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December 21, 2017

Sutton County Cemetery Hosts Emotional Wreaths Across America Event

Desiree Gonzales's love for her family and country inspired local residents and gave rise to the holiday wreath laying in honor of veterans this past Saturday, December 16, 2017 in the Sutton County, Sonora, Cemetery.

Similar wreath-laying events were also held Saturday at Arlington National Cemetery and at more than 1,200 locations across the country.

Gonzales said she organized the event out of respect of her grandfather Pedro Virgen who passed in 2015 as a way of honoring him for his courage and devotion to his country and family.

"He taught us the importance of honoring our veterans," Gonzales said. "I wanted to do something to make him proud. I wanted to bring it home.'

Gonzales's paternal grandfather, Alejandro Gonzales also served in the United States military as well as many other members of her family.

A crowd of people including law enforcement, military and civilians, alike, gathered at the front of the cemetery where they bowed their heads in silence to open the official ceremony.

Delaney Ramsdell sang "Star Spangled Banner", followed by County Judge Steve Smith who inspired listeners with words of appreciation for all the members of the U.S. military.

Smith, a retired Lt. Col. from the United States Air Force, said he was honored when asked to speak at the ceremony and he is proud to be a part of the event. He recognized Gonzales for her passion and commitment and thanked those present for their support of the countless individuals who have served as well as those who are serving in the military today.

"I was so proud to see our community respond in such a way to honor our military both past and present," Smith



Scott Garrett and Ralph Gonzales placed a wreath in remembrance of the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps during Saturday's veteran wreath laying ceremony, December 16, 2017, at the Sutton County Sonora Cemetery. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Seven remembrance wreaths were placed recognizing each branch of the United States military. Scott Garrett placed a wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the U.S. Army, Ralph Gonzales, U.S. Marine Corps, Ruben Velez, U.S. Navy, Lionel Cervantez, U.S. Air Force, Kevin Litterell, U.S. Coast Guard, Scout Pack 19, U.S. Merchant Marines and Col. Pete Bradley, in honor of the 93,129 U.S. servicemen

from all branches of the service whose last known status was either Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

Marking the close of the ceremony, Kalvin Hernandez of the Sonora High School band trumpeted an emotional solo of "Taps" bringing tears to his eyes as well as others.

Stephanie Hernandez, his mother, said it hit him harder than he expected.

"He is emotional because of his grandfather, grandmother and uncles who have served in the military," Hernandez said. "He remembers them and knows how important their service is to our family and our country."

A wreath was placed on the grave of each individual "American Hero" buried in the Sonora cemetery.

Three hundred and twenty-five in all.

Volunteers and families braved the cold and rain to pay tribute to those who endured much worse to protect the freedoms and liberties of all U.S. citizens.

Striving to continue the holiday wreath laying ceremony in Sonora in the future, Gonzales said she is thankful for the overwhelming support from the community making this year's event successful.

"I thank everyone who participated in this event," Gonzales said. "Especially those who opened their hearts and family history to help myself and others learn more about the history of Sonora and its people."

Sonora Middle School OAP 'Dark Road' Yields Nine Awards

The award winning cast and crew of the Sonora Middle School's One-Act Play took the stage Thursday, December 14, 2017, for their fourth and final performance this year

This performance follows their recent contest in Mason where they collected nine awards Saturday, December 10, 2017 while competing against area schools.

Assuming their character

roles, students acted out scenes from the drama, "Dark Road."

In addition to being awarded first place overall, eight individual students also earned awards for their outstanding work on stage as well as behind the scenes.

Sophia Gutierrez was awarded Best Actress and Ava Worrell, Jacky Galindo and Abigail Fuentes earned

All-Star Cast. Additionally, Amaris Jimenez, Tais Gaytan and Alex Hernandez were awarded Honorable Mention All-Star Cast and Abigail Mendoza earned Best Crew Member.

"Dark Road", written by Ian Rankin and the Royal Lyceum Theatre's Artistic Director Mark Thomson, premiered at the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh,

Scotland in September 2013.

The play centers around the character Isobel McArthur. Scotland's first female Chief Constable and Chief Superintendent of Edinburg following the creation of the

official Scotland Police. As she contemplates her retirement and writing a book, McArthur reviews the case of a serial killer, Alfred Chalmers, who killed four

girls twenty-five years previous, in which she has always questioned the conviction.

The process throws herself, her daughter and her colleagues into a psychological

battle against Chalmers. The SMS One-Act Play cast included: Ava Worrell, Conner Vyvlecka, Sophia Gutierrez, Alex Hernandez, Abigail Fuentes, Jacky Galindo,

SEE OAP ON PAGE 3



Cast members of the Sonora Middle School One-Act-Play took the stage for their final performance this year of the drama, "Dark Road" Thursday, December 14, 2017. The production earned first place overall against area schools. As well, eight students were awarded individually for their exceptional work.

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The next edition of The Devil's River News will be published on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

Abbott Asks Rangers to Investigate Reports of Misconduct

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has asked the Texas Rangers to investigate reports of sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships by Texas Juvenile Justice Department personnel.

On Dec. 13 Abbott sent a letter to Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw requesting the investigation.

"Recent reports of sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships by state employees at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department are reprehensible and necessitate an appropriate response," Abbott said. "Action is

needed to guarantee the protection of the youth in the care and custody of the State of Texas. I am requesting that our esteemed Texas Rangers immediately open a detailed investigation to determine the extent of the alleged misconduct at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department."

Abbott also sent a letter to Camille Cain, newly named executive director of the Juvenile Justice Department, urging her to work with his office to ensure that the youth in the state's care are protected, and to carry out the agency's mission to transform young lives and

create safer communities.

Tax payments spreadable

Taxpayers with hurricane-damaged homes and businesses may pay their 2017 and 2018 property taxes in installments, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said in a Dec. 13 statement.

Patrick said the option is open to residents with damaged homes and businesses in the 60 Texas counties declared disaster areas following Hurricane Harvey. Ordinarily, taxpayers are expected to pay their taxes in a lump sum due by Feb. 1.

"This will not lower appraisals or property taxes, but it will spread out what is owed over several months and eliminate penalties and interest," Patrick

Eligible property owners must take the following steps in order to pay their property taxes in installments:

STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS**

By Ed Sterling

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Do Santa's Elves Listen to Wrap Music in the Workshop?

One of our younger readers was concerned that too much attention is being paid to Santa's reindeer and not enough to his faithful elves. So, the youngster forwarded me an e-mail chock full of



information about elves. I got a chuckle, hopefully you will, too.

For example, the favorite music of Santa's elves

is Wrap Music.

It takes ten elves to change a single light bulb...one to change the bulb, of course, and nine to stand on each other's shoulders.

Elves make their sandwiches with shortbread and they pay their debts with jingle bills.

Depressed elves are sent to see the North Pole therapist for treatment for low elf-esteem.

One misconception about elves is that they have short legs. In truth, their legs are just as long as your — long enough to reach the ground.

It takes a lot of training to be one of Santa's elves and the H.R. department at the North Poll is strict in its hiring policy. You must have a higher education to work at the bottom.

The first thing elves learn in school is the elf-abit. Likewise their favorite meal is elf-abit soup.

Their favorite singer, Elfis, regularly performs in the Christmas lounge where he sings "Blue Christmas."

Elves come to the North Pole from all over the world. There's even one from Texas He's the one who builds the Susie Homemaker Ovens. He is known as the Gnome on the Range.

When the Christmas season is over many of the elves work at one of the Disney theme parks where they are regularly featured in "It's a Small World After All."

Interestingly, the North Pole has it's own sports leagues. Hockey is popular, but so is basketball, even if the hoop is a bit lower. The elves never suffer from athlete's foot, though. What they get is called mistle-toe.

Elf bowling is popular, too, even if it is played a bit differently than latenight television would have us believe.

Speaking of TV, one elf made it onto several shows as a stand-up comic. Everyone said he was a real Christmas card.

Elves do more than make toys. Some work in the front office at the Santa's Workshop. Those who work directly under the big man are called subordinate clauses.

Elves are concerned about the environment so they carpool to work in a

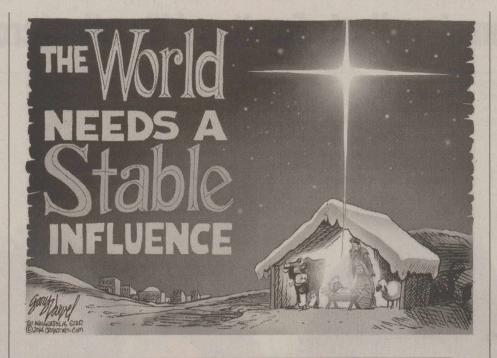
Because Santa has so many elves working in his shop, he is required to pay elf-employment tax.

One lucky elf no longer has to work. He won the lottery last year now he's independently welfy.

Lastly, where is the best place to look for an elf? Depends on where you left him, of course.

Seriously, my wish is that you and yours will have a happy and joyous Christmas season and that all of tomorrows will be Merry and Bright.





Holiday Shopping and Shopping and Shopping

Slices of Life

By Jill Pertler

It's the gift-giving season. And who doesn't enjoy giving a good gift? I certainly do. Problem is, I get sucked in. It happens every year.

I start around the end of Novem-

ber with a cool head and practical intentions. I will get people only the things they really need. Nothing more. I am sure of my doggedness; my willpower is strong. My budget set.

But buying gifts is sort of like rolling a snowball downhill. Once you get the momentum going it's hard to stop. This is compounded by the temptations that lie

lurking online, on television ads and in the stores.

Already this year I've been enticed by some doozies. They are hard to resist items that I'm sure I desperately need (or someone on my gift list desperately needs) even though I didn't know said items existed before I learned of the need. There's logic in there somewhere.

More than a few potential gifts pertain to pets. You can get a sterling silver pendant that is cast to duplicate a photo of your dog or cat. Alternatively you could opt for the custom pillow, also made in the likeness of your feline or canine friend. Or I suppose you could send them a photo of your fish. There's no limit to creativity when it comes to pet likenesses on household

There is a ceramic cat tissue holder that dispenses tissues from the cat's backside. #conversation-piece. A dogbrella and catnip joints (100 percent legal) are sure to be a hit.

While the pet products are mostly for show (except the tissue holder) there are numerous multi-taskers that can make anyone's life easier. There's the ironing board that doubles as a full-length mirror. One side for pressing clothes the other for self impression.

Kitchen shears with an attached cutting board make slicing and dicing as easy as grabbing a tissue from



a cat's butt. And I don't even have to explain the duo functionality of the men's dress tie with attached flask.

The worst thing about a candle is you burn it and it's gone. This isn't the

case with the resilient and ingenious reusable candle. As it burns, the wax melts and drips into a compartment under the candle. After the candle has burned all the way down, you flip the whole thing over and burn again. It's a twofer.

Some gifts, albeit ver and fun are dreaded uni-taskers. They perform just one function. Still they might be the

perfect choice for someone on your list. Take the triceratops taco holder (really, please, take it). I didn't even know dinosaurs liked Mexican food.

If your family is like mine and eats all the ice cream before you get a chance to get even one scoop you could invest in the security-minded ice cream lock. No more hiding the ice cream; lock it up! Just make sure you don't lose the key.

Other notable options include beer flavored jelly beans, bacon flavored candy canes, a big foot car air freshener and a disco ball that attaches to any smart phone. Welcome back to the

The fanny pack made to look like a chubby belly might be the perfect gift for uncle Larry and a levitation plant holder that uses magnets to float is actually pretty cool. Who am I kidding? They are all cool.

Shopping for the perfect holiday gifts is a never-ending task. I've been done for days, but still, I continue - just looking. I can't stop myself. At this point I'm like a great big snowball rolling at breakneck speed. December 25 can't get here fast enough.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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The North Pole of Texas

Alan Screws grew up on his family's dairy farm 4 miles north of Pickton in northeast Texas. He has turned part of the farm



into what he calls THE NORTH POLE OF TEXAS which

by Tumbleweed Smith

a toy shop.

features lighted Christmas scenes and a fifteen minute train ride that goes across a couple of bridges and right through the middle of

"It'll stop in the toy shop," says Alan, "which is a twenty-four by forty foot building. "I got the idea from the mine train at Six Flags, which goes through an old saloon. The toyshop has animated elves in it. Every night Santa is there and talks to everybody on the train and gives them a bag of jellybeans. The words Happy Birthday Jesus are printed on each bag."

The place has become a major tourist attraction. Thirty volunteers help.

'Back in 1997, we built a small train and I thought it would just be to carry children around in our yard at Christmas time. I found out pretty quick that adults like to ride, too. So we built a bigger train for the adults. We soon ran out of room in our front yard to run the trains so we got permission from the county commissioners to build a bridge over the county road to get to the other side of our property. Soon we built another bridge. The crowds kept growing and we started having two or three hundred a night, then four hundred and six hundred, then a thousand. We've had up to two thousand people ride in one night. Some folks have waited up to two or three hours for a ride. This is our twentieth year. Last year we hit our one hundred thousandth ride. It's all free. We've got four trains now so we can give about four hundred rides an hour. While people are waiting in line we have big TV monitors that show me reading the Christmas story. We've had as many as 800 waiting in line. Commissioners have let us build a by-pass on the county road so traffic can be diverted and people can stand in line on the county road. We have a Christmas cabin where the people can come in and visit with Mrs. Claus and take pictures with her. We have Kim's hot chocolate factory, Kim's my wife, where we give away the best hot chocolate you'll ever want to drink. We always have a live nativity scene. We have a huge Texas-sized sleigh that you can put your whole family in and take

Alan, who used to race cars and pickups on dirt tracks, is mechanically minded and built the trains. One of the displays features racecars. One on a pond has jet skis.

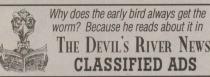
pictures."

"The train engine is a Kubota tractor that we built a cab around and put a nose on it like a train. We put a smoke machine on the front so it smokes like a train. And it has a bell on it. Each train has three passenger cars that carry 8 to 10 people each."

The ride starts Thanksgiving weekend and operates until December twenty-third. It runs from six to nine PM. The address is 227 CR 3378, Pickton.

"It an experience. People need to come out and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas with us."

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SMS One-Act-Play



Sonora Middle School One Act Play cast and crew pose for a post performance photo with their first place award Saturday, December 10, 2017. Pictured (L-R) Back Row: Whitney Gilbert, Mariana Montoya, Alex Hernandez, Lane Taylor, Austin Figueroa, Ava Worrell, Sophia Gutierrez, Yailin Dominguez, Susie Levario, Amaris Jimenez and Sally Shepard. Middle Row: Tais Gaytan, Brijida Garza, Joe Ivan Abrego, Madison Mayfield, Alexis Guerra, Jacky Galindo, Ellie Edwards, Conner Vyvlecka and Abigail Mendoza. Front Row: Abigail Fuentes, Brandon Torres, Tanner Flanagan, Sebastean Garza, Cainaan Miller and Jina Dooley.



Individual award recipients pose for a group photo Saturday, December 10, 2017. Pictured (L-R) Tais Gaytan, Abigail Mendoza, Amaris Jimenez, Alex Hernandez (kneeling), Sophia Gutierrez, Ava Worrell, Abigail Fuentes, and Jacky Galindo.

OAP:

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Amaris Jimenez, Ellie
Edwards, Tais Gaytan,
Susie Levario, Mariana
Montoya, Yailin Dominguez, Brandon Torres,
Cainaan Abalos and Joe
Ivan Abrego.

One-Act-Play Crew included: Lane Taylor, Sebastean Garza, Alexis Guerra, Abigail Fuentes and Madison Mayfield.

The Understudies included: Austin Figueroa, Tanner

Flanagan, Brijida Garza, Jina Dooley and Interns James Galindo, Agassi Rodriguez and Atalia Ruiz.

All of the students deserve applause for their hard work this year.



DECEMBER

22nd Westley Lipham, Edna Pocheco 23rd Kelly Martin 24th Delia Samaniego, Marco Jimenez, Derick **Edward Castro** 25th Ty Love, Monica King, Cynthia Perez, Betty Longoria, Chris Vyvlecka, Melissa Surber 26th Claire Jones, Linda Cumpian, Hortencia Castillo, Lisa Galindo, Anita Spiller. Lucy McGuffin, Jesse Carillo 27th Jerry Don Balch, Al Elliott, Charlie Alewine, Ryan Garmon 28th Dean Dermody, Donna Benson 30th Mary Jean Sims, Rosalie Richardson, Carol Pope, Justin Northcott, Blayze Sykes 31st Jerri Martin, Ron Morris, Patsy Samaniego, Nathan

JANUARY

Longoria, Anita Samaniego

1st Ana Lesa
Samaniego, Becky
McAngus
2nd Keith Hudson,
Betty Lopez, Alex
Morrow, Pablo Favela
3rd Missy Longoria,
Mickey Galindo
4th Linda Neff, Wylie
Wagoner, Katelyn
Lipham, Callie
Humphrey, Delaney
Ramsdell, Heather
Smith

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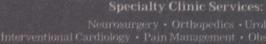
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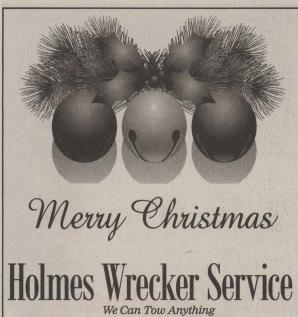




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Sonora

Senior Center

Monday December 25

Tuesday December 26

Taco Salad, Corn Tortilla

Chips, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday December 27

Beans, Tangy Coleslaw,

Thursday December 28

Steak Fingers, Mashed

Potatoes, Cream Gravy,

Friday December 29

Monday January 1

Tuesday January 2

Chicken Tenders, Mashed

Potatoes, Cream Gravy,

Vegetable Medley, Dinner

Roll, Chunky Fruit, Milk

Wednesday January 3

Potato, Seasoned Veggies,

Country Ham, Sweet

Wheat Roll, Ambrosia

Thursday January 4

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Fruit, Milk

Pudding, Milk

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When the growing season ends in late fall, we say that plants go into dormancy. But did you know that there are actually two types of dormancy? We also hear that grass is cured, but what does that mean?

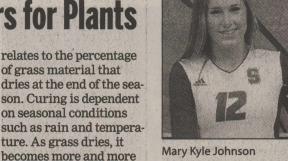
Let's start with the dormancy question. The first type is called endo-dormancy and is induced during the fall, when decreasing day length and cooler temperatures cause deciduous trees to produce growth inhibitor hormones. These

hormones disrupt growth and maintain a tree in dormancy during winter. The plant will not grow even during mild winters. That's because trees need a certain amount of cold weather

(chill units) before they end dormancy and begin spring growth. These chilling units are hours of time spent between 40 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The number of chill hours required varies for different plants (from less than 500 to 1,500 hours or more).

The second kind of dormancy is called ectodormancy and occurs when sufficient cold temperatures break down the growth inhibitors within the tree. The plant is ready to grow, but the environmental conditions are not yet right. Warmer temperatures and longer daylight will eventually cause the tree to begin spring growth.

Now to grass curing. Curing describes the dying and drying out of grass. It is a measure of grass 'greenness' and





Carly Brown

2017 All-West Texas Volleyball

Sonora's Mary Kyle Johnson and Carly Brown earned recognition in the 2017 All-West

Texas Volleyball. Johnson, a junior, was one of two named Co-Blockers of the Year. Johnson assisted her team in making program history this year by going through District 4-3A play undefeated.

After sweeping the first two playoff opponents, Sonora lost in the regional quarterfinals.

In addition to middle blocker, Johnson also spent some time on the

back row.

Named All-District 4-3A MVP she finished the season with 437 kills, 67 blocks, 30 aces and 270

Carly Brown, a senior and middle blocker, also showed her versatility by playing on the back row as well.

The District 4-3A Defensive Player of the Year had 276 kills, 43 aces, 36 blocks and 284 digs.

Congratulations to both ladies on their accomplishments this



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department or Sheriff's Office, 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 presu innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

> **SONORA PD** INCIDENTS

DECEMBER 11 - 8:07 PM • Caller reported disturbance at 600 S. Crockett. Officer responded.

10:29 PM • 9-1-1 call from 900 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded to assist EMS.

DECEMBER 12 - 9:40 AM Caller reported a reckless driver 7 miles N on US Hwy 277. Officer responded.

2:50 PM • Caller requested to speak with officer regarding stolen property at 400 block of S. Concho. Officer respond-

DECEMBER 13 - 8:40 AM • Caller reported truancy at the corner of E. 2nd and S. Water.

SRO responded. 6:42 PM · Caller reported Theft at Dollar General. Offi-

cer responded. **DECEMBER 14 - 9:05 AM** · Caller reported a Welfare

Concern at Sure Stay. Officers responded. 10:56 AM • Caller requested

an officer at Sure Stay. Officer responded.

8:01 PM · Caller reported disturbance W 2nd and Menard. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 15 - 11:04 AM • Caller requested motorist assistance near Sonic. Officer

responded. **DECEMBER 16 - 2:56 PM •** Caller reported Theft at Laredo Taco. Officer responded. 6:59 PM • Agency Assistance requested with Warrant

at 400 block of Glasscock Ave.

Officer responded. 8:53 PM • Caller reported Theft at Dollar General. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 17 - 4:50 AM . 9-1-1 call at 900 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded to assist EMS.

1:40 PM • Caller reported Theft at Dollar General. Officer responded.

5:37 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity at 500 block of Chestnut. Officer responded. 10:12 PM · Caller reported a welfare Concern at 1100 block of Glasscock. Officer respond-

10:42 PM · Agency Assistance requested at I-10 414 mm. Officer responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF **ARRESTS**

DECEMBER 11 • Darien Lopez, 22-year-old male of San Angelo, was arrested on a Sutton County warrant.

DECEMBER 12 • Rene Vela, 25-year-old female of Mission, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.

DECEMBER 14 • Connie Castillo, 45-year-old female of Sonora, was arrested on a Sutton County warrant.

DECEMBER 16 • One Illegal Alien detained for Border Pa-

· Jesse Escamilla, 22-year-old male of Comanche, was arrested on a Comanche County warrant.

· Harvey Buruca, 20-year-old male of Culver City Ca., was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

DECEMBER 17 • Kelly Morrow, 39-year-old male of Sonora, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

INCIDENTS DECEMBER 11 - 7:17 AM • Caller reported a tractor trailer on fire on RR 864. Deputies and SVDF responded.

4:48 PM • Caller reported a gunshot victim at LMH. Deputy responded. 10:58 PM · Deputy assisted

PD with a burglary at the Senior apartments. **DECEMBER 13 - 3:18 PM •** Caller reported a disturbance

at Best Western. Deputies responded. **DECEMBER 14 - 9:31 AM •** Caller reported goats on I-10

at 405 mm. Deputy respond-**DECEMBER 15 - 9:55 PM** •

Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at 416 mm. Deputy responded. **DECEMBER 16 - 1:00 PM •**

Deputy responded to an unattended Death on CR 311. **DECEMBER 17 - 8:45 AM •** Abandoned vehicle on I-10 at 423 mm. Deputy responded. 4:38 PM · Caller reported a reckless driver on Bloodworth Rd. Deputy responded.

11:05 PM · Caller reported and assault on I-10 at 414 mm. Deputy and EMS responded.



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container 14. Menu offering 15. Main dishes 17. Whitens

18. Do a hair job 20. Female ruff 21. Heavens: comb. form

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bathrooms 28. Contributor to blood pressure reading 31. Took out the creases

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54. Ice cream offerings 57. Some tubes 58. Scandinavian

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25. Part of a loom

16. Sow

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26. Prefix for dynamic or phase 27. Wrong: law

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29. ___ Haute, IN 30. Aura 31. Muslim leader 32. Carry on 35. Expiates 36. Pharaoh 38. Falls 39. Peers 40. Handles: Fr. 41. Food fish 42. To expose 45. Shaved 46. Bizarre 47. Puts on cargo 49. Dole, with out 50. ___l cared 51. Danube tributary 53. Lumberjack's tool 55. Numero

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Fifth Grade

Hi Santa

I want to thank you for all the presents you have givin me over the years past. What I want this year, is a new golf club. It is a new epic driver, it is the new red limited edition. It is the coolest looking driver of all time. Ever since it came out I have wanted it, it will mean a lot to me if you get it for me. It will be the best Christmas gift I will every get in my life. I will pray for one, I hope I get it and hope you get the presents you want. Dylan Ford

This year for Christmas I would like white Beats Headphones that has Bluetooth. I would also like some White and Black Kd's which are Basketball shoes. I would like a Samsung note 8 with a Gold phone case and I want the phone to have unlimited gigabites. Justin Lozano

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you doing Santa? What have you been up to these last few days of December. I have been waiting to talk to you about what I want for Christmas so lets just jump on to it. This Christmas may I have some clear bottles of elmer's glue and some bottles of glitter glue. The reason I want bottles of glue is because I love, love, love making slime. Once I first made slime I fell in love with It that right second. That is the main thing I want. But I just want to thank you for taking time to read my letter. Sencerly, Ava Rodriguez

Dearest Santa, What I want for Christmas is nothing big or expensive, but I have two things I want. Please choose one and bring it here, if I've been good. I hope I'm on the nice list. Well, what I want is either an art set or a laptop. I know, my mom says I'm too young for a laptop but I've wanted one for 3 years! The art set is plan B incase something goes wrong at the workshop. All of my life I've wanted an art set. Sweetest wishes, Braylin Welham

Dear Santa All I want for Christmas is vurtiral reality gogeles and that's it pretty much. Ya santa. That's all I want for Christmas. You don't need to buy me anything else ya santa. Angela Cardona

Dear Santa, For Christmas can I please have a bluetooth speaker, galaxy colored hoverboard with a key, blind bags lots and lots, iPhone 6 cases, popsockets, fruit squishies, color changing stressballs, school supplies like markers, pens, and pencils. That's all I want. I hope you are going to have a good Christmas and I hope you like my cookies that I make you. Your friend, Sabrinah Castro

I wunt a plain for Christmas and a manchin a dron, lambo, and a pod that is rely all I wunt for Christmas From Broden

Hi, Santa This year I would like a nice and lovely dinner. A I would like a motercicle and a lamdergeni on a 12 ft swimming pool, and my own house. Weston Fisher

All I want for Christmas are new shoes, Nerf guns, a football, basketball, goal, basketball, Dallas Cowboy fathead stickers, and a bike. From Juan

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Hoverboard to have fun and ride all over the place. I will share with my brothers. I really didn't have that much but I'm start thinking of some. I would like to have a tablet for games. I would think of stuff because that's all I could think of I'll think of more and add it on to my list. Naylana Estrada

Dear Santa, I want a phone for Christmas. Maybe you can give me it. It would be really cool to have a phone so that I would like. I would also like an RC car

(Remote Control) I would drive it every where. I almost forgot about the drone. Sincerely Jorge Leija

Dear Santa I just want to say thank you for all the presents you've given me. Here is what I want for Christmas!!! I would like a tablet and some sweat shirts and a necklace I would also like some pens that would be all I want for Christmas thank you Santa Julianna

Dear Santa, I want a hoverboard Harvey Meza

I don't want a lot for Christmas. 1 I want to see my family back in las cruses new mexico. 2 I want a cool divice called a makey makey to re-program letters on a key board. 3 I want a Djl phantom 3 uk camra drone to fly around. Anything else I get will be what my family gives me. **Gregorey Madrid**

Dear Santa, I don't want much for Christmas so I'll just check in on you. How is Prancer, I'll give him some carrots on Christmas Eave. Who is your best Elf is it that super ninja, Eliot Spy elf or do you not have favorites I'd understand if you don't because your santa. Well I was Just checking in Owen Jones

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a gopro and xbox one. I want a gopro so I can record while I'm riding my dirt bike and do fun tricks. And I want a new xbox one because the one I have right now is mesing up. Sinceraly Pete Ramirez

Dear Santa. This year for Christmas that I want is indian supplies, sedimentary rock kit, arrow head kit, computer with power point 2016 on it and Googlecrome to, and art supplies, and indian clothes.

Hi Santa, I would like to get a gun, gocart or a bow and arrow I have been a good boy. Zane White

Dear Santa. This Christmas I would like for all of the people to get a long. Family and friends should get together and just have fun. But what I have been wanting for a very long time, is a laptop. I also hope that everyone has a nice Christmas every year. Merry Christmas to all of the children and their families all over the world. Make this the best Christmas ever. Sencerly Jackie Lopez

Dear Santa, How are you doing this Christmas? Santa, I hope you have a great day. I want a purple camera and a baby doll. I hope you have a great Christmas. Can you get presents too? Mery Christmas from Ashley Longoria

Dear Santa, How cold is it at the North Pole. How is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus doing, I hope you are doing OK in the North Pole. What do ya'll doing when you aren't delivery presints? Can you get me a PS4, trampoline, and a big drone? Can you all so get som presints for my brother like some new clothes, toy cars, and a puppy. I hope you can get all the stuff I want for my brothe and me. Brian Mendoza

Dear Santa, My parents have been talking to me what I want for Christmas. Well now I'm gonna tell you what I want for Christmas. For Christmas I want money, new games,

clothes, shoes and that is it. So can you please get me those things I would to have them. How are your reindeer doing? I heard they have been doing so far this year if I can I will get reindeer food and I will leave you some milk and cookies. Well I hope you give me all the gifts I want Sincerely, Christian Martinez

Dear Santa Claus, may I please have a Xbox one X and a IphoneX because I have been a little bad but I patched them up. I also wanted a hundred dollar gift card for the xboxone and for the xbox onex. How have your reindeer and elves been. Well I hope I get all that stuff write to you next year. Bye. Michaelangelo

Dear Santa Claus All I want for Christmas is a IPhone X, x-box1, UGS, wedges, ripped jeans. How is Mrs. Clause and your Reindeer doing tell them I sayed hi. Nevaen Aleman

Dear Santa Claus, I think I've been good, but a little bit bad. For Christmas I want...1. An Xbox, 2. A Laptop, 3. A huge calendar, 4. Clothes for my cat, 5. A really cute, little

Thank you !!!!! Jezabel Pasillas

Dear Santa I don't want a lot for Christmas but there are a few things I do want. One of those things is a Yeti cup. It would be good because during those summer my mom let's me drink coffee, but it get's cold when I leave. I could take the milk out but then it's to strong. Another thing I want is some arrows. My cousin gave me his old bow from when he was a kid, But I haven't been able to get arrows for a month or two. Those are the things I want for Christmas. Jonathan Cardenas

Dear Santa Claus, How are the reindeer? Are the elves working hard? Well, I hope they are because I want a lot of things this Christmas! This Christmas I would like, \$1,000,000,000 dollars. Cash please. Singles, too. A pet cat, orange tabby. A PS4 with

Disney Infinity 2.0. Some more money. One of your reindeer. Even though you might not be able to get all this it's be nice to have them. With Love, Sicily Gutierrez

Dear Santa, I would like a new puppy, a gray and white pullover hoodie, a new laptop, a new Iphone, a gallon of glue, slime kits, clear glue, glitter glue, o L.A. colors contour kit, and the thing I want most is a \$7 makeup book... The one I saw at the store yesterday Love, Kalena Foster

Dear Santa For Christmas I would like a 22 lenner action rifle, a pocket knife, Yeti cup, and a tool box. That's all I want for Christmas. Corbin Crenwelge

Dear Santa, How are you these past few weeks? I hope good, I want to tell you that I have been very good and I really want: An Insta Camra and an Xbox 360. These are my main two I want this year. But heres what I also want: Baking stuff, more easy bake cookies, 3D making thing, and a Hoverboard case. I want a lot of things this year, but I rely just want an Xbox 360 and the InstaxCamra. So I hope you give everybody a happy Christmas this year and deliver all the presents, I just told you about. Have a happy Christmas Santa! Liliana Gallegos

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a lphone, puppy the breed I would like is a golden retriever or a husky Dianika Medez

Dear Santa, I know I have been bad kid this year and I am truly sorry for that. I only want two things for christmas. One of them is a HoverBoard but there's one thing I want the most this year, that is to get to spend Christmas with my family. Sincerely, Richard Gutierrez

All I want for Christmas is for those who are in the hospital to get better. The reason why I pickthis because EVERYONE 18

deserves a second chance. Rylie Thorp

What I want for Christmas is a hoverboard, Dog. I want the dog the most because sometimes I get board at home just sitting there watching T.V. and doing my homework. I wan a hoverboard Abilgail Solis

Dear Santa. This Christmas I would like a P.S.4 if not I would like a hoverboard! By, Adan Trevino

I want a new phone and cloths and play station. Also I want for Christmas is new shows and the new NBa 2k 18. I want a lot for Christmas but, All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth! So really I hope every kid in the world will get presents. That's my wish. Hollis Snyder

Hi santa, how is the elves working on the presents. You having hard time or is everything going great. All I want for Christmas is for every place that's never had snow and that have had to snow. Now that is through I can't wait for Christmas so just one day of the year where family, friend, and people of the world to get along. Everyone should deserve snow at least once, but that's up to you Mr. claus.

Aaron Martinez

Dear Santa I'm going to tell you about what I would want this year. This year I'm not going to be picky or needy this year. Ok lets get to what I would like for this year. first I would like a brand new mountain bike with gears. I would like some new winter clothes. My one that I really, really want is a nice white hoverboard that will go so fast. My last thing I would like is some new police Lego's so I can build. Well merry Christmas and a good night!!! **Brandon Litterell**

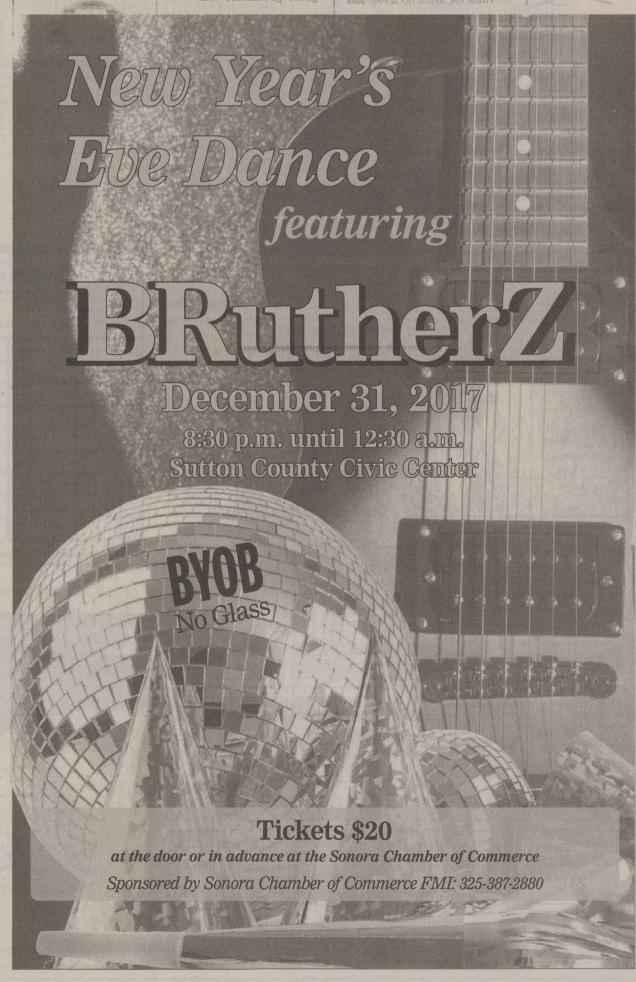
Dear Santa. I would like some things that I have wanted since I was little. I would like a drone with a s.www

camera on it. Christmas is the most greatest holiday because all of your family and friends come and you celebrate. One of the things that makes Christmas the best is that it's Jesus's birthday. Christmas isn't just about presents and food, we are supposed to remember our creator and what he did for us. My Christmas present from me to the world is peace and love. Jayla Williams

Dear Santa I want a couple of things for Christmas. Here's the list of things I want. I want a Halo armor mix set, a Halo toy shot gun, a Halo man, a laptop, bike ramp, Bluetooth head phones, hoverboard, Halo revolution game, crossbow, toy grenades, military set, biyonicle set, a dog toy for my dog. Some dog treats also for my dog. Some skillet song lists, a shield, a laser gun game set, a wobble bubble ball, a ball that can turn into a frisbea, and that's all for now. But if you can't get all that it's fine, but pls at least get me a laptop pls. I know my list is long but it's worth it when you get a kid who loves military. I wish marry Christmas to you and a happy new near Sincerely from thad

Dear Santa, I have been looking forward to gitting a hoverboard and I wish that one day that I can go see you at the north pole and this year I am going to leave you some cookies out on the counter and some milk for you and I hope you have the best Christmas santa From Dakota Borders

Dear Santa, this Christmas I want the new Magnus Chase/ Percy Jackson book this book has about 350 pages and is worth a lot of A.R. points. I've already read all the other books in both the Magnus Chase and Percy Jackson series when I was in 3rd grade and have been waiting a long time for this book to release. I just released this month and isn't even in most libraries yet. If you could by any chance get me this book for Christmas I would so thankful. Luke Nichols



Daddy's Home

by Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



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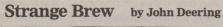






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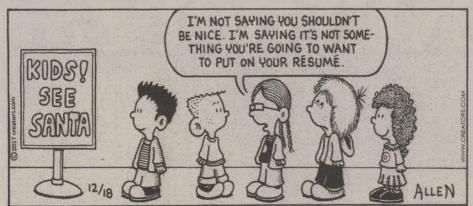






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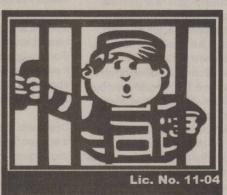
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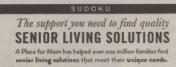






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BOND





Kimberley & Danny Meyer, Randy & Kathy Mankin and Mary Gartman

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Letters to Santa Claus

Pre-K Mrs. Jimenez's Class

Dear Santa Claus, Hello! I am a good boy and I want a "Ho Ho" for Christmas, that is all. Bye, Jadyen

Hello! How are you? I want to ask you for a present. I want a car and a ball. Thank you, Darek

Dear Santa Claus, Hello! Santa Claus. How are you? I would like new clothes, some blue boots and a brown horse to play with it. Bye, Jose

Dear Santa Clause, How are you? I only want one toy, Woody of Toy Story. Only one because I already have a lot of toys. I will give you cookies and milk. Thank you Santa Claus! A big hug, Angelo

Dear Santa,
Hello! I will give you cheese
and milk. Can you bring me
a Barbie house, and a doll
that I can paint her eyes and
lips. I would like a car for my
Barbies and one car that they
can drive.
Thank you! Yarely

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl. I would like a pink sleigh for Christmas. Love, Emma

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. And would like a Batman toy, and a Batmobile, and a house that he lives in and works. Thank you for all the toys. Love Ryan

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice girl.
I would like for Christmas a
Poppy Troll doll, and a My
Little Pony that is white. And,
aw, yes a...no...that's it!
Love, Itzayana

Dear Santa,
I have been good girl and
would a pink air place. ?That's
my favorite! And also, a toy
car that looks like a colorful
rainbow.
Love Emmeline

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy and would like a red big toy car. Love, Elias

Mrs. White's Class

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me a mowie fish hook? That is all I want. Merry Christmas Casen

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and
where is Rudolph? When are
you going to bring us some
presents? For Christmas I really
want a new Ariel doll and
an Ariel dollhouse and new
crayons. I have been good a
lot of times for a lot of days. I
hope you have a great day!
Love, Abigail

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer noses
turn black and red? I have
behaved so can you bring me
some presents please. I want
a big big big dollhouse withy
dolls and I want a piggy bank
and another dog and a girl car
that opens the door and the
back door. Also I want a girl
dinosaur and a mermaid doll.
Love, Kiki

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a remote control truck and a hot wheels Lero truck and a nerf gun please. I also want a hot wheels car like Lane's. Love, Gus

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Merry
Christmas! I love you! I wanted
to ask you for some presents.
Some toys. I want the fox that
you press the head and then
the pants fall down. I saw it at
the store.
Love,Jordan



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a sled can
you please bring it to me? I
have been good at school and
at the house.
Love, Cort

Dear Santa,
Where is Rudolph? I have
been really good! Can you
bring me a barbie camper
please? Also a pink car and a
barbie that's all.
Love Reta

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I really want my own Jeep. Can you please bring it to me? I have been a really good boy at school and at home. Love Lane

Dear Santa, Are you working? Can you please bring me a Hello Kitty for a presnt? Also I want a shopkins too. Love Unique

Dear Santa,
Are you watching a movie?
Can you please give me a
surprise. I want a barbie and a
beautiful dress like Angie has.
Love Payton

Dear Santa, Is the North Pole warm? I want a Paw Patrol toy tower please. Love Ezekiel

Dear Santa, Are you almost here? Are you cold at the North Pole? Can you please bring me a bow and arrow and arrows. Tha is all I want. Merry Christmas. Love, Silas

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control
motorcycle. Can you bring it
to me please? Can you bring
me some toys. I have been
nice and school and at my
house.
Love, Andres

Dear Santa, Can yo please bring me a Princess Poppy doll? I have been a good girl. Love, Camila

Dear Santa,
I want it to be a Merry
Christmas. I want you to come
to school. Can you bring me a
barbie please. I have a gift for
you too.
Love Eveleen

Dear Santa, I want a robot please. Love, Jackson

Dear Santa Claus, Hello! I have been good. I would like 2 big "Dinos" and that is all. Thanks, Eli

Mrs. Worrell's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a lego minion set.
I do not remember anything
else.
Your Friend, Eddie

Dear Santa, I want an American Doll 24. I want a rainbow unicorn. Love, Daylin

Dear Santa, I would like a unicorn for Christmas. Love, Cataleya

Santa,
Please give my Mom lots of
kisses. Can you give us candy
canes? I would like a pink
power ranger. I want a unicorn
with wings, a princess and a
horse. Oh, I want an Ipad. I
want a puppy dog that is real. I
wants treats for my dog.
See you later,
Jennifer

Santa,
I love you. Thank you
bringing everyone presents.
You are a very nice Santa.
I want a uniucorn that has
wings. I want a train set and
a Bateman lego set. I like
penguins and I love you.
Hugs and kisses,
Kate

Hi Santa,
How was your day? How are
your reindeer? I want to sit in
your lap. How are your elves?
I want three Batman legos. I
want starwars legos. I want a
transformer.
Your Friend,
Canon

Hi Santa, I want new pink shoes. I want a necklace, lipstick and earrings. Marissa

Santa, I want a pokemon. I think. I want legos and a horse. Love, Cade

Dear Santa, I know where yoiu are above my house. I would like a pink horse adn some tiny, not the big ones, hatchimals. Hugs and Kisses Destiny

Dear Santa, I would like a humongous batbot. I want a lion guard and a Lion King. Warren

Santa, I love you. How old are your reindeer? I want cars, trucks, tractors and that is it. Your Friend, Keegan

Santa,
I want to take a picture with
you. I want to give you a hug
and take anotehr picture
again. I would like to eat
smores with you. I want a
barbie doll house that talks
by itself and it turns off the
lights and that is how it goes,
a talking doll house. I want
more pretty earrings.
Love, Ava

Santa,
How old is milk? How many
elves do you have at the
North Pole? How old are you? I
woiuld like mini elves and a ral
elf on the shelf that is a girl. I
would like some legos. I would
like a reindeer elf.
Merry Christmas,
Amy

Santa Claus, How are your reindeer? hi I want a football helmet, gloves, and legos. Merry Christmas, Powell

Dear Santa,
I hope your elves will be nice
to you. I hope they don't be
bad. I love you! I would like
a football helmet, gloves,
shoulder pads and knee pads
and starwar legos.
Your a nice Santa,
Brooks

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a cat. Love, Jeremiah Fraire

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a puppy. Love, Sylas Robles

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a pony. Love, Ariana Alviso

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a bumble bee grey robot. Love, Jonathan Carava

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

For christmas I would like to see Santa. Love, Jason Martin

For christmas I would like a puppy. Love, Andrew Ramirez Dear Santa,

For christmas I would like a

puppy.
Love, Rey Acevedo

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like a bicycle.
Love,
Blanca Vasquez

Mrs. Berkhouse's Class

Dear Santa
I would like a blue robot with
orange and a helicopter with
remote control and more
legos. Please Santa, no boats.
Some soft blocks like in my
class for my sister and me. For
boys and girls. That's it.
Merry Christmas,
Jacob

Dear Santa, I want legos! And lots of big trucks and bikes and a big, blue box of legos. And a big coloring box The End Marcos

Dear Santa,
I want a toy brand new snow
globe and I want a coloring
book.
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a racecar. That's it. Love, Noah

Dear Santa,
I want to play with race cars
then we play games then we
play games and then we'll
play jumping then we'll play
hide and seek.
Thank You, Eli



Dear Santa,

and a toy bear.

Thank you, Patricio

I want a toy scorpian I

want a toy spider and a toy

superhero. I want a racecar

track. Lightning and mcqueen,

and tisco and even a racecar

watch and a toy sword and

a toy tarantula with stuff in it

Kindergarten Mrs. Lohman's Class

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like magnets Love, Derek Gamez

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a piggy bank. Love, Ileah Gamez

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like to see Santa Claus. Love, Anayi Lopez

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a dog of my own named Flowers. A real one. Love, Andi Archer

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like a
new shirt.
Love, Cayden Guerra

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a bike. Love, Jimmy Garcia

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a monster truck. Love, Edgar Dominguez

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a toy turkey. Love, Estrella Acevedo Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race track for
Christmas and then I want
a red moster truck with
remote control and even I
want a BAtman toy with a
Batmobile and the joker with
his truck and a purple race
car from Angelo that I really,
really wanted. Some legos
for Christmas Some Brand
would like a
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race track with
remote control and even I
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Batmobile and the joker with
his truck and a purple race
car from Angelo that I really,
really wanted. Some legos
for Christmas Some Brand
new blocks for Christmas and

that's it.

Levi

Merry Christmas,

Dear Santa,
I would like a Batbot, a
Superstation, some new
legos, a car track that glows,
some new Dino toys, a new
jacket, new blocks, a new shirt,
some new jeans, new boots –
red ones and a new hat.
Merry Christmas,
Jorday

Dear Santa Claus, I know what i want for Christmas, a toy van that you can fit 3 people in and drive and then I want a Santa suffed animal and then I want a swimming pool for my dog. Then I want a toy dog that you can walk and then I want puzzles, pepa pig puzzles and then I would like a stack of paper and new shoes. Then I would like little flowers and a necklace and then a unicorn clock. Merry Christmas, Bella

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want orbies and I want a pool and I want a pet hamspter. That has a cage. Love, Lily

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a rainbow car and
a truck. A rainbow truck. A
rainbow chris car. A school toy
with Mrs. Berkhouse on it. A
book about machines. A table
like Mrs. Berkhouse's table. A
Christmas tree with a Star and
a tree with lights
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa Claus,
I want 6 coloring books and I
want a treasure box with stuff
in it like Mrs. Berkhouise's. And
I want some glue and I want
some markers so I can color
on my coloring book and I
want a trash can in my room
and I want a bathroom in my
room and I want crayons and
that's it.
I love you, Lynette

Mrs. Purvis's Class

Dear Santa,
I want a play kitchen and a
barbie. I hope you can see me.
I have been good. I hope I see
Rudolph!
Merry Christmas
Dulce

Dear Santa, I want blue presents. I want a car that can drive. I hope you come to see me. I would also like a phone and a tablet. That is it. Thank you Santa, Jesus

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for you! I am a
good girl. I like playing with
my baby sister. She always
gets on me to hug and tickle
me. My baby sister is a good
girl, but she doesn't know
how to behave because she
is a little girl. I want a toy
bird for my baby sister. I

want an American girl doll, doll house, baby that tears, owl, play house, toy dog, American horse, and toy kitty. I'm making cookies today. At Christmas I will leave you Christmas tree cookies and milk. You have a Merry Christmas! Mia

Santa,
I have been really good this year. I really want a toy train, cowboy and T-Rex. The T-Rex walks, roars, and his eyes turn on. I also want an Imaginext Pyramid Surf and Strike with figures. I hope you can bring me a dancing toy robot and toy rocket ship. I will give you some cookies and milk or some brownies! Have a safe flight and have a very tood Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I want you to come to my
house so you can eat my
cookies, and give me a toy
rocket. I also hope you can
give me a sled. Please give me
mittens. Give me a box of cars.
Have a safe flight.
David

Love, Hadley

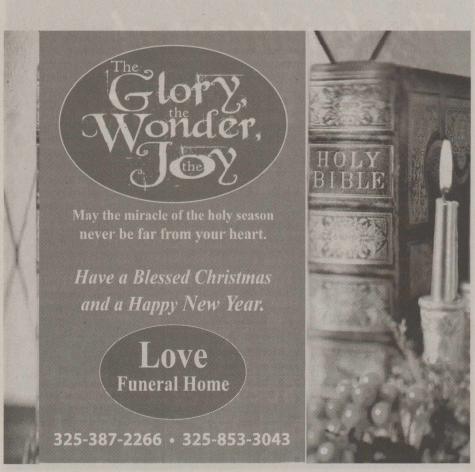
Hi Santa!
I have been good this year.
I have been good because I help others. Please bring me some toys. Can you bring Dad a needle for the football because it is flat. The other football went to the goats. I hope you can get a red football and a skate board. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Neno

How is your day in the North Pole with Mrs. Claus? I bet Comet is learning to fly. If he already knows how to fly, that is good! When Comet has a waife, and when his wife has a baby, if the baby is a boy or a girl, if it is both, that's good because my brother and me are twins. I have a big sister, so there is three of us! I think my mom accidently knocked over our elf with her cup! I have been trying to be good, but my sister hasn't been good. My brother has been good. I hope you will bring me a doll house, because my mom got rid of my old one. Merry Christmas and Thank You Santa! Harper

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want lots of
presents! I have been good
this year. I want pop the pig, a
scooter, a rocket, fishing rod,
and a mini hoverboard. I'm
going to leave you cookies
and milk. I hope you like them.
Merry Christmas!
Love lan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been
good. My Elf, Bert, is watchng
me to make sure I'm good. I
want you to bring me some
legos and a new football. I
want some new shoes and
socks. I'll leave a cookie for
you. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love, James

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
Oscar the Elf has been
watching everyone to make
sure we are good. I hope that
you will bring me a skate
board and a remote control













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Letters to Santa Claus

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car. I hope I get to see you
soon. I know the North Pole is
far away. Be careful delivering
presents.
Love, Jacoby

Dear Santa,
How have yoiu been at the
North Pole? Down here in
Sonora where I live it's been
cold. For this year I've been
so good I waiting to hear
the sound of your bells and I
would like to have a doll.
Thanks
Allison Ramirez

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a presnt this year. I would like a baby doll with several changes of clothes and a diaper bag. So I really feel I deserve it. By the way I want to let you know that I started kindergarten this year and I love my teacher Mrs. Purvis and Ms. Dominguez., but I've learned English. OK this is all I will have cookies and milk for you and food for your reindeer. Thank You! Zaida

First Grade Ms. Taylor's Class

Dear Santa, I was a good girl this year and i hope Santa brings me presits. Love, Jahzelle

Dear Santa, How are you. If you ask my I am gud. I love you I wunt Bumbl B that changes Love Isaac

Dear Santa, I wat a koten kande mackr plez and I wot a yunck on. Luv Maribell

Dear Santa, Santa physical I wat a kotin kcandee makre I want a brbee hous. I want a brbee car.
Lov Balee

Dear Santa, I want a little pig. I want a noW bicke. I want to get lyia a presin?! Love Destiny

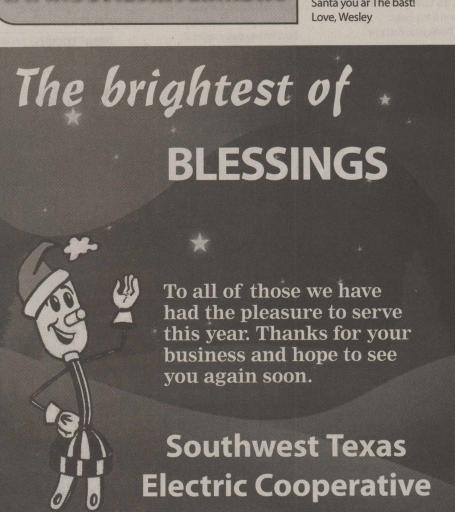
Dear Santa,
Do you want a glass of milk
and cookes? How are you
doing Santa. How is it cold in
the norf pull Santa.
Love, Rico

Dear Santa, I wt a than and a Bik and a ulrbiK. I lev a cerish adn a clreadna. Love Blake

Dear Santa, I heart a yoory elf to the mon and back I wunt a fonn Ples dreg my tae that I wnt a soda

b. Loav Jace Braden

Dear Santa, Can you dring me a I phone! Santa you ar The bast! Love, Wesley





Dear Santa, Santa can you pless bring me a toking doll hous and a toking doll. Love Lyla

Dear Santa,
Hown are yre elvs. I whont a
toy dol And i wont oso a toye
dog. And i oso whont a Elv on
the shelf. And i oso whant a
toe cor.
Love, Kaylin

Dear Santa, How are youi doing? How is Rodoff? What are the elvs doing? What I wunt for chrismtun is a Lps. Love, Kynlie

Dear Santa, I want a cat. and a toy JaCabot. and oso a gunu. Love, Ramberto

Dear Zanta, I wat a Hot will. How to mek tof. Tiago

Ms. Rogers' Class

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I want a
phone for christmas! I wan a
rant a remote knctrol krr.
Love, Dekota

Dear Santa, How are you? For Christams I would like a bracelet. I would also like bocks. a game, a soccer ball and a candy cane. Thank you Santa, Andrea Huichapa

Dear Santa, I been good becaus I did my job. I wot a tablet. How have your elves been? Love Chloe

Dear Santa,
How are your elfs doing this H
yeer. p.s. I am wundering if
your randeer is doing good.
have a saff flit home. may I
have all unucorn stuff.
Love Jarrett

Dear Santa, I wil lev you kuesk and mlk. Ples kan I hav a kichen pla set? How is Mrs Kos? Love, lan

Dear Santa,
I haeve bin good because I
haeve bin helping my dad
clen. I want a per of Una ormor
shose for crimis. How haeve
yur ellf bin?
Love Jose

Dear Santa, I bend good because I help my mom and dad. Santa you pleeas git me spontoon and morroe aseca. How do efs fly? Love Keanu

Dear Santa,
I have been good because I help my Mom sometims wrck on the house. For Christmas I want a Spa Set and a orby Spa set. How is your famuly dooing? Wath do your randir eta?
Love, ShaeLee

Dear Santa,
I have been very good I lissin
to my mom and my dad. I
would like a race car. I hope
you have a good christmas
Santa
Love Carlos Lopez

Dear Santa, I been good because I help my momy fed hr chicins. I wot a stuft anml. Mere chrismas. Love Victoria

Dear Santa,
I have been very good
because I help other sread
when they have trouble. This
Christmas may I have a bike. I
will leave cookies for you and
carrets for the reindeer.
Love Maegan

Dear Santa,
Whut I wut for christmas is
sum present and shocis and
gluv Rus I good with my mom.
How is your radis?
Love Brenda

Dear Santa, I have been rile gud thi yir because I help my mom and sistors I wad rile love if you get me a whoch. hae Santa hal arn the elfs I wll leve you cukese. Love Ryder

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this yir
because I folo inshchusins. If I
get sum of my toule truks I will
be hape.
Love Carson

Ms. Rodriguez's Class

Dear Santa,
I am gud. Haw are you? gud.
I want a polese car. Merri
Chrismas.
Love,
Fernando

Der Santa,
How are you doing? I am
good can you bring me some
legos and ninja turtles. Merry
Christmas.
Iove, Noah

Dere Santa.
you can bring a dog? I can
get a cat. Santa say Ho Ho
Ho. I help me Mom. Memy
Christmas.
Love, April

Deer Santa,
How are your Reindeer and
Mrs. Claus? I want a mermade
tale.
Love, Nevaeh

Dere Santa Cos. how are you doing? I want Legos a IPhone. 100 nert boolits and toy words. Merry Christmas your friend Eliseo

Dear Santa, Are you gud? Santa can I have a brack and red jr agin? mery christmas. Keaton F.

Deer Santa,
How are yoyr reindeer and
mrs. claus? I wat mace up kit, a
mermade tale, barbi dolls, and
rainbo frizbee.
your friend, Gillian

Dere Santa,
How are your reindere? This
chrismis I am doing good. This
chrismis I want a toy hors and
an Iphone and a tablit. You
have a good day.
Your frend Geneva

Deer Santa, How are you doing Santa I no I have dun to bruthr. I want a toy dinoser and more legos. Luv Aaron Merry Chrismas Santa

Dear Santa, How are doing? I want a mermade tale. Merry Christmas. Love, Gabby

Dere Santa,
Are you okay? How are your raindeer? I no you have Bin working a lot. I am going to make you some cookies. We all LOVE YOU a lot. I want a hamster also a miniture rangers and a big toy casle with nites.
Your friend,
Rudley Bryan

Deer Santa,
How are you doing with your
deer? how many deers do you
got? Elfs are good at making
toys I want a per of gluvs for
crristmas.
Love, Ethan

Ms. De Luna's Class

Dear Santa,
For Crismis I would like a robot
cat and dog and a feagrling
becaues they all are fun.
Peyton

Dear Santa, Fer Christmas I would like for you to bring me a finglerling and a Flipzie girl because they are fun to play with. Annslee

Dear Santa, For cristmas I want a hoverbord because they are fun to ride. Burkes

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like you to bring e video games beus they are fun to play. Alison

Dear Santa For Christmas I would like a baisico bicos I dont hav one. Melany

Dear Santa For crismis I wud like a. prinsis hous beus I Lic to plai with my dols in the prinsis haus. Naomi

Dear Santa
For Christime I would like for
you to bring me a baby dol
becus I like babys
Sapnia

Daer Santa for chrismas I want a Hybrid Villosoraptor becaus they are faster than cheetas. Jayce

Der Santa For crimes I want a police Bicle becase it is my drem. William

Dear Santa
For christmas I want a kiten
becus they are soft.
Justys

Deer Santa,
For Chrismis I want you go
breng a doll house becase I
want to play whith it.
Than you!
Anahi

Dear Santa,
For Chismis will you get me
a tablit becauze I like to play
gams
Adrialys

Der Santa
For crismis I wont two kitns
for me and my grama Maria
becus we both like kitns.

Second Grade Mrs. Cearley's Class

Dear Santa,
Can I have a trampolen and
15 Helos. I want legos and a x
box1 and I want also have sum
pants. I hope you get a good
day with Roodof.
Love, Alexander

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wood like a
Plastashin. and BeBe rifel.
Pleas I hope you have a good
Christmas and a good time at
the north Pole.
Love
Trysten

Dear Santa,
I want a tambilet, want a baby puppy, want a compunter, and a candy cane. I sol you in the pray and thank you for the gifts. Have a mary crismas and a good day.
Love, Melissa

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole? I want
a huverbed, a ipad, dinsrs, x
box one. I will mack choclet
cuces. I will mack a prans for
you. can i tack you pichr?
Love, Riley

Dear Santa, I want a intendo swich. and i wald like mariyo onisty, mariyo cart 8, and alexa. You are the Jollyest man. You and mis, clas be well. merry christmas! Love Robert. Z

Dear Santa,
I will like a intendo switch
because I get good grades. I
will also like pokemon cards
because I clean up at home.
and transformers. I want a nerf
gun because I read lots of 5th
grade books. merry Christmas.
Love Daniel

Dear Santa, I whant 7elfs on the Shelf. I whant now shoes. I whant a now Phone case. I whant a now pants, chacet short boats. I so you at the prade. I made all a's & b's. I have been kind. Love, Brianna

Dear Santa, I sou your videyow. I soiu you at the prad. Thak you for the toy you drot me. I wat for crismis a football, weels on shoes, huveborb and a igod. cegwom. Love, Adele

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new set of boots
for chrismas? And I need some
new supper skinny jeans, a
new necklece, and bracelet.
Thank you for my elfs you
send. And I want you to know
that I've been very good this
year. I hope my elfs had told
you I have been good this
year. Thank you for my new
elf Alxa.
Love, Kenzee

NORTH POLE

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Dear Santa,

What I whant for chrismis is a mancky that folos people. a hachamals, a robot puppy and a robot unicorn. I seen you at the prade. Be cosy and Warm so you whont be sick. Thank you for the barby last yer. Merry chrismis.

Love, Hope

Dear Santa,
I love your kindness. Thank
you for the gifts you give us.
You are the best! The things
I want is an alexa the most! I
also want a mini T.V. and all
the lego kriptonights.
Your best friend, Jack

Dear Santa,
I want a aisistam, and
hoverrbord. i want a Xbox
and a hollow Jay. I sall you and
miss class at the priade. thanks
for the snow last week, thanks
for the toys last week. I sall you
at the bank.
Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,
Thak you for the presns las
wek at Kresmes and how was
the north pol? godand how
was mes Klos? godtoubot
Kan you gevme a preseten to
legos? Sovh to clos and mes
alos toanK you.
Love Noah

Dear Santa,
I deserv a elf becaus I made A's
and B's all year. and a Phone
becaus I've been good all
year. I need two Ipads becaus I
broke my brothers. and I need
a rifle to hunt.
Love, Caid n

Ms. Schmitz's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like some slime and
a nentendo switch, zoomer
show pony, i pad, little
cristmas tree, aqua beads,
orbez crush and soothing
spa, and nail polish with some
gliter. Also I would like some
paint - watercolor.
Sophia

Dear Santa, I would like Slime, Ipad a humbrd, ntedo Lol sprise eggs. Orbbez crush. a souenmeshen. A theethes NmNm. Love, Miranda

Dear Santa, I would like a 10 inch Repunzel doll and a remote conchroll car and a new set of makeup that is 19 inches long and num noms nailpolish maker. Love Presley

Dear Santa, I would liek for christmes is a huver bord, a spider web schooter, glow in the dark roller skats, and the most of all is a Ps4. Merry christmast Santa Love Ryan Mungia

Dear Santa, I would like a golf ball been bag. A socer ball. I want a drndga gahe, a toy helictur, hover borde, a toy tent. Love Luke Snyder

Dear Santa,
I would like a beyblade burst
toy, and a elf on the shelf, and
a toy helicopter.
Love Armanily

Dear Santa,
I would like to move. I would like a hoverboard. I would like a bebyboxer. I would like a trampoline. I would like a big present.
Love, Jesiah please.

Dear Santa,
I want a foot chrismis, a motr
gocart and a hoverboard that
you Santa i do not car wich
wun I get from my list.
Love, Hardy

Dear Santa, I would like a snace and a parrot. Love Allen

Dear Santa,
I would like a Buzzlitur and a
Jake in the Box and a spr more
a bruthers.
Edward

Dear Santa, I would like a football & xbox Dayon

Mrs. Powell's Class

Dear Santa, How are you and the reindeer doing? I wan a XBox. sincerly Sebastian

Dear Santa, How are you and te elves doing? I think I can be good this yer. Ples bring me an amoerican girls doll and horse. sincerly Sighey

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I think
I have been good. can I ples
have a toy bote and a toy
ernoplay.
Luv Eduardo Salazar

Dear Santa,
How are you and mrs. claus
doing? I think that I've been
a good girl. For chrismas I
would like soggy doggy yeti in
my spageti pie. Face makeup
books and a thred to sew stuff
and a new bike and the last
thing I would like is chrisas
speeret.
Love, Brailyn

Dear Santa, How has your year been? I pray that you be safe. I want a hot wheels track and a pupppy. God bless you, your reindeer and your eleves. Love, Richard

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer
am I being good now or not.
Santa I rilly want a moose
sleeping bag I know I arredy
tode you but instead of a
ragler sleeping bag. I hope
you have a great Christmus
to: Santa
from Brook

Dear Santa,
I love you becaus you give me
przints and you should love
roodof decause he go yo out
of the fot. I think I was good.
for chrismas I would likea x
box pleaes
Love Tres

Dear Santa,
How are you dooig and the
elves. I theync iV bin good so
can you giv me a drum set. I
no you gav me a gutare last
year but I wnt to mak a box
band this is for me gil and can
jingl bels com bac can you git
me and toy nindusil and a new
pet fish and dolls for Zaylen
Love,
Kane

Dear Santa,
How randear doing? and How
is mrs. claus doing? what i
would like a box full of legos
and a amaracan jojo doll and a
barbie house
Love, Sofia

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves
doing. don't git on the note
list. and Santa can you breng
me a football and giv me a
lego set. and a drone and a
xbex
Love Buddna

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing for
christmas I want Amaracin girl,
dog, makeup and pom poms
and a cheerleading set.
Love Aanz'Leigh

Ms. Hernandez's Class

Dear Santa, How are you. How many elves do you have. I love Christmas because we get lots of presents! May I please have some toys. I have been good this year. I left a candy in Elfyevergreens stocking for you. At Christmas I think Elfyevergreen will bring it to you because he is saveing all the stuff we put in it. And I can't wait for you to see my drawing of Elftyevergreen. Today he has a bowl of chocolate kisses we ate one his morning! Love Samantha

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Christmas is the Best becuse you breng us presents. could I please have a toy for christmas. How are the elves. Thanks for my present from last year! Love, Evelyn

Dear Santa,
Can your reindeer fly? Does
Rudolph's nose glow? And
your elfs make the gifts and
you drive your sleigh and for a
present I want a helicopter.
From Aaron

Dear Santa,
You are the best can you
please bring me a present.
how are you? how meny
raindeer Du you have? How
is Rudolph? is it cold in the
north pole. are you cold there
Santa? how can you're sled
float in the air. is ther magic in
the sled that you're riding in
Santa? Merry chrismas!
Donato Gonzalez

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas, Santa How are you duwing. Santa pleas give me a lego truck and a ipad. Pleas can I have a boy barbie. How are your raindeer. Thnk you I hope I get the same presents. Love Luis

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! How
many elves do you have
Santa. Please Santa Please I
would like a Ken doll with 10
kinds of clouse and a dollthat
can shoot ouir from a lifegard
chair. A girl one. I have been
SO nice this year to my brother
and sister. Merry Christmas,
Kaas Gutierrz

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa I love
christmas because I have
snowball fitse and could I
please have a control RC car
and haw ara yore elfs Santa
thank you for my present
Santa.
your friend Jose

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa Hove work
christmas because there snow
days and I like to leave cookies
and milk. For christmas I
would please like a nintendo
swich and if you can i will like
barbie life in the dreamhours
please. How many elves do
you have? Thank you Santa
have a great day.
Love, Miranda Montoya

Dear Santa, can I have a comuter please and Santa How are you dowing and how many rain dire do you have and is it cold in the north pole and I'm going to the north pole to go see youi and my favorite part of chrismes is to open all of the present and I have bene good this year and you have bene good to give the chidren and Santa I am glad that is christmas and thank you Santa for enything you have don for me. Love Yarixa

Dear Santa,
How is rudolph? for chrimas i
want a remot control air plain
and a bb guna nd a remot
control 4 wheeler and a littel
TV and I will live coca cola
next to the cooKies. Marry
chrismas
Sinirly Alfredo Gaspar

Santa how are you? Can you bring me a house for me and for my mom and dad I want you to bring them lots of love and for my dad and my mom Santa can you do that.
Love, Kevin, thank you

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Chrismas
is the Best time of the year
Because you give me presents
for chrismas. i would like a
BarBie house please. how cold
is it at the north pole? thank
you for everything you do
for us.
Marry chrismas, Mariselda

Dear Santa,
Merry christmas Santa How
are you I have waiting for
making u a list from a toy may
you give me a present please
I want a baby doll That it says
mama and has diPPers and I
have been very nice with my
teacher and my friends and

my Mom and how is rudolph Thank you for the presents. Merry Christmas Santa. Brysa

Dear Santa,
I'v bin good this yery haw
is roodoff doing I hope hes
doing okay hw is Dashr Dansr
comid Pransr. I whonder if you
can macke feningrIbnis and a
Amerucin girl doll.
Love
Morrigan Starr

Third Grade Mrs. Friess' Class

Dear Santa Man I love dressing up has the Grinch. Christmas is my favorit time of the year bring as many presents on my list as you can. I know your busy and have to give to the poor but I relly whant you to bring me a new white football helmet but I understand if you cant give me half of my presents. I deserve each of these presents because I made all aes and bes. I got 7th place in uil but worked hard. Evrey day I been helpful to Fiki. I walk him down the stairs. I will be waiting to see hear the bells of the slaighe and your foot steps and when your leaving make sure to say good all to the children of the world! Merry christmas! Warmly yours, Jayce

Dearest Santa.
HO! HO! HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!
HO! HO! I can't whait to hear
That. I have been on my best
behaver This year. This year I
whant a pet cat, dog house for
the cat, cat suits But go easy
on yourself. And Pokemon.
The reson is I am making good
grades, nice to sis and wash
the dishes, some times. I will
be waiting for you!
Warmly yours Kielan

Dear Santa, Jingle Jingle the sound of the straps that the reindeer wear. I have a small list this year I think I'll get some of the things that I want to get. I know there are a lot of needy people. I wish I could help them. These are what I want Pokemon an IPhone shinskea nakamura action figurine and 100 hot wheels in a bref case. I should get these because I help my parents. Also, I did good at UIL. I get good grades and I help my friends. I will be waiting to hear the jingle of the straps that the reindeer

Sincerly yours Elrey Silva

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a huge list so I am hopeing you can bring all of them. I know that I have a lot of things I wan't, but please help my mom out. So can you? I have been a good boy this year, I hope. I want a real puppy and a tablet, many legos, play station for with the Minecraft game, a lot of hubble dubble gum because I love my little butter and been a good kid this year. I try to be nice to my school and family. I can't wait to hear you say ho! ho! ho! marry christmas! Warmly yours, fernando Aguilar

Dearest Santa HO! HO! I'll bet your elves are really busy I have a quite tine list this yer, and I have been really good! I think. I know there are a lot of other kids but if you don't have time it's OK if you bint mak it but if you make it I want Pokemon. I deserve Pokemon becaus I made all A and B I help my frends as much as I can. I help kilean with his spelling. I will be wating to hear your gulp when you Drink your milk! warm hugs, Angel

Dear Santa man,
I can't wait to hear your bells. I
have a small list and I have ben
good. I want my mom to have
a fun time. If you can I want a
cat, a phone and a chewawa.
I want a cat because I have
ben good in school. I want a
phone because I have good
grades. I want a chewawa
because it is cute and I want
an inde dog. I hope you like
my tree!
Sara

Dearest Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a gigantek list. I can't wat for you santa! I know there are a lot of other pepe that dont

have toys so you can bring me just three presents I want ainaendo, pohemon cards and askerball I deserve each of these presents because I am rily hard wwaker at the ranch feeding the gots. I feed the horse and the bulls and horus. I will be waiting for your Ho! Ho! Ho! I love you, sanat. Warmly yours, Iggy

Dear Santa,

HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a humungous list this year. I think I've been really good this year. I know other kids want more and more presents. But I would only like a Hoverboard, Really cute dog and maverick merch and that's it. I promise. I deserve each of these presents because I got all A's on my report card and I got 6th place in the UIL meet for spelling. I tried really really hard. I thought I wasn't going to make it to the finalls but I did. I couldn't believe it. I will be waiting to hear your footsteps of joy and love on my front door. I wish you luck on giving pesents to all the wonderful kids in the world including me. Warmly yours, Madison

Dear Santa Claus, HO!HO!HO! I can't wait for Christmas? I have a little list and I have been good Haven't 1? I know you have more people in the world and they should get what they want, but I just want an ipod. If you can't give that to me then I want a stuff animal that is fine with me santa. I deserve these presents because I help my class mates when they need help. I help my mom get stuff when she makes food for us, She is never home so I haft to help her make food. I will wait for HO! HO! HO! Jimena

Dearest Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have quite a list this year, and I have been really good. I think. I know there are a lot of other kids that need a whole lot more than I do, but I would really, really, really, enjoy a new table and barbie house. I deserve each of these presents because I have been nice to everybody. I also help my siblings. I help them clean the house. I also help my mom cook. I will be waiting to hear







CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9 your footsteps of joy, and love. I appreciate all you do for kids. Warmly Yours, Alejandra Hernandez

Dearest Santa, Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! That is My favorite Song. I have Quite a list this year, and I have been really good I think. I know there are a lot of other kids that need a whole lot more than I do, but I would really, really, really enjoy a new Christmas tree stick and a bike. I deserve each of these presents because I obey my mommy and daddy. I also helped Mrs. Della with the babies and I also fed the youngest one. I also helped my mom with laundry and clean the living room. I will be waiting to hear your footsteps of joy and Love. I apreciate all you do for children around the world including me! Warmly yours, Nayeli

Dear Santa, Jingle bells! Jingle bells! That is my favorite song. I have a small list this year and I have been good! I know there are other kids in the world. But I don't care I just want a nerfgun and an x-box game. I've been really good. I deserve these gifts because I've made mostly A's on my classes and I did well in UIL and went to practice every Tuesday and Thursday. I will be waiting to hear you come. I appreciate all you do for kids around the world, including Sincerly yours, Rogelio Ruiz

Dear Mr. Claus I love hearing clink clink on the roof top and down through the chimany. My list is huge but it does not matter about the list it matters what is inside. I know people are poor and have no food. If



santa gave me food, I would donate it, but I really want a laptop. I deserve some of these presents because I'm a hard worker because I help feed at my ranch. I would hit myself to get a present. I will be waiting for clink! clink! clink! and a ho! ho! ho! please let my Elf, Sneaky, stay until the end of December. Warmly yours, Emory

Dear Santa man, HO! HO! HO! i can't want for you to cume. I have a tiny list. I hope that I an being good this year. I will make good choices for you. I want for christmas is a AmarkeGrilDallBed, food for my Amarkegrildall, a pupey rill one, close for my amkngirl dall, traire for amrkn dall and I want sum choos for my amrkn dall. I deserve each of there sresonts because I am nice to my Bruther, I have good grades, I have not plaed on my taplet for a long time and I have ben good to my frinds. I will be waiting to hear your foot steps of joy and love. I appreciate all you do for kids around the world. Warm'y yours Sydney Lynn Routh

Dear Santa, How are you Santa how have you ben at the North Pol. I love Chrismas because we get elves. I rele wunt a shcpken soopcas pleas. How old are you thak yoiu for the present Love, Payten White

Mrs. Jones' Class

Dearest Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. Christmas is just around the corner I can't wait to hear your raindeer. I want to get a lot of toys from you because I have been a good girl. I think I want every

thing on my list because I have been nice to my siblings, been respectful to elders, helped someone in need, have very very very good grades, and Love helping my parents if it is needed. I deserve all of these presents because I have all A's in all of my classes and once I got a B in reading class, and sometimes I don't clean when my mom tells me to. I will be waiting to hear your footsteps at the door and cant' wait to open my presents that you gave me. You are just wonderful and I can't wait till you give other people toys and when they wake up and see wondeful things full of joy. Warmly yours, Peyton Bailey

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a short list this year. Only 5 things. I know some kids don't have everyhting that I have but I wold really like o have a drone. madden 18, hover bord, pokemon cards, and virtual reality googles. I deserve at leas 3 presents because I went to finals in UIL and some times I get good grades but not always. I will be waiting to hear your jolly HO! HO! HOS! Warmly yours, Wyatt

Dearest Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait until it is Christmas Eve! I have a very short list only 4 things! I have Been very good this year! I think? I know you are busy but I really really want a hoverboard, neklases, chockers, and a baby doll. I deserve all the presents I ask for because I am nice to my siblings (sonetimes) Except one time I hid my cloths under my bed because I was to lazy to pick them up. I will be waiting for those presents. I am so thankful that you care for everyone in the world. Don't fill up on cookies. Warmly yours, Gentri

Dearest Santa, Jingle bells! Jingle bells! That is what I love to hear. I have a tiny list this year, and I think I've been good. I really hope. I know there is a lot of kids that need a family, but I really want virtual reality googles and a basketball hoop. I think I deserve each of these presents because I have got all A's and haven't got a B or lower yet. I help my mom sometimes and I listen in school. Lastly, I came in 1st in 4th grade numbersense and I'm in 3rd grade! I will be waiting for the presents. I love what you do for me and kids around the world. Warmly Yours, Aaron

Dear Santa, Yee haw! I Love christmas, I have a small list this year. I know I have been mean, but I am sorry. Santa please get my dog a dogy bed. I don't think I diserve the 2 presents I asked for but please breng them to me. I will be happy to know you visited me this year! Warmly yours, Joslin

Dearest Santa, HO! HO! HO! is what I hear. I have a small list this year and I have been good. I have been very good and nice and I really really want a hoverboord, and a shopkins mall, and a tablat. I have earned these presents by cleaning and helping my mom and dad. I will be wating for you and I left you some cookies and milk and I hope that you bring me my presents I want. Warmly yours, Layla

Jinagle bells! jinagle! I can't wait to hear. I'll bet your elves are Really busy. I have a huge list for you. I know what I want for Christmas. an ameracan girl doll, baby doll, camra, and competer. I think I should get every thing because sometimes I get good grades. sometimes. I wish that Rhodofe can vist us on christmas eve. Merry christmas! I am thankful for all you do for kids around the world including me. Warmly yours, Milanni

Dear Santa,

HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a tiny list this year, and I have been

very good. I know there are a lot of other kids that need a whole lot more than I do, but I would really enjoy new pokemon coin's. I desurve each of these prents because. I have made all A's in Mrs. Jones class this year. Well one time I did make a B. Warmly yours, Isa Flores

Dear Santa, I wish christmas was all year long. I have a tiny list this year but i have been really good! I think. I know kids who need toys, a family, water, food and clothes. For christmas i want happy people Because i have been wanting kids to be happy For one year. I will be waiting For you Santa! Warmly years, Mario

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait for christmas eve and your milk and cookies are waiting! I have a gigantic List and I know I have grades and I hope you can get the things I want. I know that there are other kids that needs toys but I really want an X-box 360, a drone, dirt bike and pokemon. I deserve each of these thing's decause I am making A's and B's and and I trying to get all A's and I am also a good student and I also Listen in class. I will be waiting to hear your foot steps in to snow. Warmly Yours, Axel

Dearest Santa, Christmas is just around the corner I can't wait. I have quit a small list this year I have been a little mean. but i am sorry. I know there a lot of kids that more than me but I would really really enjoy a stuff animal, crafts, and a art set. I deserve these presents because I Listen in school and I help my mom. I will be waiting to hear your footsteps of joy and Love I appritiate all you do for the kids all around the world and for me. Warmly yours, Aliyah

HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to see you. I have quite a list this year. I think have been a good girl. I can't wait to

get Wifi for christmas I wait, shopkins, shose, toys, ball and shirts. chirstmas is anrod the corner I can't wat to hear that woneerful sound. I want a lot of toys because you can wake up and see presents full of joy. I deserve my toys because I have been a good girl, and hlep my mom clea the kitchen Wamly yours Arriara

Dearest Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to see you. I have milk and cookes waiting for you. I Have a lot of gifs But I Hope you can give me some more gifts I want a x box and drone. I deserve a Present becuse I have helped my parents and sisters, sometimes. and I hope you can come. I hope I have been good boy and I hope you can get my toys to my house. warmly yours Diego

HO! HO! HO! Merry christmas is around the corner I can't wait! I hope every kid gets what they want I want a cute cat, pokie mon and \$108 dollars. I also want a phone. one more thing... I want xbox Live, internet wifi and a peanoie. I have ben very good because I help my Grandma and I help the homeless and the poor. I can't wait to see vou santa, warmly yours, Aidan

Dearest Santa, Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells Is my favorite song of all the song. I have a small list and I have 5 gifts. I wunt 5 gifts. I wunt madden 18, snippernerfgun new tadlit and I wunt a remotecontrol car. I have a's and B's in evry class and I helped my parents I will be waiting to hear your footsteps of joy and love I appreciate all you do for all the kids around the world including me. warmly yours, Gunner

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I cant wait to hear that sound. I have quiet a list this year and I Have Been really good this year. I know there are a lot of other kids



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10 that realy want preseints like me I realy want a x-box for christmas other kids may want someting else. I deserve each of these presints because I Haved Help all my siblyngs, helepd people that Have gotin Hurt. I will Be waiting to hear your footsteps of joy and Love. warmly, Lane

Dearest Santa HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have short list this year, and I have been good. I think. I really desevere presents because I have a lot of A. also I have behave. This is what I want hoverbord. computer, virtual reality goggles phone, and a slime maker. Merry Christmas santa! Can I tell you something? Just don't eat to much cookies! I wish cristmas was every year. I can't wait to hear your footsteps I thank you for giving presents I wish poor people could get what

lot more then I do, but I would really egiay a new shotgun. I beserve each of these presents because I have made A's and B's this year. One time I made a C. I can't wait to hear your footsteps. Warmly yours Woody Crow

Dear Santa, are you real? Your elves are tiny but they do hard work I hope they are working on my presents. I know that I have a whole roomful of toys but they are realy old and I want to give them to the homeles people. I deserve all those gifts because I want to help the homeless people and I help my mom at her shop. I also help my dad on the gocart. I will be waiting fo ryou to give all the children their gifts including me. Warmly yours, Lynden

Deasrat santa, HO! HO! HO! I hear youre coming to town! I've been waiting foe you. I've been good I think. I know my list is short, but that is all I want. I would like a zbox one so I can gwt me favorite game and I really want the nerf Rino Fire gun. I know you are busy this year. I deserve these presents I think bucuse I make good grades and help my

kids that need a whole lot more than I do but I would really really enjoy if I could get a moped and mohopoug. I deserve each of these presents becuse I have helped frides and famly I helpt put cristmas decorsons I also help my mom cook finer and put ornaments on the tree. I apprecrate all you have done for all the kids around the worls incluting me. warmly yours, Kendall

Dearest Santa. HO! HO! HO! i can hear santa in the air with his presnts. I have ben good this year and quite nervis. This year I really want a laptop and a ihpone. I derve these because I feed our dogs and cats and turtles. He's really big in size. I have been geting A's and C's in class I just got a 100 in mrs. Jones' class. I try really hard, and respect my techers I also take care of my littel brother. I like that you deliver presents everyear and I like what you bo for all the kids around the world. Warmly Yours, Jonah

Dear Santa, Ho, Ho, Ho, I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a mediom list this year and if i am on the nice list Just send me a presents so you can get the rest of the nice

Ho! Ho! Ho! I can't wait to get every thing on my list. I've been very good this year so far. I been trying to give my old toys away and get the ones i want for Christmas this year. I really want a drone, Nintindo Switch and Pokemon cards. My family and I leave warm cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer. When my friends are getting bullied I stand up for them. In school I've been very good. I got all A's on my report card. In my homeroom I get 100's. I will aways be waking up and trying to catch you flying to the next house. Warmly Yours, **Thomas**

Dear Santa, Ho! Ho! Ho! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have quite a list this year, and I have been good I think. I know there are a lot of kids that need a whole lot more than I do, but I would really, really, enjoy a new Giant bear. I deserve each of the presents because I have made A's and B's this year. I will be waiting to hear your footsteps of joy and love. I appreciate all you do for all the kids around the world, including me. warmlyours, Natalie

Mrs. Ramon's Class

Dearest Santa, I wish Christmas was II season long. I have been okay so I want, really want want what's on my list. Please. Santa, can your elves please make the presents that follow. A model of the solar system, a Crayola Silly Scents Marker Maker, a hover board, and the best Christmas ever! I would appreciate it. The reasons for you to give me the gifts above are: I have gotten all A's in every class and I tried very hard to get to the UIL team, and I made it. I also am very generous to my family and friends. I will be waiting for you to deliver all the presents to all the children of the world including me Warmly Yours, Gael

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I love saying that. I have a lot on my list. I thin I've been good. I know there's a lot of kids that need the presents you deliver, but I really, really want a new barbie doll and puppet. I think I deserve a puppet because I have got 100's, 90's and sometimes 80's in all of the classes. I also help my grandma cook and set the table. I help my mom fold laundry, and I help my sister with her homework. I Love that you deliver presents for all kids around the world, uncluding me! Be Safe, Santa!! Love, Emily

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I Love Christmas. I have been OK this year. I really want a few things. I know there are a lot of other kids that need a whole lot more than I do, but I really, really, really like a drone, bike and an American Girl Doll. I deserve each of these presenets because I help my mom with the twins. I help my dad with my stock show animals. I tried very hard in UIL. I also helped my frind find her brother,. I will be waiting on the front step for you with Joy until I go to sleep. As you are taking the routes around the world I will be dreaming about a wonderful christmas! warmly yours, Grace

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a big list full of toys and I've been really good! this year. I know that there are a lot of kids

that need a whole lot more toys that I do, but I really, really want a phone, bike, shopkins, and a drone for christmas. I deserve each of these presents because I have made one Hundreds on my test on every class this year, but two times I did make a 80 and a 70 on my tests. I have Cousins who need help on how to speak Spanish. I always try to help them. I will be hearing Santa footsteps of joy and love. O appreciate all you do for all of the kids bringing there toys. All around the world. Merry Christmas! Warmly Yours, Brynley

Dear Santa, I wish Christmas is all year long. I have been good this year. I know there are a lot of other kids that need a whole lot more than I do but I would want more nerf gins. I deserve each of these presents becuase I have A's and B's. My team made 3rd place in UIL. I help my dad feed pigs. I help my mom do the dishes. I will be waiting for my presents. I hope I get my presents soon, Warmly Yours, Eli

Dear Santa

Ho! Ho! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have a huge list this year and I have been good I think. I want a Xbox 1, drone, bike and a game but it is okay if youu gave me few of the gift. I really really really want to spend time with my family. I deserve these presents because I help my tia outside and Help Eika take care of Duke. Also, I Help my mom do dishes, Lastly, I have been trying to be nice to Erika. I will be waiting to hear your footsteps of joy and love. I appreciate all you do for all the kids around the world including me. Warmly yours, John Rey

Dear Santa, Ho! HO! I can't wait to Hear that sound. I been bad but I will try to do better. I hope I get presents. I now there are a lot of others girls and boys that need alot more food, close, shows, toys than I do, but I would really really like to help all the pur people around the world, and I really want a new lpad for me and my sister. I deserve each of these presents becuse I made A's and B's S's on my report card but sometimes I have made a bad grade in some classes and I make B's A's C's on my tests but I have ben doing better in classes. I will be wating to hear your footsteps of Joy and love. I all you have down for all the kids around the worls including me. Warmly Yours Maria

Dearest santa Clause, Christmas is just aroubd the corner. I haven't been doing my best at being nice to my brother, but I can do better. I know I haven't been doing my best at beeing nice to my brother, But there is this thing that will light up my dad, a Denver Bronco four/ wheeler! I deserve each of these presents because I help Braylin with Bella. I also help my mom with dishes. I will be waiting for you, I am so thankful for what you do for children around the world. Warmly Yours, Jayden

Dear Santa man, Ho! Ho! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I been nice this year I hope my name is on the nice lis. I have some toys in my room but I want more toys, I really want a Xbox, dirtbike, Pokemon, IPhone 6, 8 ball and a hover board. I deserve each of these presents because I got as. Ihing that I am really

helping is my famliy. I will be waiting for all the gifts that you give my big famliy. I will have the milk and cookies for you so please give my sister

warmly yous, Michael

Dearee Santa man, I have been bad, but I will try to be good. I hope I am on the nice list. I hope I get lots of presents. I want and 8 ball and a oinke mavericks shirt. I deserve each of these presents because I let my cousin play on my phone and im trying to be Nice, but my brothers make it hard. I know Joy is in me. I just Ned to find it. It's deep down I can't wait to see you. warmly yours, Jaylen

Dear Santa, Jingle! Jangle! I can hear that sound. I have a long list. I hope you can do it all. I know I have alot, but all I want is a IPhone-X, Oklahoma gloves and headphones. I deserve each of these because I do good in school and at the house. I did make a B. It was OK because I got 100's. I will be waiting for you. I got milk and cookies for when you come to my house. Warmly yours, **Xavier**

Dear Santa, I wish christmas was all year long. I don't have a very long list this year, but I only want one of my wishes. There are people who don't have a home but there is a 4-wheeler that I want for christmas. you shold give me a 4-wheeler becuse I have been good this year. I have Helped my mom. I will waiting to hear your footsteps. Warmly yours, Jacob

Dear Santa man, Ho! Ho! I can't wait to Hear that sound. I have a gigantic List this year, and I have Been Really good! I think. I know There are other kids that are Poor. Thats what me and my family do if they are poor we get some presents for the kids that are poor. I deserve all of these gofts Because I am getting good grade like A's and B's, And I also Help my mom and dad clean their Bedroom, kitchen, livinroon, and Bathroom and my Brother and sister room. I will Be Hearing for Your reindeers and Jingle Bells. Warmly Years, Evany

Dear Santa, Jingle bells! Jingle bells! that is my favorite song. I have a big list of toys but I only want one thing this year. I hope I am on the nice list. Santa I know I don't need alot of toys but I really really really want a box of the shopkin girls and there shopkins a i-phone. I know I dont need both of the toys but can you please just bring me one of the toys. Or just bring me a skateboard, a cumputer. I deserve each or one present because I been good with Mrs. Crain, all my teachers, and all my family. I help my sister on math and helped my frineds when they really needed help and to I made 100% and 90% on spelling with Mrs. Crain's class. I will be waiting to hear your foot steps in my house. I wish every kid gets there presents that night and coming to my grandmas and grandpaws house I wish you and all of the peple have a wonderful Christmas day and a happy new year. Warmly Yours, Ariana Arredondo





Sonora third graders entertained a crowd of family and friends with their animated version of the familiar tune "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch" during the annual Christmas Celebration KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

they want Please santa give present to people that don't have perent and family Warmly yours, Makyla E.

Mrs. Crain's Class

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have quite a list this year. I have been really good do you think? I know there are a lot of other kids that need a bunch more than I do, but I really really want a phone and pokemon. I also want a x-box ones. I deserve each on of these toys because I have been really good to my friends and I help my mom fold the clothes. I make good grades. I made a C and a B and I helped my friends in math and scientist. I hope you make all these kids super happy. warmly yours, Jaycob

Dear Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait! I think I have been good. I know there are alot of other kids that need a whole lot more then I do, but I would really really enjoy a nintendo. I deserve each of the gifts because I have made all A's and B's in every class this year. I have helped my sister. I'm waiting to hear your footsteps of love and joy. I appreciate all you do for all of the kids around the world including me. Waramly yours, Leyla

Dear Santa. I have your cookies, COME AND GET IT! I think your elfs are quite small, but I think they can make my big dreams come true. I think I have a lot of toys but I think I have a pretty good list, so do other kids they can do better then me, but I hope every one gets what they want. I deserve each of these presents because I help my family, upreesheat my family they will even say I deserve presents, I am so thankful for them. I can't wate for you to come and bring all the kids presents. Warmly years Mia

Dear santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to have presents. I can't wait intil you eat cookies and brink mik and I know there are a lot more kids that need a whole

you can make all the kids ahppy thins year! Warmly yours, Bronson

Dearest Santa, Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! I have been great this year I think? I know there are a lot of other kis that need a whole lot more than I Do, But I would Enjoy a new X-box one and new pink shoes. I deserve each of the presents Because I have made some A's and some B's in my class this year. Well one time I helped my two frieands and was so helpful. I will be waiting for your footsteps of joy and happines. I appreciate all you do for all the people. Warmly yours, Isabella

Dearest Santa, HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have been good this year. I know there are a lot of toys in my room but I would really realy really enjoy Dash cam and a Tank. I deserve each of these Presents becuse I have made all A's In every class and have taken care of my foster family. I will be waiting to hear your raindeer Bells land on my roof top and walk on my roof and go down my chimney. So Bring presents to the kids all over the world and for me. Warmly yours, Evan

Dear santa, jingle! jingle! jingle! I can't wait to hear your sleigh. I have a small list, but a big heart because i've been very good. I know there is so much kids to give presents to, but it would be nice to get most of my presents like a Phone, some candy canes, game boards, a trampoline, virtual reality goggles, stuffed animals, and a cute little kitten please. I probably deserve each of these because I make good grades. I also listen to the teacher in class to. Lastly I made the finals in uil. I tried very, very, very hard. I will be waiting for you and your reindeers footsteps on the rooftop, and hear jingles too with a holly, jolly spirit, Madelyn

Dear Santa, Jngle! Jingle! Jingle! Can't wait to hear your sleigh. I hope I am on the nice list and not on the notty list. I know there are a lot of

kids. I think I deserve all my present's becuause I help my mom, dad, brother, sister, and step sister put there christmas tree's and load the food at walmart. I will be waiting for your footsteps of joy and love. I aprrecaite all you do for all the kids around the world including me. warmly yours, **David Haggerton XOXO**

Dear Santa, HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound. I have quite a List this year, and I have Been really good. I think. I know There are a Lot of other kids That Need More Than i need. All I want is a wresher and xBox1. I deserve each of these presents Because I have Made all A's in every class this year. Well, one time I made a B I also helped one of my friends when they needed me. I will Be waiting to hear your **Footsteps** Warmly yous Celcil

Dear Santa, Ho Ho Ho I can't wait to hear that sound. I have bean really good this year I think. I know a Lot of other kids that need a who;e Lot more then me But I enjoy a new XBOX-360 and pokemon. I deserve a each of these presents Becase I made all a's in evry class this year, well I did make a B. I also helped one of my friends. I hope I see you going throu the chimanys and I am thankful For all the presents. I will Be waiting to hear you'r Footsteps of Joy and Love. I appreciate all you do for kinds and around the world inclueLing me. warmly yours, Alex

Dear Santa. HO! HO! HO! I can't wait to hear that sound I have quite a list this year do you think I have been good? I know there are a lot of other kids that need a whole lot more than me but I would really! really! really! like a gigantic gummy worm, hot chips, and bubble gum. I deserve each one of these presents because I made the a'b oner! I also helped my friend at school. I well be waiting for your footsteps of jolly, love and happyns I can't wiat. Audrey Castilleja

Dearest Santa,



Sonora fourth graders entertained a crowd of friends, family and visitors by singing Christmas songs during their Christmas Celebration concert Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at the Elementary School. Songs included, "O Holy Night", "Let it Snow" and "Jingle Bell Rock". KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



4th Grade

Ms. Sykes' Class

Dear Santa, All I want for chrismas is to go to see my gradpa. But if I had to get something I would want a bike, cash, and that is really it. Sincerly, L

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are the raindeer and Mrs. Classe? Well that's great I realy want more flaver for my snow cone meshen, also I want pool for my knew hous, and a knew sckter. Thank you! Sensely, Raquel

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I can
not wait until you visit. For
Christmas I would like you
to bring me a tablet that
transforms into a computer.
Or an ipad or a chihuahua
please. We all Wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year!!
Sincerly, Fernanda

Dear Santa, How is the North Pole. What I want for Christmas is a new hover board, a unicorn, and a nickalodean slime kit. Sincerly, Tayvin Gonzales.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like
a pony, clothes and shoes,
and viedo games and for my
family to be healthy. Thank
you Santa.
Sincerly, Cruz Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I've been good this ear but I
hope you're having a great
time. So I want one of those
many cars I got a few years
ago, a ps4 game minecraft,
and I want a new iPad for
more memory, and more
storage.
Sincerly, Justin

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mis claus,
and your elves. I wauld like
a good holuday for the por I
wish I can helo all but I can'n't
do not much but I dount rele
car if I dount get presents. I
would like por peopl to get
my presents.
Sincerly, Ivan

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I
cannot wait until you-visit. For
Christmas I want a controler
for my xbox. I also want a
unicorn, pony. I also want a
madden game. I also not wont
alot of stuff for Christmas.
Sincerly, Angel Castilleja

Dear Santa,
The things I want is 1
recording camra, 1 computer,
cloths, games, shoes, Legos,
Candy, a jacket, VR headset,
nintendo Switch, unicorn,
deadrising4, over wtch, ARK,
lego marvel superhero 2, a
new controller.
Sincerly, Gavin

Dear, Santa How are you doing? I would like for christmas a new bike a golf cart and a phone. Love, Carissa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is
Mrs. Claus doing? If you and
her are doing good. I'm asking
to get presents. This year all I
want for Christmas is clothes,
pants, and high-tops-boots.
Love, Leslie

Dear Santa,
All I Want for Christmas is
my family to have a good
christmas. If i'm nice i want a
Cra-z-Loom super, e-Joy 22771
Dance water spaker, NFL
helmet collection, hoverbord,
and a Foot Ball.
Sincerly, Destany

Dear Santa, Hola santa como a idotodo por alla yo amo la nieve y yo soy una niña nueva creo el otro año me porte muy bien commo estas tu y los demas bueno yo ciero on reglaloy lo queieroes un stulle de pintura y otra cosa una cosa que se mueve como una cosa roja y sebueve divujo es asi semueve otra cosa quiero lomerjor porati yo te uiero mucho y jonose siquiero algomas quemi familia estebien te quiero. Sincerly, Carolina

Mrs. Welborn's Class

Dear Santa, My name is Conner Gill you are the luckieat guy in the world. I would like a new Nerf gun becuse I am having a Nerf birthday party.

Dear, Santa Claus,
My name is Riley C. I have
been good this year so can I
get a air horn. For my ant can
she get a new car and my dad
a new phone please thanks
you are nice. My sister and
I have wanted a nintendo
swicth can you give it to us
please we would appreccate
that.
Sincirly, Riley Chavarria

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer and I
am 9 years old. I hope that
are all rested from giving
all of the presents last year.
For Christmas I want a
huverboard, TV, and cool
shoes. I want my dad TV
for the living room and for
my mom I want her to get
comforble shoes.

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Marcos. I am 9 I like your reindeer. I want you know I know how to ride a bike, I want a Jhon Cena taugh talker. He is my favarite westeler from WWE. Love, Marcos

Dear Santa. My name is Sergio and I am 11 years old I hope you have a grate Christmas and be srounded with all of you famle at the North Pole. I want you to know that I have bein making my theacher lagh. I want a Aret Jacket and a AJ steyols toy in WWE. And I want you to get my dog Rex a new chu toy so he would int bgit arewer woldint fins. Thanks agin for bing a big fiend to the wrold. You friend, Sergio Mata

Dear Santa, My name is Emily. I am 9 years old. I would love to thank you for making all the children happy every year and I want you to know that I am learning alot and I have amazing friends here in Sonora. I really want an Ash-Greninja Pokémon card because mine is gone and I want to know is you can wish my grandma a Merry Christmas because she had a bad Thanksgiving and got food posinined by the turcky. Thank you so much and Merry Christmas. Love, Emily

Dear Santa, My name is Cinthia and I am 9 years old I hope that you are all rested up from delivering presents last year. And I like all your reindeers I want you to know that I've been good this year, and I listened to my parents. And I would like a Hoverbord, Rollerskates I'm a size 9 and I really want new pokemon cards. And can you get my mom something of Skull. and I want a gient cholclet bar. Thanks again for being an awesome helper to all the children in the world. Your friend, Love Cinthia Michelle Huerta

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Ryan Mendez
and I an 10 years old, I
relly like your reindeers
exspesally roudoph. I've been
memooizing my math facts
this years. For this year all I
want foom you is a creat for
my dog becouse I really want
to bring my dog in to the
house. Thanks for all you do
every year.
Your friend, Ryan Mendez

Dear Santa, My name is Allison I am 10 years old. how you doing? I hope you and redoph are ok. I have been doing my homework. I would like some make up so I can look cool and some Roher Skates Aloso can you get some fake snow for my broter thank you for being the best person thanks. Love, Allison

Dear Santa, My name is Avery Wardlaw and I am 10 years old I hope that you are all rested up from delivering prescnt last year. I want you to know that I have bee lisstine in math clas this year. I wold love to have a helter becuse moy old wond is qit stue. and fallon talory hemm. for canst and can you gite my brotr a row bot. Thanks a gain for being an awesome helper to all the chele in the word. You friend, **Avery Wardlaw**

Dear Santa,
I want a WWE xbox game
for christmas. Then I want
a Jackson storm car whitha
truck. Could you bring for my
brother and sister too? have a
Merry christmas day.
Thank you,
Brennen Castro

Dear Santa Clause,
I whant a lapttop baby pig
and a dream play house.
I can't waite untile it is
Christmas. I bet the elves
are working hard. Merry
Christmes Santa!
Love: Angie

Dear Santa,
I want a hover board, tadlit,
phone, snow, sticker's and
make up. I really want a
laptop. I want a kittin, puppy,
music player. see you later.
Sincerely, Vivian Rivas

Mrs. Gann's Class

Dear Santa, My name is Sinise.Rdz and I am 9 years old. I hope that you are filling well and, on Christmas you get alot of cookies? I want you to know that I made the are team and I have'nt gotten no holepuches this year. This year may I have a makeup set I will not wear it at school, I will be very responsible with it. After that can you bring my grandmas grandpas my mom and dad a blanket and pillow set. Thank you for all the presents you gave me. Sincerely, Sinise

Dear Santa
My name is Reilly Wardlaw I
am 10 years old. I hope your
feeling well this year I would
like a trampalene and a
Iphone and thank you if you
bring those things and will
you bring a pepermint candle
and my dad to win the NFR
In Las Vegas and I wish you a
mery xmis from yor friend
Reilly Wardlaw

Dear Santa, My name is AJ and I am 9 years olds. I hope your doing good. I want you to know I've been realy good. and I have been lisining to my mom and dad. This year I would realy like a Red Five X-Wing Star Fighter for christmas. I also want you to get my dog bally a bone, chew toy, and a dog bed. thank you for all the gifts that you gave me for christmas. Tell the raindeer AJ said Hi Sincerely, AJ Seaton

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kody Prather and I
am nine years old. I hope you
are rested up from delivering
prasents from last year
Christmas. This year I would
really like a Rubix Cube, Etcha-Sketch, Legos, footballs,
Basketballs.
Sincerely,
Kody Prather

Dear Santa, My name is Brody and I am 9 years old. Hope you are enjoying chrismas sanks. I want you to know that I deserv a present. I wold like a tholsond dolers so I can my own presents. I hope you will get it to me. I well donat the rest to charaty. Your friend, Brody Worrell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Hope James I'm
11 years olds. I Hope you are
geting the rand deer are rette.
I been rill good in school I did
not get a holp punch so fire
and bee goon for my parents.
I will rill like sume stilts, pike
beats, anew trapling, bob's,
checher bord, atr set, and I
willd like to give holis kise toys
ples say hellow to the rand
and thank you for the pres you
got me last year.
Sincerely, Hope James

Dear Santa Claus My name is David Luna and I am 9 years old. How are you doing Santa I hope you are ready to deliver presents. I want you to know that I have been good to my mom and dad. And I really want some Xbox1s games 4 player games and one trampoline for me and my brothers and my sister. And some new tights under amour just like ten pairs and some shoes but presents for Angel Castiega and my family. Your friend, David Luna

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Angela Acevedo
I hope you are having a
Christmas. I want you to know
that I have been good this
year. I hope its not to much to
ask but I would like a sewing
machin and if you wonder
why I want it to make cloths
for fun and also I wanted to
ask for you to bring my cousin
Arethl a present please and
thank you so much.
Sincerely,
Angela Acevedo

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Hector Rivas I am
10 years old. Ihope you are
feeling good. I want you to
know that I havent got a hole
punch and I haven't forgot
my homework. All I want is a
trampoline, xbox games, and
another xbox one. Also Santa,
I would love if you bring my
mom a makeup set. Thank
you for the Hoverboard last
year.
Your friend,

Dear Santa, My name is
Kyleigh Conners I am 9 years
old. I hope that you are ready
for chrismas. I Joind the art
team and I study realy hard.
And this year I would Like a I
phone for chrismas. plus some
stuff for my dog bella please.
Also Santa I bet my grandma
Cynthia and Marina would
love some new jewerly. and
my mom would like some
new makeup.

Your friend, Kyleigh Dear Santa Claus, My name is Andrea and I am 9 years old. I hope you and the raineer are doing well so you can deliver Christmas presentes. I want you to know that I have beeen listening to my parents. This year I would really like a iphone, puppy, barbies, and my brother said he wants a blaze toy and after that can you give my dog, chloe a chew toy please. Thank You Santa! Your friend, Andrea Rios

Dear Santa, if you can talk to God please can you. ask God for a miricul for me. I really really miss my mom. I hope God will let me and my siblings can go with my mom. that's all I am asking for. please I'm beging you. Thats all I'm asking for the rest of my life. I hope you are rested.

Sincerely,
Steven Robles

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Gabriel Alviso
I am 9 years old How are
you doing? I want you to
know that I am memorizing
math facts. This year I want
a nintendo switch I will play
with it on weekends not
every day. Can you bring
my grandma some perfume
Santa thank you for being so
nice.
Your friend, Gabriel

Mrs. Wallace's Class

Dear Santa Claus My name is Bryan I am 9 years old I hope you and your elfs are ready. I've been doing my chores taking out the trash and cleaning my room. What I really want for Christmas is a marcus maripta jersy. I would like you to give my brother star wars battle front II. Thank you for the presents last year and I hope we will get good ones this year I will leave out some Oreo cookies for you thank you. Sincirely, Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm 9 years old my name is
Jose Castillo. I wish I could see
you. Tell your reindeer I said I
will leav them treats. I tried my
best this year but I relly want
a drone and for Bryan a organ
room and don't run over my
rock Santa.
Sincerely your friend, Jose
Castillo xoxoxoxo

Dear Santa Claus, Hello Santa my name is Brody Bryan how are your reindeer? I have not fought with my mom in a while but I know what you're going to say my brother deserved it. O.K. I would like either a 20 gauge (kid size) or a 183 Remington model (kid size) thanks oh or a dirt bike. I have a request can you get my mom and dad a ranger please. Thank you Santa I love all the presents that i got last year thanks. Santa your the best. Wait you want choclate chip or peanut butter cookies. Sincerely, Brody B.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jaylee I'm 11 years
old I hope you are all rested
up. I been good I listen to my
parents and my grandparents.
I want a horse because there
are my favorit animal and I
want to give my grandmal
some choclet Thanks for
thinking of me.
Sincerely, Jaylee

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Casen Boggs I am
9 years old. I hope that you
and your reindeer are ready
for Christmas. I,ve ha'vent got
a whole puch in a long time
and I been cleaning my room.
Santa can I please have a
huver board and a computer
for Chrismas. Can you also
bring my brother some candy.
Thak you Santa for all the
present you gave me last year.
Sincerly, Casen

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Madison Galindo and i'm 10 years old. I hope you got enough sleep and cookies last year. I been very good this year and went to UIL and my team came in 2nd place, and helped my cousin with her homework. I would like markers and a notebook for my sister. Thank you Santa and hope you didn't eat to much cookies. Sincerely, Madison Galindo

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Diego and I'm 9 years old. I hope that you are all rested up from delivering presents last year. I want yo to know I've been kind of good this year, I've listend to my parents. This year I would really like a balance board. My brother says that I can't balance my self. Can you get Bryan tights. Thank you for all of the great presents that you gave me last year. Please say hello to the reindeer. I Love to watch the Christmas movies that have all of them flying around. Sincerly, Diego Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
My namu is Gregory I;m 10
yers old I hop you ar fin in the
North Poll I trit to be god this
yer so can I hav som pokemon
cards and can I rely hav the
star destor lego set. and also
can you ples get my sester
som hed fons. Thank you for
every thing you give
Sincerely by Gregory
Mendoza xoxo

Dear Santa Clause, My name is Jose and I'am 10 years old. I hope that you and your elves are so rested up from last year and that you are ready for this year. I want you to you to know that I have never got any holepunches. I neve got bad grades on my report card and I will be working on the bad things I did. Santa can I a Iphone X with a black case and 4 tickets to Hollowood. Will you give me a new purse for my teacher and my mom will like to have a new car. I hope you have a good Christmas this year an hope you will be save this year. Sincerly, Jose G xoxo

Dear Santa Clause
Hi Santa I'm Kellen Norrelll
am 9 years old how are the
reindeer. I have no whole
punches this week. This
year I really want a X-box, 4
controlers, a Husky, and a Go
Cart. Can I have some A-R
bollets for my daddy. Thanks
for everything you give us.
feed the reindeer and pet
them for me.
Your best friend, Kellen Norrell

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Jazlyn. G and im 10 years old. I hope you are all rested up and elfves up frome delivering presants last year and Rudolf and the other reindere and missis claus. I want you to know that I was bad but Im working on it, and I ben mean a litter bit bat im working on it to. This year I relly like a brum sett and a glittere phone case that muves and a electric gtare because I Love Mucie. Love Jaz





Sonora fifth graders entertained by singing familiar holiday somgs during their annual Christmas Celebration program Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at Sonora Elementary School. Songs included "Silent Night", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

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Capital Highlights: Tax Payments

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—By Jan. 31, pay 25 percent of your property tax bill and inform your local taxing unit that you intend to pay the balance in installments;

- March 31, the second 25 percent payment is due;

- May 31, the third 25 percent payment is due; and

— July 31, the final 25 percent payment is due.

Abbott, DHS chief meet Gov. Abbott on Dec. 12 met with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Sec. Kirstjen Nielsen at the state Capitol.

The two discussed the ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Harvey, border security and cyber security. Joining them were John Sharp, head of the Commission to Rebuild Texas, Land Commissioner George P. Bush, FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Robinson and Texas Division of **Emergency Management** Chief Nim Kidd.

"After today's productive meeting," Abbott said, "I am confident that we have a dedicated partner in Secretary Nielsen and this administration, and I look forward to

working closely with them on issues important to Texas and the United States."

DSHS urges

immunization With flu-like illness on the rise, it's not too late for everyone 6 months old and older to get vaccinated, the **Texas Department of** State Health Services announced Dec. 15.

Texans can learn where flu shots are available at texasflu.org or by contacting their health care provider. People can help stop the spread of flu by getting vaccinated,

washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when they're sick, the agency said.

Vaccination is especially important for older adults, infants, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions because they are at greater risk of developing serious complications from the flu, said DSHS Infectious Disease Medical Officer Dr. Jennifer Shuford.

Concern: Winter safety

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 5 encouraged Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for winter weather.

"While we've all heard the joke about Texas only having two seasons - hot and hotter — all Texans need to prepare now for the serious threats that the upcoming winter could bring," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

A few among a long list of potentially lifesaving tips offered by the DPS are these: Winterize vehicles by checking the battery, windshield wipers, antifreeze, tire pressure and tire tread, and by lubricating door and trunk

locks to prevent freezing.

Work agency sets rates The Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 12 announced the average unemployment insurance tax rate for all employers would be 1.37 percent for calendar year 2018, dropping from 1.64 percent in calendar year 2017 to its lowest point since 2009.

Unemployment insurance taxes replenish the **Texas Unemployment** Compensation Trust Fund, which provides temporary income for Texas workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

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4-H Snapshots around Town

Sutton County 4-H students participating in a special Photography Project have been busy this past semester taking photos for various contests and now their photos are being displayed in the Sutton County Library, The Bank & Trust, Sonora Bank, and LMH Hospital.

Under the direction of project leader, Pam Crenwelge, students have learned a variety of techniques including worm's eye view, bird's eye view, as well as ways to capture the perfect photo without using filters.

Student photographers include Ashton

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Weekly Rainfall Report

0.96 in. | December 1-11 0.17 in. | November

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Bryant, Johnathan Cardenas, Corbin Crenwelge, Madalyn Fisher, Sicily Gutierrez, Cinthia Huerta, Emily Nichols, Hollis Snyder and Jayla Williams.

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Community residents are encouraged to view these photos while they are available.

The students deserve commendation for the hard work and talent.

For more information or to participate in the Photography Project, please call the Sutton County Extension Office at is 325-387-3604 to speak with Pam Crenwelge or Jessica Stapper CEA-FCH.

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LADY BRONCOS

December 15, 2017

SCORERS: Aislin Nixon 4; Audrey

Garza 2; Aleasha Smith 2

Nolen 5; Angela Gonzales 2; Jackilyn

Sykes 19; Zayda Gutierrez 4; Christina

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Aleasha Smith takes the ball to the net for two points despite an attempted block by the Ozona defense during Friday's varsity game between the Lady Broncos and Lady Lions, December 15, 2017. Sonora fell to Ozona 38-58.

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Evan Shannon catches some air as he takes the ball to the net during the varsity game between Sonora and Ozona Friday, December 15, 2017, in Sonora. The Broncos defeated the Lions KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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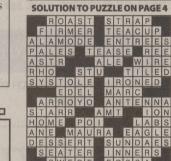
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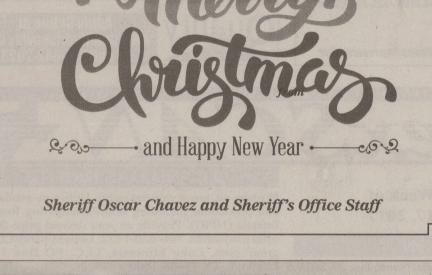
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Michael Creek protects the ball while dribbling it past the Lions defense during the junior varsity match between the Broncos and Ozona Friday, December 15, 2017.

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OZONA

38-30

December 15, 2017

SONORA

05-08-07-18=38 **JUNCTION** 05-07-12-06=30

SCORERS: Shayanne Gamez 6; Fernanda Gonzalez 2; Dekota Morrow 10; Chayenne Haynes 7; Alyssa Martinez 6; Esmeralda Salazar 2; Clarissa Martinez 5



Chayenne Haynes keeps an eye on her opposition while dribbling the ball down center court during the junior varsity game between Sonora and Ozona Friday, December 15, 2017. The Lady Broncos celebrated a 38-30 victory over the Lady KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS