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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 *E! 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.

Tahoka ISD campuses to close on Fridays beginning March 24

by JUANELL JONES

Fridays, for which students and teachers always look forward to as the end of the school week, will get even better in the second semester of classes at Tahoka Independent School District. The Board of Trustees in action last Wednesday approved a significant change in the school calendar, to initiate a four-day week starting the week after Spring Break.

TISD Superintendent Torrey Price presented the calendar change for the Board of Trustees to consider, which would give students and staff Fridays off, beginning March 24, 2023, through the end of the school year on May 26. According to information presented by the superintendent, there were enough class minutes built into the schedule to allow for the four-day week for that time period.

Trustee Lea Swinford made the motion to approve the calendar change, and Slate May seconded the motion, with trustees voting 4-1 to approve the new four-day schedule, with Swinford, May, Carol Miller and Tamesha McClendon voting in favor. Trustee Jon Luna voted against the motion, reportedly citing child care issues as a concern.

"This is something we have talked about, and I have reached out to other school districts that have a

four-day week, to try to gather information about the pros and cons of this type of schedule," Supt. Price told *The News* this week.

"We're going to try this and see how it works, as a kind of trial run. If we feel this is a beneficial schedule then we may consider implementing a four-day week for the next school year, with options of having either Mondays or Fridays off. We do have attendance issues, especially in the second semester with students going to stock shows and other activities, and we're trying to find ways to be more productive and have all students in attendance," he explained.

In other business, two new staff members were approved, hiring Brody Barnes as a new Middle School history teacher, and Angelica Aguirre as Chief Technology Officer. Resignations for middle school teacher Courtney Stennett,

(See TISD BOARD, page 2)



All dressed up for Santa ... Pretty little Acapella Frans is dressed beautifully for her visit with Santa when he was at the City/County Library before Christmas. She is the daughter of Autumn and Jay Frans.

(City/County Library Photo)



Here's what I want, Santa ... Jaxtyn Aleman whispers his wishes in Santa's ear, as the jolly fellow pays close attention, during a visit to the City/County Library here. Jaxtyn's parents are Ashley and Adrian Aleman.

(City/County Library Photo)



The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) has been tracking Santa's journey around the world since 1958. According to their website, the innovation was set into motion in 1955, when "a young child [accidentally] dialed the unlisted phone number of the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, believing she was calling Santa Claus after seeing a promotion in a local newspaper." The commander on duty, Colonel Harry Shoup, saw an opportunity to create a little Christmas magic, and assured the youngster that CONAD would guarantee Santa a safe journey from the North Pole, sparking the idea to track Santa's travels each year to the delight of children all over the world.

Track Santa's worldwide visits by logging on to noradsanta.org on Dec. 24, to see where Santa and his sleigh are in the Santa Tracker Countdown. Before Christmas, log on to see the Norad Gift Shop to buy Santa and Norad gear, a music link to hear Santa's favorite songs, movies, games and holiday activities.

"This is our 67th year tracking Santa. This extra mission each holiday season allows us to educate millions of people around the world about NORAD and what we do to ensure the defense of the United States and Canada. Defending North America is our #1 priority. NORAD monitors and defends North American airspace 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. No one else, military or civilian, can do what NORAD does," the website states.



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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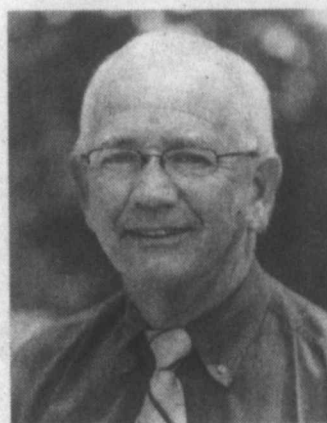
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Obituaries



Dr. Randy Wayne Craig

Dr. Randy Wayne Craig, age 66, of Lucedale, MS, passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Dr. Craig was a native of Texas, however spent more than half his lifetime in the Alabama-Mississippi area.

Dr. Craig graduated from Mississippi State University with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. For over 30 years he practiced not only in the greater Mobile area, but also in his native area of West Texas. In 2007 in addition to his veterinary work, he began his teaching career at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview TX. In 2014 he joined the faculty of University of Mobile as Professor of Biology. Dr. Craig had a passion for teaching not just students, but everyone he encountered.

Dr. Craig was preceded by his father, Billy Craig of Tahoka TX.

He is survived by his wife, Patti Craig; daughter, Shauna White (Blake); and four grandchildren, Lane, Avery, Maddison, Cayleigh of Monroeville AL; mother, Margie Whitaker (Buck); sister, Sherry Martin (Bobby); nieces, Jennifer and Mandi; and nephew, Jay from Lubbock, TX.

A Celebration of Life Ser-



Selah Marie Mendieta

Funeral services for Selah Marie Mendieta, 15, of O'Donnell, Texas, were held Monday, December 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at O'Donnell High School Gym with Shane Russell officiating. Burial followed at the O'Donnell Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction and care of Branon Funeral Home.

Viewing was held from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2022 and Sunday, December 18, 2022 at Branon Funeral Home.

Selah was born August 1, 2007, in Lubbock, Texas to Max Mendieta III and Kisha Clement. She passed away December 14, 2022, in O'Donnell doing what she

loved, hanging out with her friends. Selah was raised in O'Donnell and was a sophomore at O'Donnell High School where she will be missed. Selah's passion was showing stock show animals with the O'Donnell Livestock Association and being involved in FFA. She loved attending music concerts and fishing. Her beautiful loving and caring personality brought joy to her family and friends which will be missed.

Selah was preceded in death by her grandfather, Frank Allen Clement.

Selah is survived by her parents, Max Mendieta III and Kisha Clement of O'Donnell; sister, Addison Mendieta of O'Donnell; grandparents, Tammy and Shannon Reese and Carmen and Max Mendieta all of O'Donnell; great grandparents, Nita and Gene Allison, Lisa Mendieta, Jose Calzada and Lynn and Sue Bolton; uncles, Kegun Clement, Reagen Mayfield, Rogelio Perales and Jovan Mendieta and wife, Nancy.

The family suggests memorials to O'Donnell Livestock Association. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

viewing was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 2PM. The service will be located at University of Mobile, College Woods Center, 5860 College Pkwy, Eight Mile, AL 36613.

Expressions of condolence for the family may be made at www.hughesfh.com. Hughes Funeral Home, 26209 Pollard Road, Daphne, AL, is assisting the family.



Let's decorate cookies ... Dana Taylor and her grandchildren are pictured decorating Christmas cookies at the Hometown Christmas Event that was held last Saturday in Tahoka.

Area News

News Items from area newspapers

Dog mauls woman in Lamesa

LAMESA - A 51-year-old Lamesa woman was seriously injured last Thursday morning when she was attacked by a dog at her residence, according to Lamesa Police Chief Josh Peterson.

"From what I am told, she suffered multiple lacerations to both arms, and I believe one of her arms was broken," Peterson told the *Press-Reporter* late Friday afternoon.

The woman reportedly was transported from the scene by ambulance. Peterson said a medical helicopter had been contacted to take the woman to a Lubbock Hospital, but he was unsure if the helicopter was used.

"They were talking like they were going to do that (transport the woman) to Lubbock by helicopter due to the severity of her injuries," said Peterson.

A male at the scene called police to report the attack in the 1000 block of N. Dallas Ave., at 9:48 a.m.

Peterson said his understanding was is that the family had taken in two stray pit-bull dogs, and one of them attacked the woman.

Police took and euthanized the dog that attacked the woman. According to protocol, Peterson said, the animal was taken to Brock Veterinary Clinic here so it could be tested for rabies.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Community is still healing one year after band bus crash

ANDREWS - This time last year, the Andrews community was reeling from a tragic vehicle crash on Interstate 20 involving a pickup and two Andrews ISD activities buses transporting band member to a football game at Sweetwater.

The crash, which occurred near Big Spring, claimed three lives and injured more than a dozen aboard one of the AISD buses.

But in the midst of tragedy came forth a spirit of compassion and unity that helped Andrews navigate its way through the ordeal. The support came from numerous sources from neighbors and far away locations. It proved that genuine care and concern can help strengthen a community in tough times.

There were the bands that banded together for inspiration, the support system from within the community itself and the flood of assistance from outside of Andrews. Looking back a year later, the support made all the difference in providing healing for the community and helping it get back on its feet.

-- from the Andrews County News

TISD board ...

(Continued from page 1)

and Sam Monsivais, were accepted.

A financial audit by the firm of Terry and King was presented, and approved. According to the minutes of the meeting, it was reported that "Tahoka ISD looks excellent in keeping financial records, expenditures and revenues in order, which allowed for the district to add \$470,287 into the fund balance for next year to help with the cost of payroll and other expenses."

Campus principals presented reports, and Supt. Price reported that Tahoka ISD is still receiving Tahoka Wind Farm tax funds with \$54,000 expected by Jan. 15.

Business Manager Terri Anderson informed the board of a new grant that she will apply for in the amount of \$200,000, to help with safety and security for school campuses.

Six of seven trustees were present for the meeting, including Board President Clay Taylor, Jon Luna, Lea Swinford, Slate May, Tamesha McClendon and Carol Miller. Trustee Drew Stone was absent. The three-hour meeting included a 1-1/2 hour closed session.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

December 26-30

The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!

Monday: Closed for Christmas

Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas w/ vanilla pudding

Wednesday: Shepherd's Pie, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding

Thursday: Beef enchilada, borracha beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots

Friday: Crispy chicken breast on bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Did you know?

Question: In the classic Christmas movie, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
Answer: Stink, stank, stunk

Come to our Family Christmas Eve Service

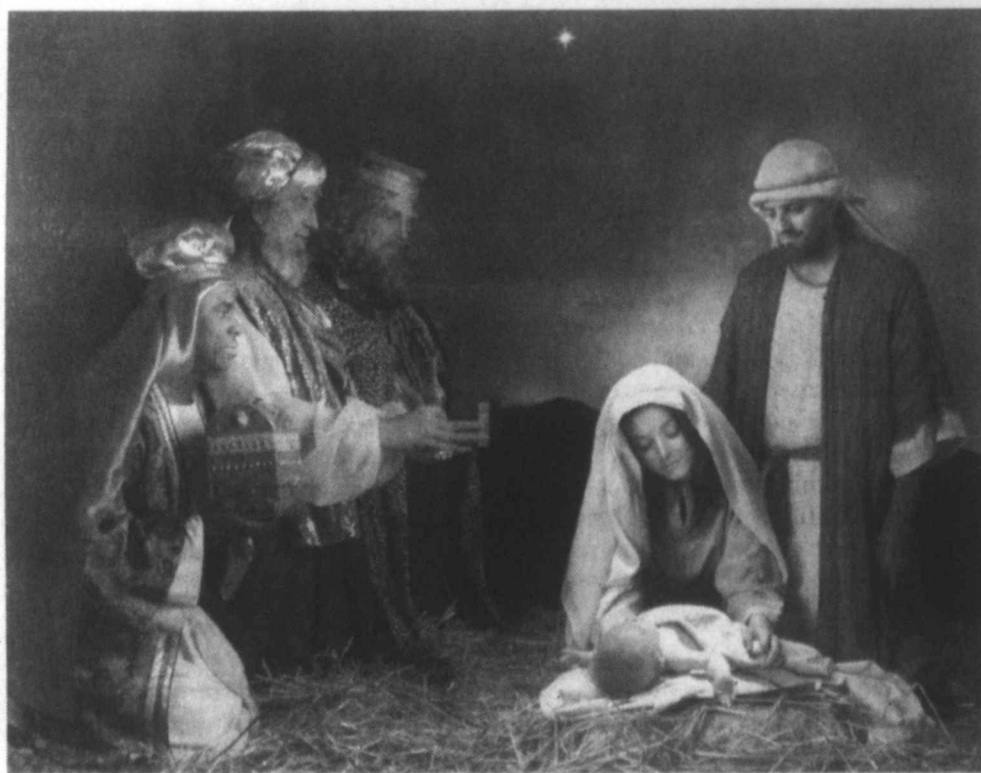
A service of carols, scripture, Holy Communion and candlelight
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve

VERY INFORMAL AND OPEN TO ALL!

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Retirement Party

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Yolanda Alvarado
& Olga Rivas

Thursday | **29** | December
2-3:00 p.m. | 2022

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Tragic rollover near O'Donnell claims two teens, one other teen hospitalized

by JUANELL JONES
A tragic accident near O'Donnell claimed the lives of two teenage girls and sent another teenage girl with serious injuries to a hospital last week. Services for the two girls were held in school gymnasiums in O'Donnell and Klondike, where the two attended school. The celebration of life service for Jady Taylor Boyd, 18, of Lamesa, was held Saturday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the Klondike High School Cougar Gym. Funeral services for Selah Marie Mendieta, 15, of O'Donnell, were held, Monday, December 19, at 10:00 a.m. at O'Donnell High School Gym.

Another 15-year-old girl, of O'Donnell, at last report remained hospitalized in Lubbock for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash. She was not identified in the DPS reports.

The one-vehicle accident occurred on FM 2053, about a mile northeast of O'Donnell, at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

According to DPS reports, the three were in a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado pickup that was traveling west on FM 2053 when it drifted left across the eastbound lane and into the south ditch. The pickup then overcorrected to the right causing it to travel back across the eastbound lane and into the westbound lane, where it rotated and entered a side skid as it traveled southwest across FM 2053 and into the south ditch, where it rolled over. All three teens were not wearing seatbelts, according to DPS.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office, DPS, O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department, and Lynn County EMS all responded to the scene. The driver was transported by EMS to a Lubbock hospital. The other two girls were

pronounced deceased at the scene by Lynn County Justice of Peace Christie Olivan.

Jady, the daughter of Andy and Morgan Boyd, was raised in Lamesa and was a 2022 graduate of Klondike High School. She had just completed a semester at West Texas A&M in Canyon. She is described as having a sunny disposition with a giving heart and a strong faith in God, kind and generous. In high school, she played volleyball and participated in FFA and showed pigs and steers in stock shows.

Selah is the daughter of Max Mendieta III and Kisha Clement of O'Donnell. Selah was a sophomore at O'Donnell High School

where she will be missed. She is described as having a loving and caring personality, and her passion was showing stock show animals with the O'Donnell Livestock Association and being involved in FFA. She loved attending music concerts, and fishing.

After the accident occurred, O'Donnell ISD officials cancelled school activities and events that had been scheduled for the following day, and with only two days left before the Christmas break, cancelled classes for those two remaining days. District officials said that counselors would be available at the school for students, parents, staff and community members.

Jogger struck by vehicle, dog theft, wrong-way drivers in law reports

by JUANELL JONES
An early-morning jogger was struck by a vehicle, two incidents reporting vehicles driven on the wrong side the road, theft of a dog, and other incidents were in law enforcement reports for the past week.

A vehicle struck a male jogging on the side of the road at 5:30 a.m. Dec. 12, according to Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) reports. A caller said he was in a Ford pickup at Cotton Creek Road and FM 1730, and said that the jogger had run out in front of him. He waited with the male until LCSO, DPS and Lynn County EMS responded to the scene. The jogger was transported to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries.

A Dodge Challenger was reported to be driving southbound in the northbound lanes of US 87, near CR 13, at 5:45 a.m. Dec. 18. A deputy located the vehicle a half mile

north of Tahoka on the service road, and the driver was reportedly arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. His vehicle was towed.

Tahoka Police stopped a vehicle driving the wrong way on the wrong side of the road in the 800 block of Lockwood, at 5:44 a.m. Dec. 19. The male driver, 25, was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated.

In O'Donnell, an Allsup's convenience store worker called 9-1-1 at 8:36 p.m. Dec. 13 to report that a woman had come into the store saying there was a fire at her house and she didn't know who to call. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. and LCSO responded to the location. While putting out the fire, one of the firemen was reportedly bitten by a dog at the scene, and sought treatment for the dog bite. He was given a tetanus shot and antibiotics for the dog bite.

Lynn County Probation office requested the LCSO SWAT team to assist in a home visit on an individual at a residence in the 1800 block of Ave. M in Tahoka, at 1:32 p.m. Dec. 14. According to law reports, the individual was not found at the home.

Tahoka Police responded to a call on Dec. 17 from a local woman who wanted to report that her husband had taken her full-bred and well-trained German Shepherd dog from their home and took it to the Lubbock area and released it, in retribution to her during

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus ... Dawson and Tucker Hawthorne, children of Luke and Kierstynn Hawthorne, are pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.



a domestic dispute while the couple were going through a separation. She was reportedly unable to locate the dog.

A 16-year-old female juvenile was arrested on assault charges on Dec. 17, after police responded to a domestic dispute at a residence in the 1900 block of N. 8th. The juvenile allegedly assaulted her mother and younger brother, according to the police report.

In New Home at 9:30 p.m. Dec. 16, a resident in the 130 block of W. Broadway reported that someone had hit her gas meter near the road and it was leaking gas. She said she did not know who hit it or what had happened, but only noticed it was leaking because her gas appliances had turned off. New Home Fire Dept. responded to the scene, and LCSO units assisted with traffic control. Atmos Energy was notified of the gas leak.

On Dec. 19, police received a call from a Slaton man who said he and his brother, from Tahoka, had visited their mother's grave in the Tahoka Cemetery and said they believed someone had disturbed the ground of the gravesite. They told police that they had found a broken handle, believed to have been from a shovel, lying near the gravesite and said there were several indentations in the ground, such as could have been made by a shovel.

Last Monday, police responded to a convenience store located on the US 87 access road in Tahoka, where a 70-year-old man was reported to need assistance. The man told police that he had been traveling from Georgia with

a companion and they had an argument north of Tahoka, and he had been dumped at the convenience store, along with his four dogs who were traveling with him. He said that no one at the store was able to provide him a ride to Lubbock, but that he would wait there until he could arrange for a ride. Police attempted to arrange a ride for the man, but were unable to arrange for a ride that would allow the man to bring his dogs with him. The officer offered to take the dogs into custody at the local animal shelter until the man could make arrangements for a ride and then return to collect his dogs, but the man was adamant about not being separated from his dogs, so the officer left him at the location and said he would check back with him in an hour or so.

When an officer checked back on the man, he had apparently fallen backwards and injured his elbow. The officer called Lynn County EMS, who transported the man to Lynn County Hospital for treatment. Before he was transported, the officer collected the man's four dogs and told the man that they would be taken care of at the local

animal shelter until he could return for them.

"The dogs were all well-behaved, and the man believed that he would be treated and released. However, the man was admitted to the hospital here where he remained for seven days before he was released. He was reunited with his dogs upon his release from the hospital," stated the officer. The man said he would walk with his dogs towards Lubbock.

LCSO 9-1-1 service received two separate calls from persons saying they were having suicidal thoughts, one call on Dec. 12 and one on Dec. 13. Deputies followed up on both calls, contacting MHMR at the request of the first caller. The second caller was located driving southbound on US 87 near Tahoka, and after a vehicle search the male was arrested on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, and transported to Lynn County Jail.

Officers issued numerous traffic citations during the week. Other calls during the week were for welfare concerns, animal control, assisting motorists, and domestic disturbances.

Did you know? about Christmas

The Statue of Liberty is the largest Christmas gift ever given.

Standing over 150 feet tall and weighing 225 tons, the Statue of Liberty is an impressive figure. And since it was considered a holiday gift when it was given to the U.S. by France in 1886, it's officially the largest Christmas present in the world.

PUBLIC NOTICE



COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

Date: _____

List the Board and/or Commissions on which you want to serve: (Economic Development, Community Relations, Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustments)

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

How long have you lived at your current address: _____ Registered Voter: _____ District #: _____

Current Employment: _____

Educational Background: _____

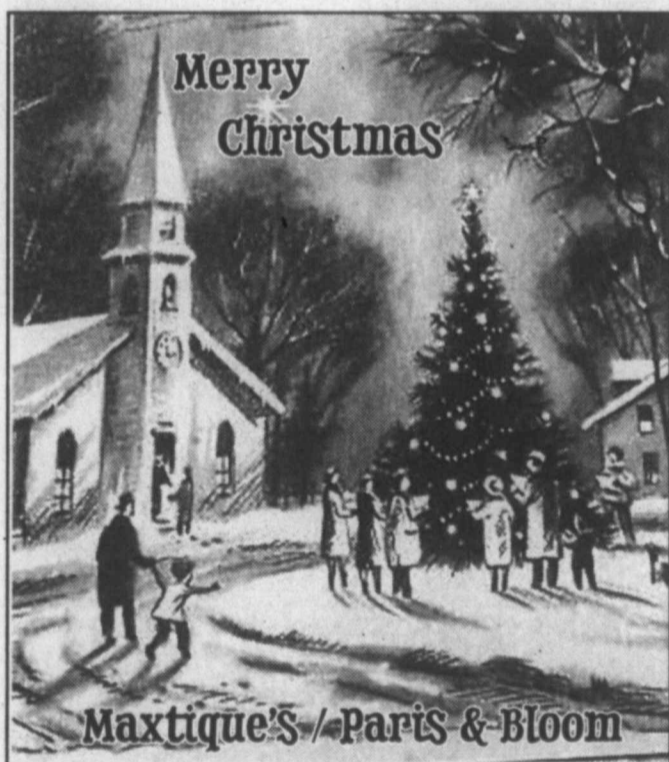
Occupational Experience: _____

Additional Experience that would qualify you to serve on a City board or Commission: _____

Previous Boards or Commissions you have served and dates: _____

Civic or community activities you have been involved with: _____

Please return completed application to the City Administrator via e-mail at jarrington@poka.com or City Hall at 1801 N. Main St. Tahoka, TX 79373 phone: 806-561-4211.



Everyone is welcome to attend our

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service

December 24 * 5:00 p.m. * Christmas Day 10:45

Bring your entire family and come join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus.

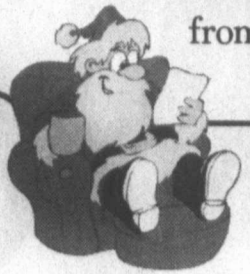


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Santa gave
The Lynn County
News permission to
print these letters!

Letters to Santa from Tahoka



**TAHOKA PRE-K
Emilia Garcia**

I am looking forward to Christmas this year. Some good things that happened this year was:

I got to eat breakfast and go to the park with Grammy. I would like a doll house and some clothes. With love, Madisyn

I got to start school like my sister. I would like pink clothes and pink ponytails. With love, Aydaylynn

I got a new house! I would like a "big lookout" with all the pups and one Beagle. With love, Korleigh

I learned to play nicely with my brother. I would like a robot that moves and some big remote-control trucks. With love, Bronson

I had a Blue's Clue's birthday party! I would like a small Christmas tree for my room and a big truck. With love, Ismael

I got my tooth pulled and I didn't even feel it! I would like an Elsa cup and a new bike. With love, Emery

I went camping at Yogi Bear Park. I would like a belt and a basketball. With love, Gaige

I got to say in a great hotel. I would like some rainbow shoes and markers to make a rainbow. With love, Lilly

I got a T-rex for my birthday. I would like a Stegosaurus and other dinosurs. With love, Luke

I got to start a new school and did my ABCs. I would like a Santa stuffy, new purple jacket, and some animal toys. With Love, Kylee

I had friends to play outside and I got to go on field trips. I would like a new backpack, a new dress and new headbands. With Love, Raidyn

I got to play toys in class and my teachers gave me presents. I would like a stuffed animal, computer, and pink clothing. With Love, Analeah

I got a new puppy. I would like a toy horse, scooter, and a new swimming pool. With Love, Kinsley

I played on the park and had a good day outside. I would like Barbie, tea set, and letters for the fridge. With Love, Hattie

I got some toys at school. I would like an American Girl doll, holey jeans, and baby doll bed. With Love, Karter

I got prizes at school. I would like rocket launcher, tablet, and dinosaurs. With Love, Annalise

I like my toys. I would like real make-up, princess suitcase and backpack, and camera. With Love, Selena

I saw Santa and I like going to the Pumpkin Patch. I would like something blue, dinosaur, and Power Ranger toys. With Love, Ethan

I have two Xbox and I play in my backyard. I would like guitar, Xbox, and Power Ranger toys. With Love, Gavin

Going Trick or Treating and riding on bus. I would like Power Rangers, robots, and toy train. With Love, Derek

I don't know. I would like dolls, Legos for building, and blocks. With Love, Iris

I would like a dinosaur, Nerf guns or toy swords, and toy cars. With Love, Briggs

I got to go Trick or Treating. I would like the new t-rex Power Ranger, blue Power Ranger Triceratops, and yellow Ranger Saber Tooth Tiger. With Love, Thomas

That I listened and I did what I was supposed to on my rainbow letter writing page. I would like money, to be Mrs. Morrissey's helper, and Pokemon. With Love, Brady

**TAHOKA
KINDERGARTEN
Mrs. Hawthorne**

Can I have a toy truck, a car and a kitchen. Merry Christmas! Love, Jahiro Abrego

I would like an Among Us game and a remote for Nintendo. Love, Jaxtyn Aleman

Can I plez have a fon, blagt and swech. Mere Krismis! Love, Izah Alvarado

How is the Polr Exprs? Can I have a tran, dinos, and a fon. Love, Maddox Alvarado

How are the rander? Can I plez have a cat, fon and a tractr. Love, Barrett Bass

How are the elves doing? Can I have a hamster and tiny Nintendo hand set. Love, Brexton Cerda

Haw are you and Snowflak? Can I have a fox tede ber and a cat. Love, Natalie DeLeon

Can I have a pla kichn, a bab yodu and a dog. Love, Brissa Flores

How are the reindeer? Can I have a room and a popit. Love, Melany Garcia

How is Snoflac? Can I plez have a gamboey, nike show and a blacit. Mere Kismis! Love, Kale Hall

Hw are the dears? Can I have a sowfox, snowglob and craft supis. Mre Cismis! Love, Scarlet Hall

Haw are you slepen? Can I plez have a fon, toy rajr and a basbol gluv. I will giv you a kuke and milk. Love, Kaydon Huf-faker

How are the elves? Can I have a guinea pig, brn and a dol. Love, Yaniely Leija

Can I have a dog, elf and a boll. Love, Annlynn Morrow

Can I have a krvt, a fon and a bik. Love, Liam Newdiger

Are you good? Ma I have a cat, rabet and a dog. I love you! Love, Destiny Nino

Can I have a popit, jacet and a swich. I love you. Love, Levi Porter

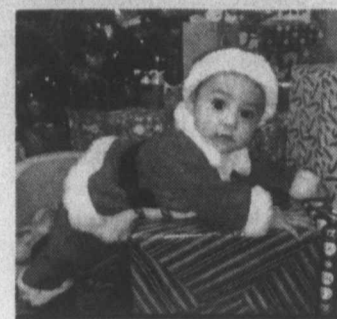
Can I have a cat, a slenke and a little pilo with a uncrn fac. Love, Jaidalynn Ramero

Haw is Popu? Can I have a snoglob, drt bic and a fon. Have a grat trip. Love, Brayler Swartz

I luv you. Ha are the nin rader? Can I have a wit brd, a bic and a dog. Mire Crismis! Love, Collyn Wuensche



A happy Grinch ...
Eric Jr and Natalie DeLeon visit with a happy Grinch, who was stretched out at Crusher's Coffee Shop. Parents of the children are Eric and Monica DeLeon. Inset is a cute picture of Eric as a baby, all decked out in a Santa suit atop a Christmas present.



**TAHOKA
KINDERGARTEN
Mrs. Dimak**

Please bring me a Spider-man game and a Sonic frontier figure. I love you. Love, Ezekiel Martiniez

I would like a dinosaur, a shark and a shark eater. I love you. Love, Caleb Izzard

I would like a go kart, a fish, dirt bike, and a 4 wheeler. I love you. Love, Hayden Aguayo

Please bring me ladybug toy, Crayola markers, a puppy and jewelry. I love you. Love, J'Saedlyn Garcia

Please bring a JoJo toy, a queen doll, a unicorn bath toy, a JoJo dress, a ballerina dress, a real fish, a doll wig and a baby cat. I love you. Love, Emory Pena

Please bring me a Mario cart race track and a dog. I love you. Love, Tobias Stephens

Please bring me a baby cat, a baby puppy, a nail set, a LOL doll, a baby puppy toy, a baby cat toy, a bracelet and a Barbie. I love you. Love, Jaidah Arriazola

Please bring me a Barbie dream house, clothes, some pink, purple and blue tennis shoes, Barbies unicorn toy and a lion toy. I love you. Love, Mckynlie Rodriguez

Please bring me a Barbie, bracelets, a nail set and makeup. I love you. Love, Diesel Salinas

Please bring me a Barbie camper, a nail set, Barbies, diamonds and a cat. I love you. Love, Karter McClendon

Please bring me a diamond necklace, jeans, sketcher shoes, t shirts, black boots and a doll. I love you. Love, Milah Rodriguez

I would like sheep, an upside down race track and a PS5. I love you. Love, Treble Castor

I would like makeup, a lady-bug toy, a Barbie, Barbie clothes and a Barbie dream house. I love you. Love, Analiyah Hartway

Please bring me a Barbie and a Barbie house and that is all I want. I love you. Love, Miya Garcia

Please bring me a Peppa Pig school, a Peppa Pig house, a baby cat, a purse, a nail set and a diamond. I love you. Love, Everly Hawthorne

I would like an Xbox, necklace, a cat, a Barbie and a Barbie Car. I love you. Love, Cristina Munoz

I would like a Sonic lego set, a lego Barbie dream set, a Lego Barbie camper, a big Barbie house and a nail set. I love you. Love, Allison Jolly

I would like a Barbie, a bracelet, a mermaid towel a cat and a Unicorn bike. I love you. Love, Emilee Frausto

Please bring me a real turtle and a jewelry box. I love you. Love, Maci Green

I would like a PS5 and games, and a Mario Lego rain set. Love, Josting Abrego

I would like PS5 and a 4 wheeler. I love you. Love, Sterlee Allison

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Letters to Santa

from Tahoka



Dear Santa ...

TAHOKA ELEMENTARY LIFE SKILLS CLASS Mrs. Johnson

How are you doing? I hope you are well. For Christmas I would like a Mario Kart car so I can race on Mario Kart. Love Always, Seanix Segovia

Please tell Mrs. Claus I said hi. I have been a good boy this year. I promise, ask my teachers! I would like a Scooby Doo bus. He is my favorite. Sincerely, Jzaydence Hartway

How is Rudolph? For Christmas I would like to have a swing set. I have learned to swing so high. I want to touch the sky in my new swing set. Thank you, Santa. Love Always, Jzyidence Hartway

I have been doing so well in school, so I know I am on the nice list. I would like to have a bean bag. I know this would be super comfortable. Sincerely, Jase Aten

I would like a big train for Christmas. Please tell your reindeer that I want a ride one day. I want to go high in the air. Thank you, Darriel Avalos

As you know I like sports and would love a soccer ball and football for Christmas. I would also like a real car to take my friends riding around town. Thank you, Pierce Welch

I love you! I would like a VR for Christmas. Could you please get my mom one as well. Give your reindeer a big hug for me. Love, Mason Cantu

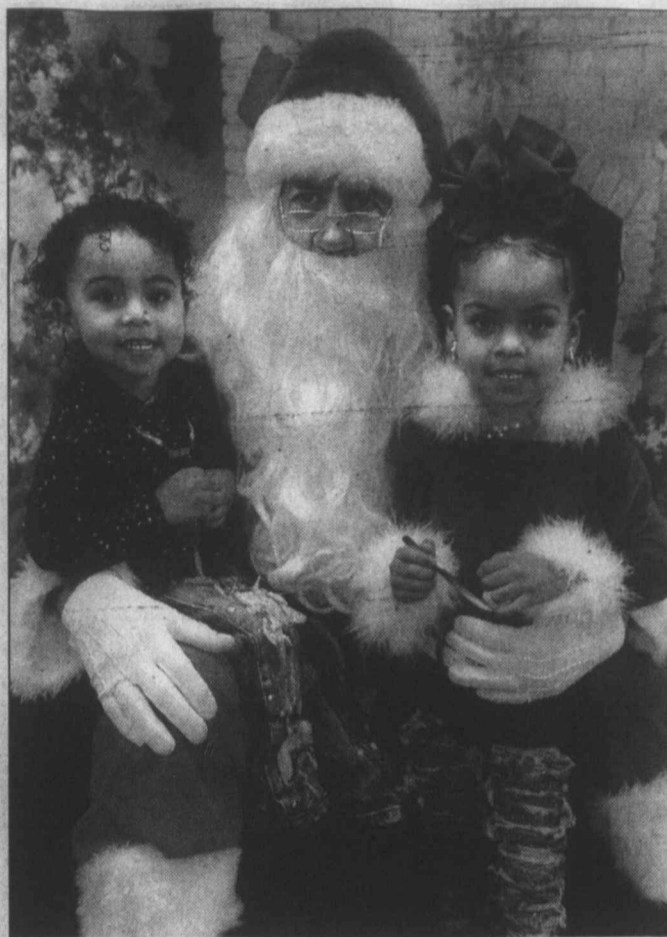
I want to go around the world in a train. For Christmas I would love a blue robot train. I promise I will let you ride with me. Thank you, Anson Morrow

I miss you. Can you bring me a tractor for Christmas? I want to ride around in my big green tractor. Also I could pull you out of the snow if you get stuck. Love Always, Gabriel Gutierrez

For Christmas I would like a Sonic the Hedgehog toy. Sonic is my favorite character. Please stay warm while you travel. Love, Erin Montez

Tell the Grinch he is bad! I have been a good boy. I would like a stick bot and a cosmo. I always think of others. Please send my Nugget a guinea pig toy. Merry Christmas, Devak Faz

My parents keep me so busy with chores, I think I need help. Please send me a robot toy to help me with my chores. I mean we may just play but we will say that was a chore. Love you, Jesus Moya



Two cuties with Santa ... Dailen Reed (left) and Juluana Reed are happy to have their photo taken with Santa when he visited the City/County Library. Parents of the two are Elissa Calzonciti and Dealan Reed. (City/County Library Photo)

TAHOKA ECSE Mrs. Brownlow

Will you bring me a Barbie Dream Camper and a 3-story Barbie playhouse, a musical JJ doll and My Friend Cody doll. I promise to share with my sisters! Thank you, Kamila Guajardo

Will you bring me a T-Rex Quad, Spider-Man Chompin Spider-Rex, a blue Transformer, and a remote control car like my Welo's. I love you, Ayden Saldana

I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Dream Camper, a JJ doll, and a Barbie Dream House! I really like helping mom in the kitchen, could you bring me my own kitchen? Please, leave me some good snacks in my stocking, I love gummy bears or

Doritos! Thank you, Christina Huchton

Will you bring me some cool cars and dinosaur puzzles? I would also like a big bouncy house for outside, that would be fun! Thank you, Liam Richey

Will you please bring me a Mega Stomp and Rumble dinosaur, a Spider-Man super web slinger and mask, and some bumper cars for me and my brothers. My sister has been very helpful. Thank you, Easton Morrow

I love to help in the kitchen, a Minnie Mouse kitchen would be great to have. I am a very good Artist, will you bring me some supplies? Thank you, Raven Reyes

Hannum attends state legislative LEAD program at Texas Capitol

As part of its special LEAD Series, the Texas FFA Foundation led Career Technical Education (CTE) educators, Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) educators and university students from across the state to the Texas Capitol on Sunday, Nov. 20. The group, which included Tahoka ISD FFA advisor Shelbie Hannum, participated in the three-day 2022 Legislative LEAD program, connecting participants with policymakers, legislative staff, trade organizations and industry leaders through various presentations and expert panels.

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"We want teachers to understand better how our democracy works and hear firsthand from policymakers, organizational leadership and professional advocates how important decisions that affect their classroom are made. This opportunity allows them to work genuinely and authentically to build trust with their

elected officials," said Aaron Alejandro, executive director of the Texas FFA Foundation. "We want to encourage and empower participants to excel in their profession so they can pass this important civic responsibility to their students and peers."

The goals of the Legislative LEAD program are to:

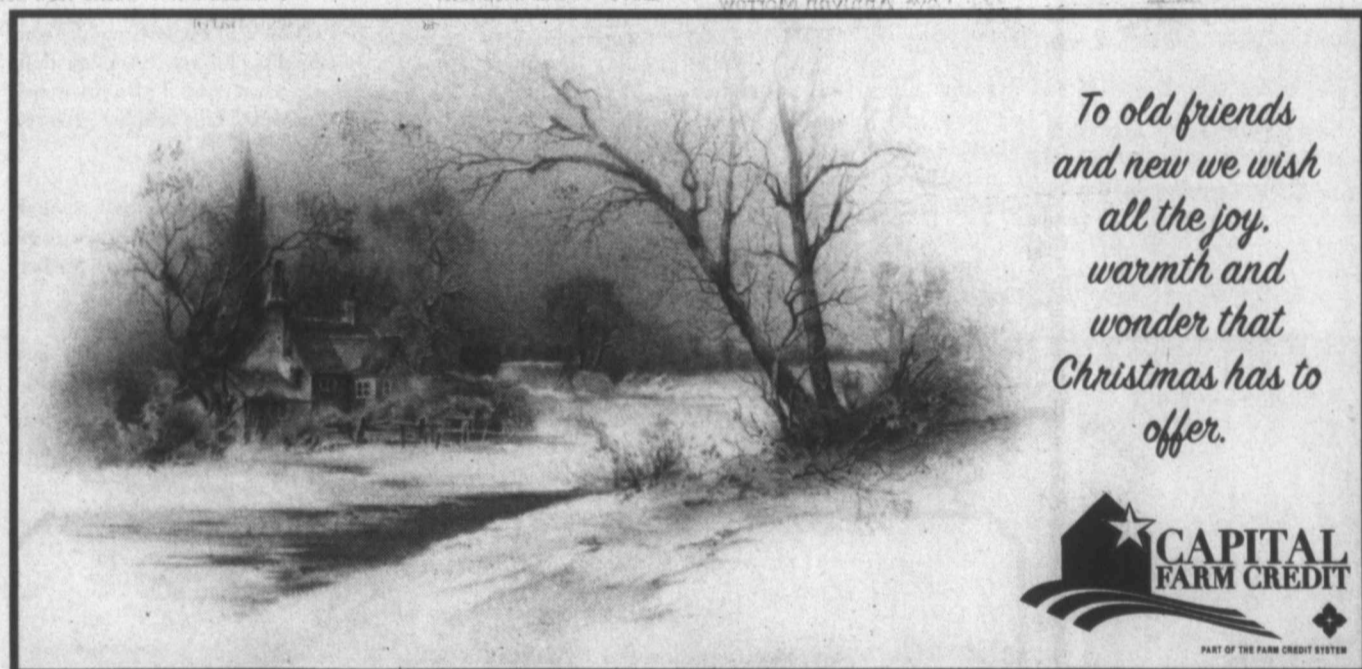
- encourage engagement in our democracy
- assist in providing a better understanding of municipal, county, state, and federal government operations
- provide strategies on communicating with policymakers, legislative staff, and agency personnel
- engage and connect participants with legislative, education, and workforce leaders
- assist participants in becoming trusted advisors to their elected officials.

"The Legislative LEAD program teaches you how to advocate, with a better understanding of how policy is made, how democracy works, and how the legislative process moves," said Darlene Mills. Another participant, Kristi Coleman, stated, "the Legislative LEAD program is geared to teach educators how to access public policy information, and identify and communicate with elected officials. We learned how teachers can become trusted advisors to our elected officials and how we can have a positive voice on the local, state, and federal levels."

Texas agricultural science teachers, CTSO leaders, and university students were offered this expense-free experience as part of their participation.



Santa visit ... Santa Claus was visiting with children of all ages last Saturday at the Hometown Christmas event.



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



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from Tahoka



Dear Santa ...

TAHOKA 1ST GRADE Mrs. Brown

A wotch, a ifon, and a xbox. I am rede for Christmas. Love, Elijah A.

A gooku, a phon, and a watch. I'm redy to see Rudolf. Love, Bentley B.

A ranebow doll, robot dog, and a puppy dog. I can't wate to see Pranser. Love, Kathryn C.

Slime, a phone and miko. I will set out cookies and milk. Love, Dahlia D.

A doll, a ipad, a buderffi case. I frosted cookeys for you Santa. Love, Acapella

A fish, a fone, and slime. I will lev you milk and cookies. I will lev carots for your reindeer. Love, Rhylee H.

A charger, socks, and a hot tub. I will give you cookes and milk and caret Love, Sophie H.

I have been naughty this year. I want bed, a bag, and a ipad. I'm reade to see Rudolf. Love, Isacc J.

A x shot gun, a bad guys car, and a box of cars. I'm gowen to klen the living room for you. Love, Ezekiel L.

A dog and a bik and fon. I can't wat to see you. Love, Deryk M.

A Barbie doll, and a LOL doll. I am going to give you my cook- eys. Love, Emma P.

A lol doll, and to see santa, and see elfs. I am going to give you yummy swets. Love, Emery P.

Slime, and a dog and a fone. I am gowing to give you cookes and milk. Love, K'Leigh R.

A car, a dog and a cat. I want sit on Santa lap. Love, Logan S.

A backpack, a dress, and a soocase. I am going to leve you swets. Love, Sophie S.

A lol doll, a omg doll, and a baby doll. I am going to give you yummy cookies. Love, Ryann S.



We love Santa! ... Aali, Abry and Camden Rodriguez, children of Frank and Amy Rodriguez of Tahoka, visited with Santa when he was at the City/County Library in Tahoka before Christmas. (City/County Library Photo)

TAHOKA 1ST GRADE Mrs. Hawthorne

I am wishing for: a phone, a computer, and slime. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Nova Q.

I am wishing for: an electric scooter, a play horse, and a barbie doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Sierra A.

I am wishing for: a smart phone, headphones, and an electric watch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, David B.

I am wishing for: a horse, a person, a stable, and a saddle and bridle. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Cree B.

I am wishing for: a doll, a LOL Surprise, and a makeup kit. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Annie B.

I am wishing for: a motor dirt bike, a football, and a four wheel- er. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Israel C.

I am wishing for: a trans- former/robot, a controller for my PS4, and Dino Miniforce toys. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Julian D.

I am wishing for: a Barbie house, a doll, and a play cat. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Sofia G.

I am wishing for: some clothes, some brushes, and a makeup set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Yanetza G.

I am wishing for: a cat Barbe house, a boy and girl Barbie, and an iPad. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Audrey G.

I am wishing for: Posca mark- ers, a phone, and a Barbie house. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Tahlia H.

I am wishing for: a noodle set (bowl and chopsticks), Posca Markers, and makeup. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Adalee M.

I am wishing for: a fake house phone, a Roadblocks doll, and a smart watch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Camila M.

I am wishing for: a doll house, Barbies, and baby toys. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Ashlynn M.

I am wishing for: a puppy, a bunny, and a bird. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Liam S.

I wanta poke-mon legos, poke- casis and poke-mon tins. How far is the North Pole? From, Elias Abrego.

I want a netindo switch, a netindo switch sports, and a red bike. I love Santa! Love, Romyn Arrellano.

I want make-up, new shoes, and paint. How is Mrs. Claus? From, Reggie Avila.

I want Alphabet Lore, thomas and one thomas. I will set out cookies and milk for you. Love, Austin Canut.

I want a PS5, a I Phone, a 6 set go crt. I love you. Bye, Josiah Delgado.

I wish for a Blue Bike, a friend robot and a microphone. I luv u Santa and Ms. Claus. I riley want to see yall so bad. Love, Keyani Elmore.

CHRISTMAS SONG TRIVIA

In the carol, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas", what is the prettiest sight to see?

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

In the song "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" under-neath 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".

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Answer: "Underneath his beard so snowy white".

I wunt a phone, go cart, and dor bell. I love you. Love, Grayson Reynolds.

I want a phone, pants and a go kart. I luv reindeer. Luve, Vivi- ana Saldana.

I want a doll, books and a phone. I love you so much. Love, Jazz' Lyn Vasquez.

I want gum, shoes and a soft blanke. Where do the reindeer liv. Love, Brayleigh Villa.

I wunt a fon and makeup and jelre. How are the randers? Love, Jordan Flud.

I wish for a bascitball and phone and a pool. I will give you cookies and melk. Love, Blake Harris.

I want a bike and I wut a bascat boll and I wut jalre. You are nis. Love, Kennedy Hicks.

This year I have been nice and naughty. I want a horse a doll, also a stuf enml. I love you more. Tel Mrs. Claus hi. Love, Kreece May.

I wish for a basketball, a watch and a iphone. Where do the rain- deers live? Love, Wilson McLel- land.

I want a dog, hot wils and smash. You are so good Santa. Love, Jonathan Morin.



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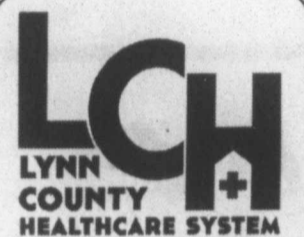
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Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 12-19-22)

Texas Star Coop Gin	33,953
WesTex Coop Gin.....	*29,400
New Home Coop, Lakeview .	22,745
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	3,432
Wells Coop Gin	*2,452
Garlyn Coop Gin	2,000
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	n/a
TOTAL BALES.....	93,969

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Letters to Santa from Tahoka

TAHOKA 2ND GRADE Mrs. Gill

1,000 crystals, an ociclus, and a telescope. Brice Alvarado

This year I have been naughty. I want a razor trike, WWE toys, and a go kart. Brayden Hadderton

A bike, slime set, and a make-up kit. Madyson Rodriguez

Makeup, art supplies, and a computer. Lilianna Pinon

Iphone and a PS 5. Landon White

Soccer stuff, goalie gloves, and to see Ronaldo in England and go to the FIFA World Cup. Daxyn Arce

Lava lamp, lip gloss, computer, clip on earrings, makeup kit, and mouneten bike. Sahara Castor

Rainbow plushie, sonic shoes, and legos. Giovanni Grandados

Iphone 12, pig stuffed animal, and a dirt bike. Averece Williams

A puppy, slime, and a jump rope. Gracie Ivy

Crystals, Texas Tech football set, and WWE slambulance. Radley Barnett

A telescope, a VR, and crystal rocks. Noel Hernandez

Crystals, an ociclus, and a drone. Eli Sepeda

TAHOKA 2ND GRADE Danyale Hadderton

I've been nice and I wish for an Iphone a new puppy a fortnite on my nintendo switch and on Christmas Eve I will set out milk and cookies. Love Avery

A hubbord and a I phone 14 and apple watch This year I have been nice. love Aubree

A ipad and I want a lego jurassic world set and I want new toy cars. love Jaziyah

A bicycle a pizza toy and a tornado posture. This year I have been nice. Love Paxton

A dino, xbox, and. remotes-control I will set out cookies and milk for you I have been nice this year. Love Thomas

A ps5 and a i phone14 and games that it. I will set out milk and cookies I wish you a merry Christmas. This year I have been nice. Summit

A popsokit and an Iphone and a now watch I have been nice. Love zoey

Is choir for my tablet. my cousin wants a fake dog to. I have been nice. love Ava'leigh

A nectendo a hoverboard and a ifone fourteen This year I have been nice. love Avion

A metal detector, a shovel and a new xbox controller. Love Hunter

A iphon and a ps5 and tickets to a tech game. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve. This year I have been nice. Love, Conner

A huverbor I want to see my dog roxy agen. and a Sqishmelo. This year I have been nice. Love Makayla.

A gaming char I will set cookies and for you on Christmas eve. This year i have been nice. Love, Kase

An Iphone and switch. I will set out cookies for you this year. I have been nice. Love Xaiver

A xbox, trains, and iphone. I will set out cookies for you. Love Adikas

TAHOKA 2ND GRADE Mrs. Swaim

I want a iph14, ipad, now school splis. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Charlie

I want mackup, an Iphone 14 pro, and a doll. I will get milk and cookies. Love, LC Mae

I want a ps4, iphone 14 and a earpods and a ps5 and a intendo-switch. I will get you cookies and milk. Love, Carlos

I want pokemon cards, pokemon toys, pokemon close. I will set cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Matthew

I want earpods, and ear pods case and a bike. Who are the elfs? I will set our choclat milk and cocies. Love, Heavelyn

I want a big tedy ber cat, and mene bran pokemon. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Love, Jazlynn

I want a swich, a bike, and rebuks. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Love, Quade



Giving to the Senior Citizens Center ... Texas Plains Federal's annual Christmas Donation was given to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center recently. Presenting the check to Pioneer Director Sandra Norwood are, at left, Vicki Lopez, and at right, Tamesha McClendon and Blanca Garza.

I want ear pods, jiyint tedebar, gronup makeupe set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Kenna

I want a iphone 14 pro and a ps4, ear pods, and a minfing. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Love, Masyn

I want a ps4, best choclot, unspkbel merch, iphone 14 pro. I will set cookies out for you. Love, Canton

I want a pokemon cards and a iphone, and v buks. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Love, Paxton

I want four willer badery, all of pokemon cards, black pether soop. I will set out cookies and milk for you. Love, Ayden



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

THE WISE GUY in Wilson says Christmas is the only time of the year you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks.

~December 2011



Letters to Santa

from **New Home**

Dear Santa ...

NEW HOME PRE-K Lacey Arellano

For Christmas, I want some cowboy boots and a Spiderman web shooter! I just love you, Santa. I want you to bring me some tractor toys! Owen

I want a robot with a remote and another toy for my brother. I have a baby sister too and can you maybe get her a present. Kleat,

All I want for Christmas is a real horse a donkey, goat and bucket. I will put pom poms in my bucket. I've been a lot good. I'm a big boy! Walker

I want a Barbie watch and a sparkly purse. I can put my glasses, watch and phone in there! I will leave gingerbread cookies and milk for you! Cameran

I want an Iron Man, Hulk, Captain America and Ant Man toy. Santa, I been very good here and listening and singing. I'll leave you ninjabread cookies! Kaden

I would like a stuffed bunny, a toy volcano and can I get an igloo so my stuffed animals, a toy tractor. I want to be very good this year. Brock

I want a Barbie car, a little elf toy and I want a bubble gum collection! I want a pink jeep so I can drive to Target and buy toys! Olivia

I want a car garage with a shark in the middle with a big loop with a lever! I love you, Santa! Can the Leopards win the football game? Mason

I want a real doll house and a Barbie Dream House! I have been very good this year. My favorite thing about Christmas is getting presents. Liza

I want gingerbread cookies and a ghost costume! I have been a very good boy in school and I help my mom at home and play with my brothers. Luke

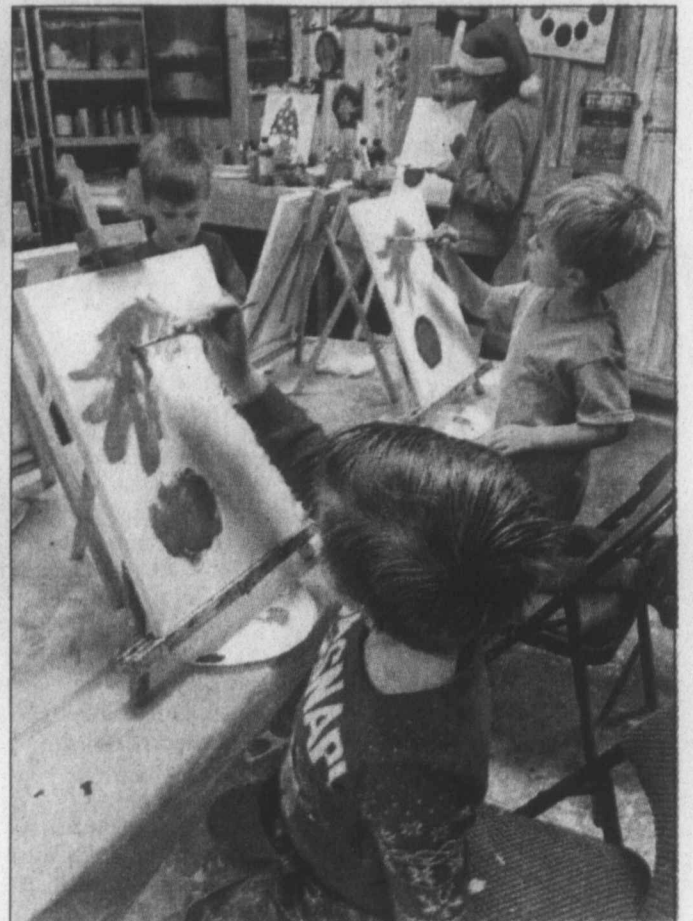
I would like a Reindeer and a bird that's a stuffed animal! I have a new baby brother coming for Christmas! I am a good big sister! McKenna

I want a Barbie and a play horse! I want a heart puppet and smelly stickers. I have been good and I ate all my food. I like pirate ships! Victoria

I have been a good boy and I'm very nice this year. I want a toy tractor, a toy truck and a YoYo! I have cookies for you. Slade

I want a Frosty the Snowman toy, a Sonic toy and a cup for Christmas! Well, I just want a new computer and another one for my brother too! Andy

I want a Barbie Dream Camper and a toy kitty cat! I want a little pet present puppy. Thank you, Santa! Can I get a trampoline for Christmas too? Dani Lyn



Little artists ... These little artists pictured are Everett White, Benjamin Jones, and Brayden Meyke who are in deep concentration on painting the Grinch. Etta Evans is the teacher helping at the Art in the Barn by Tara Timmons-Lehman.

NEW HOME PRE-K Mrs. Bundy

You are the best! I love you. I want a "Cemote Control" great white shark and monster truck. I have been good and will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Keller

I want a new tablet. I lost mine yesterday. I also want a rainbow unicorn. I will leave you some chips to eat, the flavor that I like, with some milk. I have been good. Love, Sphiya

I want a race car, a toy bus, a farm truck and trailer. I have been good. I will leave you some cookies with chocolate chip drink. Can I pet the reindeer? Love, Wyatt

I want a new lovey that is an elephant. I am trying to stay off the naughty list. I also want a

pretend alligator toy that talks and snores. Love, Lincoln

Please bring me some Barbies and dinosaur toys. I am on the nice list. I will leave you a candy cane and some water. The reindeer can have carrots. Love, Berkley

I want a dinosaur toy, play-dough, and a new I-pad. I also need some new games to replace the games that I lost the pieces. I'll leave you gingerbread and milk. Love, Barrett

Can I get a unicorn mat? Would also like to get some "B Legos". I'll leave you some round cookies and milk. Love, Whiteleigh

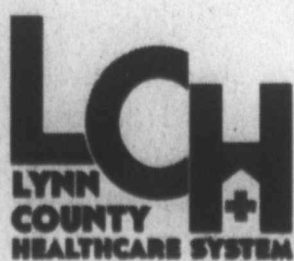
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Grinch Party painting ... These students had a Grinch Party at the "Art in the Barn" by Tara Timmons-Lehman of New Home. Pictured from left are Everett White, Benjamin Jones, Beau Meyke, Brayden Meyke, Breslyn Yowell and Bexlee Myers.



We wish you a healthy, blessed Christmas
Peace on Earth and a Happy New Year!



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Letters to Santa from New Home



New Home Pre-K Bundy (continued)

Merry Christmas! I always pinch people but I want to be on the nice list. I want a Barbie Dream House and a real-life unicorn. I have a gummy star for you. Love, Mia Belle

I would like a Barbie Bunny Girl and some new clothes that are for the Christmas season and a big huge My Life toy. I share my doll with my sister. Love, Madi

I would like a Barbie Doll House this year. I've been good so I would also like a kitchen. I would also like to meet one of your elves. Thank you. Love, Brinleigh

I would like a Tyrannosaurus Rex that has spikes on his head, tail, back, and even on his feet. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Will you bring my sister a bracelet? Love, Clayton

I helped my brother build a Lego tractor. I would like 2 new books to read. I'll put reindeer food in the front yard. I have been good. Love, Brayden

I would like some baseball cards and some Pokeman cards. I also want a gold chain necklace and a Play-station. I have been good—I listen to mom and dad. Love, Hudson

Please bring me a remote-control monster truck, a skateboard, and a Grinch costume. Thank you! I would also like to get an invisible brother. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love, Grayson

Dear Santa ...

NEW HOME KINDERGARTEN Mrs. Calaway

I have two elves on the shelves that are yours. I am not touching them. Would you bring me shoes, clothes, dresses, shorts and shirts? I want Elsa clothes. Love, Addison

Can I have a hover board, a ferret so it could play with me? I want to get my cousin's a bike. When is my Bucky coming? Love, Bridger

Can I get a rifle and bow & arrow for Christmas? I need new hunting clothes. Love, Hudson B.

There are some things I would like for Christmas. I would like a new flamingo stuffed animal. Can I please have a reindeer snow globe? Merry Christmas! Love, Lexi

For Christmas I want a go cart an electric scooter and a Star Wars video game a blue electric motorcycle, a remote control train, and a drone? Love, Hudson R.

How are the elves doing? Please, can I get an IPAD and a phone? I want a football. Merry Christmas! Love, Field

Can I please have babies, one girl and one boy, Pinkalicious stickers and clothes. I want sticky notes and a computer to play on. Love, Isabella

I wish for a monster truck, Hot Wheel cars, remote control cars, and stickers. I want headphones and make my family feel better. I want a new lunch box. Love, Eric

Gnome for Christmas ... This group of teens attended painting classes at "Art in the Barn" by Tara Timmons-Lehman of New Home. Pictured in top photo are Kaylee Jordan, Shylee Salopek, and Etta Evans. Bottom photo are Collins Hennington, Ryker Sellers, Case Hennington and Sloane White.



NEW HOME KINDERGARTEN Danielle Burrow

How are you doing? I want an elf and a Unicorn, a Barbie. Can I please have something to put in hair? Thank you. Love, Dulce

Could I please have Poke-mon cards, a light for my video games, and monster truck? Can I have a robot and \$100 money and a toy power ranger? Love, Blaine

Please, can I have a Aquaman costume and a Narnia sword with a lion handle on it. I wish you to have the greatest Christmas all weekend. Love, Bowen

What are the elves doing? Thank you for Coco and Bernard! I want a Barbie, Charlie brown makeup, and a wand. Merry Christmas! Love, Sophie

Can I please have a VR with a phone? I was thinking about a brand new shoes so I can wear it every day off. I will leave you milk and cookies as well if we buy them. Love, Corbin

How are the elves doing? I want a toy elf and squish mellow. I would like a smelly sticker that's all. HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas! Love, Macy

HI! Please, can I have a big expo eraser to erase my board? I will write my alphabet. Go back home. Love, Everett

I want a car with fire on it, a big house for my doggie to live in it, a blue toy car and a monkey car. Merry Christmas! Love, Aaron

How are your reindeer? Is the elves making presents? Please can I have a L L camper? Santa what are you doing? I will make you cookies and milk and carrots. Love, Hattie



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Did you know?
about
Christmas



The tradition of hanging stockings comes from a Dutch legend. A poor man had three daughters for whom he could not afford to provide a dowry. St. Nicholas dropped a bag of gold down his chimney and gold coins fell out and into the stockings drying by the fireplace. The daughters now had dowries and could be married, and the tradition of stockings for Christmas began.

ALL I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM Santa

1. Encourage people to believe in you.
2. Always remember who's naughty and who's nice.
3. Don't pout.
4. It's as much fun to give as it is to receive.
5. Some days it's ok to feel a little chubby.
6. Make your presents known.
7. Always ask for a little bit more than what you really want.
8. Bright red can make anyone look good.
9. Wear a wide belt and no-one will notice how many pounds you've gained.
10. If you only show up once a year, everyone will think you're very important.
11. Whenever you're at a loss for words, say "HO, HO, HO!"

Did you know?
about
Christmas

Santa stretches time like a rubber band, in order to deliver all the gifts in one night. According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), there are 2,106 million children under age 18 in the world. If we assume that each household has in average 2.5 children, Santa would have to make 842 million stops on Christmas Eve, traveling 221 million miles. Given the different time zones, Santa has 36 hours to deliver gifts, therefore his average speed would be approximately 650 miles per second. It is less than the speed of light (therefore, it's, theoretically, doable but still quite hard for a chubby old man). Larry Silverberg, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at North Carolina State University, suggests that Santa uses relativity clouds to get the work done. Relativity clouds, based on relative physics, allow Santa to stretch time like a rubber band which gives him months to deliver gifts, while only a few minutes pass for the rest of us.

Blessings

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

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Happy with their Rubiks Cubes ... Tobi Timmons, a 4th grade teacher at New Home Elementary, is pictured with one her fourth grade classes holding their Rubiks Cubes that she gave them in honor of her late son, Mitchel. This is the sixth year her students have "cubed" for "Team Mitchel", using problem-solving techniques that Timmons teaches.

Letters to Santa from New Home



**NEW HOME
1ST GRADE
McMinn's Class**

Dear Santa ...

How are you doing? I hav ben trying to be good. I wud love a waterbotol. Merry christmas. Your favorite, Tynlee

How meny elfs do you have? I am trying to be good. I want my own elf. Merry christmas. Your favorite, Parker

Do you have bell on the line? I've bin tring to be good! Can I please have Kansis Cite sholdr pads? Make shure you stay worm. Your favorite, Karson

How are you doing? I've bin tring to work hard. Can you bring me some mini brans toys? Merry Christmas Santa. Your favorite, Ellie

How mgne elves are there? I bin good this year. I want a iPhone 13. Your favorite, Cutter

How many raindeer do you have? I have bin tring to be good. May I have a transformer? Merry Christmas! Your favorite, Finn

Do you get squisht in the chimney? Am I on the noty list? May I ples have sum Pokemone cards? Mery christmas. Your favorite, Kope

How minea elfs do you have? Am i on the nice list? Can you please give me a ifhone 14? Your favorit, Nash

How are you doing? Can I please get Madden 23? I've been trying to be good this year. Merry Christmas Santa. Your favorite, Phoenix

Are you having a great day? I was trying to be nise. May I please have shos? Merry Christmas Santa. Your favorite, Weston

How are you doing? I have been trying to be very good this year! Can I please have a good time with family and friends? Merry Christmas Santa! Your favorite, Sadie

How are your elfs? I have been working on my aditood. I would love a fone. Merry Christmas Santa. Your favorite, Olivia

How are you doing? Im trying to be good. May I please have a New Home Leopard cheer soat for me? Merry Christmas! Your favorite, Juliana

What dus it Feel like in the North pole? I am tring to bee good this yere! I would love to get a bounsy house. Merry Christmas Santa. Your favate, Dakota

How meny chrtms toys do you mak? I want a camrea for Chis-mis. I bin tring to behaf. Merry chistmas! Your favorite, London

How meny elves are thar? I bit thar are thous. I chri to be nis. I want prezentes for kids that don't hav any. Your favorite, Ben J.

Are you and the elves busy? I like heping my family by feeding my dogs. May I have a toy Hamster please? Travel safely! Your favorite, Micah

Mrs. Lorton's Class

How are you? I have been so good. Ples can I have a stuff raindeer? Tel Mrs. Clos I sed Hi. Your favorite, Sidney

How are you elfs doing? I have ben a good student. Please can I have a elf in a box? Merry Christmas Santa. Tell Rudolph sied hi. Your favorite, Bostyn
How are you doing? I hav ben using mi manrs. Ples giv me a fone. Your favorite, Xander

How is Blizten? I Ben beng good. Can I have a hello Kitty please? MERRY CHRISTMAS. Your favorite, Sofia

How is Clarisse? I've been sincer this year. Pleas can I have a pia-no? I hope you have a good tripp. Your favorite, Ryan

How do you delivr so Fast? I have ben tring to Be good. Can I please have a googl devis? Merry Christmas! Your favorite, Preston

How is Rudolph? I gave my friend a gift. Please can I have a crybaby? Tell Rudolph that I sed hi. Your favorite, Breslyn

How is Rudolph? I bin relle good. Ples can I have a PS5? Tell Rudolph hi! Your favorite, Canon

How are your reindeer? I have ben working relley hard. Can I ples have a bow and arrow? I hope you have a safe trip around the world. Your favorite, Blake

Do you have a dog? I have tried to be good. Please bring me an elf. Thank you. Your favorite, Maybree

How do you deliver presents so fast? I've hd good manners. Please give me an elf on a shelf. Thank you! Your favorite, Toby

How many toys are their? I'm trying to be nicer to Caleb. Can I please have a X-box? Good night! Your favorite, Colton

How are you dowing? Iv ben good at school. Plas can i get a Xbox? You are the best Santa ever. Your favorite, Case

How is RooDof? I Have been veree good. Can I ples have one of the STEM kit? Have a saf trip. Your favorite, Zane

How if the elfs? I hav Bin a good girl. Can you ples giv me a magik mixe. Mery Crismus. Your friend, Sawyer

How are you? Ie'v bin good at school. Ie'v bin whating a alech-trick for-wiler. Have a Merry Christmas! Your favorite, Add-ington

Mrs. Derrick's Class

I have been a good girl. I will make you cookies. This year can you bring me a toy dog? I would also like a real camera. Thank you Santa. Your favorite, Emma

What do you feed your rain deer? I've bnt good to my teechr. Can I have a sgoodp with a nurf gun on it prese? Please say Hi to Roodof. Your favorite, Boone

How is Miss. Clos doing? I've ben goo this year. May you please get me a real kitte? I will leave cookeis for you! Your favorite, Masyn

How are you doing? I've been good at school. I wold love a PV5 please. I love you Santa. Your fafrit, Graham

How do your raindeer fly? I've been trying to be good this year. Can I have a yoyo, please? Ples tell Rudolf I said hi. Your favrite, Trace

I will leave you cookies. I have been good all year. Can I have comand dragon? I like toys. Your favorite, Saxon

What do you feed your rain deer? I've bin trying to be good. I want a skate bord please. I Love Santa Clos! I Love Mrs. Clos! Your favorite, Lyncoln

Did you leave your Elfis at the north pole? I sharde my Hot wheels with my Brother. Can I please have a Dirt Bike? Merry Christmas! Your favorite, Bryce

How do you get magic? I have been good. Can I have a xbox. Thank you for the toys! Your favorite, Wyatt

How do your randeer fly? I've been a good firenede. Can I have a roBo lizerde? I love you santa! Your favorite, Tripp

How are your randrs Santa? I want a yoyo for CHRISTMAS. I LOVE you Santa. Your favorite, Saniyah

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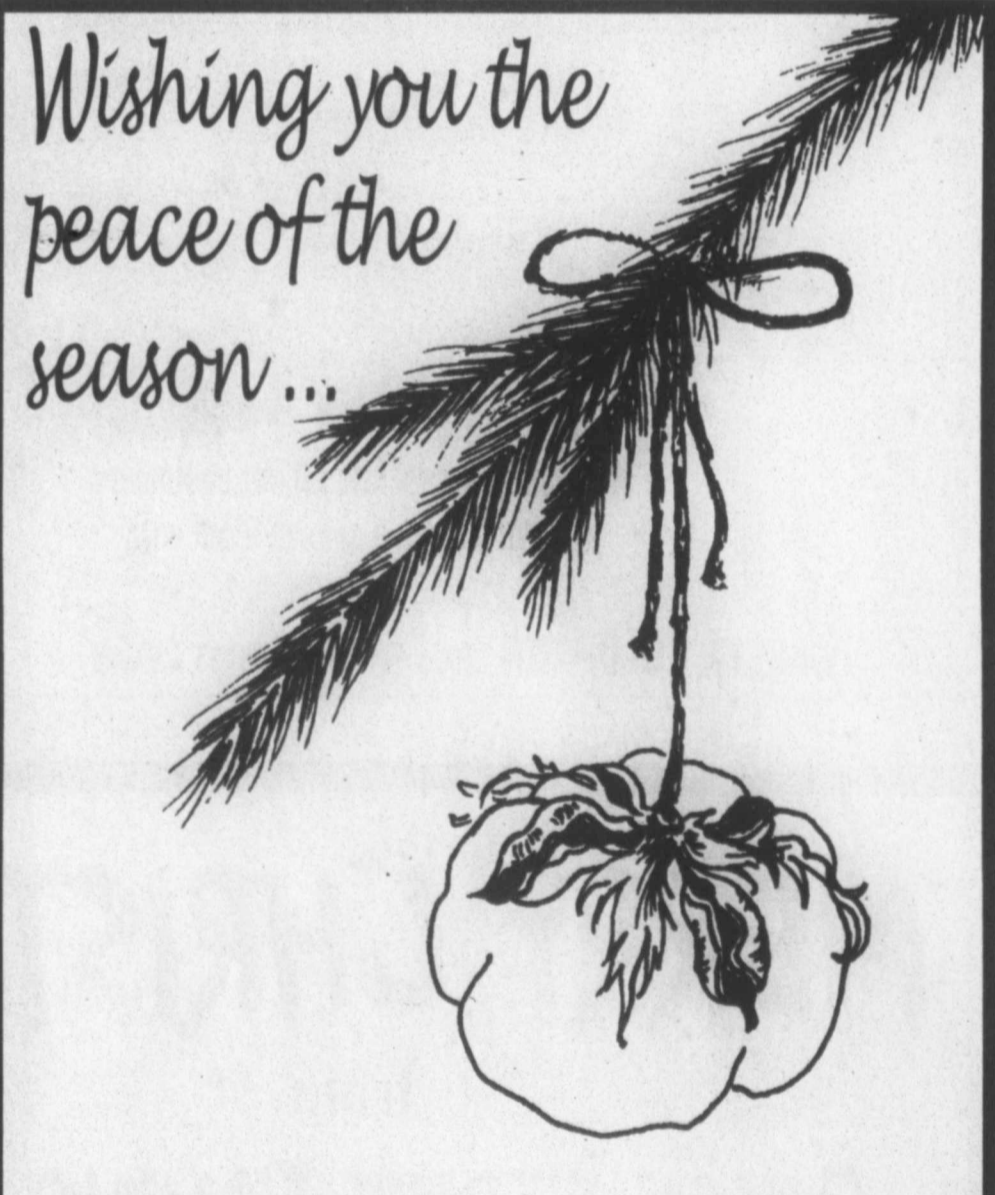
How do you fly? I've trid to be dood this yir. Can I ples hav a xbox. thank you for the toy. Your favorite, Remi

Does Roodof have a nickname? I've ben helping the Earth! May I have a pupy please? Thank you for all you do for us. Your favorite, Knox

How are you making toys? I've ben good at slool. Can I have a mote control rase boot, please? Have a nic journey. Your favorite, Benjamin G.

Christmas Song Trivia

How many times does Santa check his list?
Twice!
The Grinch is as cuddly as a _____?
Cactus!
It would of been a laugh to see Mommy doing what last night?
Kissing Santa Claus!
One foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say what?
Rudolf With Your Nose So Bright,
Won't You Guide My Sleigh Tonight?
Good tidings to you, and all of your what?
Kin!
Who was seated next to me a day or two ago in the song Jingle Bells?
Miss Fanny Bright!
Why do I want my two front teeth for Christmas?
So I could wish you Merry Christmas!



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at the Holidays



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Rubiks cubers ... New Home Elementary 4th grade class students all received a Rubiks Cube from teacher Tobi Timmons, who teaches them problem-solving techniques for the cubes. Timmons gifts the Rubiks cubes to her students each Christmas in honor of her late son, Mitchel, who was an avid fan of the Rubiks cube and actually gave on-line video instructions on how to solve the cubes.

Letters to Santa from New Home



Dear Santa ...

**NEW HOME
2ND GRADE
Mrs. Brookshire**

For Christmas ...
I would like a dirt bike and a fake hand. Love, Grayson Bruton

I want a Sunset Stuffed Animal horse earrings a picture of you and a snow glove please? Love, Jolie Dutton

I would like a toy race car and a little robot. Sincerely, Christian Garza

I would love to have art supplies. Love, Harper Hughes

I want a Kindle because I love reading! Love, Georgia Jones

What I want is some new house shoes a slime kit a new fuzzy blanket art supplies and air pods. Love, C.J. Keley

This year I would like headphones and art supplies please? I miss you and Shepard. Love, Madilynn McNutt

I hope your reindeer and elves are doing great! I want Legos. Merry Christmas! Love, Adriel Moreno

How are the elves doing? Is Jangles being good at the North Pole? Love, Corbin Oden

How are the elves? Can I have an electric bike that my dog can ride in? Love, Scout Newsom

I would like a VR system. It would be great if you put Jolly Ranchers in my stocking. Love, Ella Overbey

Can I please have a Madden 23 game a basketball goal and I want Jingle to bring us some candy canes. Love, Kacen Reed

I want a stuffed animal and a real toy car please Santa? Love, Diana Reyes

Can I have a microphone hanging earrings money candy and an electric bike please? Love, Harper Redvelski

I want a Lego Tiger and a snow globe. Love, Landon Smith

I want a dirt bike and a personal computer. Love, Asher Webb

What I want is an Apple Watch and a dog. Have a Merry Christmas! Love, Karli Womack

Can I have AirPods a new water bottle Pokemon Cards a Dodger Hat and a DribbleUp? Love, Jaxon Ysasaga

Mrs. LeClair

Can I have a Bobble Head a guitar and an X-Box with Harry Potter. Love, Wyatt Adams

Can I have a case for my Air Pods? I also want a watch. May I have a guitar? I hope you are well. Love, Koen Crandall

This is what I want a Lanky Box Mystery Box. I hope you are feeling good. Love, David Decarsky

I really want a Mario Race Track Mystery Box Bow Nerf Jelly Balls and Nerf Artillery please? I would like to know how the reindeer are? Love, Colton Derington

I want a watch so I can call my mom and dad. I hope the reindeer are good! Love, Rhett Edwards

Please can I have a girl baby llama some spy gadgets and a black desk. Love, Lucy Hoelscher

I want a Polaroid camera please! Thank you for all you have done. Love, Saegan Keyes

I would like a drum set and a rainbow corn. Love, Murphy Kruzcek

Can I have a Nintendo please? Love, Theodore Long P.S. Can I have Mario vs Sonic games too please?

I want a PS5. I want to know if you are well? Are you well? Yes__ No__ Love, Anderson MacKenzie

Can I please have a Realistic Dog like Sidney? Are you good? Love, Kennedy Morris

Can I please have a PlayStation 5 controller? I hope you are well. Sincerely, Gage Munton

I wonder how the reindeer are doing? Am I on the nice list or on the naughty list? Love, Mateo Braga

I hope you aren't sick because I want Mandarin Oranges. Love, Jace Perez

I want a Nintendo a guitar oranges and a Speak-N-Spell. Love, Kasey Perez

What I want is a guitar. I hope you are feeling good. Love, Crew Stephens

I want a guitar and a Speak-N-Spell. I hope you are well. I hope the reindeer are doing okay? Love, Sterling Taylor

This is a list of things I would like . I would like a Speak-N-Spell Mystery Box PS 5 oranges and a guitar. Love, Tripp Watson

Mrs. Oliver

Can I have an X-Box or a hover board? How is Mrs. Claus doing today? I watched Christmas Chronicles! Love, Boston Brown

May I have a remote control car? I have a 9 foot tree too! How are your elves doing? Love, Ryder Brumley

I want a real bow and arrow. How are the reindeer doing? I am going to give you something special! How are you doing? Sincerely Jaxon Burks

Can I please have a basketball rack and an X-Box? How's your reindeer doing and how's Rudolf doing? He is my favorite. I hope you're doing good. Sincerely, Dax Dora

How is Mrs. Claus? May I please have two guinea pigs. We are giving you milk and cookies. We love you so much. How is Mrs. Claus? Love, Breelyn Ferguson

Can I have an Oculus? Are you having a good day? How are the elves doing? Love, Kynnedi Ferguson

Can I have a PlayStation and a new Nintendo Switch game? I have cookies with your name on them. Love, Kason Havins

I want an American Girl Dollhouse. I hope I'm on the nice list! I hope you have a great Christmas. Love, Mila Hinson

I want a skateboard a PS 4 a Pokemon Shield a Pro Controller and a nerf gun. How is Mrs. Claus? Love, Nolan Jackson

I would like an All-American Girl Doll Cheerleader . How are my elves doing? How are you and Mrs. Claus? Love, Sawyer Lincecum

I want a glow in the dark Tom Brady TeenyMate. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Sincerely, Sutton Orr

I want a brick head and a craft set. It is fun making food for the reindeer. How are the elves? Love, Jayla Perez

I want a 3 Brick Heads and a Lego Friend Set. How are you? Love, Jessa Perez

Hi Santa how are you and how is Mrs. Claus? This year I want a dirt bike, My elves are Jingle and Mistletoe. Love, Brody Petro

Hopefully you can get me a Honey Comb Diamond Grill and a Dallas Cowboys necklace? I hope your elves feel well. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Nikko Reyes

Can I please please have an X-Box? How are the reindeer? Is Rudolph's nose still red? Love, Graham Smith

May I please have a slime kit and a spa kit? How are your reindeer? I have been really good this year. How is Mrs. Claus? Love, Kaytlen Stiggins

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Did you know?
about
Christmas
.....

• A large part of Sweden's population watches Donald Duck cartoons every Christmas Eve since 1960

• Brenda Lee recorded "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" when she was only 13 years old. Famous saxophonist Boots Randolph played the saxophone solo on "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree".

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I've been good, Santa ... Santa was very popular at the O'Donnell Tree Lighting celebration, with children and adults taking their pictures with him.

(Photo from City of O'Donnell Facebook page)

O'DONNELL KINDERGARTEN Mrs. Franklin

Dear Santa, ... I love you Santa. Can I please have some makeup and a microphone for Christmas and a toy horse? Ms. Claus and you be good! Love, Bella Perez

I want a mermaid, Barbie and some nails and some coloring stuff. Like markers and pencils and coloring books. Thank you for getting me toys. Love, Ellen Salinas

I hope you and Ms. Claus are staying warm. I want a bracelet maker for Christmas. I would also like a slime kit. Please can I have a big barbie house? Can I please get painting and art stuff? Love, Kehlani Vasquez

My brother and me are going to give you cookies and milk. Can I have a Barbie house please and a gymnastic mat and bar please? Thank you for the toys, River Hunter

May I have building blocks please and a new alphabet kids' rug. Be safe on your ride. Thank you for the presents. Love, Elliot Tamez

Can I please have a drone? My mom said I could have one if I was 1st or 2nd in Oral Reading. I won 2nd place. Can I please have a new basketball and goal? Love, Samuel Hilson

I am going to leave you some cookies. I want a drone for Christmas. I want a PS5. I have been trying to make good choices. Thank you, Santa. Love, Levi Guerra

I wish for blue Magic Mixies and a Crystal ball. I wish for a skateboard, please and a computer keyboard? I hope you are all doing good. Love, Bella Ybanez

I would love a Ryan's World Giant Mystery Egg and watch and a Isabella dress, please. Thank you for all of the gifts. I hope your reindeer are doing very well. Love, Victoria Sanchez

I love you! I want a JoJo Siwa doll, a Barbie car and a unicorn doll. I have been good Santa Claus. Have a good flight. I love you, Kaylee Klassen

I hope you are safe when you are flying. I want a blue Magic Mixie, please. I am trying to be a good girl. Love, Aubree Frausto

I want makeup, high heels, and Barbies. Thank you, Santa! Love, Harlow Pedroza

I would like a combine toy to farm with. That would make me really happy! I can't wait for you to come to my house. Thank you, Santa! Love, Erny Froese

I want a little black motorcycle, a PJ Masks movie. I like that show a lot. Will you bring my brothers some toys too? Thank you, Santa! Love, Joey Teichroeb

I would like a new Hatchimal, a pink stuffed animal dog, a beanie baby and a pretty Barbie. Bella and me were both good, I think. Thank you, Santa! Love, D'Nay Ybanez

I want a castle, a really big and beautiful sparkly castle, and a pink jeep, and art supplies please. I think Sutton needs a singing rabbit toy that hops around. Love, Karsyn Pyron



We like Santa ... These two cuties are happy to have their picture made with Santa, at the O'Donnell Tree Lighting celebration.

(Photo from City of O'Donnell Facebook page)

Letters to Santa from O'Donnell



Dear Santa ... O'DONNELL PRE-K Brooke James

I want a big, red fire truck, a truck for my cars, and a camera for Christmas. Will you bring presents for Abel too? Thank you, Santa! Love, Elon Neufeld

I want a big teddy bear, a pink yo-yo, and lip gloss for Christmas! Guess what? I got a baby brother! Please bring him presents too. Thank you, Santa! Love, Kinsley Landa

I want a green motor bike and dinosaurs this Christmas. Maci and me are going to leave you milk and cookies. We were both VERY good this year! Love, Blake Davis

Me and Mommy are going to make you some yummy cookies. I want some new dinosaurs, a Polly Pocket, and a coloring book, please. I was very good this year. Love, Harper Ortega

I want Spider Man slime, and a Buzz Lightyear flashlight like my Bubba's. We were good this year and we never fight. Thank you, Santa! Love, Lilly-Joice Perez

I want some Elsa slime and an Elsa Barbie and the big, beautiful castle that she lives in? Thank you, Santa! Love, Lyrics Gutierrez

I would like a mermaid tail that I can swim with just like Ariel's, a heart shaped Polly Pocket and a baby doll. I am so excited! Love, Adaline Owens

I want a blue dirt bike and some toy trucks for Christmas! I have been good. Will you bring my mom a necklace? Thank you, Santa! Love, Nash Walters

I love you! Will you bring me a doll house to share with my sisters and some Barbies, please. I want some animals to go with my doll house. Love, Kambryn Guajardo

I want a black dirt bike. Please bring my mom a necklace and my dad some tools. Me and Xavi have been very good this year. Thank you, Santa! Love, Luka Aguayo

I want a big T-Rex dinosaur, new shoes that make me run super-fast and a black toy car. I have been a good boy! Thank you Santa! Love, Xavi Aguayo

I was good this year and I have been helping my mommy cook and clean up. I want a blue dirt bike and that is all. Thank you, Santa! Love, Joziah Bates

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Area News from area newspapers

O'Donnell running back is Newcomer of the Year

LAMESA - O'Donnell sophomore running back Baden Hernandez is the Newcomer of the Year on the Division I all-District 5-1A football team.

Caden ended up being one of the top running backs in our district in not only what was his first year to play varsity football but also his first season to play running back," O'Donnell Coach Fernando Baeza said.

After making their third post-season appearance in the past four seasons as the District 5-1A runner-up, the Eagles were well represented on this league's dream team including a dozen of its players on the first-team unit. Gabriel Baeza made first team all-district at tight end and nose guard. Martin Baeza earned first-team all-district at spread back and linebacker. Eagle junior Omar Vela also made first-team all-district on both sides of the ball at wide receiver on offense and safety on defense.

Other Eagles making first team all-district on offense are sophomore Eric Gutierrez at spread center, senior running back Tyler Bundy and senior utility back Eufemio Ortiz. On all-district defense were senior Tyson Bundy defensive line and junior Cash Boyd at cornerback.

Making second-team all-district on offense were Tyson Bundy at tight end, Cash Boyd at wide receiver and freshman Jeremiah Williams at running back. On defense were senior Azack Garces at nose guard, Tyler Bundy at defensive line, senior Nick Rios at linebacker and sophomore Hunter Bolton at utility player.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Twisted Gypsy's combines pop-ups into store

SLATON - Two small pop-up businesses joined together to create Twisted Gypsy's, which opened its doors in Slaton Nov. 5.

Jennifer Buxkemper Gossett, one of the owners of the store, along with Angela Schniers, said the idea came from their smaller businesses.

"For the past two years we've done pop-ups, and Angela had a business called Twisted Karma, and I had one called Country Road Gypsies," said Gossett. "We took it and we combined it and came up with Twisted Gypsies."

The store offers many items, including jewelry, clothing, mouse pads, tumblers, key chains, puzzles and more. Many of the items can be personalized if requested.

The store is located at 225 W. Lubbock St., Suite A, in Slaton.

-- from the Slatonite

Advertisement for Woolam Gin featuring a barn in a snowy landscape. Text: Warm Wishes. We couldn't have come this far without the support of our great customers. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas full of good cheer! Woolam Gin O'Donnell 428-3314

Advertisement for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. featuring a church with horses in front. Text: May the warmth of Christmas abide in your home forever. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



I like Santa ... This one is all smiles as he visits with Santa, at the O'Donnell Tree Lighting celebration.

(Photo from City of O'Donnell Facebook page)

Letters to Santa from O'Donnell



Dear Santa ...

**O'DONNELL
1ST GRADE
Doris Gass**

What do your ran deer eat? I whand A elf for cris mis Its name will be spitre-man And a 4000 weic fire truck. Thanke you Kannon Mikes

Are the reind getting ready for the big nite? I want a robot with a rmot and a Brbey camp and a Brbe car that I can Driv thank you, Love, Josey Holliday

How are you? How are your reindeer? I want an armyman and shark toys, and a toy car. Thank you, Jaxon Smith

Have your reindeer been practicing how to fly? What do your reindeer like to eat? Can you bring me a puppy. Thank you, love you santa, from Lennon Castillo

Have you had a Grat Year? I wot a brby camp and drem house and a drt Bike. I wot Makeup and a elf too. I love you, Emree Pina

I want to get my mom makeup stuff, my Brother a toy tracktor, my Dad a cap, and I want a dress up set, please. And a microphone. Love, Chloe Villegas

What do randir et? I wil lev kerits for your reindeer and cookies for you. I wot a picher If KeeKee and a ps5. Thank you Aidden Benavidez

How are your reindeer? I want a dotbik plese. Can you bring me mincraft Cartactrs too? Thank You, Hank Halfmann

How are you? Have you had a good yea? Have you been makinga lot ov toys? Is mrs claus klas baking cookies? Wil you brng a green motorbike? Bentley Barry

How are you? What does yor rander et? I want a brbe ckamp and a mine kitchn. I want a kash registr, ples. Thank you. Love, Kaylyn Guajardo

Mrs. Bolton

Dear Santa ... How are the elf? I have been a good boy. I wood lik a PS5 this yer. Thank you Teal

I am doing good. I have been listng to my mom and sumtimes to my teacher. I woud love to have a barbe camp. Love, Allison

I want a barie doll. Hi Santa. How is the reiders? I want to see the reders. Love, Hazel

How is the randers? Are they dooing good? I have been a lising boy. Love you Sant , from Gio

I hav ben a good gil. How ar u? I want to see the randers? I woud like a puppy this tim. Thank you San. Love, Ava

I love my clas. I would like a doll and I want a dole hous. Love, Kaydence

I want a dragon ballz. Plus how is the slay? Love, Josue

Haoor are the randers? I woud like a big lego set the mindcrat one. Please Santa Frum, Hunner



A visit with Santa ... Children visited with Santa and told him their Christmas wishes, at the O'Donnell Tree Lighting celebration.

(Photo from City of O'Donnell Facebook page)

**O'DONNELL
2ND GRADE
Frances Enriquez**

Dear Santa ... How have you been? I've been good this year. This year. I want a big barbyhouse. Books like 5 woulds tow. Tinishoos. Gardin siplise. Love, Tabitha

I want a bead kit, a mac book air a Iphone 14, a drawing tablet, posca paint markers, a clever touch board and colored paper also a sticker printer. Love Addison Mendieta

I rilly wan't a elf pet, a squishmelloe, sweters ammerkin girl dol camping set. i noo I havint bin gitting that good grades but I will caph up. Adrianna barrera

I've been good this yer I cant wait for Christmas what I want for Christmas is 1000 squishmellow for Christmas and a nalpolish set for Christmas From aria fielder

I had some trouble this year but I'll be better. Can I have new shoes, clothes, plushy's, hot wheels car's and a mug, and a pillow and blanket. Avery Casarez

this yea I want a squishmelo and lols, art spla and slim and sum sily shtring I wood love woter slid four summer. I aso won't a 3d pin Azelle trevino

how have you beeh you bnhg me a kid couch ahd ipode lulyvoo braxtyon hacock

I've been a good kid this year can I pleas have a Been Bag chair, Jolly rancner bag candy toy, Pig pen new belt running shoes new phone Thank you From Clayton

I have been a little bit trouble this year for crismas I want a cowboy poster, a baby yota stuffanimal, a smart watch to call my friend and famley. Kynzlee Elrod

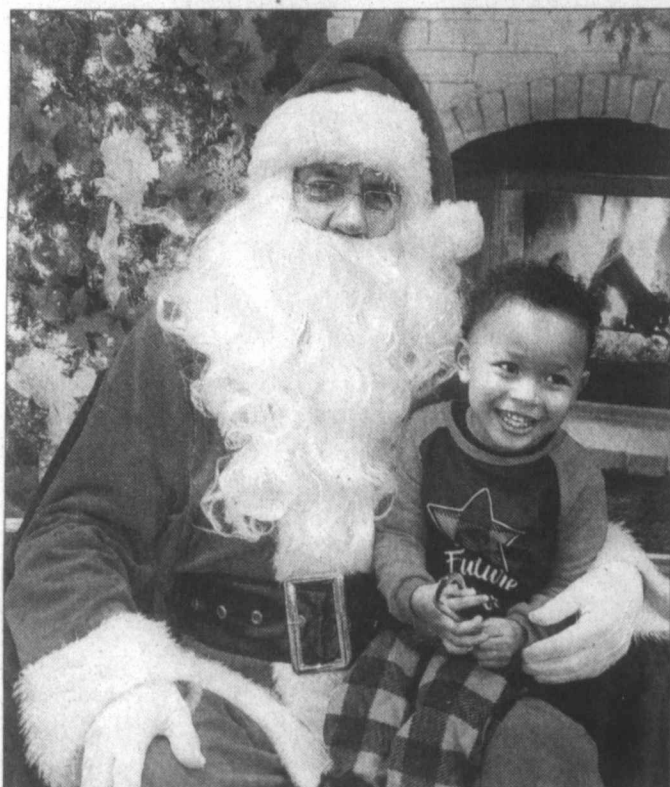
I want one of the elf pet and a vet set, a turqois sout case, some house shoes, some more books and a piggy bank and a sketch book. Love maci davis.

I hope you are having a good time. I have been deesent. this is my list a noo ipad amarekendolst and last my litlepets Olivia Enriquez

I wut a Iphone 14 a airsoft gun a krop dster a chrjr an air plane for prise a toy thraat a kup for shell an a luch box For Payne Hawkins.

I want a figit bukit and 2,000 figit toys, stuff to bake a chocolate cake and cupcaks, matching pj's for me and my brother and a sticker printer an cute sweter's. Love, Sky Morado

I have bin good this year. What I want for chrismis. cat staff for Bell and figits and big squooshees and a sprises. From Swazey Boone



Santa's funny! ... Zakiah Rae Hernandez has a big smile on his face after visiting with Santa at the City/County Library before Christmas. He is the son of Aaliyah and Reggie Cobbs.

(City/County Library Photo)



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Did you know? about Christmas

- In Poland spiders are considered to be symbols of prosperity and goodness at Christmas. In fact, spiders and spider webs are often used as Christmas tree decorations. According to legend, a spider wove baby Jesus a blanket to keep him warm.
- Tinsel was invented in 1610 in Germany and was once made of real silver.
- The people of Oslo, Norway donate the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree every year in gratitude to the people of London for their assistance during WWII.
- The image of Santa Claus flying his sleigh began in 1819 and was created by Washington Irving, the same author who dreamt up the Headless Horseman.



We wish you a merry Christmas!



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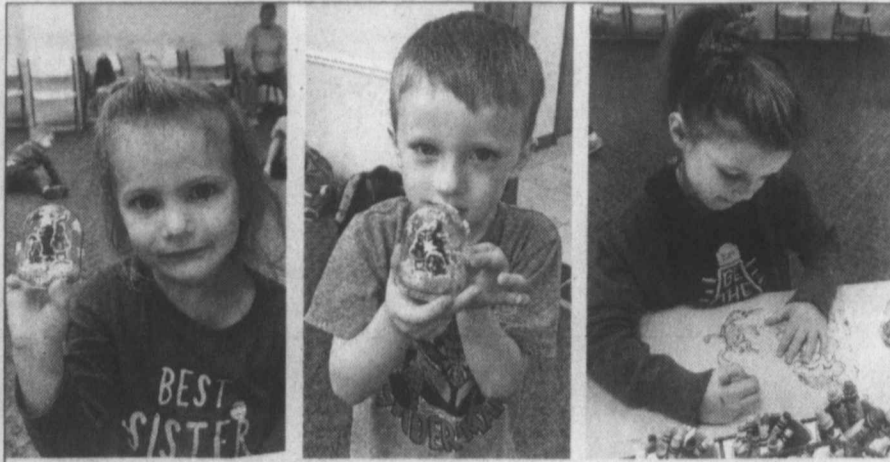
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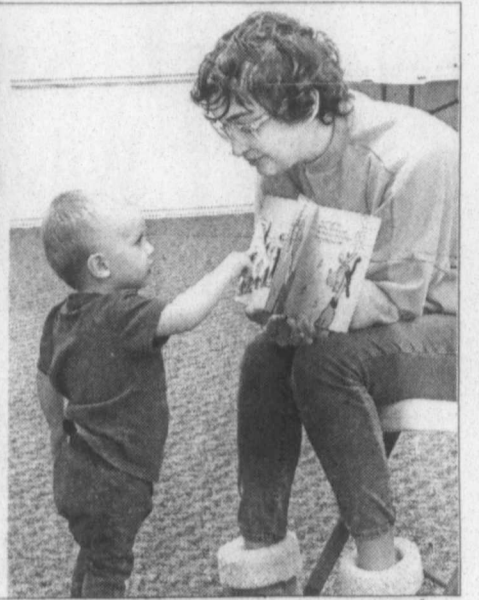
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I picked out my prettiest dress ... Cypress Tipton is all smiles as she sits on Santa's knee, wearing a beautiful sparkly dress for her visit with Santa, who was at the City/County Library. She is the daughter of Coy and Rhiannon Tipton. (City/County Library Photo)



Making snow globes ... Children had fun at last Wednesday's Storytime at the City/County Library, hearing Dr. Seuss stories, coloring pictures, and making snow globes. (City/County Library Photo)



Area News from area newspapers

Search underway for new LISD superintendent

LAMESA – During a brief special meeting Monday, Dec. 5, Lamesa school board members unanimously agreed to contract with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to assist in the district's search for a new superintendent.

The search could take 30-120 days to complete, at a cost of \$6,800. The bill could increase should board members decide to visit candidates' home school districts.

The board began the steps in the search when former superintendent Jim Knight retired from the post in late September.

Della Benavidez is serving as interim superintendent until Knight's replacement is found.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Area News from area newspapers

125-mile chase reaches three counties

LAMESA – A Lamesa teenager was arrested early Thursday morning (Dec 8) after leading officers on a chase through three counties with speeds topping 100 miles per hour.

The early-morning chase, which started in Lamesa and covered about 125 miles through parts of Dawson, Martin and Howard counties, ended with the arrest of Jesus Angel Flores, age 17, according to a press release issued by Sheriff Matt Hogg. He was charged with Evading Arrest/Detention with a Vehicle, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

The chase began about 2:15 a.m. Thursday in the area of N. 4th and Lynn Ave. in Lamesa, when a patrol deputy with the sheriff's department saw a white Ford F-250 pickup that possibly had been linked to several burglaries in Dawson County, according to the press release. A chase ensued across the southern part of Dawson County, turned and went into Martin County, and headed back towards Lamesa. Officers set out spike strips which punctured and eventually deflated both front tires on the pickup.

That didn't stop the pickup, however, as Hogg said it continued on Hwy 349 to the traffic light at Hwy 87 and turned right and once again sped toward Big Spring.

Speeds through most of the chase had been around 100 miles per hour, according to Hogg, and reached up to 105 mph.

"Even after the tires were spiked he was still going 90 until he ran out of tires," Hogg said.

The pickup eventually came to a stop in Howard

County, between Ackerly and Big Spring, after it lost both front tires and wheels.

The pickup was determined to have been stolen out of Odessa, and an inventory of property in the pickup reportedly included items that had been taken during two burglaries in Dawson County.

Evidence was found that enabled search warrants to seek additional stolen property in two houses in Lamesa, and items recovered during the search were connected to three burglaries in Dawson County, leading to the arrest of two other Lamesa residents and the recovery of stolen property.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

In Between Gallery shows artists' work

SLATON – Art may come in many forms, but it is gathered together at In Between Gallery at 160 S. 8th Street in Slaton. Paintings, jewelry, prints and other items are all for sale.

There is even old equipment and circuit boards from computers, radios and other equipment people can purchase and re-purpose into found art or retro items.

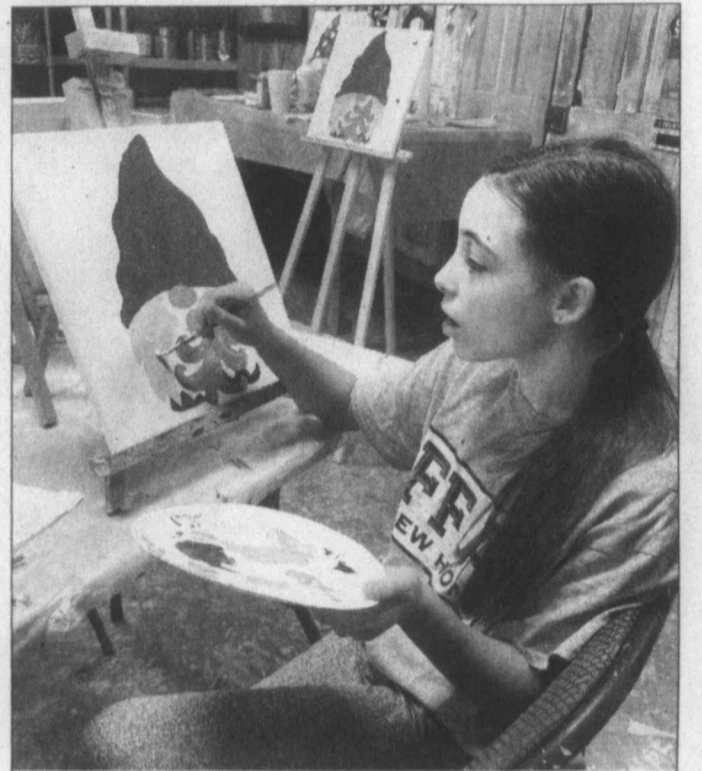
Some of the furniture, such as chairs, is also for sale.

Skip Crawford, who owns the building, said he wanted to bring the interior back as a gallery for people to rent space. Rent, however, is only due as a 25 percent commission if their artwork sells.

"If it doesn't sell, they don't owe me anything," says Crawford.

The gallery is open from noon-7 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

-- from the Slatonite



Christmas Gnome ... Kaylee Jordan is pictured painting her Christmas Gnome at the "Art in the Barn" by Tara Timmons-Lehman, in New Home.



Have a very merry Christmas!



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

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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.

Silent Night, Holy Night

May the wondrous spirit of
Christmas

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