

CHIT CHAT

Chadwick School

Chadwick, MO

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Christmas Around The World



by Janna Kessinger



All of us know how Christmas is celebrated in the United States. Each year, everyone decorates their homes with Christmas trees, wreaths, and ornaments. Children write letters to Santa Claus asking for their favorite gifts. Bells and carols fill the air. But have you ever wondered how people in other countries celebrate the Christmas season?

Joyeux Noel! (Merry Christmas)--In France at Christmas time, French homes are decorated with small nativity scenes. Children place their shoes in front of the fireplace. After the children fall asleep, Pere Noel, also known as Santa Claus, fills their shoes with presents.

Buon Natale!--In Italy, children receive their gifts from La Befana, a witch, on the Eve of Epiphany, the last day of the Christmas season. Many Italians also serve eels for their Christmas dinner.

Wesolych Swiat!--People in Poland attend Pasterka (Shepherd's Mass) at midnight on Christmas Eve. For their Christmas meal, the Polish enjoy fish, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, and beet soup.

Glaedelig Jul!--In the Denmark, Norway, and Sweden area, Christmas dinner includes Julgrot, a type of rice pudding, which has a single almond in it. According to

tradition, whoever gets the almond will have good luck throughout the new year.

A popular Christmas custom in Norway is "ringe in Julen". People ring church bells at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve to "ring in Christmas".

Merry Christmas!--December comes during the summer in Australia. Many celebrate by going to the beach or on a picnic. The children have a six-week summer vacation at Christmas time.

Frohliche Weihnachten!--In Germany, children receive candy and gifts on Dec. 6 from Saint Nicholas. Germans enjoy decorating Christmas trees with lights, tinsel, and lebkuchen, a type of cake which can be made into various shapes and used as ornaments.

Feliz Navidad!--In Latin America, the nine days before Christmas are known as posadas (inns or lodgings). On each day, Mexicans reenact Mary and Joseph's search for lodgings on the first Christmas Eve. The children are refused at the homes first, but then are admitted.

After each posada ceremony, there is a feast and a celebration. Children break a pinata, a brightly decorated paper or clay figure containing candy and small gifts. It's hung from the ceiling and the children take turns trying to hit it with a stick while blindfolded. When it breaks, the gifts and candy fall to the floor and the children scramble for them.

Some of these many customs may seem a little unusual, but no matter how or where Christmas is celebrated, it is always a very special holiday.

Christmas Vacation

by Tina Nalley

Christmas is a special time of year. It is the celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday. It's a season for giving, sharing, and being united with those that you love. Excitement comes with the season also, especially for the students and teachers who get a break from books, due dates, and classrooms. Younger children seem to enjoy the vacation by playing with their new toys and in the snow. The older students have a very diversed list of reasons why they love their vacation time. The common responses are; the extra time to sleep, catching up on soaps, and doing absolutely nothing at all. However, there were some unique answers from CHS students. Karen Cummings says she will probably go over to Jason's house and that he will be coming over to hers a lot too. (Unseparable couple I guess) Lisa Phillips is going to David's house and to her grandparents and hopefully to the movies. (Hint, Hint David!) Becki Freese plans on turning 18 and receiving her first birthday cake (with candles and all) ON her birthday. (25th) Just maybe that's what Becki will receive! Stefanie Weter is going boyfriend hunting! (We all plan on doing that!) Marsha Mills and Amy Whitley are set on a weekend ski trip in Vermont with Mike and Michael. (Don't all of us wish our boyfriends or husbands would be this nice!) Benjie Hurd, Randy Dollarhide Kathy Applegate, and Janna Kessinger think along the same line. They either said that they weren't going to do much of anything and "sit on their bottoms" or that they were going to sleep through the whole vacation. (I guess they're thinking of hibernating!) Micky Walker had a very strange answer. He said he was going to hunt, kill, and eat burnt babies. (I wonder about him, don't you all?) Mr. Long had a good idea.

He thought he'd just kidnap Santa Claus so he could have Christmas year-round. (That sounds like a nice idea, then we would be on vacation year-round too!) Becky Mitchell and Chris Wiles both said that they were planning to have fun by celebrating the New Year. Tina Beshires was quick to add that she was going to celebrate it with Becky and Verna Dollarhide plans on spending it with her family. April Hale intends to have a blast and to love every minute of being OUT of school! (I think we all will!)

Whatever your plans happen to be for the holidays be sure to HAVE LOTS OF FUN and BE CAREFUL. Don't eat or sleep too much! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A VERY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Merry Christmas!

Vacation

December 24 - January 1

BOOKFAIR

by Tonya Smith

The bookfair was a great success. It was held on the third and fourth of December. Many teachers, students and parents attended.

There were many books for all ages. Their were also posters, pencils, erasers and bookmarks. The library sold over \$700.00 worth of these items. The library will receive a percentage of the \$700.00 back along with bonus points for some new books for the library.

Micky Walker dressed as Clifford the Dog for the elementary kids and he was a great success. The kids loved him. THANKS MICKY!

Mrs. Stanley wishes to especially thank Bert Grove, Diane Guerin, Andrea Smith, Patty Johnson, Gail Whitley and Cheryl Widner for their most appreciated assistance. The library would like to thank everyone who helped support the Bookfair.



Clifford, The Big Red Dog, visited Chadwick School during the annual bookfair. All elementary students enjoyed meeting Clifford.

Students Earn Pizza By Reading!

by Becki Freese

Most kids will do just about anything to get pizza.

They'll even read books.

The Chadwick elementary students are participating in BOOK IT!, a national reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut Inc.

BOOK IT! rewards students in Kindergarten through sixth grade with certificates for free personal size pizzas if they meet individual monthly goals for numbers of books read.

If all the students in a class reach their goal for at least four months of the five-month program, the entire class and its teacher receive a free Pizza Hut party at the end of the year.

The program helps stimulate a child's interest in leisure, it also helps teach analytical thinking and problem solving.

Here's how BOOK IT! works:

After consulting with their teacher, children set goals for how many books they will try to read in a month.

As books are read at home, a parent fills out verification slips confirming the child has read specific titles. Younger children mostly kindergarten and first graders can qualify by having parents read books to them.

Teachers keep track of students' progress on a wall chart. As soon as a child meets his or her monthly goal, the teacher presents a coupon for a free pizza.

Students then redeem the coupons at any local Pizza Hut. Each child receives a BOOK IT! button on the first visit and star stickers on return visits.

History Students Write Letters

by Becki Freese

History teacher Mr. Long has asked his seventh grade and Missouri history classes to complete an unusual assignment - to write letters.

It's not too unusual since many schools across the country are writing letters to soldiers in Operation Desert Shield. They are offering their support and friendship to the servicemen who are stationed in Saudi Arabia and many schools are seeing very positive and successful correspondence going between the students and the soldiers.

Some students sent ribbons, pictures, tea, and other small things that the soldiers might like. Many students also asked the troops to send a souvenir, like military patches of insignas.

Hopefully more people will write to the troops that are overseas around the holidays to show our support and concern. Let's hope that they all return safe and soon.

Any Soldier/Airman
Operation Desert Shield
APO New York, NY 09848

Any Sailor/Marine
Operation Desert Shield
FPO New York, NY 09866

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

The Chorus class held a bake sale to raise money for outfits for future performances. They took in approximately \$55. The Christmas program is coming along good and is scheduled for Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Are you a Spelucker?

by Becki Freese

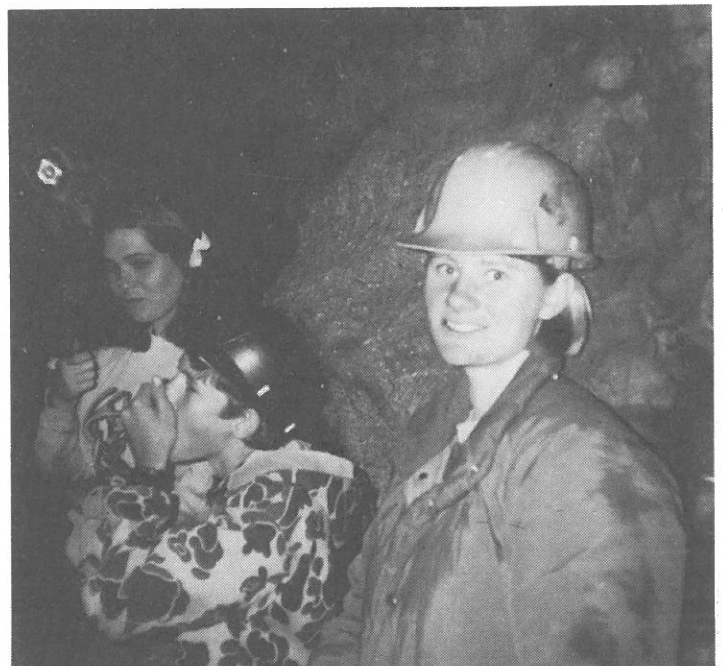
Are you a spelunker? Well if you have ever been in a cave you are. Spelunking is the hobby of exploring caves.

Science teacher, Treva Henderson, accompanied by students April Hale, Marvin Guerin, Becki Freese and friend Curt Westburg went exploring Math Branch cave to fulfill a Speleology class requirement. Mrs. Henderson had to map the cave using compasses and other measuring tools.

The group spent the day mapping and exploring the cave and most everyone just wanted to put dry clothes on by the time they were finished.

Here are some tips for those of you who want to go caving.

1. Don't go alone.
2. Have at least three sources of light.
3. Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you should be back.
4. Wear a hardhat - cave ceilings are pretty hard.
5. Wear warm clothing.



FBLA/FHA NEWS

The FBLA/FHA Christmas Party was held on December 17. It was in the Home-Ec room from 3:00 to 4:30. Members exchanged gifts and played Christmas games. Refreshments were served.

The FBLA/FHA went to Victory Mission in November, the week before Thanksgiving. We toured the building and then listened to a speaker give an inspirational talk. Members then helped serve dinner and dessert to the homeless.



HEC DEPARTMENT

by Becki Freese

The HEC Department is busy with Christmas craft. Foods class is rolling in the dough with dough art. Making Christmas wreaths and candle holders. Marriage class is shadow stitching Christmas designs and the general HEC is working on gingerbread houses.

December 12 Parents as First Teachers held its first meeting. The HEC Department hosted the meeting.

The Christmas Tea is scheduled for December 21. All crafts and projects will be on display. Refreshments will be served after the music department program.

Members Visit Victory Mission

FBLA/FHA Members held a food drive in November for Victory Mission. Students took food and clothing to the mission and were then given the opportunity to serve a meal to the homeless, help clean up the kitchen and visit with the people. Members were given a tour of the facility.

Sparta Parade

Marvin Guerin and Kevin Jackson carry a Christmas Banner at the Sparta Parade on December 1. Other members rode in the back of a pickup driven by Mark Loveland.

THIRD GRADERS SHARE RECIPES

by Marsha Mills

What are you going to have for Christmas Dinner. Probably most people will have turkey.

The third grade class was asked how to prepare the Christmas Turkey. Here are some of the recipes

- 1 turkey
- 1 stick of butter
- 4 tablespoons of salt
- 3 spoons of peas
- 1 cup of strawberries and pears

Put it in a pan.
then put the foil on it put it in the oven. Bake it on 130 degrees.

It's delicious!

Candra Jones

- 1 turkey
- 1 teaspoon of sugar

Take the paper off. Then put it on a pan and then put it in the oven to cook for two hours.

Walaw it's done.

Tracy Case

- 1 cup of milk
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- 1 turkey
- 1 can of soup

You need to take off the paper then put it in the oven for two hours then take it out, and put it on the table and eat it with your family.

It's Good!

Missy Smith

- 1 gun
- 1 pop
- 1 piece of candy
- cool-aid
- apple pie
- foil
- oven

First you take your gun and go outside and kill a turkey. Then you chop his head off and pluck his feathers. Next you clean it. Open his head and pour the pop in, then you stuff the candy and the apple pie in. Then you pour the cool-aid in. Wrap it in foil, Last but not least stick butter on top. Bake for twenty four hours.

Jeremy Greer

- 1 turkey
- stuffing
- fish
- bear
- milk
- eggs
- apple
- fish eggs

Put the eggs, apples, turkey, stuffing, bear, and fish eggs in. Take it out and now you have a turkey. Tastes Great!

Dale Fisher

- 1 turkey
- water
- soup
- tablespoon of salt

Cook for four hours.

Jackie Dollarhide

- sugar
- water
- 1 turkey

Add sugar and some salt put it in for a couple of hours, then take it out of the oven.

Garry Mitchell

- 2 eggs
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 cup of stuffing

Mix all together.

Nancy DeWitt

- 1 turkey
- sugar
- fish eggs
- crackers
- pan

Put into a pan mix together bake it at 500° and leave it out one hour. Tastes Delicious!

Michael Fintel

- 1 turkey
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- a little salt

Put into a oven on 50° then let it set for four hours. Take it out and serve.

Amanda Loveland

1 turkey
10 pounds of butter
meat loaf
5 eggs
flour
90 cookies

Get a bowl and put flour and eggs and put into the oven and bake at 200°.

Buddy Garrison

sugar
milk
turkey
soup
meat

Put soup on the turkey, then add the sugar in the meat and add milk, wrap it up, then put it in the oven and bake it.

James Maggard

1 turkey
4 cups of sugar
1 piece of pizza
1 tablespoon of stuffing
1 gallon of milk
1 glass of water
1 pound of butter
1 lolly pop without the stick
12 eggs
1 piece of cherry pie
11 cookies

Get a pan, a very, very, very, big pan. Put the turkey in. Put the sugar in, crumble up the pizza and put it in. Put the stuffing in, put the milk and water in and add the lolly pop. Last but not least add the cherry pie and cookies.

Brigitte Rachell Walker

1 turkey
stuffing

Get the turkey and take it out of the plastic bag and put the turkey in a pan. Cook it in the oven at 300°. Leave the turkey in the oven about 1 hour. Take the turkey out of the oven and let it cool for about 1 minute and eat it.

Cole Ewing

1 turkey
2 cups of beated eggs
10 cups of milk
4 buckets filled with soap
6 pitchers of mashed strawberries
9 cups of dry mud
2 pounds of butter
2 cups of fish eggs

Add all together in a mixing bowl, except for the fish eggs, leave them for the top of the turkey. This turkey is good, try it sometime.

Deena Anderson

1 turkey
stuffing
1 tablespoon of salt

First you take the turkey out of the wrapping. Put it in a pan. Bake at 350° for six hours, put the stuffing in.

Jenny Thompson

1 turkey
1 stick of butter
stuffing

Put the butter under the skin and put the stuffing in the hole. Then put the turkey in the oven at 80° and bake.

Nicole Peda



FRONT ROW
Jenny Thompson
Amanda Loveland
Buddy Garrison
Dale Fisher
Deena Anderson
Candra Jones
Missy Smith
Brigitte Walker
Nichole Peda

BACK ROW
Nancy DeWitt
Garry Mitchell
Michael Fintel
Cole Ewing
Jeremy Greer
Jacki Dollarhide
James Maggard
Tracy Case

NOT PICTURED
Eric Gilbert
Christy Herd

Letters To Santa

by Karen Cummings

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Jolly old Saint Nicholas,
lean your ear this way!
Don't you tell a single soul,
What I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon;
Now you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll
Bring to me;
Tell me if you can.

Shopping, shopping, shopping!
That's what everyone is doing
this month. As we all know
Christmas is right around the
corner. Everyone is rushing to
the stores trying to find the
perfect gift for friends and
loved ones. Once you get to the
store it's sometimes difficult
to know what to get.

Most kids don't have the
hassle of shopping, instead they
write letters to Santa and hope
to get exactly what they order.

Chadwick Elementary students
wrote some great letters to
Santa. Mrs. Horton and Mrs.
Morrill also wrote letters.

Below are just a few of the
many letters received.

Dear Santa,

It's been along time since
last year. I bet you didn't
expect to hear from me again. I
wanted to let you know I loved
the red porsche you gave me last
year, but this year would you
make it a little bigger. Josh
and I have trouble fitting into
a Hot Wheels.

Your friend,
Mrs. Morrill

Dear Santa,

I can tell by the cold north-
ern winds that you'll soon be
here. I really can't believe
it's nearly Christmas.

I would like for you to be
especially good to my family and
most of my students. Bring them
what they want, Santa.

I would also like you to find
a peaceful solution to the
Persian Gulf Crisis.

If these requests aren't in
your jurisdiction, then bring me
some Chippendales. No, not
Alvin, Simon, and Theodore!

Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Deer! (Just kidding
Rudolph.)

Sincerely,
Mrs. Horton

Dear Santa,

I love you and I believe in
you. I have been a good girl
this year. I would like to have
some biker clothes. Does
Rudolph have a red nose? Do you
like giving presents away? I
would also like a new barbie for
Christmas and a Skipper T-Shirt
Shop. Hope we're not putting
you through too much work.

Love,
Angel Leavitt

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year. I
usually don't ask for alot or
anything real big to make it
easier for you to find and
carry. All I want for Christmas
is a February birthstone ring or
pin to put on my shirt. I
might like a few stickers for my
sticker book. And that's about
all I will ask you for. You
choose what you think I should
get.

Yours truly,
Megan Widner

Dear Santa,

I would like a train, motorcycle and that new firetruck. Santa I will leave some cookies and a glass of soda on the table. What kind of soda do you like? Oh, I want some money too.

Love,
Dusty

P.S. My bedtime is 9 o'clock.

Dear Santa,

I love you and I am not going to ask for toys all the time. Just once. Let's get on with the show. I love Christmas because of baby Jesus. Will you get me a baby hound puppy? Please will you? That's what I really, really want. I also want all kinds of jewelry and makeup.

I love you Santa,
Deena Anderson



What do you want For Christmas?

by Lisa Phillips and Tina Hopkins

It seems that the students and teachers here at CHS have at least one thing they want for Christmas.

Karen Cummings took no time at all in telling what she wanted, a big white teddy bear from her sweetie (Jason). Stefanie Weter wants her ex-boyfriend to come back to her. Kathy Applegate had a strange response, she said she wants a green four door because she already has a brown one. Looks like Kathy better hope Santa doesn't take her seriously!!! Amy Whitley wants Micheal's leather jacket. Janna Kessinger wants another boyfriend. Good luck Janna! Tina Hopkins simply wants EVERYTHING. Lisa Phillips wants her promise ring from David. Roy Hopkins wants his truck painted. Sara Whitley wants a leather jacket. Tonya Rozell wants a C.D. player. Frank Layson doesn't want much, all he wants is a porsche or a 1000 Kawasake Ninja. Mrs. Stanley wants a garage door opener because she's tired of having to get out in the rain, she also wants the fourth edition in the series "Clan of the Cave Bear". Laura Peak wants clothes. Tonya Smith wants shocks for her car so it doesn't go THUNK, and a big white stuffed Kitty Kat from Wal-Mart! Becki Freese wants a plane ticket back to Germany, one-way! Mrs. Morrill wants a stereo for her kitchen, a long black leather coat (like she really needs another one) and a pair of ropers. April Hale wants a stereo for her truck. Benjie Hurd and Randy Dollarhide sure didn't ask for much, they both wanted Reebok pump ups, a Sesame Street fun house, a Mickey Mouse hat with ears, a train set, an "A" in spanish, a plastic tree, and for Randy to get his truck back. (Maybe they will grow up some day). Tina Nalley wants her car back.

Good luck to everyone in getting what they want for Christmas.

Elementary News

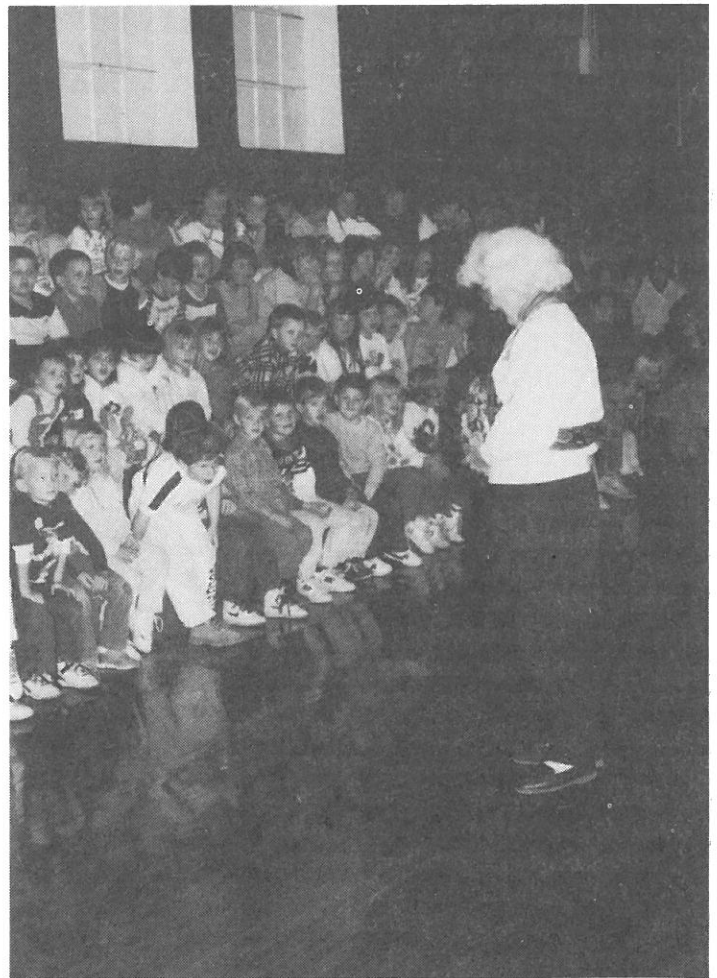
by Laura Peak

The Kindergarteners are very excited about Christmas this year, when we asked them what they wanted, we had some enthusiastic responses. Alysia Sisco wants a Barbie Doll and tennis shoes, Chris Workman wants an Outdoors Hovercraft along with Bongo Congo. Amanda Garrison dreams of Quint Dolls and new shoes, Kendle Walker and Dandy Braden both want an Oopsie-Daisy and a Baby Alive. Ryan Latimer asked for a real Bass Boat and a real Car to go with it. Will Walker would like a Hovercraft and a Bike. Venessa Peda wants a toy Bear and Blocks, Drew Boone asked for a Basketball, and a Pizza Thrower. Brock Richardson wants toy dinosaurs and a fishing pole, while Chase Rains would like an Eagle and a He-Man Sword. Shanna Cobb would like an Oopsie-Daisy and a Barbie Doll. David Guerin asked for a Pizza Thower and Jeans, Bridget Walker also wants shoes, and Baby Shivers. Kyle Smith wants Raphael and a skateboard, while Jessica Loveland would like Western Barbie and Rodolph the Red Nosed Reindeer doll. Emilie Smith asked for a Doll that colors and Mickey Mouse. Thomas Hammons said he would really like a skateboard and a real snake. Travis Bilyeu wants a toy dinosaur and a Hamster, while Kenny Nelson wants a Skateboard and Bicycle Training Wheels. Well, what ever you asked for we hope you have a MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

The Fourth Graders are currently writing autobiographies, following this they will be writing biographies. On December 14th the Fourth Graders will be having an Italian feast as a conclusion to a unit about Italy.



Mrs. Day helps her class prepare gingerbread cookies.



A representative from Dickerson Park Zoo held an assembly for the elementary in November. Students were able to view both a mammal and a reptile.

BASKETBALL SEASON LOOKIN GOOD!



Varsity Basketball TEAM

FRONT ROW

Brian Nelson
Jason Gilbert
James Creson

BACK ROW

Raymond Stevens
Marvin Kinyon
Randy Dollarhide
Benjie Hurd
Coach Terry Jester



JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

FRONT ROW

Eric Schooler
Rueben Parker
Greg Stevens
Terry Mitchell
Marvin Guerin

BACK ROW

Coach Terry Jester
Bradley Walker
Tim Creson
Micky Walker
Travis Richardson
William Peak

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

by Julie Coffer

James Creson
December 16

Age 18

James wants his truck licensed and insured for his birthday. He also wants a stereo put in it.

Becki Freese
December 25

Age 18

Becki said that she would probably receive some money but, would also like a leather jacket and some new cowboy boots.

Janna Kessinger
December 17

Age 17

Janna said that all she wants is some money.

Roy Hopkins
December 8

Age 17

Roy said that all he requested is for all charges to be dropped against him for killing a stuffed deer.

Verna Dollarhide
December 17

Age 15

Verna said that she would probably just go to school.

Ben Whight
December 19

Age 15

Ben only wants a remote control stomper for his birthday.

Brett Stevens
December 23

Age 13

Brett said that he needed a new motorcycle. He also wants a new CD player and some new clothes. One thing he said that he really needed is a WOMAN!

Johnny Coffe
December 23

Age 13

Johnny said that it would be his luck to get what he wants for his birthday for Christmas.

Tasha Williams
December 3

Age 12

Tasha said that she received some clothes, a purse, and some perfume.

J.W. Barr
December 26

Age 11

J.W. wants a nintendo game and some G.I. Joes for his birthday.

Tara Herd
December 28

Age 11

Tara wants a computer and a radio for her birthday.

Cassie Whight
December 20

Age 10

Cassie said that all she wants for her birthday is some money.

Ashley Gilbert
December 18

Age 10

Ashley justs wants a new nintendo game.

Stephanie Cobb
December 14

Age 10

Stephanie wants a birthstone ring for her birthday.

Deena Anderson
December 19

Age 9

Deena said that a baby alive doll would suit her just fine.

Garry Mitchell
December 21

Age 9

Garry wants a little pool table for his birthday.

Ryan Latimer
December 11

Age 6

Ryan wants a bike, some play cars, and some kitchen things for his sister and him to play with.