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Did you know?
about
Christmas

Hallmark holiday movies only take two weeks to film.

Some Hollywood movies take a month to shoot, others quite a bit more. On the other end of the spectrum, the super-popular holiday movies that Hallmark is able to put out at such an impressive pace only take two weeks to film, according to *EI News*.

I'll eat it!
You can recycle your Christmas tree by donating it to elephants.

When the holidays are over and it's time to get rid of your Christmas tree, you could donate it to a zoo so that it can be fed to a hungry elephant. Zoos around the world, including The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee, accept evergreens, which are enjoyed by the giant herbivores as a seasonal snack.

*God bless good friends ... and lost friends
It's a wonderful life!*

by JUANELL JONES

The holidays can be a special time of reconnecting with family members and friends, some of whom may not have been seen or heard from in a year or more but who hold special places in our hearts. Make an extra effort this year to reach out to someone who has made your life better, in small or large ways – that is a gift that costs you nothing, but can be one of the best gifts that could be priceless to someone.

More than 25 years ago, when I was writing a weekly column for this newspaper, I wrote about friends from my high school days and in particular one friend. She kept that article all these years, and last week sent me a picture of it saying that she had come across it in her keepsakes, and how much it had meant to her.

We had not spoken for many years after high school, but after I wrote this column I sent it to her, and since then we have not only kept in contact but have taken a couple of very memorable vacations together (including an insane roadtrip that we still laugh about). We have greatly enjoyed each other's company, and of our spouses and families.

It all started with simple words expressed from the heart ... written words, in this case, followed up by phone calls, texts, and in-person visits that have come to mean so very much to me.

Sometimes, it takes so very little to alter the course of your life, to renew old friendships that turn into lifelong blessings. Those new memories can bring such joy and fun opportunities that would have been missed, were it not for that moment of reaching out.

With that in mind, I am reprinting the column that I wrote back in 1995. I hope it reminds you of someone you knew back when, and perhaps you will reach out to them this Christmas. *And hey, Slaton Class of 75 - I remember you!*

God bless good friends ...

It had been 13 years since I had seen her, and at least 3 or 4 years since we had even exchanged brief Christmas cards.

She was one of many of the good friends I had made during my high school years almost two decades past, one whose life which for a brief period of four years was deeply interwoven with mine, and with the lives of "the gang" – the other friends with whom we never seemed to be without for long.

For me, a stranger moving into a small town during the Christmas break of my freshman year in high school, it was a joy to be accepted into the tight-knit group of teenage boys and girls, whose lifestyles may have varied but whose basic values were much the same as mine.

Together, this group of teenagers learned about caring and sharing, laughing and crying, loving and hurting. We did silly stuff, such as chasing what we were sure was a UFO into the country, until we stopped at the local golf course and climbed onto the hoods of our cars where we leaned back and looked at the stars for hours, talking about endless possibilities and uncertain futures.

We played tennis for hours on end, and when our parents would let us, the whole gang would pile into cars and head for the lake where even though we had no boat we enjoyed ourselves immensely just because of each other's company.

Once, just because we were teenagers and thought we were in pretty good shape, we rode our bicycles from home to a lake nearly 13 miles away on a hot summer day, returning late in the evening, dragging our weary, sunburned bodies through dusty cotton fields as we lugged our bicycles through what

(See A WONDERFUL LIFE, page 2A)



Having so much fun at Christmas!

These passengers look out from two of the cars on the Blue Weed Special train, as they happily wait for the train ride to begin. Leighton and Joan Knox, and Starr and Todd, provided the train for the Hometown Christmas night in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



WORDS OF INSPIRATION!

“ We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime. – LAURA INGALLS WILDER ”

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

Dec. 20-21
The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!
Monday: Homestyle Lasagna, brussels sprouts, garlic bread, pears
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, fruit salad
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas with vanilla pudding
Friday: CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS
Upcoming events:
• Tuesdays will be Game Day from 10 am - 3pm
• New Year's Eve game night at 6:00 pm.



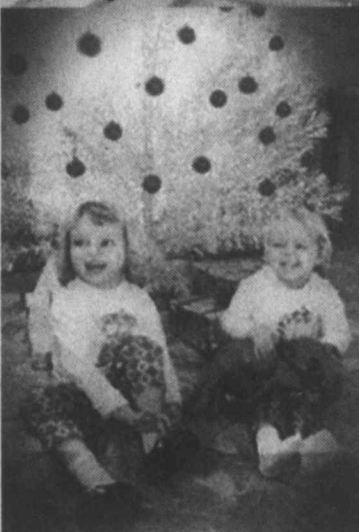
Look what we made ... Bobby and Eva Alvarado stand at their booth featuring handmade Christmas crafts, at the Christmas Craft Show held at Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center in early December. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Vintage Photos from our Readers

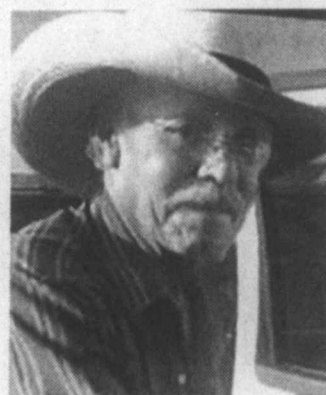


Blast from the past

Little Darla Dorman (now Stidham) holds her new baby doll and is surrounded by some of her Christmas presents beneath the Christmas tree, in the photo (above) from a Christmas past, in 1958. In the other photo, Darla and her sister Denise (now Mott) are in front of their Christmas tree in 1961.



Obituaries



Gary Wayne Hudgens

Gary Wayne Hudgens was born on January 25, 1952 in Lubbock, Texas; the son of Floyd Glenn Hudgens and Joyce Chappell Hudgens. He passed away Thursday, December 16, 2021. Gary attended Tahoka High School, where he met and fell in love with Lonneta Gene Isbell. They were married on March 5, 1971 and were blessed to spend the next 50 years side by side. After high school, Gary served in the US Army before returning home to run

the family business, Hudgens Pump Service. Through this, Gary not only served many families and farmers throughout Lynn County and the surrounding communities, but also provided a legacy of hard work and a giving heart that continues through the lives of his children.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ron Hudgens and nephew Joseph Hudgens.

Gary is survived by his wife Lonneta, his daughter Arnetta Jackson and husband Michael of New Braunfels; son Will Hudgens and wife Crystal of Lubbock; and daughter Rebecca Bryan and husband Alex of Lubbock, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

The family will have visitation at the Hudgens Home at 1614 US Hwy 87 in Tahoka on Tuesday, December 28th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

In lieu of gifts the family asks you to consider a donation to the Youth Legacy Building Fund at The Worship Center in Lubbock.

Area News

from area newspapers

Seven sisters join together to create Slaton restaurant

SLATON – A childhood dream has become a reality for seven sisters.

Don Seby's Restaurant, located at 1250 S. 9th St. in Slaton, opened its doors to customers with a grand opening held Sunday, Dec. 12. The restaurant will serve authentic Chihuahua style Mexican food.

The sisters are Aurora Soto, Armida Soto, Isabel Soto, Cindy Tapia, Maribel Soto, Sandra Soto and Monica Soto, all of whom bring their own skills together to create the restaurant.

Tapia said the dream started many years ago, when they were children.

"We were going to have a business and all sisters were going to have the business together. So that was just kind of a dream," she said. When we saw the building was up for sale, we all got together and said, 'Yeah, we can do it' and it just happened."

Work on the building, which was formerly Mama Jo's Steakhouse, and other businesses, took a year to complete.

Owners describe the menu as authentic home Mexican traditional.

-- from The Slatonite

It's a wonderful life...

(Continued from page 1)

had looked like a good shortcut, before collapsing gratefully at home and listening to our parents' "I told you so's."

We were all there for each other to talk about our dreams, and to laugh, or cry, about our mistakes. When we graduated, we thought we would always be friends. Miles, and years, would make no difference.

But time, which in the present seems to take so long, passes by quickly – and the opportunities to see old friends who have moved to other places and made separate lives, trickle through the years until, one day, perhaps decades later, you realize how long it has been.

But the years didn't seem to matter as we greeted each other last Sunday with hugs, smiling through our tears. The miles and the years slipped away as we held each other in the foyer of the funeral home ... she grieving for her mother whose life had been taken by cancer. My mother, who had come with me, held her too, as did the small group of friends who remembered what our lives were like so many years ago.

And so we cried ... and smiled ... and remembered the good times ... and laughed. And we told each other that the next time we got together, it would be for a happy occasion – and it would be soon.

And this time – *this time* – we won't wait another decade.

God bless good friends ... and lost friends.

May the glorious light of CHRISTMAS bring you, and those you love, enduring hope and happiness.

***Paris n' Bloom**

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Question: What was the real name of the character Tim Allen plays in The Santa Clause?
Answer: Scott Calvin

Question: How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?
Answer: 364

Question: Which fairy tale was the first gingerbread houses inspired by?
Answer: Hansel and Gretel

Question: How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
Answer: Feliz Navidad

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Hometown project ... Tahoka's Raymond and Janet Lara have more than a decade of renovating older homes into beautiful properties here, and are now involved in their first new construction project — two duplex units on North 5th Street.



New duplexes coming soon ... The first of two new duplexes is being built in Tahoka, at 2325 North 5th Street, with construction on the second duplex set to begin in January of 2022. (LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

COMING SOON

Two new duplexes to offer rental opportunities here

by JUANELL JONES

Hometown makeovers are a catchphrase these days, with HGTV stars leading the way to help make small communities shine. Here in Tahoka, there is a local couple who are doing their part for their hometown as well. Raymond and Janet Lara of Tahoka, owners of a local real estate company, are the driving force behind more than a decade of renovating many of the older homes here, and are now taking their creativity in a new direction. They are the reason that Tahoka is seeing the new construction of duplexes that will provide mainstream rental property here. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2022.

"Refined Property Investments, LLC has broken ground on the first phase of two duplexes to come in our hometown community of Tahoka," says Mrs. Lara. "We have been involved in helping improve our community with renovating existing homes for the past 13 years. Now we feel like it is time for us to expand our vision and bring in new construction, as we see the community growing and see the need for more quality rental property."

The new duplexes will be traditional style units at 2325 N. 5th Street, with two 921-sq.-ft. units in each duplex. Each

Tahoka Housing Authority for nine years, doing the maintenance on all their properties. This is when I gained so much experience in maintenance and renovation work," explained Raymond.

The Housing Authority provides rental units for those who meet low-income guidelines. Raymond says that over time he became aware that housing for medium-income families was just not available here.

"We saw a lot of people turned away from the Housing Authority — they needed a place to live, but they didn't meet the requirements for low-income to live there," ex-

plains Raymond.

"So, we saw a need, and that's when we bought our first property. That first house was \$1500," he says with a laugh. "It was trashed out and needed lots of work — and that's where we started. From there, the opportunities just exploded. The phone started ringing, because people wanted good quality homes."

"We've been wanting to help the community for so long, and it just seemed every time we renovated a property we'd get really good feedback from the community, and when the renovation was done it seemed like the neighborhood also would get revitalized. This is what we felt we needed to do," he said.

"I had started doing some farm work again as my main job, but it finally came to a point when we had to decide, do I stay with my job and continue to do the renovation work on the side? It was becoming too much work, and I couldn't keep doing it all, and that's when we just had to make a choice," Raymond said of the couple's decision to establish their own company.

In 2013, Janet and Raymond established Refined Property Investments, LLC. She is a licensed realtor, but also continues to work for Lynn County Hospital District's business office. Raymond now works fulltime on the renovation projects for

their company. "Making a difference for our community, in our community, became our goal," says the couple. "It gave us a sense of pride to be able to improve the community by making these homes beautiful once again. When we remodel a property, we make the extra effort to not only improve the look but to also ensure the safety of the family that will eventually reside in the home."

"We strive to stay current with trends and styles, while adhering to modern safety codes to guarantee a home is safe and comfortable. Materials used in renovating homes are of the highest quality materials that are affordable and appealing to people looking to rent or buy," explains Janet.

"We get weekly calls for rental properties, because there just are not enough good rental properties available here. And we are committed on our renovations to meet safety codes, with good quality materials," stressed the couple.

As landlords of rental properties, both Janet and Raymond say that after the renovations are done, they are careful to continue to provide good maintenance for their properties. "We have a really good relationship with all of our tenants, and that's the way we want to be. We want to make sure we provide good service, and provide good quality, safe housing. We see these people at the grocery store, or other places in the community, and we want them to know they can count on us. They know they can call me anytime," says Raymond.

The duplex project is their first new-build, and Janet is the design leader on the team. They have hired a contractor to do the initial construction, but Raymond plans to do some of the work himself, and most of the finishing details. They also plan to landscape and install some low-maintenance

plants in the front flowerbeds.

"We will have concrete driveways and sidewalks, and it's going to have good curb appeal. Each unit will have a covered front porch, and large windows in the front living room and both bedrooms," he said.

"This first duplex will still be under construction, but we plan to start construction on the next unit early next year, before the first phase is finished. That way we can start early in the season with our turf landscaping, let it get a good start," he explained.

Both are excited for the new opportunity in building duplexes for the community.

"We think Tahoka is ready

for it, we wouldn't be doing it

if we didn't think it was needed. We've been wanting to do this for several years, but Tahoka just wasn't moving. Now it seems we are moving and growing a little bit, and the timing is right," says Janet.

Even before the walls were up, Janet says that they have already had calls expressing interest in renting the properties.

"We're already getting calls wanting to get on the list to rent, and they're not even finished yet!" says Janet.

While working on the duplex project, they still have renovation work that is con-

tinuing on other projects as well.

"We hope to continue to do the renovations on the older homes as well, but right now this is just where we feel like we are supposed to be. We still have a couple of other projects going on, and this too, so we're very busy," she adds.

Whether it is remodeling, or building new rental properties, Raymond and Janet Lara are pleased to be able to try to make a difference for the town they say they will always call home.

"We were both born here, raised here, and have made our home here. We're here to stay," they said.

“

We've been wanting to do this for several years, but Tahoka just wasn't moving. Now it seems we are moving and growing a little bit, and the timing is right.

— JANET LARA

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unit features two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a single car garage. Phase 1 of the project, the first duplex, is currently under construction. During the past week, the work has progressed from foundation work to framing, with changes evolving daily.

The second duplex property will be constructed adjacent to the first duplex, in Phase 2 of the project.

Refined Property Investments is a real estate company that redevelops and renovates properties for rental or resale. The Laras have renovated approximately 20 properties, but this is their first new construction from the ground up.

"We began buying properties to renovate in 2008," explains Janet. "Many rundown homes can be encountered in Tahoka, and we felt that we were up to the challenge of redeveloping and renovating these properties."

Janet (Saldana) and her husband Raymond Lara are both lifelong residents of Tahoka. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1995 and he graduated in 1996. Both have a deep commitment to making a difference in their hometown community.

"When I graduated, I worked on a farm for four years, then went to work for the City of Tahoka for two years, then ended up back on the farm for another four years. Then I worked at the

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Letters to Santa from Tahoka



Tahoka Elementary ECSE class Danna Brownlow

I am 5 years old. I have been really good this year. I want a lot for Christmas, but it's ok if I don't get it all! I want: Paw patrol bed and desk; CoComelon Family & Friends Shark figures; Paw Patrol transforming city; remote control dinosaur; and nerf guns. I am very excited for Christmas! Thanks, JJ Moya

I am 3 years old. I have been really good this year. I want animal rhymes musical book; Crawl and Explore Elephant; Blues Clues headphones; a princess castle; Honey Bee Acres van; and a rainbow Care Bear. I am very excited for Christmas! Thanks, Christina Houchton

I am 4 years old. I have been really good this year. I want: Baby Shark bean bag chair; Paw Patrol puppets; Remote control monster trucks; and a big bumper car. I am very excited for Christmas! Thanks, JD Deleon

I have been really good this year. I am 5 years old. I want Paw Patrol city tower; a bike; Hot Wheels monster trucks; remote control Monster truck; and Nerf guns. I am very excited for Christmas! Thanks, Anson Morrow

I am 5 years old. I have been really good this year. I want: Paw Patrol Easel; Paw Patrol City Cruiser; remote control dinosaur; a basketball; and a ride on food truck. Thanks, Ayden Saldana

Tahoka Pre K Emilia Garcia

This year, I have been kind of good. I would really like it if you could bring me an excavator, mega crane, and tow truck. Love, Josting

This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a Space Jam New Legacy robot and new backpack. Love, Maddox

This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a snowman, Santa Claus doll and glasses. Love, Sterlee



Letters to Santa ... These cuties had just finished writing their letters to Santa, at a table set up at the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka. The letters would be mailed straight to the North Pole just in time for Christmas. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a new bike, Go cart and race car. Love, Hayden

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a drone, new bike and a toy for my sister. Love, Barrett

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me rainbow lights, new clothes and new shoes. Love, Brissa

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a toy car, scooter and Barbie house. Love, Emilee

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a doll house, LOL and race car. Love, J'Saedlyn

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a bike and a new puppy. Love, Melany

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Nintendo Switch and a heart stamp. Love, Kale

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been kind of good. I would really like it if you could bring me a monster truck, robot and tractors. Love, Kaydon

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a bike, Elsa castle and a unicorn. Love, Allison

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a watch, doll and unicorn toy. Love, Annlynn

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me some toys, jewelry, and a real dog. Love, Milah

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been kind of good. I would really like it if you could bring me some toys, Spider Man and cars. Love, Vincent

Dear Santa,
This year I have been kind of good. I would like you to bring me a unicorn snowglobe, princess shoes and a unicorn jacket. Love, Collyn

Dear Santa,
This year I have been nice. Please bring me a mermaid, snowman and a Christmas tree. Love, Madilynn

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. I would like you to bring me a game, Pokemon, and Nintendo Switch. Love, Jaxtyn

Tahoka Pre-K Mrs. Morrissey Ms. Segovia

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Please bring me a dog and a doll for Christmas. Love, Miya

Dear Santa,
I have been happy. Please bring me a ball and snowman for Christmas. Love, Analiyah

Dear Santa,
I have been naughty. Please bring me a drone and a snowman toy for Christmas. Love, Brexton

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Please bring me a bunny and a Cat in the Hat game for Christmas. Love, Destiny

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a new blanket and new bed for Christmas. Love, Izah

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Please bring me a teddy and a unicorn for Christmas. Love, Emory

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a dancing puppy toy and a teddy bear for Christmas. Love, Jaidalynn

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Please bring me a SpongeBob fluffly and Bendy fluffly for Christmas. Love, Ezekiel

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a bike and a unicorn toy for Christmas. Love, Jaidah

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a Dallas Cowboy helmet and gloves for Christmas. Love, Easton

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Please bring me a dog and doll for Christmas. Love, Cristina

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Please bring me Legos and mini boy blades for Christmas. Love, Tobias

Dear Santa,
I have been happy. Please bring me sand and a rainbow bike for Christmas. Love, Diesel

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Please bring me a Hot Wheel game and a penguin for Christmas. Love, Brayler

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me an electric scooter and sand for Christmas. Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a kitchen set and Legos for Christmas. Love, Karter

Tahoka Kindergarten Rebecca Dimak

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me an Optimus Prime jacket and another transformer that works, another TV for the XBOX, a Jelly controller and a Mario cop game. I love you. Love, Bentley Bertreaux

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me a robot, a fake phone, a tablet and a robot video game. I love you. Love, Ashlynn Munoz

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me a cat, a pussy, a playdoh set, a toy cheetah and a poty ring holder. I love you. Love, Jordan Flud

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me a hoverboard, LOL doll house with LOL dolls and LOL doll clothes, a cheetah that I can feed and brush and a tablet. I love you. Love, Yanetza Garcia

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me legos, an Iron Man toy, roadblocks, an iphone, a dog and the Hulk toy. I love you. Love, Julio Mendez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me LOL dolls. I love you. Love, Tahlia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me a hoverboard, unicorn jacket, and a Barbie. I love you. Love, Brayleigh Villa

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me a LOL house, legos, a cat, playdoh, a new notebook for my mom, and a Barbie. I love you. Love, Acapella Frans

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me an iphone with lots of games, some colored pens, blocks, a playdoh set, a makeup set and a piano. I love you. Love, Dahlia Deleon

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Please bring me an iphone, a LOL doll, a big Barbie house with Barbies in it, an XBOX with a controller, a new iphone for my mom and another iphone for my sister and a lego set. I love you. Love, Blake Harris

HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Merry Christmas

We value our relationship with our customers and look forward to working with you in the year to come. We wish you a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

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Letters to Santa from Tahoka



Tahoka Kindergarten Rebecca Dimak

(continued)

Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. Please bring me a robot, a dinosaur, a robot transformer and building stuff like big Plus Plus blocks. I love you. Love, Julian Deleon

Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. Please bring me some LOL dolls, a LOL house, LOL car, a LOL stuffy, a tablet, a Barbie doll and a dinosaur for my little brother. I love you. Love, Annie Burse

Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. Please bring me a dog, a robot, a cat, monster trucks and squishy toys. I love you. Love, Liam Saldana

Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. Please bring me a dog, a robot and a red robot for Liam. I love you. Love, Logan Saldana

Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. Please bring me lip stick, popitz, playdoh, a computer, a doll house and Barbie dolls. I love you. Love, Ryann Smith

Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. Please bring me a cell phone, playdoh, popitz, a drawing book with tye dye on the front, a baby elf for my brother and a laptop computer for my mom. I love you. Love, Sophie Henderson

Tahoka Kindergarten Brittany Hawthorne

Dear Santa,

How are you? I like a xbox and a bike. Love, Elijah Aguayo

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can I have a xbox, a unicorn and a brbe. Luv, Italy Applegate

Dear Santa,

How are you? I wud like a unicorn. Hape Crismis. Love, Sierra Ashbrook

Dear Santa,

Is it cold out there? May I have a present? Love, Reggie Avila

Dear Santa,

Can I have a dog? Thank you. Love, David Benoit

Dear Santa,

How are you? We are doing fine. I would like for Christmas lots of presents. Love, Austin Cantu

Dear Santa,

How are the rander? Ples can I have a skootor and Rin toy. Luv, Mason Christesson

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a unicorn and Barbie. Love, Natalie DeLeon

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mis Clos? I wid like slim and a hors. I luv you. Luv, Keyhani Elmore

Dear Santa,

How are the elf? I wod like a pone and algadr. Have a saf trip. Luv, Sofia Garcia

Dear Santa,

My elf red my pwm. Ples can I have a kitn and LOL dols. Hape Holida. Luv, Rhylee Hannum

Vintage Photos from our Readers



58 years ago ... Little Starrlyn and brother Jayson were apparently waiting for the show to begin, as they sat in front of a blank screen on the television set, in 1963. This was on the Christmas postcard that their parents, Leighton and Joan Knox, sent out that year!

Dear Santa,

How are the elf? I would like a Barbie and a tablet. Love, Logan Kinsey

Dear Santa,

I would like a scooter and a monster truck. Love, Ezekiel Lee

Dear Santa,

Is the Nrth Pol cod? I wud like a fish, LOL dols and a boy brbe. Mare Crismis. Luv, Kreece May

Dear Santa,

How is the rander doeg? Ples can I have a brbe haws. Have a Mare Krismes. Luv, Emery Polk

Dear Santa,

My elf is fune. Ples can I have a sqshe and a crab. I luv you. Luv, Grayson Reynolds

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a bear and slime. Love, Nova Quintero

Kindergarten Alicia Graves

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a toy pup, a tv and my family? Love, Hope Holdridge

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a dog, a queen, and a candy cane? Love, Adalee Marmolejo

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you bring me a shirt, a fish and leggings? Love, Emma Pickrell

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a barbe a cup and a buc? Love, Sophie Salinas

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a dog, a cat and a hamster? Love, K"leigh Ramirez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a fon, a pup and a ipad? Love, Audrey Gomez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a toy dog and a elefant? Love, Isaac Jimenez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a fotboll a dog and a sod? Love, Wilson McLelland

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a dog pants and a tev? Love, Jazz Lyn Vasquez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a sord, a spir and a pishforc? Love, Laikin Hodges

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me pup brbe mom and a cat? Love, Cree Braddock

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a drt bik a rat and a pup? love, Israel Coronado

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a fon ipad and a has? Love, Camila Melecio

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you bring me a lego blocks and a play dog? Love, Viviana Saldana

Tahoka 1st Grade Mrs. Brown

Dear Santa,

I have been nice this year. I want a ps5 an ipad and an iphone. Have a good night. Love, Brice A.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice this year. I want a skateboard, a book and a tablet. I will bring you cookies. Love, Summit A.

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want a blastr, new shoes, and nicktindo. I will give you cookies. Love, Avion B.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice. I want a titanic lego set, and little pepol with it. Merry Christmas. Love, Trigg B.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice. I want a unicorn, scatbord for Chirstmas. Thank you for the gifts. Love, Kenna C.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice. I want an americin girl doll. I will give you cookies. Love, LC Mae D.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice. I want a puppy, and a book. I will giv you milk and cookies. Love, Jazlynn P.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice. I want a book and batman toy. Thank you for the prezints. Love, Matthew R.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice. I want a toney and ps3. Love, Eli S.



It's Christmas! ... Gabby Martinez sings a Christmas tune for the crowd at the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka on Dec. 11. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

Dear Santa,

I have been nise. I want a fone, and a dog. You are nise. Love, Heavelyn S.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice. I want a baby dol, a puppy and books for Chirstmas. I hope you don't reck in the slay. I love you. Love, Aubree W.

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a bik and lol dol. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Mirykal T.

Tahoka 1st Grade K. Hawthorne

Dear Santa,

My name is Josiah. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a Xbox, rumot, and an among us stuffed animal. Thank you. Josiah Delgado

Dear Santa,

My name is Thomas. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a tran, a dinosaur, and an elf. Thank you. Thomas Hutchton

Dear Santa,

My name is Uriel. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like an ES5, I fanl3tin pro max, and a monster truck. Thank you, Uriel Escodedo- Pacheco

Dear Santa,

My name is Ava. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a baby alive, lock book, and a ballerina house. Thank you, Ava Sepeda

Dear Santa,

My name is Paxton. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a video game, tornado mashein, and pixels. Thank you, Paxton Morrow

Dear Santa,

My name is Ayden. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a truck, sokr ball, and milk. Thank you. Ayden Coronado

To old friends and new we wish all the joy, warmth and wonder that Christmas has to offer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Rev Limit Customs
Cook's Garage

May your holiday season be full of peace and joy.

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN PUTTING OUT THIS CHRISTMAS ISSUE!

THANKS FOR READING THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS!

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PUBLISHER/WRITER
SNOWBALL THROWER

PAM ELROD
AD MANAGER & EVERYTHING ELSE

Letters to Santa

from Tahoka



Tahoka 1st Grade
K. Hawthorne
(continued)

Dear Santa,
My name is Xavier. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like building blocks, RC airplane, and legos. Thank you, Xavier Lopez

Dear Santa,
My name is Gracie. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like clac, a big tede baer, and a brbe. Thank you, Gracelynn Ivy

Dear Santa,
My name is Makaya. I am 7 years old. This year I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a PS four, bo and aro, and pop its. Thank you, Makayla Tanner

Dear Santa,
My name is Canton. I am 6 years old. This year I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a bonsee house, a gizmo, and a fyrr truck that I can drive. Thank you, Canton Overstreet

Dear Santa,
My name is Conner. I am 6 years old. I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a bo and aro, a puppe, and a wolit. Thank you, Conner Wuensch

Dear Santa,
My name is Kase. I am 7 years old. This year I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a telescop, stuff bare, and a bascball. Thank you, Kase Edwards

Dear Santa,
My name is Giovanni. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a hot wel, a litkit, and a snow flak. Thank you, Giovanni Granados

Tahoka 1st Grade
Mrs. Stice
Dear Santa,
I have been nice. For Christmas I want pacman, and a flyman. Thanks for all you do! Love, Jaziyah Arriazola

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I want to give you a present, have fun at Christmas and get laser tag guns. Are the elves small or big? Love you Santa! Love, Radley Barnett

Dear Santa,
This year I have been nice. For Christmas I would like a dress, and a barbe, 100,000 polly pocats. Where did you come from and who is your mom? Love, Adie Burnum

Dear Santa,
This year I have been nice. For Christmas I want a robot mous, and a backpack and tv. How do you come down my chimune. Love, Paxton Byrum

Dear Santa,
I have been nice and naughty. For Christmas I want hachumls, polee pokits, lego, shopkins and barbee. I love what you do. How do you do it? Love, Saraha Castor

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. For Christmas I want a sweater, culon, and a car. We all love you! Love, Maysyn Garcia



A grumpy Grinch ... The Grinch, with a frown on his green face, poses with a man who appears happier to be at the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka on Dec. 11.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a picture of Santa, a four wheeler, and a go kart. What does Mrs. Clause do at the North Pole? Love, Brayden Hadderton

Dear Santa,
I have ben nis. For Christmas I want ex box and Crismis mat. I want football stuff. I love you Santa. Love, Quade Hawthorne

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. For Christmas I want culon, chain, and a tractor, and a dog. What is your elf name? Love, Carlos Lopez

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. For Christmas I want a rc car, a chain, and a suit. What is your elf's name? Love, Deryk Montez

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. For Christmas I want a football helmet, fortnit gun, and remot control cr. Love, Landon White

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. For Christmas I want a computr, mous, and playstation 4. Thank you for all you do! Love, Averece Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want art stuff and books, clothes and a ball pit, and a Christmas house. Merry Christmas! Saydi

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a laptop, and a fortnite action figure and an Iphone 13 and a camera. That is all! Merry Christmas! Eric

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a baby yoda, a toy baby yoda shirt, and a baby yoda pop socket. Merry Christmas! Hunter U.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want an LOL fidget, and ipod and a puppy. Merry Christmas! Skyler

Tahoka 2nd Grade
Mrs. Gill
Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas, I want a baby girl and another elf. Merry Christmas! Rilyn

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas, I really want an LOL doll and an LOL house, and JoJo Sewa stuff. Merry Christmas! Charlie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I want a switch Lite. I want an airship set for lego mario. I also would like to have VR goggles, and a sonic colors ultimate. Oh yea, how's Roudolph? Merry Christmas! Sonny

Dear Santa,
I've been so good. Can you please get me a tablet and a mermaid tail and a bike? How are you? One more thing...a laptop! Merry Christmas! Alise

Dear Santa,
I am Jazzy. Can I please have a golden nirf gun and a golden fortnite character and a golden wooden sword. Merry Christmas! Jazzy

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a PC Laptop, and a fortnite action figure and an Iphone 13 and a camera. That is all! Merry Christmas! Eric

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a fast four wheeler, and a big Godzilla, a fluffy dog, and a Elf. From, Noel

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a laptop and an elf. From, Greyson

Dear Santa,
I want a toy airplane that can glow. I want an army toy with a tank and an army toy with an airplane. From, Evan.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a puppy. Merry Christmas! Blayke

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a dirt bike. Merry Christmas! Cesar

Dear Santa,
I drew you a lot of pictures. I hope you like them and I would want to have LOL dolls for Christmas. You will love the pictures I drew you! Merry Christmas! Courtlyn

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a little elf pet and a dinomask. Merry Christmas! Victoria

Tahoka 2nd Grade
Danielle Hadderton
Dear Santa,
I want a phone and any game for the Nintendo Switch. Love you Santa, and can I have a hundred dollars please. From, Arabela

Dear Santa,
The good things I have done this year is help my uncle find his dog. The bad things I have done this year is hit Jazz. For Christmas I would like a bike and a remote control T-Rex. From, Hunter Sepeda

Dear Santa,
I really want another brother and a sister. I also want a kitty but only a black cat because me and my mom are going to name the kitty Binks. From, Bristol

Dear Santa,
I want to a golden Fortnite costume and real bullets for a real Fortnite gun. I also want new shoes. From, James

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new baby puppy and a baby brother. From, Braylee

Dear Santa,
I really want my whole family would be together for Christmas and Walkit and hatchamals and a husky, And can I please get a big lion and cheetah and a real bunny. From, Kennedy Hawthorne

Dear Santa,
What I really want for Christmas is a little sister, a Barbie house, a phone, a popit, a real unicorn. I want to see my granny and I want a pony. From, Eleah

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a fidget, LOL, Elf, and a pop it and a Four Wheeler. From, Kynlie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a puppy and a Ipad. From, Jaxson

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Dear Santa,
I want a toy airplane that can glow. I want an army toy with a tank and an army toy with an airplane. From, Evan.

Dear Santa,
I want a playground and a big box of slime and playdough. I also want a Xbox and a Anime LOL and a puppy, bike and a Hoverboard. From, Loyalty

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I really want a launch pad controller. I have been sick for a couple of days and I am better now. From, Tyler

Dear Santa,
I want a sketch book and pencils, some white paper for my paint kit. I also want some scrunchies, a stuffed animal, gift card to hobby lobby for my room. I want a plane ticket to go see Paxton and the rest of my family. Love, Hayzen

Tahoka 2nd Grade
Mrs. Swaim
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas, I really want a baby Sister toy. And a toy Kittn. From Madison.

Dear Santa,
I want a Robux 2,000 thank you! (Alffy) I Love You! And a iPhone 12 and a PS5 and a goldin Lambo and a ras chrak. Love youuu! From Arthur.

Dear Santa,
I want a drt bike and I want a wisol ball. I have been good! From Eyden.

Dear Santa,
Could I please have a spy robot, happy nappers, and blue toys? How is Rudolf? Does his nose still glow? And a hover board. From Kennedy.

Dear Santa,
I really want an iPad Pro Max and an Apple Pencil. And a hole bucket full of candy. And a sloth stuffed animal. And 10,000 dollars real money. From Briley.

Dear Santa,
I want a baby dog and a baby cat and a baby sister. From Ariana.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want a four-wheeler and a fidget. Then I want an iPod. Last a LOL! And a noow puppy. From Zoey.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a puppy dog and a fidget. From Kambrec.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I really want an LOL!, iPod, Elsa dress, Barbie doll, and a elf. From Gemma.

Dear Santa,
I rilly want a figits pack and a 3 robuck and a nuther elf and tickets to Disney world. From April.

Dear Santa,
I've been verry good. I please want a Peppa Pig Mother, and huver board. Every Harry Potter everything in the world. And a snow cone mashine. From Sloan.

Dear Santa,
I want a wolf and a man Lorean. A Nerf gun. I want a elf and a gold engit. A robux 1,000 100 thank you! I want a iPhone 13. Thank you! Again! And a PS5 Thank Yooou! From Derek.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year for Chistmas. I want a boy elf and a four-wheeler and a PS4 and a pop it. From Hunter.

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this year. I wish for cars and roblox toys and I want video games and a Xbox. And Minecraft toys. From Ryder.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year for Christmas. I really want a Nintendo Switch. From Kelby.

Dear Santa,
I hope you haven't workt to hard. I want a Star Wars lego set for Christmas. What I really want is a baby husky puppy for Christmas. I want a art kit too. Thank you for the presents. From Truett.

Dear Santa,
I would like a BIG Barbie House and a good CHRISTmas. From Dallie.

Who would you invite over for Christmas Dinner?

Merry Christmas
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May the Spirit of this holy holiday bring you peace, harmony and joy. As you celebrate His Miraculous Birth we join you in giving thanks.

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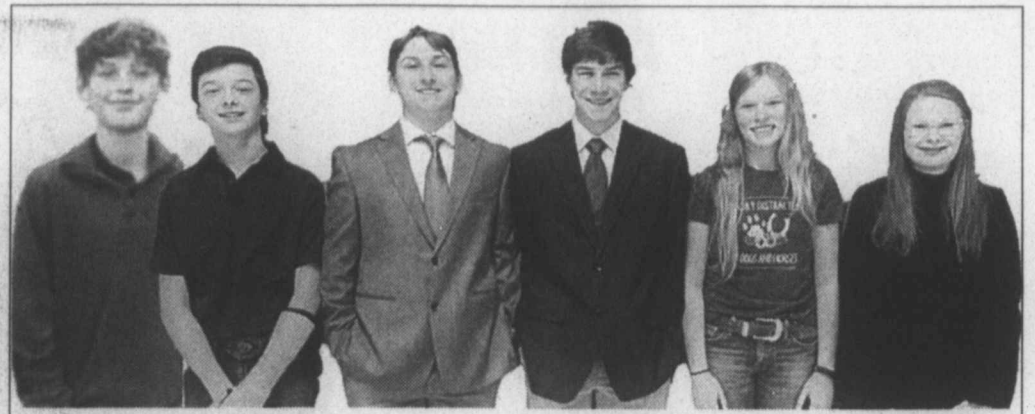
Peace ON EARTH AND JOY IN THE World

As the holiday nears, we wish you the most treasured gifts of all ... peace and love.

Wildcat Manufacturing
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Store : Total



Intermediate Team ... District competition was held Dec. 11 and the Lynn County 4-H Intermediate team in the competition were top row: Kaden McDonald, Zack Sellers, Kaitlynn Smith and Laney Scott. Middle row: Rayna Epley, Mason Scott, Kinlee Rathmann, and Lincoln Graham. Front row: Brayson Beck, Wyatt Jones, Josephine Butts and Reese Moore.



Senior Consumer team ... The Lynn County 4-H Senior Consumer Team, comprised of Bek McCleskey, Denton Moore, Brazos Beck, Braxton Beck, Denton Moore, Emily Smith and Reagan Stokes, competed at the District Consumer Decision Making competition on Dec. 11.



Junior Consumer team ... The Lynn County 4-H Junior Consumer Decision Making team competed at the District Contest, including, in back from left: Leland McDonald, Olivia Weid, London Graham, and Karlee Rathmann; Front row, Waylon Epley, Katherine Butts, Gracie Jones, Brayden Smith and Baily Smith.

Lynn County 4-H competes in District Consumer Decision Making contest

Lynn County 4-H had 28 youth that participated in the District Consumer Decision Making Contest on Saturday, December 11.

Results are as follows; Intermediate individual placings, Kinlee Rathmann-1st place, Mason Scott-2nd place, Wyatt Jones-3rd place, Brayson Beck-8th place and Zack Sellers-9th place. Team Placings; 1st-Wyatt Jones, Laney Scott, Mason Scott; 3rd-Brayson Beck, Lincoln Graham, Kaden McDonald; 4th-Rayna Epley, Reese Moore and Zack Sellers.

Individual Reasons; Kaden McDonald-1st place, Kinlee Rathmann-2nd place,

Brayson Beck-5th place, Zack Sellers-6th place and Mason Scott-10th place.

Team Reasons; 5th-Josephine Butts, Kinlee Rathmann, Kaitlynn Smith; 1st-Brayson Beck, Lincoln Graham, and Kaden McDonald.

Individual Overall; Kinlee Rathmann-1st, Mason Scott-2nd, Wyatt Jones-4th, Brayson Beck-5th and Zack Sellers-9th.

Team Overall; 2nd-Wyatt Jones, Laney Scott, and Mason Scott. 3rd-Brayson Beck, Lincoln Graham, and Kaden McDonald.

District Consumer Decision Making-Juniors; Karlee Rathmann-2nd place, Lon-

don Graham-3rd place, Olivia Wied-6th place, Katherine Butts-7th place, 2nd place team—London Graham, Olivia Wied, Gracie Jones, 3rd place team—Karlee Rathmann, Waylon Epley, Brayden Smith, Leland McDonald, Baily Smith.

Senior placings: 4th Place Team Placings -Braxton Beck, Brazos Beck, Reagan Stokes, and Denton Moore.

5th Team Reasons - Braxton Beck, Brazos Beck, Reagan Stokes, and Denton Moore. Braxton Beck 10th Reasons, Denton Moore 8th Reasons and Reagan Stokes 10th Overall.

TISD gets good audit report

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka Independent School District (TISD) Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday night, Dec. 16, hearing a presentation on the district's financial audit. Randall Terry, with the firm of Terry and King, presented the 2020-21 annual financial report. He told the Board that the audit was in great standings and praised the district for its reporting practices.

In other business, Superintendent Torrey Price informed trustees that the next payment from Tahoka Wind Farm would be coming in at the end of January, for approximately \$56,600.

Approximately 50 applicants have submitted for the Athletic Director position at Tahoka ISD, the superintendent told trustees, since it was announced that former AD Stephen Overstreet was

leaving the position. No details were given as to when a decision was anticipated on filling the position.

Supt. Price told trustees that infrastructure on all district campuses needed some upgrades, and that security cameras at new and existing areas were needed. The vehicle for the security department also needed to be replaced, and possibly replace a bus, he informed the board.

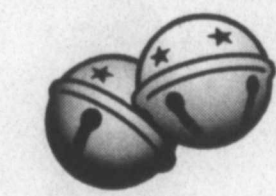
Campus principals presented reports on their activities, and monthly bills were approved.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Jan. 17.

Board members present included Board President Clay Taylor, Drew Stone, Tamesha McClendon, Carol Miller, Lea Swinford and Slate May. Trustee Jon Luna was absent from the meeting.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Q: What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
A: Jingle Bells



Q: In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
A: Turkey

Q: What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas"?
A: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Q: What holiday movie sequel includes a cameo by Donald Trump?
A: Home Alone 2

Q: "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was originally published under what name?
A: A Visit from St. Nicholas

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS.

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Merry Christmas



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Cowlick's Barber Salon
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Fun concert ... Tahoka High School 3-D Band students had fun performing at the band's annual Christmas concert, donning Santa hats, reindeer ears, Christmas lights, and other fun holiday accessories as they played several holiday tunes. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Season's Greetings

In the true Christmas spirit, we join everyone in prayers for lasting peace. Gratefully, we thank everyone for the trust and confidence that has been extended to us.

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Area News
from area newspapers

Roosevelt's historic football run ends in State Semis

SLATON – The Roosevelt Eagles made history advancing to the State Semifinals in football – first time ever in the school's history.

The furthest they ever came was Regional rounds in prior years.

Their historic run, however, came to an end Friday, Dec. 10 at Abilene Christian University, when the team lost 47-12 against the 2020 State Semifinalist Gunter Tigers.

Even though the Eagles (14-1) fell short of making a visit to AT&T Stadium in Dallas, Head Coach Matt Landers could not be more proud of his team.

"I am so proud of the players, especially our seniors. This has been a very special year that was led by our seniors and the players. We had a player led team this year and when you have that, you are in for a special year," he said.

"I am so happy for our seniors and our team and they will remember this season the rest of their lives and remember the great times they had with their teammates."

-- from The Slatonite



Future Family Dollar store ... Demolition began last week as the former LCHD Specialty Clinic was torn down, to make way for a new Family Dollar store. The Lynn County Hospital District sold the property that sits adjacent to the Cash Saver Supermarket on Lockwood in Tahoka, finalizing the sale a few weeks ago. The plans call for a 9000 sq. ft. building for the new Family Dollar store, according to Tahoka Mayor John Baker.

Lynn County Area Gins

BALE COUNT
(reported 12-20-21)

WestTex Coop Gin.....	119,636
Texas Star Coop Gin	100,296
New Home Coop, Lakeview .	52,337
Wells Coop Gin	36,814
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	29,976
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka..	29,475
Garlyn Coop Gin	12,840
TOTAL BALES.....	381,374

A look back at ...
by Dalton
Woodwork
(Reprinted from the past)
Dalton Wood

CHRISTMAS TIME'S A-COMING, just like the song by that name (written by a man from Big Spring who I know, and recorded by Emmy Lou Harris and others) says. All of a sudden, we're just 17 days away from Christmas, and Christmas movies are being repeated on many TV channels.

Many of those Christmas movies are very good, sentimental and inspiring, and a few are sort of dumb, and at least one, *Bad Santa*, is awful, and should be rated UVA (unfit for viewing by anybody).

I always enjoy some of the old favorites such as *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, and all the various modern versions of that one, most of the Hallmark Christmas movies, and *Miracle on 34th St.*, which I thought for years was about driving down a certain street in Lubbock without running over a manhole cover.

I thought it would be interesting to find out if there are any real people anywhere in the world with the last name of Scrooge. But neither Google nor Ask. Com, a couple of computer sources that usually know everything, would give me a yes or no answer. Instead I was pointed at something called Scrooge McDuck and about a zillion references to Dickens' classic.

If anyone knows of someone named Scrooge or even Cratchit, please let me know.

I did have a friend in Indiana who claimed to know a man whose last name was Christmas. And, according to my friend, this man actually had a daughter named Mary. I did not make this up.

Some say the real Santa Claus gives expensive things to people, whether they have been good or not, and



All decked out ... Tahoka's Blue Weed Special train was all decked out in Christmas lights for the Hometown Christmas night in Tahoka, with engineer Todd and conductor Starr on hand to load passengers on the train from the "depot" at Del's Deli, just off the square.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Q: In the 1964 classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," what was the name of Rudolph's faithful elf companion?
A: Hermey

lives in Washington, D.C. He is aided by his seven elves, Grumpy, Dopey, Harry, Barney, Nancy, Sneaky and Biden.

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News items from area newspapers

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-- from The Snyder News

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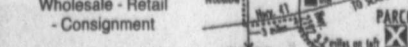
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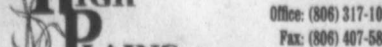
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Senior Care



Sweep ... New Home Jr High (6th-8th grade) is the District 6-AA Team Champions for the UIL Academic Meet, held recently.

Homemade bread! ...

Carissa Nevill shows one of her loaves of jalapena cheese bread from her kitchen, "The Brimming Bakery," that were selling fast at the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Area News News items from area newspapers

Seago helps lead team to championship game

LAMESA - A former Golden Tornado quarterback was coaching in AT&T Stadium last week.

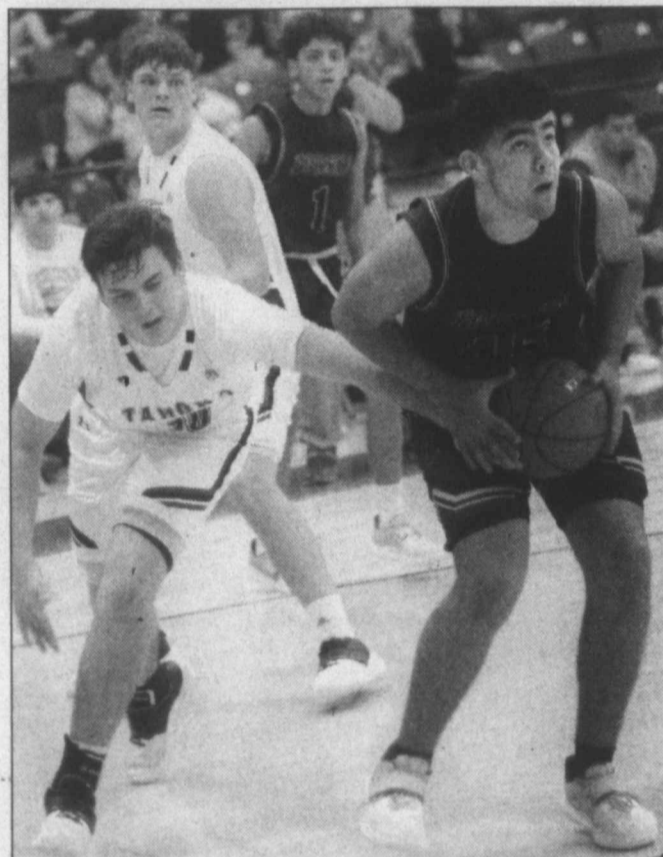
Jamie Seago, a 1991 Lamesa High School graduate, is the offensive coordinator at Hawley, which was vying for the Class 2A Division I state football championship last Wednesday night against defending champion Shiner.

This is Seago's 10th year at Hawley and his 22nd in the high school coaching ranks. After helping with the Bearcats' offense for six years, he was the defensive coordinator for four years before moving to offensive coordinator this season.

"They put me upstairs in the booth so I won't yell at the refs," Seago said with a laugh.

While this is Shiner's sixth state title game appearance, it is Hawley's first season to get to state.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter



Gotcha! ... #30 Bryson Stone slaps the ball loose for the Bulldogs against the Lorenzo Hornets here on Dec. 14. The Hornets took the win, 60-44. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Lady Bulldogs top Lorenzo

Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs had a 38-27 win over Lorenzo in basketball action on their home court Dec. 14. Kendra Garcez led Tahoka in scoring with 20 points. Brooklyn Harris dominated on the boards with 15 rebounds.

"We played stifling defense and held Lorenzo to 0 field goals in the first half with only 5 points! Great defense and a quality win," said Coach Ethan Aycock.

Jasper resigns as BRMC CEO

BROWNFIELD - According to Brownfield Regional Medical Center (BRMC) Chairman of the Board, Justin Hesse, BRMC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jerry Jasper handed in his resignation recently with a 30-day notice.

"It caught us by surprise," Hesse said. "It's a stressful job, especially for the past 22 months. It wears on a lot of people, and these last 22 months have worn on a lot of people."

Hesse said the board would hold a closed meeting Monday, Dec. 13 to discuss what everybody wants going forward. He was unsure if they would name a new CEO, or push the decision back. But the board and he want to put someone in the position as quickly as possible.

- from the Brownfield News

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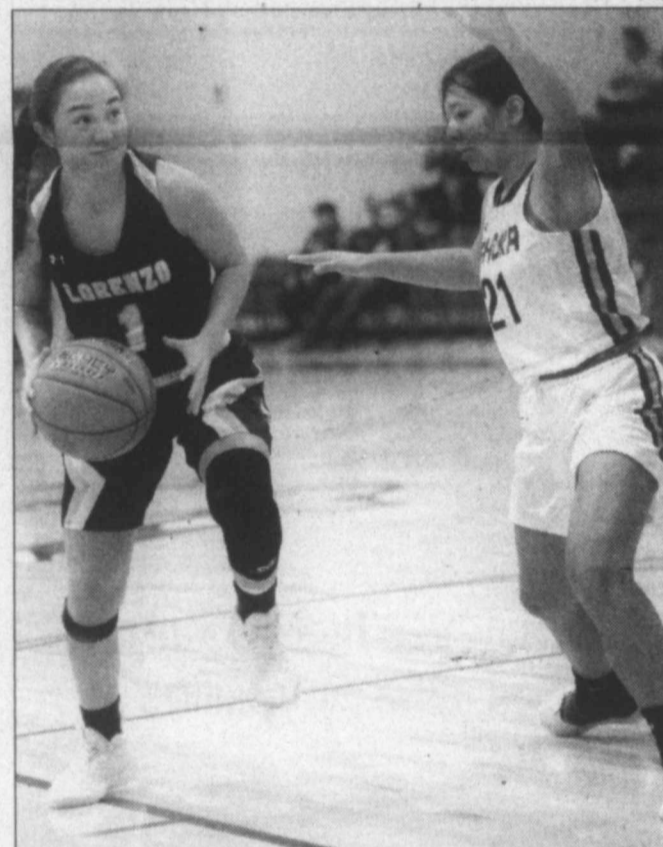
Answer: "The holly that will be on your front door".

In the song "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" underneath the mistletoe, where did mommy tickle Santa Claus?

Answer: "Underneath his beard so snowy white".

In the carol, "We three Kings," which way is the star of wonder and star of light leading them?

Answer: "Westward leading, still proceeding".



Hands up ... Lady Bulldog Miranda DeLeon guards a Lorenzo player in non-district action at the Tahoka gym on Dec. 14. The Lady Bulldogs won the contest 38-27. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

CHRISTMAS SONG TRIVIA

What Christmas song has the line, "I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of cheer?"

Answer: "Holly Jolly Christmas"

Which Christmas song's second verse begins with, "See the blazing Yule before us"?

Answer: "Deck the Halls"

Which song's second line begins with, "Led by the light of faith serenely beaming"?

Answer: "O Holy Night"

In the animated TV special, "Twas the Night before Christmas", the townsfolk create a song to attract Santa back. According to the song, what is calling Santa?

Answer: Christmas Bells

In the song "The Little Drummer Boy" kept time. Who accompanied him?

Answer: The ox and the lamb

In 1953, this Christmas song was Eartha Kitt's biggest hit of her career.

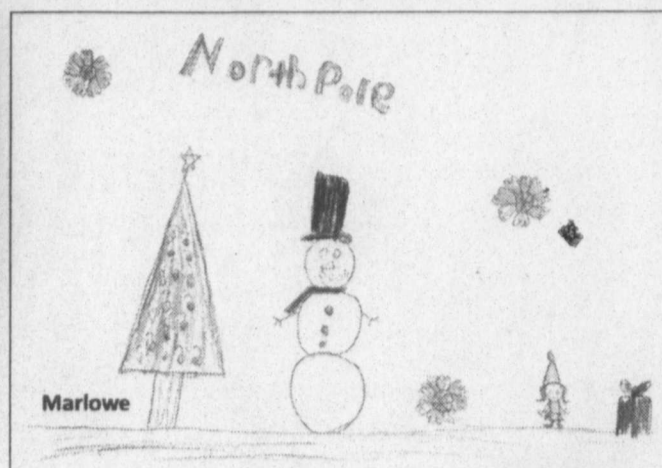
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Letters to Santa



New Home Kindergarten Danielle Burrow

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like Hot Wheels for Christmas. I would like a dude perfect bow and arrow. I would like another gymnastic bar, like the one at Rock Solid. I am going to buy your reindeer food to leave out Christmas night. See ya soon!
Love, Blake



Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? I have been good. Please, can I have real little dog? I will name him Piper. I want Barbie mermaids with rainbow tails. Please, can I have new rainbow jewelry? I want necklace, bracelet, and earrings. Thank you!
Love, Nyah

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for you. Can I have a Barbie Jeep for Christmas? I want a real puppy for Christmas a black poodle. I will leave the milk and cookies out for you. Goodbye. Love, Kollins

Dear Santa,
I have been playing nice with my brothers. They have been nice too. They have been letting me care about them. I would like one of those baking ovens. I want the Barbie and an American Girl doll, the welly wisher ones. I want a Frozen 2 costume. Goodbye Santa, I hope you enjoy the cookies.
Love, Ellie

Dear Santa,
This year I played nicely with my brother. We have been good this year. Can I please have some drums for Christmas? I was hoping for a really really big nerf gun. I am going to leave you carrots and cookies for your reindeer and you and some milk. Love, Bryce

Dear Santa,
I am going to give your reindeer some food, the food they want. I kinda want a toy chef set. I like to cook rice. I want a toy sink so I can brush my teeth. I want a toy big house that I can play in. I would play with my sisters in it. I want a stuffed animal leopard. And I think that's all. Love, Phoenix

Letters to Santa from New Home



New Home Pre-K Stacey Kaldenberg

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a puppy. I'll name her Elsa. I also would like a My Little Pony house. A pink flower that has fuzzy on it. I want a horse. Bye, Santa. I love you!
Love, Rylie Brumley

Dear Santa,
Will you please give us 2 elves, a boy and a girl? We promise not to touch them! We will give you some icing cookies and carrots for your reindeer. Please, Santa, may I have a microphone. I want Gabe to have new shoes, Sam to have a new belt, and Wii to have an American flag. I wish you well. Love, Macy Burkhalter

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Can I have a green present? I want candies, books, and a wreath with holly berries. I also want cake and cookies and a juice box and a water bottle. What's the North Pole like? Thank you for our class elf, Jingle Zebra Mit. Love, Arabella Escobedo

Dear Santa,
Can I have a girl elf? I love you. I have been good this year. Can I also have a coffee toy and a puppy toy? I want to get Karson a toy watch. Kaedan doesn't want nothing on Christmas, especially no girl stuff. Ryan don't want girl stuff, just boy stuff. Wish you well! Love, Addison Fife



Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa! I have been good every day. Can I have a motorcycle and a real Paw Patrol tower? I also want a wheely dummy that you can rope that is blue. Sterling is my brother and we are having a baby brother. Dear Santa, can you please make me another gumball machine. Love, Steele Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Can I have some presents? I want a jeep for me to drive. I also want a toy Santa. Emma wants a Cocomelon doll. Can I have some regular legos? Merry Christmas! Love, Sophie Hackler

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a toy train. I am a good girl. I have a brother and he wants a pop-it. My brother has been good. My teachers are nice. Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Madison Hickman

Dear Santa,
This year I have been nice. I have played with my sister and brother. For Christmas, I would like a remote control toy car. Also, a toy gun. I want a cat. I'll name it Aaron. Thank you, Santa! Love, James Hoelscher

Dear Santa,
This year I was good. Can I please have a bike? I also would like a toy umbrella. What is your favorite cookie? Gage has been good. Can we please have a toy elf? I want a toy ladybug and a toy gumball machine. I hope you have a good Christmas! Love, Maddox Munton

Dear Santa,
I have been good all the days. Can I have a toy for Christmas? A Peppa Pig. My brother and sister have been good. Thank you! Love, Dulce Reyes

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas! I want a toy box and a toy, a pig piano. Get toys for my brothers, Cager and Baden. And my mom and dad a desk. I want a race track for Baden and me. Dad needs a printer. Bring a new bedroom for mommy. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Field Stowe



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Letters to Santa

from New Home



New Home Kindergarten
Danielle Burrow (continued)

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good day today. I told you that I want a stuffed animal unicorn and I thought you would give me a real unicorn, but I don't have enough room. It would be cool to get sprinkled by unicorn dust! I want a couch with a rug for my American Girl doll. Love, Bostyn

Dear Santa,
Am I on the nice or naughty list? I think I am on the nice list. I love you. How are the elves doing? I want for Christmas is an Elsa baby doll, because she is my favorite girl! I want dress up clothes like Aura. That's everything. Santa, I am leaving you milk and cookies. Hope to see you soon! Love, Micah

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer doing? Am I on the nice list? I want books and a purple bike, a big one! I want a race car and toy cars. Can I have a toy reindeer? I want candy, candy is so good. I want to share with sisters six bags of candy! I hope you have a good day! Love, Remi

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving presents and Merry Christmas! Thank you for giving us presents for our lives. Please, can I have a hat, a Frisbee and a toy Hulk, the green guy? I am pretty nice. I am thankful for you. I am gonna give you cookies with sprinkles. See ya soon! Love, Sterling

Dear Santa,
Can I please get a fake dart bullet gun with fake bullets and a race car remote control and then I want a stocking for my dog named Lucy that died, I want my mom to hang it up so I can remember her. I want to put out cookies and milk for you. Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I'm gonna be on the good list and my brother is going to be on the bad list. I would like one of those pizza squishy's and then a makeup set, a Elf on the Shelf, a Gabby's Doll house and a heart plushy. Can I please have some Disney princess dolls, some slime, and a new skateboard? Thank you! Love, Sofia

Dear Santa,
Am I on the nice or naughty list? I think I am on the nice list. Please, can I have the big spinney thing, big monster truck and a big fake dark blue car, so I can roll it on my racetrack. I will see you soon so I will ask you for other things then. Love, Ben

Dear Santa,
My elves got here December 1st. Their names are Ace and Elsa. I want a candy cane in my stocking. Can I have a black watch and a black and white rock guitar? I am going to do carrots, milk and cookies. Love, Karson



Christmas fun ... The Blue Weed Special train, all decked out in Christmas lights, carried passengers around the Lynn County Courthouse square during the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka, as others walked around to see the sights. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

New Home Kindergarten
Kelley Derrick

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want an iPhone 12, so I can play on it. I want a purple bike. I like to ride bikes. I would like a hover board, and that's it. I hope you like my cookies I am going to leave for you. Love, Masyn

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I would like a Gabby's Doll House because I watch it so much. I would like three LOL dolls because my mom or my dad hope to find an LOL show. I would like a new Paw Patrol tower because my Nana and Grandad took me to the movies to watch the Paw Patrol movie. I love you! Love, Breslyn

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a superhero costume. I would also like comic books about Power Rangers. I hope you like my cookies I leave for you. They will be chocolate chip. Love, Dakota

Dear Santa,
Hi! How do your reindeer fly? I would like a stuffed animal to sleep with. Love, Finn

Dear Santa,
I like Rudolph because he has a red nose. I would like a toy bow and arrow because my first one broke. I would like more Hot Wheels. I have five or ten, but I want three more so I have thirteen. I also want some Minecraft Legos. What kind of cookies would you like for me to give you? Love, Boone

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I have been a good girl this year. I would like a toy dog that has a collar and leash. How have the reindeers been? Are they ready for Christmas? Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Are they ready for Christmas Eve? What do I need to put out for them to eat? I want a unicorn with a leash. I hope you are ready for Christmas! Love, Maybree

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been a good boy. Can I please have a smart watch? My brother's watch broke. I have 200 Hot Wheels, but I would like ten more. Can I please have a Dude Perfect bow and arrow? I love Dude Perfect, and a bow and arrow would be fun. Thank you Santa! Love, Canon

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I am going to leave out some food for him so he can light the night. I would like some Poopsie slime. I would like a pet spider monkey because they are silly and creepy. How is Mrs. Claus? Will she miss you when you are gone? Merry Christmas! Love, Sid

Dear Santa,
How do you feed your reindeers? I will give you food in my house, and I hope you see it and eat it. I want Nintendo Switch, and more Hot Wheels. I have so many but I would like more. I also want a phone to call my Mommy, Daddy, and Nana. I hope you are having a good day! Love, Corbin

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are the reindeer? Can I have a Dude Perfect bow and arrow? Dude Perfect is my favorite videos. I also want a RC car. My favorite is the one with Frankenstein face on it. How do you get to the North Pole? I would like to come see you and Rudolph. Love, Graham

Dear Santa,
I can't wait to give you cookies and milk! I hope you are getting ready for Christmas. I will have a treat for you. I want ten monster trucks and Hot Wheel cars. I would also like a Spiderman pillow and a monster truck blanket. I wish you could be my friend so we could play together. Love, Eric

Dear Santa,
Do the elves work hard and build toys? All I want for Christmas is an elf. Can reindeer really fly? Do they have magic? I like to play in the snow and build snowmen with my dad. Do you like to play in the snow and build snowmen? I love Christmas! Love, Sawyer

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? How do you feed your reindeer and what do you feed them? I would like some Hot Wheels. I would also like a toy set of Avengers. Where are your elves? Love, Tripp

Dear Santa,
I hope Rudolph can come to our house when it is Christmas. Has he been good? I want a real bow and arrow so I can go hunting with my Dad. I also want a hoverboard. I want to get Minecraft. I have been nice to my Dad, Mom, sister, and brother. Love, Weston

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? I would like a book about Christmas. I would like to read it with my Mommy. I want a toy bunny rabbit that I can snuggle with. How are the elves? I think they are busy working to build all the toys. I can't wait for Christmas. Love, Tynlee

New Home Kindergarten
Jill Bundy

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go-cart and a ferret. Can I also have a sheep arena? I will leave you milk and a chocolate chip cookie; but, please don't leave a big mess with your cookies. I have been good this year. I always say "yes ma'am". Love, Bridger Beaty

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Repunzel Doll that is medium size? I would also like a big Unicorn book, a little guitar, and a toy reindeer that is like your reindeer. I have been very good this year. Oh yeah, can I also have a little piano? Thank you. Love, Ayleen Moreno

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a little snow fox. I would also like some red grapes, a toy cheetah, and a toy city Batman. I have been good this year. I say "sorry" to my mommy and play with my sister. Thank you Santa. Love, Bowen McClure

Dear Santa,
I would like some pink clothes for Christmas. A shirt with flowers on it, some pink socks and pink shoes too. I would like some yellow and orange toys, some blocks, and some candy. I have been good this year. My baby brother would like some toy cars and so would my sister. Love, Isabella Escobedo

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Happy Napper that is a unicorn? Could I also get a real puppy that will stay tiny and not grow that is brown, a blue sour candy cane, and some bright pink lipstick? I have been very good this year. Thank you Santa. Love, Kneely Hayns

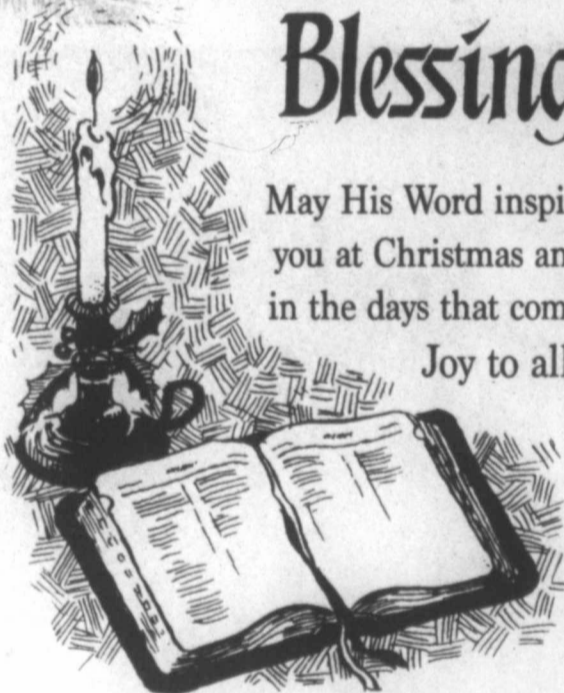
Dear Santa,
Please bring me some chocolate marshmallows and a new snow globe. I have been very good. I listen to my mom and I behave. Jaxon wants pears, a candy cane and a new snow globe. Lincoln wants pears, candy cane, a snow globe and chocolate marshmallows. Love, Hudson Burks

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Cinderella carriage and a Cry Baby to play with. I have been very good this year. I listen real good to my mom. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you Santa. Love, Lexi Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would also like a race car that I can get in and ride around in, but a kid-size one. I have been good. I don't make many messes. I will leave you some cookies—Christmas tree ones. I'll put hay on the roof for the reindeer to eat. Love, Townes Garrett

Blessings

May His Word inspire you at Christmas and in the days that come. Joy to all!



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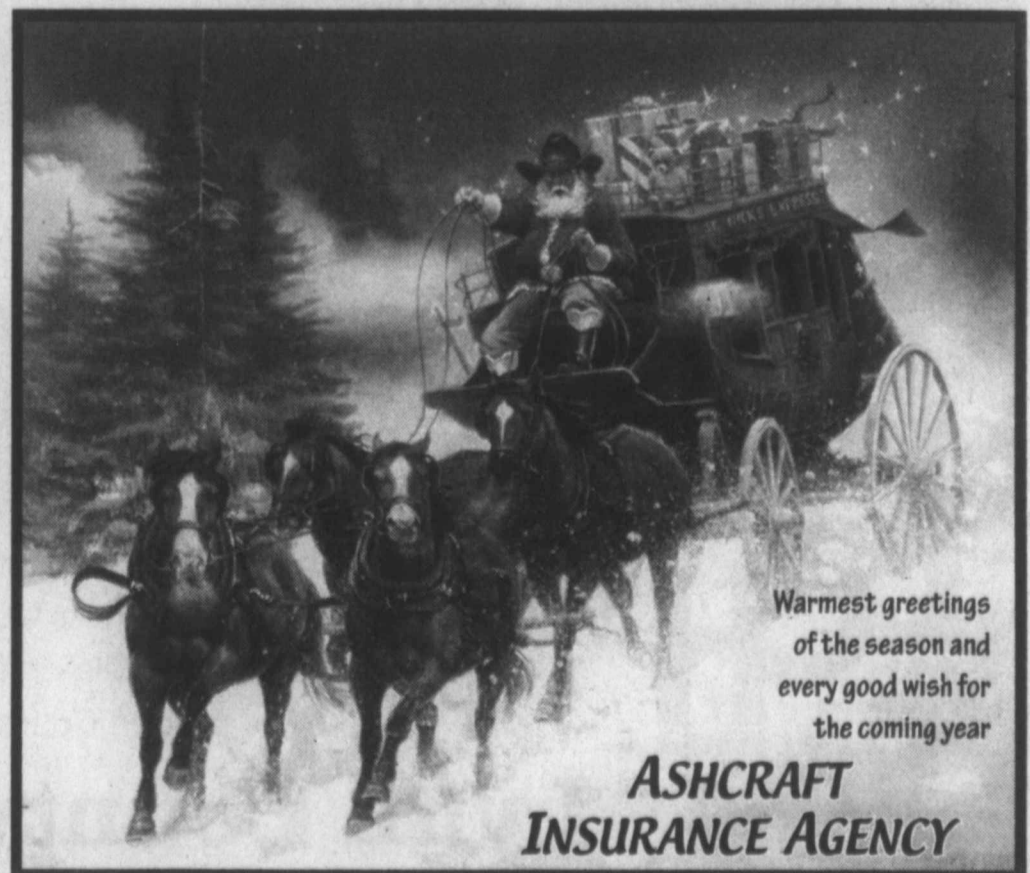


We'd like to take a moment out of this busy season to say "Merry Christmas" to all!

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Sweep ... New Home Elementary Kindergarten-5th grade and Jr High (6th-8th grade) are the District 6-AA Team Champions for the UIL Academic Meet. Pictured above is the Elementary team.

Letters to Santa from New Home



New Home Kindergarten Jill Bundy (continued)

Dear Santa,
I want some Barbies. Would you also bring me a stuffed animal kitty? Can you also bring me a fluffy purple jacket? And a princess bed for my room? I have been very good this year. Thank you. Love, Alicia Braga

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a Chelsea Barbie and a Barbie house and a Marshall from Paw Patrol. I have been good this year. I will leave out some carrots for your reindeer and some cookies and milk for you. Thank you. Love, Hattie Fuston

Dear Santa,
Can I have a purple guitar with stripes on it like my sister's and a Barbie? Abel wants a Spider-man and Ario, the baby, wants some Legos. I have been good this year. I will leave you some Christmas cookies as well as some milk to drink. Love, Avery Reyna

Kindergarten Kim Calaway

Dear Santa,
I like to help out other people. I want a nerf gun. I don't know which kind yet. I want a Hoover board for my sister. I really just want to help people out. That is really it. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies, my mom knows how to make them. Your friend, Knox Wilson

Dear Santa,
I have been running outside a lot because I want to get fast. My name is Colton. I want a remote control car. I want football gloves so I can play football. That is all I want. I play a lot with Knox. I have been good because I love on my brothers. Thank you for bringing me my presents. Colton Cook

Dear Santa,
I play on my trampoline with my sister and my cousins. I want a garbage truck. Mine broke, I broke the lift so I want a new one. I want a log truck that picks up logs and takes them to the lumber place. That is all. I want to leave you some mint cookies. Zane Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been good because I help my family clean up messes. I want an Elf on the Shelf for Christmas. I want a clip up chart like Mrs. Calaway's. I want a new toy kitchen because my mom made me sell my other one. I want a go-cart, too. I want to leave you cookies and milk. Love, Juliana Ysasaga

Dear Santa,
I have been really good. I have been listening to my mom and dad. I make my bed and clean my room. I want an Ipad 13 Pro. I am going to do everything on it. I want a Hoover board scooter. And I want a go-cart too. I want to leave you a Gingerbread Man when you come to my house. Nash Whisenhunt

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear Santa,
I have been playing with my big sister. When my baby-sitter comes we play tag and board games. I want a dinosaur machine, a dinosaur bed and a stuffed animal bunny toy. I think I will leave you some gingerbread and reindeer cookies. Emma Reyes

Dear Santa,
I help my mom sometimes. I clean downstairs. One time I cleaned downstairs all by myself. I want some tying shoes for Christmas. I want a Bluey house. I want to play with it with my sister. I want a doggie blanket. I want a book about space, too. I want to wake up daddy when you come to my house. Blakely Clem

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I try to go to bed. I like to play with my sister. I want a Barbie car and a bunkbed and toy apples for my Barbie, a toy house for my Barbie. If I get a bunkbed my sister, Serenity, and my twins can sleep on it. I will leave you some Christmas cookies that look like you. Saniyah Lara

Dear Santa,
Well, I played at Benjamin's house. We played dinosaurs. I like animals, like penguins. I don't think you are going to believe this, but I want a jetpack. I want to fly into space so I am also going to want a space suit. And that is all. I love you and I like that you bring me presents. Toby Ohlmann



Dear Santa,
I want to sleep in my bed. When I wake up on Christmas, I want presents. I will unwrap them to see what is mine. I want a Paw Patrol Marshall. I want a monster truck, too. My mom is going to make you cookies and put them on the table. Benjamin Green

Dear Santa,
I like to play tag with my cousins. I have been good. I help my mom cook sometimes. I want a dirt bike. I want airpods that connect to an iPhone. I also want a hot wheels set. I will be sleeping but put my gifts under the tree. Addington Dishier

Dear Santa,
I like to play football. I like to play with my friends. I want a trampoline to play on with my sister. I want a jeep, a red one. I am going to drive it with my dad. I want a REAL jeep. I will leave you strawberry cookies. I will make them. Case Hennington

Dear Santa,
I like to play with my Army men and zombie toys. We like to get squishy balls and go down our apartment stairs. I want more zombie toys and soldier toys. Since I have zero money, I just want a lot of money. I want a squishy dinosaur that I can balance on. I like cookies, too. I think we will leave you chocolate cookies. Preston Campbell

New Home 1st Grade Mrs. Smithson

Dear Santa,
Does Mrs. Claus mak kookes? I am being a good boy. May I have a babe dog? Your favorite, Grayson-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Are you magic? I been trying to make good choices. May I please have a Lebron James fobble Head? Your favorite, Nikko-Age 7.5

Dear Santa,
When did Rudolph gide the rain deer? I have been tring really really hard to be a good boy. May I please have some tonk-atins? Love, Jace-Age 7



Dear Santa,
Are you magic? I hope you are having fun. I hope I'm not on the noty list. May I please have a gymnastix bar? Your favorite, Kaytlen-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Duz the snow tast like cotin candy in the north pol? I hope the elfs are doing good. I am being a good boy. May I please have a stuff Charmander? Love, Kason-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How do the deer fly? I been tring rily hard to make good choys. May I please have a cosmo? Your favorite, Anderson-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Are the deer majicool? I hope the riander don't get hurt. Iv ben a good boy. May I please have a Fortnight gun? Your favorite, Nolan-Age 6

Dear Santa,
Is the North pole your hous? I hope your rander don't get hert. I ben a gud girl. Can I please have a yoyo? Your favorite, Scout-Age 7



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New Home 1st Grade Mrs. Smithson (continued)

Dear Santa,
How do the elfs fly? I hope the elfs arnt bad. I have bin tring to be good. May I please have a real life dog? Your favorite, Ryder-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How do the rain deer fly? Are they magic? I been a good girl. May I please have a Gaby House? Your favorite, Madilyn-Age 6

Dear Santa,
Do the raindir flot in the air or Do they land on the roof? I hope the elfs are doing good! May I please hav a watch? Your favorite, Rhett-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How do the elfs fly? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? I am a good girl. May I please have a ipad? Your favorite, Jolie-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, Santa? I been tring really hard to be a really good girl. May I please have a 3D pen? Your favorite, Lucy-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Do you come thow the chimnee? Iv bin tring riele hard to be good. May I please have two ginee pigs? Your favorite, BreeLyn-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How do you fly around the world in one night? I hope you don't fall off the sleigh. I am a good boy. May I please have a fun phone? Your favorite, Jaxon B.-Age 6

Dear Santa,
Do your elfs help you get out presents? I hope I am not on the noty list. May I pleas have real handcuffs that are green? Your favorite, Brody-Age 7

Mrs. McMinn
Dear Santa,
I bet Mrs. Claus cookies smel good. I have been making good choices this year. May I please have my two frunt teeth? Your favorite, Georgia-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How do you mack toys? I hope you have fun. Am I on the good list? May I have slime? Your favorite, Diana-Age 8

Dear Santa,
Is my elf in the hosbitall? I hope your doning good. Am I on the noty list? May I please have a go cart and a halmit? Your favorite, Gage-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Are you feeding raindeer helthy carrots? I bet Mrs. Claus cookie's smel good. May I have a comfy chair and a high-joflask? I cant wait for Christmas! Love, Saegan-Age 7



Something hot to drink? ... Scarlett Kowalczuk, Charis Hall, and Brooklyn Smith served hot chocolate and apple cider at the New Home NHS booth, to help warm up the crowd attending the Hometown Christmas event held in Tahoka on Dec. 11. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
What is your faivrit movei? What house are you going to frist? I helped my mom and brother taking the trash. May I have a Oculus please? Love, Crew-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Can you send me a elf? I bet your cookeys are yummy. May I have a go cart? I tace out the trash! Your favorite, David-Age 7

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I want you to help my mom for Christmas. She has a lot of work. Your favorite, CJ-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are the riandeer doing? I hope the Grinch dose not take the presents. I hope I am not on the noty list! May I pleas have a PS5? Love, Boston-Age 7

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good! Have I benn a good girl? For Christmas I would like an American Doll. Merry Christmas! Your favorite, Mila-Age 6

Dear Santa,
Is my elf in the hospidl? I hope you had a good vacashun. I bin helping my parens. May I pleas have a Frosin 2 made to moov dolls? Your favorite, Jayla-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Do your elfs ride on the slay with you? I hope the homeless kids get presents to. I have been helping my mom. Can I please have some plants vs zombies books? Love, Dax-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Is my elf in the hospidl? I hope the Grinch dusint stil presints. I have been a good kid. May I please hav a Gokart? Love, Wyatt-Age 7

Dear Santa,
I really wanted a gocart and a Spikey helmet for Christmas. Pleyse? I clean dishs and help my mom and dad work. Your favorite, Corbin-Age 7

Deer Santa,
How do you travl to every hous in one nite? I hope the presins dont fall out of the sleigh. I was a good boy. May I have a gocort and helmet? Your favorite, Jax-Age 8

Dear Santa,
I hope your presents don't fall. I hope I am not on the notie list. I play with my little sister. Santa is the best! I hope I get a new tendoeswich. I want new shoos. Thank you, Santa! Adriel-Age 6

Vintage Photos from Christmas past



1960
from the Woods
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Vintage 1960 postcard ... Juanell (Wood) Jones, Terry Wood, and Vondell (Wood) Elliott are pictured in front of the Christmas tree in this 1960 postcard from the Dalton and Lenda Wood family, when they lived in Sudan.

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? I hope you do not git lost! I have bin a gud gril by hlping my sistren clen her room. May I ples have a kid 4 weelr? Love, Kennedy-Age 6

Mrs. Lorton
Dear Santa,
Do you know where my elf is? I wish I was a elf becues you so nice. I have tried to be a good girl. May I please have a Go Glam nail stamper? Your favorite, Kynnedi-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How do your raindeer fly? I hope that every kid gets a present. I have tried to be a good girl. May I ples have a LOL doll house? Your favorite, Karli-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I hope you never get sick. I have tried to be a good boy. May I please have some baseball sun glasses? Your favorite, Mateo-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How dos your sleigh fly? I hope your rander never get sick. I am a good boy. Can I have a robot? Your favorite, Asher-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How cold is the North Pole? I hope you are healthy. I have been a good girl. May I please have a Amarkin girl doll? Kortney is her name. Love, Sawyer-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I hope you don't ever have bad elf's. I have tried to be a good boy. May I please have a X-box? Your favorite, Graham-Age 6 and a half

Dear Santa,
How is Ruolph doing? I hope you are not sick. I tried to be a good girl. May I ples have a make up set? Your favorite, Harper-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good boy. May I please have a xbox? Your favorite, Kacen-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How does your sleigh fly? I love Rudolph. I have tried to be a good boy. May I please have a RC Ford? Your favorite, Colton-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How many toys have you made by now? I have been knotty sometimes but tried to be a good boy. May everybody have a merry Christmas? That's what I want! And for Jesus to have a Happy Birthday! Your favorite, Sutton-Age 7 1/2

Dear Santa,
How is Roodof? I hope you had a grat vacashun. I tried too be a good girl. May I ples have an Amarkin girl Doll? The dolls name is Kiera. Your favorite, Murphy-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How big is the North Pole? I hope you have a very nice Christmas. I have bin a good gril. May I ples have a Go Glam Nail Stamper? Your favorite, Ella-Age 7

Dear Santa,
I hope eryl Bodey is on the good list. How is Rudolph doing? I hope your ranedear are not sick. May I please have a Texas Tech helmet? Your favorite, Kasey-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Can I be one of your elfs? I don't hav a chimne. I hav bin a good boy. Can I hav a pupy? Your favorite, Landon-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I wish I was at the North Pole with you! I have tried to be a good boy. May I please have a big trampalean! Your favorite, Theodore-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are your raindeer? I hope your elfs are filng good! I have tried to be a good girl. May I have a basketball hoop that gose on your door? Your favorite, Jessa-Age 7

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Letters to Santa

from New Home

New Home 2nd Grade Mrs. LeClair

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a lot of things like roller skates, video games, and board games. Don't forget to give me Christmas Joy! Merry Christmas! Love, Oakley Arellano

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a HD video camera with a USB chip and SD card with a lanyard. I would like a kids Smart Watch with music player, texting, and video. Love, Grady Austin

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I want an electric scooter for Christmas. I can't wait to see you! Sincerely, Ryder Brown

Dear Santa,
How are you? I love you! How are the reindeer? Can I get a dirt bike, a 410, a computer for my Mom, and some new tools for my Dad? Love, Joe Cuellar

Dear Santa,
I really want the PS5 and the Sonic Forces for Nintendo. I am so excited for Christmas, because we will have snow ball fights and drink hot chocolate. Sincerely, Luis Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I am just wondering how you are doing? I hope you have a good Christmas. How are the reindeers? Love, Brodyn Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are the elves and the reindeer? How are you doing? My family heard you shake the tree! How is Comet? Love, Jett Keller Lane

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan A. Martin. I live in New Home, Texas. I have a lot of friends. How is Christmas going? Are the reindeer ready to fly? Love, Ryan Martin

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I want a unicorn for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you will give me. Merry Christmas! Love, Reese McClure

Dear Santa,
My elves are really funny. I want a go-kart, but my mom said a go-kart is too dangerous. So, I thought of an electric dirt bike. I am 8 years old. How are the reindeer? I hope you have a good Christmas! Love, River Mounce

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I really want Madden 22, the new video game. How are the reindeer doing and can you tell me which reindeer are boys and which ones are girls? Why on movies don't they show Rudolph? Love, Easton Petro

Dear Santa,
I want drums for Christmas. How are you doing this year? Today my elf was playing pin the nose on Rudolph. It was funny! Love, Miles Rigdon

Dear Santa,
I want 80 squishies, 80 pop its, another ginormous teddy bear, and pointy high heels. Love, Emma Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Do you go on vacation on Spring Break? I have a question, do the reindeer eat candy? I want a princess vanity and a guitar. Love, Marlowe Ruthardt

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a Six Five Creedmoor please? How many elves do you have? Thank you for the book about me. I would also like a pet snake. Sincerely, Trenton Sibert

Dear Santa,
I don't want too many things this year. One thing I want is a new pair of Jordans. In my stocking, I would like non-minty candy canes. The last thing I want is the Mary Ellen kitchen set. Love, Madison Walker

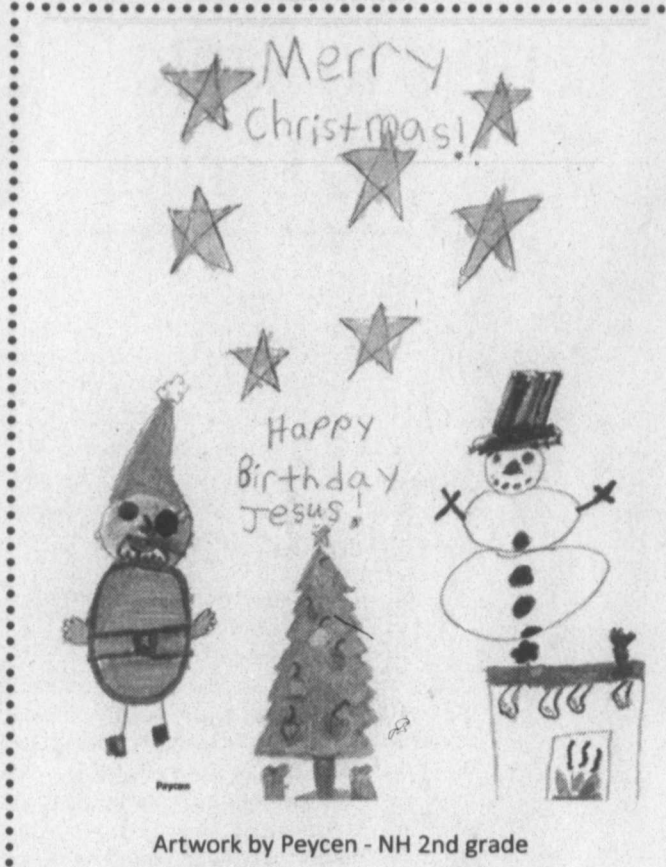
Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for delivering all the presents to all the boys and girls. What I want this Christmas, is the 2013 Holiday Doll. I have a question, how pointy are your elves' ears? See you soon! Love, Crosby Whisenhunt

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a blast today! You are so special to me. What are the reindeer doing? I hope you are having a great Christmas! Love, Brooklyn Zahn

Mrs. Brookshire
Dear Santa,
Do you ever get tired on Christmas? Do you go to Florida for vacation? Do the reindeer get sick? Are you always jolly? See you soon, Hollis Capps

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an electric basketball machine, a fit bit, and a WWE set. See you soon. Love, Kash Conklin

Dear Santa,
Can I please get a Nintendo Switch for Christmas? If you can't make one, it is alright. Do you still have the red-nosed reindeer? Can I also have a PS5, please? Also, can I have a Bible? Love, Kyse DeBerry



Artwork by Peycen - NH 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I don't want a hamster anymore. Thank you for letting us go to Great Wolf Lodge! Can you make people feel better? I love you Santa! Good Bye! Love, Tatum Herington

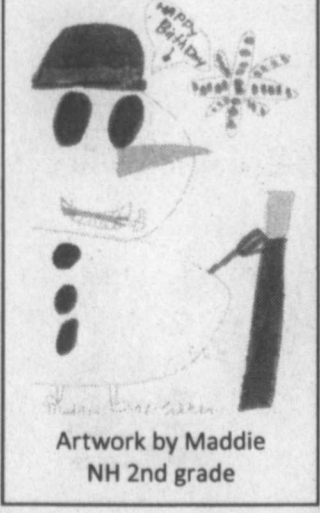
Dear Santa,
Are you going on a vacation? Is your reindeer okay? Do you have a Grand Hotel? Hey Santa, are you having fun delivering presents? Love, Lane Holloway

Dear Santa,
How is the weather up there? Do you get a vacation? Anyway, I would like a watch and a pencil case. Thank you for my presents last year. Sincerely, Reagan Kaldenberg

Dear Santa,
Can you send sizes for our elves' clothes? Can I have the Grand Hotel? Can you bring presents to Tyler? I know this might sound silly, but can my mom have a class elf please? Love, Adelynn McDonald

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us presents. Please help my Dad have a good Christmas. Please help my Mom get through work. All I want for Christmas is everyone to have a good Christmas! Love, Denver McMinn

Dear Santa,
I think I have been kind of bad, but I think Joe Biden has too. So I only want two things for Christmas, a hoodie and Star Wars Lego Delta Squad Set. Thank you. Sincerely, Bronson Meeks



Artwork by Maddie NH 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like this stuff for Christmas, please. A claw machine, gum machine, giant pop it, and a fit bit. That is what I want for Christmas, please. Also do dogs ask you what they want for Christmas? I was just wondering. Love, Paycen Thero

Dear Santa,
I am going to my lake for Christmas. It is beautiful there. To get your Christmas presents, you have to have good behavior. Santa, how much work do you do in your workshop? How old are you? How many elves do you have? Sincerely, Mason West

Mrs. Oliver
Dear Santa,
I want a hover board for Christmas Eve. I miss you. I want a robot for Christmas. I want a Mini Max Race Car for Christmas. Love, Austin Adams

Dear Santa,
I want a PS5 and how are the reindeers? I am going to set out cookies and water. How are the elves? Sincerely, Beau Anderson

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Is Prancer doing good? I hope. Is Rudolph doing good? Can you get me a hover board? Love, Finley Brewer

Dear Santa,
Could you please surprise me on Christmas? Why? Because, I already got a FitBit and a hover board for early Christmas so I don't really have anything to ask for. Love, Hattie Capps

Dear Santa,
Could I have an Iphone Pro, Ashton Drake Dolls, a hover board, and last but not least a watch. See you later. Love, Kenji DeBerry

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want an Iphone 13 Pro, X-Box, and VR Headset. Santa how are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Clause? Love, Eli Dutton

Dear Santa,
How do you work at your shop? Can I have a Bible, a Nintendo Switch, a bicycle, and an action figure. Love, Grayson Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Sorry I haven't been on my best behavior this year. I would like a PS5 if that is okay? How are things at the North Pole? Is it true Mrs. Clause made your suit and hat? Sincerely, Jaden Streety

Dear Santa,
I want a Jack in the Box. I want an X-Box. I want a bow that shoots hard, and a new sling shot. Sincerely, Keaston Kelcy

Dear Santa,
I want a Republic Dropship with at-ot Walker Lego Star Wars Set. How are the reindeer doing? Have you ever been to the North Pole? Hope you have a great time! Love, Campbell Kruczek

Dear Santa,
I want an Ipad Pro for Christmas. How are you and your reindeer doing today? Love, Hadleigh Lake

Dear Santa,
I want a Little Venom. How is Rudolph? What do you do when it is not December? When are you going to give me an elf? See you soon, Santiago Martinez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a VR Headset. How is Snowball at the North Pole. Also I will put out some reindeer food and some red shiny reindeer food for Rudolph. See you soon, Brody McDonnell

Dear Santa,
I want a X-Box and an Iphone. How are the elves doing? How is Mrs. Clause? Love, Serenity Nino

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeer. You are great! I think you are the best person. See you soon, Reid Oliver

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How are the elves doing? I'm going to decorate this year. See you soon, Jacob Quintana

Dear Santa,
What is Rudolph doing? What I want for Christmas is a hover board, a Hello Dream House, a Flip It, and a loft bed. I miss you! I will see you through the chimney. Love, Bergynn Ruddle

Dear Santa,
Can I have the new Harry Potter book? How are the reindeer? Santa how are you? Santa I've been a good boy this year. Sincerely, Everett Sarten



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Letters to Santa from O'Donnell



O'Donnell Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Hi! Is it snowing there? I would like big Barbie house for Christmas this year. Can I also have a new barbie to go with it? I want an iPad too. Please bring toys for my 2 little brothers. Thank you, Santa! Love, Aaniya Acevedo

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a coloring book and crayons. I would LOVE slime and the stuff to make my own slime and a Barbie house. My mom and I are going to make cookies for you to eat. Thank you, Santa! Love, Kehlan Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house and a pair of Elsa headphones. My sister needs new headphones too. Madelyn was good this year and I was too. I would really like a desk to put in my room where I can work on my important things. Love, Harlow Pedroza

Dear Santa,
I hope the elves are making lots of toys at the North Pole. I want a cool Bat Cave, a Bat Mobile, Bat Man's plane, and a submarine. I think I acted pretty good this year. Will you bring my mom a cross for Christmas? Thank you, Santa! Love, Samuel Hilson

HO HO HO!

Dear Santa,
I am very happy that you are coming to my house! I want dolls and doll clothes so that I can change their clothes. Can I have some new books? My mom will read them to me and my sister. Thank you, Santa! Love, Kaylee Klassen

O'Donnell Kindergarten Mrs. Bolton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? We have been working so hard this year in school. We hope you are doing good as well. Here is our list for this year. Please keep the reindeer warm and we will leave you some chocolate cookies on the table Christmas night.

PS 5 and a mask with the hand deals. Merry Christmas! Love Cameran

I want a real live cat and a Batcave. Love, Kannon

I want a yellow bike and some toys. Love, Dariel

Santa to get better and barbie doll bus. Love, Kaydene

I would like a kitten and a ninja turtle toy. Love, Aidden

I want a baby doll and a picnic set. Love, Allison

I want a ninja turtle stuffed toy and a remote-control car. Love, Josue

I would like a barbie camper that kids can ride in and hair salon for girls. Love, Emree

I want a PlayStation 5 with games and a remote-control plane please. Love, Teal

We love you,
Mrs. Bolton's Kindergarten class

O'Donnell Kindergarten

Santa,
I want a stuffed Teddy Bear. I love you, Santa. I have been a good, good, girl. I would also like a pretend cash register. Thank you, Santa. We are going to send this letter to you at the North Pole. I want to know the reindeer names. Love, Kaylyn Guajardo

Dear Santa,
I want dolls, LOL dolls. Also, please I want baby dolls and stuffed animals. I am nice to everyone. I have been a good girl. I love you, Hazel Gonzales

Hi Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are feeling good. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Fortnite Nerf RL Blaster. Hank Halfmann



Treats and poinsettias ... O'Donnell High School FCCLA teacher Donna Forbis and Floral Design teacher Mandy Nichols manned the OHS booth selling sweet treats and poinsettias, at the Hometown Christmas event held in Tahoka on Dec. 11. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
I want a Fortnite Nerf RL Blaster, like Hank. I like to write and would like some sticky notes and writing pads. I want some markers to write with. I want a red bike with four wheels. Thank you, Santa Claus. Bentley Barry

Hi Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want a Power Ranger suit that is red. My brother wants a Power Ranger Transformer Megazord and a Power Ranger Sword. Thank you, Hunner Resendez

Hi Santa,
I would like an Army set and I would like some Fortnite guns for my brother. I would like some Lego's and some Army men. I would like to get my brother a phone. Thank you, Santa, for all the things you have done for people. Love, Jaxon Smith

Hi Santa,
I would like a remote truck. I would like an Army set. I would like a toy car and toy car set. I love you Santa because you bring us presents. Hugs to you - Matthew Iglesias

Dear Santa,
I like what you do. I like that you bring presents. Thank you. I want an X Treasure and my own Barbie dolls. I want a real little, tiny fuzzy dog. I would name the dog Rosie. Thank you for bringing us what we want. I like your reindeers very much. Love, Mya'Lynn Escajeda

Hi Santa,
What's Mrs. Clause doing? I want some jewelry. I want diamonds, gold and sparkles. I would like a boy Barbie and a girl Barbie. I want a treasure chest. How are your reindeer? Thank you and love, Josey Holiday

Dear Santa,
Please give me a green toy tank. Only in my size. There are 4 holders and actually a little thing coming from the front. If you press a button inside the tank, it shoots out an orange circle thing. I love you, Gio Cepeda

O'Donnell 1st Grade
Dear santa,
I love christmas bcus it is the tim uv giving and I would like to have a speshl ornament, for mi mom and please bring me a doll. Thank you, Tabitha Wood

Dear santa,
Santa claus you mak mey happy. I love you Santa claus, I want a candle and mi sister needs a doll. My dad also wants a candle. Mi mom wus a bow fro her heer. I love you santa claus. Aria Joy Fielder

Dear santa,
Hi santa! How are you doing? Is missis claus ok? Can I get a baby yodea please. Can you suprize me with a any toy? I want my family to have a happy christmas. Merry Christmas, Avery Casarez.

Dear santa,
Iv been rily good this yeur and I wood like a pottry maker ptees. I wood like a max I pone 11 iv been rily good I wood like a printer and a conpotter please and merry christmas love Addison Mendieta

Dear santa,
I love the christmas trees. I wot a baby Yoda with a reemot ecoholtr. Zaene wan the new I fone mome joore papool new close gramose ros joore Gram pool crash tool new close. Azelle Trevino

Dear santa,
I like mi elf Mrs. picksl an I love her so much an she is mi favrit. Are your randir redy to fiy? Please bring me a new striper tractor, Please bring me another elf so Mrs. pickls will have a friend. Payne Hawkins

Dear santa,
I want a ifone!1 for christmas and a dragin with a controller and a drone. Also a camra. My bruther wants the same things I do. Zavian Vasquez

Dear santa,
Santa have you had a good year? i want a mogel biulder and a stripper tractor for chrimis. one more a big teddy bear and some hot chochlate. bye bye mr santa see you next time. Abe Fehr



O'Donnell Pre-K

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a dog. I will name him Spiderman. I would like a music box too. I want you to bring presents to kids that do not have a family so they will feel special. Thank you, Santa! Love, Levi Guerra

Dear Santa,
I am so excited you are coming to my house! I want a barbie and some coloring books for Christmas. Legend was a good boy this year. Please bring him a lot of presents. Thank you, Santa! Love, River Hunter

Dear Santa,
Is it snowing at the North Pole? I can't wait for you to come to my house! I am going to wait for you on the couch. I would like a giant present. I want some LOL dolls and a barbie doll and some new earrings. Thank you, Santa! Love, Victoria Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a big barbie house for Christmas. I would also like some new headphones. Will you bring some toys for my little sister and the new baby that is coming? My sister is good sometimes. Thank you, Santa! Love, Ellen Salinas

Dear Santa,
I want a bunch of lollipops in my stocking. I would really like hot wheels and a racetrack and please may I have some Paw Patrol stuff? I will leave some yummy cookies for you. I hope you like them! Love, Elliot Tamez

Dear Santa,
I am ready for Christmas! I want a PlayStation 5, a sparkly unicorn light, and an Elsa doll. Next year, will you send an elf to my house please? Please bring pajamas and makeup for my Mom and Diddo. Thank you, Santa! Love, Bella Ybanez



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Letters to Santa

from O'Donnell



Dear Santa,
How are the raindeer? pleas bring me some blocks, a toy truck. i would like a ball. pleas bring my dad some shoes. bring my mom a shirt. Thank you Ira Weatherman

O'Donnell 1st Grade

Dear santa,
I would like to have for christmas a mircen girl doll, a are your randeer rede to fliy? Capen set I would like lab top. Maci Davis

Dear Santa
Santa, all Iwould like forc hristman is a happy Family. And a pink dress and a barbie camper.I love christman. I play house. Kynzlee Elrod

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Dear santa,
I would like a remote control amerkan doll, a scooder with side car for a puppy, a cofee shop and stables for the amerkan doll with a horse! Hav a Holly Jolly Christmas. Love,Olivia Enriquez

Dear santa,
What I wont for christmas I wont a kitin be cus thaye are so fun to play with and I wont it to be a girl. Srpriz too. Sky morado

Dear santa,
Hi santa, All I like for christmas is a serpriz and a lot uv cande and hot chokit. I hope you hav a mary christmas. Swazey Boone

Dear santa,
Hay santa, Ijust need to tel you that you canserpris me bekus I dont know what I want for christmas. Plesas bring me a cat squish mello pellow and stil-est. Adrianna barrera

O'Donnell 2nd Grade

Dear santa,
Hou are the elvs doing ? I would like to have a Pupy for crissmiss a elf and I would like to have a dertbick for crissmiss. John Dyck

Dear Santa,
How are your reidear doing? I would like to have-a pet hamster a fourteen and a pool. Would you please bring my dad a boat? Ian morado

Dear santa,
Are the elfs redey? May I have a sister and a camer and May I have robucks May my daddy have some new shous Thack you Devyn mojica

Dear santa
How are your elf I would like to have 13 real horses, a saddle, new rains and a barbie dream house with new barbies. I would like for my brother to have a RC car. Merry Christmas, Paizlee Arthur

Dear santa,
How is roodoff? I would like to have a alexa and a ps5 and a pc with roblox and farming simulator please Alex Pina

Dear santa
Ples cen I haf a dog, cloth, and shos. Mi cusin likes barbes. How ar the elves doing? Nyles Cavazos

Dear Santa,
please bege me lagos and a ps5 and a xbox? Please beg Nils a pc and say it is from moses. Moses Trevino

Dear santa,
How are the elves doing? Please bring me a real horse, a new apple phone, and a apple watch.Please bring my dad a motorcycle. Thank you, Mia Ecsajeda

dear Santa,
I would like a new dress, a new shoes and a new toy I would like nick to have a new car Thank you, Amalia Vera



Songs of the season ... Claire Reglin of Tahoka was one of the performers at the Hometown Christmas event held in Tahoka on Dec. 11. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
I would like a new dress, a new shoes and a new toy I would like nick to have a new car Thank you, Amalia Vera

Dear Santa,
How are the raindeer? pleas bring me some blocks, a toy truck. i would like a ball. pleas bring my dad some shoes. bring my mom a shirt. Thank you Ira Weatherman

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a nitendo switch, and four more elves, and 100 robox. Would you bring my 2 sisters a barbie dream house and a new tv for my older sister? I will give you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas! Jayden Castillo

Dear Santa,
Are The Reindeer Doing good? I Would Like To Have A Stuffed Unicorn. Please Can You Bring a stuffed horse and a dog. Please bring Jeriah a color for spot. Thank you, Noriah Liendo

Dear santa,
I want a Brbic hause an IPAD 7, for my bruther a hrse I want my mom to get a dimond bracelet and ring. I a video game for my dad. Yeimy Morales

Dear Santa,
How are the raindeer? I would like to have a horse and a laptop and a new house. Would you pease bring my Mom joy. Thank you. Bryan-nah Peters

Dear santa,
Santa can you please get me a LOL doll, and a big Christmas village, a toy truck that looks like my Poppys. I would like you to bring my mom a new necklass. Merry Christmas Santa, Mad-elyn Pedroza

Dear Santa,
How is misis clos. I would like to hav a Nuther dog. Pleas bring me worm bjomus. I would like to have a apple tablit. Would you please bring my gramol a new fone? Thank you and I love you. Hailey Gonzalez

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Dear Santa
How are the elf doing I wood like to have roler skates and I wood like to have slime and I wood like to have a pupe can you get bryan skerts Thank you skylyn calderon

Dear santa,
How is roodoff? I would like to have a bike Please bring me a bracelet I would like to have toy elf Would you please bring my grandma a Prity neckles Hallie Porterfield

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Did you know?
about
Christmas
.....

GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ...
In Britain, the Holy Days and Fasting Days Act of 1551, which has not yet been repealed, states that every citizen must attend a Christian church service on Christmas Day, and must not use any kind of vehicle to get to the service.

Let's go to Christmas Island!
In the world, there are two islands that are named 'Christmas' - one is in the Pacific Ocean and the other in the Indian Ocean.

Did you know?
What is the name of the rabbit in the magic hat in the movie, Frosty the Snowman?
Answer: Hocus Pocus!

In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.

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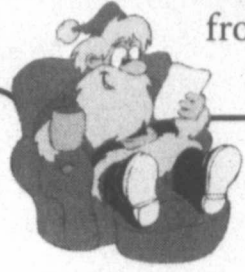
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Letters to Santa from Wilson



Wilson Kindergarten Nella Ramby

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a makeup holder, a phone and a case please. Thank you! From Kynli

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a teddy bear and building blocks. Thank you. From Bekel

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a trampoline and a rainbow skateboard please. Thank you. From Isabelle

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like books for Christmas please. Thank you! From Joey

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a bike please. Thank you! From MJ

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like books, Jenga blocks, and Luigi's mansion game please. Thank you! From Michael

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a Pangea Puzzle please. Thank you! From Andres

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a bike and a plush Bluey and Bingo please. Thank you! From Jr.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a Cinderella stuffed doll please. Thank you! From Jenica

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a stuffed animal and building blocks please. Thank you! From Jaiden

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a Barbie ambulance please. Thank you! From Mel

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a squishy person action figure please. Thank you! From Andron

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a robot please. Thank you! From Andres

Wilson 1st Grade Margaret Phillips

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie for Christmas. And a doll and a toy cat. Love, Julia

Dear Santa,
I want a gold hover board for Christmas. Love, Leroy

Dear Santa,
I want everything for Christmas and make up set. Love, Violet

Dear Santa,
I want a phone for Christmas. Love, Alaiyah

Dear Santa,
I want a makeup set for Christmas. Love, Quetzaly

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a LOL. Love, Maylea

Wilson 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I told my mom I love her and hug her. My Christmas wishes are a stuff panda and a unikorn squisme. Love Emerald

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I helped my mom with dishes. I would like a pop it, squisme and a big LOL. Love Lalla

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I told my mom I love her and hug her. My Christmas wishes are a stuff panda and a unikorn squisme. Love Emerald

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I help Emma when she is hurt and I help my friends. My Christmas wishes are a car, Legos and a watr botl. Love Elijah

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I helped my mom do the dishes. My Christmas wishes are a bike and some hot-wheels. Love Kahoah

Dear Santa,
I have been very good! My Christmas wishes are a to see you Santa, and get a new game. Love Alex

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I helped my mom, sayed my manners and cleaned my room. My Christmas wishes are a X box 1, toy indominis rex and a puppy. Love Liam

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I hep my mom and hep with my baby bruthr and let the dog aowt. My Christmas wishes are a present pet, LOL pet and a panda squirch. Love Reina

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I helped mom clean home and feed my dog. My Christmas wishes are playdoh, paint and LOL. Love Nathaly

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I love my familie. My Christmas wishes are to have a cat and love my frends. Love Emma

Dear Santa,
I have been good and done nice things. I helped pepul, My Christmas wishes are Choclite and popits. Love Kamdyn

Wilson 3rd Grade
Dear Santa,
I want a cumpertter and a phone for Chrismas. I love God and my family. I do not want to mean. Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas. I love Jesus's birthday and I respect him and you. I like the presents and the feast, but his birthday is also important. Thant's why I love Christmas! Love, Evangeline

Dear Santa,
I want a LOL dolls, piggy bank and a pet cat and bird. Love, Morgan

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be a good kid Santa! I would like a unicorn coloring kit. This whole year I told my mom if I have been being good and she said yes. Meery Christmas Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,
I love you so much Santa. You do so much for all the children all over the world and I am so greatful. I am trying to be a good girl and you are nice, kind, respectful and responsible. I will make you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas! Love, Brynlee

Dear Santa,
I hope you and your family have been good. I know I have been bad this year because I didn't clean my room and I just want to say I'm sorry about that: I just want to ask for teacher stuff for my room. I want to be a teacher one day. Merry Christmas. Love, Braylin Quick

HO! HO! HO!
Merry Christmas



Get your popcorn! ... Justin Mendez, Alex Sandoval, Rebecca Nino, Jose Vasquez and an unidentified youth served popcorn at the Wilson ISD booth at the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



We want cookies! ... Helen Saldana (left) and her daughters Janet Lara and Jennifer DeLeon are ready to buy Christmas cookies at The Cake Palace in Tahoka, during the Hometown Christmas event. Debbie Salinas, owner of the Cake Palace, and daughter Ashley Aleman are happy to serve their customers. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Letters to Santa from LTCC



Let the Children Come Daycare Center

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog, toys, shoes, and clothes. Love Annalise

Dear Santa,
I would like toys. Love Kayson

Dear Santa,
I would like Walmart. I want toys, clothes, and shoes. Love Ryker

Dear Santa,
I would like cake, strawberries, Christmas tree, shoes, and a dress. Love Brynn

Dear Santa,
I would like baby dolls, clothes, and shoes. Love Luna

Dear Santa,
I would like a basketball, a dog, cars, and clothes. I want Santa to bring baby Lynn two toys. Love Adam

Dear Santa,
I would like a golden bubble bath, golden LOL, and my puppies get presents. Love Berkley

Dear Santa,
I would like dinosaurs. My sister wants unicorns and LOL's. Love Braden

Name That Christmas Movie!

"Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."

Home Alone

"We're your worst nightmare... Elves with attitude."

The Santa Clause

"Fog as thick as peanut butter"

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

"Lovely, glorious, beautiful Christmas, upon which the entire kid year revolved."

A Christmas Story

"The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."

The Polar Express

Christmas TV and Movie Trivia

In the Christmas Classic, It's A Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang?
An Angel Got His Wings!

In The Polar Express movie, what is "The First Gift of Christmas?"
A bell from Santa's sleigh!

In The Polar Express movie, what word does the conductor punch in The Polar Express movie, what sort of "liquid refreshment" is dispensed to the children during their trip?
Hot Chocolate!

What was the little girl in Frosty the Snowman's name?
Karen!

In Frosty the Snowman, what was the name of the magician with the "Magic Hat"?
Professor Hinkle!

Did you know? about Christmas

Jingle Bells outta this world!

'Jingle Bells' was the first song sung in space, by astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra, on December 16, 1965.

PASS THE FRIED CHICKEN, PLEASE!

Japanese people traditionally eat at KFC for Christmas dinner. Although the percentage of christian people in Japan is close to zero, every Christmas, kids and grown-ups head to the closest KFC to enjoy some fried chicken - the closest food to turkey that you can get in Japan. It's all thanks to a successful "Kentucky for Christmas!" marketing campaign in 1947. First aimed at foreigners, KFC offered a "Christmas dinner" that contained chicken and wine - a meal that remotely resembled the food expats and tourists had at home. After a huge success, Kentucky Fried Chicken started promoting this offer every year, until the fast food chain became strongly associated with the holiday season. KFC is so popular that customers must place their Christmas orders 2 months in advance!

The first artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed green. The first artificial Christmas trees were developed in Germany in the 19th century, due to a major continuous deforestation. The feather trees became increasingly popular during the early 20th century and finally made their way to the US.

Wishing you peace and happiness during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

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