebration earlier in the day."

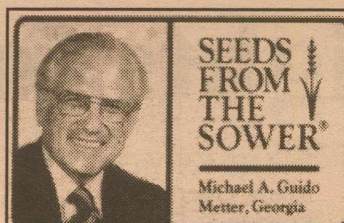
- Keep things simple. Make sure holiday decorations aren't too elaborate, which can be distracting and frustrating to someone with dementia.

"You may want to have some decorations that hold some family memories? something to which your loved one may respond," Crocker said.

- Involve the loved one in the celebration. Let him or her participate in gift-wrapping and gift-giving, if that's what the rest of the family will do.

And no matter how the family decides to celebrate, keep expectations realistic.

"No matter what situation you and your family may face this holiday season, remember that much of the stress from holiday celebrations stems from expectations being too



"Mommy," asked a small child, "how long did Baby Jesus stay in the manger?"

Puzzled, the mother answered. "Not too long, I would imagine."

Unfortunately, there are far too many individuals who leave Jesus in the stable, seeing His birth as an end, not the beginning. Not everyone realizes that this day is the day that the journey to the cross actually began on earth. This One who was born on this day of days is often left wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. It seems that many have no understanding of the spiritual significance or importance of Christmas.

But for those of us who accept and acknowledge Christ as our Savior, we rejoice and say with the Apostle Paul, "Thank God for His Son - a gift too wonderful to describe!"

This Gift is the gift of God Himself: His only begotten Son. It is the source of His grace, the expression of His mercy, the revelation of His plan, the meaning of His purpose, the passion of His love, the assurance of His presence and the provision for our salvation. He knew what we needed then and what we need now. In Him we have faith to fight our fears and hope for a life in His presence. "Too wonderful" indeed.

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high," Crocker said.

"Many times family members expect things to be like they have always been before. Realizing that you and your family are in a different situation will help reduce the risk of a stressful holiday season."

For more information Crocker recommended visiting the Alzheimer's Association Web site at <http://www.alz.org> or contacting an Extension agent at <http://county-tx.tamu.edu>.

For more information on this and other family issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Family Life.

Dare to Live...

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able to be successful.

If you question your ability to succeed, you will be waiting for the first indication that your concerns were correct. You will then give up concluding that success was impossible. This scenario will rob you of life's opportunities.

It takes time, combined with continuous effort, before changes will materialize. You can take the first step immediately. But then you have to keep going. Each step you take will get you closer to your destination. There is no shortcut.

Mike is 42 years old, 20 pounds overweight and out of shape. He really wants to trim down. Mike meets with a nutritionist to put together a healthy diet. He also joins a health club. Mike has taken the all-important first step.

Since he was 32, Mike has wanted to make this change in his life. Mike kept putting it off because he was very busy and felt there was no emergency. So day after day went by. Now, in what seemed to Mike to be the blink of an eye, 10 years have passed. He laments that if he had only started years before, he would be in great shape today.

So Mike changes his diet and exercises every day after work, for two days. He then weighs himself. There's no change. Would Mike be just-

fied in concluding that he should give up because there are no results? Of course not.

It will take several months of exercise and improved diet before Mike will see significant changes. Once he accomplishes his goal, Mike will have to maintain his regimen to keep in shape. If he goes back to his old habits, he will revert to his previous condition.

Irene desperately wants to change jobs. She takes the first step by preparing her resume. Irene then takes the second step by responding to five help wanted ads. She gets no response. Not even one interview.

Should Irene conclude that she can't get another job? Should Irene resign herself to being stuck in her current position until she retires? Of course not. It's common to have to send out dozens of resumes to secure a new job. A job search can take many months. Irene has to keep sending out resumes until she gets a new job.

Getting started is only the beginning. To make progress, take one step after another until you reach your goal.

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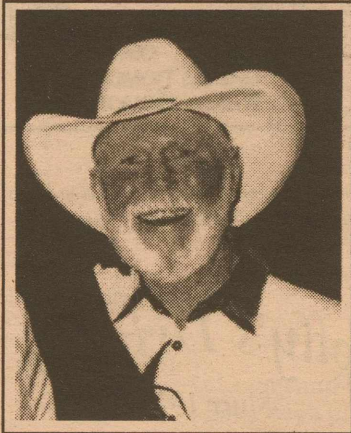
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Obituaries



Cliff Voss
1952 - 2012

Cliff Voss age 60 of Ira, TX, died Thursday, December 06, 2012 in Brock, Texas after a lengthy illness. Memorial services for Mr. Voss were held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Gary and Edwin Parks officiating. Services were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Mr. Voss was born on February 06, 1952 in to Carl and Veda Green Voss. He is survived by: one sister, Denise and husband Weldon Beck of Weatherford, TX three Brothers, Terry Joe Voss of Mangham, LA, Vance Layne Voss of Brock, TX and Vaughnie and wife Jeanie Voss of Plainview, TX; two Aunts, Jeannie Jackson of Snyder, TX and Margie Green of Snyder, TX; one Uncle, Bill and wife Marie Voss of Snyder, TX; five Nieces: Jamie and husband Corey Hatley of Snyder, TX, Jackie and hus-

band Eric Roberson of Snyder, TX, Katie and husband Heath Connor of Snyder, TX, Jill and husband Jason Freeman of Mangham, LA, and Tammy Voss of Lubbock, TX and nephew - Brendan Voss of Plainview, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents

Sharon Brummett
1964 - 2012

Sharon Brummett, 48, of Rhome, Texas, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, November 29, 2012. The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Vealmoor Cemetery. She was born June 2, 1964, in Big Spring to Jean and C.B. Brummett, Jr. She graduated from Borden County High School in 1982. She had worked for the Federal Camp in Big Spring, Town and Country, and Lamun-Luck-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County, moving to Rhome three years ago. She was a Baptist. She is survived by her fiancé, Mark Vanausdall of Rhome; one brother, Audry Brummett and his wife, Debbie of Vealmoor; one sister, Joie Bayes and her husband Brobbie of Vealmoor; one niece; and several aunts and uncles. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one nephew. Arrangements were made by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
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Stan Cobb: Dentist, Painter, Humorist, Professor

Stan Cobb was born in Dallas. After his training to become a dentist, he moved to the Panhandle town of Spearman. "We picked Spearman out on the map. Actually went there and visited for one hour and decided to move there. We had young kids and wanted them to grow up in a real community where we could get to know people."

He was in Spearman fifteen years. While there, he became fascinated with small town radio. "Big city radio stations could learn a lot from small town radio. As you travel away from the big cities and you start listening to stations in smaller places, the more intimate the radio becomes. You get reports and news just like the big city, but there's less national news and more local news about the people you know. Of course they mention the birthdays of people in town who died five years ago and send anniversary greetings to couples who've been divorced for ten or fifteen years. They announce the school lunch menus and who's in the hospital and why they're there. The announcer might tell you that Stumpy Black is in room six up at Hansford General with a hemorrhoid operation, so don't expect Stumpy to be back in the saddle anytime soon. You might hear that Brandy Johnson's water broke on aisle four at Thriftway and she tried to

cover it up by breaking a jar of Hellmann's Mayonnaise on the floor to kind of distract everything.

Later the station announces that Bobby and Brandy have a new daughter and her name is Crystal Hellmann Smith."

Stan, who attended divinity school, makes after dinner speeches all over the country. He teaches ethics to students at Baylor College of Dentistry. The students gather at his home once a week for a good home-cooked meal that his wife Pam prepares. Stan also paints, something he learned to do in Spearman. "Those panhandle winters are cold and bitter, so I painted and wrote stories about funny stuff that happened."

His paintings are on large canvases and portray ranch scenes in bold colors. "I've enjoyed painting and do it a lot. I've got paintings all over the house and people are calling me to paint these brightly colored cowboy pictures."

He says he never wanted to paint in a realistic way but he doesn't care for abstract art. "I thought that any art, whether it's written, played, spoken or painted was better than manufactured stuff. When I first started writing, speaking and traveling I realized how many talented and gifted people there are in the world. They were not known nationally or anything, but when they sat around a campfire, a living room or makeshift studio, beauty and magic happened. So I decided to paint cowboys, cows, Indians and horses in colors I liked. Growing up in the sixties, colors were vivid and evoked emotion. I didn't know any art stuff; I just painted what I liked. I think I'm a Representational Expressionist. My desire is to enjoy it, express that joy and have people feel something when they see it. When somebody buys one of my paintings, I think they're paying me to get better. God made me for a purpose but he also made me creative. When I paint, I feel His pleasure. Pam feels pleasure when a painting sells and gets it out of the house."



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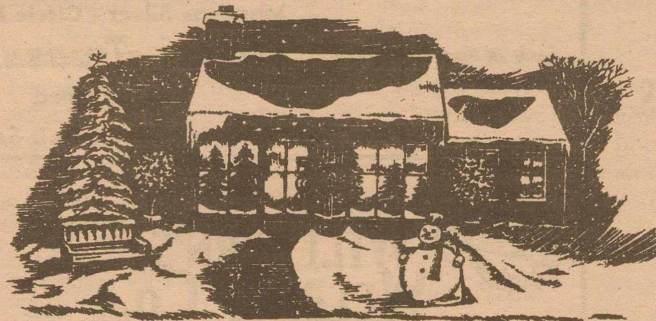
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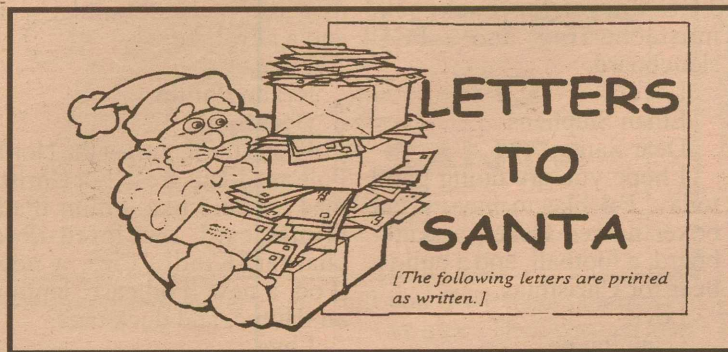
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Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan and I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Would you please bring me an iPad?
Love,

Logan Briley
Dear Santa,
My name is Carolina and I am 6 years old. I have been really good this year. Please bring me a doll, some clothes, and a pair of gloves. My little brother wants toys. I will leave you some tacos.
Love,

Carolina Andrade
Dear Santa,
My name is Kutter and I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a little 18 wheeler, a Wally game, and arace car game.
Love,

Kutter Clement
Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler and I am 5 years old. I have been really good this year. Please bring me some Leggo Friends, a dog, and a Jessie doll. Please bring my brother and sisters something nice.
Love,

Tyler Cole
Dear Santa,
My name is Kenlei and I am 6 years old. I have been super good this year. Please bring me a Dream Light, a stuffed bunny, a puppet, a pillow pet, and a DS. I will leave you some cookies and a drink.
Love,

Kenlei Estes
Dear Santa,
My name is Braden and I am 6 years old. I have been kind of good this year. Please bring me a go-cart, a punching bag, and a kitten. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,

Braden Newbrough
Dear Santa,
My name is Zak and I am 5 years old. I have been awesome this year. Please bring me an iPod case, some clothes, a BB gun and a stuffed animal. Please bring something nice

for my brothers. I leave you some cookies and some carrots for the reindeer.
Love,

Zak Lewis
Dear Santa,
My name is Maddox and I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me an iPad and a DS. Please bring something nice for my brother. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,

Maddox Merket
Dear Santa,
My name is Pace and I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a DS and a cross bow. Please bring something nice for my baby sister. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Love,

Pace Parker
Dear Santa,
My name is Jonathan and I am 6 years old. I have been super good this year. Please bring me a DS, a toy, and a toy cat. Please bring something for my brothers too. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,

Jonathan Payne
Dear Santa,
My name is Kelton and I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a dog and a car. Please bring something nice for my sisters. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,

Kelton Stegman
Dear Santa,
My name is Alan and I am 5 years old. I have been super good this year. Please bring me Mario Kart, a horse, and cowboy stuff.
Love,

Alan Ruedas

1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you gave me last year. I would like a DS, a swing set, and a play house for Christmas this year.
Kenzie White

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents from last year. My Wii broke, so I would like a new Spider Man toy, some socks with toes, some more school supplies, a John Wayne blanket, a John Wayne bucket for the blanket, and a pocket knife. Merry Christmas!

Ben Nix
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barbie house, a sit on scooter, and a baby brother. Thank you for the presents from last year. Merry Christmas!

Rexie Sanders
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas this year I would like a stuffed animal bear, a dirt bike, a little toy battle house, and a little toy robot, a Spider Man toy, and a pocket knife. Thank you for the toys last year!

Rhett Kingston
Dear Santa,
Tell Mrs. Santa that I said Hi! For Christmas this year I would like a new Wii, a bean bag, a new comforter for my bed, a 3DXL DS, and an Iphone. Thank you for my presents from last year.

Kadence Lowery
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like another pocket knife, a camera, a little stuffed animal pig, and another skirt for Zoie.

Bailey Pennell
Dear Santa,
Hi! Have a nice Christmas! Can I have a dog? Can I have a pool? Thanks for the gifts from last year.

Tagan Treadwell
Dear Santa,
I want a Kindle, and one Briar horse, one rope, a robe, and pajamas. How are you doing?

Kendall Swaffar
Dear Santa,
I miss you. I like you. Thank you for giving all of the presents last year. I would like a cupcake maker, and some crayons, and a pretty dress. I guess that's all.

Nevaeh Partney
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus. Glad we'll have a good Christmas this year. I have everything I want at my house, so I don't really have anything to ask for this year. Thank you for the presents from last year.

Laney Stansell
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are you doing? I would like roller

skates, a new tire for my bike, and a baby doll. How's your reindeer?

Agatha Skelton
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want Caroline, a make-up kit, a snow cone maker, and some flowers.

Aubree Blissard
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like a Brads Doll, a make-up set, a DS, and a snow cone maker and a cupcake maker.

Kyrsten Stegman
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like a Lalaloopsy, a new bicycle, a diary, and a new baby doll.

Savannah Barnes
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like a real live puppy, a new Ipod, a paint set, but no paint (art set), and a new bed. Have a good evening.

Bella Taylor
Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a trampoline, and a phone, a make-up kit, and a stuffed puppy, and a stuffed cat, and a box of crayons, and new clothes.

Emma Teel
Dear Santa,
I would like a Stuffie, and a Scooby Doo DVD, and a Scooby Doo game.

Hannah Brady
Dear Santa,
I would like a DS, a ballerina top, a computer, a piggy bank, a coloring book, new clothes, new shoes, and make-up.

Camrynn Gonzales
Dear Santa,
I want Orbeez, a bunny, and a cage, a little thing that he can drink out of, food and a bowl that he can eat out of, some clothes for my dolls, and some play food for her, a new backpack, and a play phone. Say Hi to the reindeer!

Jenna Holbrooks
Dear Santa,
I would like a paintball gun, a football helmet, a puppy, an electric scooter, a jacket, and a new pair of boots. Merry Christmas!

2nd Grade

Luke Carpenter
Dear Santa,
My name is Jayden Gonzales. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is 3ds, lego batman 2, batman arkam city because I have been good. If your elves are not too busy I would also

like nija turteles and a psp. I promise to leave you a gingerbread house on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,
My name is Callie Mae Edwards. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like fro Christmas this year is a kindle fire and a chalk boards because they're fun to play with. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a stuffed animal zebra and I want it to be very big. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddison Jones. This year I have been quite good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a repuns I has and dol, barbe house. Hav a mere cricmic I like wot I wont. I promise to leave you some coeces and yay on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,
My name is Rebekah Kiefer. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a rainbow pelo pet because I love it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a doll of you and DS or DSP. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

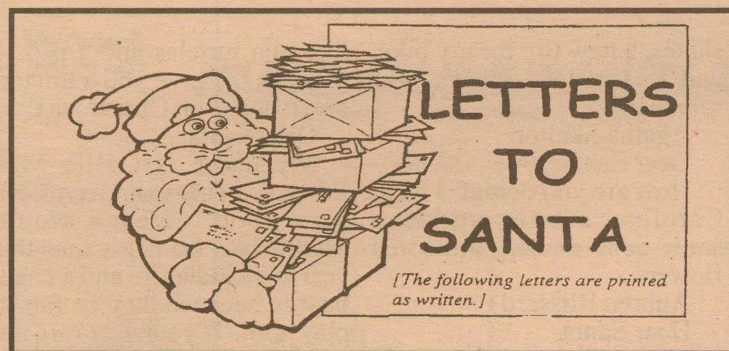
Dear Santa,
My name is Kell Kleck. This year I have been quite good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is lego lord of the rings set because I love thim. If your elves are not too busy I would also like money, money, money, and money. I promise to leave you some cooeces and caris on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaclyn McNeely. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is Ugs because I love you. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an I-pad, zigzag slide, sedru snooks, and my one Christmas tree. I promise to leave you some cookes and milk on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,
My name is Isaiah Mitton. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is resadet elves because its cook and I like it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like video games, toys, legos, a white christmas. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

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My name is Tracen Moore. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is DS because I like them. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a wii u, Mario 3ds game, and a Mario galaxy, and a wii and a wii u game, pack of balloons, and Mario hat again. I promise to leave you some cookies on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Allie Murphy. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is an elf on the shelf because I been good. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a lov lamp, texas tech sheets, tow stuff lion, wig, phone and texas tech cuver, and more stuff for my dog . I promise to leave you some cake on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Kasen Oaks. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is robot that watches my room and a flymg sauirrel . If your elves are not too busy I would also mountain lion, prairie dog, koala, and seaotter. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is J. Tom Price. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a dert bike and pies because I love you Santa. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a 3DS, gam boy, noub as kitball, a football, a rph, a now rophin hors. I love Santa. I py for you an miscuos and your am I love you an dog in your family. I promise to leave you some kucukes and caris on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Ishmael Rodriguez. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is the light pilo and a black the lights because I love you, we love yor elfs. If your elves

are not too busy I would also like a 3DS for me and for me bruthers and a little car with for sets and a big bed with cluvus can fit and baseball thing. I promise to leave you some milk and coockes on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Oliver Shelton. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a 100000,0000,000,000 dolrs check because I'm cool. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a 3DS with the gamse ky lander, giants wi with the game super smash brose and the game skyrim. I promise to leave you nothing on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Shelton Teel. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a fone because so I kin koll dad. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a komputr and skool splies. I promise to leave you some cukies and mik on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Shane Todd. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is WWE tekets because going to a mathc dream babrude with the baddle dome. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a sicaru mask, Reyeme tromast, ipad, iphone 4s. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Brooklynn Torres. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is toys this I want rell bad is a pupy because they are cut and fuzy with a bag tball. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a pant set and a Barbie car with a hosue with a pool and a pilo pet. I promise to leave you some cocise on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is George Wagner. This year I have been quite good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a ds 3d because my old one doesn't work well. If your elves are not too busy I would also like some more arrows, and skyrim and awng Aurd, the game skate, legos, and last but not least a pet monkey! I promise to leave you some chocolate milk and cookie on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Michael Morris. This year I have been quite good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a new toy car, air hocky tadle, a hipmiser, 1000000 gold macker. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a spider robot, dody gards sords and shilds, pencils, a fake gun, rainberr, a book about triger . I promise to leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Dallie Miller. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a ipod touch and a chalk board because they are awesome. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a big stuffed zebra. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Hayden Niell. This year I have been very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is 3DS skilanders gaints because I have been good. If your elves are not too busy I would also like the grate duviyor. I promise to leave you some milk and cookeas on Christmas Eve.

3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I hope things are going good. I would like a John Cena rumbly buddy, Dr. Dreadful alien, Just Dance 4, a laptop, a skateboard, and a remote control dirt bike.

Sincerely,

Christian Torres

Dear Santa,

I hope you feel well. I really want a baby kitten, a violin, a 3-DS XL, a Kindle, an iPad, iPhone, build a bear, and computer.

Your friend,

Haley Carpenter

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. What I want for Christmas is a PS Vita, an iPad 3, lego sets, Magic Tree House books, duck

tape, all the Jaws movies 1-4, TCU drawstring backpack, mustache ring, and a TCU skateboard.

Love,

Ethan Stephens

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good today. I'd like to have a pet boxer named Osker, a skateboard, a football, and a build a bear for Christmas.

Love,

Gage Payne

Dear Santa,

I hope you had a great year. I would like to see if I could have an American Girl Doll named McKenna with her gymnastic clothes, orbeez, lava lamp, Iphone5 with an Iphone case, a new bike, and Just Dance 4.

Love,

Rae' Lynne Clement

Dear Santa,

This year I want to give you this letter and make poor people have the best Christmas ever and I hope that they do. So please Santa from the bottom of my heart give joy who don't have joy.

Thank you,

Noemi Garcia

Dear Santa,

I am doing well, how are you? I would really like Destiny's Bounty, Spitta, maybe (the usual) pistachios, A stone warrior, if they're not out, Lego Ninjago Encyclopedia, with Lloyd ZX, crunch candy that is king size. Have a merry, merry Christmas.

Love,

Kelly Spencer

Dear Santa,

I hope you're having a great time. I would like to have a Crayola air brush, Crayola Digital, Iphone cases, inker, Orbeez spa, violin, violin lessons, flying helicopter, guitar, cat, Angry Bird space set, Just Dance 4, and a new laptop.

Love,

Brooklyn Gray

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? What I want for Christmas is a barn cat (kitten), violin, and a wireless microphone please!

Love,

Savannah Avey

Dear Santa,

Hope you are doing well. I would like for Christmas and iPad, iPad case, guitar, duck tape, mustache ring, and a Tech shirt.

Love,

Charli Snell

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a great year. I would like a new American

Girl Doll that is an indian, a new laptop, a new build a bear, and a new bike.

Love,

Ryann Phillips

Dear Santa,

I hope the thangs at the North Pole are going great. For Christmas I would like a mini iPad, iTunes card, a colored iPod charger, Kindle Fire, a new iPod, a new iPod case, laptop, an iHome, and duck tape.

Love,

Tatum Harrison

Dear Santa,

I hope you're having a good Christmas. I want a good Christmas and backpack.

Love,

Sheridan Gomez

Dear Santa,

How are you and your reindeer? This Christmas I want a puppy, elf on a shelf, toy reindeer, and Horrible Harry books.

Love,

Lindy Miller

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. I want a goldfish, an American Girl Doll that looks like me, a LaLa Loompsy doll, mustache ring, guitar, a puppy, and a violin.

Love,

Jadeyn Merrill

Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. For Christmas I would like an iPad, Magic Treehouse book, a cat, a fish, a phone, Mercie Watson book, a mini laptop, and a sled.

Love,

Shelby Milhauser

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. I would like a phone, puppy, piano, bow and arrow, and duck tape.

Love,

Rachel Thomas

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? This is what I want for Christmas a bow and a football.

Love,

Thomas Snell

4th Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Misses Claus and the reindeer and the elf's? I hope everything

Is going good! I am ten yrs old. I have a brother, sister, mom and dad. We already put are light and Christmas tree. Oh and I would like a board game please. And don't get too cold out there! Merry Christmas!

Yours truly,

Keigan Benavidez

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Dear Santa,
Have you bin well this summer? I hope you'll have a great Christmas! My parents and I have all ready set up are Christmas tree. We are goin to have a very good Christmas. We mite spin the Christmas Holiday at a friends of my parents. Make shure this Christmas is good. All I want for Christmas is tow plastashin3 controllors.

Love,
Michael Brady
Dear Santa,

I'll see you at Bass Pro Shops at Dallas. I will have Christmas at my Nana's house. She lives in Plano. Her street is Parker Eastway. Make sure you wake me up. If you do, let me get my jacket, so I can hop on with you. I want NFL Madden 13 on PS3.

Yours truly,
Trey Edwards
Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I am going to my Mewaw's and Papaw's house. And for this Christmas I would like an Iphone 5, Ipod 4, and a kindle fire. So, how are you and Mrs. Clause? I bet you and the elf's are working real hard to get all the presents for Christmas this year. Take good care of the reindeer!

My name is Kaci Hudson
Sincerely,
Kaci Hudson
Dear Santa,

I need to tell you where my house is. My house is in Gail, Texas. But I'm having some of my Christmas in Altas, Arkansas with my grandparents. Then, the rest of Christmas in Gail, TX. Santa, do you have any Dr. Pepper? I want a hamster, three Wii U, and games for the Wii U. Merry Christmas!

From Klancey Kleck
Dear Santa,

I was wandering if you like cookies. Because bye our Christmas tree we have a table that we put cookies on. That are fore you, your elfs, and the reindeer. By the way, on the table we have an elf. He will

tell you if we have ben notty Ore nice. Then you can give us the gifts if he says we have been nice, but if he says we have ben notty don't give us gifts. And for Christmas I want a gateway labtop Skinned with the number 18. To put on my desk, a poster of Luke Bryan and a book called war n peace.

Love,
Trent Lewis
10 years old
Faveret number 18
Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I want an electric guitar. It is white and black cherry color. This where I live. I live on Macy Road Ranch. I have two sisters. One is eight, and the other is two years old. I'm ten years old. I bet where you live is icy and cold and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Cutter McNeely
Dear Santa,

This is Erin Nix. I am nine years old and, I am in the fourth grade. I live in Gail, Texas. I was wandering if you could get me a rabbit, a alarm clock, and some work boots. I hope you Have a very good Christmas.

Sincerely,,
Erin Nix
Dear Santa,

I hope you had a good year. Merry Christmas! Tell Mrs. Claus I wish her a Merry Christmas. I really want a polaroid camera. My mom said that what I am getting is a good thing. I'll be at Moer's house if you didn't know. I'll bet you did, but I was just going to tell you. I hope you can make me a polaroid camera. If not, I'll think of something. I might make you a gingerbread house. If I don't, I'll make you cookies.

Your friend,
Morghan Oaks
P.S. I hope I'm on the nice list.

Dear Santa,
Hello! My name is Kennedy Tucker. I was wandering how Mrs. Claus and the reindeer are this year? I bet you and the elfs are very busy

this year. I well leave you some cookies and some milk. If you do not know where I live I live on 620 station Gail, TX 79738. If you do not mind, I would like to get a screen for my kindle fire and some kindle fire cards.

Love,
Kennedy Tucker
Dear Santa

This year I am only going two places. My house, and My mema's house, and I only want two things beats, and heat tickets. How is Miss Clauss, how are the reindeer, and how are the elfs?

Sincerely,
Justin Willborn
Dear Santa,

I love your raindeer. I hope this year is a great year. The cookeis are waiting for you on the table. For Crismas I want 1 or 2 things. The first thing I want is a clean room. The 2 thing is to learn more about Jeuse birth and God.

Love, Gabriella Skelton
Dear Santa C.

This year for Christmas, I want a new horse to rope with. Also I would like t anew bedspread. Then my last two things are new cowboy boots and red rope. Oh and this year for Christmas I'll set out some cookies and milk and maybe a little prize.

LOVE,
Ashlyn Lott
Dear Santa clause,

I would like a toy submarine. I would love that. A yellow lava lamp. That would be cool! I like Legos the most though.

Connor Etheredge
Dear Santa,

I have been good all year .For Christmas I would a laptop, and an Ipod touch! Tell the elves I said. Happy holidays!

Your friend
Mason
Dear Santa,

If you think I was a good enough boy this is what I would want. I would like a buck knife, a twenty two rifle, last of all I would like a wight Christmas.

Your friend
Gunner shofner
Dear Santa Claus,

I'm not really sure what I want for Christmas this year, but I do have a few things in mind. I would really like a few pair of Wrangler jeans. And if it's ok with you, some silver, camo, polka dot, and zig-zag Duck tape. I've really wanted some new Nike tennis shoes,

so do you think you could get me some? Oh, and Santa I would really like a new art kit.

Your Friend,
Haddie Flanigan
P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies! JJ

Dear Santa,
I would like a new phone. I would also like just dance four . I would like a horse to .that's all I want for Christmas .

p.s. I will make you cookies and milk

your friend
kylie barnes
Dear Santa

I was really good this year so I would like a pony, a wii, and a X box. If you cant bring me that can I please have a a new pair of tennis shoes, a new phone case, and a pair of purple boots. But most important I would like my first "White Christmas".

Love your friend
Leandre
Dear Santa

I would like a mini laptop . if I was really good I would like a nook. I would also like my own bean bag chair. I would like to be on the nice

Your Friend,
Maddye Summers
p.s I have some cookeies
Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Hopefully you think I have been good enough to earn what I would like. I would like a laptop and an iphone. Have a good Christmas!

Your friend,
Maggie
P.S. Put me on your nice list PLEASE!

Dear Santa,
I would like a new lava lamp with blue, red and silver for the colors.

Yours Truly,
Miles
P.S. I WILL MAKE YOU SOME COOKIES

Dear Santa,
I would like a Computer. I would also like Just Dance 4. The last thing of all is Miss Me Jeans. I cant wait for Christmas!!

P.S I will make you Cookies and Milk!!
Your Friend
Sydni Coor
Dear, Santa

If you think I have been good I would like some nike shoes. I also would like NCAA 13 . I also would like a laptop . PS I WILL LEAVE SOME MILK AND COOKIES !

Your Friend,
Tommy Kingston

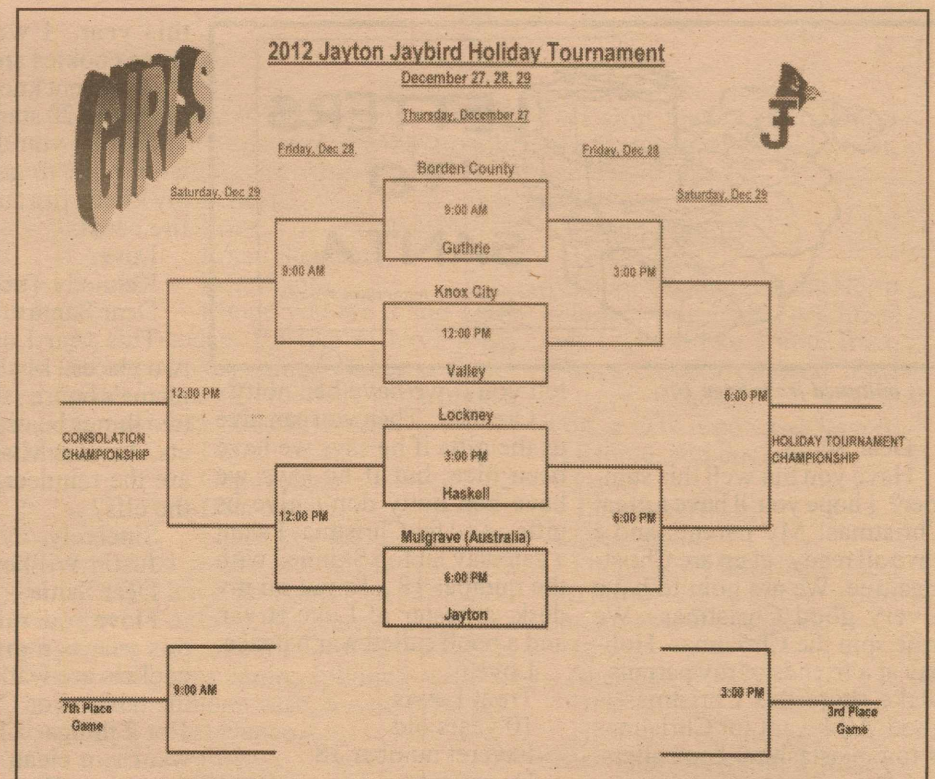
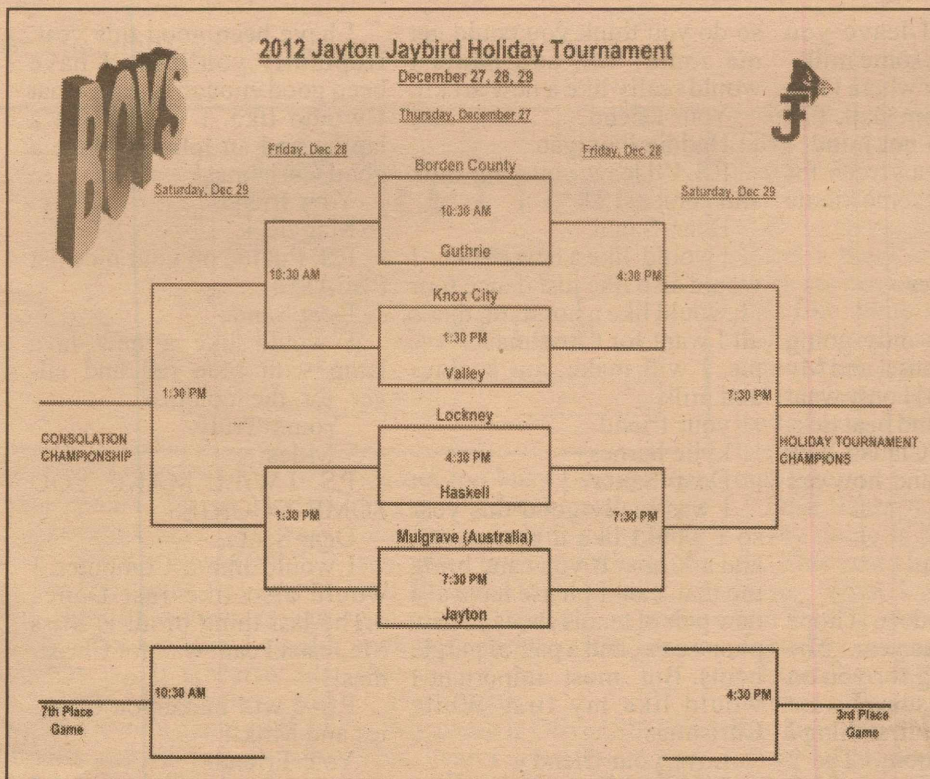
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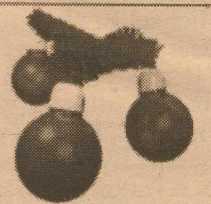
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EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday, December 21st, school will be dismissed for the holidays at 12:30 p.m. and the buses will run at that time. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7th at 8:00 a.m. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



DECEMBER 2012



December 22, 2012 – January 6, 2013 Christmas Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Aspermont Tourney-B Big Spring Tourney-G State Leadership Contest – Sam Houston State- Huntsville
2	3 JH BB vs. Sands, There 6:00 OAP Practice @ 6:30	4 BB VS. Knox City, Here-TBA bB	5	6 BC Tourney-GB	7 BC Tourney-GB	8 BC Tourney-GB
9	10 JH BB vs. Wellman, Here-6:00	11 BB vs. Wellman/Hamlin, Here 4:00 gG bB	12 JH & Elementary UIL Awards Ceremony 2:30	13 OAP Practice @ 6:30	14 BB vs. Grady, There- 4:00 gG Blackwell, There 5:00 bB	15
16	17 JH BB vs. O'Donnell There-6:00 OAP Practice @ 6:30	18 BB vs. Loop, There 4:00 gGbB	19	20 Christmas Concert 7:00	21 End of 3 rd Six Weeks/Semester Early Release 12:30 BB vs. Klondike, Here-4:00 gGbB	22 Work Day
23	24	25 	26	27 Jayton Tourney-GB	28 Jayton Tourney-GB	29 Jayton Tourney-GB
30	31	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS				