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Chadwick School

Chadwick, MO

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Letters to Santa

by Jennifer Stevens

As you very well know it's almost Christmas. This means, red, green, decorations, mistletoe, trees, lights, presents, Santa Claus, toys, sharing and caring. Well here are some letters to Santa from some good little girls and boys. Some are not asking for much while others are not so subtle about their demands.

Dear Santa:

I haven't been a very good boy, but it wasn't my fault I got suspended from school. But if you will forgive me here is what I want, I don't want very much, just a new 550 Suzuki street bike, my class ring, my school jacket, some new weights for my weight bench, a new dog instead of my sister, and in my stocking, Marsha. But most of all I want to be ungrounded for at least 3 months or 3 days and to stay out of trouble.

Thanks, Jesse

Dear Santa:

What I want for Christmas is a new car and my driver's license. I would also like a muzzle for my little brother.

Love, Laura

Dear Santa:

This is my favorite holiday. I really like you. I also like the snow. I like the trees that shows up green. Christmas is a nice day.

Love, Jan

Santa:

Guess what I want for Christmas? I want everything, forget about everyone else because I was the best little girl on earth. Here's a few small things; a corvette, lamborghini, and any other kind of car that you can think of that is expensive. I also want a stereo that goes up extremely loud without busting the speakers and sound proof walls in my room so my parents can't holler at me for the stereo being too loud. A phone in my room that has a hold button so I can make people wait if they want to talk to me. I want a lock on my bedroom door, that way I can live like a slob and never clean my room. I also want a new (expensive) wardrobe plus a gold class ring and my school jacket. A new thing of make-up and some perfume would be nice.

P.S. I also want a gorgeous guy.

That's all,

Lisa Phillips

Santa Claus:

How is it up in the North pole. I bet it is cold. Well, I was planning on you bringing me something for Christmas, but that depends if I was bad or good. It will be easy for you to pick bad or good this year. I would like to have a four-wheeler because, I am tired of walking and riding my stupid bike.

Sincerely, Brett

Dear Santa:

I want a ring and a little Miss make-up and a pocket rocker, that's all I want. I think you are real Santa and I like you, you are my friend. I do not know if I was good. But I hope I was. Do you think I was? I really hope I was. I love you Santa.

Your friend,
Daphne

Watch Your Manners

by Kim Finney

What ever happened to small everyday courtesies among the American people? Some think the act of being courteous is almost obsolete.

Manners have to do with rules of behavior toward other people. If parents don't teach manners, they are making it more difficult for their children to establish a conscience and learn to interact with other people.

When someone says please or thank you, the concern should not be in the form but that the feelings are authentic.

What are the etiquette issues that seem to cause the most exasperation? Table manners are the most annoying because you have to deal with them on a regular basis. Children chewing with their mouths open, jumping up and down, saying "yuck" to everything, slouching, sitting two feet from the dinner table so that food falls on the floor and eating with their fingers.

Parents sometimes let their children do things when they are younger because they think it's cute, however when the child gets older they don't teach them what is right.

Children should be taught not to reach across the table for what they want but to ask for food to be passed to them, please and say thank you after it arrives.

Parents should teach their child good manners by explaining what the child should do, not stressing the negative.

Another problem with the manners of today's children is the way they greet people, address them and acknowledge them in general. "Hello" and "How are you?" aren't very hard to pronounce, yet many parents say that it is a struggle to get their children to say them.

For safety's sake, it is important to help children understand the difference between greeting acquaintances and talking to strangers.

Telephone manners, too, involve acknowledging others. Keep the telephone rules clear, how the child is expected to answer the phone and how to take a message.

Being a good host or a good guest is a common concern that parents have for their kids. Children should be taught to introduce their friends to the adult in the house. They should try to make their guests feel comfortable, when the child is a guest they should thank the host for having them.

Manners are important to the very conduct of life. Teaching manners is not fun and it's not easy, but parents must regard it as necessary. Manners are, in the final analysis more a matter of substance than of form.

C.H.S. faculty members were asked to give some good manners that they consider important for students to have. Here are some of their responses:

- 1) Respect for teachers and administrators.
- 2) Respect for other students.
- 3) Students shouldn't talk in class without being called on.
- 4) Students should refer to teachers as Mr. or Mrs.
- 5) Students should return things that have been borrowed from teachers.
- 6) They should use words such as please, thank you, and you're welcome more often.
- 7) Students should not interrupt other people.
- 8) Students should not make fun of someone else's ideas or words.
- 9) Students should be able to say I'm sorry and mean it.

If your manners are not quite up to par you should try to work on improving them over the holidays and carry it throughout the new year.



Third Grade

by Kathy Huff

Are you ready for Santa Claus to come down your chimney? The third graders were asked what they wanted Santa Claus to bring them for Christmas. They were also asked if they were planning on going anywhere during Christmas vacation.

Jeremy Gilbert and Amanda Maggard would like a 4-wheeler. Justin Morrison and Joseph Lawrence want a go-cart. Jason Sisco and Rodney Leavitt hope to get a Nintendo game. Erick Smith wants to find a real live bull and cow under his Christmas tree. J.W. Barr hopes for G.I. Jo toys. Amanda Fintel would like to have ice skates. Jonathan Watford wants a remote control can and Sissy Parker can't wait to see if she gets a watch for Christmas.

Misty Louis is going skating on her vacation. Chris Sisco is planning to go to Florida to visit his cousin. The rest of the third graders just want to play and open their presents.

Class of "93"

by Jessi Miller

"Sr. 93!" These words bring a certain group of kids together and who else could they be but the Eighth Grade! That's their own special year, something that holds them all together. The Eighth grade is made up of Kim Blevins, Jennifer Coffey, Matt Coffey, Misty Fintel, Allen Glenk, Marvin Kinyon, Michael Lawrence, Melissa Loomis, Chasity Mitchell, Angie Mosier, Laura Nelson, William Peak, Derrick Reynolds, Greg Stevens, Raymond Stevens, Joe David Weter, Sara Whitley, and Heather Wilson. Everyone is very involved in school and many play sports and are in FHA-FBLA, and from what they say plan on being really involved in High School activities too!

I asked them what they plan on doing for Christmas this year and almost everyone agrees on staying at home and being with their families. I hope all of their wishes come true and that they have the greatest Christmas ever!



Third
Graders
Enjoy
Sweat-
Shirt
Day

Home Ec. News

The Chadwick Home Economics Department has been busy this holiday season. On November 20, the Interior Design Class met at Trotters for lunch, then spent the afternoon viewing open houses. The class has designed individual floor plans, description sheets of the home and a scaled model of the two rooms off the floor plan. The class met in Springfield at Shoney's Restaurant on December 14 and after dinner they went to see the Nativity show at the Springfield Fairgrounds.

The Basic Home Economics Class hosted the second annual Christmas Tea. Students involved in the Christmas Tea were Matt Anglin, Kathy Applegate, Susan Bray, Missy Herd, Mike Massey, Jason Mills, Lisa Phillips, Jesse Shepherd, Darrelene Smallwood, Amanda Solomon, Marsha Ross, Marty Walker, Micky Walker, Stefanie Weter, Amy Whitley, and Jodi Watford. The Christmas Tea was held on December 16 after the school Christmas program. The Home Economics Department has been busy making fudge, divinity, sugar cookies, spritz cookies, chocolate glazed cookies, brownies, peanut butter bars and a whole lot more!

The Chadwick Family Relations class is going to perform a mock wedding to be held at the Chadwick Union Church on December 20, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. The class has spent the last semester learning and talking about wedding and marriage preparations.

The mock wedding consists of Bride, Amanda Soloman dressed in traditional white; Groom, Matt Anglin dressed in a black dynasty full dress tux; Maid of Honor, Darrelene Smallwood dressed in a red gown escorted by Best Man, Jesse Shepherd dressed in a black dynasty tux with matching red cummerbund. Bridesmaids Susan Bray, dressed in baby blue and Jessi Miller, dressed in mint green will be escorted by Brad Rozell and Mike Massey, both in tuxes with matching cummerbunds. Ring Bearer, Matt Massie will also be dressed in a black tux. Flower girl, Lacey Herd will be dressed in a peach floor length gown. Minister Marty Walker, will also be dressed in a black tux.

The tuxedos were donated by Coles Clothing located in Springfield, Mo. The flowers for the mock wedding have been donated by Susie's Flowers located in Sparta. Fulton Rental's also helped out by donating the candles for the wedding.

We would like to thank Susie's, Coles Clothing, Fulton Rentals, and Connie Morrill for making this mock wedding possible.

**Mock
Wedding
Shower
Held
Nov. 23**



LIBRARY News

Book Fair was a success again this year. The Library sold \$587.54 worth of books. Our share was 50% of this value in books, or 25% in cash. We took our profit in books, so by the end of January, there should be a lot of new paperback books on the shelf.

Book Fair couldn't be a success without a lot of good help, so a BIG THANK YOU to Rhonda Adams, Gail Whitley, and Linda Plaster- parents who came out on Monday night and helped. Also, a THANK YOU to Laura Huff, our local Parents As Teachers coordinator. She helped several times. Student workers whom I could not run Book Fair without were Traci Melton, Tonya Smith, Teri Osborn, Amanda Solomon, Jodi Watford, Gail Cramer, and Aimee Clifton. Thanks girls. Thanks to my 7th and 8th grade English Classes for their help and cooperation--everything from unloading the books, taking money, helping the younger students- to reloading the books left over back on the truck.

The excitement and preparation for Book Fair is necessary for success, also. Winners of the Poster and Bookmark contests were:
Kindergarten -- Emma Hammons
First Grade -- Jeremy Greer
Second Grade -- Ashley Gilbert
Third Grade -- Erick Smith
Fourth Grade -- Adam Reynolds
Fifth Grade -- Carrie Mills
Sixth Grade -- Matthew Lawrence

These students each won a book supplied by The Great American Book Fair company. The three students in Mrs. Day's class had a three-way tie and each won a pencil and eraser. They were Chanda Glenk, George Dotson, and Steve DeWitt.

Thanks again to all who participated and helped.

LIBRARY TRIVIA

1. The custom of bringing a tree indoors and decorating it originated in what country? _____
2. I am filled with treats and often look like anything from a clown, an animal, or even Santa Claus. You have to break me to get a treat. What am I? _____
3. Who was the first Santa Claus? _____
4. I am a parasite. When enemies in Scandinavia met under me, they had to kiss and make up. Today I'm an excuse for kissing anytime two people meet under me. What am I? _____
5. What did "my true love give to me" on the twelfth day of Christmas? _____

NAME _____

DATE _____ TIME _____

CONFIRMED BY _____

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER LIBRARY TRIVIA

1. November's birthstone--Topaz
2. Nation's silver supply is stored at West Point.
3. Last words of Gone With The Wind: "After all, tomorrow is another day."
4. Seward's Folly--purchase of Alaska by Secretary of State William H. Seward.
5. Highest Mountain in first 48 states--Mount Whitney, in CA.

The winner of November's trivia was Tonya Rozell. Come to the library Tonya and get your prize.

Elementary Special Ed.

by Marie Day

The Special Education Class has had some interesting displays and studies this fall and winter. Many fall harvest items were brought into the classroom by Marie Day to make learning more concrete. Not only did the students of that class gain knowledge about the growth and taste of peanuts, paw-paws, grapes, persimmons, eggplants, turnips, brussell sprouts, pepper, different kinds of tomatoes, indian corn, pop corn, and other foods, but other teachers and students throughout the building learned too.

Students enjoyed eating the fall mushrooms that were brought to school by Stevie DeWitt.

As another special learning experience the class had to write a paragraph about making jello. Each one had to write the paragraph and read it correctly to be able to help make the jello from the ingredients that had been set out to make after they knew what to do. Jeremy Oswell's job was to cut the bananas in 1/2 inch slices and add them at the right time. Each of the students really enjoyed eating the finished product the next day.

The Special Education Class planned, prepared and ate a great Thanksgiving dinner, on Tuesday November 22. They each wrote invitations and presented them to other school faculty members who shared the dinner with them.

During a study of Indians the Special Education Class made a teepee.

"CHRISTMAS ON CLOUD 25..."

Christmas Spirit filled the gymnasium Friday, December 16 as grades Kindergarten - High School put on the musical "Christmas On Cloud 25. . ." by Merry A. Gregory and L. S. Gurske. The musical took place in heaven where the pink, blue, and white angels were practicing for their heavenly Christmas concert. They looked down and saw how earth celebrated Christmas and decided to get in on all the fun. Many Chadwick students filled the parts of Pink Angels, Blue Angels, White Angels, a family, carolers, shoppers, magic Christmas packages, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, townspeople, and toy soldiers.

The Art Department helped design the backdrops and parents, relatives and friends helped with the costumes and props. Everyone had a great time and when Mrs. Samuel was asked about the program she replied, "I was very proud of all the students and the fine job they did. It is difficult to make things go so smooth when you only have two days to put it all together, but they were able to pull it off very nicely. I was also very pleased with the large turnout of parents, grandparents and friends who supported the kids. The teachers were all great help too! Thank you to everyone involved."



STUDENT



by Tonya Smith

Lance Jones has been racing motorcycles since age 6. He says his dad is responsible for getting him interested in the sport.

Lance now rides a CR-80 kawasaki. He says he usually races at approximately 60 mph, but his motorcycle will go up to 85 mph on some tracks.

While racing Lance wears protective clothing such as a helmet, gloves, shoulder pads, and boots.

Lance usually races at Halldown, MO. He races in the 80-Senior class and has won around 30 trophies which most are first place. His biggest prize was \$30.

Lance says he is usually not scared, except when he is about to crash. Lance says it's really fun! Lance feels he would like to become a professional racer someday.



SPOTLIGHT



by Tonya Smith

Karen Walker is one of the CHS workers. She works at McDonalds from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 5-6 days a week. She gets every Sunday off. Karen has worked there for 6 months. She gets paid over minimum wage and is due for a raise. Karen used her money to pay off her car.

Karen does everything but cook. She helps clean, take orders and work in the drive thru. She likes the people she works with. She says they have a lot of fun.

Karen attends a C.O.E. class at Sparta. She had to find a job in 2 weeks to attend. She gets 2 credits for attending C.O.E. and 1 credit for working.

The only thing she doesn't like about working there is that she has to wear a hat and she doesn't get to sleep very much.

Karen wants to attend cosmetology school in the future.

GOOD LUCK KAREN!



Coach's Comments

by Terry Jester

I have been happy with our season so far. We are ranked fourth in the area on defense and all of our losses have been real close except for the Greenwood game.

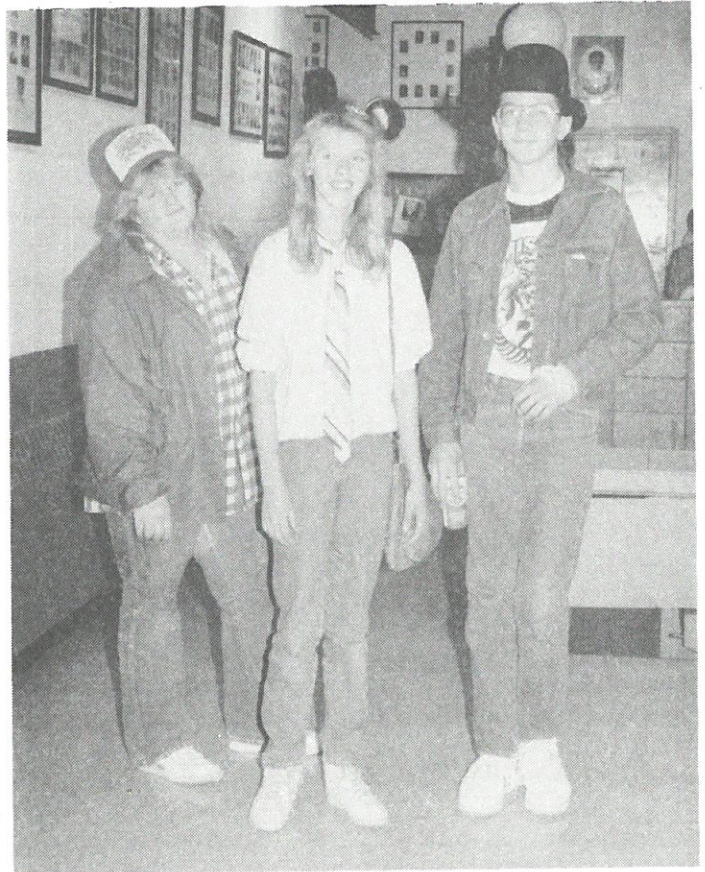
If the boys want to do the things necessary to win we can end up having a good season. But, for us to do that we have to play as hard as we can the whole game, or we will continue to lose the close games.

by Arleigh Long

The girls basketball team still has a lot to learn because of the young age. I feel confident that the girls will approach each game with a winning attitude. And our success will depend on your physical well being and your attitudes.



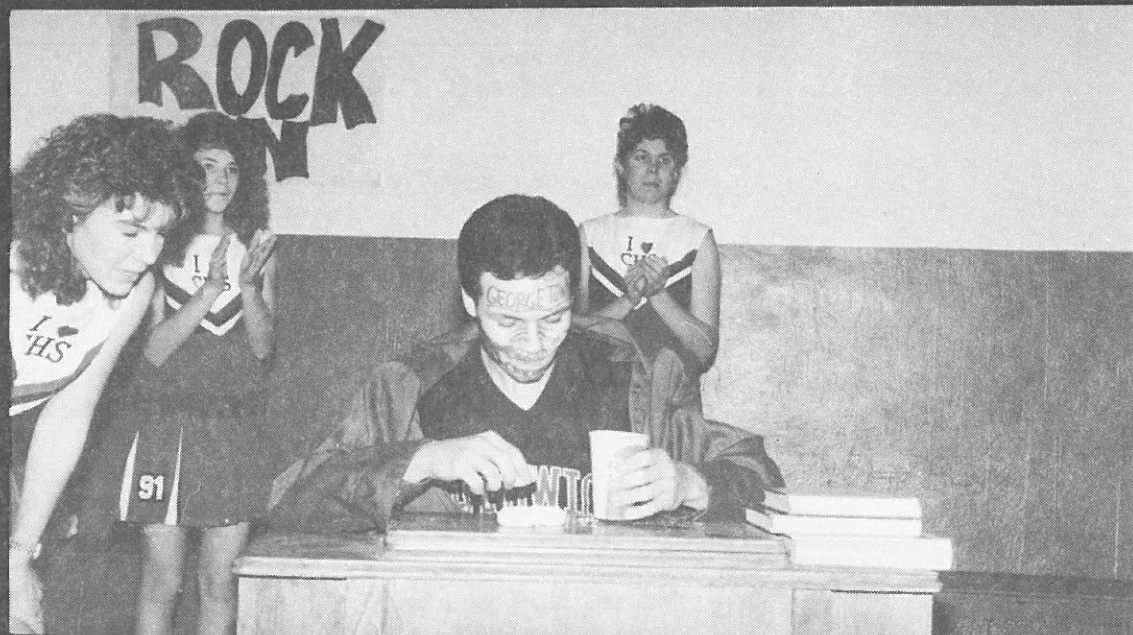
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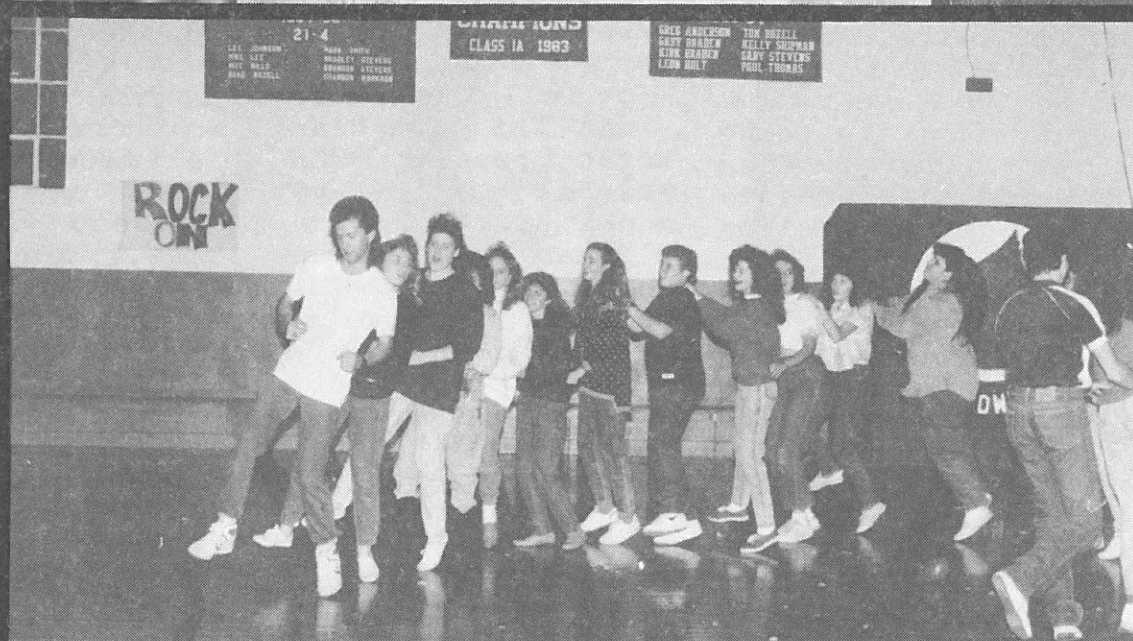
HAT AND TIE DAY

Little Kids' Day





Pep
Rally
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'88



Chadwick
Defeats
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Dec. 9

CHRISTMAS PLANS

by Amy Grove

Christmas is a special time of the year. A time of sharing gifts, receiving gifts, and being with the people you love. Along with all the sharing and caring going on students are getting excited about Christmas vacation, a time to get out of school for several days! The younger kids think this is great because this gives them time to play with their new gifts. The older kids use Christmas vacation in a different way. Here are some responses: Becky Peak, Missy Herd, Julie Bettis, Christy Grider, Tina Nalley and Laura Peak all think along the same line, they said they were definitely going to sleep late every day. Lisa Phillips and Tina Weter are going to do some heavy eating. Traci Melton says she will probably spend all her time watching Mike play with his nintendo. Darrelene Smallwood is going to St. Louis to visit her sister. Tammy Mosier is going to Fair Grove. Mrs. Morrill sounds like she's going to have a real fun Christmas, she's going to California to visit her daughter. While at California she is going to Disneyland. What she is really looking forward to is traveling in the car with Joshua for sixty-six hours! Have fun Mrs. Morrill! Mr. Long says he is going to try and catch Santa Claus, while Karen Cummings is watching her soaps and getting ahead in Consumers Math. Julie Coffer said she would spend most of her vacation at her Grandmas. Janelle Willis said she will just probably stay home.

Whatever you may be doing on Christmas vacation "HAVE FUN" and try to stay out of trouble! Have a Merry Christmas!



The Perfect Gift

by: Karen Walker

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving gifts. Much time and money is spent on selecting the "perfect" gift.

Many students at CHS agree that not all gifts received at Christmas are perfect. Many gifts, even if given with love, are less than desirable. Have you ever received a piece of clothing from a family member that just wasn't your style? What do you do with it? What do you say when you first open a present that doesn't strike your fancy? Do you lie---be silent---or tell the terrible truth?

At CHS Kim Clark remembers the worst present she has received was a pair of yellow and white socks while her best present was a Yamaha Keyboard and money. Traci Melton once received a huge, ugly belt buckle that she didn't like at all. Frank Layson's best present was his car. Tammy Mosier once received a white long length fur coat. Teri Osborn said she doesn't seem to get good things for Christmas. Her worst present was a shirt with a glow in the dark tree on it. James Creason must be a good boy since he doesn't ever get anything for Christmas that he doesn't want. His best present has been a gun. Matt Anglin received an expensive present, it was a 1986 CR 125 Honda motorcycle. Marty Walker's worst present was his wrecked 3 wheeler and his brother Mickey received an old tore up bluish-green and red wagon with 3 wheels which were different sizes, he said it had a rope in place of the handle, half the bottom was gone and everything he tried to carry in it fell out. (Maybe you should ask for a new one this year!)

Hopefully you will get the perfect gift for Christmas, but if you happen to get something you don't exactly know what to do with smile, accept it, say thank you, and appreciate it.

GUESS WHO ...

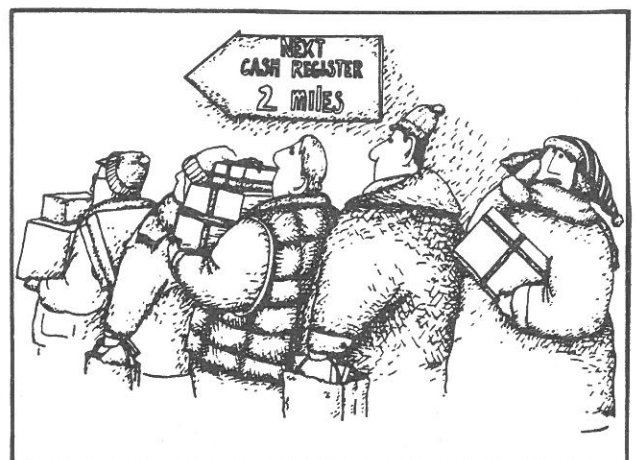


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December Birthdays

Deena Anderson-1st
Eric Gilbert-1st
Garry Mitchell-1st
Stephanie Cobb-2nd
Ashley Gilbert-2nd
J.W. Barr-3rd
Tara Herd-3rd
Jeremy Oswalt-3rd
Johnny Coffey-5th
Brett Stevens-5th
Heather Wilson-8th
Roy Hopkins-9th
Kevin Maggard-9th
James Creson-10th
Becki Freese-10th
Sandra Cornog-11th
Teri Osborn-11th
Marty Walker-11th

*Enjoy
The
Christmas
Season!*



WINTER QUIZ

by Becki Freese

Circle the answers you think are correct and turn in to the Business Room. Your answers will be checked when you hand it in. The first 3 people with the correct answers will receive a **FREE** can of **POP**.

1. Do Eskimos really kiss by rubbing noses?
A. Yes B. No C. only for pictures
2. Which of these wintery songs mentions a wedding?
A. Silver Bells B. Let it Snow
C. Winter Wonderland
3. How many snow days did Chadwick have last year?
A. Not enough B. Too many C. Just enough
4. How many students have birthdays in December?
A. 19 B. 12 C. 24
5. What breed of dog was trained by monks in the Swiss Alps to rescue travelers lost in the snow?
A. Siberian Husky B. St. Bernard
C. Collie
6. What state claims the all-time coldest temperature on record (-69.9°F) in the continental U.S.?
A. Utah B. North Dakota C. Montana
7. When it is winter in the U.S., what season is it in Argentina?
A. Winter B. Summer C. Soccer season
8. What was the lowest screen temperature ever recorded?
A. -128.6° B. -92.7° C. -208°

9. What day does Christmas fall on this year?
A. Wednesday B. Sunday
C. Friday
10. What chance is there it will snow before Christmas?
A. 0% B. 49% c. 87%

*MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR!*

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