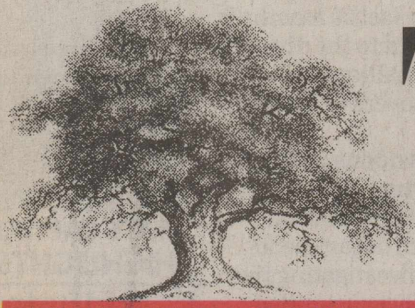




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## A Christmas Concert



Members of the Sonora High School Bronco Band wrapped up their Fall semester with "A Christmas Concert" this past Thursday, December 15, 2016. Under the direction of David Andrus, students performed eight familiar Christmas melodies for a crowd of listeners. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

### Hospital Trustees Agree to terms for Edwards' Immediate Departure

Trustees: Clinic to Remain Open

The Sutton County Hospital District board of trustees voted Thursday, December 16, to accept a draft of a mediation agreement with Dr. Mark Edwards and Dr. Kristy Edwards. As part of the agreement, the Edwards have resigned their positions effective immediately, it was announced.

The trustees also voted to authorize Board President Sharon Holman to finalize the agreement on behalf of the district.

The vote was unanimous. The Edwards departure comes after a mediation session on Thursday, December 16th.

A special meeting of the hospital board was held at noon on Friday.

The board has been seeking a new contract with the doctors but chose to enter into mediation when a deal could not be reached. The board's decision to pursue mediation was reported in the November 10, 2016 of the Devil's River News.

Before adjourning Friday's meeting, Holman thanked members of the public in attendance for their understanding and patience while the details of the settlement are being worked out. She then advised that members of the board and the Edwards have been asked to not openly discuss the specifics of the settlement until after it is finalized.

"The board was presented with a draft mediation settlement agreement between Doctors Mark and Kristy Edwards and the District," Holman said. "Per this agreement everything has been resolved to the satisfaction of both parties. The Edwards have resigned effective today (December 16, 2016). The lawyers need to work out the details of the finalized agreement over the next several days. The Board and Edwards have been asked not to say anymore until that work is completed. We will issue a joint press release with the Edwards once that is done. We appreciate your

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## SHS Bronco Band Delights with Holiday Favorites

With less than a week to practice their music, the Sonora High School Bronco Band entertained a crowded auditorium with favorite holiday tunes Thursday, December 15, 2016.

Under the leadership of Band Director David Andrus, students played a complete ensemble of instruments hitting all of the notes with perfection.

The audience sang along to eight Christmas melodies including "Jingle Bells," "Up on the House Top," "A Holly Jolly Christmas," "We Wish you a Merry Christmas," "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red

Nosed Reindeer," "Let it Snow" and "The Christmas Song."

In the Woodwinds section, Layla Burke, Payton Dawson, Olivia Martinez, Melanie Perez and Destiny Seaton played flute.

Sierra Herrada, Elyssa Prieto, Tate Shannon, Marcos Talamantes, Christina Garza and Danica Jimenez played Clarinet.

Sounds of the Alto Saxophone, played by Delaney Ramsdell and Traci Vickers, added a sparkle to each composition as well as the Tenor Sax played by Ethan Hamm.

In the Brass section, Mark Chavez, Julian Guerra, Juan

Jimenez, Rafael Alviso, Kevin Ramos Acosta, Dylan Hazelton and Braden Adams added a familiar trumpeted in unison.

Avery Leamon also charmed listeners with the French Horn.

On trombone, Melanie Acevedo, Christopher Adkins and Ethan Adams thrilled the audience with sliding note.

Also, adding to the musical collective, Kayla Gee, Jacob Jofrion and Destiny Garcia played Baritone.

Additionally, Rivers Martinez and Blayze Sykes, on tuba, rounded off each holiday melody. Finally, Percussionist Scarlot

Banfill, Joseph Delgado, Lesli Ramirez, Darrek Castro, Jesus Chavez, Harley Daniel, Sarah Kimbrell and Anthony Vela added the splash, tinkle and clatter unique to each song.

The concert marked the beginning of the Christmas holidays for students, staff and faculty. Following the break, everyone returns to the start of the Spring semester on January 5, 2017.

Next, the SHS Bronco Band performs at High School Area Tryouts, Tuesday, January 6, 2017 at Idalou High School in Idalou.

## Students Spread Holiday Cheer

Sonora bank sweetened the holidays this past week by offering two days of hot chocolate, cookies and musical entertainment.

Sixth grade band students demonstrated their instrumental talents for a crowd of listeners Wednesday, December 14.

Keeping time with the beat of the metronome the young musicians showed off their skills by playing a variety of instruments outdoors in front of the bank building.

Sonora Elementary School students sang Christmas Carols in the bank lobby on Thursday morning, December 15.

Kindergarten, First and Second grade students brought smiles to everyone's face by miming while singing familiar Christmas tunes.

Every year, at this time, Sonora Bank invites students to show off their talents and spread cheer to the public as a way of giving back to the community and brightening the holidays.

"Sonora Bank was thrilled to have the 6th grade band and K-2 grade carolers for the second year," Sonora Bank Vice President Tonya Brown said. "We are already looking forward to next years performance. Hats off to Mr. Andrus and Mrs. Duncan for a job well done!"

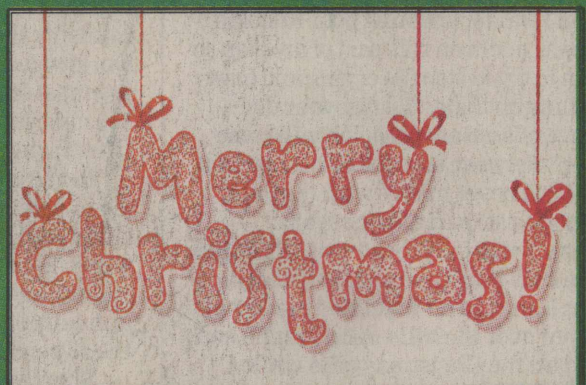


Sixth grade band students showed off their instrumental talents during a special performance at Sonora Bank Wednesday, December 14, 2016. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Sonora Elementary School second graders performed animated Christmas carols Thursday morning, December 15, at Sonora Bank. First and second grade students performed in a crowded lobby of guests during the annual holiday event. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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There will not be a paper published next week. The next edition of The Devil's River News will be published on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

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# Abbott Reacts to Trump's Choice of Perry as Energy Secretary

AUSTIN — President-elect Donald Trump's nomination of Rick Perry as the next secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy prompted this reaction by Gov. Greg Abbott:

"Under Rick Perry's leadership in Texas," Abbott said, "the Lone Star State experienced unprecedented growth in the energy sector, which in turn created hundreds of thousands of jobs for Texans. Rick Perry was instrumental in creating a more favorable regulatory environment for the energy industry in Texas, and I have no doubt that he will bring that same expertise to his new post. The State of Texas looks forward to working with him to help advance America's energy sector to

create a more robust economy and greater opportunity for all Americans."

Perry, who served as governor of the Lone Star State from December 2000 to January 2015, previously served stints as lieutenant governor, agriculture commissioner and as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. He unsuccessfully ran for president in 2012 and again in 2016.

Presidential Cabinet members include the vice president, the attorney general and the secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury and Veterans Affairs.

## Unemployment rate decreases

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.6 percent in November, down slightly from 4.7 percent in October, the Texas Workforce Commission announced Dec. 16.

Also, according to the state agency, Texas has added an estimated 210,800 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 20,900 nonfarm jobs in November. The state has added jobs in 19 of the past 20 months.

"Private-sector employment has been strong over the year with the overall job growth of 171,800 including 15,800 jobs added in November," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R.

Hughes. "The fact that our state has added jobs for 19 of the last 20 months is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas."

## Net widens in Zika testing

State and local health departments are investigating five locally transmitted cases of Zika virus disease.

"Right now, we're aware that local

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

# A Country Christmas Tale

Back in the 1970s we were living and ranching on Block 150 in Pecos County. This was a typical family operation at that time. We had three kids in school that

It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

lived in town to go to school and came to the ranch on weekends and holidays. This story occurred at that location in December of that year.

Now we have the location and the timing so let's get to the story. It was Christmas vacation and everyone was at the ranch for the holidays. The normal Christmas excitement was working on our kids. At the same time the problems of hiding gifts from the kids was worrying my wife and I. As we living in the ranch house it was awfully hard to wrap and hide gifts. Our kids were out running trap lines or hunting deer so this gave us some time to get ready for Christmas Eve. The tree was up and the house was decorated so now were we to get the presents out of hiding and under the tree?

I devised a foolproof plan to handle this problem, not realizing the storm it would cause later. This was the year that "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" was so popular and our kids were worried about him finding our house in the country. To get the kids out of the house, my wife took them to the barn to take care of their 4-H lambs and horses. During this one hour interval, I would get all the presents out and put them under the tree. The idea here was Rudolph had found us and had delivered all of their gifts. A very great plan except that I did not tell my wife the rest of my part of this plan.

Everything worked out as planned, wife took the kids to the barn about a half mile from the house I did my part and all the gifts were arranged under the tree.

Then we got to my part of this Christmas surprise. When I heard my wife start the pickup to come to the house, I got my .300 savage deer rifle and stepped out in the backyard. As they drove up to the yard, I fired three quick shots at the hill behind our house. As they all came running into the yard, my wife asked, "what were you shooting at?" I very proudly answered, "I got three good shots at Rudolph as he came over the hill and I feel sure I got him, so we will have deer meat for Christmas dinner."

They all asked at the same time, "You shot Rudolph? Now he will never find us to deliver our gifts."

About here was when all the screaming and bawling started. I heard many times how mean I was for shooting poor Rudolph. My wife was not in on this part of my plan so she began to try to stop the crying and bawling by telling out kids, "Listen, your dad might have missed and Rudolph will come back later." Between sobs the oldest boy said, "Mama, Papa never misses with that gun," and the crying started all over again.

Realizing what a wreck I was in I began to tell the kids that I had shot at Rudolph as he was leaving and that I had missed as he went out over the hills. Also that he had delivered all the Christmas gifts while I was somewhere else.

My wife began to stop the sniffing and sobbing by saying "Let's go in the house and see if the gifts got here or not." With this they all ran to the back door and burst in where they saw the tree loaded with many presents. There was much cheering and laughing between the kids and their mama. I was totally ignored for a while but that all changed with the opening of their gifts.

Now about a half century later someone always brings up at Christmas time the story of "the night Papa Joe shot Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."



# Memories at Christmas Time

'Tis the season to reclaim memories. Thanks be to God for treasured recollections, and for His giving us the discernment to call pleasant ones into play from days gone by.

And why not? To dwell on unpleasant ones is gain for no one. The ones we value greatest are as welcome chestnuts roasting on an open fire, or rides across fields in a one-horse open sleigh. (That said, I think I could be equally happy in a sleigh drawn by two horses, or even four.)

Today's memories center on two "Baylor brothers"—Drs. BO and Dick Baker, giants by any measure of ministry. They come to mind at a time in history when the university's name has been smudged by a football program scandal that won't seem to go away. BO was a well-known minister/evangelist/writer. Dick was a music minister/vocalist/composer. They brought much good to the world....

Neither of them ever truly retired. Even in their 80s, they were in demand, responding to requests as long as they were physically able. BO died at age 86 in 2010; Dick died a year later at 84. Their Christian witness continues to wash against the shores of eternity.

BO wrote a heart-warming Christmas story for the Baptist Standard. His annual piece appeared annually for 34 years. It was as welcome as fresh-cut Christmas trees, or the sounds of reindeer hooves touching housetops of the world as Santa made his Christmas Eve rounds.

Perhaps no brothers ever worked together more closely in Christian ministry than the Bakers. BO preached worldwide, and Dick was at his side during most of the years. (With more than 300 musical pieces to his credit, Dick published songs for 64 years)...

In the Metroplex, Dick is remembered for introducing grand Christmas pageants at Prestonwood Baptist Church, where he was longtime minister of music. It continues with multiple presentations annually. Almost 70,000 people attended the 13 performances this month.

Shortly before his death, I asked Dick what he most remembered about the pageants, which are known for grand music, unbelievable choreography and live animals, including camels.

I thought he might cite one of his own favorite arrangements, or show-stopping renditions by some talented vocalist. I was wrong. "That's easy," he answered. "There were numerous chilling moments experienced in the dead of night." Turns out, he received many nocturnal phone calls from the Dallas Police Department. "Hey, Dick, your camels got loose again. They were last seen galloping through the intersection of Preston and Arapaho..."

Still ringing in my ears are sermonic expressions for which BO was long known. "Draw in a little closer," he liked to say, often multiple times during evangelistic messages. He'd also say something akin to, "I'm so glad to be your revival preacher. But you need to know that my best sermon will be tomorrow night." (Naturally, he'd repeat the claim nightly until the final service.)

Another Christmas memory centers on the late Paul Crume, brilliant front page columnist for the Dallas Morning News. In 1967, he wrote a Christmas Day column entitled "Angels Among Us." So well-received was the piece that it continues to appear annually in the DMN. I look forward to it again this year—for the 50th time.

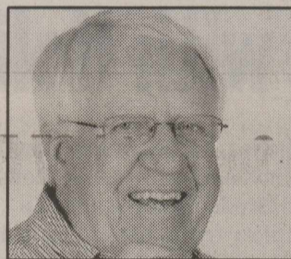
I consider it "must" reading; it's a grand tonic for those of us who believe in angels....

The old year soon to leave us is treasured for birthing a grand Christian book and a movie of the same name—Miracles from Heaven. The "star" is Annabel Beam, the youngest who said an angel told her how to snap on a harness lowered down a rotted tree trunk so she could be lifted to safety. (She had fallen 30 feet down the trunk of a 100-year-old tree on the family home place.)

I believe her. And I pray that in this blessed season, as you claim your very best memories, you'll sense angels nearby, or hear the rustle of their wings....

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## The Idle American



By Dr. Don Newbury



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# A House Full of Christmas

Every room in Glenda Wilson's house in Colorado City has a Christmas display. "In our bedroom back there you'll see our original aluminum Christmas tree. We were married in March of 1966 and that was our first Christmas tree. We have

a color wheel turning on it now. We don't ever throw away anything. I guess that's why we have so much stuff." One room

## Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

has a complete farm scene. "It has a blacksmith shop, livestock and things like that. We have fond memories of growing up in the country, so we made sure we have some agricultural things."

An elaborate infrastructure of saw horses and plywood holds up a multi-level display of 127 little lighted Christmas houses and buildings. And that's just in her living room. She pointed out a few items.

"The candy factory up here has a windmill that's turning and making peppermint candy. At the gumdrop factory, the gumdrops are on a conveyor belt. Over here is the rocking horse factory. Down on that end we've got Santa Claus flying around, testing the toys. Next we have the ornament factory."

One room of her home has a Victorian village. She and her husband started collecting the little houses and accessories in 1994 when their daughter gave them one.

"People found out that we had them and they started bringing them to us. Our daughter gives us a piece every Christmas. They're always different. This little guy here is sweeping up the snow in front of the maintenance barn. She brought that one Thanksgiving when it was cold and told us we'd need it so he could keep the snow off the streets."

Every room has a Christmas scene of some sort, all neatly displayed. Tables throughout the house are set with red and green napkins, tablecloths, dishes and centerpiece, all reflecting the holiday season. She has three Christmas trees full of lights and decorations. Toy dolls dance and sing.

"We've got Katie's Candied Apples. We have a granddaughter named Katie. That's why we have that. We have Pop's Peppermint Barrel. Our great grandchildren call their grandpa Pops. I like them all. There's not a favorite. They're a lot of fun to just sit down and look at them. Some years we don't put them out."

They have a special building where the items are stored when they're not on display. It takes hours and hours to set up everything.

"If we want it up by Thanksgiving we usually start around the first of October. It's different every year. I've never put it up the same way two years in a row. It takes a long time to put them away because we think about where we got this one or that one."

www.tumbleweedsmith.com

# Heard Around Town

Can we call the two Texas electors who didn't vote for Trump electoral college dropouts?

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS CLASSIFIED ADS

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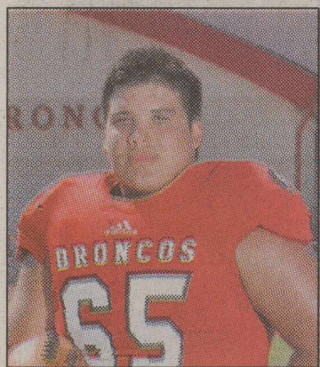
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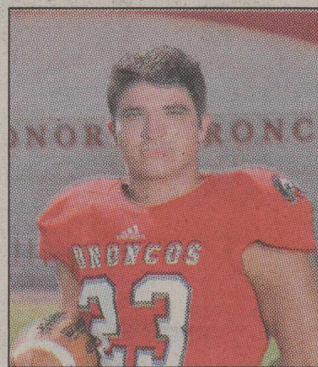
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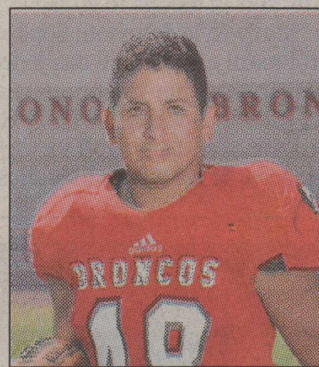
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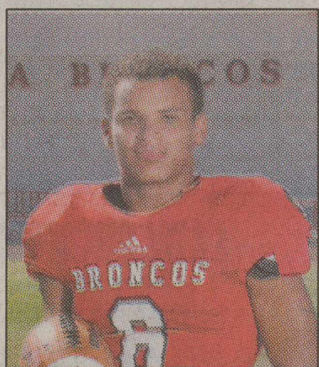
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## Ports-to-Plains Alliance Asks Communities to Support I-27 Extension

Texas does not have a major north-south interstate west of the very congested Interstate 35, and the Ports-to-Plains Alliance would like that to change. The Alliance has created a committee of West Texas mayors and community leaders that is leading the effort to unite the region behind the initiative to extend Interstate 27 and is asking West Texas city councils, county commissioner courts, chambers of commerce and other civic groups to pass resolutions of support for the extension.

"Extending Interstate 27 is vitally important for all of Texas and especially for West Texas to remain economically competitive," said Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves. "With the President-elect Donald Trump proposing a trillion dollar infrastructure plan, it is important that we let our legislators and the Texas Department of Transportation know that I-27 is a top priority and West Texas is united behind the effort."

Ports-to-Plains is distributing a sample resolution of support to its members, and is asking them to forward it to federal and state legislators as well as the Texas Transportation Commission. Individuals may indicate their support at [www.portstoplains.com](http://www.portstoplains.com).

"This is a long-term proposition, but that means it is important for us to take the first step and seek a future interstate designation for an extended I-27 today," said Reeves.

The current 124 mile I-27 between Lubbock and Amarillo was designated as a future interstate in 1968 and was not completed until 1992 at a total cost of \$453 million. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is nearly 1,000 miles long in Texas and the cost to upgrade that entire corridor to interstate standards is estimated at around \$7 billion. To

upgrade the approximately 500 miles from Lubbock to Laredo to interstate standards is projected to cost around \$5 billion. However that is quite cost-effective when compared to the \$4.8 billion it cost to rebuild a 28 mile section of I 35 E from I 635 to U.S. 380 in Dallas County.

According to the Texas Freight Mobility Plan, "By 2040 over 73 percent of Texas' population and 82 percent of the state's employment is projected to be located within five miles of an interstate." An extended Interstate 27 is critical for the economic competitiveness of West Texas.

U.S.-Mexico trade had doubled since 2004 and approximately 60% of U.S.-Mexico trade crossed at a Texas land port in 2015. Laredo is far and away the largest land port and Eagle Pass ranked third in Texas. Much of that freight moves up I-35 and has led to a tremendous increase in congestion. The Interstate 35 segment through Travis County is the number 1 ranked corridor for truck congestion in the state.

The Texas Freight Mobility Plan notes that further investment alone on I-35 will not fix the problem. The Plan says, "The state must focus not only on improving existing facilities, but also on developing future freight corridors to move products to markets and exports." It goes on to recommend that TxDOT, "give additional consideration to the extension or designation of other interstate routes. Examples include I-27 and upgrades to portions of US 190 to interstate standards."

The proposed extension of I-27 connects major West Texas population and economic centers including Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and San Angelo in addition to

numerous smaller communities. It will cross I-40, I-20 and I-10 and serve three border crossings with Mexico at Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Laredo. An extended I-27 will be a major backbone for the energy industry in Texas serving top oil and gas producing counties as well as the growing wind energy industry. Furthermore, it will serve the agriculture industry including many of Texas top counties for the production of cotton, cattle, corn, grains, sheep and goats and other commodities.

"A future Interstate designation will be a significant new economic development tool for communities along the corridor," said Reeves. "Manufacturers, warehousing and distribution will be drawn to the new interstate. Travel services businesses such as hotels, truck stops,

convenience stores and restaurants, which can have a dramatic impact on small communities, will also open. This will create much needed new jobs and expanded tax base in rural West Texas."

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is a Congressionally Designated High Priority Corridor that extends from Denver to Laredo via Interstate 27. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor Coalition has worked to upgrade the corridor to four-lane divided with truck relief routes where needed. Those efforts have led to almost \$2 billion in upgrades to the nine-state corridor.

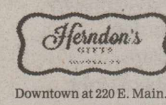
Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of over 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and

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54/35 Clouds/Sunshine Sunrise 7:36 a.m. Sunset 5:46 p.m.	58/44 Cloudy Sunrise 7:36 a.m. Sunset 5:47 p.m.	65/53 Cloudy Sunrise 7:37 a.m. Sunset 5:47 p.m.	54/28 Cloudy Sunrise 7:37 a.m. Sunset 5:48 p.m.	54/29 Cloudy Sunrise 7:38 a.m. Sunset 5:48 p.m.
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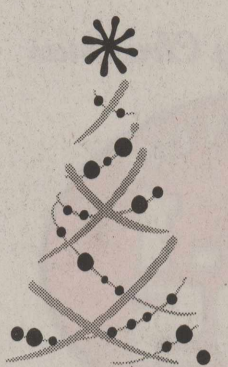
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Mary Kyle Johnson



Sky Jennings

Mary Kyle Johnson and Sky Jennings earned recognition in the 2016 All State and All West Texas Volleyball. Jennings, senior, was awarded the Texas Association of Volleyball Coaches all-state, district setter of the year, academic all-district and all-state; In a 5-1 rotation, Jennings had 962 assists, 52 serving aces and 187 digs to lead Sonora to a runner-up finish in district and a playoff victory. Recognized as a starter for the past four years, she also had 50 kills and 12 blocks in 2016. Mary Kyle Johnson, Sophomore, earned TAVC all-state, first-team all-district, academic all-district and all-state. A starter since her freshman year, Johnson had a team-high 362 kills in leading the Lady Broncos to a runner-up finish in district and a playoff victory. Johnson also had 52 serving aces, 51 blocks and 159 digs in 2016.



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DECEMBER 16, 2016  
**SCORERS:** Kade Creek 12; Kaden Cordell 8; Michael Solis 8; Raully Ojeda 6; Liam Yourgalite 4; Rafael Mendoza 2; Tate Shannon 2.



Evan Shannon catches some air on his way to the net during the Broncos game against the Eldorado Eagles December 8, 2016. The Broncos earned 1st place in the Bank & Trust Basketball Tourney.

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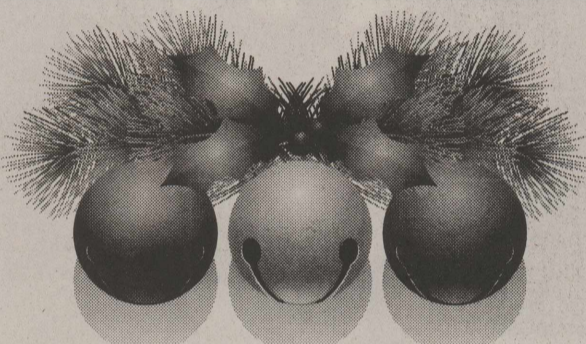
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Audry Nolen drives the ball down the court for the Lady Broncos during their game against San Saba, December 16.

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**LADY BRONCOS**

Junior Varsity  
DECEMBER 13, 2016

**SONORA v. MASON**  
**04 - 27**

**SCORERS:** Angela Gonzalez 2; Zyda Gutierrez 2.

**SONORA v. SAN SABA**  
**07 - 45**

DECEMBER 16, 2016  
**SCORERS:** Christina Garza 2; Rivers Martinez 2; Dalylah Lopez 1; Gabriela Zapata 2.



**LADY BRONCOS**

Varsity  
DECEMBER 13, 2016

**SONORA v. MASON**  
**23 - 65**

**SCORERS:** Avery Leamon 3; Jackilyn Sykes 2; Jill Falcon 3; Keeley Moore 5; Riley Walker 10.

**SONORA v. SAN SABA**  
**25 - 61**

DECEMBER 16, 2016  
**SCORERS:** Audry Nolen 9; Avery Leamon 1; Danyse Cantu 2; Jackilyn Sykes 3; Riley Walker 10.



**COLTS**

8th Grade Boys  
DECEMBER 15, 2016

**SONORA "RED" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**28 - 30**

**SCORERS:** Preston Gonzales 16; Michael Creek 7; Elias Perez 2; Jay Morales 1.

**SONORA "WHITE" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**04 - 24**

**SCORERS:** Azch Joffrion 1; Jose Figuero 3.

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**ACROSS**

1. Flower part
6. American Indian
9. Farewells
14. Worship
15. French money
16. Harden
17. Polaris
19. City of Light
20. One of the Carolines
21. \_\_\_ irae
23. That: Sp.
24. Moslem VIP
27. Apportion
29. Appear
30. City of Seven Hills, to her natives
32. Old-fashioned tear-jerker
34. All shook up
35. Black's partner in the Irish revolution
36. Abet
37. Ennui
39. Place to eliminate moisture
43. Siesta
44. Red dye
45. Ages
46. Lefties
50. In days of \_\_\_
51. Chooses
52. Beasts of burden
55. For each
56. Lease

**DOWN**

57. Lawrence \_\_\_
58. Inlet
60. Behind
62. Resident of Mayfair
67. Prepare for serving
68. Spain's last queen
69. Some are from Canada
70. City on the Rhine
71. Small amount
72. Colorado park

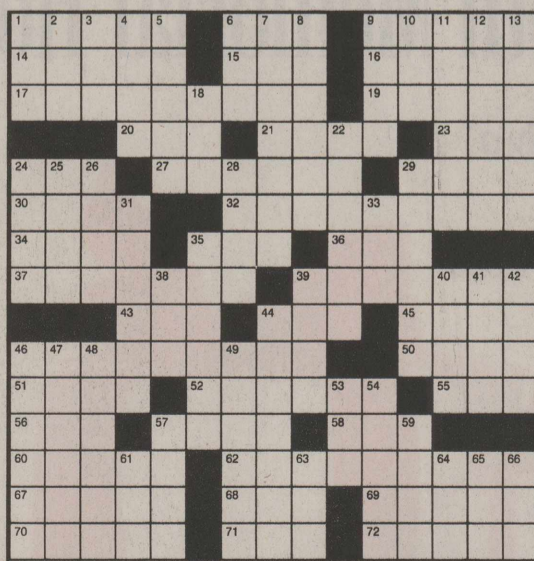
**DOWN**

1. Criticize
2. Tokyo's former name
3. Rocky pinnacle
4. Bohemian
5. The Merry Widow composer
6. Congeal
7. Type of Louisianan
8. Doodads and knickknacks
9. Inside information: pl.

**DOWN**

10. Collection of sayings
11. Serving vessel
12. Originated
13. Famous opener
18. Mineral spring
22. Involve
24. Horse breed
25. '60s dance craze
26. Cupid
28. Baseball nine
29. Australian city
31. Active causes
33. Diamond \_\_\_
35. Overthrow
38. Burmese knife
39. Abyssinian weight
40. Abandon
41. Welsh \_\_\_ bit
42. River to the North Sea
44. Calls forth
46. Soothe and comfort
47. Norma and Fra Diavolo
48. Voices
49. Misguided
53. Craft
54. Wearying time
57. Small bird
59. One's: Scots
61. \_\_\_ atque vale
63. Tree syrup
64. Gumshoe: abbr.
65. Language suffix
66. Legal matter

**"DIRECTIONS"**



See solution on Page 10

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**THURSDAY December 29**

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**FRIDAY December 30**

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**LADY COLTS**

8th Grade Girls  
DECEMBER 15, 2016

**SONORA "A" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**17 - 41**

**SCORERS:** Aislin Nixon 9; Clarissa Rodriguez 4; Alyssa Martinez 2; Fernanda Gonzales 2.

**SONORA "B" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**13 - 31**

**SCORERS:** Alexa Cardenas 3; Sky Hernandez 2; Briana Ramirez 2; Adriana Villalobos 2; Jarixa DelLuna 2.



**COLTS**

7th Grade Boys  
DECEMBER 15, 2016

**SONORA "RED" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**16 - 21**

**SCORERS:** Zach Hailey 6; Sean Mungia 4; Ivan Fuentes 4; Mario De la Fuente 2.

**SONORA "WHITE" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**14 - 17**

**SCORERS:** Tyler Wather 7; Eduardo Juarez 4; Marcos Villalobos 3.



**LADY COLTS**

7th Grade Girls  
DECEMBER 15, 2016

**SONORA "A" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**37 - 25**

**SCORERS:** Jina Dooley 4; Jacque Torres 4; Abby Bennie 2; Kodi Davis 16; Carson Cahill 2; Ariana Arispe 2; Abi Hernandez 7.

**SONORA "B" v. REAGAN COUNTY**  
**30 - 23**

**SCORERS:** Yailin Dominguez 11; Abby Duncan 4; Joslyn Falcon 4; Susie Levario 4; Jessica Campa 3; Jackie Galindo 2; Brianna Espinosa 2.

## SHS Bronco Band Brass



Members of the SHS Bronco Band Brass section perform familiar Christmas melodies during their concert, Thursday, December 15, at Sonora High School.

## 32 Place at Regional Band Contest; 8 Advance to Area

The Sonora High School Bronco Band traveled to Midland where 23 students competed in the A.T.S.S.B. Region 6 auditions at Greenwood High School Saturday, December 10, 2016.

About 655 band students from more than 50 Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A area high schools were ranked by individual instrument while vying for a top spot in this highly competitive contest.

### Bronco Band Results:

**Flute**  
(85 competitors)  
Payton Dawson, 4th, Region qualifier, Area advancing  
Layla Burke, 25th, Region qualifier, Area advancing  
Olivia Martinez, 26th  
Melanie Perez, 36th

**Clarinet**  
(90 competitors)  
Danica Jimenez, 57th  
Elyssa Prieto, 61st  
Christina Garza, 62nd

**Contra Clarinet**  
(10 competitors)  
Joshua Barrera, 4th, Region qualifier, Area advancing

**Bassoon**  
(5 competitors)  
Tate Shannon, 1st, Region qualifier, Area advancing

**Alto Saxophone**  
(54 competitors)  
Delaney Ramsdell, 1st, Region qualifier, Area advancing

**Tenor saxophone**  
(22 competitors)  
Ethan Hamm, 12th

**Baritone Sax**  
(14 competitors)  
Traci Vickers, 5th, Region qualifier, Area advancing

**Trumpet**  
(96 competitors)  
Mark Chavez, 35th  
Julian Guerra, 36th  
Rafael Alviso, 57th  
Juan Miguel Jimenez, 63rd  
Kevin Ramos, 65th

**French Horn**  
Avery Leamon, 13th, Region qualifier, Area advancing

**Trombone**  
(55 competitors)  
Chris Adkins, 12th, Region qualifier

**Bass Trombone**  
(6 competitors)  
Ethan Adams, 3rd, Region qualifier, Area advancing

**Baritone**  
(32 competitors)  
Kayla Gee, 14th  
Lashae Garcia, 15th  
Tuba (32 competitors)  
Rivers Martinez, 20th

All Regional qualifiers will perform a concert on January 20 and 21, 2017 at Midland High School.

Area advancers, Tate Shannon and Delaney Ramsdell, will compete at the at the All-Area Band, January 7, 2017, at Idalou high school

Area champions will advance to the All-State band clinic concert in February 2017.

Please congratulate all band members for a job well done

## SMS Band Sets New School Record

The Sonora Middle School Colt band performed at the ATSSB Region 6 East Zone All-Region band try-outs, Saturday, December 3, 2016. Of the 24 students who tried out, 21 members ranked high enough to win All-Region recognition, setting a new school record. Coming in next, Ballinger placed 12 spots in the band.

Other bands trying out included Wall, Christoval, Abilene Christian, Clyde, Eldorado, Grape Creek, Hawley, Irion County, Jim Ned, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Roscoe, and Rotan.

### All-Region Band Winners include:

**Clarinet:**  
Sophia Gutierrez, 4th  
Abigail Mendoza, 7th  
Joselyn Rodriguez, 9th

**Alto Clarinet:**  
Jaqueline Torres, 1st

**Bass Clarinet:**  
Abigail Fuentes, 1st  
Susie Levario, 3rd

**Contra Bass Clarinet:**  
Taryn Hamm, 1st

**Alto Saxophone:**  
Sianne Alviso, 4th

**Trumpet:**  
Alexandra Cardenas, 1st  
Kalvin Hernandez, 3rd  
Yailin Dominguez, 5th

### French Horn:

Adrian Longoria, 2nd

### Trombone:

Allan Hernandez, 6th  
Blanca Portillo, 8th

### Baritone:

Mario De La Fuente, 4th

### Tuba:

Tais Gaytan, 2nd  
Madison Bristow, 3rd

### Percussion:

Marcos Villalobos, 2nd  
Amaris Jimenez, 3rd  
James Shaffer, 7th  
Catarino Hernandez, 8th  
Other students who participated placed well, out performing a number of players in every section.

Carolina Elizondo placed 20th in flutes among 35 competitors and JR Perez earned 23rd place in flutes out of 35 contestants. Damian Martinez was awarded 18th place in trombones out of 30 competitors.

Next, the 21 All-Region band members will perform with the 83-member All-Region Band in concert at Ballinger High School on Saturday, January 14, 2017.

Congratulations to these students for a job well done as they continue to demonstrate excellence in music education.

## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Zika News

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2  
transmission has occurred in a small area of Brownsville," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner, in a Dec. 14 news release. "However, we want to cast a wide net with testing to develop a clearer picture of what is happening with Zika in the area and provide pregnant women with more information about their health."

Zika testing is recommended for all pregnant Brownsville residents and pregnant women who have traveled there since Oct. 29. Also, those who visit Brownsville on a daily or weekly basis are asked to get Zika testing once during the first trimester of their pregnancy, and once during the second trimester. Pregnant women with limited travel should discuss it with their doctor and be tested based on when the travel occurred.

Zika's four most common symptoms are fever, itchy rash, joint pain and eye redness. While symptoms are usually minor, Zika can also cause severe birth defects, including microcephaly, and other poor birth outcomes in some women infected during pregnancy. More information is available at TexasZika.org.

**Zika grant is awarded**  
The U.S. Centers for

Disease Control on Dec. 12 awarded the state of Texas a \$5 million grant to help combat the Zika virus.

"Now that Texas has confirmed cases of local transmission of the Zika virus, this money will be crucial in our efforts to contain and combat further transmission of the virus," said Gov. Abbott. "Texas has been at the forefront of developing and implementing the strongest possible Zika response plan and we will continue to work with our local and federal partners to ensure our communities have the tools they need to combat the Zika virus."

**'Report Cards' are posted**  
Education Commissioner Mike Morath on Dec. 8 announced the availability of 2015-16 School Report Cards on the Texas Education Agency website, tea.texas.gov.

School Report Cards include the following information for each campus in Texas:  
- 2016 state academic accountability rating;  
- Attendance rates;  
- Enrollment figures;  
- Dropout rates;  
- Class size averages;  
- State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness results;  
- ACT/SAT results; and  
- Per-student financial expenditures.

## HOSPITAL:

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understanding and giving us the time to get everything finalized."

The DRN will report details of the final separation agreement as soon as they become available.

Aside from the Edwards resignation, the Rural Health Clinic B will remain open and the hospital administration is actively working on a transition plan.

Physician Assistants Diana Arteaga and Steven Alexander are available to take care of patient well-visit needs during the clinic's regular business hours.

Additional health care

is available through Dr. Charles Pajestka.

The Edwards did not have patients scheduled to be seen in the clinic through the end of December 2016 due to their already planned Christmas vacation.

Board President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting. Trustees Edward Earwood, Don Longoria, John Henry Strauch, Lenora Pool, Adalita Alvarez and Mary Humphrey were present.

The next regular meeting of the SCHD Board of Directors is slated for January 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center at LMH Memorial Hospital.

## Ports-to-Plains:

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Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout

North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada.

Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at <http://www.portstoplains.com/>.

## Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

Month	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
December 1-20	2.30 in.	1.48 in.	2.23 in.	0.00 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.
November	2.05 in.	2.23 in.	0.00 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	5.31 in.
October	0.00 in.	0.00 in.	0.00 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	2.95 in.
September	5.78 in.	4.31 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	2.62 in.
August	1.74 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	1.04 in.
July	.19 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	0.38 in.
June	3.16 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	28.44 in.
May	2.70 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	28.44 in.
April	2.58 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	28.44 in.
March	3.39 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	28.44 in.
February	0.77 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	28.44 in.
January	0.36 in.	4.82 in.	4.31 in.	4.82 in.	4.82 in.	.00 in.	3.97 in.	28.44 in.
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	25.02 in.	29.11 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.
2015	23.87 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
2014	14.32 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.	
2013	25.12 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.			
2012	16.06 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.				
2011	11.50 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.					
2010	20.37 in.	28.44 in.						
2009	21.67 in.							

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 14 miles southeast of Sonora.

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 17 miles east-northeast of Sonora.

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And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

-- Matthew 2:11 (KJV)

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Pre-K

Dear Santa, Have the birds come back to the house? I would like gun for X-mas. Thank you. Love, James

Querido Santa Clause, Te gustan las galletas? Me le portado bien y para navidad qiero una troca grande. Muchas gracias Santa. Te quiere, Daimond

Santa Clause, Como estas? Deseo que bien. Yo soy buena y me porto bien. Para Navidad me gustaria muneca y una bicicleta. Gracias Santa. Te quiere, Maria

How are you doing Santa, is the North Pole cole, is frosty the snowman good, is the wind cold? This X-mas I would like a t-rex and a toy gingerbread man. Thank you Santa! Love, Noah

Santa, How is Mrs. Clause? I have been an o.k. boy this year. I would like a dino truck and a Drone. Thank you Santa. Love, Jordan

Hello Santa, how is Rudolph? I had a good day I would like a Blaze car that transforms. Thank you Santa Clause. Love, Logan

Santa, I hope you are well. What kind of cookies would you like? I want a spider-man web launcher. I have been a good boy with my mom & dad. Merry X-mas Santa! Love, Sylas

Santa how are you? Is Mrs. Clause feeling ok? I would like a Troll popy necklace for x-mas. Thank you Santa and I love you Mrs. Clause!

**Letters to Santa Claus**



Love, Lily

Santa, I hope you are feeling well and how are the raindeer? I would like a back-hole and a choochoo train for x-mas. Thank you I love you Santa. Bye, Cayden

Hello, Santa how are you and how are the raindeer? Is it cold up in the North Pole? I would like a barbie house and some barbies. Thank you Santa Love You Santa BYE! Love, Andi

Min nombre es Angela, Santa Clause! Deseo que estes bien y feliz. Yo me porto bien y me gustaria una casa de Mickey Mouse y yo voy estar muy feliz con eso. Esta bien. Gracias. Te Quiere, Angela

Para Santa Clause, Santa Clause como estas? Te gusta el pan? Me he portado todo el ano bien! Qiero que me regales una corona azul y otra corona verde y tambien una muneca. Muchas gracias! Te quiere, Ally

Dear Santa, How are you? How many sweet cookie would you like? I have been a pretty good boy and for x-mas I would like candy, muffins, and wrestling man. Thank you so very much Santa. Love, Jonathan

Santa Clause como estas? Come estan los rhenos? Me te portado mala pero quiero play-doh amarillo y morado. Thank you.

Love, Emily

Querido Santa como estas? Esta grio en tu pueblo? Me porte bien este ano! Yo quiero un libro rojo y un lapiz y borrador. Te doy gracias y te quero mucho. Adios, Allison

Hola Santa Clause como estas? Te gustan la cookies y ta navidad? Me porte bien y quiero un telefon con una tablet y nada mas. Gracias! Adios, Jesus

Dear Santa, I have been good. I been using my listening ears. I painted my snowman. Could you please bring me a big race truck with a shark and a boat with a crane on it. Can you please bring me gloves for the snow. I love you Santa, David Fuentes

Dear Santa, I have been good a lot. I have been on green choices at school and only a little bit of red. Could you please bring me a big truck for my dad to drive and maybe two big trucks for me to play with a blue with red and a purple one. I will try to keep being good. Can you bring Noe and Netzon a video game to play with please. Can yo please bring my dad a phone and my mom wants a charger because her charger can't fit on her phone. And THAT'S IT! Oh and maybe Nana my sister wants a tablet because hers broke. Thank you Santa, Neno Estrada

Dear Santa, May I have a helicopter please. I have been good at home and at school. Thank you Santa, Jacob Baird

Dear Santa, I have been good at home and at school. I am Student of the Week! I go to sleep really fast and always on green. Can you please bring me a Thomas the Train? I really like it. I am going to make christmas cookies for you with my mom. Thank you Santa, Noah Luna

Dear Santa, I am going to get you some gingerbread man

and gingerbread girl cookies for you. Can you please bring me drums and a ninjaturtle toy. I love you Santa. I will keep being good! Jaydon Adame

Dear Santa, I want you to bring me BIG gingerbread man cookies please. Can you please bring me toys. I love you Santa, Jimmy Garcia

Dear Santa, I love you I have been a good girl. Can you please bring me an Anna and Elsa doll for Christmas. I also want a barbie and a barbie house. Thank you. I love you Santa, Kiki Gamez

Dear Santa, I have been good at home and at school I am always on green! I want a toy. Can you please bring it to me? I want a transformer. That's all I want. Don't forget I love you! Ian Robles

Dear Santa, I have been good at home. May you please bring me some toys? I want a bad guy transformer so that I can play with my new transformer that I got rom Angelo. I want a toy gingerbread man and a toy gingerbread house and an elephant toy and a toy gopher. Oh and I forgot I want some firefighter toys from you too please. Thank you Santa, Levi Snodgrass

Dear Santa, I have been good. Can you please bring me some toy cars? Thank you Santa, I love you, Tyler Goins

Dear Santa, I have been good! Please can you bring me a stuffed kitty for Christmas. I think that's it. Thank you Santa, Destiny Escobedo

Dear Santa, I have been good. Can you please bring me a toy. I want a dragon toy. I love you Santa, Josh Valley

Dear Santa, I have been good. Can you please bring me a toy? I want a Christmas tree and a dinosaur please. That's all I want. Thank you Santa, Rey Acevedo

Dear Santa, I have been good! I want you to bring me a police officer, a fire truck, a gingerbread boy and a big big truck for my baby and a barbie for me. I love you Santa, Lynette Leija

**What's for Lunch?**

Sonora ISD Menu

PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch  
Middle & High School: \$1.95 Breakfast & \$2.85 Lunch  
\*Menu Subject to Change

School will be closed December 21 through January 3.

**Wednesday-January 4th Breakfast**  
Chicken & Waffles or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Variety Lunch**  
Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick, Texas Basket or Sante Fe Salad

Peas, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Cookie, Milk

**After School Program**  
Baked Chips, Juice

**Thursday January 5th Breakfast**  
Sausage/Biscuit or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Variety Lunch**

Fish Strips w/Texas Toast, BBQ on Bun, or Crispy Chicken Salad

Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Smiles, Milk

**After School Program**  
Granola Bar, Milk

**Friday-January 6th Breakfast**  
Dutch Waffle/Bacon or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Variety Lunch**

Chicken Bowl w/Roll and Gravy, Philly Cheese Steak Sand w/Potato Rounds, or Tuna Salad

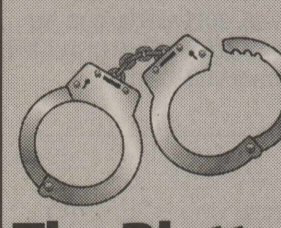
Savory Green Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite and Milk

**After School Program**  
Yogurt/String Cheese, Juice

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**The Blotter**

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**ARRESTS**  
**DECEMBER 12** - Allen, Brandee Michelle, 33 year-old female from San Angelo, arrested for Possession of Control Substance and Possession or Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia  
• Ramirez, Chad Alexander, 24 year-old male from San Angelo, arrested for Possession of Control Substance and Possession or Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia

**INCIDENTS**  
**DECEMBER 12 - 12:12 PM** • Sus-

picious vehicle reported on 800 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded.  
**1:56 PM** • Agency requested assistance on 800 block of E. 2nd. Officers responded.  
**DECEMBER 13 - 9:19 AM** • Accident/Wreck at Water and East Bound on Ramp. Officer responded.  
**11:32 AM** • Suspicious person reported at 7-Eleven. Officer responded.  
**DECEMBER 14 - 5:03 PM** • Hit and Run at Family Dollar parking lot. Officer responded.  
**DECEMBER 15 - 3:06 PM** • Theft reported on Spur Road. Officer responded.  
**DECEMBER 16 - 9:33 AM** • Animal reported at 1102 Glasscock. Officer responded.  
**1:42 PM** • Animal reported on Concho. Officer responded.  
**8:52 PM** • Suspicious circumstances reported at Tres Amigos. Officer responded.  
**DECEMBER 17 - 12:52 AM** • Agency requested assistance 2 miles N. Meyers Road. Officer responded.  
**11:24 PM** • Suspicious Circumstance at 400 E. College. Officer responded.  
**DECEMBER 18 - 8:59 AM** • Animal reported at 500 E. Poplar. Officer responded.  
**7:10 PM** • Animal reported on 1200 block of 277 S. Officer responded.

Kindergarten  
Mrs. DeLuna's Class

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are clothes for my doll and snow gloves. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Blair Blackbird

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a robot cat and a snake toy. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Maribell Ibanez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are headphones and a doll house. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Naomi Fernandez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been naughty. My Christmas wishes are a phone and a jacket. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Alison Lopez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a pink toy car. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, April Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are candy and a big cake. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Lorena Hurtado

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a toy car and a motorcycle. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Fernando Arrendondo

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are some headphones and a doll. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Melany Fernandez-Palacios

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a doll and a bear. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Anahi Aguayo-Romo

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a toy car and slippery shoes. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Aaron De Luna

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a Barbie, a toy kitten, and a teddy bear. Merry

## Letters to Santa Claus



Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Gisell Fernandez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a toy horse that soft and a toy unicorn with wings. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Peyton Taylor

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a Ford truck and a Chevy truck. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Burkes Kissire

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a new Barbie doll, a camping tent with tie dye. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Annslee Ramseyer

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a shopkins movie and a phone. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Justys Seaton

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are my families happiness and a pair of shoes with no shoe laces. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Jayce Carrillo

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are play-doh and a polar bear. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Sophia Garcia

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been naughty. My Christmas wishes are a giraffe toy and a doll. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Adrialys Mata

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are a toy race car and a video game. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Tiago De Luna

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been naughty. My Christmas wishes are a lego and a toy car. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, William Herrera

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. My Christmas wishes are

play-doh and a cd player. Merry Christmas, Santa! I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve with cookies and milk.  
Love, Jocelyn Campa

Mrs. Lohman's Class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to see my Uncle Steve.  
From, Rudley Bryan

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to see my dinosaur.  
From, Ramberto Leija

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a pair of skates.  
From, Rickey Ortega

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Barbie doll.  
From, Victoria Lopez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a toy kitchen  
From, Ian DeLuna

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a truck.  
From, Wesley Barker

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a candy cane.  
From, Dakota Bertinot

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like roller skates.  
From, Caleb Villarreal

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to have a Barbie doll.  
From, Brenda Rocha

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a robot watch.  
From, Gillian Norrell

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a real baseball.  
From, Jarrett Arebalos

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Camaro.  
From, Jace Braden

Ms. Smith's Class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a teddy bear.  
Love, Kaylin

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an x-box.  
Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Cowboy's jersey.  
Love, Aaron

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Barbie house.  
Love, Baylee

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a toy airplane.  
Love, Blake

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Barbie.  
Love, Geneva

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like play doh.  
Love, Maeagan

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a slug.  
Love, Keaton

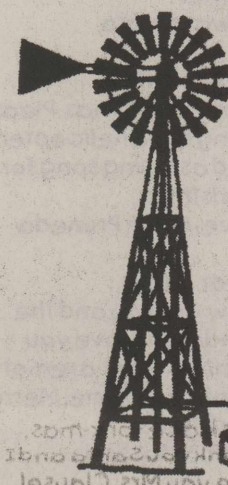
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an eagle's jersey.  
Love, Eliseo

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a princess.  
Love, Andrea

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 6,419,112	\$ 631,684	\$ 7,050,796
5800 State Program Revenues	4,501,840	73,047	4,574,887
5900 Federal Program Revenues	34,003	737,459	771,462
5020 Total Revenues	10,954,955	1,442,190	12,397,145
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	5,858,728	415,015	6,273,743
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	122,278	27,453	149,731
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	211,494	24,084	235,578
0021 Instructional Leadership	117,782	-	117,782
0023 School Leadership	642,691	-	642,691
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	320,597	4,000	324,597
0033 Health Services	65,685	-	65,685
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	501,900	-	501,900
0035 Food Services	16,301	556,269	572,570
0036 Extracurricular Activities	992,335	230,907	1,223,242
0041 General Administration	405,270	-	405,270
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,612,770	-	1,612,770
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	23,773	-	23,773
0053 Data Processing Services	263,465	-	263,465
Debt Service:			
0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	265,000	265,000
0072 Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	8,150	8,150
Intergovernmental:			
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	216,202	-	216,202
6030 Total Expenditures	11,371,271	1,530,878	12,902,149
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(416,316)	(88,688)	(505,004)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
7915 Transfers In	-	55,355	55,355
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(55,355)	-	(55,355)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(55,355)	55,355	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(471,671)	(33,333)	(505,004)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	12,418,488	230,173	12,648,661
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	145,316	-	145,316
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 12,092,133	\$ 196,840	\$ 12,288,973



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## LORALIE'S SALON

### CHURCH SERVICES DIRECTORY

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." - Galatians 5:22-23

<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 East Poplar St. (325) 387-2955 Sunday Services @ 10:30 am <b>Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Matt Killough, Pastor 111 East Oak Street (325) 387-2951 Sunday School @ 9:45 am Sunday Worship @ 10:45 am Wednesday @ 6:00 <b>Christmas Eve Service 6 pm</b></p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Bill Harris, Pastor 205 North Water Ave. (325) 387-2466 Sunday Worship @ 10:55 am <b>Christmas Eve Service 6 pm</b></p>
<p><b>Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 401 East Mulberry St. (325) 387-2616 Sunday Services @ 11:00 am and 5:30 pm <b>Christmas Eve Service 6 pm</b></p>	<p><b>St. Ann Catholic Church</b> Rev. Terry Brenon 311 W. Plum St. (325) 387-2278 Saturday Mass 6:00 pm English Sunday Mass @ 8:00 am Spanish and 10:30 am English <b>Christmas Eve 5 pm Midnight Mass</b></p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b> Roy Smalling 304 North Water Ave. (325) 387-3190 Sunday Worship @ 11:00 and @ 5:30 pm KHOS 92.1 Radio 8:00 Sundays</p>
<p><b>Hope Lutheran</b> 417 Southeast 2nd St. (325) 387-5366 Sunday Worship @ 4:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Lighthouse</b> Don Longoria, Pastor 1705 North Crockett Ave. All Services Start @ 10:30 am (325) 387-9100</p>	

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Pam and Tom Payton

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## Thirty-Eight Years

Thirty-eight years is a long time. A man can do a lot in 38 years. He can be husband and father, do his life's work, and be a community leader. This December, my friend Tom Payton will call it a career after 38 years. I'd like to thank him for the dedication he has given to Sutton County and share a little bit about him.

Tom was born in San Angelo, Texas and started school in Robert Lee. The family moved to Kermit, where Tom graduated from high school. It was there he met Pam Baucom, who would become his wife.

After high school, Tom attended South Plains College and then transferred to Sul Ross State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in Range Science. His research topic was "Nutritional Analysis of Vegetative Diet of Mule Deer".

After marrying Pam, the couple moved to Tarrington, Wyoming in the fall of 1978 where Tom began a career with the Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resource Conservation Service-NRCS). That next year, they would be in Bridger, Montana where Tom worked at the Plant Materials Center.

The family began to grow, and Tom moved his family to Sonora in March of 1980 when he became a Range Conservationist. He has been District Conservationist since May 2001. In this capacity, he has been working with landowners through conservation planning and assistance.

He's helped land managers design plans to benefit the soil, water, vegetation, and animals which will conserve productive lands and healthy ecosystems.

He's received awards, but the biggest recognition is that we seek people who are leaders. And so, Tom has been involved in his community. He was a School Board Member for Sonora ISD and for over

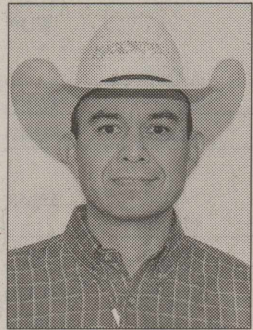
15 years a member of the Sonora Planning and Zoning Commission. He has also been on the Tax Appraisal Review Board, and lately became a member of Sonora Economic Development Corporation.

Tom Payton has been a Christmas in April volunteer, a coordinator and instructor for 6th Grade Ecological Field Tour for 35 years, and a 4-H Range & Plant ID Coach. He's also been the local chairman for the American Heart Association.

A man of faith, he has contributed to the First United Methodist Church by serving as Trustee and Chairman of Board of Trustees, Worship Committee Chairman, and Administrative Council Chairman.

With a passion for agriculture and the outdoors, Tom will now devote time to ranching and raising cattle. He will also enjoy time with Pam and their three children: Erin who lives in Houston, Josh in Monahans, and Bryan in Kermit. They also have 3 grandchildren.

Tom, please know we appreciate the dedication you've given to Sonora and Sutton County.



Pascual Hernandez

First Grade Mrs. Creeks's Class

Dear Santa, How is your rander? I want a bale from your rander. And I want a toy dog. Happy Merry Christmas. Eduardo Salazar

Dear Santa, How are you rander? So what I want for Christmas is a 3ds and a game for it. Its called pokemon sun. Love from Ryan Mungia

Dear Santa, I love you Sata. I want a I fon4. I want a PS4. I want a dreses. Merry Christmas, Miranda Mata

Dear Santa, I love Santa becuse He givs presents. Santa I want a I fon4. And I want some hedfons. Merry Christmas, Melissa Mota

Dear Santa, I love you. Please bring me a dollhouse and a Rudolf toy. Thank you Santa. Chloe Acevedo

Dear Santa, How are you and the rander? I want a toy dog and I want a toy cat. Merry Christmas, Delai Nabawler

Dear Santa, I will be nice to you. Please bring me a giue with shiny gray and flames. Edward Mata

Dear Santa, I love Christmas. Please bring me a helicopter and a singing song for Christmas. Love, Noah Pruneda

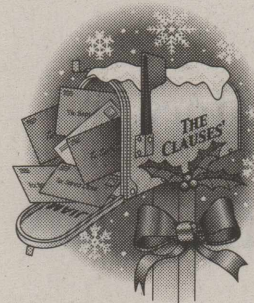
Dear Santa, How are you and the rander? I love you Santa. I want a remot control arplane. Merry Christmas Jesiah Martinez

Dear Santa, How have you been? Ples bring me a rehush puppy and a cute helicopter Thank you, Adele Pechacek

Dear Santa, How are you doing with the randers? I want a Bobehaws and a fone. I love you Santa, Sofia Garcia

Dear Santa, You are a very good man. Will you g give me a remote control car? Love, Buddha Guerra

## Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa, How are you and Roodof? I am gunu leve you some and Roodof some cookeis and milk. I want boxing glovs and a wed shooter. Daniel Alviso

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope that you are fitin up this yer/ I want a bote that has a loor. I want a t-rex. Love, Luke Snyder

Dear Santa, How is Rudof? Is Rudof in the slae? I want a truck with a remot and a teenager turtle toy. Merry Christmas, Greg Olmedo

Mrs. Hernandez's Class

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph I hope that Rudolph is grat. I wish that I can go too the North Pole. If I am good can I please have a lazer tag game and a elf and a black shr. Your friend, Ryder Phillips

Dear Santa, How are the raindeer? Is it cold in the North Pole? Here are some things I want a baby live doll. What do you want? Kaasi Gutierrez

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Santa is Rudolph good Santa I wish you can bring me a monstr truck and it has a control. Jose Aguayo

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph and you Santa. I bin good this yer. Dear Santa I wot some boots and a barbe house. Love, Evelyn Campa

Dear Santa, How is Rodolph doweng and North Pole is it cold? You know wat I like for Chistmes I like a computer and some new shoes you know I have ben good and I love Santa. Yarixa Gonzales-Ozuna

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing the pole is cold and I wat a blue shark toy and I wat a wallet and I wat a xbox. Love, Riley Saucedo

Dear Santa, En la nieve ase much frio y Rudolph cresio y santa tienes mucho frio? Me

puedes traer un carro. Donato Gonzalez

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing? Is it cold at the north pole? do you remember I took a picture. and what I want for Christmas is a genie and it talks I have ben good. Mariselda Martinez

Dear Santa, Como estas Santa Alla esta mui frio? E sido mui buen nino. Santa por fa bor traime un dron. Kevin

Dear Santa, I love you Santa can you bring me a hous my friend and I can give you chips. Your friend, Brysa Parada

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus doing and Rudolph doing. I been good boy this yer. Can you please bring me a remote conchrol wheeler with lights. Your friend, Alfredo Gaspar

Dear Santa, I will like a playstation and wotch xbox. I am good this yer. Alexander Portillo

Dear Santa, How are you and how is Rudolph. I want a toy Rudolph and a toy barbei and a coloring case and I hope that you like my cookies. Love, Morigan Starr

Dear Santa, How are you doing how is Rudolph? Is he doing good this year? I v been good this year I want to know how Mrs. Claus I want a best friend Max for Chrimas. From Samantha Nichols

Dear Santa, I love you Santa How is Rudolph I hope that we get a lot of snow and sledstufs and I have been good this year frird. Payton White

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I wish for a animllike a fox or a rino or a football shirt. Your friend, Luis Lopez

Mrs. Taylor's Class

Dear Santa, I want a baby alive. Also, I want two kittens. Then I want an American girl doll. Next, I want jewelry.

Then, I want makeup. Then I want a swing set. Love, Brailyn Galindo

Dear Santa, I have been very good and also I a hover board. And new socks and nerf gun. Love, Richard

Dear Santa, I want a monster truck for Christmas. loves, Ethan

Dear Santa, I want a cheerleading outfit with pompoms and map colours and skates alos a baby and clothes for Christmas. Love, Karysah

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me an American girl doll, and a jeje and a copying heart thing. Love, Brook Avery Kaiser

Dear Santa, I want a game to play monopoly and cars. Love, Nathan Rivas

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a picachu watch. Love, Tres

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want two American girl dolls and tw stable crayons and aerbies. Also a make-up set and a turquoise scarf and a big set of legos. I love you santa. Love, Aanzaletyh

Dear Santa, I want a dog and Elsa doll I also want make-up. Love, Emma

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a jewelry-box som pink roller skates some make-up, baby clothes and a dream catcher. Love, Kenzee

Dear Santa, I love Santa. I love Rodof. I love all the raindeer. I wan a go cart and a bam boozled. Love, Armani Coronado

Dear Santa, I want skates and sing along elsa and a pup a cat to zoomer kifty and violin. Love, Delilah Alonso

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me a xbox for Christmas. Love, Sebastian

Dear Santa, I want lots and lots of toys for Christmas. Love, Allen

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want an xbox. Love, Dason

Dear Santa, I wa go-cart for Christmas. Love, David

Dear Santa, I want a new bike for Christmas thank you Santa. Love, Keanu

Dear Santa, I want a game called been boozld and lego batman. Love Caiden



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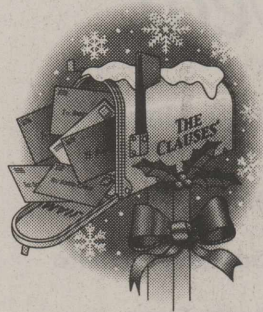
## ALVIS F. JOHNSON HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

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Home Health Services	Hospice Services
<p>Home health services offered by Alvis F. Johnson Home Health &amp; Hospice include medical services that must be provided by licensed medical professionals and additional services to improve your quality of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skilled Nursing</li> <li>• Wound Care</li> <li>• Physical Therapy</li> <li>• Speech Therapy</li> <li>• Medication Reminders</li> <li>• Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Feeding and Special Diet</li> <li>• Bathing, Grooming, and Hygiene</li> <li>• Mobility Assistance</li> <li>• Toileting and Incontinence Care</li> </ul>	<p>Hospice services offered by Alvis F. Johnson Home Health &amp; Hospice include medical services provided under the guidance of the medical director, who is a licensed physician. Volunteers provide additional services.</p> <p>Services provided under the guidance of the medical director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palliative care</li> <li>• Medication reminders</li> <li>• Social services</li> <li>• Family support and education</li> <li>• Spiritual counseling and support services</li> <li>• Family bereavement counseling</li> </ul> <p>Services provided by volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grocery shopping/errands</li> <li>• Transportation to doctor appointments</li> <li>• Light housekeeping</li> <li>• Grooming</li> <li>• Meal preparation</li> <li>• Laundry</li> <li>• Conversation and Companionship</li> </ul>
Home health care services are covered by Medicare.	Hospice services are covered by Medicare.



# Letters to Santa Claus



Second Grade Mrs. Jones Class

Dear Santa, This year I want a Scooter a ride away one please. I have ben a good little girl. How are you doing? I won't you to come to my home. If you come welcom to my home. I will lieve you a cookies and a ckerit for you and the ckeritis for your rreend.  
Love, Natalie Castilleja

Dear Santa, This year I want WWE toys because I help my mom. How is your raindeers. How are you Santa. Can I please have a water bed, because I clean up my room. Can I please have a pet puppy because I racke leaves in fall.  
Love, Michael Martinez

Dear Santa, This yae I have ee good and I wont army legos and a dogs sand sum lego guns. Are your randeer good? Is rudolph doeng good? Are yor elfs busy? Santa is it cold ofr ther? Santa are my parents being good?  
Love, Ignacio Mendoza

Dear Santa, I help my mom coock and make talmolis and clean the house and my sistrs room and brethrs room and make caockes and put the milk awt. I want a dallhouse and for dalls.  
Love, Christina Morin Gonsalis

Dear Santa, How are your raindeer? Is roudoff ready to guid the slay. I want an army lego set for Christmas. I have been good this year. And I want a texas teach gursy and a texas teach healmet. And I want a new labtop. And an valcano lego set. And I want an batman lego set and I an stufd animal.  
Love, Eian Duncan

Dear Santa, This year I wanted to now how yor're rinedeers are dowing. I want to now how Rudolph is real. guse what my elf did today he mest up my crismase tree. I hope you bring rudolph on crismase buybuy.  
Love, Alex Lopez

Dear Santa, This year I pleas wood like a backscrachr pleas I have being good how are you santa? I whont some clos pleas how are your elfs doing and Rudolph?  
Love Jaylen Lozano

Dear Santa, This year I want a hatching and I want a little live pet at last I want a little yeti. How have you been? And how have the reindeer been? I deserve these things because I have been nice at school and at home.  
Love, Maddie Noriega

Dear Santa, This year I want a phon case. Because I've been good in class. Thank you for leting me see Rudolph. Elfy has been very funny. He ziplined with are undies. If ya don't know I live Sonora now. My teacher is very nice. That's what makes good in class. How have you been? I did not know elfs look different.  
Love, Jayden Welborn

Dear Santa, How are your randeer? I want a small runder. Is rudolph redy to lede

the slay tonite. Is crunds doing hes god. Is it cold off ther Santa.  
Love, Grace Moore

Dear Santa, This year I want some legos and I want a dog and I want the Dallas Cowboy helmen't. And I want a nerf gun and I want a jeep.  
Love, Jaycob Ramirez

Dear Santa, This year I have ben good. How is the raindeers. How is your day? Can I have a xbox one pleas I have ben doing my home worck. You have a good crismis.  
Love, Woody Crow

Dear Santa, This year I hlp my dad and mom clen are home. How is Rudolph doing? Santa I please want a big legos set.  
Love, Gunner Routh

Dear Santa, How was your year? Mne was good. How is Rudolph? I hope you have a good year. How is the north poll? I bet it's cold. My elf landed in my stocking. Can you please bring me the Eawok villege lego set.  
Love, Bronson Schenkel

Dear Santa, I want Ricky the dragon steamboat wresler toy because I've been nice.  
Love, Elrey Silva

Dear Santa, This yere I am din good. How is rudolph? I want a now nurf gun because I help my ant Amanda. I want more nuf boles for my gun. I want mor pejos beacuse I ben good for my mom and dad. How is the noth poll? My elf is on my boc at I thing it is funny. I wnt mor pstis ples because I do good thing. I hoop you lice. I love you santa.  
Love, Sydney Routh

Dear Santa, I will like a texp tech helmet. How is your raindeer. are your evls besy?  
Love, Jayce Martinez

Mrs. Cearley's Class

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me a watch and a woody cowboy. I have been good.  
From, David P.

Dear Santa, I want a bick, warte phon, beats and a hovr bord. I want a new bick because my bick had a flat tiar. I want a wave phon cause I don't have a phon. You no why I want beats for win we go soware I can lish to misck. Hovr bords are cool I rode one before and it was fun and and I want one.  
From, Audrey Castilleja

Dear Santa, I want a x-box, viteo game, a raindeer, and a sefpone becuse I lish to my mom and dad. Mabex some frute, books and two bike one littl and big one.  
From, Evan Arrendondo

Dear Santa, I want a toy car, a box of legos, a poors to cep my mune safe, a phone, a TV, bike, askates, a pool, a nather caludr, a dog, a cat, a glue, a seser, a computer, a champoulen, a swing, and a slide.  
From, Jimena Alexia Leija

Dear Santa, I want a doll, a iPad, a

cat, a book, a stuff dog, a box of perils and a grat year because I ben good.  
From, Sara Bertinot

Dear Santa, I want cool toys like legos, a lego bat-man set, a drasick wrld lego set. I want a vidyo game like bat-man. I allso want a scate bord. I dzrv it becuse I have doing chors wat my moms ses.  
From, Robert Zook

Dear Santa, I want a elf on the shelf, books, a now dogm also a shapling, toys, a horse, and spers, a pool. I tray to be good for you.  
From, Brianna Sanchez

Dear Santa, I want a 4 pack halofire, a box of candy and starwars lego set. I lesn at my home.  
From, Xavier

Dear Santa, I would lik a hover bored, my brother kalup, a doll from mal, a bebe gun, a ball gown, high heels, skates, a fishing poel, a pool, a computer, to ride on your slay, an xbox one. I have been very good so can I have all those things.  
Love, Maya

Dear Santa, what I want for Christmas is zoomer kittty and a shopkin, a vidao game, a real cat, a toy bonnie plush, a rudolph plush toy, a diary and candy canes and I feel like I deserve it because my mom says i've been good and I made lots of a's.  
From, Maddie

Dear Santa, I think you are cool because you can go to every houses in just one night. I want a xbox one because i have been doing chors at school and my house. I want two horses one black, one brown please, a snowboard, some baby toys, a stuff picachu, a dino super tirex marfer, some dino chargers gold, silver, black, green, and a dark energem.  
From, David

Dear Santa, For crimes I want a xbox one, legoes, windows 10, game boy, minecraft video game for xbox one, and a tv. I deserve all of that stuff because i do my homework and my chores.  
From, Thomas Ramirez

Dear Santa, I would like a phone, lego's, ipade, close, and birt bike. I deserv this because I have got a's b's and c's and also I have ben doing good at school. I love you and I have a elfe on the shelf named Steve. I have ben nice to him every day and I love him.  
From, Noah Davis

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want four things. AK47 Air sport gun, a football, PS3 games, and elite nerf toys because I make hundreds on test and math test and reading test.  
From, Lane Trujillo

Dear Santa, I want coloring books and cryons. I also want a vidio game calld NBA2k17. I also want a dog husky and I want more collage football games. I also want a pet dog allstrallion sheppard, minishppard and 5 more huskys, a little tiny dog, and a stuffed animal husky. I deserve it because I mad all A's on my report cards.  
From, Aaron Segura

Dear Santa, I want a mincraft figyr and a five nights at freddy's figyr. I want a caddy cane!! I want this stuf becaus I love them.  
From, Mia Escamilla

Dear Santa,

I whnt askatdord. I wnte a xdox. I also wnte a nw dackpacke. And i wnte a gimenastics mat. I trid to be a good gril for you. I have a elf on a shelf i namd hre Holly. Holly has den qoching me. I gave hr a swedr. I hope i get evre thing I wnte.  
From, Kyndall

Ms. Lopez Class

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys that you braght me. How do you deliver all the prestends to the kids in time? I want you to bring me a ipad for Chirstmas and I want a little other thanig like a puppy, makeup set and stroler for baby dolls! How does Raudalf pull he heugslay? Oh yeah do you ever skip a house?  
Love, Yembi Trainer

Querido Santa Clause hoy en Christmas. Yo quiero una casita de muñecos, un ten de juguete con un rimoto y hacer unas pulceras, una blusa que dice hola hi y bye adios.  
Nayeli Rodriguez

Dear Santa Clause, There are tree tings I whant for Christmas and tree timeng I meed. The tings I whant are a ipad, huvr bord and emething. The tings I meed is a althpet jaket and a pen LED shos. But I rele want s elf on a shelf.  
XOXO, Jayden

Dear Santa Clause, I would like a trampaline, playground, swimming pool, makanikle penals and a toy kittty cat and thank you for putting presents under my Crismas tree and I want to know how many elfs you have and I want to tell you one more thing I wish you a merry Crismas.  
Love, Emily Nichols

Querid Santa Cios, Gracias por los jugetes que me as dad derde que nasi. Y site estas preguntando que voy a pedirte yo voy a pedirte una casa de barbies grande por favor. Y tambieb te pido que le traigas los jugetes que te esta pidiendo todos los ninos y ninas, familias, personas de todo el mundo y por favor recuerdo traeme el juguete que siempre a esperado como los otros ninos.  
Ariana Arrendondo

Dear Santa Clause, we love you and thank you for givi us presents wen it was Christmas and my favrite holidat is Christmas becuse santa give us presents and specalis toy also I alawas be good and my sister we alawas be vere good also we love christmas vere much my mom and my dad wands a phone and me too we love you santa so much I hope you have a grate day.  
Brynley Castilleja

Dear Santa Clause, Thank you for all he presents ou hav braut me since i was a little kid and this year irealy want a hackey tabe for Christmas.  
Rogelio Ruiz

Dear Santa Clause, for Christmas y would like clothes you are the best santa every and thank you for the present and y love you and you are nice to every body and you are cute y want a short of frozen.  
XOXO, Alejandra Hernandez

Der Santa Clause, I want a ifon phone for Christmas well bere I want it for my britya and for you to now my brtaya is on discebre 30 if and I want to astuf animla that has the colore of the rain bow and that take and wif lls and Santa Clausa I

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# Santa Letters from Yesteryear

Letter to Santa from members of the SHS Class of 2017  
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## Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,  
 I wot a drbic with a modr.  
 I wot a gocar with nos.I  
 wot a forwir.  
 Love, Juan Villanueva

Dear Santa,  
 please breing me a  
 gamboy, and a reem  
 otsincho al mee plain.  
 Love, Dakota Castro

Dear Santa,  
 Can I please have a  
 big book, can I have a  
 compr, can I have a  
 prsin. I am a good girl  
 Love, Adriana Campa

Dear Santa,  
 please bring me a boie  
 and a bur and a dog,  
 and a pas and a duo  
 mostr and a shrt, and a  
 genenda snogod and a  
 randber.  
 Love, Esteban Marin

Dear Santa,  
 Will you please give me  
 a NCCA football 06  
 game. Then I wold like a  
 modrscl. I want a xbox for  
 my TV then I want some  
 movis.  
 Love, Joshua Galindo

Dear Santa,  
 please bring me a  
 Brbecar a saw a cooce  
 mackr. Santa I have bin  
 good,  
 Love, April Fraire

Dear Santa,  
 May I have ascort  
 please. I please wunt a  
 reptil dishunur.  
 Love, Wesley Brown

Dear Santa,  
 Will you please bring me  
 a rmocirtrol four whlr, I  
 want a scootr and some  
 frunt pegs.  
 Love, Carter Zook

Dear Santa,  
 Cant I please have some  
 brbes. Can I have a  
 scodr. Can I have some  
 brbe cklose. I have bin  
 good.  
 Love, Bethany Agüero

Dear Santa,  
 Santa how is your radir? I  
 want a kltin. I want a Hlr  
 Duf cede playr. Santa I  
 have coces in my liv rom  
 and I have bin god.  
 Love, Kylie Reiner

Dear Santa,  
 How is Mrs. Claus. I bing  
 good. I will leve coces for  
 you. I want a par of clos. I  
 want a playstashin. How is  
 Rudolph?  
 Love, Noah San Miguel

Dear Santa,  
 Santa I wat a self on. I  
 want a drt bic. I want a  
 violen. Is it clod in North  
 Poe.  
 Andrew Martinez

Dear Santa,  
 I would love to give you a  
 hug. I wan a two dolls like  
 sisters. I want a bike.  
 I love you, Abby Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Pleees cum to my haos.  
 Pleees tel the eleusto mec  
 me a moainch helkopper  
 and I will leev you milk  
 and cokees and I lik  
 Rudolph,  
 Love, Grady Bush

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good. How  
 are the elves? Is the  
 North Pole cold? Can  
 you please give mebbe  
 gun? Can you give me  
 leelt baby aspybob toy?  
 Love, Ariel Lugo

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? Can you  
 please bring me a purple  
 Sparklie bedset and I  
 love Lucy Dvd and and a

sale phon. Have a great  
 ride.  
 Love, Samantha Castro

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Merry Christmas! I want  
 a care bare share a story  
 and a puppy surpris and  
 flum. I want a ver. Then  
 a candy masher. I want  
 playdow and polly dolls.  
 Love, Jessica Paredes

Dear Santa,  
 Is it kold at the  
 Northpole? I want a lego  
 nifes kingdom kastl. I  
 want a new bed.  
 Love, Chris Castro

Dear Santa,  
 Hello, I have been good.  
 I wil bring you milk and  
 cookes. I want a relphon  
 and 100\$.  
 Love, Sky Jennings

Dear Santa,  
 How is Rudolph? I want a  
 Helly Duff CD and a baby  
 Alxa doll. I would like my  
 twin doll and Scamps my  
 playful pup and Zoey 101  
 DVD.  
 Love, Holly Sparks

Dear Santa,  
 Haow are you? Can I  
 pleas have a flipen and  
 the orange bike that I  
 wated? I have ben good.  
 Love, Tate Shannon

Dear Santa Clause,  
 How are you? I have been  
 good to my mom. I wut a  
 toy car. I way a blancet.  
 Love, Michael Solis

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I have been good. I  
 would like to have a  
 candy land game. I want  
 a spongebob game. I  
 want a That's so Raven  
 movie. I want a new bke.  
 I want a Kim Possible  
 Game.  
 Love, Sylvia Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I have been a good boy.  
 Can I have a computer,  
 a car, a gameboy, and  
 a yo-gish cads? Tel Mrs  
 Clase I sed Hey.  
 Sincerely, Diego

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good.  
 I wish a you a Merry  
 Chrstitmas! May I please  
 have a elechrik gitar? I  
 like Rudof's nose, dont  
 you? You or rile cwit on  
 crismisev.  
 Love Riley Umphress

Dear Santa,  
 Do you riley have a  
 Rudolph? How do your  
 reindeer fly? I hope you  
 have a good Christmas!  
 I want an x-box. I want a  
 Rudolph that lights up.  
 Your friend, Kade Creek

Dear Santa,  
 I want some new clos  
 and some new shos and  
 som new ering. want a  
 new wosh.  
 Love, Ariana Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,  
 How are you doing? Can  
 you please bring me a  
 lift forwlr and adr bick. I  
 have bin good this yer. I  
 help my mom clning the  
 livin room. I help my Dad.  
 Luv, Robert Zapata

Dear Santa,  
 I would like two big u  
 weelers saw me and my  
 dad cin tide them. Have a  
 Merre Christmas.  
 Love, Rafael Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
 Can you please please  
 bring me a Hamster, have  
 a grat rid good look Santa.  
 Love, Jacob Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Please bring me a Hello  
 Kitty Doll and a Christmas  
 shrth but I wil give you  
 Christmas cookes, and  
 have a good trip.  
 Love, Bianca Fay

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Please bring me a brat's  
 hasis and a big Barbie  
 that coms off of Jason-  
 Lacke and how are you?  
 Love, Katelyn Lipham

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? Can  
 you please bring me a  
 peanoples? Ples bring me  
 a resis.  
 Love, Autumn Ayala

Dear Santa,  
 Ples bring me a dritbick.  
 Will you bring me a span  
 pet ball and a xbox 360  
 and a lagol and a fish  
 gam and a fish.  
 Luve, Isaiah Lira

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a little  
 bear and a little fish, and  
 a little dog.  
 Love, Isela Rivas

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me makeup  
 and jewlrey. I would like  
 some clothes too. I like  
 new mitens.  
 Love, Sydney Robles

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a pet  
 dog and a motosic and a  
 low rider car.  
 Love, Juan Ozuno

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a modr  
 siclo a remote remot cos  
 chrole, robo ratre. I want  
 mongedis and bring me a  
 littl dog.  
 Love, Bryndon Robles

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a new football  
 and a drt bick. I would like  
 a bascetball and a net.  
 Mery Christmas,  
 Love, Netza Estrada

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a brtbick  
 90 and the gam flatout. I  
 wil lev choklit milck and  
 choklit chip cooces.  
 Love, Joseph Delgado

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Can you please bring a  
 esp game stasen and  
 more for me and my  
 sister and my baby sister  
 oh! and bring Mrs. Creek  
 some presents.  
 Love, Juan Miguel  
 Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
 Can you give me a  
 biscikle,  
 Love, Tonya

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a paly  
 oven, a teaset and a glob.  
 I will leave cookeese and  
 milk for you.  
 Love, Kristy Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a pup  
 and a xbox.  
 Love, Erik Lopez

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a  
 batman and a gocar and  
 a xbox.  
 Love, Henry Ramos

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a u  
 welr and a xbox 360 and  
 madne. I will leav sum  
 cookeys and milk.  
 Love, Caleb Galvan

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tinck tha you are the best Santa Claus in the eatha and you ar the only one that duse his wrok good and I live in Sonora Texas. XOXO, Arely Fernandez

Querido Santa Claus como has estado espero que bien espero que te disietas cuando estes ente granda las regalas para todos las ninos. gracias por todos las regalas que me has dado desde que yo naci. yo ya quiero que se llege el dia cuando mas trais nuestras regalas para ver miregalo. Dulce Arrendondo

Dear Santa Clas, I want a Ipad that is caind of big and I want one for my sister to but I also want a tableit case but I want pink and pourpolsil caase but I want it to be the same shape as the Ipad. Maria Buitron

Dear Santa Clause, You are the best guy ever i am glad you are lie so you can give presents to all the kids so I want tahnk us for the presnts and the ardinemo and you are the best persend ever. Beau Blackbird

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want the quick cups, crayloa scented marker marker, a globe, an Expoboard, expo markers, models of the planets, and a model of the sun because yore the best. Gael Duenes

Dear Santa Claus, I love what you do to make peoppl happy. I will make you some cookies and some milk. Gow does my elf on the shelf move

at nieth he is also sunny, Thank you Santa gor giving me him. Putt some candy in my stocing. Make childeren happy. I think you are the best Santa Clause but what about my dog are you going to give something to my dog. Love you, Emory

Dear Santa Clause, This year I want a x-box 360 mine craft game and if you go to my grandad's hous if you can wold you please tell Peterpan that he cald came to and my friend are Rogelyo, Emory and Beau. Love, Wyatt Killough

Dear Santa Claus, Te defamos unas cartas y estaamos felises por que es nancydad y quememos que mas traigos regalas. Santa Clas milibes nuestma camita. Aaron

Mrs. Powell's Class Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus I hope the elves are working hard I've been good this year could I please have on xbox for christmas I hope rudolph is doing well. Frome, Cason Mathew Day

Dear Santa, How is the elves and how is the reindeer for Christmas please I would like a bunny for Christmas I would like a hoverboard and a puppy and a elve for christmas can you can send me a elve and a phone. From, Layla Lynn

Dear Santa, I want a toy for me is a reindeer well. I a love you

Santa, elk for Brbie me how if you a me do toy. I am I do wot a toy Santa, but the and but run the ta is the at the bunny puppy pleas and love. I love Santa cus I lves that. From, Arriana Maldondo

Dear Santa, How are you this year and i hope the elvys are working hard and i well leave a cooke for you and i want fry cry preimeal xbox one or iPhone. From, Jonah Gonzales

Dear Santa, How are you and how is Rudolph and how is the elves. I've deen good this year. Could I please have a kiffen for Christmas? From, Lottie DeHoyos

Dear Santa, How are your raindeer names Dasher, Vixen? I really want Monopoly and secrit pets. From, Isa Flores

Dear Santa, I want a baby pig and a baby car and pupy and legos cat with laser eaes. From, Keilan Villasana Vrges

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing I hope the elves are thay doing work hard I've been good this year could I please have a roking chair and a bunny for Christmas. I hope their reindeer er well. Dasher Dancer Prancer Vixen Comet Cupid Donner Blitzen Rodolph. From, Milanni Neveh Lopez

Dear Santa, How are you doing I had been good these year. Elfey is being funny these

year He fell of the frich how are the reindeer Can I please have puppu for my other dog and can i have a four-wheeler moped please. Love, Lynden Cearley

Dear Santa Claus, How are you doing? How is your wife? How is Dasher and Vixen and Donner and Dancer and Comet and Blitzen and Prancer and Cupid and Rudolph? Girls is being good and silly! Can I please have a Furby and for wilr a bedos and the move the BFG, and Pets Dragon and a poped. P.S. I dont now if I was bad. Love, Kendall Thorp

Dear Santa, How is your reindeer? I've been good this year Could I please have a

bog for Christmas? From, Jacob Bryan

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause and your reindeer. I hope you have a very good Christmas can I please have a apple head dog and rooler skates and a pack of G. From, Aliyah Castilleja

Dear Santa, I wotw to no that your rander I want a veteos name esa ded island and iphone. From, Aidan Romero

Dear Santa, I please want a elr and some toys please and I hope blitzen comet cupid dancer dasher donner prancer rudolph and vixen are doing good. Love, Mario Hernandez

Dear Santa, Can I see twinkle please I miss hi and you and Mrs. Claus can I get a baby dog? and a qink qower ragers and purple rangers and phone and markr spray and sticrs. and Rudolph toy and christmas sharpins and a desck and a notbook and a crayon macker and a cum youtr and gegrments and a pet buird and a snowglob and shanpoo sqli and qaint with a qaint bruch and a digshelf. From, Fernandra Aquis

Dear Santa, How are you and the reindeer and elvs and Mrs Claus doing. Can I please have for Christmas a dall house and evey bud can have a toy. From, Leyla Gamez

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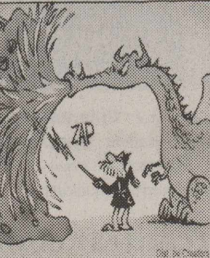
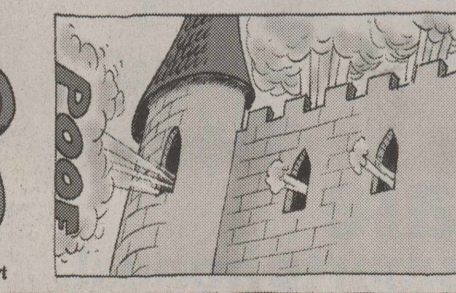
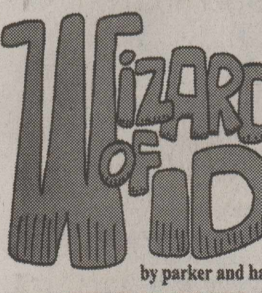
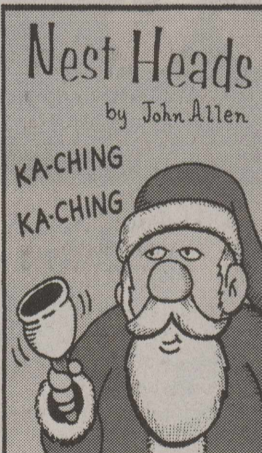


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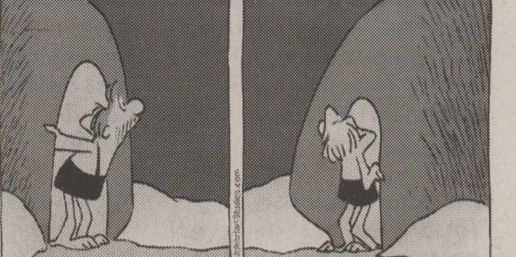
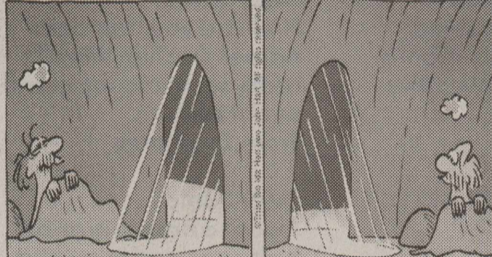
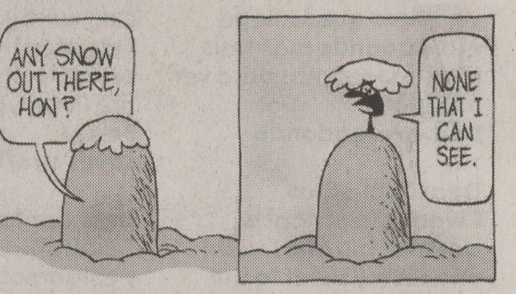
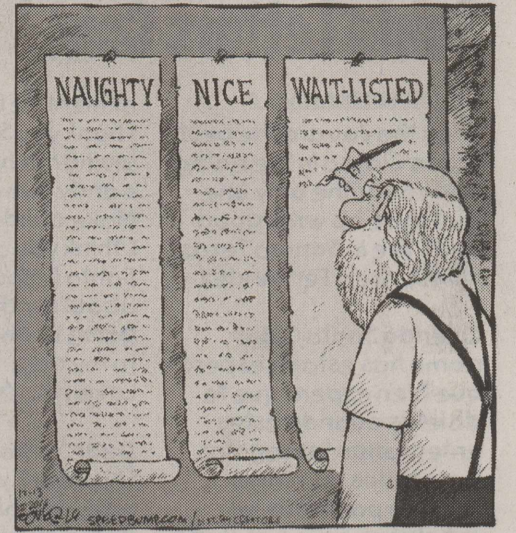
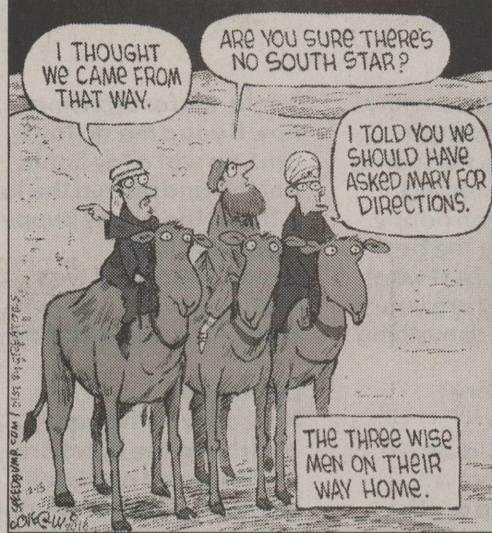


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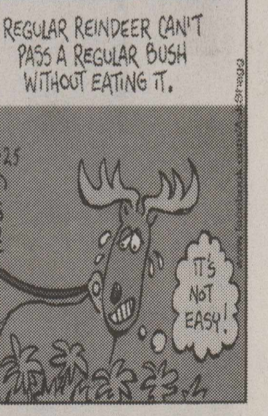
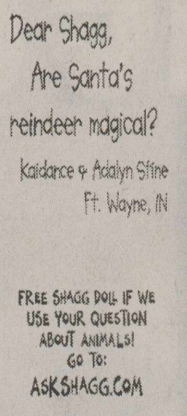
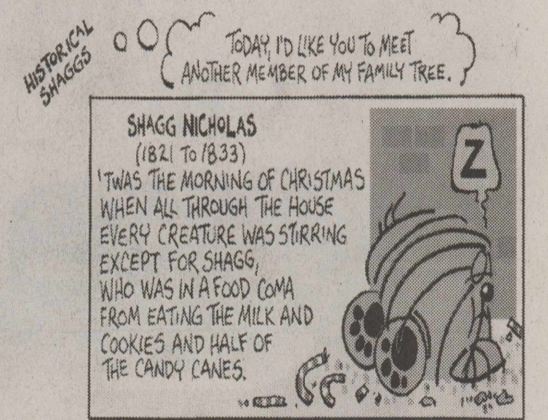
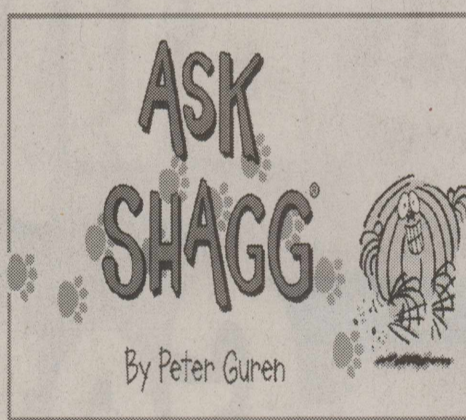
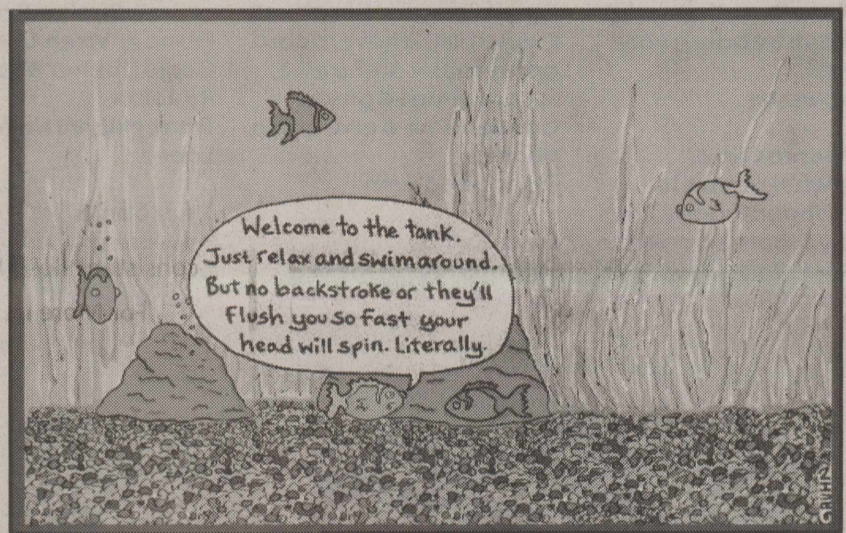
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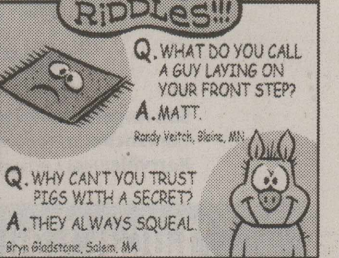
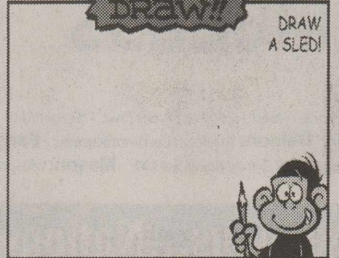
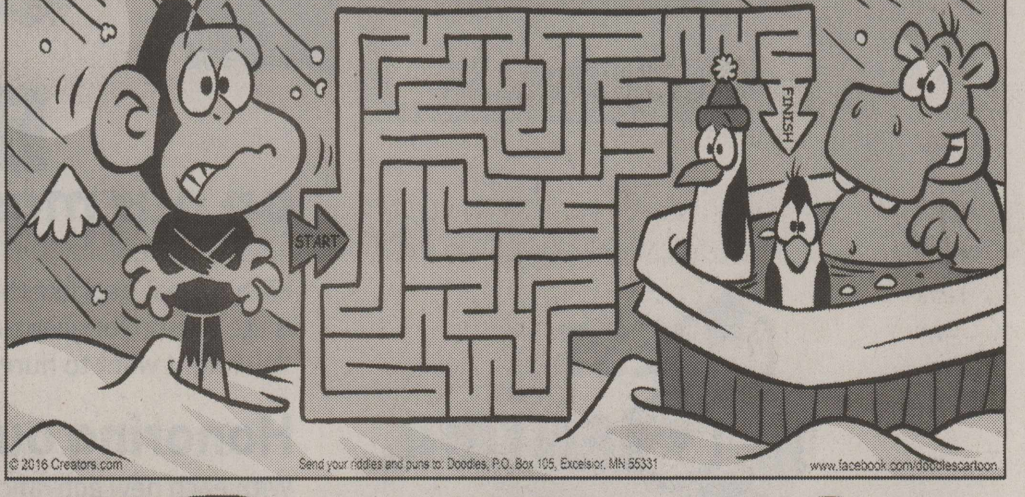
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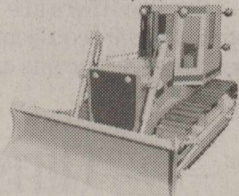
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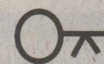
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## SCPMA Board Clarifies Hog Tail Contest Guidelines

The Sutton County Predator Management Association Board of Directors clarified the rules for the 2016-2017 Hog Tails contest during their meeting Wednesday December 7, 2016.

Guidelines established by the Board specify that the 2017 Hog Tails contest will start on October 1, 2016 and end September 30, 2017.

Additionally, all hog tails shall be submitted at the Sonora Wool and Mohair building and include a contact address and phone number.

Further, participants are allowed 1 tail, 1 chance and they will receive 1 drawing ticket for each tail submitted. The more tails submitted the more chances to win.

A total of 10 prizes will be awarded in the drawing and sponsors are welcome.

In the trappers report Cliff Brister and Cody Cardenas reported moderate predation in precinct 2 and 3.

Brister and Jill Hill reported light to moderate predation in precincts 1 and 4.

It was also reported that approximately 192 hogs and 22 coyotes have been taken since October 1.

Hill also drivetrain problems with the 2004 ATV and requested new tires for her ATV trailer.

Alan Armstead, District Supervisor USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services, informed the directors of 3 positions available for the Wildlife Technician Trainee Program.

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government assistance to be eligible. Contact 1-830-278-4464 for more information. An employment ad was also published in the Devil's River News.

In other business, the board approved encouraging landowners to submit their SCPMA dues in January for the 2017 year.

Finally, Mike Glover reported that the date for the General meeting held in April 2017 is still undetermined.

Without further discussion the meeting adjourned.

Board President Mike Glover presided over the meeting. Michael Kissire, Lee Bloodworth, Cathy Ball, Cam Campbell, Alan Armstead, Cliff Brister, Cody Cardenas and Jill Hill were present.

The next General Meeting of the SCPMA Board of Directors is slated for April 2017. The date and time is not yet available.

## Christmas Parade



Eddie Favila dressed as one of the three wise men arrives at the courthouse lawn for the Live Nativity Wednesday, November 30, 2016. COURTESY PHOTO | JESSE GUERRA



More than 30 decorated vehicles made their way through downtown during the annual downtown Christmas Parade Wednesday, November 30, 2016. COURTESY PHOTO | JESSE GUERRA



Miss Sutton County Kristin Garrett waves to the crowd while riding through the streets of downtown during the annual Christmas parade Wednesday, November 30. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS